

DEATHS

Robert Smith

Robert Melvin Smith, better known to the world as Bobby Smith, died tragically on Sept. 5, 1994, while doing one of the things he loved the most — riding bulls.



Robert Smith

Bobby was born on March 25, 1958, to George Albert Smith and Katherine Eva Rowe Vitt.

He enjoyed many childhood accomplishments that included membership in the Helena Boxing Club winning the coveted Golden Gloves Championship and competing and placing fifth at the World Steer Riding Finals in Fresno, Calif. in 1972.

Bobby graduated from the Erv Malnich Outfitter and Guide School, attended the Lower River Columbia College and was a honor graduate from Nebraska Custom Diesel Truck Driving School in Omaha, Neb.

Bobby spent a good portion of his life in rodeo, competing in the bullriding event and qualifying for and competing at the Montana Rodeo Association Finals five separate years. While never attaining professional standing in his career choice, Bobby was pursuing this goal at the time of his death. His desire and ability to achieve world champion status was a major part of his life.

Bobby married Laura Novak Smith and they brought Angela Nicole Smith into the world in 1979.

Bobby married Marla Wolstein Wilson and Denny Calhoun Smith was born to them in 1984.

Bobby married for time and eternity to Samantha Lenzmeier Smith in 1988, to which Bailey Marykate and Cody George Smith were born in 1990 and 1994, respectively.

In addition to his love for bull-riding, Bobby also broke and trained colts, was extremely active in his callings in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, was an accomplished big game hunter, loved to fish and ski. Bobby's love for his life and the many interests he had was surpassed only by his love for his children and his wife. Bobby's life was centered and anchored around his family. He spent every moment of his final years attending the children's activities and in family centered activities. He was the most doting and attentive and loving father imaginable. He was the best and most loving husband a wife could ask for.

Bobby is survived by his wife, Samantha and children, Bailey, Cody, Denny and Angie; his mother and step-father, Katie and Robert Vitt of Helena; his brother and sister-in-law, Ed and Burt and their children, Carrie and Brian of Phoenix, Ariz.; his sister and brother-in-law, Connie and Charlie Mathews and their children, Misty, Holly, CB, Andra and Becky and their spouses of Sun River; his sister and brother-in-law, Cindy and Jerry Mielke and their son, Ryan of Spokane, Wash.; his sister and brother-in-law, Dianne (DeDe) and Rick Morse and their daughters, Amber and Sonja of Anaconda.

Bobby is also survived by step-brothers and step-sisters and their spouses and children, Marty and Bob Vitt, Jr. of Belgrade, Patty Mathews of Helena and Diane and Ted Schramm of San Diego, Calif.; his in-laws, James and Veneta Lenzmeier and Jean and Michael Smith and their children, Emily and Andrew, all of Great Falls.

Bobby's life was a shining example to us all. He lived life to the fullest and always believed in pursuing his dreams. Bobby's love for his friends and acquaintances will be sorely missed in this world. Bobby was loved by

so many and his absence here will be noticed.

The visitation for Bobby will begin Thursday at noon at the Retz Funeral Home. The family will receive friends between 6:30 and 8 p.m. Thursday at Retz Funeral Home and at the church one hour before service time. The funeral services for Bobby will be Friday at 11 a.m. Sept. 9, 1994, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints at 1260 Otter Road with Boulder Branch President Gary Forsyth presiding. The burial will follow the services in Sunset Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

Martina Weber

Martina C. Weber, 79, of 700 1st Street, died at her home Monday, Sept. 5, 1994, of heart failure.

Born the fourth child, July 30, 1915, to the marriage of Michael B. Casey and Esther Culbertson on the Homestead in Hill County south of Havre.

Martina was raised and received her education in the Fort Benton area. She married Percy T. Brown in March of 1936 in Fort Benton. Two children were born to this marriage. Percy preceded her in death in April of 1960. She later married Fred Weber in Sept. 1961. They had made their home in Helena. Martina had been a volunteer at St. Peter's hospital up until a year ago. She was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and of the St. Peter's Episcopal Cathedral. Martina was also a member of the St. Peter's Hospital Association.

In addition to her first husband, she was preceded in death by three brothers.

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Edith and Tom Landry of Helena; a son and daughter-in-law, James O. and Betty Brown of Helena; two brothers and sisters-in-law, John F. and Sylvia Casey of Helena, Michael B. and Dorothy Casey of Aurora, Colo.; a sister-in-law, Mary Lou Casey of Helena; seven grandchildren, David Brown, Janet Mathis, Diane Brown, Susan Brown, Monique Clark, Martin Landry and Marion Landry; and four great grandchildren.

