

Ivan G. Wade, 74

^{20 Nov 1985}
Ivan G. Wade, 74, Kalispell, died Monday afternoon at Kalispell Regional Hospital of natural causes.

He was born Oct. 10, 1910, in Monico, Wis., the son of Charles Henry and Maria Jane Wade. He was raised in eastern Montana and in Mountain View, Mo.

On Jan. 6, 1935, he married Agnita Leole Burke in New York City.

After retiring from the U.S. Navy, he worked for TAD in Toole, Utah. The family had lived in Kalispell since 1974.

He was a member of the Vallejo Lodge No. 487 AF&AM.

Survivors include his wife, Agnita, at the family home; two sons, Joseph Wade, Kalispell, and Charles Wade, San Diego, Calif.; a daughter, Nita M. Kay, Salt Lake City, Utah; two brothers, Art Wade, Mountain View, Mo., and David Wade, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; a sister, Esther Pope, Whitefish; five grandchildren and numerous other relatives.

Following cremation, Weatherford Funeral Home is arranging burial at sea by the U.S. Navy.

8 Dec 1985 Ramon F. Wagner, 54

Ramon F. Wagner, 54, died Sunday at his home near Columbia Falls.

He was born Aug. 10, 1931, in Kalispell, to Max A. and Jeanette F. Wagner. He was raised and educated in Columbia Falls and Kalispell.

He married Cleo Nigg on July 21, 1956, in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

He worked as a logger at Superior Lumber, Owens and Brey, American Timber and most recently for Rich Sproul.

He was an active bowler and a member of the Columbia Falls American Bowling Conference. He was also a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles in Columbia Falls.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers and a sister.

Survivors include his wife, Cleo, at the family home; three sons,

Corey Wagner of Columbia Falls, Carey Wagner of Spokane, Wash., and Dana Wagner of Columbia Falls; a daughter, Shelly Flesch of Kalispell; three grandchildren; and a sister, Esther Jones of Columbia Falls.

Rosary will be recited at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Van Leuven Funeral Home in Columbia Falls. Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at St. Richard's Catholic Church. Burial will be in Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Viewing will be from 1 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Van Leuven Funeral Home in Columbia Falls.

23 Jan 1985
Bessie Walker, 89

RONAN — Bessie Kay Walker, 89, a pioneer resident of Proctor, died Wednesday at St. Luke's Convalescent Home in Ronan.

For many years she was the Proctor-area news correspondent for the Daily Inter Lake and the Flathead Courier. She won several prizes for her creative writing and poetry, and was an accomplished musician, teaching piano and guitar.

She was born Sept. 30, 1895, in Marines, N.C., the daughter of Stephen H. and Mary Jane Thomas. The family later moved to Nevada, where her parents worked for miners during the gold rush.

About 1907 she came to Demersville with her parents and grandmother, and attended the Demersville School. In the spring of 1910 the family moved just northwest of Dayton, to what is now Proctor, and she finished grade school there. She was baptized into the Christadelphian Church in 1911.

On Oct. 12, 1911, she married Robert Lee Walker, and they spent their lives farming in the Proctor Valley.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1949. She is survived by two sons, Thomas R. and Leon F. Walker at the family home in Proctor; one daughter, Annette E. Bain of Marion; six grandchildren, Carolyn Messner of Arlee, Richie Kay Stone of Missoula, and Dennis, Greg and Jeff Bain, of Kalispell; 13 great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Weatherford Funeral Home. Funeral services will be Thursday at 2 p.m. at the Weatherford, with Jerry Cederstrom of the Christadelphia Church officiating. Burial will follow in the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

The family suggests memorial contributions to St. Luke's Convalescent Center, Ronan 59864.

Feb 1985
Anna Wallace, 64

Anna H. Wallace, 64, Whitefish, died Thursday at Sacred Heart Hospital in Spokane.

A Whitefish native, she and her husband, John, returned to the Flathead Valley in 1980 after spending much of their adult lives out of state.

She was born Feb. 19, 1921, in Whitefish to Carl and Nellie Hanson. She was a 1939 graduate of Whitefish High School and in 1943 graduated from Eastern Washington College of Education (now Eastern Washington University) in Cheney.

On Dec. 22 of that year she married John A. Wallace at Whitefish. He served in the naval air corps for many years, and the couple moved quite often. They later lived for a number of years in Bothell, Wash., where Mrs. Wallace was active in various community affairs. After returning to Whitefish, she joined the American Legion auxiliary and St. Charles Catholic Church.

Survivors include her husband, John, at home; a son, John C., Whitefish; and a daughter, Kris, Seattle.

Rosary will be recited tonight at 7 at the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish. Mass of the Resurrection is Monday at 10 a.m. at St. Charles Catholic Church with the Rev. Jack Hunthausen as celebrant. Burial will be in Glacier Memorial Gardens.

The family has suggested memorials to the American Cancer Society.

Paul Walter, 67

^{16 June 1985}
Paul J. Walter, 67, Kent, Wash., died Sunday evening near Columbia Falls while visiting relatives.

He was born May 18, 1918, near Kalispell, to Harry F. and Mattie M. Walter. He was raised and educated in Kalispell.

He worked for the Civilian Conservation Corps near West Glacier in the 1930s.

