



GLADYS L. MCGINNIS
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Gladys L. McGinnis 1984

Gladys L. McGinnis died October 17 in Billings Deaconess Hospital after a brief illness. Cremation took place in Billings.

She was born March 11, 1905 in Pelican Rapids, Minnesota, to Martin and Anna Ness.

She married John McGinnis June 22, 1937 in Colorado Springs, Colo., who survives.

Other survivors include two daughters, Mary Ann Waylett of Grafton, Virginia and Betty Jo Reigel of Glasgow; five grandchildren including Denise, Michelle and Darin Waylett and Bill and Charlie Reigel; two sisters, Clara Olson of North Dakota and Marian Rusch of South Gate, California, and several nephews. One brother, Elmer Ness, preceded her in death.

Mrs. McGinnis, a graduate of the University of North Dakota, at Grand Forks, taught school in many North Dakota towns. She was a substitute teacher in Glasgow too. She was manager of the local Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS) for 25 years retiring June 30, 1973.

She was a charter member of the Soroptimist Club, a member of the Glasgow Business and Professional Women, American Association of University Women, and St. Matthew's Episcopal Church.

Memorial services were held Saturday October 20 at 10 a.m. in St. Matthew's Episcopal Church with Rev. Evert Gustafson performing the service. Laura Rebekah Lodge No. 19 served a lunch after the service in the Odd Fellows Hall.

Blythe H. McLean

21 JUN 1984
Blythe H. McLean, 81, died Wednesday, June 21, at Frances Mahon Deaconess Hospital.

Funeral services were held Monday, June 25, at 10 a.m. at the First Baptist Church of Glasgow with Rev. Dallas Smith and Rev. Karl Dick officiating. Burial was in Highland Cemetery with Bell Mortuary in charge of arrangements.

Pallbearers, all grandsons, were Michael McLean, Tom McLean, Wallace McLean, Kevin McLean, Kroy McLean, Vern Lacock, Steve Lacock and Douglas McLean.

Born October 7, 1902 in Superior, Wis., he was the son of Duncan and Anna McLean.

Raised in Northern Minnesota he came to Valley County in 1926 as a rural Sunday School Missionary. He pioneered in establishments of Vacation Bible schools in this part of the country. He retired and lived in Seattle, Wash., for 12 years, returning to Glasgow in 1981. He was a member of Glasgow First Baptist Church and spent his retirement doing Bible studies in nursing homes. He spent 41 years with the American Sunday School Union with 18 years of that in the Glasgow area and 23 years in the Spokane, area.

He married Versa Grinstead on June 9, 1928 in Helena. He is survived by his wife, Versa McLean of Glasgow, one daughter, Naola Lacock of Hinsdale; three sons, Rev. Marvin McLean of Lynnwood, Wash., Rev. Loren McLean of Winfield, Ill., and Rev. Norman McLean of Glenview, Ill.; 14 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Mona McKee, 89

Mona Holt McKee, 89, a former resident of Columbia Falls and Whitefish, died Wednesday at the Bigfork Convalescent Center of Bigfork.

She was born April 22, 1895, in Cassville, Wis., a daughter of William and Anna A. Holt. She moved to eastern Montana with her father and brothers and sisters in the early 1900s.

She married Harry O. McKee on Nov. 3, 1913, in Andes Community in eastern Montana.

She was very active in the community and a local post office was named for her.

In 1940, she and her husband moved to the Flathead Valley and lived north of Columbia Falls.

For a number of years she served as a matron at the Soldiers Home in Columbia Falls and during World War II she worked as a volunteer plane spotter for the Civil Air Defense.

In 1970, the couple moved to Whitefish.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harry, in 1971, and a daughter, Myrna in 1972.

She moved to Bigfork Convalescent Center on June 11, 1974, and had resided there until her death.

She is survived by three daughters, Olive Wildermuth of Independence, Mo., Jean Klein of Columbia Falls, and Melva Johnson of Billings; a son, William McKee of Whitefish; 12 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; a number of nieces and nephews.

Graveside services will be 11 a.m. Friday at the Glacier Memorial Gardens with the Rev. Ken Peterson of the First Presbyterian Church of Whitefish officiating. Viewing will be at Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish today from 4 to 8 p.m. Friends can meet at the Austin Funeral Home before going to the cemetery for services.

Ruth McGuire, 79

^{1 Oct 1985}
Ruth C. McGuire, 79, Martin City, died Oct. 1 at North Valley Hospital following a lengthy illness.

She was born Oct. 24, 1905, in Houston, Texas, a daughter of Roger and Mary Canfield.

In 1924, she married Carl Gansereit in Texas, and the couple moved to southern California in the early 1930s.

During World War II, she was trained and worked as a machinist.

In 1948, she married Floyd McGuire in Anchorage, Alaska. The couple moved to West Glacier in 1949, and were both employed at Glacier National Park. In 1955, they returned to California and Mrs. McGuire worked as a telephone operator at Long Beach Naval Base until her retirement. After retiring, the couple moved to Martin City.

She was an active member of the International Toastmistress Club and the Shining Mountain Garden Club.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Floyd McGuire.

Survivors include a son, Harold C. Gansereit of Martin City; a stepdaughter, Gail Farnes of Ballatine; a stepson, Norman "Mick" McGuire of Vancouver, Wash.; a brother, Grant L. Canfield of Bandon, Ore.; two sisters, Vera Marcantel of Mapleton, Ore., and Marjorie Howell of Houston, Texas; nine grandchildren; five great-grandchildren and a number of other relatives.

Memorial services will be 10 a.m. Saturday at Canyon Community Church in Coram with the Rev. Tod Fox officiating. Arrangements and cremation are by Weatherford Funeral Home in Kalispell.

The family suggests memorials to the Canyon Community Church Youth Scholarship Fund, or the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 1002, Kalispell, Mont. 59901.

^{12 Aug 1984} T.J. McGillick, 61

Thomas J. McGillick, 61, Columbia Falls, died Sunday morning at his home.

He was born April 8, 1923, in Springfield, Ill., to Thomas and Mary McGillick. He was raised and educated in Springfield. He enlisted in the Army in 1942 and after his discharge in 1946, he returned to Springfield.

He moved to Butte in 1947 where he worked in the mines and as a bartender. He moved to Columbia Falls in 1976 where he worked at the Columbia Bar.

He was preceded in death by six brothers and sisters.

He is survived by a sister, Helen McCarthy of Springfield, Ill., and several nieces and nephews.

A graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Woodlawn Cemetery. The Rev. Bernard Sullivan of St. Richard Catholic Church will officiate.

Visitation will be until 8 tonight at the Van Leuven Funeral Home in Columbia Falls.

R.A. McKenzie, 77

^{5 Jan 1984}
FORTINE — Ross A. McKenzie, 77, died of natural causes Thursday at his home in Fortine.

He was born April 8, 1906, in Eureka and received his education there. He worked at a lumber mill in Everett, Wash., and then as a ranch hand in Calgary, Alberta.

He lived in Polson and Conrad before moving to Fortine where he worked as a carpenter and electrician and in the logging industry.

He married Thelma Lewis on Oct. 5, 1935, in Whitefish.

Mr. McKenzie was a member of the Fortine Community Church.

