

# TUSCANIA

**Basye, Joseph Daniel**  
**1887 NE – 1980 MT**



*Joe Basye – “Daily Inter Lake” (Kalispell MT) Monday 27 Aug 1973 p 4 -  
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### *Local Survivors Of The Tuscania Sinking*

Kalispell still has two living survivors of the sinking of the *Tuscania* off the coast of Scotland Feb. 5, 1918. The sinking of the ship by a German submarine was the first casualty for the United States in World War I. The two survivors who live in Kalispell are Fred Metcalf

and Joe Basye. From left rear are Joe Tucker, Basye, Henry Seematter of Perma, Walter Damon, Metcalf and Emil Anderson; kneeling front are George St. Clair of Plains, P.J. Lavelle, J.D. Morrow, S.J. Cairncross and George Carlson.

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## *Some Things You Don't Forget*

**By Phyllis Clark**  
**Family Editor**

Smoking may be considered hazardous to your health, but two Kalispell men would be quick to tell you it may have saved their lives. The two men — Fred Metcalf and Joe Basye — were aboard the ill-fated *Tuscania*, which was torpedoed off the coast of Scotland Feb. 5, 1918, during World War I.

Metcalf and Basye are the only two living of the eight men from Kalispell who survived the sinking of the *Tuscania*. The

eight were in the famed 17th Company 20th Engineers which was on its way to Europe to build the miles of trenches, the great hospital units, the thousands of warehouses, the miles of railways and the acres of piers and docks needed when the United States entered World War I.

Fred and Joe were among the first American doughboys to go across the Atlantic to set up for the fighting men. They helped to build a mill in Castets, France, made lumber and ties to move the big guns to Flanders, boards for the barracks and ties for the railways. Joe was a logger before enlisting for service with the 20th Engineers.

Former Montana Gov. J. Hugo Aronson was supposed to have been aboard the ship, but came down with measles and mumps and was quarantined just before the call to leave.

The eight Kalispell men who enlisted for the engineers were sworn in at Ft. Wright in Spokane.

The Tuscania, with 2,400 men on board, left the United States Jan. 27, 1918, and steamed her way across the Atlantic. After 13 days at sea the Tuscania was in sight of land, the islands that shelter the coast of Scotland. The men were to land at nine



**Fred Metcalf**

o'clock the next morning. As it was to be their last evening aboard ship, a dinner was planned to celebrate the event. The halls were filled with men waiting their turn at the tables. There was singing and good-natured fun . . .

And then it happened . . .

At 6:20 p.m. a torpedo from a German submarine ripped through the boiler room causing an explosion. Fred recalls being thrown 20 feet from the blast. The history book of the 17th Company states:

"A terrific blast rent the air, followed by a sound that resembled the falling of load upon load of broken glass, down a long stairway. The boys were knocked off their feet. The lights were snuffed out and cries of 'They got us' filled the air.

"Then the thoughts of escape turned surprise into panic and all became a fighting, cursing mob. The strong fought their way to the hatchways, the weak prayed and pleaded, order was forgotten.

"In the flare of pocket flashlights one could see hundreds of faces paled with fright, distorted with fear and frenzy, others stern and with glaring eyes, as they pushed on to safety. Someone came from below with word from the chief engineer that the boat would float for hours at least, and the word was passed from mouth to mouth in breathless tones, half doubtful, half confident, but working its effect. The strong, delayed in their rush, helped the weak and disheartened and when the last

man came on deck there was order and discipline to the last word."

The men loosed the rigging, swung out the lifeboats and lowered them into the rolling sea. The destroyers which had been escorting the *Tuscania* came alongside and took off their loads in turn.



**Joe Basye**

Ropes broke while lowering some of the boats and the men were dumped into the sea, making it come alive with screams for help. The boats that landed safely on the water were tossed about on the stormy sea, and men who knew nothing of sea life did their best to keep the boats riding free through the choppy waters.

The front end of the raft on which Joe was riding broke off but the pontoons kept

re-equipped. Only one rifle survived the sinking and Joe jokingly tells, "And the fellow who owned it got the dickens for letting it rust."

The men remained in Europe until June of 1919. After returning to the Flathead, Joe went back into the logging business for a time and then went into the typewriter business in Butte. He also worked in Billings and Kalispell and for a time operated a

motel in Hot Springs. He and his wife have lived in Kalispell since his retirement.

Metcalf retired in 1955 after 33 years with the state and federal Forest Service.

Other Kalispell men who survived the sinking were Pete Lavelle, John Morrow, Emil Anderson, Stewart Cairncross, Joe Tucker and Walter Damon. The late John C. MacMillan, a one-time Kalispell resident who enlisted from South Dakota, was also one of the survivors.

The National Tuscania Survivors Assn. is headquartered at Milwaukee, where a history is being compiled.

Joe and Fred still get together occasionally and talk about the nightmare of Feb. 5, 1918, and still find it remarkable that all eight men who enlisted from Kalispell survived the sinking.

"A lot of water has gone under the bridge" since that fateful day; but Joe and Fred will always remember the night of terror and their struggle for survival.

Things like that you don't forget.

