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Arthur L. Kahl, 91

30 Jan 1983

Arthur L. Kahl, 91, Bigfork, formerly of Missoula, died in the Kalispell Regional Hospital Sunday morning.

He was born Sept. 17, 1891, in Kelso, Kan., a son of Mr. and Mrs. Grover C. Kahl. He graduated from the Kansas State College in 1911 where he majored in engineering. He was then employed by Idaho state as a civil engineer in highway

department in Boise. In 1934 he moved to Missoula and worked for the U.S. Forest Service until his retirement in 1961.

He is survived by two sons, Harold, Missoula, J. Robert, Phoenix, Ariz., and one daughter, Dorothy Lee of Bigfork.

Arrangements and cremation by Johnson Mortuary.

Alta., and three grandchildren.

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Mary Kamps

Mary M. Kamps, 75, 1216 Adobe, died Tuesday at a local hospital following a brief illness.

No services had been planned as of Tuesday. Cremation has taken place, with O'Connor Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Born in Great Falls to then-Cascade County Sheriff Bob Gordon and his wife, Jessie, Mrs. Kamps attended local schools and was graduated from Great Falls High School in 1928. She attended the University of Montana. She lived in Great Falls most of her life. With her sister, Mrs. Gerald (Jean) Joyce, she owned a ranch east of Great Falls on Box Elder Creek.

Mrs. Kamps is survived by her sister of Great Falls and several cousins.

GT Falls Steven Kalafat



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Steven R.
Kalafat

Steven R. Kalafat, 72, 1713 Colorado Ave., Black Eagle, a lifelong resident of Black Eagle, died Tuesday in a local hospital after an illness of one year. Services will be 9 a.m. Saturday at Blessed Sacrament Church in Black Eagle, with burial in the Calvary Cemetery with military honors. Rosary will be recited at 8 p.m. Friday in the O'Connor Memorial Chapel.

Kalafat was born in Black Eagle, and attended grade school there and at Great Falls High School. He worked for the Anaconda Co. until entering the Army Air Corps in 1942. Serving in the Asiatic theater, he was discharged in October 1945. He returned to Black Eagle, and on Oct. 29, 1945, married Anne Meyer at Salem, Ore. They lived in Black Eagle, where he was employed by the Great Northern Railway as a carman, retiring in 1973.

He was a member of the Blessed Sacrament Church, the Croation Lodge and of VFW Post No. 5590.

He is survived by his wife, Anne, of Black Eagle; two daughters, Mrs. Tom (Katherine) Green, Butte, and Mrs. George (Stephanie) Skaer, Great Falls; five grandchildren; one brother, Matthew, Great Falls; two sisters, Mrs. Rudolph (Mary) Antonich, Portland, Ore., and Mrs. John (Kathryn) Merrick, Lake Oswego, Ore.

29 Jan 1983
Grover D. Kauffman, 63

Grover D. Kauffman, 63, formerly of Kalispell, died at his home in Santa Ana, Calif., early Saturday morning.

He was born March 15, 1919, in Baden, N.D., a son of Daniel and Bessie Kauffman. Before leaving the Flathead Valley in the late 1950s, Kauffman had been a meat cutter in Kalispell for many years.

He is survived by his wife, Ada Belle, Santa Ana, Calif.; one son, Donald; two daughters, Mrs. John (Linda) Vranko and Mrs. Glen (Vicky) Smith all of southern California; his mother, Bessie Kauffman; one brother, Rollan Kauffman both of Kalispell; three sisters, Mrs. Robert (Betty) Eacker, Kalispell, Mrs. Orville (Ruby) Mohn, Conner, and Goldie Spence, Seeley Lake; and four grandchildren.

Services will be in California.

24 May 1983
Miriam I. Kellett, 76

Miriam I. Kellett, 76, Kalispell, died at home Tuesday morning after a long illness.

She was born Jan. 26, 1907, in Au Gres, Mich., the daughter of Louis and Irene Souvigny. Her family moved to Los Angeles when she was 14, where she graduated from high school.

In 1927, she married Charles A. Kellett, and they made their home in

Los Angeles. Mr. Kellett died in 1963. Mrs. Kellett moved to Kalispell in 1976 to be near her daughter.

Mrs. Kellett recently received her 600-hour pin from the Kalispell Regional Hospital Volunteers. She was a member of the Kalispell Science of Mind Church.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Gordon (Florence) Cusick, Kalispell, and Mrs. Frank (Monica) Schmidt of San Diego; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be later in Inglewood, Calif., with burial at Inglewood Park Cemetery. Local arrangements and cremation are by Weatherford Funeral Home, Kalispell.

Franklin Karp



18 July
1983

Franklin
Karp

Rosary will be recited Wednesday at 8 p.m. in St. Gerard's Church for the Rev. Franklin N. Karp, C.Ss.R., 79, 2211 5th Ave. N. The priest died Monday morning at his home.

The Office of the Dead will be held in the church Thursday at 1:30 p.m., followed by the funeral Mass. Burial will be at 3 p.m. Friday in the Redemptorist Fathers Cemetery at Oconomowoc, Wis.

Karp was born at Sauk Center, Minn. He made his profession of vows at DeSoto, Mo. in August 1927 and was ordained in June 1932 at Oconomowoc, Wis., celebrating his first Mass in West Chicago in July 1932.

During his years in the priesthood, Karp served at Grand Rapids and Detroit, Mich. During World War II he was a chaplain in the Army Air Corps for four and a half years.

After leaving military service he returned to Grand Rapids, then was a missionary priest in the Midwest, at Omaha, Neb., and on the West Coast, at Portland, Ore. and Whittier, Calif. He came to Great Falls and St. Gerard's Church 27 years ago.

While at St. Gerard's, Karp helped build an addition to the school. For the past several years he had been in retirement, still serving as a confessor.

Survivors include a brother, Orrin Karp, West Chicago, Ill., and a sister, Frances Hoffman, Wheaton, Ill.

Myrtle D. Karn, 96

1 Mar 1983
Myrtle D. Karn, 96, died Tuesday at the Flathead County Nursing Home where she has resided for the past several years.

She was born Dec. 7, 1886, in York, a daughter of James, C. and Ellen Ann Donnally. When she was 2 years old she moved with her family to the Duck Creek area near Townsend

where she was educated.

On Aug. 3, 1907, she married Walter M. Karn in Townsend. They later moved to St. Regis, and also had lived in Idaho and Washington. Mrs. Karn lived in Polson for about 20 years before moving to Columbia Falls and later to Great Falls. In 1971, she moved to Kalispell and has lived here since that time.

She was a member of Jehovah's Witnesses.

She is survived by a daughter, Ellen Schuttlesworth, Kalispell; four grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren, and many other relatives.

The body has been cremated. Memorial services are planned for a later date. Arrangements are by the Johnson Mortuary.

Karl Kaufman, 79

13 Feb. 1983
EUREKA — Karl Kaufman, 79, a former Lincoln County resident, died Sunday at Baker, Ore.

He was born Nov. 12, 1903, at Wakarusa, Ind., to Peter and Martha Kaufman. He was raised in Indiana where he attended school and later was a restaurant manager. He moved to Montana in 1927 and worked as a miner and a laborer in several lumber mills in western Montana.

He married Eunice Montgomery in 1935 at Kalispell.

He was later employed by the Forest Service. In recent years he lived with his son in Idaho and Oregon.

While in Eureka he was active in the Boy Scouts and served as a scoutmaster. He was also a 4-H leader and had been commander of the Eureka Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol and a first aid instructor for the Red Cross. He was a member of the Eureka Lodge No. 93 AF&M and an honorary member of the Tobacco Valley Ridgeriders.

Survivors include two sons, Bruce Kaufman, Baker, Ore., and Darrell Kaufman, Fitzgerald, Ga.; a daughter, Sandra Kaufman, Bellmore, Alberta; three sisters, Maggie Hochmeister, Pearl Grose and Ethel Weaver, all of Indiana; seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Graveside services will be Saturday at 1 p.m. at the Tobacco Valley Cemetery in Eureka with Masonic graveside rites. Arrangements are under the direction of Vial Funeral Home of Eureka.

17 Feb. 1983

Lillie Karst, 88

WHITEFISH — Lillie Alma Karst, 88, a longtime resident of Whitefish, died Thursday in Colonial Manor Nursing Home.

She was born July 3, 1894, in Great Falls, a daughter of John T. and Elizabeth Campbell.

She was raised and educated in Great Falls and married Walter B. Karst there May 28, 1916. They moved to Whitefish in 1919, where her

husband worked for the Great Northern Railroad.

She was a member of the United Methodist Church of Whitefish, Rebekah Lodge, Mountain View No. 78, and a member of the Eastern Star for more than 50 years. In 1947, she helped with organization of Flathead Search and Rescue.

She is preceded in death by her husband in 1975 and a son, Donald, in 1980.

Survivors include a daughter, Ruth Nelson of Great Falls; a brother, Ray Campbell of Great Falls; a sister, Vera Goebel of Portland, Ore.; one grandson and three great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. at the Austin Funeral Home with the Rev. Nancy Beecham of the United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be in the Whitefish Cemetery.

Zophia Leona Keenan

10 Feb 1983

Zophia Leona Keenan, 91, died Monday, Jan. 31., at a rest home in Polson.

She was born in St. Paull, Minn., June 6, 1891 and moved to Montana in 1913. She married Claude B. Swick in Spokane, and later moved to Culbertson, where her only child Audrey was

born.

She came to Whitefish in 1916 where she worked for several years, and in 1924 was married to Donald Keenan, a machinist for the S.P. & S. Railroad at Pasco, Wash.