He married Elinor V. Seville on Dec. 25, 1938, in Kalispell. They lived in the Flathead Valley for 40 years.

He worked as a mechanic for several service stations in the Flathead Valley. He leased and operated the Martin City Texaco for four years.

The couple moved to Kent, Wash., in 1979 after his retirement.

He was preceded in death by a half brother, Fred House, in 1971 and a sister, Opal Smith in 1983.

Survivors include his wife, Elinor, of Kent, Wash.; a sister, Lila Perry of Allyn, Wash.; a half sister, Elma Niepath, of Allyn, Wash.; an uncle and an aunt; 10 children, Russell Walter of Coram, Patricia Valentine of Buckley, Wash., Barbara Peiper of Whitefish, David Walter of Hungry Horse, Samuel Walter of Kent, Wash., Loretta Gordon of Chicago, Ill., Jenifer Powell of Columbia Falls, Kathryn Vollmer of Hungry Horse, Paulette Walter of Fairbanks, Alaska, and Leslie Walter of Columbia Falls; 30 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Van Leuven Funeral Home in Columbia Falls with the Rev. David Kauffman officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery.

J.E. Wargelin, 78

^{23 Oct 1985}
POLSON — John E. Wargelin, 78, Polson, died of natural causes Wednesday in St. Joseph Convalescent Center in Polson.

He was born Sept. 17, 1907, in Cumberland, Wyo., to Nick and Rosa Maki Wargelin. They moved to McCall, Idaho, and he lived there most of his life, working as a logger in the timber industry.

He moved to Montana in 1958, where he married Alma Halsewanger of Kila.

He was preceded in death a sister, Vivian, and his wife, who died in 1968.

Survivors include four sisters, Irene Hogard, Columbia Falls, Effie Orn, Longview, Wash., Elma ~~Horn~~ Elko, Nev., and Hazel Johnson, Boise, Idaho; two nieces and two nephews.

Private family services will be held later in Idaho.

Arrangements are under the direction of Mosley Funeral Home in Polson.

'Rose' Warner, 57

^{11 Jan 1985}
Roselyn "Rose" Warner, 57, died Friday morning at her home in Evergreen following a lengthy illness.

She had worked at the Timbers Motel in Kalispell, and was active in bowling leagues.

She was born July 7, 1927, in Malta, the daughter of William and Helen Nelsen. At 17 she moved to Houston, later to Waterloo, Iowa, and then to Billings. She came to Kalispell in 1964, making her home in the Evergreen area.

Surviving are three sons, Ted and David Robbennolt, both of Kalispell, and Dan Robbennolt of Burt, Iowa; two daughters, Linda Mains of Algona, Iowa, and Alana Logsdon of Kalispell; ten grandchildren; and her ex-husband, Al Warner of Kalispell.

Memorial services will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. at the Weatherford Funeral Home, with the Rev. M. Eugene Mockabee, Pastor of Central Christian Church, officiating. Internment will follow at Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Cremation has already taken place.

8 Oct 1985
James Webster

James Louis Webster, 1-month-old infant son of Loren and Julie Webster, died Tuesday morning at North Valley Hospital.

He was born Sept. 10, 1985, in Whitefish.

He is survived by his parents and two sisters, Jace and Jodi, at home in Whitefish; his grandparents, Barbara Clark and Louis and Geneva Webster, all of Whitefish; his great-grandparents, Milton and Natalie Manicke of Whitefish, and a number of other relatives.

Graveside services will be 11 a.m. Friday at Whitefish Cemetery with the Rev. Donald Heinrich of Whitefish Assembly of God Church officiating.

Burial is under the direction of Austin Funeral Home of Whitefish.

27 Nov 1985
'Josie' Wellman, 88

Josephine 'Josie' K. Wellman, 88, died Wednesday in Whitefish at the North Valley Hospital.

She was born May 17, 1897, in Mountain Lake, Minn., a daughter of Joseph and Mary M. Marty.

She moved with her parents to Langdon, N.D., where she was raised and educated. She attended Business School in Crookston, Minn., and returned to Langdon, where her parents owned a hardware store. She owned and operated a ladies' ready-wear store in Langdon for twenty-five years.

On April 12, 1949, she was married to Earl E. Newman in Langdon, and in that same year they moved to Whitefish, where he had the Newman Insurance Agency and she had a children's ready-wear store in the same building.

Mr. Newman preceded her in death in 1965, and in 1976 she was married to Edgar Wellman, who preceded her in death in 1981. The past several years, she has resided at the Colonial Manor in Whitefish.

12 Oct 1985
'Al' Weise, 52

Clement 'Al' Weise, 52, Lakeside, died of cancer Thursday at his home.

A Lakeside resident since 1963, he had been working as a self-employed carpenter for the past several years.

He was born Dec. 28, 1932, in Malta to Clement and Gladys Weise. He grew up in Whitewater, graduating from high school there in 1952. After working at local farms and ranches for four years, he served a two-year hitch in the Army.

On March 26, 1960, he married Donna Hawkyard in Havre. They lived in Havre, where he was a butcher, until moving to Lakeside. He worked at Lee Craft Marine and Bell Manufacturing before starting his carpentry business.