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*"Daily Inter-Lake" (Kalispell MT) Friday 10 Feb 1939 p 4*

*- Joe Basye [listed as Joe D. Basye] is #10, second from the left in the back row -*

*<https://www.newspapers.com/image/951100336/> - copied on two different dates from Newspapers.com, as image quality differs*

## *Couple Celebrates Golden Wedding*



MR. AND MRS. JOE BASYE

Celebrating 50 happy years together, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Basye of Kalispell were honored at an open house reception April 28 on the occasion of the couple's golden wedding anniversary. Hosting the affair at the honored couple's home were their son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. John Basye of Tacoma.

Making it a day to remember were the four generations of Basyes and many friends and relatives who were present and signed the guest book. The four generations include Joe Basye, John Basye, Jack Basye and John Basye.

The reception table was decorated with a lace tablecloth and floral arrangements by the couple's granddaughter, Garnet Basye. Centering the table was a three-tiered anniversary cake,

decorated with yellow roses, gold leaves, white doves and wedding bells with decorated pillars between the tiers. The cake was baked and decorated by Mrs. Mary Young, a friend of the couple, and topped with a large gold color "50."

Assisting at the reception

were the couple's great-grandchildren, Garnet Basye, Karen Basye, Kathy Basye and John Basye.

Out of town guests in addition to the family members were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Blumhagen, Polson, and Mr. and Mrs. Martin Blumhagen,

Libby.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Basye were married April 28, 1923, at Columbus.

*Joseph Daniel Basye and third wife Mary Jane Blumhagen Basye celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary 28 Apr 1973 –*

*"Daily Inter Lake" (Kalispell MT) Sunday 6 May 1973 p 12 -*

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## Meet for Reunion



**THE SEVEN BASYE CHILDREN**, who were all together for the first time since 1912 are, first row, left to right: Mrs. Clyde Yenne of Whitefish, Mrs. Lester Rhodes of Kalispell, Mrs. Viola Graves of Central Square, N. Y., and Mrs. M. R. Chenoweth of Kalispell. Back row, Layton Basye of Anaconda, Joe Basye of Hot Springs, and George Basye of Sonora, Calif.

# Brothers and Sisters Meet for Reunion

They are the sons and daughters of the late Mr. and Mrs. John W. Basye, early Flathead settlers who came to the valley in 1903. The family home was at McMannamy Mill, north of Kalispell.

The reunion was at the home of Mrs. Clyde Yenne of Whitefish. Brothers and other sisters attending the reunion were Mrs. Lester Rhodes of Kalispell, Mrs. Viola Graves of Central Square, N. Y., Mrs. M. R. Chenoweth of Kalispell, Layton Basye of Anaconda, Joe Basye of Hot Springs and George Bayse of Sonora, Calif.

Others in Whitefish for the reunion were Miss Elaine Graves of Clay, N. Y.; Mrs. George Basye of Sonora, Calif.; Mrs. Tom Ford and Julie of Hamilton; Mrs. Joe Basye of Hot Springs; John Lester Rhodes, Mr. and Mrs. George Rhodes and Ray and Larry, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Berner and Pat, all of Kalispell; and Clyde Yenne of Whitefish.

Seven brothers and sisters, who have not all been together since 1912, met Aug. 7 for a reunion.

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MONTANA  
CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

LOCAL FILE NUMBER  
STATE FILE NUMBER

DECEDENT - NAME FIRST MIDDLE LAST  
1 Joseph D. Basye  
2 male  
3 Feb. 18, 1980

RACE - WHITE, Black, American Indian, etc. (Specify)  
4 white  
5 AGE - Last birthday (Years) 92  
6 DATE OF BIRTH (Mo., Day, Yr.) 3-31-1887  
7 COUNTY OF DEATH Flathead

CITY, TOWN, OR LOCATION OF DEATH  
7a Columbia Falls  
7b Mt. Veterans Home Nursing Home  
7c inpatient

STATE OF BIRTH (If not in U.S.A. name country)  
8 Nebraska  
9 CITIZEN OF WHAT COUNTRY USA  
10 MARRIED, NEVER MARRIED, WIDOWED, DIVORCED (Specify) married  
11 Mary Blumhagen  
12 SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER 516-10-4705  
13a woodman  
13b lumber  
14 WAS DECEDENT EVER IN U.S. ARMED FORCES (Specify Yes or No) yes

RESIDENCE - STATE COUNTY CITY, TOWN, OR LOCATION INSIDE CITY LIMITS (Specify Yes or No) STREET AND NUMBER  
15 Montana Flathead Kalispell yes 15a 630-3rd Ave. E.  
16 FATHER - NAME FIRST MIDDLE LAST MOTHER - MAIDEN NAME FIRST MIDDLE LAST  
16a John Wesley Basye Lillie Jane Emel  
17 INFORMANT - NAME (Type or Print) Mailing Address STREET OR R.F.D. NO. CITY OR TOWN STATE ZIP  
17a Mary Basye 17b 630-3rd Ave. E., Kalispell, Montana 59901  
18 CEMETERY OR CREMATORY - NAME LOCATION CITY OR TOWN STATE  
18a Conrad Memorial Cemetery 18b Kalispell Montana  
19 BURIAL, CREMATION, REMOVAL, OTHER (Specify) MORTUARY OR OTHER - NAME AND ADDRESS  
19a burial 19b Johnson Funeral Home, Box 966, Kalispell, Mt. 59901  
20 DATE OF DISPOSITION (Month, Day, Year) PERSON IN CHARGE OF DISPOSITION License Number  
20a February 21, 1980 20b R. D. Loveless 128

