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11 Nov 1983 **Mary Babela, 79**

Mary Babela, 79, Whitefish, died Friday evening at her home west of Whitefish.

She was born March 7, 1904, in Oneida, Pa., to John and Anna Bacha. When she was eight years old, she moved with her parents to Czechoslovakia and was educated there. She returned to the United States in 1927, settling in Cleveland.

In 1931, she married Steve Babela in Cleveland, where she continued to live until moving to Whitefish in 1967 to stay with her daughter.

She was preceded in death by her husband and a granddaughter.

Survivors include a daughter, Anna Nelson of Whitefish; a brother, John Bacha of Chicago; six grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Monday at 11 a.m. at Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish with the Rev. Jack Hunthausen of St. Charles Catholic Church officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls.

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10 Aug 1983 **David J. Bain, 22**

Spec. 5 David J. Bain, 22, Columbia Falls, died Wednesday morning at Kalispell Regional Hospital, the result of a traffic accident.

He was born May 29, 1961, in Kalispell.

He was raised and educated in Roundup and Columbia Falls. He graduated from Columbia Falls High School in 1979. He entered the Army on June 5, 1979, and received his basic training at Fort Dix, N.J. He was stationed in West Germany and most recently, he was stationed at Fort Sill, Okla. He was home on leave at the time of the accident and was to return to West Germany

after his leave.

He is survived by his parents Thomas and Viola Bain of Coram.

Funeral services are Monday at 1 p.m. at the Van Leuven Funeral Home in Columbia Falls with the Rev. Darrell Newby of the Assembly of God Church officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls with military graveside honors conducted by the U.S. Army Honor Guard from Fort Lewis, Wash.

Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. Sunday and from 10 a.m. to noon Monday. The casket will not be opened after the service.

The family suggests memorials to the David J. Bain Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 489, Columbia Falls 59912.

Sister + Brothers
Anna lives Czechoslovakia
Nick " "
Andrew " "

bro John in Chicago

APPRECIATION
On behalf of the family, we wish to express their gratitude for your many kindnesses evidenced in thought and deed, and for your attendance at this service.

Widow of Stephen Babela
nee Mary Bacha



In Charge of Services
Austin FUNERAL HOME
WHITEFISH, MONTANA

If You Drive In Funeral Procession Please Turn On Headlights

Mary was born in the United States then her parents moved Czechoslovakia. Mary fled to U.S. & lived. Stephen here.

Stephen was born in Czechoslovakia they met in U.S.

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^{27 Sep 1983}
HAVRE — BACHINI, Alfredo, 89, died in a Havre nursing home Tuesday. Services will be 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Jude's Catholic Church in Havre. Burial will be in the Havre Cemetery. He was born in DiPisa, Italy. He served with the Allied forces in Italy during World War I and was married May 15, 1918, to Alessandra Capelli in Italy. She preceded him in death in May 1981. They came to the Havre area in 1920 from Italy and had resided here since. He is survived by two sons, Joseph, Havre, and Alfredo Jr., Sacramento, Calif.; one daughter, Mrs. Charles (Eleanor) Bear, Havre; 13 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren; a sister, Mrs. Joe Conide, Havre; and two sisters in Italy.

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^{19 Dec 1983}
HAVRE — BACON, Fred, 54, died Sunday in a Great Falls hospital. Services will be Tuesday at 1 p.m. in St. Mary's Church at Rocky Boy, followed by burial in the Rocky Boy Cemetery. Born in Great Falls, he was a veteran of the Korean War. Surviving are his children, Gustin Bacon, Velva Bacon, Emery Bacon and Colleen Watson, all of Rocky Boy; two sisters, Emma Rock, Rocky Boy and Josephine Weiss, Havre; and four brothers, Albert Rock and John Rock, Rocky Boy; Richard Rock, Seattle and Charles Bacon, Spokane.

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^{23 Aug 1983}
Justin Bailey
 Justin Lee Bailey, 13-month-old son of Edward and Debra Bailey, Belt, died Tuesday in a local hospital. Funeral service for the child will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday in the Second Ward LDS Church with Bishop Lynn Johnson officiating. Burial will be in the Belt Cemetery with Croxford and Sons Mortuary handling arrangements.

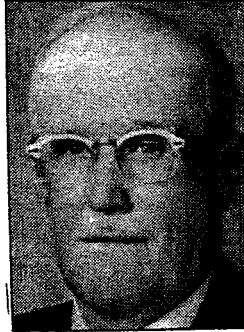
Justin was born in Great Falls. Surviving with his parents are a brother, Edward Allen; and grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Henry A. Coles, Belt.

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Art Baehler



9 Dec 1983

Arthur W. Baehler

Former Eden rancher Arthur W. "Art" Baehler, 85, 1109 6th Ave. N., died Friday in a Great Falls hospital.

He was born in Lost Lake, Wis. and raised in Medford, Wis. He attended agricultural school and worked in lumber camps in Wisconsin before working in grainfields and a dairy farm in North Dakota.

He came to Montana in 1920. In 1921 he married Bertha E. Marxer in Great Falls. He worked for the Colby Sheep Co. and lived at Clark Creek on the Colby Ranch for a year. He leased ranches for several years before buying his own ranch in Eden.

He retired in 1972 and moved to Great Falls, where they resided at the time of his death.

He is survived by his wife, Great Falls; five daughters, Mrs. Emil (Doris) Nygard, Great Falls, Mrs. Lloyd (Marge) Barr, Long Beach, Calif., Mrs. John (Eleanor) Lindroth, Seattle, Shirley Bedlow, Las Vegas, and Mrs. R.E. (Barbara) McDermid, Washington, D.C.; a son, Gene A. Baehler, Shepherd; two brothers, Walter Baehler, Great Falls, and William Baehler, Milwaukee, Wis.; two sisters, Hilda Hess, Anaheim, Calif., and Lydia Clemens, Medford, Wis.; 13 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Services will be 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Hillcrest Mausoleum Chapel.

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^{14 Sep 1983}
LOMA — BAILEY, Susan M., 95, a longtime Loma-area resident, died Wednesday in Seattle, where she had made her home since 1966. Services will be Monday at 2 p.m. in the First Christian Church in Fort Benton. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery with the Riverside Mortuary in charge of arrangements. She was born in Parker, S.D. She came to Montana, homesteading north of Loma in 1911. She was married to Brasier Bailey Jr. on May 12, 1937 in Great Falls. The couple farmed at Loma and following his death in 1955 she continued to operate the farm until moving to Edmonds, Wash. in 1966. Since 1978 she had resided in a nursing home in Seattle. She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Mabel Smith, Minneapolis, Minn., and Mrs. Abbie Riley, Edmonds; a nephew, Chandler Newhall, Great Falls; and five grandchildren.

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^{14 Aug 1983}
CUT BANK — BAIRD, Effie Jane, 93, died Sunday at a Cut Bank nursing home. Services and burial will take place in Tempe, Ariz., where she will be buried alongside her husband. Born in Illinois, she married William J. Baird in 1910. They came to Montana, where they homesteaded southeast of Cut Bank. They moved to Mesa, Ariz., in 1959. Her husband died in 1962. A daughter, Ruth Drader, died in 1970. Survivors include two daughters, Helen Johnston, and Wilma Drader, both of Cut Bank; five grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and a great-grand-grandchild.

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^{11 Nov 1983}
BUTTE — BAKER, Edward L., 72, died Friday in a Butte hospital. Services will be 1 p.m. Tuesday in the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter-day Saints in Butte. Burial will in Mountain View Cemetery. He was born in Auburn, Ill., and came to Montana in 1915 where he attended the Boulder River School for the Deaf at Boulder. He and his wife, Mae, were married in Great Falls in 1938. Both were deaf. The couple lived in the Butte area and raised six children. He worked as a mail handler for the U.S. Postal System and was retired at the time of his death. He is survived by his wife Mae; five sons, Jack and Ron, both of Butte, Gene of Helena, Larry of Redlands, Calif., and Alvin of Seattle, Wash.; a daughter Darlene Bolton of Riverside, Calif., seven grandchildren, and two sisters, Elsie Potter of Martin City, and Ione Todd of Great Falls.

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Margaret Bain, 65

28 Dec 1983
Margaret May Bain, 65, formerly of Kalispell, died Wednesday evening in Helena.

She was born Jan. 28, 1918, in Spokane, the youngest of three daughters of George and Lula B. Heburn Johnston.

She received her education in Spokane. She moved to Montana in the 1930s.

In 1941, she married Oakford G. Bain of Essex.

She worked as a cook for the Great Northern Railroad and in restaurants in the Kalispell area. She was also employed as a bookkeeper for 22 years prior to returning to Spokane in 1974. She was employed as a cook in Spokane until her retirement.

She lived with her son and family in Helena for the last year.

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

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1968, and by two sisters.

She is survived by her son, Oakford Bain, Helena, and two grandsons.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Ronald Kendall of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints officiating. Burial will be in Glacier Memorial Gardens.

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James P. Baker, 98

13 June 1983
LIBBY — James P. Baker, 98, died Monday at the Libby Convalescent Center.

He was born July 21, 1884, in Kansas. He was raised in Wyoming and came to Libby from eastern Montana in 1948. He worked for the J. Neils-Lumber Co. as a carpenter and then later as a night watchman until retiring in 1958.