Survivors include his wife, Thelma, Fortine; three daughters, Verna Shintaffer, Anchorage, Alaska, Grace McKenzie, Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, and Shirley Cox, Cashmere, Wash.; six sons, Roger McKenzie, Lakeside, Delbert McKenzie, Grand Prairie, Alberta, Donald McKenzie, Marysville, Wash., Gene McKenzie, St. Lazare, Manitoba, Harold McKenzie, Missoula, and Ken McKenzie, Fortine; three sisters, two brothers, 19 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were today at the Fortine Community Church. Burial was in the Tobacco Valley Cemetery in Eureka under the direction of the Vial Funeral Home in Eureka.

The family suggests memorials to Fortine Community Church.

Hazel McMurdo, 65

^{9 Nov 1984}
Hazel E. McMurdo, 65, Whitefish, died Thursday evening in North Valley Hospital's Extended Care Facility.

She was born Aug. 17, 1919, in Canada to Bob and Hazel Smithson. The family soon moved to Eureka, where she grew up and attended school.

In 1938 she married William H. McMurdo in Spokane. The couple lived in Eureka, Whitefish, Seeley Lake and several other places before returning to Whitefish seven years ago.

She was a member of the Whitefish Moose.

Survivors include her husband, at home; a son, Ted, Whitefish; three sisters, Margaret Titchbourne of Eureka, Helen Kampfe of Libby and Doris Olsen of Kalispell; and two brothers, Jerry Smithson of Whitefish and Billy Smithson of Seeley Lake.

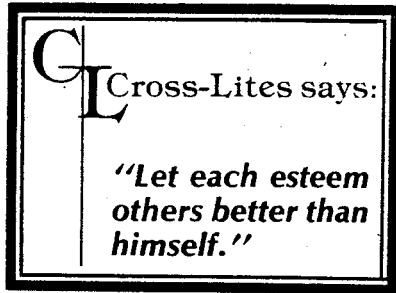
Preceding her in death were a daughter, Sally Ann Pierce, a brother and a sister.

Funeral services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish, with the Rev. Dr. David Kauffman of the First Christian Church of Whitefish officiating. Burial will be in Whitefish Cemetery.

CHARLES McQUEARY *Aug 1984*

Charles E. "Chuck" McQueary, Jr., 59, of 611 Two Mile Drive in Kalispell, died at home July 31 following a lengthy illness. He was born August 14, 1924 in Glenrock, Wyo., the son of Charles E. and Blanche McQueary, Sr. He was raised and graduated from high school in Glenrock, served in the Marine Corps, then worked in management for

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Pacific Power and Light Company in Wyoming, Oregon and Montana. When he retired in November of 1980, he was PP&L District Manager in Kalispell. On December 30, 1945, he married Lois Mae Thornton in Glenrock, and she survives him at the family home in Kalispell. Also surviving are two sons, Patrick McQueary of Denver, Colo., and Michael McQueary of Casper, Wyo.; a daughter, Rene Crane of Denver, Colo.; and five granddaughters. Funeral services were August 1 at the Weatherford Funeral Home, with the Rev. Peder H. Waldum, retired Lutheran minister, officiating. Graveside services will be Thursday, Aug. 2 at 2 p.m. at Glenrock Cemetery in Glenrock, Wyo. The family suggests memorial contributions to the Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children, c/o P.O. Box 752, Kalispell, Montana 59901.



MARY ANN MC SLOY *1984*

5 APR 1984
Mrs. Mary Ann Martin McSloy, 60, of Kalispell, died in the Kalispell Regional Hospital on Thursday, April 5 following an extended illness. She was born Nov. 25, 1923, in Victor, Mont. a daughter of Gather and Clara Mae Martin. In 1947, she was married to Mac McSloy in Helena, and is survived by him at the family home. She is also survived by four daughters, Patricia Miller, of Pablo, Penny Gasney of Oregon City, Ore., Donna Hill of Kalispell and Kathy Hill of Missoula; a stepdaughter, Loretta Kuntz of Ronan; three sons, Frank Stevens of

Stevensville, Don McSloy of Columbia Falls and Lloyd McSloy of Kalispell; four brothers, Don Martin of Columbia Falls, Gene and Jack Martin both of Missoula, and Jim Martin of Spokane, Wash., two sisters, Grace Tanner of Billings, and Jo Bradley of Pacific Wash.; 16 grandchildren and two great grandchildren. There will be no funeral services. A public potluck memorial will be April 14, 1-4 p.m. in the Moose Lodge on LaSalle Road. The family request no flowers. Arrangements are under the direction of the Johnson Mortuary.

Miller infant

Graveside services for a stillborn son born to Donald and Susan Miller of Kalispell were held this afternoon in Conrad Memorial Cemetery with the Rev. Darold Reiner, pastor of the Trinity Lutheran Church, officiating.

The child was born Monday afternoon.

He is survived by his parents; his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Volkman of Kalispell, and Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Miller of Conrad; his great-grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Mitsch of Columbia Falls, and Marie Smith of Conrad; and a number of other relatives.

Arrangements were under the direction of Johnson Mortuary.

^{5 Feb. 1984}
EAST HELENA — MURGEL,
 Mary, 79, East Helena, died Sunday
 afternoon in a Helena hospital. Ro-
 sary will be recited Wednesday at 7
 p.m. at Sts. Cyril and Methodius
 Church in East Helena. Mass of the
 Resurrection will be Thursday at 11
 a.m. at the church. Burial will be in
 St. Ann's Cemetery in East Helena.
 Born in Yugoslavia, she moved to
 Butte with her parents. She married
 Antone Murgel in April, 1919. She
 moved with him to East Helena. He
 died in 1965. She was active in St.
 Ann's altar society, the VFW Auxil-
 iary, the senior citizens and the
 S.N.P.J. Lodge No. 43. She is sur-
 vived by a son, A.G. Murgel, and a
 daughter, Mary Stipich, both of East
 Helena; two sisters, Margarat
 Bryan, Missoula, and Katherine
 Frazer, Deer Lodge; eight grandchild-
 ren and 12 great-grandchildren. Retz
 Fuenral Home in Helena is in charge
 of arrangements.

Elizabeth Melikian

^{7 NOV 1984}
 Elizabeth Melikian, 57, died Wed-
 nesday, November 7, at Valley View
 Nursing Home.

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 Funeral services were held Satur-
 day, November 10, at 3 p.m. at the
 Assembly of God Church with Rev.
 Don Paulson officiating. Burial was
 in Highland Cemetery with Bell
 Mortuary in charge of arrangements.

Serving as pallbearers were Nor-
 man Dahl, Keith Dahl, Keith Lasila,
 Walter Turner, Lloyd Canen and
 Dan Lasar.

Born April 15, 1927 in Hungary,
 she was the daughter of George and
 Julianna Messner.

On June 20, 1947 she married
 Hamo Melikian in Germany. She
 came to Glasgow in 1955 and lived
 here since. She was very active in the
 Assembly of God Church.

Survivors are her mother of
 Glasgow, two sons, George and Jim
 Melikian of Glasgow; three daugh-
 ters, Rose Walls of Portland, Ore.,
 and Ruth and Susan Melikian of
 Glasgow; one sister, Ann Bartell, of
 Great Falls; four brothers, Henry
 Messner and Bill Messner of
 Glasgow, Joe Messner of Monterey,
 Calif., and John Messner of Oregon
 and five grandchildren.

