

## Julaine Skinner, 34

<sup>10 Dec 1985</sup>  
Julaine Gayle Skinner, 34, Kalispell, died Tuesday morning at Kalispell Regional Hospital following a lengthy illness.

She was born Jan. 23, 1951, in Havre, the daughter of Edward and Dorothy Band. Her family made a number of moves and she graduated from Columbia Falls High School in 1969. She attended the universities at Missoula and Bozeman.

She worked for civilian defense contractors while living in Oxon Hill, Md., and Fairfax and Arlington, Va.

She moved to Kalispell in 1977, where she worked for Valley Realty.

On July 22, 1978, she married Claude "Boots" Skinner in Kalispell, where they made their home.

She attended many Flathead Christian Women's luncheons.

Survivors include her husband and a son, Eric, at the family home in Kalispell; two brothers, Edward "Ted" Band of Sheridan, Wyo., and Gary Band of Kalispell; a sister, Lynnette Schmauch of Columbia Falls; and a number of other relatives.

The family will receive friends at Weatherford Funeral Home from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday. Funeral services will be noon Saturday at Weatherford Funeral Home with the Rev. John Bartelmay, pastor of Riverside Alliance Church, officiating. Cremation will take place following services.

## <sup>12 June 1985</sup> Alma Sleight, 85

Alma Julieth Sleight, 85, died in Kalispell Regional Hospital Wednesday morning.

She was born March 1, 1900, in Iowa, a daughter of Iver and Marie Fretheim. As a child she moved with her family to Ross, N.D., where she was educated.

In 1920, she married Joseph Vachal in Ross. She was preceded in death by him in 1925.

She then moved to Minot, N.D. and in 1940, she married Harry Sleight. He preceded her in death in January 1947.

She then moved to Kalispell.

She was employed at Pfaff Sewing Center, Hacienda, Hutcheson Cleaners, and F.W. Woolworth Co. prior to her retirement in 1965.

She was a member of Eidsvold Lutheran Church and the Mountainview Birthday Club.

She is survived by two sons, Harold Vachal of Somers, and Howard Vachal of Coronado, Calif.; a daughter, Doris Seney of Kalispell; a stepson, Clarence Sleight of Meridian, Idaho; and a number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Saturday in Eidsvold Lutheran Church with the Rev. Wayne Pris officiating. Burial will be in Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Friends may call at Johnson Mortuary for visitation until 8 tonight.

The family suggests memorials to Eidsvold Lutheran Church or to the charity of the donor's choice.

*18 July 1985*  
**Daniel Sloan Jr., 67**

Daniel Clifford Sloan Jr., 67, Kalispell, died Thursday evening at Kalispell Regional Hospital.

He was born June 17, 1918, in Quanah, Texas, the son of Margaret and Clifford Sloan Sr. He grew up in Oklahoma and Arizona and graduated from high school in Phoenix. He attended a junior college in Compton, Calif., and later graduated from University of California at Los Angeles in hydraulic engineering. During his college years he worked for General Motors.

He then worked for Fairbanks-Morris in Saugus, Calif. He then formed his own business, Sloan neyland and Edwards Air Force Base.

He married Katherine Hayworth Nov. 24, 1955, in Quartzite, Ariz., and soon afterward they moved to Caldwell, Idaho, where he formed a company that drilled water wells and designed irrigation systems.

In November 1973, the Sloans retired and moved to Kalispell.

He was a member of the Elks Club in California and Evergreen Alliance Church in Kalispell.

Survivors include his wife, Drilling Co., and drilled oil wells in Oklahoma and California. Included among his many projects were the water wells he drilled for Dis-Katherine, at the family home in Kalispell; a son, Daniel Frederick Sloan in Seattle; three daughters, Judy Peterson in Seattle, Mrs. Ron (Karyn) Bain in Kalispell, and Cathy Mayes in Corpus Christi, Texas; three sisters, Doris Bale in Phoenix, Lois Young in Prescott, Ariz., and Joyce Hudson in Phoenix; three grandsons and two granddaughters.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Tuesday at Weatherford Funeral Home with Earl Pickard officiating.

**Bessie Smith, 90**

*12 Mar 1985*  
LIBBY — Bessie Smith, 90, Libby, died Tuesday morning at home.

A 64-year resident of Libby, she and her husband built Chet's Texaco and Motel in the 1940s, and operated it until their retirement in the 1950s.

She was born Jan. 30, 1895, at Woodruff, Wis., to John and Ida Long. She grew up in Wisconsin, then married Chester P. Smith in 1916 at Brassun, Mich.

The couple came to Libby in 1921. She was a charter member of Moose Lodge No. 1039, and also belonged to the Academy of Friendship and the Martha Circle of the Methodist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Chet, in 1960, and a son, Chester Jr., in 1980. Surviving are a daughter-in-law, Lee Smith, Libby; a grandson, Curt, Kalispell; a great-niece, Linda Lacrosse, Libby; a sister-in law, Edwina Smith, Libby; and a great-grandson.

Funeral services will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. at the Vial Funeral Home in Libby, with the Rev. Wilford Luce officiating. Burial will be in the City of Libby Cemetery with gravesite rites by the Moose Lodge.

*9 Jan 1985*  
**Guy E. Smith, 86**

Guy E. Smith, 86, Kalispell, died Jan. 9 at Kalispell Regional Hospital.

He was born Oct. 13, 1898, in Little Falls, Minn., a son of John and Iva Smith. He was raised and educated in Little Falls.

He married Hazel Lambert on March 2, 1937, in Bismarck, N.D.

He worked on the police force in Bismarck for nine years. He worked as a carpenter and contractor until his retirement. The couple moved to Browning in 1938 and he worked for the government in the irrigation department and was later self-employed.

He was a member of Risen Christ Church.

Mr. Smith was preceded in death by three brothers and a sister.

He is survived by his wife, Hazel, Kalispell; two daughters, Dawn Blomquist, Browning, and Mary Ann Kuipers, Kalispell, six grandchildren, two sisters, Rachal McMahon of Lisbon, N.D., and Lillian Greenwood of Tacoma, Wash.; and a brother, Al of Tacoma, Wash.

Funeral services and mass were held in Browning with burial in Crown Hill Cemetery in Cut Bank.

## J.T. Smith, 91

<sup>18 Dec 1985</sup>  
James "Jay" Thomas Smith, 91, died at his home in Creston Thursday morning.

He was born Dec. 30, 1893, near Delhi, Iowa, a son of James and Henrietta Smith. He received his education there and in 1909, traveled by emigrant train with his father and brother to Canada.