Surviving are his wife, Donna, at home; a son, David, in the U.S. Coast Guard at Elizabeth City, N.C.; a brother, Gerald, Helena; a grandson; and a number of other relatives in Illinois.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. at the Lakeside Chapel with the Rev. J. Torrance Harvey officiating. The family suggests memorials to the Lakeside Quick Response Unit, P.O. Box 36, Lakeside 59922. Arrangements are under the direction of the Johnson Mortuary.

She is survived by a stepson Melvin Newman of Bremerton, Wash., a grandnephew, Wayne Martyn of Canada; and a grandniece Sandra Cooper of British Columbia.

Graveside services will be Monday at 2 p.m. at the Whitefish Cemetery, with Dr. David V. Kaufman of Whitefish officiating. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of the Austin Funeral Home on Whitefish.

Lloyd Welty, 77

^{15 Nov 1985}
Lloyd Welty, 77, Kalispell, died Friday afternoon at Kalispell Regional Hospital.

He owned and operated Lloyd's Radiator Shop on Eighth Avenue West from 1945 until his death.

Born July 20, 1907, to Peter and Maud Welty at Spencer, Neb., he moved with his family to a homestead near the eastern Montana community of Enid in 1915.

On May 30, 1927, he married Gladys Pearl Lewis at Andes, Mont. The couple moved to Kalispell in October 1933.

Before opening his radiator shop, he was a carpenter, a truck driver for the Flathead Mine and worked for Kalispell Lumber Co.

He was a charter member of the Kalispell Church of Christ.

Surviving are his wife, Pearl, at home; three sons, Irving in San Antonio, Texas, Lyle in Austin, Texas, and Floyd in Kalispell; a daughter, Irene McAllister of Ronan; two brothers, Kermit in Sidney, Vernon in Bricktown, N.J.; three sisters, Thelma Gonzales of Vallejo, Calif., Laura Eickman of Hermiston, Ore., and Juanita Bender of Williston, N.D.; 10 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a brother, Maurice.

Funeral services will be Monday at 2 p.m. in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel with Lyle Newell of the Kalispell Church of Christ and John Clark of the Ronan Church of Christ officiating. Burial will be in Glacier Memorial Gardens. Chapel visitation is 1-6 p.m. today and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday.



Lilly Wesley, 92

^{1 Oct 1985}
Lilly Anne Wesley, 92, Whitefish, died Tuesday afternoon in North Valley Extended Care.

She was born March 9, 1893, in Lakota, N.D., a daughter of John and Mary Austin. She was raised and educated in Lakota and graduated from high school in 1918.

She married Pete Wesley in Spokane, Wash., in 1919, and for many years they made their home on Somers Avenue in Whitefish. He preceded her in death in 1952, and for the past several years she lived at North Valley Extended Care.

She is survived by a son, Robert Wesley, Whitefish; five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Private graveside services will be 10 a.m. Thursday at Whitefish Cemetery with the Rev. Darrel Aleson of United Methodist Church of Whitefish officiating.

Arrangements are under the direction of Austin Funeral Home of Whitefish.

C. Roy West, 71

^{3 Feb 1985}
EUREKA — C. Roy West, 71, Eureka, died of natural causes Sunday at his home.

He was born April 21, 1913, in Eureka, the son of William and Lucy West. He ranched in the Eureka area all his life and also worked in the Christmas tree industry for many years.

Mr. West was a charter member of the Rod and Gun Club and head of the Small Bore Rifle and Pistol Club.

He married Doris Frost June 4, 1966, in Missoula and she survives him at the family home. Also surviving are two sisters, Julia Vanleishout and Neva Bolen, both of Eureka; a brother, Lloyd West, Eureka; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Eureka Baptist Church with the Rev. Dale Davis and the Rev. Carl Pershall officiating. Burial will be in Tobacco Valley Cemetery under the direction of Vial Funeral Home in Eureka.

Mildred Westre, 70

^{7 Mar. 1985}
Mildred Elizabeth Westre, 70, a longtime Columbia Falls resident, died March 7 in Mesa, Ariz.

She and her husband, George, operated the Columbia Variety Store in Columbia Falls from 1959 until 1970.

Born Jan. 18, 1915, to Hillard and Mabel Ritter, she was raised on a homestead near Rudyard. After graduating second in her class at Rudyard High School, she went to Northern Montana College to earn a teaching certificate.

She then taught for several years at country schools near Conrad and Rudyard. After her marriage on Sept. 11, 1938, she and her husband settled in Havre. Ten years later they moved to a farm near Columbia Falls.

She was a member of the United Methodist Women and the Columbia Falls United Methodist Church.

Surviving are her husband, Columbia Falls; a daughter, Sandra Chow of Prince George, B.C.; a son, Willard, of Seattle; and nine grandchildren. Preceding her in death were a brother and a sister.

A memorial service will be held Tuesday at 2 p.m. at the United Methodist Church in Columbia Falls, with the Rev. Howard Hunter officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery.

The family suggests memorials to the Columbia Falls United Methodist Church, the American Cancer Society or a charity of the donor's choice.

22 Dec 1985
'Red' Westwood

SEATTLE — Walter Lee "Red" Westwood, a former Kalispell resident, died Dec. 22 at his home in Seattle after a lengthy illness.