In 1969 they retired and moved to Pablo and then to Hot Springs for a

year. Her husband died in 1978 in Polson, where she had resided since.

She is survived by her daughter, Audrey Schneider of Whitefish, three grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

Services were held in Polson Feb. 3 and burial was in the Polson cemetery.

27 Nov, 1983
FORT BENTON — KASSMEIER,
Debra Lee, 26, died Sunday following an extended illness in a Minneapolis, Minn., hospital. Funeral Mass will be 10 a.m. Thursday at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Fort Benton. Rosary will be recited 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at the church. Burial will be in the Augusta Cemetery. Born at Missoula, she was raised in Prescott, Ariz., and at Augusta. She graduated from Augusta High School and then moved to Fort Benton, where she worked as a cook at a local retirement home. She also held other cooking jobs in Fort Benton. She married Harry Kassmeier in 1980 in Augusta. They lived for a time in Loma. She is survived by her husband and an infant son, Gary; her father, Clifford Wilson of Augusta; her mother, Inez VanHook of Prescott, Ariz.; three sisters, Susie Wendell of Fort Benton; Jackie Scarcella of West Virginia, and Theresa Mastor of Minneapolis, Minn.; her grandmother, Mrs. Cliff Wilson of Drummond; and maternal grandparents in England. Benton Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

2 Sept 1983
William E. Keck, 56
BLAINE, Wash. — William E. Keck, 56, died Sept. 2 in a Seattle hospital.
He was born Feb. 25, 1927, in Great Falls to Joseph and Martha Keck. He was a veteran of the Korean War and was in the newspaper business for 25 years.
He is survived by a wife, Rose Eva of Blaine; one son, Darrell of Havre; two daughters, Essie St. Dennis of Kalispell and Toni Sward of Whitefish; two brothers, Lewie Keck of Whitefish and Donald Keck of Great Falls; and two sisters, Dorothy Black and Martha Karlovich of Great Falls.
Funeral services were today at 3 p.m. at the Jerns and McKinney Funeral Chapel in Blaine.
Visitation in Great Falls will be Friday at the Croxford and Son Mortuary, with burial Saturday in the Highland Cemetery in Great Falls.

18 Dec 1983
CONRAD — KATANA, Julius,
"Julie," 65, died Sunday in a Conrad hospital. Services will be Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. in the First Christian Church, followed by burial in Hillside Cemetery. Wyse Funeral Home is handling arrangements. Born in Roundup, he attended schools there and graduated in 1937 from Roundup High School. In 1939 he moved to Great Falls where he worked as an auto-body repairman at the Chevrolet dealership. He and Jane Gunderson were married in Great Falls in September 1940. In the spring of 1942 they moved to Conrad where he worked at the B and M Auto Body and later at the Ford agency before moving to Roundup in 1945. He returned to Conrad in 1950 and worked for Conrad Body Works for 24 years. In 1974 he became the maintenance man at a Conrad nursing home, until his 1980 retirement. Katana served 23 years on the Conrad Volunteer Fire Department, and was a trustee of the rural fire board for several years. Surviving are his wife; a son, James, Santa Clara, Calif.; a daughter, Julie Hinthorne, Stockton, Calif.; his mother, Anna Katana, Roundup; a brother, John, Lewistown, and two sisters, Anne Golob, Great Falls, and Jeanette Stamp, Butte.

Jerry Karr 29 Dec 1988

Gervaise M. "Jerry" Karr, 81, 3509 9th Ave. S., who retired in 1965 as superintendent of Ryan Dam and the public picnic area, died at a local hospital early Thursday morning.

He was born in Estiline, S.D., and came with his parents as a child to Cascade, where he received his early education. He graduated from Cascade High School in 1921.

In 1922, he went to work for the Montana Power Co. as an assistant operator at the Rainbow plant, and he worked there and at the Black Eagle and Ryan plants. He was named foreman at Rainbow in 1937 and was transferred to Ryan as foreman in 1950, becoming superintendent in 1964.

On Aug. 7, 1929, he married Helen McCurdie in Wallace, Idaho. He was of the Methodist faith and was a 50-year member of the Cascade Lodge No. 34, AF & AM. He was also a member of the Sons of Pioneers and the Elks Lodge.

He is survived by his wife in Great Falls; son Conway R. of Polson; daughter Carolee Gendreau, of LaVerne, Calif., and six grandchildren.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Saturday at the O'Connor Memorial Chapel. Burial will follow at the Hillside Cemetery in Cascade.

12 Dec 1983
GLASGOW — KEIL, James L.,

68, died Monday. Services will be Thursday at 2 p.m. in the First Lutheran Church. Burial will be in Highland Cemetery with the Bell Chapel handling arrangements. Born in the Grain community north of Nashua, he grew up in the Nashua area. During World War II he served in the Army Air Corps, flying over the Pacific. Keil did heavy construction work during the construction of Malmstrom Air Force Base in Great Falls and was also a heavy equipment operator in the Glasgow area before his 1977 retirement. He married Darlene Scheele Allen in November 1970 at Glasgow. She survives with two sons, Michael Allen, Helena, and Don Allen, Glasgow; and a daughter, Shelley Balsley, Glasgow.

Pearl Keith 26 Aug 1983

Pearl A. Keith, 89, 1621 1st Ave. N., died Sunday evening in a local hospital. Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Rockman Funeral Chapel in Chester. Burial will be in the Chester Cemetery.

She was born in Troy, Idaho, on March 7, 1894. She was raised and educated there and then attended the Blair Business College (now known as Kinman College) at Spokane, Wash.

In 1912, she came to Montana with her parents and the family homesteaded north of Chester. She married Richard T. "Dodds" Keith on June 26, 1913, on the family ranch.

The couple ranched on his homestead until 1954. He was also the Liberty County sheriff from 1926 to 1962. They retired in 1962 and moved to Great Falls where she had lived since. Her husband died in 1979.

She was a member of the Daughters of the Nile in Great Falls, Meadow Lark Country Club, the Chester United Methodist Church, and Order of the Eastern Star in Joplin.

She is survived by her daughter, Peggy Wiley of Great Falls; a son, Dean of Olympia, Wash.; and one grandson.

Ruby M. Keim, 78

1 Mar 1983

Ruby M. Keim, 78, Missoula, a former Kalispell resident, died in Missoula Tuesday.

She was born on April 10, 1904, in Victor, the daughter of Lucius and Evelyn Parker. She received her education in Missoula and graduated from Missoula County High School. She attended the University of Montana for one year and then attended the Chicago Art Institute

graduating in 1927. Later she taught there.

On Aug. 31, 1927, she married Charles Peter Keim in Missoula. They lived in Kalispell from 1946 to August 1982, when they then returned to Missoula to make their home.

She was a member of Delta Gamma sorority.

She is survived by one son, Lewis P. Keim, Denver, Colo.; one daughter, Mrs. Dale (Charlene) Enger, Billings and seven grandchildren.

Funeral services will Friday at 2 p.m. in the Church of the Holy Spirit, Missoula. Burial will be in the Missoula Cemetery.

Charles W. Kempf, 92

6 Jan. 1983

Charles William Kempf, 92, died on Thursday in the Immanuel Lutheran Home where he resided for the past six years.

He was born April 9, 1890, in Ottertail, Minn., a son of William and Martha Kempf. In 1916, he moved to Dunn Center N.D., to manage a hardware store. He was a rural mail carrier there until his retirement.

In March 1917, he married Mary Just in Fergus Falls, Minn.

He is survived by a son, William L. Kempf of Dunn Center, N.D.; a daughter, Mrs. William (Charlotte)

Johnson, Kalispell; a brother, Orville Kempf, Wisconsin; a sister in Henning, Minn.; two grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

The body has been forwarded by the Johnson Mortuary to the Tweeten Funeral Home of Dickinson, N.D. Funeral services and burial will be in Dunn Center, N.D.

Amelid Kennedy, 72

16 Sep 1983

Amelia Hughes Kennedy, 72, died at her home in Lakeside Friday morning following a lengthy illness.

She was born Feb. 10, 1911 in Nashville, a daughter of Thomas and Mary Hughes.

She formerly lived in Los Angeles, where she retired from the Lockheed Aircraft Corp. She moved to Lakeside 11 years ago.

In December 1972, she married David John "Monty" Kennedy, and is survived by him at the family home. She is also survived by numerous cousins and other relatives.

Memorial services will be 4 p.m. today in the Lakeside Chapel with the Rev. J. Torrance Harvey officiating. The body will be forwarded to Forest Lawn Memorial Park in Glendale, Calif., where services and burial will be later in the week. Local arrangements are under the direction of the Johnson Mortuary.

The family suggests memorials to the Lakeside Chapel.

Bessie Kennedy, 97

23 Mar. 1983

Bessie Kennedy, 97, died Wednesday morning in the Flathead County Nursing Home where she had resided since December 1971.

She was born April 13, 1885, in Des Moines, Iowa. As a child she moved to Illinois where she received her education and spent her early life.

She married Lyle Kennedy in Illinois, and was preceded in death by him in 1968.

After the death of her husband, she moved to Bigfork where she lived until entering the Flathead County Nursing Home.

She is survived by a nephew, George Matthew, Wisconsin.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday in the Lonepine Cemetery near Bigfork with the Rev. Chancey Biffle of Epworth United Methodist Church officiating. Friends will meet at the cemetery for the services. Arrangements are by the Johnson Mortuary.