Mr. Baker was a veteran of World War I. He enjoyed prospecting and

fishing. Survivors include two sons, Pat Baker and George Baker, both of Libby; a stepson, Clayton Lundin, Libby; a stepdaughter, Gloria Paddock, Deer Lodge; and four grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at the Vial Funeral Home with the Rev. Dave Nelson officiating. Burial with military graveside honors will be at the City of Libby Cemetery.

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Jason Andrew Baker, 6 weeks

9 Jan 1983
POLSON — Jason Andrew Baker, 6 weeks, died Sunday in Missoula as the result of sudden infant death syndrome.

He was born Nov. 20, 1982, in Denver, Colo., to Tom and Mary Baker.

Survivors include his parents, Polson; grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. William Ingram, Polson, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Eberle, Denver, Colo., Mr. and Mrs. Albert Barnwell, Kalispell, Selma Birk, Kalispell; several aunts and uncles.

Funeral services will be at 2 today in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel in Kalispell with the Rev. Rudy Ringhoff of the First Baptist Church of Polson officiating. Burial will follow in Conrad Memorial Cemetery, Kalispell.

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Irene Baker, 74

22 Aug 1983
LIBBY — Irene A. Baker, 74, Libby, died Thursday in Shelby.

Baker was born Feb. 22, 1909, in Spokane. She attended school in Gilford. She moved to Libby in 1948.

She was a member of the St. Joseph's Catholic Church, the VFW Auxiliary, and Lincoln County Senior Citizens.

Survivors include a daughter, Gloria Paddock, Deer Lodge; three sons, Pat and George Baker, and Clayton Lundin, all of Libby; three sisters, Delores Sauby of Kevin, Annie Shinodle of Hingham, and

Francine Stevens of Columbia Falls; two brothers, Ed Theonnes of Libby and Charles Thennis of Chester; 16 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren.

Rosary will be recited Monday at 7:30 p.m. at the Vial Funeral Home in Libby. Mass of the Resurrection will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. at St. Joseph's Catholic Church. Burial will follow at the Libby cemetery.

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12 Nov. 1983

Walter Baker, 71

LIBBY — Walter Baker, 71, died Saturday afternoon at St. John Lutheran Hospital in Libby, after a lengthy illness.

He was born May 31, 1912, to Louis and Emma Baker in Cass Lake, Minn. He came to Libby in 1919, at the age of 7, with his family. He was raised in Libby and had attended Libby public schools, graduating from Libby Senior High School in 1931.

He married Lura C. Brindley, May 26, 1939, at Libby, and had made his home in Libby for the past 64 years.

His wife, Lura, preceded him in death in 1953. He was also preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Sylvester.

Survivors include a son, Edward Baker, Libby; a daughter, Marla Bergstrom, Sandpoint, Idaho; a sister, Leah Clough, Libby; six brothers, Perce, Ben and Burton Baker, all of Libby, Clarence and Victor Baker, both of Kalispell, and Louis Baker, Spokane; and two grandchildren.

Friends may call at the Vial Funeral Home until 9 tonight.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Tuesday at St. John Lutheran Church, with the Rev. Michael Flannery officiating. Burial will be in the City of Libby Cemetery.

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7 May 1983 **Jenny Lee Baldauf**

Jenny Lee Baldauf, infant daughter of Burton H. and Joy Pierson Baldauf, 6 Seventh Ave. S.E., Conrad, died Saturday at Kalispell Regional Hospital.

Surviving besides her parents are a brother, Brandon; two sisters, Lorelee and Darcy; her maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Pierson of Kalispell; and her paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Baldauf of Somers.

Friends and relatives will meet at Conrad Memorial Cemetery Tuesday at 11 a.m. for graveside funeral services. The Rev. Howard Mars, pastor of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Kalispell, will officiate.

Arrangements are by Weatherford Funeral Home of Kalispell.

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Anne Bakker, 69

31 Jan 1983

LIBBY — Anne Bakker, 69, Libby, died Monday at Mountain View Manor in Eureka.

She was born July 20, 1913, at Fort Benton to Frank and Elvira Williams. She came to Rexford with her family in 1926 and attended school there and in Eureka. She lived in California for several years before returning to Montana in 1945.

On April 10, 1946, she married Jess E. Bakker at Libby. She had been employed as a cook at several restaurants in Libby for many years and later owned and operated Jack's Cafe in Troy with her sister until her retirement in February 1973. She had continued to make her home in Libby until the time of her death.

Survivors include two daughters, Joline Hartry, Kalispell and Beverly Shelton, Ennis; a son, Gary Bakker, Fort Wayne, Ind.; a sister, Helen Sterling, Libby; nine grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Vial Funeral Home with the Rev. Wilford Luce officiating. Burial will be in the City of Libby Cemetery.

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11 Feb. **Victoria D. Baney, 84 1983**

EUREKA — Victoria D. Baney, 84, Post Falls, Idaho, died in Coeur d'Alene Friday.

She was born Sept. 4, 1898, in Belt, the daughter of Edwin and Eliza Dunston. She attended schools in Belt and graduated from the Great Falls Business College.

She taught at the Butte Business College and later worked for the Forest Service in Libby.

On Nov. 8, 1924, she married Frank Baney in Belt. The couple made their home in Libby until 1946, when they moved to Eureka. She lived in Post Falls for the past three years.

She was a member of the Eureka Baptist Church, where she was active in the church choir and was church financial treasurer for many years. She was also a member of the Order of Eastern Star and the Rebekahs.

She is survived by a daughter, June Woffenden of Post Falls; a son, Duke of Eureka; a stepson, Force Baney of Great Falls; 13 grandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.

Services will be Monday at 2 p.m. at the Eureka Baptist Church, with the Rev. David Davis officiating. Interment will follow at the Tobacco Valley Cemetery under the direction of the Vial Funeral Home of Eureka.

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1 Oct. 1983

SWEETGRASS — BALF, John T., 50, died at Fort Harrison Veterans Hospital Saturday. Services are scheduled Monday at 2 p.m. at the Sunburst Methodist Church, followed by burial in the Sweetgrass Cemetery with military honors. He was born in Bonners Ferry, Idaho, and reared in the Sweetgrass area, graduating from high school in 1951. He attended college in both Missoula and Havre. He enlisted in 1953 in the Army and served in England and Germany, receiving his discharge in 1956. He lived in Havre, working for Watkins Distributors, and returned to Sweetgrass in 1981. He is survived by his mother, Alice, and a brother, Tom, both of Sweetgrass, and a sister, Mrs. Lyle (Margaret) Hacke, Libby. Burns Funeral Home in Shelby is in charge of arrangements.

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Ruth Barnes ^{22 Sept} 1983

Ruth Barnes, 86, a native of Great Falls, died Thursday at her home in Bayside, Calif. A memorial service will be held Sunday in the Community Presbyterian Church in Bayside.

Mrs. Barnes is survived by a son, James, and a daughter, Dorothy Davis, both of Bayside, Calif.; 10 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; three sisters, Mrs. N.C. (Noneeta) Reese, Billings; Helen Fryer, Carlton, Mass., and Jane Webb, Stockton, Calif.; and two brothers, Charles F. and John H. Noble, both of Great Falls.

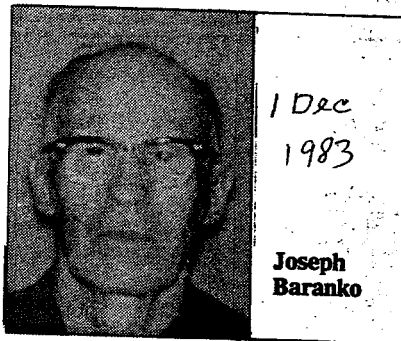
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29 July 1983

LEWISTOWN — BARRICK, Lawrence E. "Larry", 48, died Friday afternoon in a Lewistown hospital as a result of a farming accident. Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Monday at St. Leo's Catholic Church, with burial in Calvary Cemetery. Rosary will be recited Sunday at 7 p.m. at the church. Born in Lewistown, he was raised and educated in the Moccasin area. After high school, he attended Montana State University at Bozeman. Later, he worked on his family's ranch and at several other ranches in the Moccasin area. He married Shirley Kovacich in 1964 and the couple lived in Lewistown where he worked with auto dealerships. He began working for the State Highway Department 13 years ago and was a working shop foreman at the time of his death. He is survived by his wife; a daughter Janell and three sons Michael, Kevin and David, all of Lewistown; three brothers: Leo of Lewistown, Ray of Bigfork, and Darrell of Moccasin; and sister Lorraine Reynolds of Rochester, Minn.

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Joseph Baranko



Joseph Baranko, 81, 925 2nd Ave. NW, died at his home late Thursday afternoon following an illness of several months.

Baranko was born in Stockett, where he attended school. He served in the coast artillery from 1923 to 1926, serving at Fort Berry and Fort Baker, both in California.

He married Edna L. Clark Sept. 18, 1928 in Albion, Neb. The couple lived in Albion with Baranko working as an auto body repairman. He stayed in the same line of work for 15 years after moving to Great Falls in 1950. That year the couple moved to the Fairfield Bench to operate a farm. In 1971 they retired to Great Falls.

He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church. His interests included fishing and hunting.