On July 11, 1917, he married Rose Emily Miles in Edam, Sask. In 1923, the family moved by wagon to Stanley, N.D., where Mr. Smith worked at a dairy farm. He went to Wisconsin for a short time, returning to Stanley, N.D., where he worked for the Kale Coal Mine, and later on the City Dray. He drove school bus for two years, using horses in the winter and a car in summer. He also worked on a transfer, hauling freight, with the Tioga Oil Fields, as a carpenter with Hoagenson Elevator Co., and as custodian for the Memorial Building of Stanley.

In September 1970, he moved with his daughter, Myrtle, to Creston where they had the Neighborhood Store since that time.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Rose, on April 7, 1967.

Survivors include a daughter, Myrtle Smith of Creston; a brother, Leonard Smith of Revelstake, B.C.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Saturday in Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Glenn Roth of Mountain View Mennonite Church officiating. Following the services, the body will be forwarded to the Springen Funeral Home of Stanley, N.D., where services and burial are planned for Monday.

The family suggests memorials to East Valley Quick Response Unit of Creston.

## <sup>4 Nov 1985</sup> Julia Smith, 78

EUREKA — Julia Smith, 78, Eureka, died Monday morning of natural causes at North Valley Hospital.

She was born Feb. 12, 1907, in Warland and was reared and educated there.

On Oct. 15, 1954, she married Eugene Smith in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. The couple moved to Glen Lake near Eureka about 15 years ago.

Survivors include her husband, Eugene, Eureka; a son, Kenneth Alkire, Libby; and two grandchildren.

Graveside services will be 2 p.m. Thursday at Tobacco Valley Cemetery with the Rev. Thomas Fenlon officiating.

Arrangements are by Vial Funeral Home of Eureka.

<sup>9 Dec 1985</sup>  
EUREKA — Lois W. Smith, 66, Eureka, died Monday of a heart attack at her home.

Mrs. Smith was born Dec. 18, 1918, in Barnsville, Minn., to John and Louise Schmerhorn. She received her schooling in Barnsville and attended business college in Minnesota.

During World War II she worked in Tacoma, Wash., for the state, and also worked in the naval shipyards and the U.S. government ration department.

On May 17, 1946, she married Charles L. Smith in Tacoma. They moved to Eureka in 1955.

She was a member of Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church in Eureka.

Survivors include her husband, Charles, Eureka; two daughters, Cindy Sherwood, Meade, Wash., and Vikki Vasquez, Whitefish; a brother, Dale Schmerhorn, Tucson, Ariz.; and six grandchildren.

Rosary will be recited at 7:30 tonight at Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church. Mass will be celebrated at 2 p.m. Thursday at the church with the Rev. Thomas Fenlon as celebrant. Burial will be at Tobacco Valley Cemetery under the direction of Vial Funeral Home of Eureka.

<sup>14 Nov 1985</sup>  
MESA, Ariz. — Marion R. Smith, 82, a former Kalispell resident, died Nov. 14 at Valley Lutheran Hospital.

He was born Feb. 23, 1903, in West Plains, Mo.

He was a manager with J.C. Penney Company for 33 years, retiring in 1960, in Kalispell.

He was a member of Masonic Lodge 42, Cyrene Commandery 10, BPOE 725, and the Presbyertian Church, all in Kalispell. He was also president of Rotary Club in 1940 and past president of Shrine and the Kalispell Chamber of Commerce.

He was a member of the Algeria Temple in Helena.

He was an Arizona resident for 25 years, coming from Kalispell.

Survivors include a son, Marion Smith Jr., of Florence; a brother, Alden E. Smith of Oklahoma; two sisters, Louise Hardesty and Bertha Mayes, both of Oklahoma; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Services were held in Mesa, Ariz., with entombment at Mountain View Memorial Gardens in Mesa.

Memorials are suggested to the Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children, Fairfax Avenue at Virginia Street, Salt Lake City, Utah 84103.

20 FAIRBANKS  
Alaska <sup>Oct. 1985</sup> Ryan  
Eric Soderstrom,  
9, of Fairbanks,  
Alaska, died Oct.  
20 in a hunting ac-  
cident.



He was born  
Feb. 20, 1976, in  
Kalispell. He lat-  
er moved with his mother to San  
Francisco, Calif., and in 1981 to  
Fairbanks, Alaska.

He was in the fourth grade at  
Hunter Elementary School. He was  
a Cub Scout and member of the  
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day  
Saints.

Survivors include his mother,  
Sheryl Soderstrom of Fairbanks,  
Alaska; his grandfather, Bill  
Soderstrom, also of Fairbanks; his  
grandmother, Beverly Schmeckle,  
Kalispell; uncles and aunts, Joe and  
Karen Jam, Kalispell, Bill  
Soderstrom Jr. and Randy and  
LeAnn Meadows, all of Fairbanks;  
his great-grandparents, Lloyd and  
Alta Jensen of Kalispell; and a  
cousin.

Funeral services were Oct. 24 in  
the chapel of the Church of Jesus  
Christ of Latter-day Saints in Fair-  
banks. Bishop Robert C. Hull of-  
ficiated.

<sup>20 Oct. 1985</sup>  
Wesley Carl Solberg, 25, Bigfork,  
died Sunday morning in Kalispell.

He was born April 18, 1960, in  
Missoula, a son of Orville and  
Marilyn Solberg. When he was 6  
years old, he moved with his family  
to Bigfork.

He attended Bigfork schools and  
was a 1978 graduate of Bigfork High  
School. He studied welding at Belle-  
vue Community College in Seattle,  
Wash.

He was employed by American  
Timber Co. and Plum Creek  
Lumber Co. for a time, and then was  
employed with his father in Solberg  
Trucking Inc.

He was a single man.

Survivors include his parents,  
Mr. and Mrs. Orville Solberg of  
Bigfork; a brother, Chris Solberg of  
Kalispell; two sisters, Darlene  
Nardi of Kalispell, and Glenna Kelley  
of Seattle, Wash.; his maternal  
grandparents, Arnold and Phyllis  
Hadford of Edmunds, Wash., and a  
number of aunts, uncles, cousins  
and other relatives.

Funeral services will be at 4 p.m.  
Thursday in Johnson Mortuary  
Chapel with the Rev. Ron Pierce,  
pastor of Swan Chapel, officiating.  
Burial will be in Lonepine Cemetery  
near Bigfork.

Memorials to the Bigfork Quick  
Response Unit have been suggested.

## Helen Sommerfield

<sup>5 Apr. 1985</sup>  
Helen Sommerfield, 59, 548 Birch  
Grove Drive, Kalispell, died Friday  
morning at the Flathead County  
Nursing Home.

A Kalispell resident since 1966,  
she was an active 4-H leader in  
Kalispell for about four years.

She was born Aug. 23, 1925, in  
Ellington Township, Minn., to  
Helmer and Bertha Romness. After  
graduating from high school in  
Wanamingo, Minn., she attended  
Winona State College and later  
Augsburg College, from which she  
earned a degree in education.