Services set for local author ^{LT FLS}

19 Aug 1983

Martharose "Marty" Kelly, 68, 1714 Fourth Ave. N., died at her home Friday. She was a well-known local personality and successful author.

Services will be at St. Annes Cathedral Tuesday at noon, followed by cremation. Rosary will be recited at O'Connor Memorial Chapel Monday at 7 p.m.

Her fictional articles appeared in Ladies Home Journal, True West magazine, Catholic Digest, Wall Street Journal and Playgrounds of the Rockies magazine.

She wrote a children's book, "The House on Deer Track Trail," which was published by McGraw Hill in 1976 and was a main selection of the

Weekly Reader Children's Book Club the following year.

Kelly was the recipient of several awards for poetry from the Montana Institute of the Arts.

She was employed by Schell's restaurant in Great Falls.

Kelly was born in Fort Benton. She attended Great Falls schools and married Robert E. Kelly in 1954. He died in 1971.

She was a member of St. Anne's Cathedral and Altar Society, the Montana Institute of the Arts and the Humane Society. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Houck.

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Carlos B. (Grace) Combs of San Antonio, Texas and Mrs. Nathan



Martharose Kelly in 1957

(Margaret) Joyce of Travis AFB, Calif.; six grandchildren, two great-grandchildren; a sister, Mrs. Margaret Smovir, Great Falls, and a brother, Martin Houck, St. Louis, Mo.

14 Aug 1983

CUT BANK — KELLER, Annette Boushie, 22, died of an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound at Kevin Wednesday. Her funeral will be Saturday at 2 p.m. at St. Margaret's Church, Cut Bank. Burial will be in Crown Hill Cemetery with Riddle Funeral Home of Browning in charge. She had lived all of her life in the Cut Bank area. Survivors include children, Ryan and Timmy Keller; her foster father, Earl Strader; brothers, Curtis Boushie, Eldon Morning Gun, and Thomas Strader, all of Cut Bank; and sisters, Marlina Schewenke of Shelby; Fern Bondy of Cut Bank; Betty Christianson of Edmonton, Alta.; and Myrna Courttler of Coronation, Alta.

18 Aug 1983

POPLAR — KENNEDY, Alberta, 55, Poplar, died of natural causes Thursday in Butte, where she was visiting. A wake will be held Monday evening at the Poplar cultural center. Services will be 10 a.m. Tuesday at the center, and burial will be in Riverside Cemetery in Brockton. Clayton Memorial Chapel is in charge of arrangements. Kennedy was born in Poplar and attended school there and at Lapwai Indian School in Idaho. She later married Sonny Avad. Survivors are two daughters, Katherine Cloud Boy Traversie, Poplar; and Valerie Shultz, Arizona; two sons, Herman Red Elk Jr., South Dakota; and Loren Red Elk, California; two aunts and an uncle.

19 Aug 1983

POPLAR — KENNEDY, Kenneth, 59, died of natural causes Friday at the Veterans Administration hospital in Miles City. A wake will be Monday evening at the Poplar cultural center. Services will be 10 a.m. Tuesday at the center, with burial in Riverside Cemetery at Brockton. Clayton Memorial Chapel is in charge of arrangements. Born at Wolf Point, Kennedy graduated from high school there, where he was an all-state basketball player. He attended college at Bozeman and at Harvard University before he entered the Army. After his discharge in 1946, he returned to Poplar and married Kathryn Dupree at Wolf Point a year later. She preceded him in death. He is survived by two aunts and an uncle.

12 Nov 1983 GT Falls

Frank Kerr

Frank S. Kerr, 76, 903 Fair Addition, died at a local hospital Saturday afternoon. He had been in ill health the past two months.

He was born in Great Falls and lived here all his life. He was a mechanic and machinist, retiring from Liffing Machinery in 1980. He was a member of the First English Lutheran Church, Scottish Rite and the Shriners.

He married Helen M. Swanson in Choteau Nov. 22, 1930. She survives along with two sons, James E., Richardson, Texas, Allan R., Bigfork, two grandchildren and a sister, Mrs. Kenneth (Ladora) McBride, Big Sky.

Memorial services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. at First English Lutheran Church with Rev Charles J. Anderson officiating. Cremation has taken place under direction of Chapel of Chimes funeral home.

Michael Kennedy



29 July
1983

Michael
Kennedy

Michael Earl Kennedy, 36, Bozeman, died Friday in a Billings hospital after a short illness. Services will be 1 p.m. Tuesday in Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Great Falls with burial in Highland Cemetery.

Born in Great Falls on Jan. 20, 1947, he attended Belt Valley High School and graduated from Montana State University in 1970. After college, he taught school at Laurel for seven years. He worked for a Bozeman building contractor until his death.

He married Connie Lovely on Nov. 22, 1975, at Livingston. The couple had two children. He was a member of the Carpenters Local and was active in woodworking.

He is survived by his wife; daughters Abbey, 5, and Megan, 2; sister Mrs. David (Barbara) Paulsen, Centertown, Mo.; and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl B. Kennedy of Belt.

Joe Kersch 14 Nov 1983

Joe Carl Kersch, 96, a longtime resident of the Sun River area, died Monday in a Great Falls nursing home where he had been a resident since May.

Born in Greenville, Ill., he homesteaded in 1914 in the Jenou area, 40 miles north of Great Falls. He and Esther Klinard were married in August 1920 at Jenou.

In 1940, the family lived at Ulm and Sun River. Kersch had worked many years in the stockyards and raised registered Duroc hogs in the Sun River area.

His wife survives with a son, Bennie, Sun River; two daughters, Mrs. Henry (Grace) Ervin and Mrs. Doane (Thelma) Ervin, both of Spokane; 11 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren; and one sister, Christina Greiman, Greenville, Ill. A daughter, Dorothy, preceded him in death.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday in Croxford's Chapel with the Rev. Glen Durr officiating. Burial will be in the Sun River Cemetery.

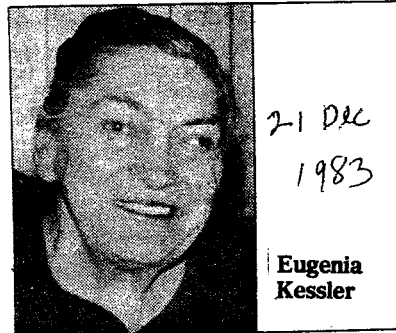
18 Aug 1983 RESERVE — KIMBALL, Richard W., 73, died early Thursday morning in a Culbertson hospital. His funeral will be at 10 a.m. Monday in Fulkerson Memorial Chapel, Plentywood. Entombment will be in the Plentywood Mausoleum. Born in Ohio, Kimball received his education there and moved to Washington as a young man. He worked as a police officer in Washington before and after Army service during World War II. He was married in Washington and his wife and two children preceded him in death. In 1967 he moved to Montana and in December 1967 was married to Nora Denzer. They made their home west of Reserve. She survives with his stepdaughter, Betty Roseno, Minot, N.D.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Monday at the Hillcrest Mausoleum Chapel. Cremation has taken place.

29 Aug 1983 CHOTEAU — KESSINGER, Joyce A., 48, a longtime Havre school teacher, died Monday of an extended illness. Services will be 2 p.m. Thursday in Gorder Funeral Home Chapel in Choteau; burial will be in Sun River Cemetery in Sun River. She was born in Great Falls, and grew up and attended schools in Simms, graduating from high school there. She received her master's degree in education from Northern Montana College in Havre. She taught in Great Falls, Augusta and the Sullivan Valley School at St. Peter's Mission. She then taught elementary school in Havre for many years. Survivors include her mother, Isabelle Kessinger, Choteau; two sisters, Mrs. Arvid (Dorothy) Sundet, Conrad, and Mrs. Jack (Ellen) Rogers, Choteau; and 18 nieces and nephews.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday in Croxford's Chapel with the Rev. Glen Durr officiating. Burial will be in the Sun River Cemetery.

Eugenia Kessler



Eugenia Kessler, 68, 1708 23rd Ave. S., died Wednesday in a Great Falls hospital.

She was born and raised in Zap, N.D. In 1939 she married Theodore Kessler. She moved to Great Falls in 1955 where she lived until her death.

She is survived by her husband, Theodore, Great Falls; three sons, Jim, Lloyd and Howard, all of Great Falls; two daughters, Margery Brown, Great Falls, and Deian Pope, Jacksonville, Fla.; a sister, Hilda Bentz, Hazen, N.D.; two brothers, Helmut Morast, Worland, Wyo. and Jeff Tobias, Beulah, N.D.; and 16 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a sister and a brother.

Services will be 3 p.m. Monday at the Hillcrest Mausoleum Chapel. Cremation has taken place.

27 May 1983
Carl Kester, 85

BIGFORK — Carl F. Kester, 85, Bigfork, died at Kalispell Regional Hospital Friday afternoon.

He was born March 19, 1898, in Towanda, Pa. He attended public schools in that area until his father homesteaded south of Chinook in 1914. He worked on ranches and farms in Blaine County until he was 21, then filed on his own homestead adjoining his father's.

In 1939 he moved to western Montana, first settling at Tally Lake and later on the east Flathead Lake shore at Woods Bay. He worked as a carpenter; one of his projects was helping to build the addition to the Bear Dance clubhouse.

He is survived by a daughter in California. Graveside services and burial will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Lonepine Cemetery near Bigfork with the Rev. Ron Pierce of the Swan Chapel officiating. Friends will meet at the cemetery for services. Arrangements are under the direction of the Johnson Mortuary.

