

19 Nov 1986  
**William Ramsey, 64**

William H. Ramsey, 64, formerly of Kalispell, died Friday in Port Orchard, Wash.

He was born Feb. 3, 1922, in Lakeland, Fla., a son of William and Jessie Ramsey. He moved with his family to Kalispell at an early age and attended Kalispell schools.

On Sept. 16, 1940, he entered the Army in Kalispell and served in the South Pacific until receiving his honorable discharge on Sept. 5, 1945, at Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

He returned to Kalispell and worked at several jobs including working for McElroy and Wilken. He then moved to Seattle where he was employed with Boeing Aircraft until his retirement in 1985.

On March 11, 1944, he married Joyce Howard in Rockhampton, Australia, and they were later divorced.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, Howard, George and Claude Ramsey.

Survivors include two daughters, Marie Schutt of Kalispell, and Addie Cline of Ferndale; three sons, Val and Vaughn Ramsey, both of Kalispell, and Chris Ramsey of Denver, Colo.; a sister, Mrs. Russell (Ruth) Roy of Kalispell; four brothers, Maurice of Shelby, Charles of Kalispell, Phil of Buena Park, Calif., and Jim Ramsey of Bozeman; nine grandchildren; a great-grandson, and a number of nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Military funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday in Johnson Mortuary Chapel with Bill Wilson, chaplain, officiating. Burial will be in Conrad Memorial Cemetery with military honors conducted by local veterans organizations.

The family suggests memorials to the William H. Ramsey Memorial Fund, c/o Valley Bank, Kalispell.

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**Orville S. Ramsfield, 63 1986**

Orville S. Ramsfield, 63, a long-time resident of Bigfork, died in Brendan House Wednesday afternoon after a long illness with cancer.

He was born Sept. 22, 1922, in Agate, N.D., a son of Seivert and Anna Ramsfield. When he was 2 years old, he moved with his family to an area north of Bigfork, and had lived in the Bigfork area since that time.

Mr. Ramsfield and his brother, Edwin, ran a dairy farm in Ferndale for a number of years. He also worked in the woods and was employed by Snow Line Tree Co.

After the death of an uncle, he farmed for his aunt, Hilda Lee.

On March 9, 1956, he married Virginia Wicklund in Bigfork.

Following his marriage, he returned to the Ferndale area and operated a small stud mill with his nephew, Alvin Mildren. He worked at a saw mill in Somers; Broeder's Mill at Creston; Ureco; and returned to Broeder Brothers until their fire. He then was employed by



Superior Lumber Co. for 14 years prior to his retirement in June 1984.

Mr. Ramsfield enjoyed fishing, hunting, and hiking to the lakes in the mountain areas, especially Birch Lake. In his younger years he trapped on Flathead River.

He also enjoyed family picnics, fishing, berry picking and camping trips.

Survivors include his wife, Virginia, at the family home; two stepsons, Dale and Terry Hodges, both of Kalispell; two stepdaughters, Noella Hutton of Kalispell, and Bonnie Sebastian of Crab Orchard, Kent.; a sister, Selia Mildren of Bigfork; 11 grandchildren; a number of nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Saturday in Bethany Lutheran Church of Bigfork with the Rev. Herb Knutson officiating. Burial will be in Lonepine Cemetery under the direction of Johnson Mortuary. The family suggests memorials to the charity of donor's choice.

Dec 1986  
**Mildred Rahn, 78**

Mildred Rahn, 78, Columbia Falls, died Monday morning at North Valley Extended Care in Whitefish.

She was born Dec. 28, 1907, in Stevensville to Ray S. and Hazel G. Howard. She was raised and educated in Stevensville. She attended Western Montana College in Dillon. She taught school in Darby, Victor and Livingston.

She married Henry Rahn on June 27, 1941, in Lewistown. They lived in Gardner for two years, then Great Falls for four years, then Stevensville for eight years. They moved to Columbia Falls in 1953.

She was a member of the Bad Rock Fire Department Auxiliary, the Good Sam Club, the Crystal Creek Club, and a member of the Baptist Church in Stevensville.

She was preceded in death by a brother.

Survivors include her husband, Henry, at the family home in Columbia Falls; two daughters, Luanne Homestead of Whitefish and Sally Rae Damon of Stockton, Calif.; a son, Howard Hickey of Okemos, Mich.; 12 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Van Leuven Funeral Home in Columbia Falls. The Rev. Jerry Buchanan will officiate. Cremation has taken place.

23 May 1986  
**Adelaide Ranger, 88**

Adelaide S. Ranger, 88, Polson, died Friday afternoon at Kalispell Regional Hospital.

She was born in Minneapolis on June 19, 1897. She had lived in Polson for the past 20 years.

She was married to Donald R. Ranger, a civil engineer, who preceded her in death in January 1971. Surviving are two nieces and three nephews including R.C. Siegfried of Calgary, a part-time resident of Kalispell.

Funeral services will be Tuesday at noon at Northridge Lutheran Church with the Rev. Randall Nicolai officiating. Burial will be in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Visitation is 1-6 p.m. Monday at the Johnson Mortuary.

## Clifford Read, 85

*15 Jul 1986*  
Clifford Read, 85, a resident of Immanuel Lutheran Home since 1981, died there Tuesday morning.

He was born Sept. 24, 1900, in York, N.D., a son of Edward and Celia Read. He was one of 13 children.

In 1926, he married Anne Bertia Tostenson and she preceded him in death on July 22, 1974.

Mr. Read was a pilot, mechanic, volunteer fire chief and farmer. He rebuilt wrecked automobiles, fire engines and airplanes, made wooden lamps and played the harmonica.

He worked for Nybo's in Missoula as a mechanic and with his wife owned and operated Hellgate Auto Wrecking in East Missoula for more than 30 years.

Throughout his life, he returned to North Dakota during the summer to farm.

In 1941, he and his family went to Seattle, Wash., where he was a foreman for crews that installed turbines in airplane carriers.

He flew as co-pilot as a crop duster in South Dakota. He also flew to Nome, Alaska, and many other parts of the United States.

Mr. and Mrs. Read visited their son, Stanley, in New Guinea in 1968-69. After Mrs. Read's death in 1974, Mr. Read returned to New Guinea for six months.

He retired in 1979 after breaking his hip. He lived with his daughter for several months. When able, he helped his son at the Hamilton airport.

He was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Missoula.

He was preceded in death by his wife; two brothers, Paul and Donald; three sisters, Melinda Read, Bertha Smith and Myrtle Hendrix.

Survivors include two sons, Mahlon Read of Polson, and Stanley Read of Hamilton; a daughter, Marjorie Kohler of Great Falls; five brothers, George, Charles and Kenneth Read, all of Missoula, Julian Read of Kalispell, and Raymond "Doc" Read of Ronan; two sisters, Martha George and Esther Pine, both of Missoula; nine grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.



## Elaine Rayson, 68

*15 SEP 1986*  
LIBBY — Elaine D. Rayson, 68, Libby, died of cancer Friday in St. John Lutheran Hospital in Libby.

She was born Dec. 10, 1917, in Irma, Wis., to Ammon and Edna Barr. She moved to Libby as a child, where she was raised and attended school.

She married Calvin M. "Kelly" Rayson on Aug. 11, 1934, in Libby. She and her husband were ordained ministers of the gospel in the Libby and Troy areas.

