

29 July 1980

Gorman Early, 79

Gorman Early, 79, died Tuesday morning at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls, where he has lived for the past several years.

He was born Aug. 17, 1900, in Fairview, Mo., the son of Daniel and Eliza Early. As a child he moved with his family to North Dakota where he farmed for a time. He then moved to Oregon and lived there for 12 years before moving to the Flathead Valley in 1948.

Early lived in Whitefish for several years where he was employed in the saw mills. He moved to Kalispell where he lived until entering the Montana Veterans Home.

He was a veteran of World War II, having entered the U.S. Army Oct. 27, 1942, in Spokane. He served in

the 50th Base Headquarters and Air Base Squadron until receiving his honorable discharge Nov. 22, 1944, in Pilot Rock, Ore.

Early remained a bachelor. He is survived by one brother, Alvie Early of Bozeman, and one sister, Viola Holden of Zillah, Wash.

Funeral services will be conducted in the Montana Veterans Home Chapel at 11 a.m. Thursday with Elder F.H. Mohr of the Seventh-day Adventist Church officiating. Burial will be in the Montana Veterans Home Cemetery where military graveside rites will be conducted by the local veterans organization.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of the Johnson Funeral Home.

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William E. Edens, 57

2 Jan 1980

William E. Edens, 57, died Wednesday at his home at 406 Willow Glen Drive.

He was born Aug. 1, 1922, in Los Angeles, Cal., a son of Thomas and Esther Edens. He had spent his early life and received his education in California.

On Oct. 14, 1940, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy at Los Angeles, and served as a Gunners Mate 3rd Class until receiving his honorable discharge on Nov. 30, 1946, at San Diego, Cal. He was an iron worker in California for a time before moving to Great Falls, where he and his father owned and operated a produce business. In the 1950s he moved to Kalispell where he operated a fruit retail business on the

Strip. He later worked for the Montana Highway Department until his retirement in 1970 due to medical disability.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Ellena, on Dec. 8, 1979; his parents and a brother, Don. He is survived by five stepsons, Elmer, Allen and Phillip Sieler all of Kalispell, Joe Sieler of Eureka and John David Sieler of Spokane, Wash.; daughter, Neile Kay Edens of Medford, Ore.; one brother and three sisters, all in California.

The body has been cremated. Military graveside services and burial will be held at the Riverside Cemetery, Riverside, Cal., later in the week.

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20 May 1980

Jay Edgar, 68

Jay R. Edgar, 68, who had resided at 20 Ridge-wood Drive, died in Kalispell Tuesday evening.

He was born Sept. 12, 1911, in Underwood, N.D., a son of Thomas and Celia Edgar. He was a retired railroad brakeman and mechanic and had lived much of his life in California. He

had lived in Helena for a short time and about a year ago moved to Kalispell where he has since resided.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Annette, in 1974. He is survived by two sons, Donald J. and Duane L. Edgar, both of Missoula; four daughters,

Marion Montgomery of Missoula; Joy Hoenke of Helena; Shirley of Reno, Nev., and Beverly Frantzich of Canyonville, Ore.; his mother, Celia Hofland of Kalispell; a brother, Thomas Edgar of Absarokee; and 13 grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted at 1:30 p.m. Thursday in the Johnson Chapel with the Rev. Herbert Cies, pastor of the Epworth United Methodist Church, officiating. Cremation will follow the services with burial to be in the Rose Hills Cemetery at Whittier, Calif.

Julia Edwards, 81

8 Nov. 1980

LIBBY — Julia Edwards, 81, a longtime resident of Libby, died Saturday in a Spokane, Wash., hospital.

She was born May 5, 1899, in Kansas City, Kan., to George and Martha Owen.

She came to Libby with her parents in 1916 and married John Edwards in Libby on Dec. 23, 1916.

The couple lived in Libby until 1938 when they moved to California. They returned to Libby in 1946 and Mrs. Edwards worked as a cook at several restaurants. Later, she owned and operated the Libby Cafe.

Her husband died in 1956. Mrs. Edwards moved to Spokane several years ago.