Gertrude Melland



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Services for Gertrude (Vest) Mel-
 land, 82, 4188 Highwood Drive, will be
 11 a.m. Tuesday at Croxford's Rose
 Room.

^{5 Feb. 1984}
 Melland died at a local rest home
 Sunday. Burial will be in the High-
 land Cemetery.

Born in Sidney, Iowa, Melland
 was educated there and in Wyoming.
 In 1919, she married Floyd Vest in
 Wyoming. She moved with her hus-
 band to Helena in 1924, and moved
 with him to Great Falls in 1926. Floyd
 Vest died in 1965.

She married Sylvan Melland in
 Great Falls and moved with him to
 Phoenix, where she lived until his
 death in 1981. She moved back to
 Great Falls to be with her son, Walt
 Vest, who survives.

Funeral service for Gertrude Vest
 Melland, 82, 4188 Highwood Drive,
 will be at 11 a.m. this morning in
 Croxford's Chapel, followed by burial
 in Highland Cemetery.

Among Mrs. Melland's survivors
 not listed in the Tribune Monday are
 two grandchildren, six great-grand-
 children and one great-great-grand-
 daughter.

Helen Melvin ^{GF}



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Helen E.
Melvin
in 1973

Helen Emelia Melvin, 95, 3200 15th Ave. S., died Sunday at a local hospital.

Services are set for 2 p.m. Wednesday in the O'Connor Memorial Chapel, with rituals by the Order of the Eastern Star. Burial will follow at Highland Cemetery.

She was born on Nov. 30, 1888, in Jefferson, Wis. She came to Great Falls in 1910 and, later that year, married Tennis Melvin.

She worked at the Home Bakery and grocery store, which was next to the city's first school house at 500 3rd Ave. S.

Her husband was a brakeman for passenger trains on the Great Northern Railway until 1922, when they opened the Montana Nursery Co.

They operated the nursery until World War II, when his ill health forced them to sell the business. He died in 1951.

She was a member of Olive Chapter 10 Order of Eastern Star and the White Shrine. She also was a longtime member of Our Saviors Lutheran Church.

She is survived by her son, Rufus Melvin of Great Falls, a grandson, Russell Melvin of Great Falls, and four great-grandchildren.

^{24 Feb. 1984}
WESTBY — MERRILL, Arthur P., 68, died at his home here early Friday morning. Services are set for 2 p.m. Tuesday at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Westby. Burial follows with military honors at the Westby Cemetery. Born at Flaxton, N.D., he grew up in Burke County and attended schools in Flaxton and Northgate, N.D., and at Boy's Tech in Minneapolis. He then worked as a farmhand and at the Victoria Elevator and Waukesha Motors, both in Waukesha, Wis. He entered the U.S. Navy in 1944 and served in the Pacific during World War II. He was discharged in 1945 and began working for the Soo Line Railway at Flaxton. In 1951, he moved his family to Raymond, Mont. and took a job as section foreman for the railroad. He later was transferred to Whitetail and then to Outlook. He retired because of illness in 1975. He was a 39-year member of the American Legion. He is survived by his wife, the former Mary Jane Peterson, to whom he was married in Sidney in 1939; four sons, Merlin of Chesapeake, Va., Michael of Billings, Charles of Westby and Ronald of Great Falls; one daughter, Jeanne Edlund of Billings; a brother, Donald of Antigo, Wis.; a sister, Mrs. Antone (Mary) Hoffert of Cudahy, Wis., and seven grandchildren. Fulkerson Funeral Home of Plentywood is handling arrangements.

^{22 Feb. 1984}
CHOTEAU — MEYER, Muriel C., 83, a resident of the Teton Nursing Home since 1982, died there Wednesday. After her husband died in 1981, Mrs. Meyer had moved from eastern Montana to Fairfield to live near a daughter. Services will be 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Fulkerson Funeral Home in Sidney, with burial in Richland Memorial Park Cemetery. A Michigan native, she moved to Fairview in 1907 with her parents. She taught in area schools for several years and married Leon Meyer at Glendive in 1927. They farmed in the Mount Pleasant area until moving into Sidney when they retired in 1965. Surviving are a son, Burtis of Saratoga, Calif.; a daughter, Mrs. Ross (Myrna) Peace of Fairfield; and nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Victor Merryman



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Victor
Merryman

Victor C. Merryman, 67, 624 Alice Drive, a military officer for many years, died Wednesday in a local hospital.

He was born at Fort Dodge, Iowa, and attended schools and junior college there. Merryman was in military service for 24 years. His military career started during World War II, when he was stationed in France and flew B-26 airplanes before he was shot down and became a prisoner of war for nine months. He also served in the Korean War at Okinawa.

Merryman came to Great Falls in 1962 and retired from the Air Force as a major in 1965. He started civil service work in the Malmstrom Air Force Base commissary office in 1966 and worked there until 1972.

He was a member of the Malmstrom Officers Club, the Retired Officers Association and the I Club of the University of Iowa.

In September 1942, he and Ruth E. Kitzman were married in Santa Maria, Calif. His wife survives with three sons, Victor A. Merryman, Shakopee, Minn.; Ronald and Kim, both of Great Falls; seven grandchildren; two sisters, Geraldine Smith, Iowa City, Iowa and Helen Muhl, Kitzbuhel, Austria; and two brothers, Tom of Cedar Rapids, Iowa and Lark of Minneapolis, Minn.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Friday in the Chapel of Chimes with the Rev. Fred Dorisse officiating. His body will then be taken to St. Paul, Minn. for burial in Fort Snelling National Cemetery.

26 May 1984
Ruth Metully, 77

BUTTE — Ruth Catherine Metully, 77, died May 26 in a Butte hospital.

She was born Jan. 16, 1907, to Fred and Grace Kitzmiller in Big Bend, Wash. She was educated in Washington and Bigfork.

On Dec. 24, 1927, she married Matt J. Metully in Bigfork. The couple moved to Butte in 1928.

She is preceded in death by two brothers, Lonnie and Paul Kitzmiller.

She is survived by a son, William of Kansas City; son-in-law and daughters, Dan and Martha Buhl of Whitehall, and Norma B. Stanton of Butte; two sisters, Eva Smith of Bigfork and Martha Clements of Arizona; six grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were in Butte with burial in Holy Cross Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Heart Fund or the Cancer Society.

25 Jan 1984
HAVRE — MICKELSON, Paul H., 57, died in a Havre hospital Wednesday. Services will be Monday at 2 p.m. at Holland and Bonine Chapel. Burial will be in Havre's Highland Cemetery. He was born and reared in Rolla, N.D., and married Helen Schach there in 1948. The couple moved to Havre in 1952, where he worked for the Great Northern Railway until 1969, when he retired because of a disability. Survivors include his wife; a son, Mel, Kansas City, Mo.; daughters Carol, Havre, and Cathy, Bartlesville, Okla.; brothers Larry of Perth, N.D.; Art of Sumner, Wash., and Raymond of Grafton, N.D.; and sisters Bernice Sormula of Rocklake, N.D.; Melma Larson of Cando, N.D., and Hazel Yliniemi of Ponsford, Minn.