Thomas J. Kiley, 74

10 Mar. 1983
Thomas J. Kiley, 74, Columbia Falls, died Thursday morning at North Valley Extended Care in Whitefish.

He was born Jan. 24, 1909, in Minnesota to John and Bridget Kiley. He was raised and educated in Minnesota. He worked in various places before moving to Hungry Horse 30 years ago. He worked on the Hungry Horse Dam for many years. He moved to Columbia Falls in 1982.

He is survived by one sister, Agnes Dawson, Fargo, N.D., and numerous nieces and nephews.

Mass of the Resurrection was celebrated at 9:30 a.m. today at St. Richard's Catholic Church in Columbia Falls with Rev. Father Juan Diphe officiating. Burial was in St. Richard's Catholic Cemetery in Columbia Falls. Van Leuven Funeral Home was in charge of local arrangements.

16 Nov 1983
Bessie Kinyon, 78

Bessie Aune Kinyon, 78, Kalispell, died at Flathead County Nursing Home on Wednesday evening.

She was born Sept. 12, 1905, in Somers, a daughter of I.E. and Sarah Aune. As a child she moved with her family to Galata, where she attended school. She later moved to Minot, N.D.

She married Clyde Ames, who preceded her in death in 1952.

She lived in Kalispell most of her life, and was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith.

She was preceded in death by a brother and three sisters.

On Aug. 10, 1953, she married Olen Kinyon in Seattle, Wash. and is survived by him at the family home in Kalispell.

Other survivors include three stepchildren, Freda Butterbrot, Frances Miller and Robert Kinyon, all of Seattle, Wash.; three sisters, Inga Berg of Yerington, Nev., Bertha Collier and Elsie Huebsch, both of Kalispell; four grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial services for Mrs. Kinyon will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Howard Mars, pastor of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church officiating. Cremation has taken place.

6 Nov 1983
Archie J. Kinney, 68

TROY — Archie J. Kinney, 68, died Sunday at St. John Lutheran Hospital in Libby. He had Alzheimer's disease.

He was born April 27, 1915, in Eureka to Amos and Ora Kinney. He was raised and attended school in Eureka.

He married Mary Tiffany on March 4, 1946, in Kalispell. The couple moved to Troy in 1964 where he worked for St. Regis Paper Co. as a heavy equipment operator until retiring three years ago due to ill health.

He is survived by his wife, Mary, of Troy; seven daughters, Leona Kinney, Portland, Ore., Rosemary Schmidt, Juneau, Alaska, Mildred Aleferas, Rochester, Wash., June Powers, Forks, Wash., Betty Oberdorf and Nattie Ninneman, both of Troy, and Margaret Reicker, Northport, Wash.; two sons, Jesse and Archie Jr., both of Troy; a sister, Dorothy Owens, Eureka; two brothers, Ervin and Albert Kinney, both of Eureka; 16 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were today at 2 p.m., at Troy Cemetery with the Rev. Gene Bushnell officiating. Arrangements were by Vial Funeral Home in Libby.

17 Oct. 1983
Dena Kincaid, 85

TROY — Dena Kincaid, 85, died of natural causes Monday at St. John Lutheran Hospital in Libby.

She was born March 10, 1898, in Pomeroy, Wash., to Thomas and Delilah Caraway. She was raised and attended schools in Washington and Canada. She came to Troy in the 1920s where she lived in the Iron Creek and Lake Creek areas for many years. She moved to Libby in 1975 and had lived at the Libby Care Center since 1976.

She was preceded in death by three husbands, James McGlothlen in 1948, Albert Kincaid in 1959 and John Norquay in 1979, and by two brothers and four sisters.

Survivors include several cousins, nieces and nephews, including Jake Caraway of Troy.

Graveside services will be Thursday at 1 p.m. at the City of Libby Cemetery with the Rev. Wilford Luce officiating. Friends may call at the Vial Funeral Home from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday.

Ex-legislator, bandleader Claude Kiff, Ringling, dies

10 July 1983

RINGLING — Former bandleader and state legislator Claude Kiff, 86, died Sunday at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls, where he had been a resident and patient for the past two years.

Services will be 2 p.m. Wednesday in St. Bartholomew's Catholic Church in White Sulphur Springs. Burial will be in Mayn Cemetery. Rosary will be recited 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in Twichel Chapel in White Sulphur Springs.

He was born in Tower City, N.D. He enlisted in the Army in 1917 and served in France in World War I. He returned to Montana, where he attended the University of Montana.

In the 1920s he formed a dance orchestra and became well-known throughout the Northwest. He was one of the earliest orchestra leaders to have his music played over radio.

In 1929 he moved to Ringling, where he resided on the Kiff ranch until recent years.

He served in the state House of Representatives in the 1957 and 1959 sessions.

His wife, Jane, died in 1969. Survivors include three sons, John of Los Angeles and Joel of Healdsburg, Calif., and Jerome of Ringling; a daughter, Joan Johnson of Harlowton; 15 grandchildren and a great-grandchild; and two sisters, Rosemary Thompson of Washington and Dorothea Thomas of Texas.

12 Nov 1983 VALIER — KINGSTON, Lillian

A., 91, died Saturday evening at her daughter's home in Chester. Services will be 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Valier United Methodist Church, with burial in the Lakeview Cemetery. Arrangements are by Rockman Chapel in Chester. She was born in Dallas, Texas, in 1891. She grew up in Dallas and Kansas City and graduated from high school in the Kansas City area. She married John Herring in Texas. Following his sudden death, she came to Montana to be with her parents, who homesteaded near Valier. There she married Joseph Kingston in 1916. They made their home in Valier. He died in 1966. Since 1973, she has resided intermittently with her daughters. Survivors include sons James P. and John A. Kingston, both of Great Falls; six daughters, Mrs. Jacob (Helen) Johnson, Valier, Mrs. Darby (Elizabeth) O'Brien, Chester, Mrs. Olaf (Lillian) Borge, Great Falls, Mrs. Robert (Josephine) Engle, Washington, Mrs. Mary Jane Stark, Valier, and Mrs. Paul (Evelyn) Johnson, Chester; 31 grandchildren, and many great-grandchildren.

21 Dec 1983 GLASGOW — KIRK, Rubye M.,

81, died Wednesday in a Glasgow hospital. Memorial services will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. in the Bell Chapel in Glasgow. Cremation has taken place. Kirk graduated from Froid High School and Mankato State College, Minn., and taught in the Saco area. She also worked in Seattle and Salt Lake City. She lived the last three years in the Valley View Nursing Home in Glasgow. She is survived by three sisters, Mrs. Adeline Moe, Auburn, Wash., Gertrude Ryder, Billings, and Mrs. Walter Burt, Glasgow; two brothers, Stanley Ryder, Yuma, Ariz., Alfred Ryder, Kent, Wash., and three nephews.

28 Aug 1983 **Alice King, 89**

EUREKA — Former Eureka resident Alice King, 89, died Saturday in a Spokane nursing home.

She was born March 30, 1894, at Mildenhall, Suffolk, England. She was raised and educated in England, and married Percy King there on Dec. 24, 1919. The couple came to the United States in 1921 and settled at Judith Basin.

They later moved to Lincoln County, living at Libby for a brief period before moving to Black Lake near Eureka. The couple owned and operated a ranch at Black Lake for many years until retiring and moving to Eureka in the 1950s.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1959.

Mrs. King moved to Spokane in 1967, where she made her home until the time of her death.

Survivors include a son, Fred King, Eureka; three daughters, Mabel Davisson and Katherine Freeman, both of Spokane, and Ellen Lettig, Moline, Ill.; 11 grandchildren and 15 great

grandchildren.

Graveside services will be conducted Wednesday, 2 p.m. at the Tobacco Valley Cemetery with the Rev. Dudley Johnson of Holy Cross Lutheran Church officiating. Friends may call at the Vial Funeral Home in Eureka Tuesday from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m. and until noon on Wednesday.

Adolph Klatt ^{of North} 1983

Services for Adolph Klatt, 92, 817 Central Ave. W., will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at the Trinity Lutheran Church. A native of Poland, Klatt died Thursday in Great Falls.

After coming to this country, he lived in Buffalo, N.Y. for a time before moving to Montana where he worked for the Great Northern Railway's wood shop for more than 40 years. He also farmed in the Power area for many years.

He married Adelgunde Neumann in 1925. She died in 1982. Survivors include a son, Alfred of Granger, Wash., formerly of Power.

Croxford & Sons Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

CHRIS KJEMPERUD 1983

Chris Kjemperud, 91, died Wednesday, Dec. 14, in the Immanuel Lutheran Home where he has resided for the past two years. He was born June 19, 1892, in Larvick, Norway. In 1911, he moved to Littlefork, Minn., where in 1916, he was married to Caroline Forsberg. He was preceded in death by her in 1940. Mr. Kjemperud had farmed and logged at Littlefork. He then worked on the Alcan Highway before moving to Kalispell in 1943 where he was employed with the American Timber Company until his retirement in 1963. In 1944, he was married to Minnie Skogen in Kalispell, and was preceded in death by her on April 30, 1979. He was also preceded in death by his parents; a brother; a sister, and three

sons. He is now survived by his children, Bertha Anderson and Margaret Carlson both of White Sulphur Springs, Alma Foster of Whitefish, Goldie Broo of Eugene, Ore., Carl Kjemperud of Littlefork, Minn., Palmer Kjemperud of Garibaldi, Ore., Alvin Broten of Newburgh, N.Y., and Floyd Skogen of Kalispell; 24 grandchildren; numerous great grandchildren and several great great grandchildren. Funeral services were Friday, Dec. 16 in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Ray Pierson, pastor of the Central Bible Church officiating. Burial was in the Conrad Memorial Cemtery. The family suggest memorials be made to the Immanuel Lutheran Home.