For about four years, she taught  
English, Spanish and German in  
Minnesota schools. On Aug. 2, 1952,  
she married Donald Sommerfield in  
Wanamingo.

She was a member of Calvary  
Lutheran Church.

Surviving are her husband,  
Donald, at home; two sons, Mike  
and Dale, both of Kalispell; five  
daughters, Cynthia Ellis of Van-  
couver Wash., Jane Lihou of  
Kalispell, Donna Jones of West  
Glacier, Mary Volkart of Jefferson  
City, Mo., and Patty Gabriel of  
Missoula; four sisters, Stella  
Grossbeck, JoAnn Dubbels,  
Barbara Tri and Karen Jones, all of  
Minnesota; five brothers, Pete,  
Maynard, Henry, Gordon and Tony  
Romness, all of Minnesota; and  
eight grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her  
parents, three brothers and an in-  
fant son, Dean.

Visitation will be Tuesday morn-  
ing, 8-10 a.m., at the Weatherford  
Funeral Home. Funeral services  
will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at the  
funeral home, with the Rev. Mel  
Dehrtman of Calvary Lutheran  
Church officiating. Burial will be in  
Glacier Memorial Gardens.

The family suggests memorials  
to the Montana Multiple Sclerosis  
Society, P.O. Box 2802, Great Falls  
59403.

10 Mar. 1985 **Loyd Sondreson**

Services for Loyd Sondreson, 66, longtime North Fork resident, are Thursday (today) in Edinburg, N.D.

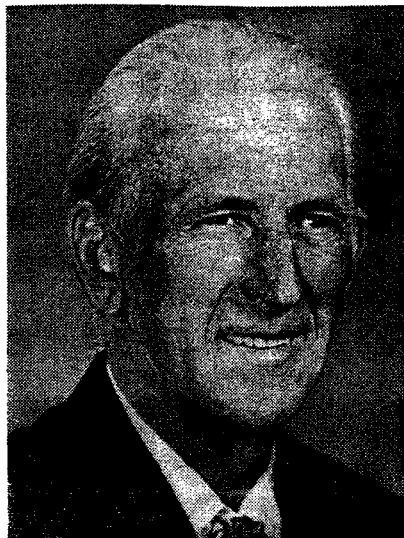
He died Sunday in Tucson, Ariz., where he and his wife, Ruth, were spending the winter.

Mr. Sondreson was born March 21, 1918 in Edinburg, N.D. He was married to Ruth Durdel Oct. 22, 1939 in Cavalier, N.D.

He owned and operated a portable sawmill up the North Fork. He had an airstrip near his home and also owned his own airplane.

He was an active member of the North Fork Improvement Association and helped build the North Fork Community Hall. He was also a member of the Flying Farmers of America.

He is survived by his wife, Ruth; his stepmother, Emma Sondreson, Grand Forks, N.D.; four sisters, Sally Ruston, Edinburg, N.D., Lorraine Gunderson, Grand Forks, N.D., Viola Hanson, Coram, and Edith Einarson, Columbia



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Falls; three brothers, LaVerne, Grand Forks, N.D., Calvin, Seattle, and Victor, Seattle.

Burial is in the Edinburg cemetery.

1985 **James Sonstelie, 74**

James Carlyle Sonstelie, 74, a former Kalispell teacher who spent much of his career as a school administrator in Washington, died May 18 at Deaconess Medical Center in Spokane.

Born April 11, 1911, in Kalispell, he graduated from the University of Montana in 1933 and began his teaching career at Hot Springs before returning to Kalispell.

He earned a master's degree from the University of Idaho and, in 1943, became principal of the Tonasket, Wash., high school. He moved to the Brewster, Wash., high school the following year. He served as superintendent of schools in Chelan, Omak, and Mead, Wash., before retiring in 1969.

He was a former member of the executive board of the Washington State School Directors Association and a past president of the Northeast District Washington Superintendents Association.

His community activities including service as president of Country Homes Kiwanis Club; District 9 governor and later international director of Toastmasters Interna-

tional; member of the Inland Empire Council of the Boy Scouts of America; and secretary-treasurer of the Whitworth Water District.

Other memberships included the Phi Delta Kappa education honorary fraternity, Phi Delta Theta fraternity and Kalispell Masonic Lodge No. 42. He was elected to the vestry at St. David's Episcopal Church in Spokane.

Surviving are his wife, Ardell, at home; a daughter, Tanis Gribbin of La Porte, Texas; a son, Jon, of Santa Barbara, Calif.; a sister, Helen Sonstelie of Kalispell; and one grandson.

Funeral services were Wednesday. Burial was in Spokane Memorial Gardens.

22 Jan 1985  
**Ruby Sontchi, 66**

TACOMA, Wash. — Ruby Marie Sontchi, 66, Bigfork, died of cancer Tuesday at Madigan Army General Hospital in Tacoma, Wash.

Mrs. Sontchi was a licensed practical nurse for 25 years, and was a member of the Bigfork VFW Auxiliary.

She was born July 2, 1918, in Arkansas, a daughter of Ruth and John Van Eaton. She received her education in California.

On Jan. 25, 1936, she married Delmas D. Sontchi in Ontario, Calif.

Survivors include her husband at the family home; a son, Don Sontchi of Salt Lake City; a daughter, Pat Arnone of Kalispell; two sisters, a brother and nine grandchildren.

Cremation has taken place. There will be no public services.

Memorials may be made to Hospice or the American Cancer Association.

21 Nov 1985  
**Herman Spani, 75**

Herman Spani, 75, Kalispell, died Thursday morning of natural causes at Kalispell Regional Hospital.

He was born Feb. 16, 1910, in Butte, the son of Louis and Minnie Spani. He was raised and attended school in Butte. He worked in the Butte copper mines for a number of years, and also farmed near Wisdom for several years. In 1968, he retired and moved to Kalispell.

Surviving are his wife, Hillia, of Kalispell; a son and brother of Butte; and a number of other relatives, including two cousins in Kalispell, Annif Keller and Ruth Wishart.

Visitation at the Weatherford Funeral Home will be Monday from noon to 7 p.m. Funeral services will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. at the Weatherford Funeral Home, with the Rev. Marvin Northcutt of Epworth United Methodist Church officiating.

The body will be forwarded to Wayrynen-Richards Funeral Home in Butte for services Friday at 2 p.m. at the funeral home, followed by burial at Mount Moriah Cemetery in Butte.

29 June 1985  
**Taff Spannuth, 17**

Taff Douglas Spannuth, 17, Kalispell, died Saturday as the result of a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

He was born Sept. 20, 1967, in Hamilton, a son of Gary and Jan Spannuth. In 1972,



he moved with his family to Idaho Falls, Idaho, where he attended schools. In 1980, the family moved to Kalispell.

He was a 1985 graduate of Flathead High School. In 1982, he was the Montana Trap Shoot Champion in the sub-junior class. His hobbies were taxidermy and hunting. He was employed with his parents in their business at Jesco Boat Center.