Survivors include his wife, Minnie Hedstrom-Westwood; three daughters, Karen Westwood, Debi Westwood and Cathy McLynne; and two grandchildren.

Memorial services were held Dec. 28 at the West Seattle Lutheran Church.

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JAMES WHITE

James (Slim) Kelly White, 73, of Kalispell, died March 22 at home. He was born June 23, 1911, in Isadora, Mo., the son of Dave and Eva White. He received his education while living in Missouri and in 1935 he moved to Conrad. On Apr. 5, 1936, he was married to Myrtle J. Tronson in Choteau. He farmed in the Brady area until 1949, operated Whites Cafe in Brady until 1953, was janitor at the Brady School until 1960, and in 1965 went to work for the National Laundry in Black Eagle, until 1969. In 1970 the couple moved to Kalispell where he worked for the Outlaw Inn until his retirement. He was preceded in death by his parents, a step-brother Virgil Powell and a son a daughter, twins in infancy. He is now survived by his wife Myrtle of the family home, one son Robert L. White of Holbrook, Mass.; two daughters; Mrs. James (Brenda) Ocheltree of Kalispell and Mrs. Ben (Donna) Schwab of White Bear Lake, Minn.; one sister, Ethel Phillips; a half brother Roy White; two step-sisters, Viola Koontz and Vada Feldman all of Missouri; 10 grandchildren and one great-grandchild, and numerous other relatives. Funeral services were March 26 in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Ray Pierson, pastor of the Central Bible Church officiating. The body was forwarded to Conrad for services and burial in the Hillside Cemetery.

Vernon White, 84

23 Mar. 1985
GREAT FALLS — Vernon T. White, 84, Great Falls, died Saturday at a Great Falls hospital.

He was born in Fairfax, Minn., and lived there until 1904 when he moved with his family to Ray, N.D., where he attended school.

On Oct. 23, 1930, he married Helen Hector and they had a son, Vernon Jr., who was killed in a plane crash in 1958.

In the 1930s they moved to Kalispell, then later to Cut Bank, where he worked for the Texas Oil Co. He retired after 28 years of service and later returned to Kalispell where he lived until 1984, when he moved to Great Falls.

His wife preceded him in death.

Survivors include several nieces and nephews.

Graveside service will be 1 p.m. Tuesday at Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell.

Gordon L. Wickham

Gordon L. Wickham, a music teacher in Glasgow for 11 years, died Saturday, November 23, in Bozeman Deaconess Hospital of an apparent heart attack.

He was 58. *23 Nov 1985*

Funeral services will be held Friday, November 29, at 1:30 p.m., in the First Baptist Church in Bozeman. Dahl Funeral Home of Bozeman is in charge of arrangements.

He was born and raised in Minot, N.D., a son of Fred and Mathilda Wickham. He served in the Army in Germany after World War II, he graduated from Minot, (N.D.) Teachers College. He received a master's degree from Montana State University. On Dec. 22, 1954, he married Raegene Garner in Glasgow.

He came to Montana in 1951 and taught schools in Bigfork and Kalispell before moving in 1954 to Glasgow, where he taught music for 11 years. He then taught for a year

in Missoula and 17 years at Bozeman Senior High School.

He served two terms as president of Montana Bank Masters Association and received the Distinguished Service Award from Montana Music Educators Association, the National Band Masters Association Award, National High School Band achievement Award and a Citation of Excellence.

He was a Master Mason and a member of Elks Lodge, American Federation of Musicians and Congregational Church.

Survivors include his widow; a daughter, Margaret Wickham of Greenbelt, Md.; four sons, John of Las Vegas, Nev.; Nathaniel of Greeley, Colo.; Cameron of Salt Lake City, Utah, and Daniel of Bozeman; two sisters, Margaret Wickham of Whitefish and Verna Wickham of Polson; and a brother, Bradner of Minot, N.D.

9 June 1985 Amanda L. Wienke

Amanda Lee Wienke, newborn daughter of Wayne and Wanda Wienke, died shortly after birth Sunday morning in Kalispell Regional Hospital.

She is survived by her parents, Wayne and Wanda Wienke, and a brother, Adam Roy Wienke, at the family home; her grandparents, Robert and Rosemary Bushman of Belt, and Chester and Louise Wienke of Wolf Point; her great-grandparents, Thomas and Mildred Beauchman of Glasgow, and Alice McGillis of Poplar, and a number of other relatives.

Graveside services will be at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday in Glacier Memorial Gardens with the Rev. James White of Risen Christ Parish officiating. Friends will meet at the cemetery for services.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary.

14 OCT 1985

Blanche Wilder, 79

Blanche Taylor Wilder, 79, Bigfork, died Monday in Brendan House in Kalispell.

She was born Dec. 31, 1905, in Cascade, a daughter of William and Jennie Taylor. She attended schools in Cascade and graduated from Cascade High School and the University of Montana in Missoula. She did graduate work at the University of Washington in Seattle.

She taught English and history in Lewistown for eight years and was a member of the business office staff at Barnes Hospital in St. Louis, following her marriage.

On Sept. 8, 1935, she married Dr. Winfield Scott Wilder in the Methodist Church of Cascade. She was preceded in death by him on Nov. 27, 1982.