Survivors, besides his wife, include a son, Joseph D. Baranko, Great Falls; two daughters, Mrs. Douglas (JoAnn) Vagg, Seeley Lake, and Mrs. Larry (Margaret) Clayton, Great Falls; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; a brother, Mike; and sisters Mrs. Pete (Mary) Steffani, Mrs. Walter (Margaret) Park, and Mrs. Edward (Agnes) Osweiler, all of Great Falls, and Mrs. Harold (Kate) Smith, Portland, Ore.

The funeral will be 2 p.m. Monday,

at O'Connor Memorial Chapel, with the Rev. Gerald K. Poole officiating. Burial is in Highland Cemetery.

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4 Oct. 1983

FROID — BARR, Mary Katherine, 70, died Tuesday at her farm home east of Froid. Services will be 11 a.m. Saturday at the Bainville Civic Center. Burial will be in the Grandview Church of the Brethren cemetery east of Froid. Born at Culbertson, she lived with her family in Opheim before they moved to Froid in 1918. She married George Arnold "Billy" Barr in Plentywood in 1931. They lived on a farm 15 miles east of Froid. He died in 1964. Survivors include one son, George Arnold Barr, Froid; three daughters, Mrs. Joseph Rosamond, Bradenton, Fla.; Mrs. Donald Luebke, Fairview, and Mrs. Mark Berwick, Williston; three brothers and two sisters, including Mrs. Vivian Hove, Kalispell, and eight grandsons.

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26 Sept. 1983

LEWISTOWN — BARR, Raymond Edward, 75, former Stanford-area resident, died Monday at a Lewistown hospital after an extended illness. Services will be 2 p.m. Thursday at the Cloyd Chapel, with burial in Lewistown Cemetery. Born in New York state, he moved to Powell, Wyo., in 1914. Later, he moved to Fairfield, where he completed his education. He lived there until 1925, when he married Irene Jeffries in Choteau. He later moved to Hobson, where he worked as a mechanic until 1929, then lived in Shelby, where he also worked as a mechanic. He worked as a truck driver in the Cut Bank area during World War II. He moved to Stanford in 1952 and operated a repair shop there until 1980. In 1982, he moved to Lewistown. Survivors include his wife, Lewistown; two daughters, Mrs. Wallace Prosser, Spokane, Wash., and Mrs. Betty Davis, Wadena, Minn.; a brother, Bill, Lewistown; nine grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

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24 Sept. 1983

Elizabeth Bates

Elizabeth E. Bates, 72, of Burnaby, B.C., died Saturday at a local hospital, apparently of natural causes.

Croxford & Sons Mortuary is handling local arrangements. Cremation has taken place and no services are planned.

Mrs. Bates grew up in Winnipeg, Man., and later moved to Edmonton, Alta. She and her husband, John H. Bates, lived in Great Falls from 1965 until 1972, when they moved to Burnaby, near Vancouver. They were visiting their daughter in Great Falls at the time of Mrs. Bates' death.

Her husband survives with daughter Mrs. John (Sandra) Thurston of Great Falls and two grandchildren.

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2-6 Feb 1983

Lillian B. Barber, 75

Lillian B. Barber, 75, 1623 Fifth Ave. E. died in the Flathead County Nursing Home Saturday.

She was born May 3, 1907, in Blue Grass, Minn., a daughter of Ole and Annie Anderson. She had received her early education in North Dakota before moving to Kalispell where she completed her education.

She had lived in Oregon for a time. She moved to Okotoks, Alberta, Canada, in 1927 and was employed in the post office for many

years. Later, she returned to Oregon. In 1951 she moved to Kalispell and has lived here since.

In 1925 she was married to Paul Russell Kauffman in Kalispell, and was preceded in death by him. In 1960, she was married to Ralph Barber who also preceded her in death in 1961.

Mrs. Barber was a life member of the Royal Purple Lodge of Okotoks, Alberta; a member of the Lutheran Church, and a member of the Senior Citizens of Colton, Ore.

She is survived by two sons, Paul M. Kauffman, Colton, Ore., and Jimmie R. Kauffman, Kalispell; one daughter, Patricia Balderson, Okotoks, Alberta; one brother, Carl P. Anderson, Colton, Ore.; two sisters, Myrtle Yerkes and Beatrice Welchel both of Cut Bank, and many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Funeral services are at 2 p.m. today in the Johnson Chapel with the Rev. Matthew Cox of Bethlehem Lutheran Church officiating. Burial will be in the Glacier Memorial Gardens.

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3 Dec 1983

TROY — BARNHILL, Sonya Mae, 6-month-old daughter of Kaloa Barnhill, died Saturday at White Sulphur Springs. Authorities said death was due to sudden infant death syndrome. Services will be Thursday at 2 p.m. at the Troy Church of God. Burial will be in the Milnor Lake Cemetery under direction of the Vial Funeral Home of Libby. She was born June 12 at Libby and moved to White Sulphur Springs from Troy with her mother about six weeks ago. Survivors include her mother and a sister, Kayla Dameron, both of White Sulphur Springs; grandmother, Ola Kratzer, Salem, Ore.; great-grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Joy, Springfield, Ore.; and great-great-grandparents Lyle Sutliff, Salem, and Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Roper, in Missouri.

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6 Mar 1983

Lois J. Barber, 46

Lois J. Barber, 46, Columbia Falls, died Sunday evening at the North Valley Hospital in Whitefish after a short illness.

She was born June 21, 1936, in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. She was raised and educated in Spokane, Wash. She married Marvin Gilliam in 1953. In 1965 she married Jerry Barber in Spokane, Wash. They moved to Columbia Falls in 1967.

She was employed by the Columbia Falls post office as a mail carrier for the past eight years. She was a member of Chapter 597 of the Moose and the Lutheran Church.

She is survived by her husband, Jerry, at the family home; three sons, Joseph, Columbia Falls, and Dan Gilliam and Jack Gilliam, both of Williamsburg, Va.; two daughters, Mrs. Jay (Cindy) Bianco, Wolf Point, and Mrs. John (Kelly) Gardiner, Williamsburg, Va.; her mother, Helen Schaeffer, Whitefish; her stepfather, Joseph Schaeffer, Whitefish; one sister, Luella Smith, Albuquerque, N.M.; and five grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. at the Van Leuven Funeral Home in Columbia Falls. The Rev. Ron Paulson of Our Savior's Lutheran Church of Columbia Falls will officiate. Cremation will follow the service.

The family suggests memorials to the Montana Lung Association.

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10 Jan 1983

Nina M. Barkee, 89

LIBBY — Nina M. Barkee, 89, died Monday at The Dalles, Ore. Club and the Order of the Eastern Star, Libby Chapter No. 69.

She was born Oct. 29, 1893, at Madison, S.D., to Mr. and Mrs. John Hewitt. She was raised in South Dakota and attended school there. She later attended business college at Minneapolis, Minn.

She married Earl J. Barkee in 1916 at Nassau, Minn. She and her husband lived in Kalispell before coming to Libby in 1929 where he was the first manager of J.C. Penney Co. in Libby.

She was a 52-year member of the First United Presbyterian Church, the Libby Women's Club, the Medora Rebekah Lodge, the Libby Garden

Survivors include a daughter, Jeanne Hillis, The Dalles, Ore.; a son, James Barkee, Cheyenne, Wyo.; a sister, Myrtle Dix, Miami, Fla.; a brother, John Hewitt, Oakland, Calif.; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Friday at 2 p.m. at the First United Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Wilford Luce officiating. Burial will follow in the City of Libby Cemetery under the direction of Vial Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to the Presbyterian Church.

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10 Jan 1983
William Barnowsky, 65

William A. Barnowsky, 65, a resident of the Montana Veterans Home, died Monday in Columbia Falls.

He was born July 17, 1917, in Scobey to Emil and Flora Barnowsky. He was raised and educated in Algona, Wis., where he graduated from high school.

He worked for the CCC in the 1930s and later at the smelter in Anaconda. He served in the Army during World War II and returned to Anaconda to work at the smelter after his discharge.

In 1966, he moved to Woods Bay, where he lived until moving to the Montana Veterans Home.

He is survived by one brother, Fred Barnowsky of Kalispell.

Services will be Thursday at 2 p.m. at the Montana Veterans Home Chapel. The Rev. Ron Paulson of Our Savior's Lutheran Church will officiate. Burial will be in the Montana Veterans Home Cemetery in Columbia Falls.

Van Leuven Funeral Home is in charge of local arrangements. Visitation will be Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., 10 a.m. to noon Thursday.

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23 June 1983
Doris Snyder Bartlett

Doris Snyder Bartlett, formerly of Kalispell, Browning and Sunburst, died Thursday in the Toole County Nursing Home in Shelby after a long illness.

She was preceded in death by her husband Hubert C. Bartlett in May 1982.

Survivors include her sister, Helen Thursk of Kalispell; two sons, Ronald D. Bartlett of Edna, Texas, and Hugh Bartlett of Havre; a daughter, Loneta Koop of Edna, Texas; 10 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Graveside services will be 1 p.m. Saturday at the cemetery in Sunburst.

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13 Feb 1983
Charles W. Baxter, 80

Charles W. Baxter, 80, Columbia Falls, died Sunday in Yuma, Ariz.

He was born Jan. 22, 1903, in Hope, Kan., to Samuel and Bessie Baxter. He was raised and educated in Utica and graduated from high school in Hobson.