He is survived by his parents, Gary and Jan Spannuth of Kalispell; his grandparents, Francis Sargent of Darby, Ed and Eileen Spannuth of Hamilton, and Mrs. K. Kelly of Anaconda, and several other relatives.

Funeral services will be 7 tonight in Johnson Mortuary Chapel. Graveside services and burial will be 2 p.m. Tuesday in Lonepine Cemetery at Darby.

25 Mar. 1985  
**George Spicher, 68**

George L. Spicher, 68, Lakeside, died Monday in a Great Falls hospital following a lengthy illness.

He was born April 9, 1916, on his family's farm in Hingham. He attended Hingham schools through the 11th grade, then graduated from Missoula High School. During World War II, he served with the Merchant Marines.

On July 15, 1945, he married Jean Colby in Spokane, Wash.

He was a wheat rancher most of his life. He was also managing partner of Chester Motors from 1962 to 1973, and had been a partner in Hi-Line Fertilizer in Hingham.

In the 1950s, Mr. Spicher was mayor of Hingham, during which time he initiated and completed the municipal water and sewer project for that community.

He was also a thoroughbred horse breeder whose race horses won more than 100 races at tracks throughout the western United States and Canada on such well-known race tracks as Santa Anita in the Los Angeles area. Each year he sponsored a race in Great Falls in the name of Hi-Line Fertilizer.

From 1973 to 1980, the Spichers lived north of Spokane, and had lived in Lakeside since then.

He was a life member of the Havre Elks Lodge.

Survivors include his wife, Jean, at the family home in Lakeside; two daughters, Mrs. Douglas (Cheryl) Allen of Great Falls, and Mrs. John (Marsha) Badger of Havre; two grandchildren; two brothers, Clement of Missoula, and Richard of Whitefish; and a sister, Fern Flanagan of Helena.

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

**Effie Spuhler, 78**

Effie Spuhler, 78, a former Kalispell resident, died Nov. 4 at her home in Vancouver, Wash.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Oscar Spuhler, in 1953.

Survivors include a brother, Ed Varholdt; four sisters, Hilda Lewis and Florence Borgen of Kalispell, Hazel Ashenbach of Spokane, and Irene Woolsey of Vancouver; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were Nov. 7 at Evergreen Staples Chapel.

**JACK ST. PETER**

Jack A. St. Peter, 50 of Kalispell died March 22 in the Kalispell Regional Hospital. He was born Jan. 5, 1935, in Fort Benton, a son of Albert and Viola St. Peter. He lived with his parents on a farm at Montague. In 1943 his family moved to Fortine where he attended elementary school and graduated from Lincoln City High School in 1953. He was married to Geraldine Kuchenski in Eureka in 1954. He served in the U.S. Army. He managed the Farmers Union Service Station in Eureka before moving to Kalispell in 1958. He worked for the Garey Motor Company until 1960, then owned and operated the St. Peters Standard Service Station on the corner of 4th St. East and Main for 13 years. He then worked for Sunset Carburetor and Electric for two years. In 1975 he was a partner in the Star Auto Wash on West Idaho. After selling the business he accepted a sales position with City Service South where he has worked as a salesman until August of 1984 due to ill health. He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother and sister in infancy. He is survived by his wife,



Geraldine of the family home; three sons, Tom St. Peter of Boston, Mass., John St. Peter of Killeen, Tx.; and Mike St. Peter attending Berklee School of Music in Boston, Mass.; two daughters, Kathy St. Peter of Great Falls, and Tricia St. Peter of the family home in Kalispell, one brother, Bob St. Peter and three nephews in Osburn, Idaho. Rosary was March 24 in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Father Edmund Smith as celebrant. Mass of Resurrection was recited March 25 in the St. Matthew's Catholic Church with Rev. Father Mike O'Neil as Celebrant. Burial was in Glacier Memorial Gardens with military graveside rites.

## Lloyd Stai Sr., 68

<sup>15 Sept 1975</sup>  
Lloyd W. Stai Sr., 68, a retired Kila logger, drowned Saturday while trying to cross the Middle Fork of the Flathead River.

He was born Nov. 24, 1916, in Bemidji, Minn., a son of Robert and Lena Stai. He was raised and educated in Bemidji.

He served in the Air Force during World War II.

On April 16, 1947, he moved to Olney, where he was employed as a sawyer. He retired from Royal Logging in March.

He married Margaret Mackaman on June 24, 1939, in Bemidji, Minn., and is now survived by her at their home in Kila.

Other survivors include a son, Lloyd Stai Jr., of Missoula; two daughters, Geraldine Dolin of Spokane, Wash., and Sandra Stai of Great Falls; six grandchildren; two sisters, Ottena Puff of Bemidji, Minn., and Hailey Smager of Two Harbors, Minn.; a brother, Orlyn Stay of Wilton, Minn., and a number of other relatives.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Saturday at Austin Funeral Home of Whitefish with the Rev. Harold Petersen of Christ Lutheran Church of Whitefish officiating. Burial will be in Glacier Memorial Gardens.

## Charles Stanfield, 79

<sup>21 Aug 1985</sup>  
Charles J. Stanfield, 79, of Chico, Calif., died of a heart attack at his home Aug. 21.

He was born Oct. 10, 1905. He was raised in the Fort Shaw-Sun River area of Montana. He farmed there for many years before moving to Libby in 1946. He had been employed by J. Neils for many years before he started working for Mountain States Power Co. in Libby. He continued in the utility construction work until the 1960s when he moved to California.

He married Winifred M. Smith in Fort Shaw.

Survivors include his wife at the family home; a son, Arnold, and three grandchildren, all of Chico, Calif.; a niece whom he raised, Mrs. Daniel (Laura) Straszewski of Kalispell; two sisters, Carol M. Tallmadge of Spokane, Wash., and Edna Hovde of Conrad, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Cremation has taken place.

## Robert Steck, 38

<sup>13 Aug 1985</sup>  
Robert Davis Steck, 38, a resident of the Bigfork area, died early Thursday morning at Kalispell Regional Hospital following a lengthy illness with cancer.

He was born Feb. 23, 1947, in Denver, Colo., the son of William and Elizabeth Steck. He attended schools in the Denver area and graduated in 1965 from Mullen Prep School there. He attended the University of Colorado at Boulder.

He was inducted in the Army in 1967 and served in Vietnam from 1967-68 where he received the Bronze Star medal. He was honorably discharged in 1969. He then attended the National Institute of Technology in Denver where he graduated in 1972 in electronics.

He married Stephanie Hall July 25, 1971, in Boulder, and the couple moved to Steamboat Springs in 1972, where Mr. Steck had an electronic repair shop. The Stecks moved to Red Owl Trail near Bigfork in the fall of 1976.