She taught Sunday School and was a leader in women's bible study. She also ministered at the Libby Care Center. She was a member of the Libby Assembly of God Church and the Women's Aglow Fellowship. Her husband preceded her in death in 1973.

She is survived by three sons, Arden "Kelly" Rayson and Clayton Rayson, both of Libby, and Dan Rayson of Missoula; two daughters, Kathy Warren and Arlene Reynolds.

both of Libby; a sister, Arlene Ayers of Seattle; 15 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Services will be 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Assembly of God Church in Libby.

Burial will be in the City of Libby Cemetery under the direction of Vial Funeral Home, Libby.

## Don Rasmussen

Former Noxon and Heron resident Don Rasmussen died of cancer September 10, 1986 at his home in West Sacramento, California. He was 42.

He was born in Clark Fork, Idaho to Fay Charles and Kathleen Rasmussen and was raised in Heron. He was the terminal manager of a general freight company during his working years.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara and a son, Erick, of the family home; his father, Fay of Noxon; a brother, Dale of Heron and sisters Kay Rasor and Pinky Wetz of Noxon and Faye Nelson of Washington. He was preceded in death by his mother.

Mass of the Christian Burial was celebrated September 15 in Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church in West Sacramento. Interment was at Monument Hill Memorial Park of Woodland.

## Henry Ravet

*16 Oct. 1986 - Sanders Co. L.*

PLAINS--Funeral services were to be conducted Wednesday morning at St. James Catholic Church in Plains for Henry John Ravet, 59, a former resident of Plains who died Saturday of a heart attack in Bay View, Idaho. Sister Ursula Keough was to officiate and burial was to follow in the Plains Cemetery.

Mr. Ravet was born April 7, 1927 in Bozeman to John and Anna Fonk Ravet. He grew up in Bozeman and attended school there. He was graduated from Montana State University and farmed in Bozeman until 1981 when he moved to Plains. He resided there until 1984 when he moved to Bay View.

He was a member of the Catholic

Church in Bozeman, Plains and Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, and served as a eucharistic minister in all three parishes.

He was active in 4-H.

He is survived by a brother, Francis William Ravet, Houston, Texas; two sisters, Yvonne Bednar, Idaho Falls, Idaho, and Marie Hartman, Plains; 12 nieces and nephews and four grandnieces and grandnephews.

He was preceded in death by a sister, JoAnn.

Rosary was recited Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the chapel of Shrider Funeral Home in Plains.

Graveside services will be 10 a.m. Thursday in Missoula City Cemetery. Memorial services will be 11 a.m. Thursday in St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Missoula with the Rev. Joseph Wahlin officiating.

The family suggests memorials to St. Paul's Lutheran Church Memorial Fund.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary of Kalispell.

## William Reid, 70

<sup>14 Mar 1980</sup>  
The Rev. William Reid, 70, Kalispell, died Friday evening at Kalispell Regional Hospital.

A California native, he had retired from a full-time ministry in 1980 after 10 years as pastor of the First Baptist Church in Kalispell.

He was born on Easter Sunday, April 4, 1915, in Pasadena, Calif., to Earl C. and Margie Reid. After his graduation from Emeryville (Calif.) High School in 1934, he worked for five years at Virginia Dry Cleaners in Berkeley, Calif.

On June 17, 1939, he married Fern Louise Goldspring at the Golden Gate Baptist Church in nearby Oakland, where the couple had met.

He felt a call to the ministry and moved to Redlands, Calif., where he worked his way through the University of Redlands from 1943-46, graduating in 2½ years. The family moved to Lafayette, Calif., where he attended the Berkeley Baptist Divinity School. He organized and was founding pastor of the Pleasant Hill Community Baptist Church and served as pastor until 1950.

He earned his divinity degree in 1951 and became assistant minister and youth pastor at the First Baptist Church of Inglewood, Calif. In 1953 he moved to the Issaquah Community Baptist Church in Issaquah, Wash., and then in 1956 to Calvary Baptist Church in Seattle.

Two years later he went to the First Baptist Church of Prosser, Wash., and after 10 years there, spent two years at the College View Baptist Church in Pasco, Wash., before coming to Kalispell in 1970.

After his retirement, he served the United Methodist Church in Somers part-time for two years. He and his wife were visitors for the American Baptist Ministers and Missionaries Board for three years.

He was active on various boards in the Washington Baptist Convention during his 18 years in that state, and continued in similar capacities in Montana.



## William Reed, 79

William L. Reed, 79, Bigfork, died of natural causes Tuesday evening at Bigfork Convalescent Center.

He was born Feb. 8, 1907, in London, Ontario, Canada, to William and Maude Reed. His family moved to Bay City, Mich., where he was raised and attended schools.

He married Violet Moffatt, and the couple resided in Detroit, Mich., where he worked as a toolmaker for the Whitman & Barnes Tool Company. In 1948, the family moved to Oscoda, Mich., where he owned and operated a gas station and restaurant.

He retired due to ill health in 1961 and resided in Alpena, Mich. He moved to Bigfork in 1983 and resided

at Bigfork Convalescent Center.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Leonard.

Survivors include two sons, William of Lake Havasu City, Ariz., and Philip of Bigfork; three sisters, Maude Greiner of Sedona, Ariz., Vivian Charmay and Betsy Sharp, both in Oregon; eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were to be at 3 p.m. today at Lonepine Cemetery in Bigfork with the Rev. Ron Pierce of Swan Lake Chapel officiating.

Arrangements are under the direction of Bigfork Funeral Home.

He was past master of the Euclid Masonic Lodge in Prosser and a member of the Yakima, Wash., Lodge of Perfection (Scottish Rite). He also belonged to the Kalispell Kiwanis Club, the Flathead Council on Aging, the Kalispell Ministerial Association and other groups.

Surviving are his wife, Fern, at home; a son, William, McMinnville, Ore.; and three grandchildren. Preceding him in death were a brother, Earl, a sister, Ona Beasley, and a son, Lawrence David.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete, and will be announced later by the Johnson Mortuary.

## Eunice Reasoner, 86

<sup>2 July 1980</sup>  
Eunice Whiteside Reasoner, 86, a native of Kalispell, died July 2 at St. Peter's Community Hospital, Helena.

She was born May 22, 1900, in Kalispell, to former State Sen. Fred and Clara Whiteside. She attended schools in Kalispell and graduated from Flathead County High School in 1918. She attended the University of Montana then transferred to the University of Missouri Journalism School at Columbia, Mo. She worked with Connecticut General Life Insurance Co. in Kansas City, Mo.

She married H. Neil Mecaskey in Kansas City, Mo., in 1922. They later divorced.

She married N. Robert Reasoner in February 1950 in Kansas City. They moved to Helena in 1968 from Denver and lived on the Bar WM Ranch west of Helena for 10 years until moving to Helena.

She compiled the story of her father's life, "Three Hundred Grand," published in 1980.

Mrs. Reasoner was preceded in death by her husband in October 1977, a sister and a brother.

Survivors include a daughter, Eunice Roth of Fort Walton Beach, Fla.; a son, H. Neil Mecaskey of Lawrence, Kan.; three grandsons; and several nieces and nephews.

Private graveside services were July 3 in Conrad Memorial Cemetery with the Rev. James Reeves officiating.

Memorial services were July 7 in St. Peter's Cathedral with the Very Rev. Arch Hewitt officiating.

Retz Funeral Home of Helena was in charge of arrangements.