He worked on the family ranch for many years. He moved to the Flathead Valley in 1955 and had lived in several areas in the valley.

For many years, Mr. Baxter was an instructor in target shooting. He won the state championship medal in Montana for marksmanship and more than 100 other trophies during those years.

He is survived by his wife, Irene, at the family home in Columbia Falls; one niece, Beth Barret, Aloha, Ore.; and one nephew, Richard Baxter, Puyallup, Wash.

Services will be Thursday at 2 p.m. at the Van Leuven Funeral Home in Columbia Falls. Alvin Blades of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints of Columbia Falls will preside. Burial will be in Glacier Memorial Gardens, Kalispell.

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28 Mar, 1983
Nick Bassaraba, 104

LIBBY — Nick Libby, where he worked as Bassaraba, 104, died Monday at the Libby Care Center.

He was born Dec. 12, 1878, in Romania, where he was raised.

He married Raifta Veranka in 1900 in Romania. They came from Europe to Canada in 1905 and lived at Moosejaw, Saskatchewan.

In 1917 they came to

Libby, where he worked as a rancher. He was also employed by the J. Neils Lumber Co. in Libby as a woodworker and sawyer until his retirement in 1932. He continued to ranch south of Libby until his retirement in 1962.

Survivors include three daughters, Mary Garber, Christine Welch and Dorothy Zajanc, all of Libby; a son, George Bassaraba, St. Maries, Idaho; nine grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; and nine great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Vial Funeral Home with Father Patrick McAleney officiating. Burial will be in the City of Libby Cemetery.

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10 July 1983
Richard W. Beach, 35

Richard W. Beach, 35, Columbia Falls, died Sunday evening at the North Valley Hospital in Whitefish.

He was born Oct. 6, 1947, in Bigfork, Minn., to Wesley and Lois Beach. He was raised and educated in Columbia Falls. He graduated from Columbia Falls High School in 1965. He graduated from University of Montana in 1976 with a degree in education. He was an elementary education teacher in Glasgow from 1976 to 1980. He and his wife moved back to Columbia Falls in 1980.

He married Kyle J. Orem in Columbia Falls in 1966.

He is survived by his wife, Kyle, at the family home; a daughter, Shauna, Columbia Falls; and a son, Scott, Columbia Falls; his parents, Wesley and Lois Beach, Columbia Falls; two brothers, Roland "Skip" Beach and Randy Beach, both of Columbia Falls; and a sister, Jan Beranek, Columbia Falls.

A funeral service will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. at the Van Leuven Funeral Home. The Rev. Jerry Buchanan of the First Baptist Church of Columbia Falls will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls.

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31 Dec 1983

Bernice Batey

Services for former Rosebud County homesteader Bernice Batey, 89, 1130 17th Ave. S. are pending at a Forsyth funeral home.

Batey died Saturday evening in a Great Falls resthome where she had lived for about a year.

Born in Freeborn County, Minn., Mrs. Batey moved when she was 8 years old with her family to Montana, where she settled in the Shield River Valley. In 1916, she moved with her family to Rosebud County, where she took up a homestead at the age of 22.

Mrs. Batey earned extra money by teaching school for 10 years while operating her Rosebud homestead, which is still maintained by her son, Ray Batey.

In July 1926 she married George Batey, and resided with him on the ranch for many years. At retirement, they moved to Billings, where they lived for 15 years. Her husband died in 1971.

Mrs. Batey moved to Great Falls in 1977. She was a member of the Rebekah Assembly of Montana, Eastern Star and the Eagles Auxiliary.

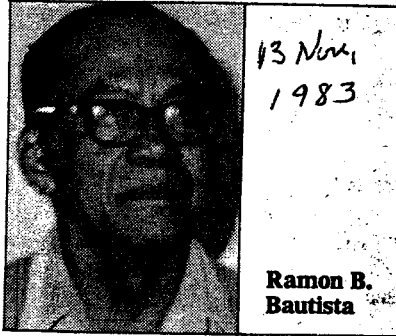
She is survived by her son Ray, of Rosebud County; two daughters, Mrs. Edward W. (Mary Ann) Borer, of Great Falls, and Mrs. William (Eva Jean) Worf, Stevensville, nine grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and her sister, Mrs. Nettie Knox, Casper, Wyo.

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20 Oct. 1983

FORT BELKNAP — BEAR, Alberta Lee, 48, died Thursday in a Seattle hospital. Rosary will be recited Sunday at 7 p.m. in the roller rink at Fort Belknap. Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Monday in Sacred Heart Church, Fort Belknap, followed by burial in Highway Church Catholic Cemetery, east of Fort Belknap. Adams Funeral Home, Malta, is handling arrangements. Born in Fort Belknap, she received her education in California and had lived since in the Seattle area. Mrs. Bear was a foster parent for many years. She had been in failing health the past six years. Survived by a son, Larry Bear, and a daughter, Billy Jo Bear, both of Seattle; six brothers, Wallace Bear Jr. and George Martinez, both of Seattle; Robert Bear, Harlem; Joe and John Bear, both of Fort Belknap, and Elwood Bear, Havre; seven sisters, Mary Jean Hirayma, Seattle; Rosella Birdtail, Mamie Bear, Wallene Bear and Claudia Fox, all of Fort Belknap; Ethel Blatt, Harlem; Betty Revis, Alaska; her mother, Elizabeth Cochran, Fort Belknap.

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Ramon Bautista13 Nov
1983**Ramon B. Bautista**

Ramon B. Bautista, 73, 948 Fair Addition, died Sunday at a local hospital following a lengthy illness.

Graveside services will be held in the veterans' section of the Highland Cemetery 2 p.m. Thursday. Croxford & Sons is handling arrangements.

Born in Natividad Pangasinan, Philippine Islands, he was schooled there and immigrated to the United States in 1929. He worked as a field hand for five years before being employed by the Great Northern Railway. In 1942 he began service in the U.S. Army in the Asiatic Pacific campaign. Following his discharge, he returned to Great Falls and worked for the Ananconda Copper Co. After 25 years, he retired in 1973.

He is survived by his wife Hazel I. Bautista of Great Falls; son Ray E., Great Falls; step-son Vic in Great Falls; step-daughter Ginger Lyon, Colorado; two grandsons; six step-grandchildren and two step-great-grandchildren. He had a brother, sister and numerous other relatives in the Philippines.

GFT

20 Nov 1983

POPLAR — BEAR, Constance Faye, infant daughter of Edward and Elizabeth Bear of Poplar, died Sunday in a Poplar hospital of sudden infant death syndrome. Services will be 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Church of the Nazarene, Poplar. Burial will be in Chelsea Cemetery, with Clayton Memorial Chapel in charge. Born Oct. 26 in Williston, N.D., she is survived by her parents; paternal grandfather Leonard Bear, Poplar; maternal grandmother, Aileen Lopez, Eureka, Calif., and great-grandmother, Margaret Bowie, Lolita, Calif.

GFT

20 Dec 1983
CULBERTSON

— BAXTER, Everett A., 83, died Tuesday at the Roosevelt County Hospital. Services will be 10 a.m. Friday at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Culbertson. Interment will be in the Hillside Cemetery in Culbertson. He was born in Phillips County, Kansas, one of 10 children. He moved to Montana with his family in 1910, settling in the Cherry Creek community, where they homesteaded. He attended the Palmer country school and continued to live in that area where he farmed and ranched. On Nov. 16, 1935, he married Erma Foss at Fairview. They made their home 12 miles south of Culbertson in the Cherry Creek area where he had lived since 1928. Survivors are his wife; three sons, Clarence, Big Sandy; Randal, Culbertson, and Dr. Roger Baxter, Chino; two daughters, Mrs. Paul (Judy) Alish, Culbertson, and Mrs. Richard (Bonnie) Vrooman, Manhattan; three brothers, Ralph, Havre, and Cecil and Amos, both of Fairview; and 13 grandchildren.

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17 Dec 1983
CHOTEAU — BEARD, Jordan

M., 2, died of a pulmonary infection Saturday in a Choteau hospital. Services will be 2 p.m. Tuesday at Faith Center Church in Choteau. Burial will be in the Choteau Cemetery. Gorder Funeral Home is in charge. He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul C. Beard, Choteau; a sister, Anna, and a brother, Joseph, both of Choteau; a grandmother, Mrs. John Starks, Mason City, Iowa; grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Francis Collins, Livermore, Iowa; and a great-grandmother, Mrs. Hallard Beard, Glen Elynn, Ill.

DI

21 June 1983
Howard L. Beatty, 65

Howard L. Beatty, a resident of Columbia Falls and former resident of Whitefish died Tuesday morning in North Valley Hospital.

He was born Dec. 12, 1917 in Great Falls, a son of Lee E. and Georgena Beatty. He was raised and educated in Great Falls and graduated in 1936 from Great Falls High School. He worked for Great Northern Railroad in Great Falls until he enlisted in the U.S. Army in December 1940. After his discharge in 1946, he returned to Great Falls.

In January 1948, he moved to Whitefish where he operated a Mobil Oil station for four years. In 1952 he returned to Great Northern Railroad and worked as a switchman until his retirement in August 1977.