21 To be Completed by CERTIFYING PHYSICIAN Only  
21a To the best of my knowledge, death occurred at the time, date and place and due to the cause(s) stated.  
21b (Signature and Title) R. D. Loveless  
21c DATE SIGNED (Month, Day, Year) February 19, 1980  
21d HOUR OF DEATH 4:45 A. M.  
21e NAME OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN IF OTHER THAN CERTIFIER (Type or Print)  
21f NAME AND ADDRESS OF CERTIFIER (PHYSICIAN OR CORONER) (Type or Print) Columbia Falls, MT 59912

22 To be Completed by CORONER Only  
22a On the basis of examination and/or investigation, in my opinion death occurred at the time, date and place and due to the cause(s) stated.  
22b (Signature and Title)  
22c DATE SIGNED (Month, Day, Year)  
22d HOUR OF DEATH  
22e PRONOUNCED DEAD (Mo., Day, Yr.)  
22f PRONOUNCED DEAD (Hour)  
22g OH  
22h AT

23 CONDITIONS IF ANY WHICH GIVE RISE TO IMMEDIATE CAUSE  
23a Immediate Cause  
23b Underlying Cause  
23c Cause Last

24 IMMEDIATE CAUSE (ENTER ONLY ONE CAUSE PER LINE FOR (a), (b), AND (c))  
24a PART I (a) Generalized atherosclerosis  
24b DUE TO, OR AS A CONSEQUENCE OF:  
24c (b)  
24d DUE TO, OR AS A CONSEQUENCE OF:  
24e (c)  
24f PART II - OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS - Conditions contributing to death but not related to cause given in Part (a)  
24g ACCIDENT, SUICIDE, HOMICIDE, UNDET. OR PENDING INVESTIGATION (Specify)  
24h DATE OF INJURY (Mo., Day, Yr.)  
24i HOUR OF INJURY  
24j DESCRIBE HOW INJURY OCCURRED  
24k INJURY AT WORK (Specify Yes or No)  
24l PLACE OF INJURY - At home, farm, street, factory, office building, etc. (Specify)  
24m LOCATION: STREET OR R.F.D. NO. CITY OR TOWN STATE

25 LOCAL REGISTRAR  
25a (Signature) Ruth D. Loveless  
25b DATE RECEIVED BY LOCAL REGISTRAR (Mo., Day, Yr.) 2-20-1980

26 DATE RECEIVED BY LOCAL REGISTRAR (Mo., Day, Yr.)  
26a 2-20-1980

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27m LOCATION: STREET OR R.F.D. NO. CITY OR TOWN STATE

28 AUTOPSY (Specify Yes or No)  
28a no  
28b WAS CASE REFERRED TO CORONER? (Specify Yes or No)  
28c no

29 STATE OF MONTANA  
COUNTY OF FLATHEAD  
Filed on the 20th day of Feb. A. D. 1980 at M. O'Clock  
By J. D. Loveless  
CLERK & RECORDER  
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MT death record of Joseph Daniel Basye -

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## Joseph Basye

**KALISPELL** — Joseph Daniel Basye, 92, of 630 Third Ave. E., Kalispell, died Monday morning in the state Veterans Administration Home in Columbia Falls.

He was born March 31, 1887, in Norman, Neb. When he was 16, he moved with his family to Montana. He was a woodsman until he enlisted in the U.S. Army on Dec. 14, 1917. He served in the Army Corps of Engineers and was on the Tuscania troop ship that was torpedoed at the beginning of World War I. After the war he returned to Montana and lived north of Kalispell. He later moved to Warland, north of Libby, then operated apartments in Hot Springs. In 1970 he moved to Kalispell.

He was a member of the World War I Barracks and the American Legion.

On April 28, 1923, he married Mary Bloomhagen in Billings.

He is survived by his wife Mary, Kalispell; one son, John, Tacoma, Wash.; a brother, George, Columbia, Calif.; three sisters, Viola Graves, Central Square, N.Y.; Pearl Rhodes, Kalispell; and Grace Yenne, Whitefish; two grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and one great-great-granddaughter.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one sister, Ruth Chenowith, and a brother, Layton.

Funeral services will be held in the Johnson Chapel, Kalispell, at 2 p.m. Thursday with the Rev. Chauncey Biffle, associate pastor of the Epworth United Methodist Church in Kalispell, officiating.

Burial will be in Conrad Memorial Cemetery, Kalispell, with military graveside rites by the local veterans.

*"The Missoulian" (Missoula MT) Tuesday 19 Feb 1980 p 12*



**KALISPELL — BASYE, Joseph D.,** 92, died Monday at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls. Services will be 2 p.m. Thursday at the Johnson Chapel. Basye was born in Nebraska. When he was 16, he moved to Montana with his family. He enlisted in the Army in 1917 and was on a troop ship, the *Tuscania*, when it was torpedoed in the Atlantic. Discharged in 1919, he returned to the Kalispell area and later lived at Warland and operated apartments at Hot Springs. He moved to Kalispell in 1970. In 1923, he married Mary Bloomhagen in Billings. Survivors include his wife; a son, John of Tacoma, Wash., and a brother and three sisters, including Pearl Rhodes of Kalispell and Grace Yenne of Whitefish.