## Jacob 'Yok' Repp

D 27 May 1986  
EDMEE REMICK

Edmee Remick was born January 27, 1907 in Bonner, Mont. Her father, who was born in New Brunswick, Canada, worked as a logger, farmer's assistant and a mill worker. Her mother was a homemaker and spent most of her time raising the family. Edmee was one of eight children. Edmee lived in Bonner, Mt. until the age of two. She moved to Frenchtown



and went to school until her sophomore year, working as a farmhand. In 1926, Edmee attended the St. Patrick's Nursing School, in Missoula. In 1927, she traveled to Canada and worked in a variety of restaurants. She moved to the Flathead Valley in 1940 and was employed at various clubs. During this time, Edmee met and married Walt Remick, a mechanic for Equity Supply, on November 15, 1956. They retired to the Swan Valley in 1967 and developed a privately owned real estate business. Edmee has two step-children; Charles E. Remick, Kalispell, Mt. and Billie Smith, Bigfork, Mt. In 1977, Edmee and Walt went to Hawaii with their two children and five grandchildren, making it a highlight of everyone's lives. Walt and Edmee returned in 1978 for a one-month stay. Walt Remick died November 29, 1983. Edmee enjoys arts and crafts, snow-mobiling, camping and fishing. Edmee came to live at Immanuel December 5, 1983.

Funeral services were held Monday at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Thompson Falls for Jacob "Yok" Repp, 76, who died of natural causes November 5 at Clark Fork Valley Hospital in Plains.

He was born January 26, 1910 in Starbuck, Washington to Jacob and Elizabeth Lust Repp. After attending school in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, he played semi-pro baseball in northern Idaho.

He married Lucile Parsons in Spokane April 10, 1940. They later moved to Wallace, Idaho, where he worked with

a blacksmith at the mines for three years.

The family moved to Thompson Falls in 1947 where he owned and operated the Pastime Club until his retirement in 1976. Following his retirement, he spent a good deal of time improving the property outside Thompson Falls that he had owned since the early 1960's.

He was a member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Thompson Falls.

Surviving him are his wife Lucile at the family home; sons Jack Mitchell and Gene Repp of Coeur d'Alene and James Repp of Spokane; daughters Carol Kimble of Moscow, Idaho, Janice Christensen of Gresham, Ore., Karen White of Raleigh, N.C., Barbara Rafter of Spokane and Sylvia Shear of Thompson Falls; sisters Marie McKinney and Eva Gain of Coeur d'Alene, Kate Chaffee of San Jose, Calif. and Betty Fallquist of Spokane and 20 grandchildren.

A brother, John, preceded him in death.

The Rev. Lorin Sanden officiated at funeral services in Thompson Falls. Burial and graveside services were held Monday at Forest Cemetery in Coeur d'Alene.

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## Kenneth Ressler

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Kenneth Ressler, 59, of Trout Creek died Oct. 27 at The V.A. Hospital in Spokane.

He was born Nov. 30, 1926 at Massillon, Ohio to Noah and Emma Wanger Ressler. He grew up in Massillon and attended school there. He enlisted in the Army in 1944 and served in World War II. He moved to Dayton, Wash. in 1947, and went to work for the Northern Pacific Railroad.

On March 28, 1948 he married Leona Bruce at Dayton. The couple resided there until 1955. They lived in Oregon, Idaho and Montana where he worked as a track inspector for Northern Pacific which later became Burlington Northern.

The couple moved to Trout Creek in 1962. Kenneth retired from railroad in 1979 after 32 years of service. He was

a member of Noxon VFW Post 5556.

He is survived by his wife Leona at the family home in Trout Creek; two sons, Noah of Colorado Springs, Colo., and John of Clark Fork, Idaho; four daughters, Barbara Riley, Helena; Sandra Ulver, Cobert, Wa.; Catherine Grimm, Missoula; and Emma Lockrem, Auburn, Wa.; two sisters, Betty Fetters and Sue Hill, both of Columbus, Ohio; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and six brothers and sisters.

Graveside services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. at Whitepine Cemetery with Rev. Timothy Foutz officiating. Military graveside rites will follow.

Shrider funeral home in Plains is in charge of the arrangements.

## Lucy Richardson

<sup>6 SEP 1986</sup>  
Lucille "Lucy" Richardson, well-known musician and longtime resident of Kalispell, died in Brendan House Saturday evening.

She was an active member of the community from the time she married Tom Richardson in 1945.

Mrs. Richardson was born in Morris, Ill., and became a teacher after completing her education at the University of Illinois. She did graduate work at Northwestern University.



She was a member of First Presbyterian Church of Kalispell where she served as organist for 40 years.

She started a private kindergarten and promoted interest in establishing public kindergarten in Kalispell.

She taught and substituted in all of Kalispell's public schools.

Mrs. Richardson was generous with her musical talents and gave performances to raise funds for the start of the Hockaday Art Center. She did the same for the Conrad Mansion.

Mrs. Richardson was a past state president of the National Federated Music Clubs, and a past state secretary of the Montana State Music Teachers Association.

Hundreds of valley youngsters took piano lessons from Mrs. Richardson.

Mrs. Richardson served on the Kalispell's Community Concert Board for many years.

She was a past worthy matron of Adah Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, and served on the board for Rainbow Girls and Job Daughters. She received the Hats Off award from the DeMolay Boys.

Mrs. Richardson was Beta Sigma Phi's Lady of the Year in 1973.

This past summer the Kalispell Rotary Club honored her with the Paul Harris Fellow Award.

She was a member of Chapter AB of PEO.

Mrs. Richardson was preceded in death by her husband, Tom, on Oct. 10, 1971.

Survivors include a daughter, Donnalee Miller of Phoenix, Ariz.; a son, Tommy Richardson of Seattle, Wash.; a sister, Eleanor Weinrich

## Ila Reynolds, 70

<sup>19 Sept. 1984</sup>  
EUREKA — Ila Mae Reynolds, 70, who spent all her life in the Tobacco Valley, died Friday at the Kalispell Regional Hospital.

She was born April 7, 1916, at Fortine to Erness and Grace Pluid. She married Hiram Reynolds July 7, 1934, at Trego and was a homemaker.

She is survived by her husband Hiram of Eureka; three sons, Keith, Carl, and LeRoy, all of Eureka; seven grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Monday at 2 p.m. at the Eureka Church of God with the Rev. Warren Pomeroy officiating. Burial will follow in the Tobacco Valley Cemetery under the direction of the Vial Funeral Home.

## D. Richardson, 62

<sup>28 July 1986</sup>  
POLSON — Dorothy Lee Richardson, 62, Polson, died Monday at her home of an apparent heart attack.

She was born March 2, 1924, in Missouri, and was reared and educated there.

She was a member of the Disciples of Christ Christian Church in Polson and worked with Alcoholics Anonymous. She also enjoyed doing craft work.

She is survived by a daughter, Dorothy Morgan, Overland, Mo.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Friday at Mosley Funeral Home in Polson with the Rev. Donald Peel of Lake View Baptist Church officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

of Littleton, Colo.; a brother, Gordon Griffith of Lancaster, Calif.; three grandchildren; and five nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be 4 p.m. Tuesday in First Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Barry Dawson officiating. Burial will be in Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Friends may call at Johnson Mortuary until 8 tonight and from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Tuesday for visitation. The casket will not be opened for the services.

## LeRoy Reynolds

<sup>1986</sup>  
Word has been received of the death of LeRoy Reynolds former Columbia Falls resident.