Mrs. Wilder was a member of the Order of Eastern Star in Cascade and was state president of the Women's Auxiliary to the Montana Medical Association. She was a member of PEO and continued to serve in that organization until her death. She also served as a deacon in First Presbyterian Church in Great Falls, where she and her husband and family lived for 30 years from 1946 to 1976.

She was an excellent seamstress and homemaker and gave many hours of service to the PTA, YMCA, Red Cross and AFS.

She and her husband moved to Bigfork in 1976.

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

Survivors include her son, Dr. Wallace Wilder of Kalispell; two daughters, Mrs. Jon (Dianne) Bridgman of Seattle, and Mrs. Scott

(Jennifer) Smith of Denver, Colo.; a sister, Mrs. LeRoy (Jessie) Anderson of Conrad; nine grandchildren and a number of cousins, nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be 1:30 p.m. Thursday in Bethlehem Lutheran Church with the Rev. Howard Mars officiating. Burial will be in Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

The family suggests memorials to the PEO Scholarship Fund, Cancer Society or to the charity of the donor's choice.

There will be no public viewing. Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary.

Harry S. Wiley, 77

4 Aug 1985
LIBBY — Harry S. Wiley, 77, Libby, died at St. John Lutheran Hospital in Libby Sunday of natural causes.

He was born May 27, 1908, in Rocklake, N.D., to Thomas and Pearl Wiley.

He married Olive Ann Lembcke on Dec. 21, 1929, in Long Prairie, Minn. He lived in Jamestown and Sidney, N.D., where he was employed by the Midland Continental Railroad until moving to Harlem, Mont., in 1952. He lived in Harlem for 12 years until coming to Libby in 1964. While in Libby he was employed by the Burns Security Agency as a security guard at St. Regis Paper Co. and later on the Libby Dam project. After his retirement in 1970 he and his wife moved to Turner, where they lived until returning to Libby in 1979.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Olive, in 1984.

Survivors include a son, Harry T. "Bud" Wiley, of Libby; three daughters, Donna Pfaff, Bismarck, N.D., Charlene Doney and Sharon Harrington, both of Libby; an uncle; 15 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Thursday at the City of Libby Cemetery, with the Rev. James Darchuk officiating. Friends are asked to meet at the cemetery at 1:45 p.m.

Arrangements are under the direction of Vial Funeral Home in Libby.

Frances Wilke, 80

^{22 Feb. 1985}
FORTINE — Frances Wilke, 80, Fortine, died of natural causes Friday at North Valley Hospital.

She was born April 30, 1904, in Edgerton, Ind., to Ira and Daisy Grimm. She moved with her family to Warland at an early age.

She married Bert Wilke Jan. 11, 1921, in Libby. They lived in the Trego and Fortine areas. She carried the mail from the depot to the post office from 1937-1940. She also worked on the election board for many years.

Her husband preceded her in death in 1984.

She is survived by two sons, Neal Wilke, Whitefish, and Herbert Wilke, Fortine; two daughters, Frieda Miller, Monarch, and Naomi Burkgart, Osburn, Idaho; nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Fortine Community Church with the Rev. Dave Davis officiating.

Interment will follow at the Fortine Cemetery under the direction of Vial Funeral Home of Eureka.

17 Nov. 1985 Delbert Wilken, 50

Delbert G. Wilken, 50, Kalispell, owner of McElroy & Wilken Ready Mix, died of a stroke Sunday evening in Kalispell Regional Hospital.

He was born Sept. 27, 1935, at Columbia Heights, a son of Fred G. and Maude M. Wilken. He attended schools in Billings, and St. Matthew's School and Flathead High School in Kalispell.

He was a truck driver and hauled poles for Kalispell Pole and Timber. He also hauled bulk cement and worked at Anaconda Aluminum for a short period of time. He was employed at McElroy and Wilken concrete until 1978, at which time he purchased the business. He and operated the firm since that time.

He was president of the Montana Ready Mix Association. He served on the board of directors of the Buffalo Hills Golf Course and was active in the development of the 18-hole expansion of the course.

On June 12, 1953, he married Marilyn Miller in Coeur d'Alene, and is now survived by her at the family home.

Other survivors include a daughter, Terri, and a son, Gary, both of Kalispell; two sisters, Vivian Damon of Spokane, and Marjean Stead of Palm Springs, Calif.; and a

number of nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Fred.

Rosary will be recited at 8:15 tonight in Johnson Mortuary Chapel. Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday in St. Matthew's Catholic Church with the Rev. Edmund Smith as celebrant. Burial will be in Glacier Memorial Gardens.

The family suggests memorials to Buffalo Hills Golf Course for the purpose of paying the golf cart paths.

Elsie Williams, 62

21 May 1985
LIBBY — Elsie Williams, 62, Libby, died Monday of a heart attack in St. John Lutheran Hospital.

She was born Aug. 29, 1922, in Columbia Falls, to Henry and Mabel Fisher. She was reared in Columbia Falls and attended school there.

She married Glen Williams on Nov. 5, 1938, in Polson. For several years she and her husband traveled throughout the Northwest, living in California, Washington and Mon-

tana. In 1952, they moved to Libby, where they lived for the past 33 years.

Mrs. Williams was manager of Smart's Car Wash and Service Station in Libby for eight years. She retired in 1980.

She was a member of the Libby Christian Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and two brothers, Otto and Henry Fisher.