*"Great Falls (MT) Tribune" Tuesday 19 Feb 1980 p 9*

IMPORTANT: Read the instruction sheet before completing this form. Type or print in caps (except signatures). Form Approved OMB No. 76-R0668

1. NAME OF DECEASED AS DESIRED ON HEADSTONE OR MARKER			CHECK IF REMAINS NONRECOVERABLE <input type="checkbox"/>		
FIRST (Or initial)	MIDDLE (Or initial)	LAST	12. APPLICANT'S NAME AND ADDRESS (No. and street, city, State and ZIP CODE)		
Joseph	D.	BASYE	Mary Basye 630 3rd Ave. E. Kalispell, Montana 59901		
NOTE - Shaded blocks are optional inscription items. See Inscription Information.					
2. HIGHEST RANK ATTAINED	3. BRANCH OF SERVICE	4. WAS DECEASED AWARDED MEDAL OF HONOR?		13. AREA CODE AND PHONE NO.	14. RELATIONSHIP TO DECEASED
Sgt	U.S. Army	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO		406-257-1887	Widow
5. WAR SERVICE					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WWI <input type="checkbox"/> WWII <input type="checkbox"/> KOREA <input type="checkbox"/> VIET-NAM <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (Specify in Item 24) <input type="checkbox"/> NONE					
6. YEAR OF BIRTH *		7. YEAR OF DEATH *			
March 31, 1887		Feb. 18, 1980			
*Give complete dates (month, day, year) if desired on inscription.					
8. TYPE OF HEADSTONE OR MARKER REQUESTED (Check one)					
<input type="checkbox"/> UPRIGHT MARBLE <input type="checkbox"/> FLAT MARBLE <input type="checkbox"/> FLAT GRANITE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FLAT BRONZE					
9. RELIGIOUS EMBLEM, IF DESIRED (Check one)					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CROSS (Christian) <input type="checkbox"/> STAR OF DAVID (Jewish) <input type="checkbox"/> WHEEL OF RIGHT-EQUUSNESS (Buddhist) <input type="checkbox"/> NONE					
10. SERVICE NO., SOCIAL SECURITY NO., OR VA CLAIM NO.					
SS-516-10-4705 XC-613 302					
11. SERVICE INFORMATION (Last period of active duty)					
A. DATE ENTERED (Month, day, year)		B. DATE RELEASED (Month, day, year)			
Dec. 10, 1917		July 28, 1919			
FOR USE OF VETERANS ADMINISTRATION					
INSCRIPTION DATA					
Sgt US Army / WWI					
ORDER NO.	DATE ORDERED	CONTRACT NO.		19. SIGNATURE OF PERSON TO ACCEPT DELIVERY	
A-23655	MAR 27 1980	Shadow Bronze Co		Charles J. Hennrichson	
17. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON, CEMETERY, OR FIRM OFFICIAL WHO WILL ACCEPT DELIVERY (No. and street, city, State and ZIP CODE)				20. DATE	
Conrad Memorial Cemetery 100 Conrad Drive Kalispell, Montana 59901				2-25-80	
18. AREA CODE AND PHONE NO.				21. NAME AND LOCATION OF CEMETERY (City and State)	
59901				Conrad Memorial Cemetery, Kalispell, Mont.	
The headstone or marker of the type checked in item 8 will be permitted on the unmarked plot or grave of the named deceased.					
22. SIGNATURE OF CEMETERY OFFICIAL				23. DATE	
Charles J. Hennrichson				2-25-80	

VA FORM 40-1330 (SUBMIT IN DUPLICATE) APPLICATION FOR HEADSTONE OR MARKER

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Basye, Joseph D 250469 1 1/2

(Surname) (Christian name) (Army serial number) (Race: White or colored) white

Residence: 275 6 Ave Kalispell Montana

(Street and house number) (Town or city) (County) (State)

\* Enlisted in Inducted Ft George Wright Wash Dec 14/17

† Born in Norman Hebr 30 9/12 -prs

Organizations: 17 Co 20 Engrs to discharge

Grades: Sgt June 19/18; Pvt Mch 15/19

Engagements:

Wounds or other injuries received in action: None.

‡ Served overseas: to June 10/19

§ Hon. disch. June 23/19 on demobilization

Was reported 0% per cent disabled on date of discharge, in view of occupation.

Remarks:

Form No. 724-1 1/2, A. G. O. March 12, 1929. \*Insert "R. A.", "N. G.", "E. R. C.", "N. A.", as case may be, followed by place and date of enlistment. † Give place of birth and date of birth, or age at enlistment. ‡ Give dates of departure from and arrival in the United States. § Give date.

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MT, WWI military record - <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/36530:62068> - MT, Military Records: serial 250469, enlisted 14 Dec 1917 at Fort George Wright, Spokane WA at age 30 years, 9 months. Residence: 275 – 6<sup>th</sup> Ave., Kalispell MT. Private, 17<sup>th</sup> Co., 20<sup>th</sup> Engineers. Born Norman NE. Made sergeant 19 Jun 1918, demoted to private 15 Mar 1919. Overseas until 10 Jun 1919. Discharged 23 Jun 1919. 0% disabled.