He worked as an electrician, a foreman and in computer interfacing for Arco Aluminum in Columbia Falls. He then started Homestead Electric and was an electrical contractor in the valley.

He was a Little League baseball coach and enjoyed the outdoors, snow skiing, hunting and fishing.

Survivors include his wife, Stephanie, at the family home; two sons, Jake and Will, also at the family home; his mother, Betty Steck in Denver, Colo.; two brothers, Richard and Gary Steck, both of Denver; two sisters, Lori Hatfield in San Diego, Calif., and Cindy Rachlitz in Denver; and many other relatives.

No public services will be held locally. Memorial services are planned for a later date in Denver. Cremation has taken place at the Weatherford Crematory in Kalispell. Arrangements are under the direction of Bigfork Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions can be made to Creston Quick Response Unit, Creston.



13 July 1985

## Albert Steele

Services were held Tuesday (yesterday) in Seattle for former Columbia Falls resident Albert J. Steele.

Mr. Steele died Saturday in Seattle following a long illness. He was born Jan. 30, 1920 in Rosalyn, Wash.

He worked for Anaconda Aluminum from 1955 until 1980 when he retired due to ill health. In 1981 he moved to Seattle.

He and Dorothy Nygaard were married in Ellensburg, Wash., in 1944. She now survives at the family home in Seattle.

Other survivors include a son, Albert Steele III, Stockton, Calif.; a daughter, Penny Ure, Kirkland, Wash., and six grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Emma Chapwick Memorial Home, 707228 S.W., Bothel, Wash.

## BETTY STEINER

1985

Mrs. Betty Jane Steiner, 58, of Kalispell, died in the Kalispell Regional Hospital March 31 following a long illness. She was born December 5, 1926, in Roberts, a daughter of Elmer and Elizabeth Bloom. In 1935, she moved to Columbia Falls with her family, and in 1937, they moved to Kalispell. She had attended local schools and was later employed with the Kalispell Taxi Service for Art Chemp. On July 10, 1949, she was married to August F. Steiner in Kalispell. She is now survived by her

husband, August, at home; three sons, Elmer, August L., and Douglas Steiner all of Kalispell; her mother, Elizabeth Bloom, and a sister, Dorothy Sevesind, both of Kalispell; three grandchildren and several other relatives. She was preceded in death by her father, Elmer Bloom, on December 24, 1976. Funeral services were April 3 in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Howard Mars, pastor of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church officiating. Burial was in the Glacier Memorial Gardens.

## Esther Stewart, 77

<sup>19 Dec 1985</sup> Esther M. Stewart, 77, died Thursday in Sequim, Wash. She had spent much of her early life in the Kalispell area.

She was born May 26, 1908, in Rock Lake, N.D. On Sept. 21, 1927, she married Dwight Stewart in Kalispell. Before moving to Washington 15 years ago, they lived in Great Falls for about 15 years, where she was active as a volunteer in the Red Cross. She was also a member of the Presbyterian Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Dwight, on Feb. 13, 1978. She is now survived by a sister, Beulah Clark, of Spokane; and by two nieces, Marjorie Anderson of Cheney, Wash., and Barbara Shern of Conrad, Calif.

Graveside services will be held 1 p.m. Monday in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery, with the Rev. Barry Dawson of First Presbyterian Church officiating.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Johnson Mortuary.

## Wallace Stewart, 65

<sup>16 Aug 1985</sup> Wallace L. Stewart, 65, Kalispell, died of natural causes early Tuesday morning at Brendan House.

He was born Feb. 18, 1920, in Windham, the son of John and Olive Stewart. He was raised and graduated from high school in the Windham area, near Stanford. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II.

Following his honorable discharge, he returned to Windham and took over the family farm.

On Sept. 4, 1952, he married Irene Mae Messerly in Harlowtown, and they lived at the Windham farm. In 1966, the couple moved to Kalispell, and he worked for Flathead Janitorial until retiring in 1979.

He was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church.

Survivors include three sons, Ronald Stewart of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, LeRoy Stewart of Honolulu, Hawaii, and Rich Stewart of Kalispell; a daughter, Mrs. Curt (Lennis) Bowers of Oak Harbor, Wash.; five grandchildren; and two sisters, Bernice Taylor of Windham, and Phyllis McClanahan of Judith Gap.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Irene, in 1980.

Funeral services are 10:30 a.m. Friday at Trinity Lutheran Church with the Rev. Robert Hendrix and the Rev. Darold Reiner officiating. Burial will be at Glacier Memorial Gardens under the direction of Weatherford Funeral Home.

## Helen Stinger, 72

Helen Mildred Stinger, 72, Missoula, died Wednesday at Kalispell Regional Hospital. *11 Dec 1985*

She lived and worked in the Missoula area for many years, retiring in 1984 from the Missoula Community Hospital.

She was born June 3, 1913, in Missoula, the daughter of Andrew and Stella Tomlinson.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Leo L. Stinger. Surviving are three sons: Lawrence J. Stinger, Kalispell; Michael Stinger, Puyallup, Wash.; and Leonard Murray, Port Angeles, Wash.

Memorial services will be 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Grace United Methodist Church in Missoula, with the Rev. David Andersen officiating. Arrangements and cremation are under the direction of the Weatherford Funeral Home in Kalispell.

## Dallas Stocking, 83

SUN CITY, Calif. — Dallas H. Stocking, 83, of Sun City, Calif., died Aug. 2 in Hemet Valley Hospital in California. *1985*

He was born in Kalispell on April 7, 1902, to Dallas A. and Minnie Mae Stocking.

He married Ruth Blaisdell Nov. 25, 1931. She preceded him in death in April 1956. Later that year he married Doris Chester Neilsen.

Mr. Stocking began working for the Great Northern Railway in 1923 as timekeeper. Later he was a round-house clerk and then moved to the superintendent's office as enginemen's timekeeper. He retired in 1958.

He was Whitefish Fire Chief for several years. He also belonged to the Masonic Lodge No. 64, AF&AM, and served as master in 1937.

Survivors include his wife in Sun City, Calif.; a son, Ed, Whitefish; a daughter, Connie Beth Olson, Mountain View, Calif.; two brothers, Miner of Whitefish, and Herbert of Seattle, Wash.; a sister, Alice Donohoe of Whitefish, and seven grandchildren.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service is scheduled for 2 p.m. Friday at First United Presbyterian Church in Whitefish under the direction of the Rev. Ken Peterson and the Masonic Lodge.

The family suggests memorials to the Whitefish Volunteer Fire Department or a charity of the donor's choice.

## Orval Stolte, 69

*21 Dec 1985*  
WHITEFISH — Orval Leonard Stolte, 69, died Saturday morning at the North Valley Hospital.

He had worked for the Great Northern Railway for 43 years as a wrecker foreman and car foreman.