14 Aug 1983
MISSOULA — KIRSCHMANN,

Geraldine Grissom, 79, a former Great Falls resident, died Sunday at a Missoula hospital. She had been living in Missoula. Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Thursday at the Livingston-Malletta-Geraghty Funeral Home in Missoula, with burial in Sunset Memorial Gardens in Missoula. Born in Buffalo, she attended schools there and graduated from college in 1921. She taught school for a time before enrolling in the Deaconess nursing school in Great Falls, from which she graduated in 1930. She worked in Hamilton and Great Falls and ran the children's clinic in Helena for a time. In 1952, she married Jacob Kirschmann in Great Falls. He died in 1978. Survivors include one brother, E.A. Grissom, Laurel, and 19 stepchildren, including Emma Wilkinson, Bertha Olson and Esther Schroer, all of Great Falls.

13 Oct. 1983
LEWISTOWN — KJERSEN, Alan

Dane, 27, formerly of Lewistown, died Thursday afternoon of injuries sustained in an oil-field accident north of Moorcroft, Wyo. Services will be 11 a.m. Wednesday in Cloyd Chapel in Lewistown, and burial will be in Lewistown's city cemetery. He was born in Lewistown and moved with his family at an early age to Fremont, Calif., where he attended schools. In 1976, he returned to Lewistown and was associated with the Kirby Vacuum Co. He later was transferred to Sheridan, Wyo. Once there, he soon went to work in the oil fields of Wyoming. Since last spring he had worked for the Getter Trucking Co. of Gillette, Wyo., as a driver and laborer. Survivors include his mother, Jane Kjersen, Lewistown; his father, Jim, Glendive; a daughter, Cammeron Dana, Sheridan; two brothers, Kerry and Jay, both of Belgrade; maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Watson, Lewistown, and paternal grandmother, Florence Johnson, Patterson, Calif.

2 Nov. 1983

No charges filed in GF man's death

By FRED MILLER III
Tribune Staff Writer

A Great Falls woman, arrested late Wednesday on suspicion of killing her husband, was released Thursday after an autopsy showed he died of natural causes.

Betty Marie Kitchens, 52, 116 3rd Ave. N., was arrested at 10:10 p.m. Wednesday after officers found her husband dead at their home.

As a result of evidence and interviews at the scene, Mrs. Kitchens was booked into jail on suspicion of mitigated deliberate homicide Wednesday.

However, autopsy results received Thursday indicated Mack Kitchens Jr., 56, died of cirrhosis of the liver. Mrs. Kitchens was subsequently released and charges were not filed.

Police said the couple fought at their home before Mrs. Kitchens went to sleep Wednesday night. She was then awakened by her husband a short time later and the fight resumed.

Police said she shoved him against a door and he fell to the floor; she left him on the floor and

returned to bed. Two hours later she woke up and found him still on the floor, police said, so she called police.

Kitchens reportedly had a head wound and a broken collarbone when the officers arrived.

Mack Kitchens Jr. was born in Savannah, Ga. and moved as a young boy with his family to San Diego, Calif. where he received his education.

During World War II he served in both the Navy and the Air Force before receiving a medical discharge.

Kitchens had worked as an accountant in the Seattle area before moving to Great Falls five years ago. For the past six months he had been a patient in a veterans hospital in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Survivors include his wife, Betty Kitchens, to whom he was married in December 1956 in Salt Lake City; and two sisters, Dairy Pierce, Carbondale, Colo., and Dorothy Boettcher, Long Beach, Calif.

No services are planned. Cremation has taken place under direction of Croxford and Sons Mortuary.

15 Jan. 1983
WESTBY KITTELSON,
Gladys, 70, a former Westby resident, died Monday at her home in Green Bay, Wis. Funeral will be 2 p.m. at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Westby, with burial in Daneville Cemetery southeast of Westby. Born in the Westby area, she attended schools there and later lived for a time in Seattle and recently in Green Bay, where she had operated restaurants. She never married. She is survived by a brother, Lloyd Kittelson, Westby, and two sisters.

3 Dec 1983
David Klay

David Klay, 92, 241 17th Ave. NW., former Shonkin-area rancher, died Saturday in a Great Falls hospital following a short illness.

Funeral services will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. at the First Christian Church in Fort Benton with burial in the Riverside Cemetery. The Riverside Mortuary in Fort Benton is in charge of arrangements.

Born and reared in Shonkin, Klay married Flora Urfer in March, 1914 at Miles City. He then ranched with his wife at the family's homestead at Shonkin for 42 years. In 1957 he retired and moved with his wife to Great Falls.

He is survived by his wife, Flora, Great Falls, and several nieces and nephews.

Flora Klay ^{21 Dec 1983}

Flora Klay, 92, 241 17th Ave. NW., died Wednesday at a Great Falls nursing home following an extended illness.

Graveside services will be 11 a.m. Friday in the Riverside Cemetery in Fort Benton with the Riverside Mortuary in charge of arrangements.

She was born in Switzerland. At the age of 18, she moved to the United States and settled in Miles City, where she had family. In 1914 she married David Klay there. They ranched at their homestead in Shonkin for 42 years, retiring in 1957, when they moved to Great Falls, where she has resided since. Her husband died Dec. 3.

The couple had no children and are survived by several nieces and nephews, including Beatty Draper of Fort Benton.

12 Nov 1983

Joint funeral services for Samuel and Debra Kleinsasser, will be 1 p.m. Monday at the Riverview Hutterite Colony south of Chester. Burial will be in the Riverview Cemetery.

Samuel Kleinsasser was born at Rockport Colony, Mitchell, S.D. He came to Montana in 1948 to the Miller Colony near Choteau. He married Anna Waldner in 1955. They moved to the Sage Creek Colony north of Chester in 1961 and since 1980 had lived at the Riverview Colony south of Chester. He is survived by his wife; a son Tim of Riverview Colony; three daughters Barbara Wipf of Riverview Colony, Elsie Wurtz of Sage Creek Colony and Julia Kleinsasser of Riverview Colony; brothers "Big Jake" of Kingsbury Colony near Great Falls and Peter of Sage Creek; four sisters including Susie Wurtz of Riverview Colony and three in Alberta Hutterite Colonies, and two grandchildren.

Debra Kleinsasser was born at the Sage Creek Colony and moved with her family to Riverview Colony in 1980. Survivors include the family of Samuel Kleinsasser.

19 July 1983

MALTA — KLEMMÉ, Allen C., 97, a Malta-area resident since 1934, died Tuesday at a Malta hospital. Services will be 2 p.m. Thursday at the Adams Funeral Home. Cremation will take place at a later date. Born in Scott County, Iowa, he was educated there and attended a business school in Davenport, Iowa. Klemme was an inventor and for a time owned a manufacturing plant for an automobile hoist he had developed. In 1913, he married Ida Schollmann in Omaha, Neb.; she died in 1958. In 1928, they moved to Chicago and later to the Malta-Glasgow area. They also once lived in Lewistown. He farmed and ranched near Malta and also worked as an auctioneer. Survivors include nieces and nephews in Iowa. A daughter, Betty Jean Olsen, preceded him in death.

Harry Kleiv ^{10 Dec 1983}

Halvor "Harry" Kleiv, 88, 914 6th St. NW., died Saturday in a local nursing home.

Born in Red Lake Falls, Minn., Kleiv moved to Montana as a boy. He grew up and attended schools in Great Falls. Shortly after he finished school he went to work for Great Northern Railway, where he worked until he retired in 1951 because of an on-the-job injury.

He married Eveline Lande in Great Falls in March 1921. He had been a member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church since 1901. He is survived by his wife; several cousins, a niece and a nephew.

Services will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. in Our Savior's Lutheran Church. Private entombment will take place Monday at Hillcrest Lawn Memorial Mausoleum. Croxford & Sons Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

Ethel Margaret Klaven ^{23 June 1983}

Ethel Margaret Klaven, 78, Plains, died Monday at the Clarke Fork Valley Hospital in Plains.

She was born Oct. 9, 1904 in Spokane to Louis and Nella Knopp. She was raised and attended schools in Washington and Montana and

lived most of her life in the Whitefish and Troy areas.

She was a member of the Episcopal Church and Moose Club in Whitefish.

For the past two years she had lived in Plains.

She is survived by three sisters: Mary Courser, Plains, Sadie Wicen, Troy, and Alice Kelley, Bend, Ore.; and three nieces, Rose Mary Day, Plains, Marion Carr, Troy, and Betty Dye, Milwaukee, Ore.

The family requests donations be made to the donor's choice.

Jean M. Klocke, 20 ^{13 Oct. 1983}

Jean Marie (House) Klocke, 20, died Thursday morning in the Kalispell Regional Hospital after a long illness.

She was born Jan. 10, 1963, in Las Vegas, Nev., a daughter of Gary and Regna House.

On Dec. 28, 1982, she married Marc Klocke in Kalispell and since that time they have lived in Gillespie, Ill.

She is survived by her husband, Marc; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gary House of Kalispell; two brothers, Bud Colin House of Kalispell, and Galen Thomas House of Fort Lewis, Wash.; a sister, Koleen Ann DeGreek of Fort Lewis, Wash.; two grandmothers, Eva Olson and Ruby Brockway, both of Kalispell; a niece and a nephew.

Funeral arrangements for Mrs. Klocke are incomplete and will be announced later by the Johnson Mortuary.