<b>BASYE JOSEPH DANIEL</b>		<b>C 613 302</b>
<b>Pvt 17 Co 20 Engrs</b>		<b>K</b>
<b>Kalispell Mont</b>		<b>A 2 221 612</b>
<b>Su 250 469</b>	<b>Died</b>	<b>T 1 591 057</b>
<b>Born 3/31/87</b>		<b>R 173 980</b>
<b>Enl 12/14/17</b>	<b>Dth 6/23/19</b>	<b>Ct. 443 528</b>

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*Life:*

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**Still Another Appreciation.**

Stuart J. Cairncross, Fred F. Metcalf, John D. Morrow, Peter J. LaLeVelle, J. J. Tucker, Joe D. Basye and Henry J. Seematter, all Kalispell boys, now members of the 20th Engineers (forestry) also unite in a fine letter to the local Red Cross and this is the sentiment they express:

"We wish to extend to the Kalispell Red Cross our appreciation for the comfort bags you gave us when leaving.

"Of the hundreds of men we have met from different camps, not one has a kit to compare with our own.

"In our estimation this is ample proof that Kalispell Red Cross lends in their work. This is saying much for all and are doing a great work.

"Many more Kalispell boys came over with us but we are all that are members of Co. E.

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*"Kalispell (MT) Bee" Thursday 10 Jan 1918 p 5*

# THREE MONTANANS KNOWN SURVIVORS

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Special Dispatch to the Standard.

Portland, Ore., Feb. 7.—The following list of Montana survivors of the *Tuscania* is published tonight by the Portland Evening Journal direct from Washington, credit being given to the war department:

Private James Basye (appears as Joseph on the records), Wesley Basye, father, Kalispell, Mont.

Private Van Dendriessche, father, John Van Dendriessche, Stevensville, Mont.

Bollman White (appears as Goalman White on the records), mother, Mrs. Jennie White, Augusta, Mont.

*Several other MT articles refer to Joseph as "James Basye" - "Anaconda (MT) Standard"  
Friday 8 Feb 1918 p 1*



The Montana survivors listed by the war department follow:

Ralph S. Graves, Missoula.  
 George Upham, Missoula.  
 C. M. Fletcher, Victor.  
 John B. Clark, Deer Lodge.  
 John J. Dolson, Plains.  
 Alex D. Davidson, Perma.  
 Van W. Gladden, Sidney.  
 Fred D. ~~Metzger~~ Kalispell.  
 Herbert W. Miller, Great Falls.  
 Paul McCormick, Billings.  
 Ollie Edwin Oleson, Thompson Falls.  
 Charles C. Smallack, Warm Springs.  
 George L. St. Clair, Plains.  
 Albert C. Tillman, Florence.  
 James J. Tucker, Kalispell.  
 Coleman White, Augusta.  
 Charles G. Bennett, Ashley.  
 John D. Morrow, Kalispell.  
 Joseph D. Basye, Kalispell.  
 Warren A. Blackman, Oliver Gulch.  
 Emil A. Anderson, West Kalispell.  
 James E. Babbitt, Victor.  
 Edward C. Green, Billings.  
 Peter J. Lavalley, Kalispell.  
 John F. Mahoney, Gage.  
 Leon S. Richardson, Plains.  
 Oliver Wethern, Harlem.  
 Floyd Winn, Belknap.  
 Edward T. Mahoney, Gage.  
 Sidney H. Griggs, Stearns.  
 Walter P. Damon, Kalispell.  
 Fred Kristenson, Livingston.  
 Lawrence B. Watters, Victor.  
 Willard C. Hall, Butte.  
 Leo W. Stewart, Basin.  
 Clarence W. McCollim, Cascade.  
 David G. Hudtloff, Butte.  
 Stewart J. Cairncross, Kalispell.  
 Peter H. Stewart, Great Falls.  
 Aime Van Den Drieseche, Stevensville.

"Missoula (MT) Sentinel" Monday 11 Feb 1918 p 3

John Morrow and Joe Basye of Kalispell, members of the 20th Engineers, the former a brother of Mrs. August Gehrke Jr., and the latter a brother of Mrs. Joe Howard, who were on the ill fated ship Tuscania, have been reported safely landed.

"Libby (MT) Western News" Thursday 14 Feb 1918 p 8

**JOE BASYE WRITES,  
IS FAT AND SASSY.**

J. D. Bayse of this city has received a letter from his son, Joe Basye, one of the Flathead boys to go down on the Tuscania, who has now arrived in France. He says:

"Just a few lines to let you know that I am well and all right.

"Have been pretty busy the past few days reading letters from home, as we have just received our first mail since leaving Washington, and it is sure welcome. One of the boys received some copies of the Inter Lake from home, and there was much in them of interest to us. Of course we all read them. The boys are all well and hearty. They tell me I am getting fat, but I guess I could stand 20 pounds more.

"I like it a great deal better here than at some of our other destinations. The people treat us fine. Of course, it is lots harder to understand them. I had dinner downtown the other day and had a hard time getting them understand, but finally got it.

"It is time for drill now, so will say goodbye, with love to all.

"JOE."

*"Daily Inter Lake" (Kalispell MT) Tuesday 30 Apr 1918 p 4*

## 20TH ENGINEERS HAVE ARRIVED HOME

This morning seven Flathead county boys who were enlisted in the Twentieth Engineers, and were on the transport Tuscania when it was torpedoed off the coast of Ireland a year ago, arrived home this morning.

In the party were John Morrow, Joe Tucker, George Basye, Pete La Velle, Fred Metcalf, Frank Lehman and J. Lindsay.

Joe Basye, who was also with the regiment did not return, as he was transferred shortly before the other left France, and E. A. Anderson is still there attending the military school at Paris.