Amber Mero, 68

^{7 Dec 1984}
Amber Lucille Mero, 68, Dayton, died at home Friday morning.

A Kalispell resident for most of her life, she and her husband operated Mero's Sawmill and Bub's Bar in Dayton after moving to the west lakeshore in 1972.

She was born Dec. 28, 1915, to Edward and Theresa Longpre in Hoover, S.D. She attended Kalispell schools, graduating from Flathead High School in 1934, and married Russell E.



(Bub) Mero there on March 23, 1935.

She was a member of the Eagles Auxiliary Aerie No. 234 and the Crescent Rebekah Lodge No. 22 of Kalispell; and the Woman's Home-maker's Club, Dayton/Proctor Fire Auxiliary and the Ladies Aid of Dayton.

Surviving are her husband, at home; two sons, David, of Anchorage, Alaska, and Don, of McMinville, Ore.; two daughters, Lucille Long of Columbia Falls and Theresa Logan of Kalispell; a brother, Joseph Longpre of Kalispell; five sisters, Dorothy Rose of Wilmington, N.C., Irene Loveday of Castro Valley, Calif., Francis Shepard of Irvine, Calif., Elva Walters and Almeda King, both of Kalispell; 10 grandchildren and a great-grandson.

Funeral services will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. at the Johnson Mortuary Chapel with ritualistic rites by the Eagles Auxiliary Aerie No. 234 and Crescent Rebekah Lodge No. 22. The Rev. Michael C. Turner of the Dayton Presbyterian Church will officiate. Burial will follow in Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

The family suggests memorials to the Dayton Presbyterian Church.

Robert Micken, 79

^{1 Mar 1984}
Robert L. Micken, 79, Bigfork, died at Kalispell Regional Hospital Thursday. He was born Jan. 26, 1905, in Minneapolis, Minn., the son of Patrick H. and Lillian Micken.

Mr. Micken moved with his family to Montana before he started elementary school. He completed his education through high school in Cut Bank. He then attended the Inter Mountain College at Helena.

He married Juanita Ewing of Great Falls Dec. 5, 1932. Micken was a salesman for several businesses throughout the western part of the state.

He was a member and past master of Bigfork Masonic Lodge 150, AF&AM, and a past master of Cut Bank Masonic Lodge.

He is survived by his wife, Juanita, at home; three sons, Ewing M. Micken, Spokane, Donald Micken, Eugene, Ore., and Darrell Micken, Bozeman; a brother, Ralph Micken in England; a sister, Mrs. George (Tessie) Buckley of Cut Bank; six grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Ritualistic Masonic services were at noon today in Johnson Mortuary Chapel with members of Bigfork Masonic Lodge officiating. Burial was in Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

The family suggests memorials to the Micken Fund of Bigfork Masonic Lodge No. 150.

Marian F. Miller, 80

^{22 Dec 1984}
LIBBY — Marian F. Miller, 80, Libby, died of natural causes Saturday at St. John's Lutheran Hospital.

She was born March 13, 1904, in Omaha, Neb. She was raised and educated in Denver, Colo.

She married John P. Miller in 1943 in Roanoke, Va. They lived in Miles City, later moving to the Big Hole area where they were involved in ranching. They later lived in Billings until 1966, when they moved to Libby.

She is survived by her husband, John, in a Eureka nursing home.

Graveside services will be 2 p.m. Wednesday at the City of Libby Cemetery with the Rev. Bob Honeychurch officiating.

Arrangements are by Vial Funeral Home in Libby.

Charlotte Mitton

^{23 mar 1984}
Charlotte H. Mitton, 93, Kalispell, died Friday morning at the Flathead County Nursing Home. She was born Sept. 11, 1980, in Ponca, Neb., the daughter of John and Charlotte Mitton.

When she was two years old, her family moved to Montana. In 1894, the family came to Kalispell.

Miss Mitton was a graduate of Flathead County High School, the University of Nevada and the University of Montana. She worked as an elementary schoolteacher for 42 years before retiring. She taught school in Alaska; Reno, Nev.; Sidney; Somers; and at the Elrod School in Kalispell. She was active in teaching organizations during her early years in the profession.

She was a member of the Methodist faith and a member of the Kalispell Senior Citizens group.

She is survived by a sister, Abigail Mitton, Kalispell; a brother, John, of Canada, and several nieces and nephews.

Private services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. J. Torrance Harvey, pastor of the Lakeside Chapel, officiating. Burial will be in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

23 May 1984

Barbara Miller, 31

Barbara Jo Miller, 31, died at her home in Kalispell Wednesday afternoon.

She was born Nov. 19, 1952, in Longview, Wash., a daughter of Ernest and Pauline LaPierre. She attended school in Everett and Rainier, Wash., and spent most of her life in that area.

On June 28, 1983, she married William Miller in Bakersfield, Calif. The couple then moved to Kalispell where they have resided since that time.

Mrs. Miller attended the Church of God.

She was preceded in death by her mother.

She is survived by her husband, William; four sons, Donald, Lyle, Paul and Thomas LaPierre, and two stepsons, Jason and John Miller, all at home; a stepdaughter, Betty Miller, of Whitefish; her parents, Ernest and Pauline LaPierre of Everett, Wash.; four brothers, David, Phillip and Matthew, all of St. Helens, Ore., and Daniel of Everett, Wash.; five sisters, Cynthia DeFoer, Patty Johnson and Vickie Gardner, all of Everett, Wash., Michelle Bendio and Ramona Smith, both of St. Helens, Ore., and a number of other relatives.

Friends and relatives will meet at Johnson Mortuary at 2 p.m. Saturday and proceed to the Glacier Memorial Gardens where graveside services will be conducted with the Rev. Ron Pomeroy of the Church of God officiating.

Elva L. Mills, 72

Elva L. Mills, 72, Hot Springs, died in Kalispell Regional Hospital Monday morning.

She was born Aug. 6, 1911, in Springdale, Wash., a daughter of Carl and Freida Hoffman. She received her education and spent her early years in Sprague, Wash. She moved to Hot Springs in 1948.

In July 1958, she married Roy Mills in Hot Springs and the couple had lived in Hot Springs since that time.

Mrs. Mills was a Lutheran and a member of the Hot Springs Senior Citizens.

She is survived by her husband, Roy, at home; two daughters, Shirley Melville of Lamont, Wash., and Betty Bartow of Lemon Grove, Calif.; a brother, Carl H. Hoffman of Sprague, Wash.; eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel in Kalispell with the Rev. Herman Adcock, of Easthaven Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Glacier Memorial Gardens. The family suggests memorials to Hot Springs Senior Citizens Center.

22 Jan 1984
SIDNEY — MILLER, Avis, 74, former school teacher and secretary of the Richland County Council on Aging, died Sunday at a Sidney nursing home. Services will be 2 p.m. Friday at Lonsdale United Methodist Church in Sidney. Born in Sidney; she was raised and attended schools in Sidney. She attended Western Montana Teachers College in Dillon. She later taught at East Helena elementary school. In 1934, she married Arthur Miller at Sidney. They lived on his farm. Surviving are her husband in Sidney, three sons, a daughter, two sisters, Leah Green of Lewistown and Mrs. Marion (Lora) Hedegarrd, Billings, and eight grandchildren.