Mr. Reynolds died Nov. 10 in Kona, Hawaii. He was born March 9, 1928, in Bemidji, Minn., son of Merlin and Alice Reynolds.

The family moved to Columbia Falls in 1936 where he attended school.

In 1953, he and Beryl Van Loo were married in Forest Grove, Ore. She died in 1978.

He was also preceded in death by his father and an infant son.

He is survived by three daughters, Debra and Lynette, in Kona, and Kimberly, Hillsboro, Ore.; one son, Monty, Hillsboro; two grandchildren; his mother, Alice Reynolds, Kalispell; six brothers, Graydon, Charles (Chub), Dale, Bruce, Jesse and Don, all Columbia Falls; three sisters, Muriel McCorkle and Gale Bailey, Columbia Falls and Pat Luding, West Glacier, and numerous nieces, nephews, aunts and uncles.

Services were held Nov. 15 in Kona. Cremation has taken place.

## Ruth Rice, 73

<sup>24 OCT 1986</sup>  
LIBBY — Ruth D. Rice, 73, Libby, died of heart failure Wednesday evening at St. John's Lutheran Hospital.

She was born June 21, 1913, in Wyola to Oscar and Maria Nixon. She was educated in Wyola, Plains and Libby.

She married David E. Rice on Sept. 6, 1933, in Libby. He preceded her in death in 1975.

Mrs. Rice enjoyed needlework and painting.

Survivors include four daughters, Lorraine Sighting, Shirley Snyder and Carolyn Camp, all of Libby, and Judy Teufert of Newman Lake, Wash.; three sons, Leonard and Allan Rice, both of Libby, and Daniel Rice of Buckley, Wash.; two sisters, Marie Williams and Ethel Bache, both of Libby; a brother, Enos Nixon of Lincoln; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be 11 a.m. Saturday at the City of Libby Cemetery with the Rev. Charles Couch officiating. Arrangements are by Vial Funeral Home in Libby.

28 May 1986  
**Elsie Richmond, 90**

Elsie August Richmond, 90, died Wednesday morning in Immanuel Lutheran Home where she had resided since March 1978.

She was born Nov. 7, 1895, in Munsing, Mich., a daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth Youmans.

On Dec. 10, 1913, she married Samuel C. Richmond in Mortlack, Saskatchewan. They farmed in the Edgell District in Saskatchewan until 1924, when they moved to Coram. From there they moved to Hot Springs, where Mr. Richmond operated a barber shop.

Mrs. Richmond was preceded in death by her husband on March 24, 1941, and she then lived in Whitefish until entering the Immanuel Lutheran Home.

She was known in the Whitefish area for the many afghans she knitted and donated to the hospital guild.

Survivors include a niece, Florence Borgen of Columbia Falls; a nephew, Keith Campbell of Escondido, Calif.; four sisters-in-law, Mabel Hodgins, Grace Hepburn, Blanche Smith and Margaret Richmond, all in Canada; and several other nieces and nephews.

Graveside services will be 4 p.m. Friday in Conrad Memorial Cemetery with the Rev. Marshall Moen, Immanuel Lutheran Home chaplain, officiating. Friends will meet at the cemetery for services.

**Laverne Ripley, 47**

Laverne D. Ripley, 47, a former Kalispell resident, died in December from a self-inflicted gunshot wound at her home in Page, Ariz.

She was born May 22, 1939, in Bonners Ferry, Idaho. She was raised and educated in Kalispell and graduated from Flathead High School in 1957.

She married Bryan Durban in October 1957.

She attended Northern Montana College at Havre and in August 1963, she married George Thompson. They moved to Salt Lake City, Utah, where the family lived until 1968, when she and her children returned to the Kalispell area. In 1973, she and her children joined Mr. Thompson in Longmont, Colo.

On Feb. 17, 1978, she married Richard P. Riley of Chinook and lived there until 1983 when she moved to Page, Ariz.

She was a beautician and did

9 June 1986  
**William Riggan, 63**

TROY — William W. Riggan, 63, Troy, died of a heart attack Monday in St. John's Lutheran Hospital.

He was born Sept. 17, 1922, in McClellan, N.D., to Ranold and Mabel Riggan. He was reared and educated in North Dakota, and served in the Army during World War II.

After the war he returned to North Dakota and worked on his father's farm. He later lived in Belt, Great Falls, Whitefish and Spokane. He had lived in Troy since September 1985.

On June 25, 1965, he married Erma Hilliker in Bonners Ferry, Idaho.

Mr. Riggan was a member of the Disabled American Veterans.

Survivors include his wife, Erma of Troy; five daughters, Linda Riggan in Arizona, Sharon Riggan, address unknown, Ida Newell of Colfax, Wash., Melody Alford of Spokane, and Cyndi Padgett of Hungry Horse; three sons, Earl, William and Gary Riggan, all of Great Falls; two sisters, Helen Knotte of Great Falls, and Isabelle Meyers of Kalispell; four brothers, Ronald of Richland, Wash., Ray of Havre, Dale of Great Falls, and Wesley of Kennewick, Wash.; nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Graveside services with military honors will be 2 p.m. Friday at the Troy Cemetery with the Rev. Gene Bushnell officiating. Vial Funeral Home in Libby is in charge of arrangements.

volunteer work.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Dorene Meland, in September; and, by an infant daughter, Jolynn Thompson in 1968.

Survivors include her daughter, Carrie Ramsey of Kenya, Africa; a son, Gary Thompson, who lives with his father in Santa Rosa, Calif.; three brothers, Leland Meland of Mt. Center, Calif., Larry Meland of El Cajon, Calif., and Lyle Meland of Lanham, Md.; two sisters, Leandra Clausen of Ankara, Turkey, and Lois Durban of Yucca Valley, Calif.; her father, LaVern Meland of Yucca Valley, Calif.; and several nieces and nephews.

Cremation took place Dec. 29. No services were held.

**Charlotte Riley, 44**

LIBBY — Charlotte Riley, 44, Libby, died Friday at the Libby Care Center after an extended illness.

She was born Aug. 21, 1942, in Waskish, Minn., to Charles and Erma Webster. She was reared and educated at Cass Lake, Minn., and moved to Libby with her family in 1955.

Mrs. Riley was employed in the meat departments at Rosauer's and Van Man's Warehouse Market in Libby.

Survivors include her husband, Don Riley of Libby; two sons, Steve Becker of Spokane, and Mike Becker of Bethlehem, Ga.; a daughter, Kelly Becker of Atlanta; two sisters, Susie Stransberry of Columbia Falls, and Marion Applegate of Libby; a brother, Bobby Webster of Columbia Falls; and five grandchildren.

Services will be 2 p.m. Tuesday at Vial Funeral Home Chapel in Libby with the Rev. Charles Roman of St. Joseph Catholic Church officiating. Burial will be in the City of Libby Cemetery.

**Patrick Riley, 37**

Patrick David Riley, 37, Houston, Texas, died Sunday morning at a Houston hospital following a lengthy illness.

He was born Dec. 4, 1948, in Evansville, Ind., the son of James and Hazel Riley. He was raised mostly in Pueblo, Colo., where he graduated from high school. After graduation, he worked in Pueblo for a while, then spent two years in San Diego, Calif. He had been in Houston since about 1972. Mr. Riley never married.