He was a member of the Holy Nativity Episcopal Church of Whitefish and Whitefish Moose Lodge 642 and held every position in the lodge.

On April 17, 1943 he married Juanita (Billye) Shafer at Fort Lewis, Wash., and is now survived by her at the family home in Columbia Falls.

He is also survived by two sons; Patrick L., Poplar, and Jay A., Vallejo, Calif.; two daughters, Mrs. Carl (Kathy A.) Thomas, Columbia Falls, and Mrs. Ron (Judy M.) Haraseth, East Helena; four grandchildren; one brother, Marshall Beatty, Somers; and a number of other relatives.

Memorial services will be Friday at 7 p.m. in the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish with the Rev. H. Douglas Fontaine of the Holy Nativity Episcopal Church of Whitefish officiating. Cremation has taken place.

The family suggests memorials to the ALERT Foundation, in care of Kalispell Regional Hospital.

DI

Clara Beebe, 92

Clara Beebe, 92, died Thursday evening at the Bigfork Convalescent Center.

She was born March 9, 1891 in Ontario, S.D., the daughter of Ole and Gunie Bjornlie Iverson. As a teen-ager, her family moved to Bigfork.

On July 2, 1913, she married Joseph F. Beebe in Kalispell. They later moved to Hot Springs, where they built and operated the El Rancho Motel until 1975. They then returned to Bigfork.

Joseph preceded her in death in 1976.

She was a member of the Presbyterian Church in Hot Springs.

She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Thomas F. (Frankie) Smith, Ferndale, and Mrs. Gust (Marian) Dickson, Spokane; one brother, Harold Iverson, Tacoma, Wash.; three sisters, Stella Aitken and Gladys Stewart, Tacoma, and Esther Brett, North Hollywood, Calif.; five grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Private graveside services will be Saturday at the Conrad Memorial Cemetery with the Rev. Ron Pierce, pastor of the Swan Chapel at Swan Lake officiating. Weatherford Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. 4 Sept. 1983

DI

13 Sep. 1983
George Becker, 71

George Becker, 71, Whitefish, died Tuesday afternoon in North Valley Hospital, Whitefish.

He was born March 1, 1912, in Anamoose, N.D., a son of George and Alvina Becker. He was raised and educated in Anamoose.

In March 1941, he was inducted into the U.S. Army. In 1943, he moved to Fort Bliss, Texas, and in 1944 was sent overseas to New Guinea. He received his honorable discharge in 1945.

After his discharge, he went to work for the Whitefish School system where he worked as a custodian for 33 years. He retired in 1978.

On June 3, 1942, he married Anastasia Allers in Anamoose and was preceded in death by her on March 4, 1961. He was also preceded in death by a brother, Elroy, in March 1983.

He is survived by two sons, Dwight T. Becker, Federal Way, Wash., and Dwayne N. Becker, Whitefish; three grandchildren, three brothers, Gordon Becker, Kalispell, Harris Becker, Opheim and Norman Becker, Anamoose; one sister, Lily Becker, Spokane; and a number of other relatives.

A prayer vigil service will be Friday at 8 p.m. at Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish. Mass of the Resurrection will be Saturday at 10 a.m. at St. Charles Catholic Church in Whitefish with the Rev. Jack Hunthausen as celebrant. Burial will be in Whitefish Cemetery under the direction of the Austin Funeral Home.

The family suggests memorials may be made to the George Becker Whitefish High School Fund, c/o Russ Giesy, Box 987, Whitefish 59937.

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Lillian Becker



27 Nov
1983

Lillian W. Becker

Lillian W. Becker, 76, 1006 8th Ave. N., died Sunday in a local hospital.

She was born in Ekman, N.D., and she attended schools in North Dakota until the family moved in 1923 to Denton, where she completed her education.

She married Webster Becker in Lewistown Oct. 17, 1933, and they moved to the Fairfield Bench area where they ranched until moving to Great Falls in 1943. He died in 1973.

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Einar (Sharon) Vikse and Mrs. Donna Volker, both of Great Falls; five grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and four step-grandchildren.

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2 Oct. 1983

LEWISTOWN — BECKMAN,

Evelyn E., 68, died Sunday in a Great Falls hospital after a brief illness. Cremation has taken place. There will be a memorial service at 2 p.m. Oct. 12 in the Cloyd Chapel. Born and educated in Buffalo, she attended school in Helena and Billings following her graduation. She then taught at Rock Creek School south of Lewistown until marrying Elmer Beckman in Lewistown in 1937. The couple lived at Moore during the 1940s and she taught at the Buffalo school. The couple returned to Lewistown and she worked as a waitress. Beckman died in 1980. Surviving are sons, Dale of Helena, John of Cascade, Robert with the Navy, and Edward of Lewistown; a daughter, Janis Sotelo, Washington, Iowa; brother, John M. Edwards, Lewistown, and sister, Janice Johnston, Raymond, Wash., and eight grandchildren.

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4 July 1983

CUT BANK — BELCOURT, Alex

Jr., 70, of Starr School, died Monday in a Great Falls hospital. Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Church of the Little Flower in Browning, followed by burial in the Belcourt Cemetery on Cut Bank Creek. Rosary will be at 7 p.m. Friday at Starr School. He was born at Choteau and had been a railroad laborer for the Burlington Northern as well as a construction worker and fire fighter. Survivors include his wife, the former Helen Home Gun, three daughters and four sons, Lola, Lottie, Beta, Gordon, Wayne, Leroy and Glen, all of the Browning area. Three sisters also survive.

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22 Oct 1983

LEWISTOWN — BELDING, Lee

S., 66, of Lewistown, died Saturday in a Billings hospital following a short illness. Memorial services will be 11:30 a.m. Wednesday in the First United Presbyterian Church, Lewistown. Cremation has taken place. Cloyd Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Belding was born in West Chicago, Illinois. He attended Illinois schools and then Columbia University where he studied broadcasting. He worked for station WGN in Chicago, then moved to Midland, Texas, Fayetteville, Ark., and in 1947 to Lewistown to work for the Bennett brothers who built the KXLO Radio Station. He worked there three years, and then became manager of the Lewistown Chamber of Commerce, a position he held 23 years. In 1973 he worked again for KXLO, and was employed there until his death. He served with the Army Air Corps in World War II. He married Ellen Hughes in Lewistown on Nov. 11, 1947. Survivors include his wife, Lewistown; a son, Bob, Ridgecrest Calif.; a brother, Robert, Elgin, Ill.; and two grandchildren.

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James Belew 30 Dec 1983

James Thomas Belew, 59, 408 1/2 3rd Ave. S., died Friday at a local hospital.

He was born in Beebe, Ark.

Survivors include sons Roger Dale, Florida; James, Memphis, Tenn., and James T. Williams, Great Falls; daughters Teen Blue and Ana Fay Blue, both of North Little Rock, Ark.; a stepdaughter, Margaret Lynch, Great Falls; a brother, Leslie Belew, North Little Rock, Ark.; and sisters Lockey Pruitt, Edith Downing and Mary Fulks, all of North Little Rock, Ark.

Services will be 11 a.m. Tuesday at Croxford and Sons Mortuary.

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1 Nov. 1983

GLASGOW — BELLER, Pauline,

91, died Tuesday. Her funeral will be at 10 a.m. Friday in Elgin, N.D. Born at Menno, S.D., she lived there until her marriage in 1914 to Albert Beller. He died in 1961. Mrs. Beller lived in Elgin, N.D., until 1980, when she came to Glasgow. Surviving are three grandchildren, including Wilmer Beller of Glasgow.

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21 Dec. 1983

PLENTYWOOD — BENSON,

Mrs. Julia, 91, died Wednesday in a Plentywood nursing home. Services will be 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Fulkerson Funeral Home in Plentywood. Burial will be in the Outlook Cemetery. She was born in Pelican Rapids, Minn., and moved to Sioux City, Iowa, when she was 16. She worked in a laundry there. She married Ben Benson in Sioux City in July 1911. In the fall of 1914 she moved with her husband to Montana, where they farmed near Outlook until they retired and moved to Plentywood in 1946. Her husband died in October 1967. She continued to make her own home until 1976 when she moved to the nursing home. She is survived by a son, Conrad, Outlook; one daughter, Mrs. Ralph (Agnes) Thompson, Townsend; 10 grandchildren; several great-grandchildren, and one sister, Tillie Johnson, Fergus Falls, Minn.

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10 Oct. 1983

CULBERTSON — BERTINO,

Peter Joseph, 85, died Monday in a Billings hospital. Rosary will be Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in Everson-Clayton Chapel in Culbertson. Services will be 2 p.m. Thursday at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Culbertson, with burial in Riverview Cemetery, rural Brockton. Born at Coal City, Ill., Bertino came to Montana in 1911 with his parents. He and two brothers farmed more than 60 years near Culbertson. He never married. Surviving are four brothers, including John and Frank, Culbertson, and Louis, Columbia Falls, and a sister.

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9/24/1983
Elmer R. Beeman, 77

Elmer R. Beeman, 77, died at Kalispell Regional Hospital Friday morning.

He was born Sept. 12, 1905, in Columbia Falls, a son of Loyd and Ethel Beeman. He received his early education at the Fairview School, moving to Idaho for several years and then returning to this area. He graduated from Flathead County High School in 1923.

He married Hilda Harrington on July 19, 1928, in Kalispell. The couple farmed until their retirement.