13 Feb 1984
CHINOOK — MILLER, Howard "Chub," 43, died at his home in Chinook Monday of natural causes. Services will be 11 a.m. Thursday in the Edwards Funeral Chapel with burial in the Kuper Memorial Cemetery. He was born in Zurich, attended schools at Harlem and entered the Navy upon graduation. He returned to Montana after his discharge and worked as a heavy equipment operator. He had lived in the Chinook area for the past eight years. He married Gloria Hay in 1968 in Nevada. She survives with four children, Scott, Ted, Cheryl and Christie, all at the family home; his mother, Louisa Miller, Harlem; six brothers, Dan, Havre; Tom and Larry, both of Malta; Mike, Plentywood; Jack, Harlem, and Bill, Nogales, Ariz.; and one sister, Pat Penner, Glendive.

16 Feb 1984
CONRAD — MOORE, Richard, 81, died Thursday at a Conrad nursing home following a lengthy illness. Services will be 2 p.m. Monday at the Wyse Funeral Chapel. Interment will follow in the family plot in Hillside Cemetery. Born in Yakima, Wash., he moved to Montana in 1924. He homesteaded north of Conrad, farming with his parents until their deaths. He moved to Conrad in the early 1950s and worked as a carpenter for many years. He is survived by two sisters, Amelia Keil, Hillsboro, Ore., and Helen Evers, Conrad, and two brothers, George, Conrad, and Frank, Vancouver, Wash.



25 Sep 1984
Karen Marie Miller

Karen Marie (Wolden) Miller, a life-long resident of Glasgow, died Tuesday, September 25, 1984.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, Sept. 29, at First Lutheran Church in Glasgow at 2 p.m.

Born March 11, 1943 in Glasgow, she was the daughter of Bill and Inger Wolden.

She attended and graduated from Glasgow High School in 1961.

On August 24, 1960, she married Udell Miller.

She worked for Mountain Bell Telephone for 14 years. She enjoyed following sports and outdoor activities, pinochle, and was involved in Rainbow.

She is survived by her husband, Udell, two sons, Kevin and Stevin, one daughter, Danette Borgen, her mother, Inger Wolden Issakson, and one sister, Myrna Fairclough. All are of the Glasgow area.

She was preceded in death by her father in 1980.

Laura A. Monson

2 Dec 1984

Laura A. Monson, 85, Alexandria, Mn. formerly of Crosby, N.D. died Saturday, Dec. 2 at the hospital in Alexandria. 1984

Funeral services were held Friday at 2 p.m. at the Crosby Assembly of God Church with the Rev. Allen Bouslaugh officiating. Burial followed at Zion Lutheran Cemetery at Colgan.

Organist was Mrs. James Anderson and soloist was Mrs. Bert Anderson. Casketbearers were grandsons Dan and Larry Warwas, Ken and Dan Lasar and Keith and Jim Challes.

Laura A. Monson was born Feb. 26, 1899 in Norway, a daughter of Anders and Ragnild Asplund. She came with her family to Madison, Minn. in 1901, and shortly after came to North Dakota to settle in Divide County

She was united in marriage to Carl E. Monson in 1921 in Crosby. They had farmed in the early years near Colgan, then moved to Crosby in 1937.

Her husband preceded her in death in 1967 and she continued to live in Crosby till 1970, when she moved to Montana. She has resided in Alexandria since 1981.

Survivors include three sons, Lloyd and Clair of Citrus Heights, Cal., and Kenneth of Mesa, Ariz.; nine daughters; Stella Challes, Brandon, Mn., Lenora Pettit, Citrus

Heights, Cal., Marie Warwas, Hibbing, Mn., Eleanor Globis, Brookville, Fla., Irene Armitage, Citrus Heights, Agnes Lasar, Glasgow, Mont., Aileen Reckner, Chicago, Verna Welsch, St. Paul, Ella Holte, Garfield, Minn.; 29 grandchildren, 38 great-grandchildren, 6 great great-grandchildren, a brother, Olaf Grindstad, five sisters, Mary Pearson, Madge Fisher, Signa Barker, Ruth Pederson, and Julia Johnson, all of Saskatchewan, Canada.

She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, and two brothers, Odin Asplund, and Haakon Grindstad and one sister, Ruth Grindstad a twin to Signa Barker.

Stakston-Martin Funeral Home made the arrangements.

Among the relatives here for the funeral of Laura Monson on Friday, were her sons and daughters, Lloyd and Clair Monson, Lenora Pettit and Irene Armitage of Citrus Heights, Cal., Stella Challes, Brandon, Minn., Marie Warwas, Hibbing, Mn., Eleanor Glebis, Brooksville, Fla., Agnes Lasar, Glasgow, Mont., Aileen Reckner, Chicago, Ill, Verna Welsch, St. Paul, Mn. and Many relatives and friends from Columbus, Estevan, Regina and Plentywood, Mont. Kenneth Monson of Mesa, Arizona and Ella Holte of Garfield, Minn. were unable to attend.

'Colonel Joe' Montgomery dies

By ROBERTA DONOVAN
Tribune Correspondent

LEWISTOWN — Joe Tilden Montgomery, Montana's oldest veteran, died Sunday morning in the Central Montana Hospital here after a brief illness. He was 107 years old.

Montgomery was believed to be the second-oldest war veteran in the United States. He served with the U.S. Army in the Philippines during the Spanish-American War.

Although he never rose above the rank of private, he was known in later years as "Colonel Joe." Some say it was an honorary title, while others claim he actually was a colonel in the National Guard at one time.

Montgomery lived through more than half of the United States' history. His colorful life included taking part in the Oklahoma land rush, operating a saloon in an early-day Montana mining camp and hobnobbing with Republican greats from the president on down.

He claimed a personal acquaintance with Charlie Russell, Buffalo Bill and Calamity Jane.

Montgomery was born Aug. 24, 1876, in Wayne County, Iowa, the son of James and Julia Montgomery. He left home when 14 and ended up in Indian Territory on Sept. 16, 1893, just in time to take part in the historic Cherokee Run land rush in what

would become Oklahoma.

He was 17 years old when he arrived in Kendall, Mont., in 1894. The mining town, in the Moccasin Mountains northwest of Lewistown, was just getting started.

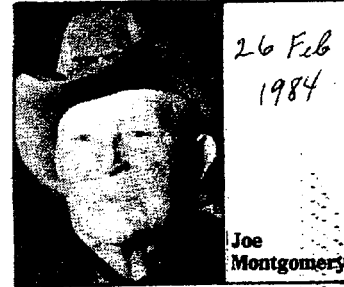
Montgomery worked as a freight agent for the stage line, and was part-owner of the Wedge Saloon (so named for the flat-iron shape of the building). He ran the gambling operation.

A house of ill repute was located upstairs, and Montgomery often boasted in later years that he brought in "the prettiest girls west of New Orleans," at the same time denying that their establishment was affiliated with his business in any way.