Survivors include her husband, Glen, Libby; two sons, Larry Williams and Glen Williams Jr., and two daughters, Dorothy Snyder and Glenda Allen, all of Libby; two sisters, Ida Mae Gehring and Margaret Miller, both of Libby; three brothers, Fred and Harry Fisher, both of Libby, and Phil Fisher, Troy; 13 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

Services will be conducted at 2 p.m. Thursday at Libby Christian Church with the Rev. Charles Couch officiating. Friends may call at the Vial Funeral Home in Libby from 1-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. today and until noon Thursday.

The family suggests memorials c/o Route 3, Box 860, Libby 59923.

Emma J. Willis, 56

23 - Sept 1985
Emma Jean Willis, 56, Kalispell, died in Kalispell Regional Hospital Monday afternoon.

She was born June 17, 1929, in Valier, a daughter of Montague and Emma McIlhargey. She was educated in Whitefish and Conrad.

In 1948 she returned to Whitefish, where on Jan. 8, 1949, she married Melvin L. Willis. They continued to live there until 1952, when they moved to Kalispell.

Maude Williams, 80

7 Feb 1985
COLUMBIA FALLS — Maude L. "Granny" Williams, 80, died Thursday evening at the North Valley Extended Care Center.

A native of Florida, she had been a Flathead Valley resident for nearly 18 years.

She was born March 17, 1904, in Sanford, Fla. She grew up in Jacksonville, where she married Hamp Williams on Jan. 22, 1922. The couple made their home in Jacksonville.

Her husband died in 1951, and in 1967 she moved to Whitefish with her son, Ervin. They later moved to Columbia Falls.

She taught Sunday school at Riverside Presbyterian Church in Jacksonville for 30 years and was active in Women of the Church. In Columbia Falls, she belonged to the First Baptist Church and the Senior Citizens Center.

Survivors include three sons, Ervin, in Columbia Falls, William, of Jacksonville, and George, of Lawtey, Fla.; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a stepson.

Visitation will be Monday from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Weatherford Funeral Home. Funeral services will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. at the funeral home, with the Rev. Ralph Werner and the Rev. Jerry Buchanan officiating. Graveside services will be later in the week at Riverside Memorial Gardens in Jacksonville.

She is survived by her husband, Melvin, at home; a son, Michael Willis of Kalispell; three daughters, Rhonda Morgan and Shelly Willis, both of Kalispell, and Arleta Edwards of Columbia Falls; her mother, Emma McIlhargey of Kalispell; five brothers, O'Leary and Monte McIlhargey, both of Kalispell, Stanley and Milo McIlhargey, both of Nampa, Idaho, and Mel McIlhargey of Las Vegas, Nev.; four sisters, Myrna Banning and Wanda Flynn, both of Kalispell, Charlotte Habets of Valier, and Joy Pourroy of Conrad; seven grandchildren and a number of other relatives.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday in Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. J. Torrance Harvey of Lakeside Chapel officiating. Cremation has taken place.

'Babe' Wilson, 84

18 Feb. 1985
Angeline L. "Babe" Wilson, 84, Kalispell, died of natural causes Monday evening at the Flathead County Nursing Home.

She was born Feb. 5, 1901, in Aitkin, Minn., the daughter of Oliver and Virginia Rachon Chatelle. After graduating from high school in Aitkin in 1919 she was a rural school teacher in Minnesota and eastern Montana for several years.

On June 13, 1927, she married John H. "Jack" Wilson in Duluth, Minn., and they lived in Duluth and Minneapolis, Minn. They moved to Kalispell in 1943 and except for one year in Oregon have lived here since.

Mrs. Wilson was a member of St. Matthew's Catholic Church. She enjoyed fishing, picking huckleberries and crocheting.

She was preceded in death by three brothers, a sister, an infant son, and her husband, Jack Wilson, in 1977.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Elmer (Joanne) Drake and Mrs. Fred (Lavonne) Cameron, both of Kalispell; six grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; five step-great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be at Weatherford Funeral Home on Thursday from noon to 7 p.m., at which time rosary services will be recited. Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Friday at Weatherford Funeral Home with the Rev. Edmund Smith of St. Matthew's Catholic Church officiating. Burial will be at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Francis Wilson, 56

23 Nov. 1985
Francis Harvey Wilson, 56, a former resident of Whitefish, died Saturday in Pasco, Wash., from complications of diabetes.

He was born Aug. 3, 1929, in Whitefish.

He was a carman for Great Northern and Burlington Northern railroads. He worked in Whitefish, Spokane, Wash., and Pasco, Wash.

He was a member of the Flathead County Sheriff Posse and the Whitefish Police Department Association.

His hobby was raising cattle.

Survivors include his wife, Irene Wilson, of Kennewick, Wash.; a son, Leslie Wilson of Alliance, Alaska; two sisters, Mervel Swanson of Havre, and Irma Shiflett of Libby; a brother, Robert Wilson of Havre; and a number of other relatives.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Tuesday at Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish with the Rev. Harold Petersen of Christ Lutheran Church of Whitefish officiating. Burial will be in Glacier Memorial Gardens.

The family suggests memorials to the American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 2411, Great Falls, 59403.