Survivors include five daughters: Velta McCallister, Violet Malicoat and Fedalma Evans, all of Libby; Vivian Wyrick and Iva Schmidt, both of Spokane; four sons, Virgil, Lincoln, Neb.; Martin and Elmer, both of Libby; and Ricky of Germany; 27 grandchildren, 49 great-grandchildren; and seven great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Julia Marie Edwards, in 1934.

Graveside services will be held Wednesday at 2 p.m. in the City of Libby Cemetery with the Rev. Copeland Bradley of the Church of the Nazarene officiating. Friends are asked to meet at the Vial Funeral Home in Libby at 1:45 p.m. before going to the cemetery.

18 Nov. 1980

Roy Andrew Edwards, 73

Roy Andrew Edwards, 73, died Tuesday morning at his home at 601 First Ave. E., Kalispell.

He was born June 30, 1907, on the family homestead in the Bear Paw Mountains near Havre, a son of Jack and Clara Wilson Edwards. He received his education in Havre and Bremerton, Wash., where he graduated from high school in the class of 1927. He then moved to Los Angeles, Calif.

He entered the U.S. Navy Oct. 11, 1953, in Los Angeles, and served as an electrician's mate third class until receiving his honorable discharge Oct. 24, 1945, in San Pedro, Calif. In 1946 he came to Kalispell where he has

since lived.

Mr. Edwards had been employed with the Consolidated Freightways for 25 years prior to his retirement in 1970. He then did custodial work for many years until ill health forced him to retire.

He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church; Kalispell Masonic Lodge No. 42 A.F.&A.M., of which he was a past master; past high priest of the Royal Arch Masons; member of the Cyrene Commandry No. 10; the Flathead Council; Algeria Shrine; past worthy patron Adah Chapter No. 17, Order of the Eastern Star and Grand Cross of Colors for the Rainbow; and member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

On Feb. 25, 1949, he was married to Beth French in Kalispell and is survived by her at the family home. He is also survived by four sons, Ellis and Roger, both of Libby; Marlin of Aurora, Colo.; Garry of Potlach, Idaho; 11 grandchildren, four great-grandchildren; and a sister, Luffa Hedge, Desert Hot Springs, Calif.

Funeral services for Mr. Edwards will be held at 1:30 p.m. Friday in the Johnson Funeral Home with the Rev. Dr. Odin A. Baugh, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, officiating. Burial will be in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery, where ritualistic Masonic rites will be conducted by the Kalispell Masonic Lodge No. 42 A.F. &



ROY EDWARDS

A.M., and military graveside rites will be conducted by the local veterans organizations. The family suggests memorials be made to the Shriner's Hospital for Crippled Children in Spokane, Wash.

7 Jan 1980

Edna Egan, 54

Edna Egan, 54, died Monday in San Leandro, Calif. She was born May 24, 1925, in St. Louis, Mo. She came to Montana as a child and lived most of her life in the Bitterroot Valley at Darby.

She is survived by her husband, Troy Egan, at the family home in San Leandro; one daughter, Teri

Printz, Hayward, Calif.; two sons, James Shook, Darby, and Rock Shook, Hayward; seven grandchildren; two sisters, Mrs. Boyd (Lorraine) Blackmer, Columbia Falls, and Mrs. Bill (Loretta) Smith, Darby.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Methodist Church at Conner. Burial will be in Darby Cemetery.

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Ralph H. Elderkin, 87

1 Apr 1980

Ralph Henry Elderkin, 87, who had resided at 128 Woodland Ave., died in Whitefish Tuesday morning.

He was born July 10, 1892, in Kalispell, the son of Amos and Rosa Elderkin. He had received his education in Kalispell and graduated from the Flathead County High School and the Kalispell Business College. He was Married to Nora Johnston, who died in 1968.

Mr. Elderkin was a self-contracting carpenter most of his life and also had worked for the Collins Construction Co. prior to his retirement. He was a

member of the Swan Chapel; Bigfork Masonic Lodge; Shrine Club; Rebekah Lodge; International Order of Odd Fellows; and the Lions Club, all of Bigfork.

He was married to Julia Johnson Sept. 15, 1973, and is survived by her at the family home. He is also survived by two step-daughters, Jewell Sykes and Earlean Shepard, both of Kalispell; two grandchildren, Bob and Fay Whitney, both of Seattle, Wash.; three great-grandchildren; one brother, Fred Elderkin of Emery, Utah; and one sister, Edna Huller of Santa Rosa,

Calif.