*"Daily Inter Lake" (Kalispell MT) Friday 13 Jun 1919 p 5*

## ALL SURVIVORS OF TUSCANIA DISASTER

### Special—

Kalispell, June 13.—Nine members of the Twentieth engineers, who were aboard the transport Tuscania when she was torpedoed off the coast of Ireland over a year ago, arrived home this morning. In the party were: John Morris, Stewart Cairncross, Joe Tucker, George Basye, Peter Lavalley, Fred Metcalf, Frank Lehman and J. Lindsay. Over twenty men from Flathead county were aboard the Tuscania when she went down, but none lost their lives.



*Joseph is misidentified as his brother George who was not on Tuscania – “Butte (MT) Miner”  
Saturday 14 Jun 1919 p 8*

Joseph D. Basye, a disabled soldier, left yesterday over the Northern Pacific for a visit to Santa Fe, N. M.

*His MT military record reported he was 0% disabled upon discharge - “The Missoulian”  
(Missoula MT) Wednesday 1 Feb 1922 p 7*

## FEDERAL SQUAD AIDS CLEANUP AT KALISPELL

**Beer, Whisky, Gin and Moonshine Taken in Raids With City Officers Co-Operating**

**Special to The Tribune.**

KALISPELL, April 11.—Nearly a dozen arrests and the seizure of a large quantity of liquor, including beer, whisky, gin and moonshine, were the fruits of a joint raid on alleged liquor law violators made Monday morning by federal officers, the sheriff's force and the city police department.

Part of the cases will be handled through the federal courts and the others, under a city ordinance, on the formal charge of selling intoxicating liquor and maintaining a common nuisance.

A federal complaint was filed against Neis Haig, arrested at the Norden hotel, who was arraigned before United States Commissioner L. D. Rogvlien. His bond was fixed at \$500 and his hearing set for 10 a. m. Tuesday. It is also expected that other federal cases will be filed as the result of raids on the Park and Norden hotels.

Those arraigned before Police Judge McCarthy were Iver Isaacson, Eddie, Joe Basye, Robert Lavelle, R. D. Farrington, Emil Knutson and Mrs. Josie McDermott.

Besides the two hotels, the residence at 448 Fourth avenue west was raided.

Complaint in the city cases was made by Chief of Police Metcalf, who says sufficient evidence was secured at each place raided to make a case. He also says there are prospects of other federal charges in the near future.

*“Great Falls (MT) Tribune” Tuesday 12 Apr 1927 p 3*

## 3 PLEAD GUILTY AT KALISPELL IN BOOZE CASE

**Police Court Assesses Fine of  
\$200 Each; Others Bound  
Over to U. S.**

**Special to The Tribune.**

KALISPELL, April 12.—Eight defendants charged with selling liquor and maintaining a nuisance were arraigned in police court Tuesday morning, four of them pleading guilty. Their penalties were set at a fine of \$200 each, which Emil Knutson, Joe Basye and Mrs. R. D. Adams paid.

Robert Lovelle's case was continued until April 14. A case against Mr. Adams was dismissed upon his wife's plea of guilty. H. D. Harrington, Iver Isaacson, Josie McDermott and Eddie Kocine pleaded not guilty. Their cases were later dismissed by the city and turned over to federal authorities.

Tuesday afternoon, Ole Fredericks of the Norden hotel was arraigned on a charge of possession of liquor and maintaining a nuisance and was placed under \$500 bonds.

Nels Hegg, J. Hegg, R. D. Harrington, and Eddie Kocine were arraigned before U. S. Commissioner Rognlien Tuesday afternoon. They waived preliminary hearing and were bound over to the federal grand jury in the sum of \$500. It is understood there are likely to be other arraignments in federal court.

Officials say evidence has been secured against 20 other offenders but as some are said to have left town during night, it is doubtful whether arrests will be made.

"Great Falls (MT) Tribune" Wednesday 13 Apr 1927 p 4

### **"40 and 8" Dinner**

Members of the "40 and 8," social branch of the American Legion, last night enjoyed a venison dinner in the Masonic temple at Whitefish. The wives and ladies were invited and following the dinner there was dancing until midnight. The following from Kalispell attended:

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Foot, Mr. and Mrs. James Garey, Mr. and Mrs. Owen W. Olesen, Mr. and Mrs. Archie O'Claire, Mr. and Mrs. Murphy Wilson, Harry Keith Jr., Miss Kathleen Ashburner and Joe Basye.

*"Daily Inter Lake" (Kalispell MT) Wednesday 16 Nov 1927 p 5*

Joseph Basye and Mary Basye, to Emeline Mendenhall, 3-8-28, lot 1, blk. 788 Add. No. 1 to Kal.

*"Daily Inter Lake" Wednesday 14 Mar 1928 p 5*

At the home of Joseph Basye in Kalispell, February 5, twelve members of the Flathead contingent of soldiers who were on the troop transport Tuscania when it was sunk on the coast of Ireland by a German U boat, will celebrate the 21st anniversary of their survival from that disaster.

*"Kalispell (MT) Times-Monitor" Thursday 2 Feb 1931 p 5*

## Tacoma Man Concludes Visit

John D. Basye of Tacoma returned to his home Tuesday after visiting relatives and old time friends in Kalispell.

He also visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Basye, at Hot Springs.