When the Kendall mines closed, Montgomery moved first to nearby Hilger, which was the head of the railroad at that time. A short time later he moved to Lewistown, which was to be his home the rest of his life except for a brief period when he stayed at the Soldiers' Home in Columbia Falls.

During the homestead days, Montgomery worked as a land locator for the U.S. Land Office in Lewistown, forerunner of the Bureau of Land Management. He headed the Fergus County Draft Board during World War I.

Montgomery was always fiercely



patriotic, a strong supporter of the military and a staunch Republican.

He had an uncanny flair for predicting the outcome of national elections in both America and Great Britain. His ability as a political prognosticator brought him national publicity.

Above all else, Montgomery was a spinner of yarns. He loved to tell stories of Montana's early days, embellishing each tale. Few could dispute his veracity since, unlike him, they weren't around when the events took place.

Montgomery lived, at different times, in both the Burke and Fergus hotels in Lewistown, and he was burned out of both when they were destroyed by fires.

Friends tell how he escaped from

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Colonel Joe _____ From 1-A

the Burke fire by crawling down a corridor, pushing a case of liquor before him and wearing his beloved plaid tam-o'-shanter.

In later years, when he resided in downtown Lewistown, he spent his days walking the length of Main Street, visiting store owners, office workers, telephone operators and clerks along the route.

He was a "ladies' man," and frequently took an armful of grocery-store daffodils or cream pies to the women in the offices he visited.

He also was the self-appointed tour guide for the area, often escorting visitors around the city and pointing out places of interest.

For the past several years, Montgomery had thrown his own "wake"

annually, inviting a number of friends to a dinner and party at the Yogo Inn.

Montgomery was the subject of a recently published biography titled "Col. Joe, Last of the Rough Riders." It was written by Claudia Brownlee of Lewistown.

Funeral services will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. in the Cloyd Funeral Chapel with Rev. Kenneth Olson of the Zion Lutheran Church officiating. Burial will be in the veterans' section of the Lewistown cemetery. A squad of 16 Montana National Guardsmen will provide military honors at graveside.

He never married, and his only survivor, as far as can be learned, is a niece in Iowa City, Iowa.

Leona Morris

12 June 1984
Funeral arrangements are pending at the Parson Funeral Chapel in Anaconda for Leona Morris, 63, who died June 12 at her home at 4 North Cable Road, Anaconda.

The former Leona Samuelson was born to Oscar and Nancy Samuelson on the family homestead at Thoney northeast of Glasgow on May 10, 1921. She was one of 10 children. She graduated from Nashua High School. During World War II, she worked in the Oakland, Calif., shipyards as a pipe hanger, later moving to Hinsdale.

She married Danzyl Morris at Philipsburg on October 22, 1947. They operated a saw mill at Victor until 1952 when they moved to Sweet Home, Ore. They moved to Anaconda in 1960 and Mr. Morris was employed by S and L Construction until retiring in 1975. He survives.

Other survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Morris of Fairbanks, Alaska; a daughter and son-in-law, Nancy and Thomas Ecker of Helena; brothers, Russell Samuelson of Cottonwood, Ariz., and Dewey Samuelson of Dutton; sisters, Hazel Moran and Golda Davenport of Glasgow and Blanche Jones of Victor; and five grandchildren.

31 Jan 1984
HAVRE — MILLER, Mary A., 90, an early Harlem area homesteader died in a Havre nursing home Tuesday. The funeral will be 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Jude's Catholic Church, with rosary service Friday at 7:30 p.m. at the Holland-Bonine Chapel. Burial will be in Highland Cemetery. She was born in Superior, Wis., raised and educated in Duluth, Minn., and came to "the Big Flat area" north of Harlem in 1910. She homesteaded there and married Edward A. Miller in 1916 in Chinook. He also had homesteaded in the area. The couple retired and moved to Havre in 1965. Her husband died in 1970. Survivors include two daughters: Grace Williams and Mrs. William (June) Stremcha, both Havre; two sons, Everett Miller, Havre, and Ronald Miller, Cascade; a sister, Margaret Gardner, Kalispell; a brother, Francis Garner, The Dalles, Ore., and five grandchildren, and 15 great-grandchildren.

William Moore, 67

22 Jan 1984
William B. Moore, 67, died at his home in Martin City Sunday morning.

He was born Aug. 14, 1916, in Bridger to Durward and Amelia Moore.

He married Hertha Kunkel on July 23, 1938, in Yakima, Wash.

He was employed by the Bureau of Reclamation for 19 years and worked on the Grand Coulee Project. In 1945, the couple moved to Columbia Falls where Mr. Moore worked with Diamond Drilling. He later went into the painting and paper hanging business with Ed Hagestad and later worked for Arrowhead Construction until his retirement in 1975.

He was a member of the Canyon Community Church and served on the church board for a number of years. He was a retired member of the Martin City Volunteer Fire Department and a past member and vice president of the Northern Rocky Mountain Sportsman's Association.

He was preceded in death by his father and a sister.

He is survived by his wife, Hertha at the family home near Martin City; a son, Barry of Billings; a daughter, Mrs. Don (Lynda Kay) Hurter of Renton, Wash.; his mother, Amelia Grefer of Ely, Nev.; a sister, Margaret Gift of Independence, Ore.; and five grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Thursday at 1 p.m. at the Canyon Community Church in Coram. The Rev. Tod Fox will officiate. Burial will be in Glacier Memorial Gardens.

The family suggests memorials to the Canyon Community Church Educational Fund.

Visitation will be 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday.

Wayne Morris, 76

26 JUL 1984
Wayne D. Morris, 76, Kalispell, died in Kalispell Regional Hospital Thursday morning.

He was born Oct. 4, 1907, in Belle Fourche, S.D., a son of John and Rita Morris. As a child he moved to Montana with his family and attended school at Broadus and Miles City.

He was employed with the Milk River Productive Credit Association at Chinook for several years. He then became a state examiner for the Auditing Department for the State of Montana until his retirement in 1972.

He was a member and past master of Chinook Masonic Lodge No. 50 and the Royal Arch Masons Blaine Chapter No. 20.

In 1929, he married Justina Gravelle in Kalispell.

He is survived by his wife, Justina, at the family home; two sons, Joe Morris of Great Falls and John Morris of Whitefish; a brother, Jack Morris of Winchester Bay, Ore.; six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be 10 a.m. Monday in Conrad Memorial Cemetery with the Rev. Edmund Smith of St. Matthew's Catholic Church officiating. Ritualistic rites will be conducted by Kalispell Masonic Lodge 42 A.F.&A.M. Friends will meet at cemetery for services.

The family suggests memorials to Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children, N. 820 Summit Blvd., Spokane, Wash. 99201.

EDWARD MORTENSON *28 Nov 1984*

Edward Clive Mortenson, 53, brothers, Leonard Mortenson of Lakeside, died in the Bigfork Convalescent Center Nov. 23rd. He was born March 20, 1931, in Minneapolis, Minn., a son of Edward and Gwendoline Mortenson. He had lived in Waconia, Minn., and San Diego, Calif., prior to moving to Lakeside. He had served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War. He is survived by a son, Dwayne and two uncles including Woodrow Julie Mortenson of Minn., and Bonnie Plocher of New Jersey; two

Wad McNutt, 52

^{4 Mar 1984}
LIBBY — Wad McNutt, 52, died Sunday afternoon as the result of injuries sustained when his ultralight aircraft crashed near Libby airport.