Survivors include his father, Jim Riley of Redding, Calif.; his mother, Hazel Riley of Kalispell; three brothers, Jim Riley Jr. of Memphis, Tenn., and Tom and Michael Riley, both of Kalispell; and a number of other relatives.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Thursday at Weatherford Funeral Home with the Rev. Howard Mars of Bethlehem Lutheran Church officiating. Burial will be at Glacier Memorial Gardens. Services were also held Tuesday at St. Paul's Methodist Church in Houston.

## Harold Roatch, 72

20 May 1986

Harold E. Roatch, 72, Somers, died Tuesday evening in Kalispell Regional Hospital.

He was born Feb. 7, 1914, in Marksville, Minn., a son of John and Vera Roatch. In 1922, he moved with his family to the Flathead Valley where he attended school in Columbia Falls and graduated from high school.

On June 10, 1936, he married Lillian Alexander in Whitefish, and was preceded in death by her in 1967.

Mr. Roatch was employed by Flathead County from 1941 until his retirement in 1969. He was county bridge foreman for 25 years.

He was an avid hunter and fisherman and was a 23-year-member of the Eagles Lodge.

Survivors include five daughters, Patricia Duval of Kalispell, Luella Mitton of Helena, Mrs. Robert (Veletta) Mitton, Mrs. Clifford (Joey) Porteous and Jackie Roatch, all of San Diego, Calif.; nine grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and a brother, Eugene Roatch of Chloride, Ariz.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Myrtle Jarvis.

Funeral services will be at 1:30 p.m. Saturday in Johnson Chapel with the Rev. J. Torrance Harvey of Lakeside Chapel officiating. Burial will be in Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home for visitation until 8 p.m. Friday.

## Albert Roberts, 101

24 Apr 1986

POLSON — Albert Newton Roberts, 101, Polson, died Thursday of natural causes in St. Joseph Nursing and Retirement Center.

He was born Nov. 14, 1884, in Calwood, Mo., to Henry and Lucy Roberts. He grew up and attended school in Fulton, Mo. He moved to Montana in 1906 and settled near Ennis. In 1921 he moved to the Charlo area.

On June 16, 1921, he married Margaret M. Dwyer in Ronan. The couple farmed in the Charlo area until moving to Polson in 1972.

Mr. Roberts was a founder of the Lake County Dairyman's Association and later served on the board of directors of Consolidated Dairies. He was a member of the Agriculture Conservation Service, serving as a committeeman for many years.

He was preceded in death by his wife in 1974 and by eight brothers and sisters.

Survivors include three sons, John N. and Bill Roberts, both of Charlo, and Newt Roberts of Polson; a daughter, Catherine Pettit of Libby; 15 grandchildren; five step-grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

Mass of the Christian Burial was this morning with the Rev. Ernest Burns as celebrant. Burial was in St. Ignatius Catholic Cemetery. Arrangements are by Shrider's Mortuary in Ronan.

Memorials have been suggested to the Charlo Senior Citizens Center.

## Ellie Roberts, 84

6 Mar 1986

Ellie M. Roberts, 84, of Kalispell, died in the Brendan House Thursday evening.

She was born Feb. 2, 1902, in Pensacola, Fla., to James Michael and Eva Muldon. She received her education in Florida, and in 1945 she moved to Kalispell, where she has lived since.



On Dec. 23, 1945, she married Milo C. Roberts in Butte.

She was preceded in death by a son, James M. "Ted" Shoemaker, in 1956.

She is survived by her husband, Milo, at the family home; a son, John "Chip" Roberts of Deer Lodge; three daughters, Nancy Nicholas of Kalispell, Ann Shoemaker of Philadelphia, and Barbara Dehaan of Boise; and five grandchildren.

Mass of the Resurrection will be held at 1:30 p.m. Monday in St. Matthew's Catholic Church, with the Rev. Stan Malner officiating. Burial will be in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of the Johnson Mortuary.

The family suggests memorials to Flathead Industries for the Handicapped.

## Amanda Jo Roberts, infant

14 April 1986

Amanda Jo Roberts, infant daughter of Jerry and Cheryl Roberts, was stillborn Monday afternoon in North Valley Hospital.

She is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Roberts of Kalispell; a sister, Casey, and two brothers, Tony and Roman, all of Billings; her grandparents, David and Jean Pewitt of Moccasin, and

Vern and Virginia Roberts of Columbia Falls; her great-grandparents, Ella Pewitt of Malta, Norman Jaynes of Dodson, Orville and Nina Roberts of Tally Lake, and Dorothy Kirkland of Kalispell.

Memorial services will be at a later date. Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary.

## D.A. Robertson, 61

<sup>11 May 1986</sup>  
SONOMA, Calif. — Donald Allen Robertson, 61, a longtime resident of Nyack, died May 11 in Sonoma, Calif.

He was the son of John and Margaret Robertson.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Gordon Keith.

Survivors include a brother, John C. (Bob) of Columbia Falls; two sisters, Virginia Graf of Los Angeles, Calif., and Betty Funseth of Whitefish; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral arrangements are pending.

## 'Bud' Rogers, 41

<sup>13 May 1986</sup>  
Eugene 'Bud' Rogers, 41, a former resident of Kalispell, died Wednesday of a heart attack at Coville, Wash.

He was born March 31, 1944, in Kalispell, a son of Lewis R. and Iva Rogers. He was raised and educated in Kalispell and has been a musician with the Rogers Brothers since he turned 14. They had played widely in the Flathead Valley and California. He has resided in Washington since 1970.

He is survived by a brother, Lewis R. Rogers of Kettle Falls, Wash.; a sister, Iva Rogers of Pasco, Wash.; a nephew, Anthony Mather of Pasco, Wash., and a number of other relatives.

Graveside services will be Monday at 2:30 p.m. at the Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell with Dr. David V. Kauffman of Whitefish officiating. There will be visitation at the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish on Monday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friends and relatives are to meet at the funeral home before going to the cemetery.

## Percy Robertson, 90

<sup>18 June 1986</sup>  
POLSON — Percy A. Robertson, 90, Polson, died Wednesday in the Montana Veterans Home at Columbia Falls.

He was born March 28, 1896, in Brimley, Mich., to Archie and Maria Allen Robertson. He was reared and educated in eastern Montana and Canada. As a young man he moved to the Cut Bank/Chester area and lived there until enlisting in the Army as a cook during World War I.

On Dec. 25, 1929, he married Edith V. Hunter in Deer Park, Wash. The couple lived in Washington and Montana where Mr. Robertson was employed as a carpenter. They moved to the Polson/Ronan area in 1960.

Mr. Robertson was preceded in death by his wife in 1982 and by a daughter, Alice Irene.

Survivors include two sons, Kenneth A. Robertson of Apache Junction, Ariz., and Charles P. Robertson of Kalispell; three daughters, Lila F. Baxter of Hot Springs, Edna M. Morris of Spokane, and Clara A. Hexon of Santa Rosa, Calif.; a sister, Teresa Mansfield of Great Falls; 15 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Saturday at Mosley Funeral Home in Polson with the Rev. Steve Shurok of Hot Springs officiating. Burial will be in Murray Memorial Cemetery in Lonepine. Friends and relatives will meet at the cemetery at 4 p.m. for graveside services.

## Allen Roe, 86

<sup>12 May 1986</sup>  
EUREKA — Allen "Happy" Roe, 86, Eureka, died of natural causes Monday at Kalispell's Brendan House.