A memorial service is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 10, 1994, at 2 p.m. in the St. Peter's Episcopal Cathedral with the Very Rev. Stephen Brehe officiating and assisted by the Rev. Canon Loren Foot. A private burial of her cremated remains will be in Forestvale Cemetery. Those wishing to say send memorials to the St. Peter's Community Hospital Association, c/o Ruth McIntyre at 633 Mound, Helena, 59601.

Retz Funeral Home is in charge of service arrangements.

Joan Morris

Joan Kountz Morris, 73, wife of Dr. John A. Morris of Butte, died Monday, Sept. 5, 1994, following an extended illness.

The daughter of Cora Marie Moon and Joseph Kountz, pioneer ranchers in the Jefferson Valley, Joan was born Jan. 11, 1921, at the family's ranch southeast of Whitehall. She graduated from Whitehall High School as valedictorian of the class of 1939. She attended the University of Montana where she was a member of the Tri-Delta Sorority and graduated from Mount Saint Mary's College in Los Angeles in 1943, with a degree in economics and fine arts.

On July 15, 1946, she married John Morris in Whitehall. They had five children.

A proud and loving mother and grandmother, Joan was an avid supporter of Butte Central High School and a member of St. Ann's Parish. She enjoyed watercolor painting, gardening, spending time outdoors with her family, dancing and music — especially big band.

Mrs. Morris is survived by her husband, two daughters, three sons and four grandchildren. They include daughters and sons-in-law, Michele Morris and Tom Laursen of Tucson, Ariz., Sheila Morris and Rob Gaebbe of San Diego, Calif.; a son and daughter-in-law, Michael Morris and Cecilia Flanagan of Encino, Calif.; sons, Jack Morris of Whitehall and Brian Morris of Butte; grandsons, Nicholas and Jack Laursen of Tucson; granddaughters, Emily and Kaitlin Morris of Encino; a sister, Bernadette Connor of Whitehall; brother-in-law, Harold G. Stearns of Helena; a sister-in-law, Bernadine Williams of Ojai, Calif.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A memorial funeral Mass will be held today at 10:30 a.m. in St. Teresa's Catholic Church in Whitehall with Rev. Sarsfield O'Sullivan officiating.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials to be sent to an endowed scholarship in Joan's name through the Butte Central Education Foundation.

Scott Funeral Home in Boulder is in charge of charge.

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Alzheimer's Disease Support Group meeting at 7 p.m. at St. Peter's Community Hospital in the Conference Center Room 1.

CRISIS SUPPORT LINES

This paper is read for people who are blind or otherwise can't read a newspaper on the Radio Reading Service. It's free. Call 1-800-942-7323.

If you are suicidal or know someone who is, a staff member from Mental Health Services can help. Call this 24-hour number: 443-5353.

For meetings times and locations call:

- Parents Anonymous** — 442-0227
- Narcotics Anonymous** — 1-800-984-6668
- Gamblers Anonymous** — 449-8268
- Overeaters Anonymous** — 449-4943
- Parents Without Partners** — 443-2586
- Birthright of Helena** — 1-800-550-4900
- Tops** — 442-1777
- Pregnancy Loss Support Group** — 444-2368
- Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays** — 1-882-3352
- Greater Montana S.I.D.S.** — 1-800-823-2269
- Panic Attack Support Group** — 449-7679

POLICE

Anyone with information about the following crimes can call police or deputies at 442-3233, 447-8293 or Crimestoppers at 443-2000.

Weekend recap: Police during the Labor Day weekend cited eight people for drunken driving, served five warrants for contempt of court/probation violations, arrested two shoplifters and one person for possessing alcohol while under age 21.

Trailer damaged: Someone damaged three screens and a door on a mobile home on the 3000 block of Villard about 9:40 p.m. Sept. 5.

DEATHS

J. Cecil Mills

J. Cecil Mills, 84, of 715 N. Fee Street, died Monday afternoon Sept. 5, 1994, at St. Peter's Community Hospital. Cecil was born May 24, 1910 in the Denver area of Colorado. He worked in several automotive body shops in the Helena area prior to his retirement. He married Evalyn Samuels in 1958, in Helena. She had preceded him in death December of 1984.