Stolte was born Dec. 30, 1915, in Kalispell, the son of William and Amy Stolte. His family moved to Whitefish when he was 6. In 1936 he graduated from Whitefish High School, where he had been active in football and track. He was a member of the Moose Lodge and Presbyterian Church.

On Sept. 5, 1942, he married Deola "Tiny" Gilbert and is now survived by her at the family home in Whitefish. He is also survived by one daughter, Donna Lee Luke of Rancho Mirage, Calif.; one son, Gerald Stolte of Whitefish; two brothers, Bill of Fort Collins, Colo., and Kenneth of Spokane; one sister, Fern Kemppainen of Seattle; three grandsons; one granddaughter; and numerous cousins.

Memorial services will be Monday at 2 p.m. at the Whitefish Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Ken Peterson officiating. Cremation has taken place.

Local arrangements are under the direction of the Austin Funeral Home.

## Ressie Stockner, 74

*June 1985*  
EUREKA — Ressie E. Stockner, 74, Eureka, died of natural causes Tuesday at Kalispell Regional Hospital.

She was born March 14, 1911, at the family home on Pinkham Creek near Eureka to John and Laura Belle Bergette. She attended grade school at Pinkham Creek and Lincoln County High School in Eureka. She married Kenneth Stockner on April 12, 1930, in Kalispell. The couple lived in Missoula briefly before returning to Eureka in 1946 where they have made their home since.

Survivors include her husband, Kenneth, Eureka; two sons, Vernon Stockner, Camas, Wash., and Jerome Stockner, Everett, Wash.; a daughter, Jeanie Stockner, Sacramento, Calif.; a sister Violet Olson, Mehama, Ore.; two brothers, Harles Bergette, Eureka, and John Bergette, Camas; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were today at First Baptist Church in Eureka with the Rev. David Davis officiating. Burial will be at Tobacco Valley Cemetery under the direction of Vial Funeral Home in Eureka.

## Clifford Stoner, 75

<sup>3 Dec 1985</sup>  
Clifford Stoner, 75, Kalispell, died Tuesday evening in Spokane, Wash.

He was born Dec. 20, 1909, in Montana. He received his education in Ringling and later moved to the Flathead Valley.

On Aug. 30, 1940, he married Ruby Lentz in Kalispell.

Mr. Stoner was a logger and lumberman and owned and operated the Stoner and Olson Lumber for a number of years. He was then employed by C&C Plywood Co. prior to his retirement in 1977.

He continued to live in Kalispell until October of this year when he went to Spokane to be with his daughter.

He was an active sportsman and hunter and enjoyed the outdoors.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Ruby, on Feb. 21, 1981.

He is survived by two daughters, Gloria Jean Ulrick of Spokane, Wash., and Cathie McCollum of Delta Junction, Alaska; a sister, Bessie Olson of Columbia Falls; three grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Monday in Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. James Newman, pastor of Bethel Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Glacier Memorial Gardens.

The family suggests memorials to the University High School Titans Wrestling Team, Pacific First Federal Bank, E. 12005 Sprague, Spokane, Wash. 99214.

Friends may call at Johnson Mortuary for visitation from 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday.

## <sup>2 Feb 1985</sup> Harry Studt, 87

Harry G. Studt, 87, Whitefish, died Saturday at North Valley Hospital Extended Care.

He was born Jan. 11, 1898, in Chicago, Ill., a son of Mr. and Mrs. William Studt. The family moved to the Flathead Valley when he was about a year old and he received his education in Kalispell.

Several years later he attended electrical trade school at the School of Coincidence in Chicago. He returned to the Flathead Valley and worked as a track-walker for the Great Northern Railway for many years. He also owned and operated an electrical repair shop in Whitefish. He retired in 1963.

During World War II he served in the U.S. Navy with the Seabees.

He was a member of the DAV and the Whitefish Golden Agers.

He was preceded in death by several brothers and sisters.

Survivors include a nephew, Stewart Sager of Illinois, and friends, Mr. and Mrs. Cloyd Lamberson of Whitefish.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Wednesday at Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish with Dr. David V. Kauffman of Whitefish officiating. Burial will be in Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

## Joshua Arnold Stumvoll 1985

Joshua Arnold Stumvoll, age eight days, died Saturday, Oct. 19, in the Denver Childrens Hospital.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Oct. 22, at the Evangelical Church in Glasgow with Rev. Jay Ashbaucher officiating. Burial was in Highland Cemetery with Bell Mortuary in charge of arrangements.

He was born Friday, Oct. 11 in Billings, the son of Bob and Bobbie Stumvoll.

Survivors include his parents, of Glasgow; one brother, Justin Stumvoll of Glasgow; grandparents Arnold and Vicky Stumvoll of Glasgow, Frank Wilton of Missoula and Carmel Wilton of Columbia Falls; great-grandparents Jerry and Millie Askvig of Glasgow, great-grandmother Agnes Pflipsen of Max, N.D., and numerous aunts and uncles.

## Emil Strand, 73

<sup>17 June 1985</sup>  
Emil I. Strand, 73, died Monday morning at Montana Veterans Falls in Columbia Falls.

He was born May 16, 1912, in Bemidji, Minn., to Ole and Jennie Strand. He worked at the Bemidji Box Factory for a number of years and later on construction.

He married Katherine Stone on March 5, 1934, in Bemidji.

He was a veteran of World War II.

In 1955, the Strands moved to Columbia Falls where he worked at Plum Creek Lumber Co. until his retirement.

He was a member of the VFW Post 1260 in Bemidji.

He was preceded in death by a sister and a daughter.

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Richard (Katherine) Pierce and Mrs. Doug (Karen) McLean, both of Columbia Falls; two sons, David Strand of Libby, and Lawrence Strand of Columbia Falls; a brother, Oscar Strand of Bemidji, Minn.; five sisters, Gladys Wallace of Bemidji, Margaret Berry of Bagley, Minn., Anna Olson of De-ronda, Wis., Delores Carter of Auberry, Calif., and Jeanette Heath of Bemidji; and seven grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Montana Veterans Home Chapel in Columbia Falls with the Rev. Thomas Gopp of Our Savior's Lutheran Church officiating. Burial will follow in Montana Veterans Home Cemetery. Military graveside honors will be conducted by local veterans.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Van Leuven Funeral Home in Columbia Falls.

The family suggests memorials to the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.

## Irene Stratton

A funeral service will be Wednesday (today) for Irene H. Stratton, 77, Columbia Falls, who died Sunday at North Valley Extended Care in Whitefish. <sup>20 Oct 1985</sup>

The ceremony will be at 10 a.m. at Van Leuven Funeral Home in Columbia Falls, with the Rev. Howard Hunter of United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will follow in Woodlawn Cemetery.