He was born July 13, 1899, in Spokane to William and Mary Roe. He grew up and attended school in Thompson Falls. He lived throughout the Northwest for several years before setting at Drain, Ore., where he resided for 30 years and was employed as a woodworker. He had made his home in Eureka since 1979.

Survivors include a brother, Louis Roe, Eureka; a sister, Gladys Larson, Kirkland, Wash.; and several nieces and nephews.

Graveside services will be 2 p.m. Thursday at Tobacco Valley Cemetery. Friends may call until 9 tonight at Vial Funeral Home in Eureka.

## Zane Robinson, 62

<sup>1986</sup>  
Zane W. Robinson, 62, a former Bigfork resident, died of lung cancer May 31 at his home west of Malta.

He was born Feb. 1, 1924, in Guthrie, Okla., to Grant and Mame Robinson. He came to the Regina community south of Malta with his parents in the late 1920s and then moved to Bigfork, where he attended and graduated from Bigfork High School.

He served in the U.S. Army during World War II, then returned to Bigfork. He also lived in the Sunburst and Cut Bank area where he worked for the oil rigs and operated and owned a radio and television service.

He married Doris Atkinson Sept. 21, 1946, in Shelby and they moved to Malta in July 1960 and owned and operated Zane's Radio and TV until his death.

He was an avid restorer/collector of antique autos. As a ham radio operator, he was known throughout the United States.

He was a member of the Malta VFW and was a charter member of the Sunburst VFW.

Survivors include his wife, Doris of Malta; a son, Dennis of Malta; a daughter, Roseanna Carpenter of Big Timber; his mother, Mame Robinson of Bigfork; two brothers, Melvin of Kellogg, Idaho, and Lee of LaMar, Colo.; four sisters, Gwen Anderson, Babette Johnson and Annette McAnally, all of Bigfork, and Colleen Cole of Ninnekah, Okla.; six grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Funeral services were June 4 at the Adams Memorial Chapel in Malta with Art Solberg of the Elim Lutheran Church officiating. Burial was in Malta Cemetery with military graveside honors.

The Adams Funeral Home of Malta was in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are preferred.



## Charles Ritter, 66

<sup>9 June 1986</sup>  
Charles H. Ritter, 66, died Monday morning at his home near Columbia Falls.

He was born Dec. 28, 1919, in Alger, Ohio, to George and Evelyn Ritter. He was raised and educated in Buford, N.D.

He married Dorothy Ramey on Aug. 31, 1940, at Sidney. They lived in Buford, N.D., and then moved to Watford City, N.D., where he worked as a brakeman for the Great Northern Railroad. He entered the Army on June 29, 1944. He was wounded in action on Feb. 20, 1945. He received the Good Conduct Medal, the Purple Heart, and a Distinguished Unit Citation. He was discharged from the service on Sept. 4, 1945, from the veterans hospital in Walla Walla, Wash.

In 1945, the Ritters bought the George Sulley homestead east of Columbia Falls. The family moved onto the property on May 1, 1946, to their first home and raised their four children next to the Flathead River.

From 1946 to 1950, he worked at Columbia Falls Lumber Co.

In 1950, the Ritters purchased the Texaco Station across from the Hungry Horse News in Columbia Falls. They sold it in 1953 and Mr. Ritter began work as a plumber which was his profession until his retirement.

He was a life member of the VFW Post 5650 in Columbia Falls and UA Local 459.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Donna J. Washburn, in July 1975; a son, George H. Ritter in September, 1978; a grandson, Charles E. Washburn; a great-grandson, Jonathan Herzog; and three brothers, Bill, George L., and Clarence Ritter.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy, at the family home near Columbia Falls; two daughters, Mrs. George (Evelyn) Cooper of Columbia Falls and Mrs. Keith (Terry) Ulery of Cinebar, Wash.; a daughter-in-law, Donna L. Ritter of Columbia Falls; a brother, Woodrow Ritter of Washougal, Wash.; a sister, Mrs. Lawrence (Esther) Barnier of Bainville; four grandsons; seven granddaughters; three great-grandsons; two great-granddaughters; and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Van Leuven Funeral Home in Columbia Falls. Dr. David Kaufman will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery.

## R.R. Rosenberry, 52

<sup>25 May 1986</sup>  
Ronald R. Rosenberry, 52, Coram, died Sunday at Kalispell Regional Hospital.

He was born May 18, 1934, to Leonard and Edna Rosenberry at their home in DeKalb County, Ind. He was the oldest of six children. He graduated from high school in Butler, Ind., in 1952, and entered Purdue University.

On Dec. 19, 1953, he married Janet Venise Strong in Wabash County, Ind.

He received a degree as an aircraft and engine mechanic and worked as a lead mechanic for North Central Airlines at the Minneapolis-St. Paul Airport from 1957 to 1969.

He enjoyed hunting and fishing in Montana and moved his family to Coram in 1969 when he bought the Evergreen Motel there. He also was employed by Anaconda Aluminum Co. for 17 years. He was active in the operation of the Coram water system for several years.

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

Survivors include his wife, Janet Venise Rosenberry at the family home in Coram; three brothers, Donald of Chetek, Wis., Larry of Lake Worth, Fla., and Ned of Pacoima, Calif.; one sister, Ruth Ann Brenneke of Antwerp, Ohio; a son, Tad Rosenberry of Columbia Falls; four daughters, Janet Maricle of Bellingham, Wash., Judy Weed of Columbia Falls, Jeanne Moser of Kalispell, and Wendy Blevins of Coram; 13 grandchildren; and numerous other relatives.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Van Leuven Funeral Home in Columbia Falls with the Rev. Tod

Fox of Canyon Community Church officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls.

Visitation will be until 8 tonight and from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday.

The family suggests memorials for additional education equipment for the new Canyon Consolidated School sent in care of Janet V. Rosenberry, Box 217, Coram, 59913.



## Sadie Rosevear, 69

<sup>19 Aug 1986</sup>  
Sadie Florence Rosevear, 69, East Lakeshore Route, Bigfork, died Tuesday morning in Kalispell Regional Hospital following a brief illness.

She was born March 29, 1917, in Butte, the daughter of Sadie MacDonald Hanretty and P.J. Hanretty. She attended St. Patrick's grade school and graduated from Butte High School in 1935.

In 1939, she married Russell Rosevear and they made their home in Butte until 1971, when they moved to Bigfork.

Survivors include her husband, Russell, at the family home in Bigfork; a daughter, Sherry Rosevear of Denver, Colo.; and a son, the Rev. Anthony (Bob) Rosevear of Oakland, Calif.

Memorial Mass of the Resurrection will be at 2 p.m. Friday at St. Catherine's Catholic Church in Bigfork.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to the Dominican Mission Foundation, P.O. Box 15367, San Francisco, Calif. 94115; or Covenant House, P.O. Box 731, Times Square Station, New York, N.Y. 10109.

Cremation and arrangements are by Weatherford Funeral Home.

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**Kurt F. Roose, 45**

EUREKA — Kurt F. Roose, 45, Eureka, died Monday at Kalispell Regional Hospital of an apparent heart attack.

He was born Aug. 31, 1940, in Eureka, and was reared in Eureka. He attended grade school and high school in Eureka, graduating from Lincoln County High School in 1958. He served with the U.S. Army from 1963-1965 and following his discharge returned to the Tobacco Valley.

Mr. Roose had been employed as a sawyer, a cement finisher and carpenter for many years.