Marvin Knopfle, 72 ^{20 May 1983}

WHITEFISH — Marvin Knopfle, 72, Whitefish, died Friday afternoon at his home.

He was born Jan. 27, 1910, in Upham, N.D., to Adam and Lydia Knopfle. He was raised and educated there, and farmed there until moving to Whitefish in 1957. In Whitefish he was a masonry contractor with his brother, Elmer, and operated a small chicken ranch.

He was a member of the Christ Lutheran Church of Whitefish.

He married Blanche Hamilton on June 4, 1931, in Eckham, N.D.

Surviving are his wife; two sons, Lowell and David, both of Browning; a daughter, Cleone of Whitefish; eight grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by brothers Elmer in 1976 and Harley in 1977.

Funeral services will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. in Christ Lutheran Church, with the Rev. Harold E. Peterson officiating. Viewing hours will be Monday from 6-9 p.m. and Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Austin Funeral Home. Burial will be in Whitefish Cemetery.

Leonard J. Kohlmeier ^{19 May 1983}

Leonard J. Kohlmeier, 95, a former Whitefish resident, died in Spokane, Wash., where he had resided for the past year.

He was born Aug. 2, 1887 in Lakeview, N.Y., to Peter and Mary (Wilhelm) Kohlmeier.

He moved to Whitefish in 1906 and worked for the Great Northern Railway as a locomotive engineer until his retirement in 1955.

After his retirement, his summers were spent at his cherry orchard on Flathead Lake and the winters in Mesa, Ariz.

Kohlmeier is survived by several nieces and nephews that live out of state.

Funeral services for Kohlmeier were May 16 at 10 a.m. in the St. Charles Catholic Church in Whitefish with the Father John Robertson officiating. Burial was made in the Whitefish Cemetery under the direction of the Austin Funeral Home of Whitefish.

The family has suggested that memorials may be made to the charity of the donor's choice or to the Regency South Care Center, S. 158 Browne, Spokane, Wash. 99204.

In 1974 Kohlmeier moved to the Eagles Manor in Helena. He was a veteran of World War II and served as sergeant in the 21st Engineer Battalion.

On June 15, 1934 he married Nettie Knapton in Whitefish and was preceded in death by her and two children.

He was a member of the Knights of Columbus, American Legion, Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, and the Flathead Lake Cherry Growers Association.

28 Oct. 1983

MALTA — KLOTZ, John, 55, died Friday in a Great Falls hospital after a short illness. Rosary will be recited 7 p.m. Sunday at St. Mary's Catholic Church here. Funeral Mass will be 10 a.m. Monday at the church with burial in Malta Cemetery. Adams Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. He was born in Saco and attended school at Wagner before graduating from Malta High School in 1946. He served two tours of duty with the U.S. Army in Korea. After his discharge in 1956, he worked on heavy construction until 1981, when he began working for the Phillips County road department in Dodson. He never married. He is survived by his father, Leo, of Malta; a brother Leo Jr. of Choteau; and five sisters, Peggy Stanford of New Jersey, Isabelle Gust of Seattle, Dorothy Broadbrooks of Saco, and Florence Sorenson and Clara Drabbels, both of Malta.

13 Nov 1983

HARLEM — KOCHER, Dale C., 47, died Sunday at the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Miles City after a short illness. Memorial services will be 11 a.m. Friday in the American Lutheran Church in Harlem. He was born at Velva, N.D., and at the age of 10 moved with his family to Butte where he attended schools. Later he returned to Velva where he graduated from high school. He served with the Marines during the Korean War and worked in construction following his discharge. He married Peggy May in 1969 at Miles City. They moved to Harlem in 1971 where he owned and operated construction companies. At the time of his death, he and his wife owned a western clothing store at Harlem. He is survived by his wife; mother Hazel Iverson of Pablo; daughter DeAnn Troung of Vancouver, B.C.; four sisters, including Connie Teigen of Helena; and two grandchildren.

5 Nov 1983

William Knutson

William T. "Bill" Knutson, 58, 900 7th Ave. N., died Saturday in a local hospital.

He was born in Henning, Minn., and attended schools in Minnesota. During World War II, he served in the U.S. Navy.

After four years, he returned to Minnesota, then moved in 1949 to Glasgow, where he married Joanne Rasmussen Nov. 18, 1949. They resided in Glasgow until 1966 when they moved to Great Falls.

He was a member of the First United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife; two daughters, Mrs. Teddy (Jean) Cadell, Shreveport, La., and Kimberly Knutson, Great Falls; three grandchildren; his stepfather, Reinhold Meidinger, International Falls, Minn.; a brother, Robert, International Falls; four sisters, Mrs. Hjalmer (Dolores) Larson, Mrs. Donald (Ramona) Jones and Mrs. Dale (Lois) Sorenson, all of Tucson, Ariz., and Mrs. Joe (Roberta) Frederick, Poplar.

Local funeral arrangements were under direction of O'Connor Funeral Home. Services will be in Glasgow with the Bell Funeral Home in charge.

Julie Ellen Klapperich

6 June 1985

Julie Ellen Klapperich, eight-month-old daughter of Barry and Beverly Klapperich, died May 27 at their home in rural Whitefish.

She was born Sept. 25, 1984 at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish.

She is now survived by her parents, at the family home, her grandparents and

other relatives in Iowa.

Memorial services were held May 30 at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Kalispell.

25 Aug 1983

Oscar Knutson, 83

Oscar A. Knutson, 83, Kalispell, died Thursday at the Immanuel Lutheran Home, where he was a resident.

He was born Oct. 29, 1899, in Dayton, a son of Peter O. and Annetta Sands Knutson. He attended Batavia School, and at age 16, he went to Florida, where he worked with his father as a landscape gardener.

He returned to Montana in 1920 and on July 11, 1921, he married Elsie Martin in Kalispell. They returned to Florida, where he worked for the Railway Express for 20 years.

In 1944 they returned to the Flathead, where they bought and managed the Terrace Lawn Motel south of Whitefish for over 17 years. In 1961 they sold the motel and moved to Kalispell where they have resided since.

Mr. Knutson was preceeded in death by his three children, Patsy Peenstra, Donald and Tom Knutson.

Survivors include his wife, Elsie, at the family home; a brother, Fred Knutson, and a sister Alma Conrad, both of Kalispell; and six grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Saturday, Aug. 27 at 2 p.m. in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Marshall Moen, chaplin of Immanuel Lutheran Home officiating. Burial will be in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery under the direction of the Johnson Mortuary.

Bernadine Kunda, 68

18 Apr. 1983

Bernadine Kunda, 68, 105 Valley View Drive, died on Monday in the Kalispell Regional Hospital.

She was born May 3, 1914, in St. Phillips, Mont., the daughter of John and Kathryn Bruski. She attended school there, and on Nov. 10, 1931, she married Harry Kunda. In 1934, the couple moved to Kalispell where they have since resided.

Mrs. Kunda was a member of the St. Matthew's Catholic Church, Council of Catholic Women, Democratic Women's Club, Kalispell Senior Citizens and the Carpenters Auxiliary.

She is survived by her husband, Harry, at the family home; two sons, Michael Kunda, Sacramento, Calif., and Ralph Kunda, Kalispell; three daughters, Angie Kruckenber, Fairbanks, Alaska, Pearl Nolan, Billings, and Anne Stewart, Arlee; 25 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Rosary will be recited in the Johnson Chapel at 7:30 Thursday evening. Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Friday in St. Matthew's Catholic Church with the Rev. Emmett O'Neill as celebrant. Burial will be in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Daniel E. Koehler, 16

29 May 1983
LIBBY — Daniel E. Koehler, 16, died Sunday from injuries he received in a single vehicle accident near Kalispell.

He was born Oct. 17, 1966, in Libby, to Ross and Gila Koehler. He was raised in Libby and attended school there, and had been a sophomore at Libby High School at the time of his death.

He participated in Babe Ruth baseball, freshman football, wrestling, varsity basketball and was a member of the tennis team.

He was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, where he was ordained into the priesthood and was active in youth organizations and activities.

He is survived by his parents, Ross and Gila Koehler, Libby; three sisters, Charlotte Koehler, Libby, Melinda Koehler and Etta Koehler, Provo Utah; two brothers, Clint, Sidney, Bill, Tulsa, Okla.; his grandparents, Freda Koehler, Bonners Ferry, Idaho, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Newman, Hayden Lake, Idaho, and Mr. and Mrs. Louis Holland, Lancaster, Calif.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Libby. Burial will be in the City of Libby Cemetery under the direction of the Vial Funeral Home. Memorials may be made to the Libby High School Athletic Booster Club.

Leonard J. Kohlmeier, 95

11 May 1983
Leonard J. Kohlmeier, 95, died May 11 in Spokane where he had resided for the past year.

He was born Aug. 2, 1887, in Lakeview, N.Y., the son of Peter and Mary Kohlmeier. Mr. Kohlmeier moved to Whitefish in 1906 and worked for the Great Northern Railroad as a locomotive engineer until his retirement in 1955. After his retirement, he spent his summers at his cherry orchard on Flathead Lake and the winters in Mesa, Ariz. In 1974 he moved to the Eagles Manor in Helena.

On June 15, 1934, he married Nettie Knapton in Whitefish.

He was a veteran of World War I and served as sergeant in the 21st Engineer Battalion. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus, American Legion, Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, and the Flathead Lake Cherry Growers Association.

Mr. Kohlmeier is survived by several nieces and nephews that live out of state.

Funeral services will be Monday at 10 a.m. in St. Charles Catholic Church in Whitefish with the Rev. John Robertson officiating. Burial will be in the Whitefish Cemetery under the direction of the Austin Funeral Home.