Josie Wilson, 88

28 June 1985
Jorum "Josie" Wilson, 88, a former Somers and East Glacier resident, died Friday in Seattle.

Born Aug. 8, 1896, in Norway, she came to Somers with her parents when she was 17. She lived in East Glacier for 40 years until moving to Seattle five years ago.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Mark Wilson, on March 25, 1975.

Surviving are a son, Bob, of Orange, Calif.; two daughters, Joyce Irwin, Seattle, and June Wright, Everett, Wash.; three sisters, Eva Jones, Hemet, Calif., Caroline Rollia, Seattle, and Gundhild Mjorud, Minneapolis; two brothers, A.K. and Argrim Anderson, both of San Diego, Calif.; and numerous other relatives.

Funeral services will be Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. at the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish. Her grandson, Brian Johnstone of Sandpoint, will officiate. Burial will be in Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Bernice Winter, 84

^{5 July 1985}
RONAN — Bernice Christine Winter, 84, a resident of Missoula, died Friday at St. Patrick Hospital in Missoula of natural causes.

She was born Aug. 6, 1900, at Sisseton, S.D., to Knute and Millie Rudie. She grew up and attended schools in Sisseton. She graduated from Stout College in Menomonie, Wis. She later received a teaching certificate from Dillon Normal College in Dillon.

~~She came to Montana in 1929,~~ settling in the Seeley-Swan area, and in 1938, moved to Ronan. She taught school in numerous places in Montana, including the Ronan area. She made her home there until 1974 when she moved to Missoula.

She married Portus F. Winter in 1921, in Menomonie, Wis.

She was preceded in death by her husband, a daughter, a brother, a sister and a grandson.

She was active in Messiah Lutheran Church in Missoula and the Sons of Norway in Missoula.

Survivors include three sons, Robert and Richard Winter, both of Kalispell, and Raymond Winter, Selah, Wash.; a daughter, Joanne Hall, Missoula; three sisters, Mildred Stevens, Alice Rudie and Esther Johnson, all of California; a brother, Arthur Rudie, Oregon; 25 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were today in Missoula with the Rev. Raymond Weigert officiating. Burial was today at 3 p.m. at Mountain View Cemetery in Ronan.

Shrider's Mortuary in Ronan was in charge of arrangements.

^{3 Nov 1985} Jason W. Wolfe

Jason W. Wolfe, 10½ months, Columbia Falls, died Sunday at North Valley Hospital.

He was born Dec. 17, 1984, in Spokane, Wash., to Becky Aikin and John Wolfe.

He is survived by his parents, and a sister, Katrinia Wolfe, of Columbia Falls; his grandparents, Wilbur and LaVonne Aikin of Kalispell, and James and Millie Wolfe of Columbia Falls; and numerous aunts and uncles.

Services will be 11 a.m. Wednesday at Van Leuven Funeral Home in Columbia Falls. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls. The Rev. Paul Taylor of Christ Church (Episcopal) will officiate.

Harrison Wood ^{8 May 1985}

Harrison P. Wood, age 86, of Polson, died Wednesday, May 8, in the St. Joseph Convalescent Center. He entered the rest home on June 1, 1984, and had suffered several years from diabetes and Alzheimer's disease.

He was born Aug. 28, 1898, in Lakefield, Minn., a son of Henry and Anna Wesner Wood. He lived in Lakefield and received his education there. In 1917 he moved to Glasgow, where he met and married Mildred Voorhees July 15, 1918.

He was employed by the Great Northern Railroad as a brakeman and conductor. He also served as secretary/treasurer for the Trainman's Lodge for many years. He retired in 1963 after 43 years of service, at which time he moved to Polson where he has since resided.

Mr. Wood was a member and past deacon of the First Baptist Church of Polson. He enjoyed hunting,

fishing and especially gardening.

He is survived by his widow, Mildred of Polson; three daughters, Phyllis Morigeau of Polson, Juanita Svingen of Missoula and Maxine Brewer of Polson; one sister, Verma Phinney of Carson, Calif.; seven grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Funeral services were held Saturday, May 11, at 2 p.m. in the First Baptist Church of Polson, with Rev. Rudy Ringhoff, pastor of First Baptist Church officiating. Interment was in Lake View Cemetery, under the direction of Mosley Funeral Home in Polson.

Memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church or the Alzheimers Disease and Related Disorders Association, 360 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago, Ill., 60601.

10 Dec 1985

Lucille Wood, 66

Lucille Wood, 66, lifetime Whitefish resident, died of cancer Tuesday at North Valley Hospital.

She was born Aug. 19, 1919, in Whitefish, a daughter of Roger and Pearl Smith. Her maternal and paternal grandparents pioneered in the Whitefish area in the late 1800s.

She graduated from Whitefish High School in 1937, and worked as a secretary to Whitefish superintendent of schools for many years.

She married Harold F. Wood on June 15, 1940, in Whitefish.

A member of St. Charles Parish, Mrs. Wood was active in Altar Society and served as president and secretary. She also sang in the church choir for many years. She was a member of Fortnightly Study Club and a charter member of Whitefish Memorial Hospital Auxiliary where she served several terms as secretary-treasurer. She served five years on the Board of Directors of North Valley Hospital, including one year as chairman of the board.

While her children were young, she was active in PTA and Girl Scouts.