Survivors include three daughters, April, Melissa and Tara Roose, all of Eureka; a son, Mark Johnston of Eureka; his mother, Lillian Roose of Eureka; his father, Darrell Roose of Eureka; two sisters, Linda Shoup of Seattle, and Chris McCully of Eureka; a brother, Kent Roose of Fortine; his grandparents, Viola Scouten of Eureka and Alfred and Marie Dionne of Fortuna, Calif., and two grandchildren.

Services will be 11 a.m. Thursday at Tobacco Valley Cemetery in Eureka with the Rev. Joseph Robins of the Assembly of God Church officiating.

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

Memorials may be made to Eureka Ambulance.



**GORDON ROGNLIEN**

D. Gordon Rognlien, who had practiced law in Kalispell for more than 40 years and served five terms as Flathead County attorney, died Friday at Brendan House at the age of 81. *21 Mar 1986*

A longtime activist in the Democratic Party, Rognlien once served as campaign manager for Sen. Mike Mansfield, the former majority leader of the U.S. Senate who is now ambassador to Japan.

He had been active in numerous community and service organizations including Rotary International, which he served as local club president, as district governor and as president of Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park.

A lifelong resident of Kalispell, he was born May 28, 1904, to Mr. and Mrs. I.D. Rognlien. After graduation from Flathead County High School in 1924, he entered the University of Montana, where he earned a bachelor's degree and then, in 1930, his law degree.

While at the University of Montana he was a member of the football and baseball teams, of the Senior Men's Honorary Society and of an honorary legal fraternity. An active participant in student government, he was elected president of the Associated Students of the University of Montana.

Returning to Kalispell after graduation, he began practicing law with Dean King. When King served as county attorney from 1931-35, Rognlien was his deputy. And when King moved on to become district

judge, Rognlien was elected to the first of his five consecutive two-year terms as county attorney.

At the same time, he set up a practice with Marshall Murray Sr. When Murray died, he formed a partnership with Charles L. Hash. That firm was later joined by Kenneth E. O'Brien. Rognlien retired in August 1971, and the firm is now known as Hash, Jellison, O'Brien and Bartlett.

For 50 years, he was a member of the Montana Bar Association.

He received a reserve military commission through his work with ROTC, and during World War II he spent several years in San Francisco serving in the Judge Advocate Corps.

Rognlien became a Rotarian in 1938, was president of the Kalispell club in 1947-48 and district governor in 1950-51. He became peace park president upon the retirement of Canon Middleton. Among other honors, he was the first member of the local club to be given the Paul Harris Award.

A member of the Kalispell Elks Lodge for more than 50 years, he served as past exalted ruler.

He was an active member of the Presbyterian Church.

For many years he was a volunteer with the Boy Scouts of America, and in appreciation was given the Silver Beaver award. At age 78 he volunteered to teach woodworking to developmentally disabled students at Flathead High School.

On Aug. 28, 1933, he married Myrna May Cole in Choteau. She preceded him in death in 1982.

Survivors include three children, D. Gordon Rognlien Jr. of New York City, R. Phillip Rognlien of Kalispell and Mary Salsbury of Whitehall; two sisters, Genevieve Mahlum of Kalispell and Ruth Smith of Seattle; and four grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church in Kalispell with the Rev. Barry Dawson officiating. Burial will be in Conrad Memorial Cemetery under the direction of the Johnson Mortuary.

The family has suggested memorials be made to the University of Montana Foundation, P.O. Box 7159, Missoula, MT 59807-7159, and designated for the stadium fund.

## Ted Ross, 82 <sup>20 Sept 1986</sup>

Ted Ross, 82, died at his home in Columbia Falls Saturday.

He was born March 17, 1904, in Johnstown, Neb. In 1926, he moved to Billings. While in Billings, he joined the Salvation Army and attended their training school in San Francisco. After graduating he was stationed in Miles City, Great Falls and Kalispell.

While in Kalispell he met his wife, Esther Rasmussen, and they were married Sept. 26, 1931.

Mr. Ross worked in local sawmills and was head custodian at Flathead High School for 11 years.

In the spring of 1954, he bought the store and cabins at Polebridge, which he operated for 12 years. He then sold the operation and moved to Columbia Falls.

He was a member of the Assembly of God Church of Columbia Falls where he served on the Board of Deacons for many years.

Survivors include his wife, Esther; two sons, the Rev. Robert Ross of Kalispell, and the Rev. Kenneth Ross of Havre; two daughters, Betty Nolan of Whitefish, and Norma Koefeld of Kalispell; 11 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be at 4 p.m. today in Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Friends and relatives will meet at the cemetery for services.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary.

## B.J. Roedel, 72 <sup>1 July 1986</sup>

Bernhard Johannes Roedel, 72, died at his home in Kalispell Tuesday following a long illness.

He was born July 16, 1913, in Deisem, N.D., a son of Gotefried and Sarah Roedel. He moved with his family to Raynesford, where he received his education and engaged in farming.

On Nov. 22, 1935, he married Anna Case in Great Falls. The couple continued to farm at Raynesford until 1940, when they moved to Trego, where Mr. Roedel worked in the woods until 1949. He was then employed as a mechanic in the Flathead Valley until he became ill in 1985.

He was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church.

He is survived by his wife, Anna, at home; three children, Donald Roedel of Belgrade, Theodore Roedel of Minneapolis, Minn., and Mrs. Arthur (Donna Darlene) Berger of Richmond, Va.; two brothers, Herman Roedel of Great Falls and William Roedel of Elko, Nev.; four sisters, Mrs. Fred (Emma) Ferrero of Fontana, Calif., Martha Byrer of Great Falls, Mrs. Robert (Ella) Case of Portland, Ore., and Mrs. Larry (Clara) Hill of Virginia, Minn.; 12 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Thursday in Trinity Lutheran Church with the Rev. Darold Reiner officiating. Burial will be in Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary.

## June Rowsey, 51 <sup>21 Feb. 1986</sup>

June A. Rowsey, 51, of Swan Lake, died Friday in St. Patrick's Hospital in Missoula while undergoing heart surgery.

She was born July 4, 1934, in Creston, the daughter of Jake and Elsie Heuscher. She attend the Cayuse Prairie school and Flathead County High School.

On May 28, 1951, she was married to Lee Rowsey in Libby. The couple lived in the Lakeside and Kalispell area until 1958, when they moved to Swan Lake.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers, one sister, and a daughter, Penny Jo.

She is survived by her husband at the family home; three sons, Ron and Barry Rowsey, both of Anchorage, Alaska, and Curt Rowsey of Swan Lake; a daughter, Pamela Rowsey of Swan Lake; four brothers, Les Heuscher of Browning, Alan and Stan Heuscher, both of Kalispell, and Ron Heuscher of Kent, Wash.; two sisters, Dorry Ingram of Bigfork and Shirley Nick of Fruitland, Idaho; and two grandchildren.

Cremation has already taken place. Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Ron Pierce, pastor of the Swan Chapel, officiating. The family suggests memorials to the Swan Chapel in lieu of flowers.

## Jerry Rowden, 47 <sup>26 Dec 1986</sup>

Jerry O. Rowden, 47, Trego, died of heart failure Tuesday morning at St. Patrick Hospital in Missoula.

He was an Oregon logger who moved to Trego about six years ago after poor health forced him to retire.