The family suggests memorials to the charity of the donor's choice or to the Regency South Care Center, S.158 Browne, Spokane, Wash. 99204.

Kenneth 'Pete' Koehler, 47

25 May 1983
LIBBY — Kenneth "Pete" Koehler, 47, Libby, died at his home Sunday of cancer.

He was born Dec. 3, 1935, at Libby. He graduated from Libby High School in 1954. He had worked in the Libby area for Zonolite, St. Regis Lumber Co., the city of Libby, the U.S. Forest Service and the Northwest Human Resources Council. At the time of his death he was

counselor for the Alcohol Service Center in Libby.

He married Lois Hunter on May 12, 1956, in Libby.

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

Survivors include his wife; two daughters, Kim Matthews, Forsyth, and Karen Cochran, Libby; two sons, Stan and Rex, both of Libby; his mother, Freda Koehler, Bonners Ferry, Idaho; three sisters, Emilie Morton, Elgin, Ore., Kathy McLeish and Carol Kelley, both of Bonners Ferry; one brother, Ross, Libby; and four grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Libby. Burial will be at City of Libby Cemetery. Arrangements by Vial Funeral Home, Libby.

Donald Kohut



19 July
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Donald G. Kohut, 23, of Eden Route, a rancher and rodeo rider, died early Tuesday morning in the University Hospital at San Diego, Calif. of acute leukemia. He had been ill about a week before his death.

Born in Great Falls, he attended elementary schools in Centerville and McCumber and graduated in 1978 from Centerville High School. Since his graduation, he had been engaged

in ranching with his father on Eden Route.

A member of St. Francis Xavier Church, Eden, Kohut had been active in Eden Livestock 4-H clubs during his high school years. A saddle bronc rider, he belonged to the Montana Rodeo Association and had been competing in rodeo events as recently as July 4. He was also interested in hunting.

Kohut and Rita A. Johnson were married in January 1981 in Great Falls. She survives with their daughter, Amanda Lee; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John D. Kohut, and two brothers, Carl and Alan, all of Eden Route; grandparents Mr. and Mrs. John Kohut, Great Falls, and Mr. and Mrs. Glen Keener, Billings; and his great grandmother, Mrs. George Carney, American Falls, Idaho.

Vigil service will be held Thursday at 8 p.m. in the O'Connor Memorial Chapel. Funeral rites will be at 11:15 a.m. Friday in St. Joseph's Church, followed by burial in Red Butte Cemetery, Eden Route.

9 Oct. 1983
GLASGOW — KOMROSKY, Florence V., 69, died Sunday at a Glasgow hospital. Services will be 2 p.m. Thursday at the Glasgow United Methodist Church. Burial will be in Highland Cemetery. She was born in Fargo, N.D. She grew up and attended school in Valley City, N.D. In 1930 she married Harry Komrosky. They farmed in the Sanborn, N.D., area for several years and lived in California and Nevada before coming to Glasgow in 1965. Her husband died in 1968. Mrs. Komrosky was a nurse's aid at Glasgow Deaconess Hospital until her retirement in 1975. She is survived by two sons, including Harry, Glasgow; three daughters, including Debbie Seiler, Glasgow; and

22 Sep. 1983
BROCKTON — KOPITZKE, Herman W., 91, died Thursday in a Culbertson hospital. Services will be 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Zion Lutheran Church near Brockton. Burial will be in the church cemetery with Everson-Clayton Memorial Chapel in charge of arrangements. Born in Boyd, Minn., he homesteaded north of Brockton in 1912. He married Margaret Green at Savage in 1930. She died in 1981. He had lived in Culbertson for the past three years. Survivors include a daughter, four sons, three brothers, two sisters and three grandchildren.

Kathleen Kovalenko, 20

20 Jun 1983

LIBBY — Kathleen J. Kovalenko, 20, died Monday as the result of injuries received in an automobile accident near Lowden, Wash.

She was born Dec. 3, 1962, in Minot, N.D., a daughter of Gary and Marva Kovalenko.

At age 3½, she moved with her family to Libby where she attended

elementary school. She graduated in 1981 from Upper Columbia Academy in Spangle, Wash.

For the past two years, she had been a student at Walla Walla College, Walla Walla, Wash.

She was a member of the Libby Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Survivors include her parents, Gary and Marva; Libby; two brothers, Charles and Philip, both of Libby; her fiancé, Dan Russell, Lebanon, Ore.; two grandmothers, Sadie Kovalenko, Minot, N.D., and Erna Reich, Beulah, N.D.; three aunts, two uncles and numerous cousins.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Libby Seventh-day Adventist Church with the Rev. David Moore officiating. Burial will be in the City of Libby Cemetery under the direction of Vial Funeral Home.

Charles Krauss, 81

19 Jun 1983

Charles E. Krauss, 81, Somers, died Wednesday in Whitefish.

He was born Dec. 12, 1901, in Wahoo, Neb., a son of Jacob and Anastasia Krauss. He had received his education in Nebraska, and later moved to Fergus Falls, Minn., where he operated a dairy farm. In 1938, he moved to the Flathead Valley and operated the Rocky Mountain Souvenir Shop.

During World War II, he moved to Seattle where he was a special agent for the railroad with the FBI. He returned to the Flathead and has lived at Somers since then. He had been a 4-H leader while living in

Minnesota.

On Feb. 10, 1946, he married to Wilma Giesey in Kalispell. She died in 1969.

He also was preceded in death by three brothers and two sisters.

He is survived by a son, Roger Krauss of Kalispell; a daughter, Gerri Savory of Riverside, Calif.; and a grandson.

Services are at 2 p.m. Monday in Johnson Chapel with the Rev. James Huff, pastor of the Bible Presbyterian Church, officiating. Burial will be in Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

21 Apr 1983

Frank Kops, 69



FRANK KOPS

BIGFORK — Frank W. Kops, 69, Woods Bay, died in Kalispell Regional Hospital Thursday.

He was born May 16, 1913 in Great Falls to Frank and Clara Kops. He attended Shattuck Military Academy. On May 16, 1935, he married Anna Sirola in Great Falls.

Until his retirement in 1960, he owned and operated Kops Piano House in Great Falls. Since then, he operated a cherry orchard at Woods Bay.

He attended Swan Chapel; was a member of Bigfork Masonic Lodge 150 and a past master of the Great Falls consistory; and belonged to the Polson Chapter 24 of the Royal Arch Masons, the Baghdad Temple of Butte and the Scottish Rite of Great Falls. He served as an officer of many of those organizations.

He was also a life member of Polson Elks Lodge No. 1695 and a charter member of Great Falls' Elks Drum and Bugle Corps. He helped organize and was an officer of the East Shore Lions Club, helped organize the Lions Foundation for needy children and was a past district governor of the Lions' District 37.

He was active in wildlife work, once serving as president of the Cascade Wildlife Association and belonging to the Wilderness Wildlife Association. His other organizations included Great Falls' Advertising Club and Optimists Club.

Survivors include his wife, Ann, and five cousins.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Monday in the Swan Chapel at Swan Lake with Pastor Don Huwe officiating. Ritualistic Masonic rites will be conducted by the Bigfork Masonic Lodge. Following the services the body will be cremated.

Memorial services will be held Friday at 2 p.m. in the Hillcrest Lawn Mausoleum Chapel in Great Falls. Arrangements are under the direction of the Johnson Mortuary.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Scottish Rite of Great Falls, ALERT, the Lions Foundation for Needy Children or the Swan Chapel.

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BARBARA KRAFT

15 Apr 1983

Barbara Kraft, 46

Barbara Jean Kraft, 46, 585 N. Main St., died at Kalispell Regional Hospital late Friday evening following an extended illness.

She was born Sept. 22, 1936, in Kalispell to Leo C. and Vivian Smith Kinshella. She was educated in Kalispell schools and attended the University of Montana.

She lived in the Seattle area for about 12 years, working for Boeing. She then returned to Kalispell with her family in 1967 and was employed at First

Federal Savings and Loan. She later worked for Pacific Power and Light until her retirement due to illness in April 1982.

She was a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church and was secretary of her bowling league.

On March 5, 1977, she married Paul Kraft in Kalispell.

Survivors include her husband; five children, Kristin and Karolyn of Kalispell; Jodi Bain of Missoula; Mark Gronley of Kalispell and Kristi Carroll of Idaho Falls, Idaho; her mother, Vivian Kinshella Managhan of Kalispell; two sisters, Nancy Wagnon

of Conrad and Dorothy Bishop of Sacramento, Calif.; and five grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Trinity Lutheran Church with the Rev. Darold Reiner officiating. Burial will be in Trinity Lutheran Cemetery under the direction of the Johnson Mortuary. Friends may call at the Johnson Chapel from 1-8 p.m. Monday for visitation.

The family suggests memorials be made to Trinity Lutheran Church, the Cancer Fund (P.O. Box 1002, Kalispell) or to the charity of the donor's choice.

PALLBEARERS: Joe Wagnon Les Jans
Gene Doherty Max Tyler
Robert Collier Albert Kraft

HONORARY PALLBEARERS: Denny Kinshella
Ed Balum

The relatives and friends of the Barbara Kraft family are invited to the lunch in the church basement served by the ladies of Trinity.

July 1983
Malta newlywed, 84, dies

MALTA — "We're just too old to waste time," chuckled Helen Hartsock Krumwiede, 84, discussing her June 25 wedding to Herman Krumwiede, 90.

Mrs. Krumwiede died Monday in a Malta hospital, slightly more than a week after her wedding.