She was born Jan. 23, 1908 in Glencoe, Minn., to Fred and Johanna Wolters. The family moved to Outlook, Mont., when she was a young child. She was raised and educated in Outlook.

She married Sam C. Stratton on June 17, 1928 in Redstone, Mont. They lived in Outlook, Redstone and Richland. They moved to Opheim in 1948 and in 1972 they moved to Columbia Falls.

She was a member of the Home Demonstration Club and the Methodist Ladies Aid.

She is preceded in death by her parents, one brother, one sister, one grandson and one son-in-law.

She is survived by her husband Sam at the family home in Columbia Falls; six sons, Fred of Plentywood, Clarence of Havre, G. Louie of Scobey, and Glen, Sandy and Britt of Columbia Falls; four daughters, Jean Stahl of Glasgow, June Rovig of Plentywood, Virginia Hellickson of Scobey, and Elaine Byers of Priest River, Idaho; 29 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren, and one sister, Esther Pinkerman of Polson.

## 'Casey' Streed, 79

26 <sup>324</sup> <sup>1985</sup>  
Harris A. "Casey" Streed, 79, Whitefish, died Thursday of natural causes at North Valley Hospital.

After World War II, he was chief of party on timber surveys for the flowage areas of Hungry Horse Dam. He worked for many years with the Forest Service, including stints in the Flathead forest and at the regional office in Missoula.

He was born on Jan. 25, 1906, in Alta, Iowa, where he was raised and graduated from high school in 1924. He received a B.S. in general forestry from the University of Montana. Casey was also certified as a master aircraft mechanic.

He spent five years in the Army Air Corps, and saw action in WWII in the South Pacific and the China-Burma-India theater of war. He was a member of the Flying Tigers and also was in the Pensacola Convoy. He rose to the rank of master sergeant, and his last post was that of squadron inspector at Peterson Field, Colorado Springs, Colo.

Besides working on the Hungry Horse project after the war, he worked for Boeing Aircraft Co. in Seattle as hydraulic system engineer on the B-52 bomber.

He retired from the Forest Service in 1959, after serving in the Arapahoe, Nez Perce, Helena, Beaverhead, Deerlodge, Lolo, and Lewis and Clark forests, as well as at the Flathead forest and at Missoula. He also served as the fire warden for the Northern Montana Forestry Association for seven years, out of Whitefish.

Casey belonged to the DAV, American Legion, VFW, and was a member of the Masonic Lodge and Knights Templar at Lewistown. He was a former member of the Elks, Eagles, NRA, Air Force Association, American Forestry Association, and Range Management Association.

He married Maxine Anderson of Miles City in 1949, and she survives him at the family home in Whitefish. Also surviving are a number of aunts, cousins, nieces and nephews in Montana and Wyoming.

There will be no public services. Arrangements and cremation are by the Weatherford Funeral Home in Kalispell.

13 May 1985  
WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. —

Dolores K. Byrne Strouse, 88, died Monday at a nursing home in Williamsport, Pa.

She was born May 2, 1897, at Dublin Gulch, Butte, a daughter of William and Catherine Callaghan Byrne. She attended Flathead County High School and received nursing degrees in Billings and later Chicago.

She married Clarence Strouse and they lived in Montgomery, Pa.

Mrs. Strouse was a member of St. Luke's Lutheran Church of Williamsport, Pa.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Clarence; three sisters, Mary, who died as a youngster, Mrs. Albert (Margaret) Reimer, Kalispell, and Mrs. William (Laura) Plummer, Polson.

Survivors include a brother, Henry Byrne, Kalispell, and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Thursday at Maneual Funeral Home, Williamsport, Pa.

12 June 1985  
**Robert Sullivan, 60**

Robert M. "Bob" Sullivan, 60, Whitefish, died Wednesday evening.

He was born Jan. 8, 1925, in Des Moines, Iowa. Following his education at Drake University and distinguished service in the Armed Forces, he and his wife, Clarice, and their children moved to this area.

He was active in civic affairs and community events. He was a member of Rotary, secretary-treasurer of Big Mountain, an officer at Whitefish Lake Golf Club, and a Prime Minister of Winter Carnival, in addition to many other activities.

He was a certified public accountant and served as comptroller of North Valley Hospital.

He is survived by his wife, Clarice Mason Sullivan, Whitefish; a son, Mark of Edmond, Okla.; two daughters, Marsha Palmer of Kent, Wash., and Patrice Jacobson of Kalispell; his mother, Helen Sullivan of Whitefish, and four granddaughters.

Mass of the Resurrection will be 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Charles Catholic Church in Whitefish.

Cremation has taken place. Arrangements are under the direction of Austin Funeral Home.

The family requests contributions to North Valley Hospital, American Cancer Society or Whitefish Volunteer Fire Department in lieu of flowers.

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Helen Sommerfield, 59, 548 Birch Grove Drive in Kalispell, died April 5, of natural causes at the Flathead County Nursing Home. She was born August 23, 1925 in Ellington Township, Minn., the daughter of Helmer and Bertha Romness. After graduating from high school in Wanamingo, Minn., she attended college, then taught in Minnesota schols for about four years. On August 2, 1952, she married Donald Sommerfield in Wanamingo, and they have lived in

Kalispell since 1966. Surviving besides her husband Donald in Kalispell are two sons, Mike and Dale Sommerfield both of Kalispell; five daughters, Cynthia Ellis of Vancouver, Wash., Jane Lihou of Kalispell, Donna Jones of West Glacier, Mary Volkart of Jefferson City, Mo., and Patty Gabriel of Missoula; eight grandchildren; four sisters, Stella Grossbeck, JoAnn Dubbels, Barbara Tri, and Karen Jones, all of Minnesota; and five brothers, Pete, Maynard, Henry, Gordon, and Tony Romness, all in Minnesota; and numerous other relatives. She was preceded in death by her parents, three brothers, Armund, Robert and Francis Romness, and an infant son, Dean. Funeral services were April 9 at the Weatherford Funeral Home, with the Rev. Mel Oehrtman, Pastor of Calvary Lutheran Church, officiating. Burial followed at Glacier Memorial Gardens. The family suggests memorial contributions to the Montana Multiple Sclerosis Society, P.O. Box 2802, Great Falls, MT 59403.

29 Mar. 1985  
**Russell Sutton, 42**

Russell H. Sutton, 42, Kalispell, died Friday in Kalispell Regional Hospital after a long bout with diabetes.

A resident of Flathead County for nearly all his life, he worked as a mechanic and salesman before retiring because of ill health.



He was born June 3, 1942, in Whitehall to Townsend and Helen Sutton. The family moved in 1946 to the Lost Prairie area, where he lived until moving to Kalispell in 1962. He attended Flathead High School.

He farmed for a while, then worked as a salesman and farm-implement/heavy-machinery mechanic. He retired from Davis Modern Machinery in 1980.