*"Daily Inter Lake" (Kalispell MT) Sunday 11 Nov 1951 p 10*

## FIVE PINCHED AT KALISPELL

KALISPELL, Sept. 28.—Federal prohibition officers visited Kalispell Friday and Saturday, arrested five alleged offenders and confiscated a quantity of home brew beer and illicit liquor.

Four raids brought the following defendants into court: Fay and Ruth Moses, Claire Johnson, Joe Basye, and Lloyd Walters.

All were arraigned before United States Commissioner Eugene McCarthy, charged with possession and sale, and bound over to the federal district court at Great Falls. Most of them were able to offer \$500 bonds for their release.

The raids were made by Prohibition Officers William H. Winters and Paul A. Reed

*"Montana Record-Herald" (Helena MT) Monday 28 Sep 1931 p 4*

## **FIVE GRABBED IN DRY RAIDS AT KALISPELL**

**All Defendants Bound Over  
for Action of Great Falls  
Federal Court**

Special to The Tribune.

KALISPELL, Sept. 27.—Liquor raids in Kalispell Friday night and Saturday by the federal dry squad netted five alleged offenders and a quantity of home brew and illicit whisky.

Fay and Ruth Moses were arrested at 144 Sixth avenue west. Claire Johnson was picked up at 232 Seventh avenue west, Joe Basye, near the fairgrounds, and Lloyd Walters at 393 First avenue east north.

All of the alleged violators were arraigned before United States Commissioner Eugene McCarthy and bound over to the federal district court at Great Falls. Most of the defendants were able to offer the \$500 bonds for their release.

The arrests were made by Prohibition Officers William H. Winters and Paul A. Leed.

*"Great Falls (MT) Tribune" Monday 28 Sep 1931 p 4*

## SEVERAL ARRESTS MADE BY FEDERALS ROBERTS REPORTS

Recent raids made in Great Falls include the arrest of Cornell W. Breece, and Anna Breece, after 74 pints of beer was alleged to have been found on the premises at 600 First avenue, north, reports received by Sam Roberts, deputy prohibition administrator, show.

At Ennis, Mack Bates was arrested. Agents report seizure of 62 gallons of moonshine whisky, nearly a gallon of gin, and nine gallons of home-brewed beer, reports show. John Kennedy, also of Ennis, was arrested after agents raided a softdrink parlor where a quantity of liquor was alleged to have been found.

Kalispell raids resulted in the arrest of Lloyd A. Walter, and seizure of 16 pints of liquor; and at the Joe Basye place, agents report arrest of Basye and seizure of 1 1-2 gallons of whisky and gin, and 10 quarts of beer.

John Wallace was arrested following a raid at Havre. Liquors reported as seized include 60 pints of home-brewed beer; 36 pints of spiked beer, some moonshine whisky, and one quart of Canadian whisky and a small quantity of alcohol.

*"Montana Record-Herald" (Helena MT) Tuesday 29 Sep 1931 p 3*

Mrs. Viola Graves and sons of Syracuse, New York, arrived in Kalispell the first of the week to visit at the homes of her brother, Joe Basye, and sister, Mrs. Clyde Yenne, and other relatives. Mrs. Graves was a resident of Kalispell 25 years ago and will be remembered as Viola Basye.

*"Daily Inter Lake" (Kalispell MT) Friday 24 Jul 1936 p 5*

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Basye of Kalispell were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jess Haworth over the week-end, returning Monday with a fine big buck.

*"Libby (MT) Western News" Thursday 20 Oct 1938 p 6*

Veterans attending the reunion of Tuscania survivors at Joe Basye's home Sunday night, were John Morrow, Joe Tucker, Pete Lavelle, John McMillan, S. J. Cairncross, Fred Metcalf and the host.

*"Helena (MT) Times-Monitor" Thursday 9 Feb 1939 p 8*

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Commers entertained Saturday at their home at a family dinner. Present were Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hanson, Donald and Donna May, and Miss Carlson of North Dakota, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Blumhagen, Alma Blumhagen, Martin Blumhagen, and Mrs. Tillie Woodell of Polson, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Commers and Dorothy May, Mr. and Mrs. Walt Blumhagen and daughter of Rollins, and Mr. and Mrs.

Joe Basye of Hot Springs.

*"Flathead Courier" (Polson MT) Thursday 17 Jun 1948 p A5*



Editor, Inter Lake:

# **WHY I LIKE KALISPELL**

Coming here 42 years ago, I was a tenderfoot unaccustomed to western ways. I had lived in Philadelphia. In those days Kalispell was a small town. I have traded horses on the Main street. Several days after a horse trade, the conversation was like this:

"Hey John! You doggone horse thief. You beat me on that hoss."

"Sure! you little black-whiskered billy goat. I'll beat you again if you trade."

"No you won't. I'll get you the next time. Ha! Ha! Ha!"

There never was any animosity in trading horses or anything else. Everybody was your friend. It is this feeling of friendship that makes this place outstanding.

"Bill, lend me \$10 for a few days." Bill pulls a wad of money out of his hip pocket. "Here it is." No questions asked.

When I pay it back a few days later, he says, "Hell, John, keep it. I don't need it. I have over \$700 in the bank, and I get nearly \$300 a month from rentals."

Incidents of this kind are an every day occurrence in Kalispell. You go down to the court house to pay your taxes on the last day and find you haven't quite enough money. Cal will say, "Bring it in tomorrow, and I will fix so you won't have any penalty to pay." He probably paid it out of his pocket.