He was preceded in death by two children, Robert Elderkin and Maybell Whitney.

Funeral services are planned for 10:30 a.m. Saturday in the Johnson Chapel with the Rev. Ron Pierce, pastor of the Swan Chapel, officiating.

Ritualistic rites will be conducted by the Bigfork Masonic Lodge. Burial will be in the Lonepine Cemetery near Bigfork. The family suggests memorials be made to the Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children in Spokane, Wash.

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24 Nov 1980

Ruth Leona Ellard, 66

Ruth Leona Ellard, 66, died at her Lakeside home Saturday.

She was born in Grand Lodge, Mich., on April 16, 1914, the daughter of William and Mildred Wilson. She received her schooling in Grand Lodge and Kalamazoo, Mich.

On June 18, 1941, she married Lewis Ellard in Elkhart, Ind. They lived in Vicksburg and Kalamazoo,

Mich., and moved to Lakeside in 1946.

Mrs. Ellard was employed by Safeway Stores in Kalispell for two years. The couple moved to Pomona, Calif., in 1950 and returned to Lakeside in 1970.

She is survived by her husband at the family home; three sons, Bruce W. of Joplin, Mo., Garth U. of Medford, Ore., and Tony C. of Somers;

one brother, Chuck Wilson of Black Canyon, Ariz.; a sister, Mrs. Les (Marge) Hines, also of Black Canyon; numerous grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Following cremation, services will be held at the Lakeside Chapel at 2 p.m. Sunday with the Rev. J. Torrance Harvey officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of the Weatherford Funeral Home.

5 Mar. 1980

Amy Miller Elliott, 83

SANDPOINT, Idaho — Amy Miller Elliott, 83, a former Kalispell and Whitefish resident, died in Sandpoint, Idaho, Wednesday. She was born Nov. 24, 1896, in Belgrade. She attended school there and moved to Dillon where she owned a homestead and worked in a candy store.

She met Morton Elliott there and the two were married in Sheridan, June 13, 1921. They moved to Whitefish in 1928 and her husband continued his photography work.

They moved to Kalispell in 1950. At this time, Elliott worked for the Great Northern Railway. They moved to Sandpoint, Idaho, in August 1956 when Elliot retired. They had lived in Sandpoint since that time.

She is survived by her husband at the home; two daughters, Donna Stipcich of East Helena, and Jacqueline Meyer of Oroville, Calif.; a daughter-in-law, Mrs. Lorraine Jones of Whitefish; nine grand-

children; and eight great-grandchildren; eight sisters; one son; two brothers and two sisters.

Services will be held in Sandpoint on Saturday under the direction of Coffelt Funeral Services.

Graveside services will be held at the Whitefish Cemetery in Whitefish on Monday at 11 a.m. under the direction of Austin Funeral Home. Viewing for friends will be at 7 p.m. Sunday, at Austin Funeral Home.

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13 March 1980 WFP.

Former Whitefish citizen dies

Amy Miller Elliott, age 83, passed away in Sandpoint, Idaho on March 5, 1980. She was born Nov. 24, 1896 at Belgrade, Montana. She grew up in the Belgrade area, and attended schools there. She moved up to Dillon, Montana where she owned a homestead and worked in a candy store. She met Morton Elliott there and they were married in Sheridan, Montana June 13, 1921.

They moved in Whitefish, Montana in 1928 where Morton continued his photography work. They then moved to Kalispell in 1950. At this time, Mr. Elliott worked for the Great Northern Railway. They came to Sandpoint, Idaho in August of 1956, where Mr. Elliott retired. They have lived in Sandpoint since.

Mrs. Elliott is survived by her husband at the home in Sandpoint, 2 daughters, Donna Stipcich of East Helena, Mt., and Jacqueline Meyer of Oroville, Ca. A daughter-in-law, Mrs. Lorraine Jones

of Whitefish also survives her. There are nine grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren surviving. She is also survived by eight sisters.

One son, two brothers and two sisters preceded her in death.