In 1962, he married Donna Underwood in Kalispell. He was later divorced, and in May 1972 he married Lela Scudder in Coeur d'Alene.

He attended the Church of the Nazarene, and was a member of the Dialysis Club.

Survivors include his wife, Lela, at home; three daughters, Cheryl Sutton, Cody, Wyo., Carol and Karen Sutton, both of Nampa, Idaho; his mother, Helen Sutton, Kalispell; a brother, Kenneth, in

Inverness; and two sisters, Ruth Wagner of Libby and Kathy Sutton of Nampa, Idaho. His father died in 1970.

Funeral services will be Tuesday at 1 p.m. in the Johnson Mortuary chapel with the Rev. Roy Jones of the Church of the Nazarene officiating. Burial will be in Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Visitation is today, 1-6 p.m.

4 Feb. 1985  
**W.E. Sutherlin, 82**

William E. Sutherlin, 82, Bigfork, died in Kalispell Regional Hospital Monday evening.

He was born May 2, 1902, in Saline County, Mo., a son of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Sutherlin. As a young boy he moved to Kansas where he spent his early life. He later moved to Colorado where he worked as a cowboy. He then moved to Wyoming where he was employed with the Marincic Land and Livestock as a ranch hand from 1943 to 1977. In 1977 he moved to the Flathead Valley.

He is survived by a daughter, Audrey Dunn of Primeville, Ore., and several grandchildren.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Friday in Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Michael O'Neill of St Matthew's Catholic Church officiating. Burial will be in Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

17 Feb. 1985 **Nellie May Swain**

Nellie May Swain, 87, a resident of the county for more than 70 years, died at Valley View Home Feb. 17. Services are set for 10 a.m., Feb. 22, in Bell Chapel with Rev. Evert Gustafson officiating. Laura Rebekah Lodge is holding a memorial service at Bell Chapel at 7 p.m., Feb. 21. Public is invited.

Named as pallbearers are Preston Myers, Dick Uphaus, Glenn Mahugh, John Rusher, Ken Bondy and Leonard Swenson.

Burial will be in Highland Cemetery. The local mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

A daughter of Frank and Grace

Haines. Mrs. Swain was born May 18, 1897, in Altosna, Iowa. She was married to Squire L. Swain March 5, 1916, at Raymond Wash. They came to Glasgow in 1916 where she and her husband farmed north of Nashua. They moved to Fort Peck in 1934. He retired in 1962. They had moved to Glasgow in 1952 and she had lived here ever since. The couple celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 1966.

She was preceded in death by her husband and two sons, Alton who died as an infant and Martin L. Swain, who died in 1984.

**Lawrence Swanby** 6 May 1985

Lawrence William Swanby lived in Glasgow with his wife, Gwendolyn H. Campbell in the early 1930's.

He owned Swanby Motors dealership for Pontiac-Ford-Ferguson in Three Forks until 1957, and continued in the automotive business in Butte, Great Falls, and Helena, retiring to Bozeman in 1976. He was a member of the Elks Lodge of Bozeman, the Masonic Lodge of Three Forks and the Bagdad Shrine of Butte.

Mr. Swanby died in his home Monday morning. He was 77.

Born in Maple Bay, Minn., he was the son of Oscar and Julia Svenby. He married Gwendolyn H. Campbell on Oct. 6, 1930 in Minneapolis, Minn.

Survivors include his widow; a daughter, Mrs. Richard L. (Larilyn) Miller of Bozeman; three sisters, Mrs. Spener (Mable) Land and Mrs. Roger (Evelyn) Larson, both of Grand Forks, N.D. and Alma Soholt of Mayville, N.D.; three grand-

children, Mrs. Robert (DiLyn) Arneson and Mrs. Dana (Victoria) Byrer, and Richard S. Miller and wife Robin, all of Bozeman; four great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Services will be at 2 p.m., Friday in Dahl Funeral Chapel in Bozeman with burial of ashes in Glasgow.

## Everett Swenson, 73

*26 Mar. 1985*  
Everett W. Swenson, 73, Kalispell, died at home Tuesday following a lengthy illness.

He was born Dec. 11, 1911, in Kalispell, the son of William and Sophie Swenson.

On Aug. 12, 1932, he married Ruth Culliton in Seattle, and they made their home in Kalispell. From 1947 to 1970 they lived at Happy's Inn west of Kalispell where they owned and operated the resort. They had lived in Kalispell since retiring in 1970.

Mr. Swenson was a member of the Elks Club for more than 50 years.

Survivors include his wife, Ruth, at the family home in Kalispell; three sons, Stuart of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, Donald of Missoula, and Robin of Billings; nine grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and three sisters, Wilma Peterson of Kalispell, Julia Herbert of Issaquah, Wash., and Ione Kraut of Cut Bank.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Stuart.

Memorial services will be 2 p.m. Thursday at Weatherford Funeral Home with the Rev. H. Peder Waldum, retired Lutheran minister, officiating. Cremation has taken place.

The family suggests memorials to Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, c/o The Wilderness Plateau, Troy, 59935.

*21 May 1985*  
**Elmer Swinehart, 87**

The Rev. Elmer V. Swinehart, 87, Kalispell, died Tuesday morning at Kalispell Regional Hospital from injuries resulting from an automobile accident.

He was born June 25, 1897, in Idaho County, Idaho, the son of Sylvester and Mary Rosetta Swinehart, early Idaho settlers.



He began his ministry in Stites, Idaho, in 1927. He later had pastorates at Eureka, Clarkston, Wash., Great Falls, Kalispell, Big Sandy and Plains. After his retirement in 1966, he served as interim pastor for several Church of God congregations in Montana.

During his active ministry, the Rev. Swinehart held many offices at the local, state and national levels of Church of God, including the position of district chairman for many years. He was one of the founding board members of Warner Pacific College in Portland, Ore., and was Montana's representative to the Church of God World Service.

He married Edith George in 1919, and she preceded him in death in 1966.

In 1969, he married Helen Cole, and she survives at the family home in Kalispell.

Other survivors include a son, Arnold Swinehart, Kalispell; a daughter, Trula Torwelle, Hyattsville, Md.; a grandson; a granddaughter; nine great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; two stepsons, Donald Cole of Plains, and Merle Cole of St. Paul, Minn.; three stepdaughters, Carmen Johnson of Libby, Cleo Blanchard and Candice Burnham, both of Plains; two sisters, Elva Rowley of Stites, Idaho, and Grace Lyons of Dayton, Wash.; and numerous other relatives.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Esther; a brother, LeRoy; and a sister, Lydia.

Funeral services will be 3 p.m. Thursday at Weatherford Funeral Home with the Rev. Jon Pomeroy and the Rev. Merrill J. Gray officiating. The casket will not be open. Burial will be at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

The family suggests memorials to the Montana Church of God, P.O. Box 302, Libby, Mont. 59923.