He had a private pilot's license and was a member of the Montana Pilots Association.

He served on the Flathead High School Board of Trustees for many years, including some time as chairman.

He was a member of the Kalispell Elks Lodge, the A.S.C.S. agricultural organization, and served as director of the Conrad National Bank. He attended the Christ Church (Episcopal).

He was preceded in death by his wife on June 2, 1976. He is survived by his daughter, Mrs. Michael (Barbara) Fopp, Corde Madera, Calif.; a sister, Viola Nicolaysen, Seattle; a brother-in-law, James Harrington, Columbia Falls; and a sister-in-law, Mrs. Paul (Starling) Grosswiler, Kalispell.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Tuesday in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Marshall Moen, Immanuel Lutheran Home chaplain, officiating. Burial will be in Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

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30 Oct 1983
Joseph C. Bekkedahl Jr., 53

Joseph Clyde Bekkedahl Jr., 53, Kalispell, died Sunday in the Missoula Community Hospital after a lengthy illness.

He was born March 6, 1930, in Watford City, N.D., son of Joseph C. and Sara P. Winge Bekkedahl. He was educated in Missoula and Kalispell schools.

He enlisted in the U.S. Air Force Sept. 2, 1948, in Butte and served in the Korean conflict. He received the Bronze Star. He was honorably discharged May 6, 1952, at the Walters Air Force Base, Texas.

He worked as a heavy equipment operating engineer for 35 years, and worked with the A.I.C. Co. in Alaska for the past decade.

On March 14, 1952, he married Frances I. Holmquist in Stillwater, Okla.

He is survived by his wife Frances at the family home; two sons, Randy Bekkedahl of Bigfork and Larry Bekkedahl of Bozeman; three daughters, Roxie Person of Bigfork, Pam Bekkedahl of Ontario, Ore., and Linda Bekkedahl of Nampa, Idaho; his parents, Clyde and Sally Bekkedahl of Kalispell; two brothers, Omar Bekkedahl of Post Falls, Idaho; and Robert Bekkedahl of Tacoma, Wash.; a sister, Virginia Danielson of Kalispell; and numerous other relatives.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Thursday in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. E. Ellis Kaster and the Rev. James Bartz officiating. Burial will be in the C. E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery with military graveside rites.

Those who wish may make memorials to the New Oncology Clinic, 2825 Fort Missoula Road, Missoula, 59801. Arrangements are by the Johnson Mortuary.

DI

17 May 1983

Mary Jane Behrens, 59

Mary Jane Behrens, 59, 628 Willow Glen Drive, died in the Kalispell Regional hospital late Sunday evening.

She was born Aug. 4, 1923, in Missoula, a daughter of Lenox and Freda Edge, as a member of the third generation of early time settlers in the Greenacres area.

She had attended Kalispell schools and was a 1941 graduate of the Flathead County High School. She was employed in defense work in Bremerton, Wash., during the World War II years.

On April 21, 1946, she married George D. Behrens in Kalispell. They



MARY JANE BEHRENS

lived in Kalispell, and in 1973 established "George's Ceramics" which they have owned and operated

since Mrs. Behrens was a certified ceramics teacher. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church and had taught Sunday School for a number of years. She was a Girl Scout leader and 4-H leader for many years. She was a member of a Home Demonstration Club, the Kalispell Eagles Auxiliary, and a charter member of the Big Sky Ceramics Club.

She is survived by her husband, George, at the family home; a daughter, Freda Clark, Kalispell; three grandchildren, Riki, Kristin and Amy Clark, Kalispell; two brothers, Donald P. Edge, Fremont,

Calif.; Lester N. Edge, Yuba City, Calif.; two sisters, Margaret Lauman, Kalispell, and Ida Nichols, Portland, Ore.; several nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in the First Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Dr. Odin A. Baugh officiating. Burial will be in the Glacier Memorial Gardens. Friends may call at the Johnson Mortuary from noon to 8 p.m. today for visitation. The casket will not be opened for the services. The family suggests memorials to the Shrine Hospital, Spokane, Wash.

Beulah L. Bell, 83

6 Mar 1983

Beulah L. Bell, 83, Kalispell, died in the North Valley Hospital in Whitefish Sunday morning.

She was born May 20, 1899, in Owasso, Mich., a daughter of Charles and Lucinda Hanes. When she was 11 years of age, she moved with her parents to Bowman, N.D., where they homesteaded.

On May 2, 1917, she married Arthur H. Bell in Lemon, S.D. Mrs. Bell lived at Seaside, Ore. until 1980, when she moved to Kalispell to make her home with her daughter here.

She is survived by one son, Paul Bell, Tuscon, Ariz.; three daughters, Mrs. Paul (Roberta) Grenvik, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, Mrs. William (Carole) Anderson, Nehalem, Ore., and Mrs. Leslie (Neva) Foy, Kalispell; one sister, Mrs. Albert (Hildah) Highbe of Beaverton, Ore.; one brother, David Hanes, Bowman, N.D.; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

The body will be forwarded by the Johnson Mortuary to Hillsboro, Ore. where burial will be made in the Fir Lawn Cemetery.

DI

Roy Bell, 92

5 June 1983

Roy Bell, 92, died on Sunday morning in the Montana Veterans Home at Columbia Falls.

He was born Nov. 25, 1890, in Park Springs, Texas. He had received his schooling in Texas, and in October 1917, he entered the U.S. Army where he served as a wagoner in the Supply Company, 362nd Infantry Regiment, until receiving his honorable discharge on May 2, 1919, at Fort D.A. Russell, Wyo. He then did farming and woodwork in various places.

In the 1940s, he moved to the Flathead Valley and

continued in woodwork and farming until his retirement.

Mr. Bell was a single man and is survived by several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Chaunce Biffle, associate pastor of the Epworth United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial will be in the Montana Veterans Home Cemetery in Columbia Falls where military graveside rites will be conducted by the local veterans organizations.

Alice Belton, 95

30 July 1983

Alice Belton, 95, Swan Route, Bigfork, died Friday at Kalispell Regional Hospital of natural causes.

She was born June 8, 1888, in Kearney, Mo., the daughter of John and Lou Laffoon. When she was 10, the family moved to Livingston and ranched in the areas of Livingston, Jardine and Wilsall.

In 1933, she married Bob Belton in Boulder, and the couple made their home in Livingston. He preceded her in death in 1962. She moved with her daughter to the Bigfork area three weeks ago.

She was of the Unitarian faith. She was past president of the Park County Pioneers; member of Rebekah Lodge; Ladies Auxiliary of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen; Neighbors of Woodcraft; American Association of Retired Persons; Park County Democrats and Democratic Women's Club.

Surviving besides her daughter, Madge Neville of Bigfork, are one granddaughter, Mrs. Bud (Joyce) Meek; two great grandchildren and four great great grandchildren, all of Bigfork; one brother, Sam Laffoon, Glendora, Calif.; one sister, Edith Holling, Seattle, Wash.; and many nieces and nephews.

Private graveside services will be held at the Livingston City Cemetery at a later date. Arrangements are by the Weatherford Funeral Home in Kalispell.

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13 July 1983

Ralph L. Benjamin, 77

Ralph L. Benjamin, 77, Shelby, died Wednesday of heart failure at his summer home near Bigfork.

He was born Jan. 12, 1906, in Stavelly, Alberta, to Harry E. and Martha E. Benjamin. He moved to a homestead nine miles north of Shelby with his parents in 1909 and had resided in Shelby since then.

He is survived by his wife, Ruby, whom he married in 1934; one daughter, Mrs. Mark (Beth) Sorenson, Kalispell; two grandchildren; two brothers, Dr. L. M. Benjamin, Bigfork, and Harry Benjamin, Shelby.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Earl, who died in World War II.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Burns Funeral home in Shelby.

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9 Oct. 1983
J.W. Benningfield, 67

FORTINE — Jesse W. Benningfield, 67, died Sunday of a stroke at his home in Fortine.

He was born Feb. 16, 1906, in Beggs, Okla., to Emmett and Maggie Benningfield. He was raised and educated in Oklahoma.

On Oct. 1, 1953, he married Ruth Crile in Humboldt County, Calif. He moved to Scotia, Calif., where he lived for 25 years and was employed by the Pacific Lumber Co. until his retirement in 1978.

After his retirement he moved to Fortine.

He was a member of the Christian Missionary Alliance Church in Fortine.

Survivors include his wife, Ruth Benningfield, Fortine; a son, Richard Benningfield, Rochester, Wash.; two daughters, Betty Bonogofsky, Miles City, and Darlene Nielson, Casper, Wyo.; two stepsons, Leon Younger, Stryker, and Billy Younger, San Mateo, Calif.; a stepdaughter, Janice Thompson, Rio Dell, Calif.; a sister, Pearl Waters, Fortine; 17 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Thursday at 2 p.m. at the Fortine Community Church, with the Rev. Gary Logue officiating. Burial will be in the Fortine Cemetery under the direction of the Vial Funeral Home in Eureka.

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27 Jan. 1983
Ernest W. Bent, 78

Ernest W. Bent, 78, Columbia Falls, died Thursday morning at North Valley Hospital.

He was born July 21, 1904, in Bowler, Mont., to Samuel and Mamie Bent. He was raised and educated in the state.