Funeral services for Mrs. Elliot were held in Sand-

point, Idaho Saturday, Mar. 8, 1980 at 11 a.m. at St. Agnes Episcopal Church, under the direction of Coffelt Funeral Services. Graveside services were held at the Whitefish Cemetery in Whitefish, Montana Monday, March 10 at 11 a.m. under the direction of Austin Funeral Home.

Petra Ellis, 77

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Petra Ellis, 77, of Kalispell, died Saturday in North Valley Hospital.

Mrs. Ellis was born Aug. 22, 1902, near Clearbrook, Minn., the daughter of Dedrick and Wilhelmina Holand. She attended schools in Clearbrook and spent most of her life in northern Minnesota.

On Dec. 14, 1921, she married Kenny Ellis. He preceded her in death in 1965. She moved to Kalispell in 1975 and to the extended care unit of the North Valley Hospital in 1978.

She was of the Lutheran faith.

Surviving are two sons, Clarence, Crookston, Minn., and James, Kalispell; one brother; six sisters; 12 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, two sons, two brothers and one sister.

Her body will be forwarded by the Weatherford Funeral Home to the Cease Funeral Home, Bagley, Minn., for services on Thursday. Burial will follow in Silver Creek Cemetery in Clearbrook, Minn.

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'Uncle Harry' Engstrom 'Aunt Dottie' Engstrom

22 Oct 1980

The Rev. Harry Engstrom and his wife "Dottie," fondly remembered by many Flathead Valley residents as "Uncle" Harry and "Aunt" Dottie, were killed Wednesday in a truck-auto accident near Santa Cruz, Calif.

Their daughter, Joy, is in critical condition in a Santa Cruz hospital.

The Engstroms have served many years with "Faith Ministries to Children" as missionaries to children throughout the Northwest and Canada and have conducted Vacation Bible School at Central Bible School in Kalispell for three of the last five years using object lessons, singing and chalk drawings.

A memorial service in memory of the two will be held at Central Bible Church today at 6:30 p.m. A love offering will be received to go to the Engstroms' family or ministry.

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Alice R. Erickson 15 Oct 1980

Alice R. Erickson, 70, passed away in Spokane Sept. 27. She was born Apr. 9, 1910 at Newport, WA, a daughter of Howard and Ruth Fowler. As a young woman she lived many years in Montana. She was a member of the Lutheran Church. On Aug. 14, 1965, she married Olaf Erickson from Kalispell. She is now survived by him at the family home in Mead, WA, one sister, Mae Hanson of Washington; two nephews

Mike Hanson and Hank Hanson both of Washington, eight children, Bertha Watson, Olney; Julia Weber, Woods Bay; Mae Christensen, Kalispell; Arlee, John, Larry and Ellen Rickard, all of Kalispell and Leslie Erickson of Columbia Falls; 23 grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and many friends. Burial was at Memorial Gardens in Spokane on Oct. 1, 1980.

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Veronica Erickson, 53

5 July 1980

LIBBY — Veronica Erickson, 53, died Saturday at St. John Lutheran Hospital in Libby.

She was born Jan. 11, 1927, at Fort Totten, N.D. She was raised and attended school at Little Flower School in St. Michaels, N.D. She moved to Montana in 1956 and married Myron Erickson Jan. 18, 1958, at Elko, Nev. They lived in Dillon until 1963 when they moved to Libby. They owned Erickson Trailer Sales in Libby for several years until moving to Wadena, Minn., in 1970. They lived there until returning to Libby in 1963. She and her husband owned and operated Big Sky Mobile Homes in Libby at the time of her death.

She is survived by her husband, Myron, Libby; two

sons, Ronald Sutter, Kelso, Wash., and Gerald Erickson, Libby; two daughters, Margaret Garcia, Longview, Wash., and LoAnn Banks, Libby; two brothers, David Baker, Libby, and Joe Baker, Longview, Wash.; five sisters, Rose Snodgrass and Alvina Cranmore, of Dillon, Josephine Black, Dorothy Azure and Marie Peltier, of St. Michaels, N.D.; and seven grandchildren.

Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated Wednesday at 10 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church with Rev. Paul Heath as celebrant. Christian wake services will be held Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at Vial Funeral Home. Burial will follow in the Libby City Cemetery.

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