He was born Dec. 19, 1939, in Medford, Ore., to Orville and Delma Rowden. He grew up and attended school in the Applegate Valley near Medford. He worked in the woods

until 1978.

On Dec. 15, 1971, he married Nancy Barker in Medford. She survives him at the family home. Also surviving are four daughters, Nancy, Sandra and Delma, all in Trego, and Rosalie in Arizona; five sons, Larry, in Libby, Melvin, Chris and Billy, all of Crescent City, Calif., and Jerry, of Orlando, Fla.; his mother, in Medford; a sister, Jean Gibson, Grants Pass, Ore.; and five grandchildren.

Graveside services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. at the Fortine Cemetery with the Rev. Wade Butler officiating. Arrangements are by the Vial Funeral Home of Eureka.

25 Mar. 1986  
**Gail Royer, 78**

Esther Gail Royer, 78, Lakeside, died Tuesday morning from injuries sustained in an automobile accident in Lakeside.

She was born March 2, 1908, in Houston, Minn., the daughter of George H. and Anna Nesom.

On Dec. 24, 1932, she married William Louis Royer in St. Paul, Minn. After earning a degree in physical education from the University of Minnesota, she moved to Oregon with her husband, where she taught school and he worked for the U.S. Forest Service.

After a transfer to Missoula, where their four children were born, the family moved to Kalispell in 1945. She continued her career in education, teaching science and library at Central Junior High School in Kalispell until retiring in 1972. After her retirement, she continued her interest in education by serving on the Flathead High School Board.



She and her husband moved to Lakeside in 1974.

She was active in Girl Scouts, introducing many Kalispell girls to the wonders of the outdoors, camping and nature. She was also active in Epworth United Methodist Church in Kalispell and Lakeside Community Chapel.

In 1985, Beta Sigma Phi honored her as "Flathead Lady of the Year" for her lifetime dedication to helping others.

Survivors include her husband, Bill, at the family home in Lakeside; two sons, Erlind G. Royer of the U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado, and Wilfried L. Royer of Whitefish; two daughters, Barbara J. Priedhorsky of Los Alamos, N.M., and Nancy G. Kellner of Astoria, Ore.; and seven grandchildren.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Lakeside Community Chapel with the Rev. J. Torrance Harvey officiating. Arrangements and cremation are by Weatherford Funeral Home.

The family suggests memorials to the E. Gail Royer Trust Fund, c/o Lakeside Community Chapel, Lakeside 59922, or the Deaconess Children's Home.

11/13/1986  
**Bessie Rubier, 70**

TROY — Bessie P. Rubier, 70, Troy, died of heart failure, Saturday at Sacred Heart Hospital in Spokane.

She was born March 26, 1916, in Osaka, Kan., to Albert and Pearl Zorb. She attended school in Osaka and graduated from high school in St. Maries, Idaho. She then lived in Kellogg and Wallace, Idaho, and Spokane for several years.

On June 14, 1962, she married Richard L. Rubier in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. The couple lived in California from 1962 until moving to Troy in 1973.

Mrs. Rubier was preceded in death by her husband in 1982.

Survivors include a daughter, Phyllis Young of Reno, Nev.; a son, Dwain SwAngo of Gray Summit, Mo.; two stepdaughters, Roxy Turner of Troy, and Shirley Carvey of Reno; a stepson, Leo Rubier of San Pedro, Calif.; a sister, Marie Bales of Ordway, Colo.; and five grandchildren.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Friday at Troy Church of God with the Rev. Gene Bushnell and the Rev. Leon Harwood officiating. Burial will follow at Milner Lake Cemetery under the direction of Vial Funeral Home in Libby.

14 Jan. 1987 - Interlake  
**G. Ruegsegger, 72**

Gordon W. Ruegsegger, 72, a resident of Albuquerque, N.M., died Dec. 28 in the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Albuquerque, following a long illness.

He was the son of Margaret and Wesley F. Ruegsegger of Kalispell.

He was a World War II veteran and served in the European Theatre.

Survivors include a sister, Margaret Keith of Kalispell, and seven nieces and two nephews.

Cremation has taken place. At Mr. Ruegsegger's request, no memorial services are planned. Interment has taken place in Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

**Minnie Ruhd, 94**

Minnie C. Ruhd, 94, formerly of Columbia Falls, died Friday in Port Orchard, Wash.

She was born Oct. 9, 1891, in Kimball, S.D. When she was 18 years old, the family moved to Wolf Point.

She married Theodore Ruhd on June 29, 1916, in Glasgow. They lived in Wolf Point until 1947, when they moved to Columbia Falls.

After her husband died in 1956, she moved to Port Orchard, Wash.

She was a lifetime member of the Eagle Presbyterian Church in Kimball, S.D. Her father donated the land for the church in 1890.

She was active and talented in crafts.

Survivors include two sons, Harold Ruhd of Wolf Point, and Kenneth Ruhd of New Braunfels, Texas; two daughters, Laura Welzenbach of Wolf Point, and Alice Cruzan of Port Orchard, Wash.; 19 grandchildren; numerous great-grandchildren and several great-great-grandchildren.

A graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls. Friends meet at the cemetery. Van Leuven Funeral Home of Columbia Falls is in charge of local arrangements.

2 May 1986  
**Fillmore Rydeen, 79**

POLSON — Fillmore O. Rydeen, 79, died of natural causes Friday at his home in Polson.

He was born March 13, 1907, in Minneapolis, a son of Charles and Jennie Rydeen.

In 1918, the family moved to Scandia, Alberta, where they farmed. In 1927, they moved to Montana. He farmed for a few years before being drafted into World War II, during which time he was stationed in the Ozarks.

In 1950, he married Mabel Ruud in Great Falls.

In 1962, they bought a cherry orchard on the East Shore of Flathead Lake and operated it until retiring.

He was a member of the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Polson.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Reuben and Erwin.

Survivors include his wife, Mabel, of Polson; a brother, John Haugen; eight nephews; five nieces; and many cousins and friends.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Polson.

Burial will be in Lakeview Cemetery in Polson following the service.

Visitation will be at Mosley Funeral Chapel in Polson until 5 p.m. today and from 9-11 a.m. Wednesday.

9 May 1986  
**Erma Russell, 74**

Erma Mae Russell, 74, Bigfork, died of natural causes Friday at the family home.

She was born Oct. 27, 1911, in Lavina, the daughter of Mitchell and Susie Candler. She was raised in the Lavina area and graduated from Lavina High School in 1928.

On Oct. 6, 1934, she married Kenneth Russell in Roundup, and the couple lived in Lavina until moving to Missoula in 1970. Mr. Russell died in 1975 and she moved to Bigfork in 1980.

She was a member of Bigfork Christian Church and the missions committee of the church. She was also a member of the Bigfork Senior Citizens and the Singles Club.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Earl Candler, and a sister, Helen Badovinus.

Survivors include her son and daughter-in-law, Al and Kay Russell in Bigfork; a brother, Harley Candler in Lavina; two sisters, Hazel Houston in Roundup, and Lucille Schmittou in Scranton, N.D.; two grandsons; two granddaughters; and many other relatives and friends.

Viewing will be from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Bigfork Funeral Home. Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Wednesday at Bigfork Christian Church. Cremation will follow services. Inurnment will follow at a later date at Sunset Memorial Gardens Park in Missoula.

Memorials may be made to Bigfork Christian Church, 138 Shaunee Drive, Bigfork, 59911.