He served in the Navy during World War II, then worked as a stationary engineer for Glacier Park, Inc., for many years.

He is survived by his wife, Blanche, of Columbia Falls; two sons, Bev and Ernest Jr., both of

Thermopolis, Wyo.; and two grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held Monday at 10 a.m. at the Van Leuven Funeral Home in Columbia Falls. The body has been cremated.

The family suggests that memorials be made to the Yellowstone Boys Ranch in Billings.

DI

2 Jan 1983
Margaret H. Berger, 66

Margaret Helen Berger, 66, 304 Eighth Ave. W., died in Richland, Wash., Sunday evening.

She was born Dec. 28, 1916, in Box Elder, a daughter of William and Anna Lentz. She later moved to the Flathead Valley where she married Henry Berger in Whitefish. She lived in the Flathead Valley except for several years spent in Portland during World War II.

Mrs. Berger was a cook and was employed with the Forest Service prior to her retirement. She was a member of the St. Matthew's Catholic Church; Kalispell Senior Citizens, where she was in charge of the Craft Store; and a charter member of the Kalispell Eagles Auxiliary.

She is now survived by a son, Arthur Berger, Richland, Wash.; a daughter, Mrs. Charles (Margaret) Hossack, Columbia Falls; a brother, William Lentz, Spokane, Wash.; four sisters, Dorothy, Amanda and Katherine, Portland, Ore., and Eva Mae of Texas; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Mass of the Resurrection for Mrs. Berger will be at 10 a.m. Thursday in St. Matthew's Catholic Church with the Rev. Father Emmett O'Neill as celebrant. Burial will be in Glacier Memorial Gardens under the direction of the Johnson Mortuary.

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Abigail Ann Bergmann, 3 months

Abigail Ann Bergmann, 3-month-old daughter of Richard and Helen Farris Bergmann, Swan Lake, died Thursday at Kalispell Regional Hospital after a brief illness.

She was born Nov. 19, 1982, in Whitefish. In addition to her parents, she is survived by a brother, John Paul Bergmann, at the family home; two sisters, Dena and Renee Bergmann, Kalispell; grandparents Walter and Nellie Bergmann, Kalispell, and Jean Farris of Swan Lake; great-grandmothers Nora Bergmann, Kalispell, and Mamie Farris, Bigfork; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Memorial services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. at the Swan Chapel in Swan Lake, with the Rev. Ron Pierce officiating. Arrangements and cremation are by Weatherford Funeral Home.

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Elizabeth Bertsche, 71, dies at home



17 Nov 1983
Elizabeth W. Bertsche

Elizabeth W. Bertsche, 71, 1917 4th Ave. N., wife of former state legislator William H. Bertsche, died Thursday morning at her home after an extended illness.

Born at Anaconda, she came to Great Falls at the age of six. Her father, A.E. Wiggin, was at one time manager of the Anaconda operations here.

After attending Great Falls schools, she graduated from Walnut Hill School in Natick, Mass., and from Wellesley College, Wellesley, Mass., in 1935.

She and Bertsche were married in October 1939 in Great Falls.

Mrs. Bertsche was a member of Meadow Lark Country Club and had been a member of the Junior League, a Camp Fire leader, and was a volunteer at the C.M. Russell Gallery.

Her husband survives with a son, Jon William, Missoula. A daughter, Ellen Paine Bertsche, preceded her in death in 1955.

A memorial service will be held Monday at 2 p.m. in First Congregational United Church of Christ with the Rev. James Petersen officiating. Cremation has taken place with the O'Connor Funeral Home handling arrangements.

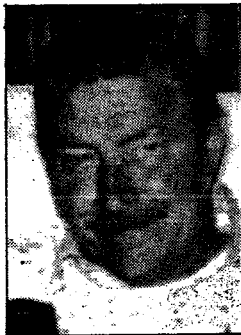
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1 Dec 1983

SHELBY — BERUBE, Mary, 92, died Thursday at a Shelby rest home. Services are Saturday at 2 p.m. at the Burns Funeral Home; burial will follow in the family plot in Mountain View Cemetery in Shelby. She was born in 1891 in Erskine, Minn., where she was raised and schooled. She came to Montana in 1929 and married Peter Berube in 1931 in Sweetgrass. He died in 1953. Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Wiley (Ruby) Meech, Shelby, and Mrs. Leonard (Pearl) Crawford of Olympia, Wash.; three brothers, Albert, Peder, and Martin Sveum, all of Sweetgrass; and five sisters, Inga Malburg, Sunburst; Otilie Hart, Cut Bank; Agnes Woldtvedt, Oilmont; Tillie Roll, Anacortes, Wash., and Mable Montgomery, Cave Junction, Ore.

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Roy Bixby



1 Oct 1983

Roy Bixby

Roy F. Bixby, 51, of rural Great Falls, died unexpectedly Oct. 1 in Riverside, Calif.

A native of Fort Benton, he was born April 27, 1923. After attending Fort Benton schools he served in the Army during the Korean conflict and then ranched in the Carter area. For many years, he operated his own trucking rig and for the past several years drove truck for Western State By-Products.

Bixby married Judith Larson July 7, 1971 in Great Falls.

He was a director of the Montana Pioneer Antique & Classic Auto Club.

Survivors include his wife, two daughters, Rhonda Bixby, Great Falls and Laureen Fouracre, Grand Forks, N.D.; sons, Brian, Great Falls, and Gary, Honolulu; his mother and stepfather, Mr. and Mrs. Walt Arthur, Hilger; a brother, Nolan, Douglas, Wyo., a sister, Dolores Nulf, Geraldine, and four step-grandchildren.

Services will be Friday at 1 p.m. at the Vaughn Bible Church with The Rev. Glen Williamson officiating. Burial with military honors will be at Highland Cemetery. Chapel of Chimes is in charge of arrangements.

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27 Oct 1983

SCOBEE — BJARKO, Jens, 76, died Tuesday at a hospital in Scobey. Service will be 2 p.m. Friday in the Scobey Lutheran Church, with burial in the Scobey Cemetery. He was born in Dubuc, Sask., and moved with his family to Daniels County to homestead in 1913. He was married to Elsa Bastian in 1929 in Scobey. They farmed in the Scobey area since, moving into Scobey to live in 1979. She survives, along with two sons, Arnie and Jerry, both of Scobey; two daughters, including Grace McCurdy, Boulder; two sisters; and 10 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

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12 Nov 1983

Goldie Bernard, 82

Goldie Bernard, 82, died on Saturday evening in the Flathead County Nursing Home.

She was born Oct. 28, 1901, in Annetta, Iowa, a daughter of Willy and Elizabeth Herriman. She moved with her parents to Rollins and later to Bigfork where she attended schools.

In 1918, she married Louis Bernard, and after living in Somers

for many years, they purchased a farm in the Birch Grove Community where they and their family lived for many years.

Mrs. Bernard had been an active member of the LaSalle Grange and the Birch Grove Willing Workers Club in the past years.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Louis, in 1975; her parents; two brothers and two sisters.

She is survived by a son, Louis Bernard; three daughters, Mrs. Earl (Lotella) Fritz, Mrs. Roscoe (Mary) Kaufman and Mrs. Roger (Jeneane) Taylor, all of Kalispell; 11 grandchildren; 32 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services for Mrs. Bernard will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Odin A. Baugh, pastor of First Presbyterian Church, officiating. Burial will be in Glacier Memorial Gardens. Friends and relatives may call at Johnson

Mortuary for visitation until 8 p.m. Tuesday. The family suggests memorials to the Flathead County Nursing Home.

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Art Biegler, 73

27 Nov 1983
EUREKA — Art Biegler, 73, died Sunday of natural causes at Kalispell Regional Hospital.

Mr. Biegler was born Sept. 30, 1910, in Monticello, Minn., a son of Charles and Emma Biegler. He was raised and educated at Frazee, Minn.

On Nov. 2, 1934, he married Lucille Otis in Frazee, and in 1935 the couple settled in the Flathead Valley. During World War II, Mr. Biegler worked in the Seattle defense plants, later returning to Montana, where he farmed and logged at Kila. In 1960 he came to the Tobacco Valley, where he worked in logging and owned and trained thoroughbred race horses at the family ranch on Meadow Creek near Fortine.

He was a member of Holy Cross Lutheran Church.

Survivors include his wife, Lucille, Fortine; two daughters, Betty Wilson and Claire Workman, both of Eureka; four sons, Chuck, Artie, Eddie, and Hobie, all of Fortine; a brother, Fred, Pendleton, Ore.; a sister, Pearl Borchardt, Medina, Minn.; 15 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be 3 p.m. Wednesday at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Eureka, with the Rev. Dudley Johnson officiating. Friends may call at the Vial Funeral Home in Eureka from 7 to 9 p.m. today and until noon Wednesday. Arrangements are by Vial Funeral Home.

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Ray Scott Bidwell, 82

7 June 1983
Ray Scott Bidwell, 82, Coram, died Tuesday evening at the North Valley Extended Care Center in Whitefish.

He was born April 5, 1901, in Sutherland, Iowa, to Oscar and Dora Bidwell. In 1909, he moved with his parents to the Union community north of Terry, where they homesteaded. In later years, he was an auctioneer with his father.