The couple were engaged only a week before their marriage, which was performed at the Country Home, a supervised living facility.

Born at Isadora, Mo., she homesteaded with her family at Little Warm, south of Malta, in 1915. After working as a bookkeeper for the Malta Co-op grocery, she moved to California in 1923 and was married there to Lester Hartsock. He died in 1957.

After returning to Malta in 1931, she worked as bookkeeper for the Phillips Ranch, then spent 32 years in the county assessor's office, including 22½ years as assessor, before her retirement in 1970.

Mr. Krumwiede had homesteaded in the Regina Community, south of Malta, in 1921. He had been widowed for six years.

Surviving with her husband are a son, Frank Brown, Recluse, Wyo.; three brothers, Harold, Howard and Bert Brown, all of Malta; and two sisters, Mary Moore and Monna Larsen, both of Hinsdale.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday in the Adams Memorial Chapel, followed by burial in the Malta Cemetery.

19 Oct. 1983
SUNBURST — KRUSE, Alvin H., 76, died Wednesday in a Great Falls hospital after a short illness. He had lived in Great Falls the past five years. Services will be 2 p.m. Saturday at the Shelby Methodist church. Burial will follow in the Sunburst Cemetery. He was born at Lake Wilson, Minn., and moved to Hingham with his parents as a child. In 1923 he moved to Sunburst and worked as a pumper in the Kevin and Sunburst oilfield. He married Margaret Bradley at Shelby in 1929. He worked as a pumper for the Texas Oil Co. until his retirement in 1972 after spending nearly 50 years in the oilpatch. He was a longtime secretary of the Oil, Chemical and Atomic Workers local in Sunburst until his retirement. He was also a member of the Shelby Moose Lodge. He was preceeded in death by his wife in 1971 and two brothers. Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Floyd (Dorothy) Porter, Shelby, and Mrs. James (Leona) Murr, Great Falls; a brother, LeRoy Kruse, Cut Bank; and a sister, Mildred Fauque, Sunburst. Burns Funeral Home of Shelby is in charge of arrangements.

22 Nov 1983
MISSOULA — KRYSWKOWIAK, Marla Jean, 28, died Tuesday at her home following a long illness. Funeral will be noon Friday at Squire-Simmons-Carr Funeral Home. Entombment will be 2 p.m. Saturday at Hillcrest Lawn Mausoleum. She was born to Lillian and Curtis Hanson in Great Falls, where she was raised and educated. She graduated from C.M. Russell in 1973 and later attended Montana State University and the College of Great Falls. She came to Missoula in 1977. She married Bernard Krystkowiak in 1979. She worked as a manuscript typist at Scholars Press in Missoula. Survivors include her husband, Missoula; her parents of Post Falls, Idaho; a grandmother, Mrs. Claude B. Hanson, Great Falls, and a brother, James C. Hanson, Portland.

Missoula services will be noon Friday at Squire-Simmons-Carr Funeral Chapel in Missoula. On Saturday, 2 p.m. committal services will be held at the Hillcrest Lawn Mausoleum, Great Falls.

Krystkowiak is the daughter of former Great Falls residents Lillian and Curtis Hanson of Missoula.

^{3 Dec 1983}
CONRAD **KRONEBUSCH,**
Magdalena M., 88, died Saturday at a Conrad nursing home, where she had been a resident since 1974. Rosary will be recited 7:30 p.m. Monday at the Wyse Funeral Home. Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Tuesday at St. Michael's Catholic Church. Burial will be in Mount Olivet Cemetery. She was born at Minneiska, Minn. She was raised and educated in that area and later taught school at Oak Ridge, Minn. She married Louis Kronebusch Jan. 31, 1917, at Rollingstones, Minn. The couple moved to Montana by immigrant car. They settled in the North Bench area north of Conrad, where they farmed and raised a family. The couple retired in 1949 and moved into Conrad. Her husband died in 1981. She is survived by two sons, Kenneth and Donatus, both of Conrad; a daughter, Patricia Umphrey of Shelby; a sister, Julia Koonebush of St. Charles, Minn.; brothers Leander and Edwin Tibesan, both of St. Paul, Minn.; and 13 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

^{13 24 1983}
Anna Kropp

Anna Kropp, 91, 1109 6th Ave. N., died Tuesday in a local rest home where she had been a resident since October 1978.

Born in Hamburg, Germany, she received her education in that country and in November 1934 was married to Fred H. Kropp in Germany.

The couple came to the Portage area where they farmed until 1946 when they retired and moved into Great Falls. Her husband died in July 1977.

Surviving are her stepson, Henry Kropp, Great Falls; two grandsons and five great grandchildren.

Services will be 3 p.m. Thursday in the Chapel of Chimes with the Rev. Mark J. Nicolaus officiating. Burial will be in Highland Cemetery.

CHARLES KRUB

^{18 May 1983}

Charles J. Krub, 93, who had resided in Kila, died May 14 in the Colonia Manor. He was born March 29, 1890, in St. Ansgar, Iowa, a son of Louis and Anna Krub. He moved with his family to Missouri and Kansas, and later moved to Washington, living in the Seattle area. He was in partnership with his brother in the dairy business for several years. In 1931, he entered ministry work at Mt. Vernon, Wa. In 1936, he moved to the Flathead where he continued in Ministry until 1968,

when he moved to Wyoming. For the past three years he had made his home with the Frank Gamma family. He was preceded in death by four brothers and three sisters, and is now survived by one sister, Anna Duvall of Marysville, Wa.; three nieces and one nephew. Funeral services were May 17 at Reuben Hoversland's in Ronan. Burial was in the Sunset Memorial Gardens in Missoula. Johnson Mortuary handled local arrangements.

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Harry Kuno



26 Dec
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Harrington
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Kuno

Harrington Axel "Harry" Kuno, 88, 411 5th Ave. S., died Monday in a local rest home where he had been a resident since 1980.

Born in Chicago, he attended schools there. He came to Becket before moving to Great Falls in 1922. For a time he did general repair service in the city, then had worked as a mortician at the O'Connor Funeral Home for a number of years in the 1930s. Kuno was then a salesman for Riverside Machine Works until his retirement. He lived at Armington and Belt for several years before moving to Great Falls about four years ago.

A veteran of World War I, he was injured by poison gas before his discharge in March 1919. Kuno was a member of Disabled American Veterans and the American Legion. He belonged for more than 50 years to Great Falls Lodge 118 AF and AM, and had been a member of the Elks and Eagles lodges.

He never married. Surviving are sisters Elsa T. Chester, Great Falls, and Hulda M. Murray, Bellevue, Wash., and a brother, C. John Kuno, Great Falls.

Services will be held in the O'Connor Memorial Chapel, Friday at 11:15 a.m., with the Rev. Conrad Himmel officiating. Masonic ritual will be given before burial in Belt Cemetery.

27 Aug 1983
Natalie C. Kusner, 74

TROY — Natalie C. Kusner, 74, a former resident of Troy, died Saturday at her home in Eureka of natural causes.

She was born April 30, 1909, at Nekoosa, Wis., the daughter of Stanislaus and Theresa Gavre. She attended schools in Wisconsin and Montana and moved to the Troy area with her family as a child.

On July 11, 1927, she married William Kusner at Chicago. The couple lived in Troy, where they owned and operated Kusner Electric from 1935 until 1965.

In 1957 they moved to Savage Lake near Troy where they made their home until moving to Eureka in 1981.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1981 and a son, Ronald Parker, in 1950.

She was among the first members of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Parish in Troy and of the church Altar Society. She also was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary.

Survivors include a daughter, Karen Locke, Eureka; a sister, Edith Habeck, in Wisconsin; and six grandchildren.

Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated Wednesday at 11 a.m., at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Troy with the Rev. Charles Roman as celebrant. Burial will be in Milner Lake Cemetery under the direction of Vial Funeral Home in Libby.

Marie Kuno



Marie Forder Kuno, 72, 1818 19th Ave. S., died Monday after a year-long illness at a local rest home. Private entombment at Hillcrest Mausoleum is planned. Memorial services will be 1 p.m. Wednesday at the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation with the Rev. Russell Peck officiating.

Born in Russell, Idaho, Kuno moved as a small infant with her family to Montana, where they ranched in the Waltham area west of Highwood. She attended Waltham School and graduated from Belt High School. She continued her education at the University of Montana in Missoula and later moved to Great Falls, where she had resided since.

She worked at the Sunnyside Preschool and Child Care Center, where she was considered by many as the "resident grandma."

Kuno was a member of the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation, the Eagles Auxiliary and the Roosevelt School PTA.

She is survived by one son, Jered "Butch" Kuno, Great Falls; four daughters, Mrs. Ronald (Karen) Swensson, Great Falls, Pennee Swan, Great Falls, Mrs. Don (MaRhae) McDonald, Great Falls, and Chandee Cooper, Roy, Utah, and 10 grandchildren.

6 Nov 1983 Edward Kujala

Edward Oscar Kujala, 64, a former Great Falls-area resident who had been living in Reno, Nev., died Sunday in a Reno hospital.

Born in Stockett, he had worked for Graham and Ross food stores in Great Falls. During World War II, he served in the U.S. Navy. Kujala had lived in Nevada the past 16 years and in California before that.

Survivors include his wife, Bernice; sons Wesley, Reno and Lawrence, Sparks, Nev. and William, San Francisco; two daughters, Nancy Laver and Connie Woods, both of Placerville, Calif.; nine grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Services will be Thursday in Walton's Sparks Funeral Home, followed by burial at Masonic Memorial Gardens with full military honors.