Survivors include her husband, Harold, of Whitefish; three daughters, Mrs. Troy (Jan) Thacker of North Pole, Alaska, Judy Bradford of Whitefish, and Mrs. Bill (Becky) O'Donnell of Missoula; seven grandchildren; her mother, Pearl R. Smith of Whitefish; two sisters, Louise LaBrie and Jane Barnes, both of Whitefish; a brother, Robert Smith of Missoula; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father, Roger Smith; a brother, Harry Smith; and a daughter, Diane, who died at birth.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Saturday at Austin Funeral Home with the Rev. Jack Hunthausen of St. Charles Catholic Church of Whitefish officiating. Burial will be in Glacier Memorial Gardens.

The family suggests memorials to North Valley Hospital Proposed Family Room and Chapel.

The casket will be open for viewing Friday until 8 p.m.



10 Mar 1985

'Mickey' Wood, 67

LIBBY — Marguerite "Mickey" Wood, 67, died of cancer Sunday at St. John Lutheran Hospital.

She was born Feb. 10, 1918, in Libby, the daughter of James and Bernice Reedy. She graduated from Libby High School in 1936. Following her graduation she was employed by the J.C. Penney Co. in Libby and then worked for the J. Neils Lumber Co. during World War II.

She married Frank Wood July 16, 1941, in Libby.

Mrs. Wood worked for Adkins Grocery and later worked at Center Drug in Libby for many years, retiring in 1978.

She was a member of St. Joseph Parish, the Royal Neighbors of America and the American Legion Auxiliary.

Survivors include her husband, Frank, Libby; two daughters, Ellen Reffner, Tacoma, Wash., and Mary Wood, Missoula; two sons, Mark Wood, Libby, and Neil Wood, Anchorage, Alaska; a sister, Shirley Whitcomb, Bonners Ferry, Idaho; a brother, Stanley Reedy, Libby; and five grandchildren.

Rosary will be recited at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Vial Funeral Home Chapel in Libby. Mass of the Resurrection will be 10 a.m. Thursday at St. Joseph Catholic Church in

Libby with the Rev. Charles Roman as celebrant. Burial will be in the City of Libby Cemetery.

The family suggests memorials to the Kootenai Volunteer Hospice, P.O. Box 781, Libby, 59923.

20 Aug 1985
Marion Woods, 72

Marion Earl Woods, 72, Monroe, Ore., died in Brendan House Tuesday afternoon.

He was born Oct. 22, 1912, in Scottsbluff, Neb., a son of Jesse and Laura Fitzgerald Woods. He moved with his family to Rocky Ford, Colo., as a small child. He attended grammar and high school in Rocky Ford and later graduated from International School of Chicago in steam and electrical engineering.

On Jan. 14, 1938, he married Hildred Hallows in Reno, Nev., and after a honeymoon year in California, he returned to Rocky Ford where he was employed by the American Crystal Sugar Co. until 1955. While employed with the sugar company he became a strong union member and did a great deal of traveling for the union.

In 1955, he moved to Whitefish, and was employed with the Anaconda Aluminum Co. until 1958, when he retired and moved to his home in Monroe, Ore.

He was a member of the Methodist Church of Junction City, Ore., and a former member of the American Beet Sugar Workers Union.

The last 27 years he made his home in the foothills of the coastal range in Oregon, where he bought and operated a timber and grass seed ranch.

He was visiting his son at the time of his death.

He is survived by his wife, Hildred, at home; a son, James "Jim" Woods of Kalispell; a daughter, Stephanie Dye of Tucson, Ariz.; six grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

The body is being forwarded by the Johnson Mortuary to the Ustick Funeral Home of Rocky Ford, Colo., where graveside services and burial are being planned for 2 p.m. Saturday.



6 Apr 1985
Hilda Wooster, 84

POLSON — Hilda Ann Wooster, 84, Polson, died Saturday of natural causes at St. Joseph Convalescent Center.

She was born Nov. 4, 1900, in Oster Jutland, Sweden, to John and Lydia Larson. She received her education in Sweden.

She came to the United States in 1920 to work for a doctor in West Hartford, Conn. After the death of her sister, Ranghild Wooster, she helped raise her infant niece, Betty Ann, the daughter of Harold and Ranghild Wooster. In 1930, she married Harold Wooster in New York. The couple lived in Bristol, Conn., where they helped run the family dairy. They moved to Bay Horse in Powder River County in 1946, and then to the Browns Meadow Ranch near Kalispell in 1958. In 1966, they moved to the Valley View area of Polson.

In addition to her sister, Mrs. Wooster was preceded in death by her husband and three brothers, Eric, William and Ragnar.

Survivors include her stepdaughter, Betty Ann Gerrity, Polson; three sisters, Ruth Sleasman, Portland, Ore., Helen Wetzel, North Palm Beach, Fla., and Esther Gamache, Bristol, Conn.; four brothers, Folke, John, Arthur and Robert, all of Bristol; five grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be until 5 tonight in the Mosley Funeral Home in Polson. Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Wednesday in the United Methodist Church in Polson with the Rev. David Orendorff officiating. Friends and family will meet for graveside services at 2:30 p.m. at Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell.

The family suggests memorials to the United Methodist Church in Polson or the Polson City Library.