In 1920, he married Mildred Pierce and they farmed the Bad Route area until moving to Terry in 1945. He moved to Columbia Falls in 1974. For the past two years he has resided in the North Valley Extended Care Center in Whitefish.

He was preceded in death by his wife and one son.

He is survived by one daughter, Iola Holler, Coram; one son, Donald, Fallon; one brother, James, Glendive; one sister, Margaret Pierce, Glendive; seven grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

The body has been forwarded by the Van Leuven Funeral Home of Columbia Falls to the Stevenson Funeral Home in Miles City, for services and burial on Saturday. Burial will be in the Terry Cemetery.

DI

Richard H. Biggars, 65

8 Feb. 1983
Richard H. Biggars, 65, was a member of Kalispell, died Tuesday in VFW Post 2252 in the Kalispell Regional Hospital.

He was born Feb. 16, 1917, in MacGregor, Manitoba, a son of Reuben and Edith Biggars. He was raised and educated in Whitefish and graduated from Whitefish High School in 1933. He served in the U. S. Navy from 1943 to 1946. After World War II he returned back to the Flathead Valley and was employed in the woods and construction industry until he retired in 1980.

He is survived by four sisters, Gennette Wilson, Enid Gilbert, Sheila Calhoun all of Whitefish and Clara Knauss of Libby; two brothers, Phillip Biggars, Kalispell, and Hugh Biggars, Whitetail, and a number of other relatives.

Memorial services will be Friday at 2:30 p.m. in the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish with the Rev. David V. Kauffman of the First Christian Church of Whitefish officiating. Cremation has taken place.

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10 Oct. 1983

Douglas M. Bishop, 59

Douglas M. Bishop, 59, died Monday morning in the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.

He was born April 10, 1924, in Val Marie, Saskatchewan, a son of Harry and Stella Bishop. He attended school in Malta and Northern Montana College. He served in the U.S. Army, U.S. Air Force, Canadian Air Force and the U.S. Navy. After being discharged from the armed services, he was employed with the Montana Highway Department.

On Feb. 28, 1948, he married Annie Marie Norheim. In 1950, they moved to the Flathead Valley where Mr. Bishop continued to work with the Montana Highway Department until 1966, when he entered private surveying business.

He was a member of the Elks Lodge; Fraternal Order of Eagles and the Montana Registered Surveyors.

He is survived by four sons, Kenneth of Fairbanks, Alaska, Marshall of Portland, Ross and Jerry Bishop, both of Kalispell; three daughters, Mrs. John (Sheila) Stillian of Spokane, Mrs. Bruce (Tana) Corpron and Lorene Bishop, both of Kalispell; four granddaughters; two brothers, Stanley J. Bishop of Great Falls, and Donald Bishop of Lame Deer, and numerous neices and nephews.

Funeral services for Mr. Bishop will be at 2 p.m. Friday in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Emmett O'Neill of St. Matthew's Catholic Church officiating. Burial will be in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery where military graveside rites will be conducted by the local veterans organizations.

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22 Apr 1983 Daniel Bitz, 67

BIGFORK — Daniel Bitz, 67, Bigfork, died in Kalispell Regional Hospital Friday afternoon.

He was born Feb. 10, 1916, in Herreid, S.D., to Henry and Margaret Bitz. He moved with his family that same year to a farm 12 miles from Big Sandy, and spent most of his life in that area, working first as a barber and then as a farmer.

In 1982, he retired and moved to Bigfork.

He was a member of Treasure Lodge No. 95 of Big Sandy, Algeria Shrine of Helena, Scottish Rite of Great Falls, Elks Lodge No. 1201 of Havre, Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie No. 166 of Kalispell, the Flathead Shrine Club and the Methodist Church of Havre.

He is survived by his wife, Betty, of Bigfork; a son, Alvin, of Box Elder; a

daughter, Lorraine Harris of Denver; a stepson, Ronald Wooley of Sumter, S.C.; six brothers, Henry, Reinhold, Herbert, Fred, Leo and Russell; seven sisters, Alvina Conquergood, Esther Kane, Marcha Couch, Ruth Schwindt, Virginia Warner, Irene Holden, Sanda Kinsella; his stepmother, Matilda Bitz; a stepbrother, Walt Klundt; a stepsister, Ida Phillips; and seven grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, a sister and a stepbrother.

The body has been forwarded by the Johnson Mortuary to the Holland and Bonine Funeral Home in Havre. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday in the Sixth Avenue Christian Church in Havre. Burial will be in Highland Cemetery there.

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Hugh O. Black, 80

20 Feb. 1983

CUT BANK — Hugh O. Black, 80, an early day ranger at Glacier National Park who later operated a lodge at the park's eastern boundary, died Sunday in St. Paul, Minn.

He was born Dec. 24, 1902, in Caro, Mich. He went to grade school and high school in Caro, and later attended the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

Black had been owner-

manager of St. Mary's Lodge for the past 50 years. He came to Montana in 1924 and worked for Glacier National Park as a seasonal ranger.

On Sept. 15, 1932, he married Margaret James in Browning.

He served as a Glacier County commissioner and was a Mason and a Shriner.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret, in St. Paul; three daughters, Mrs. Robert (Patricia) Huberty of St. Paul; Terry Cosgrove of St. Paul, and Mrs. Terry (Sally) Welder of Kalispell; three sons, Hugh of Havre, Roscoe of St. Mary, and James of Whitefish; two sisters, Mrs. John (Hazel) Farish and Mrs. Arthur (Zeda) Morgan, both of Florida. He had 16 grandchildren.

Services are Thursday noon at St. Mary's Lodge. Burial will be in a family plot at St. Mary's.

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FORT KIPP BLACK DOG, James, 68, died Tuesday in the Culbertson hospital. A wake will be held at 7 p.m. Monday in the Fort Kipp community hall. Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Tuesday at the Fort Kipp Arbor with burial in Fort Kipp Cemetery. He was born March 6, 1915, at Fort Kipp. He attended Fort Kipp Day School and was an Indian traditional leader and was well known as an announcer and singer at pow-wows throughout the United States and Canada. He composed many traditional Indian songs and also announced at rodeos in the area. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II, serving overseas and had received several wartime medals and awards. He was a member of St. Anthony's Catholic Church at Fort Kipp, the VFW, Fort Peck Indian Reservation executive board and Brockton school board. He is survived by his wife Josephine, four sons: Lawrence of Fort Kipp, Maynard of Poplar, Frank Hasapar of Red Scaffold, S.D. and Ed Crawford of Fort Kipp; daughter Arlene Clairmount of Winner, S.D.; sisters: Loretta Bear Cub and Rozelda Lone Arrow, both of Fort Kipp; brothers: Vincent of Fort Kipp, Pete Coffey and Francis Standing Soldier, both of White Shield, N.D.; seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Bell Mortuary of Glasgow is in charge of arrangements.

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Martha Blaszek

23 Dec 1983

Martha Blaszek, 97, 1109 6th Ave. N., died Friday in a local nursing home.

She was born in Germany and married John Blaszek there in 1906. They came to Elizabeth, N.J. in 1911, then moved to Glendive, where they homesteaded in 1914. They moved to Missoula in 1950 where she lived until her husband's death in 1971. She then moved to the Eagles Manor, Great Falls, until moving into a nursing home in 1980.

She is survived by two daughters,

Melitta White, Great Falls, and Charlotte Miller, Richey; a son, Hans Blaszek, Olympia, Wash.; five grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and seven great-great-grandchildren.

Cremation has taken place. Graveside services are planned in the spring at Sunset Memorial Garden, Missoula.

Baker worked for the Interstate Commerce Commission's Bureau of Transportation in Washington, D.C. He is survived by his wife, Jeanette Selle Baker, Falls Church, Va., by a daughter Shawna Spangler, Richmond, Va., and a son Brock, Richmond Va.

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Harry Blake



3 Dec 1983

Harry Blake in 1952

W. H. "Harry" Blake, 96, former Great Falls building contractor and city councilman, died Saturday at a nursing home in Helena.

Born in Atkinson, Neb., Blake moved to Montana in 1912. He homesteaded in the Brady area before moving to Great Falls later that year. Blake was a carpenter for more than 50 years and served one year as president of the carpenters union in 1914. He served as a city councilman from 1947 to 1949, and later ran for a Cascade County Commission seat. He lived in Great Falls until 1979, when he moved to Helena

In 1917 Blake married Lena Brown in Helena. The Blakes were married by Judge Cooper, the father of the late actor, Gary Cooper.

Blake was a member of the Elks Lodge No. 214 and Masonic Lodge No. 34 and the Scottish Rite.

He was preceded in death by his wife and three children. He is survived by a son, William "Bill" Blake, Great Falls, and a daughter, Echo Pearce, also of Great Falls, 11 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

Cremation has taken place and services will be announced later.

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Peter F. Bleth

Peter F. Bleth, 93, a retired Great Northern Railroad conductor and longtime Great Falls resident, died Sept. 1 at an Escondido, Calif., hospital. A memorial service was held at Questhaven Retreat in Escondido. Cremation has taken place.

Born in Dickinson, N.D., he and his late wife, Edythe, lived more than 50 years in Great Falls. He spent the last three years of his life with his son, Gordon, and family in Escondido.

Survivors include sisters, Edith Patzer and Rose Hanson of Yakima, Wash., his son, Gordon, four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.