Cecil is survived by his step-daughter, Adona Horton of Herndon, Va.; three granddaughters, Stacey Horton of San Jose, Calif., Senjve Kuhr of Flagstaff, Ariz. and Leslie Horton-Sheeley of Herndon, Va.; one great granddaughter and two great-grandsons.

A memorial service for Cecil will be Friday at 3:30 p.m. at the Retz Funeral Chapel with Chaplain Steve Moody officiating. A private family burial of his cremated remains will be in Forestvale Cemetery.

Memorials are suggested to the American Heart Association.

Carl Zabrocki

Carl John Zabrocki, 71, of Miles City died Wednesday, Sept. 7, 1994, following a courageous battle with cancer.

He served as state legislator from 1980-85.

Survivors include his wife, Evelyn of Miles City; two sons and daughters-in-law, Carl and Patti Zabrocki of Billings and James and Marilyn Zabrocki of Miles City; his daughter and son-in-law, Cheryl and Pat Rogers of Miles City; a brother, Steve Zabrocki of Phoenix, Ariz.; two sisters, Florence Lowe of Mundelein, Ill. and Dorothy Jonjack of Chicago, Ill.; and four grandchildren.

Prayer service will be Friday at 7 p.m. in the chapel of Stevenson and Sons Funeral Home. Mass of Christian Burial will be Saturday at 10 a.m. in the Sacred

Heart Catholic Church with Father Steven Zabrocki as celebrant. Rite of committal will follow in the family lot in the Custer County Cemetery with Military graveside rites.

Stevenson and Sons Funeral Home of Miles City is in charge of arrangements.

Chester Cruse

Chester A. Cruse, 83, of 34 Old Alhambra Road, Clancy, died at his home following a brief illness.

He was born July 11, 1911, in Park City, to Daniel and Mabel F. Cruse. He attended rural schools in the Park City area. He later farmed and ranched in the Laurel and Livingston areas. On March 29, 1936, in Billings, he married Mary A. Davenport.

During World War II, he worked for Douglas Aircraft Company in California and later returned to the Livingston area where he worked as a truck driver for the Park County road crew. After his retirement they moved to the Clancy area in 1983.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two sisters and twin sons.

Survivors include his wife, Mary of Clancy; a daughter and son-in-law, Mary Anne and William Rainey of Clancy; two granddaughters, Anita and Susan Rainey; four brothers, Laurence Cruse of Billings, Everet Cruse of Ft. Dodge, Ia., Glen Cruse of Humboldt, Ia. and Melvin Cruse of Phoenix, Ariz.; four sisters, Florence Hoover and Opal Jordison, both of Fort Dodge, Ia., Mable Rye of Santa Barbara, Calif. and Iva Cruse of Fort Dodge, Ia.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Church services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. from the Clancy United Methodist Church with Pastor Steve Moody officiating.

Family prefers memorials to the Lewis and Clark County Heart Fund, 3410 Utah, Helena, 59601.

Hagler-Anderson Mortuary is in charge of local arrangements.

Trolleys

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surely speeded this process. By 1894 all operations had unified as the Helena Power and Light Company (HP&L). Incorporators included Charles W. Cannon, Henry M. Parthen, Theodore H. Kleinschmidt, Charles K. Wells, Herman Gans, and Anton M. Holter — all Helenans. The new company operated 20 miles of track and 24 cars, of which 16 used electricity and eight rolled as trailers. HP&L retired the horses and the steam "dummy" engines.

Helena Power and Light immediately raised its city fare from a nickel to a dime, to match its charge for runs beyond the city limits. Passengers made all transfers at Sixth and Main. A trolley ride from downtown to the Broadwater Hotel took almost three minutes, about the same as the trip from Sixth and Main to Montana University (Montana Avenue and Sierra Road). A run from the business district to the N.P. depot took less than two minutes, at the usual rate of 6 to 9 miles per hour.

HP&L ultimately discontinued two unprofitable lines: the Lenox route located south of the Capitol (1891-1898); the run north on Villard to Forestvale Cemetery and Montana University in the valley (1892-1899). However, when HP&L workmen removed the track from the valley route, they immediately relaid it on the new five-mile line stretching out Boulder Avenue to the smelter in East Helena.

According to its 1898 report, Helena Power and Light trolleys traveled 185,000 miles and carried 880,952 passengers during the year. By this time the company received all of its electricity from the Missouri River dams of Samuel T. Hauser — not incidentally a major stockholder in HP&L. In the spring of 1898, the Herald cooed:

"The Helena Power and Light Company is largely a home institution, most of the stocks being held here, and its officers and directors are well-known and able financiers and businessmen. . . . There is no street railway in the Northwest giving better service."