He was born Dec. 30, 1931, in Lindsay, Calif., to Jasper and Maude McNutt.

He married Carol Gracia on Nov. 12, 1966, in Reno, Nev. The couple moved to Libby in 1968 where he worked as a mechanic for Jaqueth's Inc., Cabinet View Motors, Libby Auto Sales and most recently, for L & R Auto.

Mr. McNutt was an emergency medical technician and was a member of the Libby Volunteer Ambulance.

Survivors include his wife, Carol, Libby; two daughters, Harlene Owens, Ontario, and Norma Bumpus, California; three sons, Wayne, Paul and Jack McNutt, all in California; his mother, Maude McNutt, Tulare; two brothers, Troy McNutt, Tulare, and Odis McNutt, Oregon; and five grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday at the Vial Funeral Home in Libby. Burial will be in City of Libby Cemetery with military graveside rites. The family suggests memorial to the Libby Volunteer Ambulance or the Kootenai Volunteer Hospice.

^{20 Aug 1984}
T. Mutzenberger, 67

Ted R. Mutzenberger, 67, Kalispell, died in St. Patrick Hospital in Missoula Monday evening.

He was born March 14, 1917, on the family farm north of Stanton, N.D., a son of Matthew and Katerina Mutzenberger. He received his education in Stanton. In 1938 he moved to Whitefish.

In 1939 he married Elaine Howard and they lived at Lewistown for many years.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Elaine.

In 1978 he married Pearl C. Ruff.

He was employed with Plum Creek Timber Inc. until his retirement in 1982.

He was an active member of the Montana State Trapshooting Association; the Clay Target Club and a life member of the Amateur Trapshooting Association.

He was preceded in death by five brothers and two sisters.

He is survived by his wife, Pearl, at home; a son, Howard Mutzenberger of Columbia Falls; two daughters, Starlene Wise of Kellogg, Idaho, and Charlotte "Cricket" Corbiel of Pinehurst, Idaho; a stepson, Ronald Mohn of Columbia Falls; four brothers, Emil and Elhart of Hazen, N.D., Fred of Mandan, N.D., and Rudolph Mutzenberger of Beulah, N.D.; a sister, Edna Wolf of Minot, N.D.; and a number of other relatives.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Friday in Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Randall Nicolai of Northridge Lutheran Church officiating. Burial will be in Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Bernice Ann Leuschen Musgrove

20 Dec 1984
Bernice Ann Leuschen Musgrove and her husband lived in Jordan and Nashua before moving to Fort St. John, B.C. where they operated a family quarterhorse and cattle ranch, northwest of the Alaskan Highway.

They returned to the Nashua and Jordan areas frequently to visit friends and relatives.

Mrs. Musgrove, 64, died Thursday morning, Dec. 20 in Fort St. John. *1984*

The daughter of Matthew and Martha Leuschen, she was born, raised and educated in Jordan. She attended Eastern Montana College and taught school in Nashua. In 1943, she married Loren O.

Musgrove in Needles, Calif.

Survivors include her husband; two daughters, Patsy Ann Vossler, and Karen Jean Johnson, and two sons, Karl John and Lee Allen "Buck", all of Fort St. John; three brothers, Donald Matthew and Arthur Melvin, both of Butte and Lawrence Richard of Fair Oaks, Calif.; three sisters, Mary Irene Comptom of Columbia Falls; Patricia Catherine Ness of West Linn, Ore., and Margaret E. Grauman of Billings; and six grandchildren.

Services and burial will be Monday in Fort St. John.

David Morris, 79

4 Aug 1984
COEUR D'ALENE, Idaho —
David "Lafe" Morris, 79, Coeur

d'Alene, died Aug. 4 in Kootenai Medical Center in Coeur d'Alene.

He was born in Harrison County near Logan, Iowa, on Nov. 13, 1904. He moved to Onida, S.D., in 1917 and then to Coeur d'Alene in 1933. In 1946 he moved to Kalispell where he was the owner of the Universal Motors and Universal Hardware. Because of his health, he sold the businesses and returned to Coeur d'Alene in 1966.

He was a member of Bethel Chapel in Bigfork.

He married Bessie E. Hayes in Onida, S.D., on Jan. 1, 1925.

He is survived by his wife, Bessie, at the family home; a sister, Vera Clark, in Portland, Ore.; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be 9 a.m. Wednesday in English Chapel in Coeur d'Alene with the Rev. L.B. Slater officiating. Graveside services will be 4 p.m. Wednesday at Glacier Memorial Gardens in Kalispell.

Friends who wish may contribute to Bethel Ministeries Inc., 825 Three Eagle Lane, Bigfork, Mont. 59911.

Fannie McPherson, 94

12 Feb 1984
Fannie Mae McPherson, 94, died in Portland, Ore. on Sunday.

She was born May 23, 1889, in Indiana to Caleb and Elizabeth Reber. She was raised in Indiana and Michigan, and in 1909, she married David Edward McPherson in Tacoma, Wash.

The couple later moved to Conrad, Malta and Havre. In 1926, they purchased the Chinook Telephone Company. Following their retirement in 1951, the couple moved to the east shore of Flathead Lake, where they lived between there and California. They later moved to Kalispell until the death of Mr. McPherson in 1961. Mrs. McPherson then moved to Billings and later to Idaho. In 1975, she moved to Portland where she has resided since.

She was preceded in death by her husband, two sons, Robert and David, and a daughter, Shirley.

Survivors include two sons, Angus McPherson of Beaverton, Ore. and James McPherson of Bethesda, Md.; two daughters, Ardis Maxwell of Coeur d'Alene, and Evelyn Hopkins of Vancouver, Wash.; a sister, Erma Reber of Petoska, Mich.; 21 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services for Mrs. McPherson will be 2 p.m. Thursday in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel with burial to follow in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Marion Murphy



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Rosary for Marion J. Murphy, 82, 2817 1st Ave. N., will be recited at 7 p.m. Thursday in the O'Connor Memorial Chapel. Funeral rites will be at 11:15 a.m. Friday in Holy Family Church, followed by burial in Mount Olivet Cemetery.

Murphy died Tuesday in a local hospital. She was born at East Helena and grew up there, graduating from Helena High School. She earned a degree in education at Dillon Normal College and then taught at the Hauser Dam School.

In 1925, she and G. Eugene Murphy were married at East Helena. They ranched in the Smith River area until 1950, maintaining a home in Great Falls during that time, and moved into Great Falls after selling their ranch.

Murphy had taught in schools at Ulm and Truly and at the St. Thomas orphanage, and returned to Ulm as principal of the school there, retiring in 1970.

She was a member of Holy Family Church and Altar Society, Catholic Daughters of America, the Retired Teachers Association and was a charter member of the Smith River Home Demonstration Club.

Her husband died in 1976. Surviving are three sons, Dan of Reno, Nev.; Con of College Place, Wash.; and Jim of Butte; seven grandchildren, and one sister, Ellen Dietrich, Long Beach, Calif.

Lois Mumbower, 68

Lois C. Mumbower, 68, died Saturday at Pondera Pioneer Nursing Home in Conrad after a lengthy illness.

She was born at Williams, Mont., July 24, 1916, a daughter of Lloyd and Ada Van Auken Campbell. She attended school at Wingina and Valier.

She married Virgil Mumbower in Conrad on Nov. 4, 1936. They farmed for a time near Valier and moved to Kalispell in 1937. Several years ago they moved to Columbia Meadows near Columbia Falls where they remained until October 1984 when she entered the nursing home in Conrad to be near her family.

She worked as a clerk at Kalispell's Ben Franklin store until retiring in 1976.

Survivors include her husband, Virgil, Conrad; two sons, Claude of Conrad, and Fred of Columbia Falls; a daughter, Mrs. Mike (Freda) Crane of Conrad; two brothers, Ben Campbell of Brady, and Wayne Campbell of Auburn, Wash.; three sisters, Mrs. Harry (Eyvone) Swanson of Valier, Mrs. Lloyd (Betty) Hill, Missoula, and Mrs. John (Ilene) Heinrich of Missoula; 10 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were today at Valier Methodist Church with the Rev. Charles Johnson officiating. Interment was at the family plot in Lakeview Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Wyse Funeral Home in Conrad was in charge of arrangements.

Local radio company owner dies when helicopter crashes

By Tribune Correspondent and Tribune Staff

SHELBY — A Great Falls man was killed Wednesday when his helicopter crashed in the Sweetgrass Hills northwest of Chester along the Canadian border.

Darrel John Munson, 37, the owner of Munson Radio in Great Falls, was found dead early Thursday by rescuers.

Munson failed to show up for a fuel stop at the Dean Hellinger farm in north Toole County late Wednesday afternoon.

Hellinger said a Munson Radio spokesman called him about 4:45 Wednesday afternoon and told him they had heard from Munson, who said he was flying in bad weather and "if you don't hear from me in an hour, send out the dogs."

Munson was flying around the Mount Royal area checking electronic equipment on a two-way radio repeater system. Liberty County Deputy Coroner Doug Riggan said Munson ran into poor visibility and strong winds that eventually blew the copter down.

Riggan said Munson was flying a two-seat Enstrom helicopter that probably crashed within seconds after takeoff, considering the weather conditions. He said the crash occurred about noon Wednesday.

Munson told his company he was in the midst of a heavy snowstorm with high winds. Riggan said Munson flew about a mile before his helicopter sheered off a tree and slammed into the side of a mountain.

Munson was born in Lewistown. He attended the Chippewa School

near Grass Range and graduated in 1964 from Fergus County High School in Lewistown, then attended Montana State University in Bozeman.

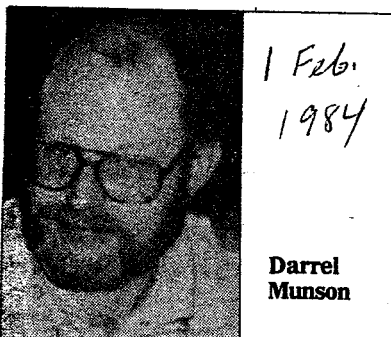
In June 1968, he and Anna Penake were married in Lewistown.

They had lived in Great Falls since 1969. He worked for Munson Drilling Co. and Bison Motors before starting his own company in 1976. Munson Radio when founded specialized in installing and servicing citizens band radios. He had been recognized for his achievements in hand-model radio communications in Montana.

Munson was a member of Uptown Optimist Club, serving for a time on that organization's board of directors.

His wife survives with a son, Matthew; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Beauford Munson, Grass Range; two brothers, Larry of Great Falls and Gene of Missoula; and one sister, Mrs. John (Beth) Rader, Colorado Springs, Colo. A brother, William, died in 1960.

Funeral arrangements are pending at the Chapel of Chimes.



1 Feb. 1984

Darrel Munson

Funeral services for Darrel J. Munson, 37, 1400 18th Ave. S., will be at 1 p.m. Monday in Hillcrest Memorial Chapel with the Rev. Eugene Sutton officiating. Entombment will follow. The Chapel of Chimes is handling arrangements.

Munson died Wednesday when the helicopter he was piloting crashed in the Sweetgrass Hills.

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Stella Mustell, 84

16 MAY 1984
Stella M. Mustell, 84, died Wednesday morning at the Bigfork Convalescent Center in Bigfork.

She was born Aug. 10, 1899, on the Opalka homestead in Bad Rock Canyon near Columbia Falls. She was educated in Columbia Falls and graduated from high school in 1919. She graduated from nursing school in Chicago in 1927. She was a surgical nurse at Jackson Park Hospital in Chicago, Ill., until her marriage to Herbert J. Mustell in 1937 in Chicago. He preceded her in death on Jan. 7, 1960.

She is also preceded in death by five brothers.

She is survived by an older sister, Anna Willis of Albuquerque, N.M.; a brother, Joe T. Opalka of Columbia Falls; and several nephews and nieces.

Services will be 10 a.m. Saturday at the Van Leuven Funeral Home in Columbia Falls. The Rev. Joe Pat Sullivan of St. Richard's Catholic Church of Columbia Falls will officiate. Burial will be in Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Mrs. Mustell requested no viewing or visitation.

The family suggests memorials to the North Valley Senior Citizens Center in Columbia Falls.

Velma Murchison

8 JUN 1984
Velma B. Murchison, 76, Kalispell, died Friday morning at the Bigfork Convalescent Center.

She was born Oct. 31, 1907, in Rock Falls, Ill., to Jacob and Hattie LaRue. The family moved to Montana when she was a young girl.

On June 15, 1935, she married Kenneth Murchison in Kalispell. She worked at the Conrad National Bank for 27 years until retiring in 1973.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church, where she was active in church activities and sang in the choir. She was also a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, Adah Chapter 17, and did hospital volunteer work after her retirement.

She was preceded in death by her husband, in 1960, and by two sisters, Bernice Pierce and Ila Adams. Surviving are two brothers, Glenn P. LaRue of St. Petersburg, Fla., and Lyle C. (Buster) LaRue of Renton, Washington.

Funeral services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Joseph Lutz of the First Baptist Church officiating. Burial will be in Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

The family suggests memorials be made to the First Baptist Church or to the charity of the donor's choice.

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PAUL MOTZKO

4 - JUL 1984
Paul Motzko, 76, East Lakeshore, died July 4 due to a tractor rollover near his home. He was born Oct. 13, 1907 in Long Prairie, Minn., the son of Paul and Forentine Motzko. He was orphaned at age nine, and came to live with a sister in Havre. In 1927, he moved to Sidney. He married Jena Quilling in Glendive in 1929, and they farmed in Buford, N.D., until 1962. They then moved to Yellow Bay on the East Lakeshore of Flathead Lake, where they ran a cherry orchard until

11 July 1984
1972. After 1972, they continued to spend their summers at Yellow Bay, and wintered in Santee, Calif. Surviving besides his wife Jena at the family home are one brother and two sisters. Funeral services were July 7 at the Weatherford Funeral Home, with the Rev. Ron Pierce, Pastor of the Swan Chapel, officiating. Burial was at Lonepine Cemetery in Bigfork. The family suggests memorial contributions to the Bigfork Quick Response Unit.