The emergence of HP&L brought some continuity to the Helena trolley scene. Yet, although consolidation allowed HP&L to discontinue unprofitable routes and rates, it also proved detrimental. For consolidation combined the fractional debts of the many predecessor companies. Ultimately this accumulated debt — too large for local financiers to bear or to overcome — destroyed the home-owned trolley corporation.

In 1902 the Helena Light and Traction Company (HL&T) stepped up to succeed the beleaguered Helena Power and Light. This new company soon controlled not only the trolley business, but also Helena's gas and electric utilities. In 1905 HL&T directors avoided bankruptcy by selling the business to J.G. White and Company, headquartered in New York City. The purchaser was a Connecticut corporation with branch offices in Manila, London, and Montreal. It immediately reconstituted HL&T as the Helena Light and Railway Company (HL&R), and incorporated it in Connecticut.

Virtually all Helenans missed the implications of this sale of Helena utilities to a well-heeled Eastern concern. The *Daily Independent* reduced the issue to absurdity (October 15, 1905): "The Helena Light and Railway Company puts into effect this morning its decreased street-car fare of five cents. No more red tickets, no more two-dollar books. It's a nickel if you want to ride, and that's the whole story."

But that never was "the whole story." Although the HL&R brought more than two decades of uninterrupted street-railway service to the community, it too faced major problems. In the end it would fail, as other Montana trolley companies failed. . . . In a future installment: HELENA'S STREET RAILWAYS 1905-1928.

DAVE WALTER has been employed by the Montana Historical Society for 15 years and currently is the Society's research librarian.

St. Peter's sponsors prostate screening

St. Peter's Community Hospital, the Lewis and Clark Cancer Committee, and St. Peter's Foundation are joining forces with two Helena urologists, Dr. Ronald Mow and Dr. Vern Tolstedt, to sponsor a prostate screening clinic during Prostate Cancer Awareness Week.

Criteria for participating in the clinic include men-age 50 and older who have not had a prostate exam within the last year. Men with either a family history of prostate cancer or who are African-American will be screened if they are 40 or older.

The two-day clinic will be held at St. Peter's Community Hospital in the Same Day Surgery Department on Sept. 19 and Sept. 21 between the hours of 7 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Appointments are mandatory and space is limited to 400 participants. For appointments, please call 444-2119.

During the simple screening

exam, which takes about one minute, the physician presses against the prostate, feeling for enlargements or hard lumps. After the physical exam, which is free, the physician may also recommend that a blood test be drawn, known as Prostate Specific Antigen (PSA).

Donations of \$1,000 from the Lewis and Clark Cancer Committee, \$500 from St. Peter's Foundation and \$500 from Merck will help to defray the cost of the PSA for those men recommended to have the test.

FUNERAL SERVICES

THURSDAY

JACKSON, Marian B., age 76, of East Helena. Funeral services, 10 a.m. today, at the East Helena United Methodist Church. Burial will be in the Billings Sunset Memorial Gardens.

FIELDS, Fred L., age 92, of Canyon Creek. Memorial services, 2 p.m. today, at the Community Bible Fellowship Church, 1225 Fern Rd.

Retz Funeral Home 442-1550

SATURDAY

CROUSE, Chester A., age 83, of 34 Old Alhambra Rd., Clancy. Services will be Sat. at 2 p.m. from the Clancy United Methodist Church. Cremation has taken place.

Hagler-Anderson Mortuary 442-8520

HOSPICE OF ST. PETER'S IS OFFERING THE FOLLOWING GROUP SESSIONS

Living Positively with Life Threatening Illness: A support group for persons coping with a life-threatening illness or condition (their own or a family member's). Tuesdays 4-5:30 p.m. Begins September 20.

Living Positively with HIV: For persons who have been diagnosed HIV positive or have active AIDS. Tuesdays 1-3 p.m. Begins September 20.

Survivors of Suicide Group: For those who have lost a loved one to suicide. Mondays 6-8 p.m. Begins October 10.

Men's Grief Group: For men who have experienced the loss through death of one or more significant other(s). Wednesdays 5:30-7:30 p.m. Begins October 12.



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These groups will be in addition to our general Ten-Week Grief Group which will begin the week of October 17th, exact date and time to be announced.

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