"I hear you are doing a little logging, John."

"Yes, I am, George."

"How are you fixed for money?"

"Well, George, I am going to the bank and try to borrow \$150."

"No need to do that, John. I have \$400 in the First National bank. It is not drawing any interest. Come on over and I'll fix you up."

George says, "Let this man have \$250 on a checking account."

"We should have a note made."

"No," he says, "you can pay me when you get your money from the Kalispell Lumber Co."

I was the owner of the logs. These are the things which make me like Kalispell. It is the people that make a town, not the buildings and lawns, although they are beautiful. We are not behind

in culture either. We have an author who writes good mystery stories, a student in Europe studying music, a man with a Carnegie medal, and many other notable people. We have nine survivors of the Lusitania which was sunk in the first World war. It was sunk off the coast of Ireland in the North Sea. Some of them landed in Scotland on a rocky shore after a perilous night on a small boat. In fact, all who were saved landed in boats. There were ships close by. They had orders to stay as they were afraid the sub would get more of them.

Here are the names of the survivors: Emil Anderson, Joe Basye, Walter Dayman, Fred Metcalf, Pete Lavelle, Stewart Cairncross, John Morrow, Joe Tucker.

I am particularly interested in this because my boy was on the ship just ahead of it and saw the Lusitania go down.

JOHN KERN.

*Joseph Basye & his fellow survivors had sailed on Tuscania, not Lusitania (which was not a troopship & which was sunk in 1915, before the US entered WWI) – since the convoy had left the Tuscania behind, no one in it saw the Tuscania sink - "Daily Inter Lake" (Kalispell MT) Tuesday 27 Sep 1949 p 4*

## Many Attend Rites For Drowned Men

Many relatives and friends came from the West to attend the union burial services Friday for the three victims who drowned in Flathead lake last week.

Services were conducted for John Morrow, Elvin L. Morrow and Clarence N. Rhodes.

Attending from out of town were: Mr. and Mrs. Clair Goldizen of Grand Coulee, Wash.; Mrs. Ella Wolff, Mrs. E. A. Gehrke, Mrs. Floyd Buck, Elmer, George and Cyrus Wolff and Mrs. Wayne Forry of Spokane; Mrs. Raymond Butts, Mrs. Raymond Salmon and Mrs. Audrey Smith, all of Oakland, Calif.; Mrs. O. K. Stinebrink of Walnut Creek, Calif.; Mr. and Mrs. John Basye and son Jack and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lehman of Tacoma, Wash.; Mrs. Myrtle Sexton of Havre, Mr. and Mrs. George Lehman of Milltown, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Basye of Hot Springs, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Wolff of Hungry Horse, Mr. and Mrs. George Basye of Billings, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Mikelson of Corvallis, Wash., Mr. and Mrs. Earl Rhodes and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Stevens of Eureka and Mr. and Mrs. Dave Morrow of Whitefish.

*Joe attends the funeral of his fellow Tuscania survivor [and former brother-in-law] John Morrow, who drowned in Flathead Lake – “Daily Inter Lake” (Kalispell MT) Tuesday 29 Apr 1952 p 6*

Mr. and Mrs. Si Chenoweth of Kalispell visited with her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Basye, Sunday. They also called at the home of Mrs. Emma Chenoweth.

*“Hot Springs (MT) Sentinel” Thursday 2 Oct 1952 p 3*

**FOR SALE:** 11 apartments and home, one block from government bath house. Would take home in city in trade. Basye Apts. Hot Springs, Mont., Mrs. Joe Basye. **30-32\***

*"Polson (MT) Flathead Courier" Thursday 30 Oct 1952 p A15*

**VFW Group Elects 1956-57 Officers**

POLSON—Officers for Barracks 275, Veterans of World War I were elected at the VFW hall in Polson.

The officers will be installed at the April 23 meeting, following a dinner which will be served by the ladies of the VFW Auxiliary. Art King will head the arrangements committee, with Ross Coons and William Buchholz assisting.

Elected were commander, Charles Noel, Ronan; senior vice commander, Ward Winebrenner, Hot Springs; junior vice commander, Tom Peasley, Ronan; quartermaster, Chauncey Biffie, Polson; chaplain, Walter Von Euen, Polson; judge advocate, Stanley M. Doyle, Polson; three-year trustee, David W. Day, Pablo; two-year trustee, William Roat, Hot Springs; one-year trustee, Mel Meuli, Proctor.

The Barracks, which was organized less than a year ago, now has a membership of about 150 members. New members taken in

at the March meeting are Joseph D. Basye, Ed Fnible, Angus Henderson, Albert Hjort, Edward F. Kitts, Willie Johnson, Peter J. Sutton and Emory Swisher.

*"The Missoulian" (Missoula MT) Wednesday 28 Mar 1956 p 11*

**Joseph J. Tucker**

KALISPELL — Funeral services for Joseph J. Tucker were conducted in the Johnson Chapel Thursday afternoon by the Rev. Thomas Best. Pallbearers, all veterans of World War I, were Fred Metcalf, James Garey, Forrest Rockwood, Joseph Basye, J. C. McMillan and Grant Prestbye. Burial was in Conrad Memorial Cemetery with veterans conducting military rites at the graveside.

*One of many notices of Joe's acting as pallbearer at a veteran's funeral - "The Missoulian" (Missoula MT) Saturday 21 Mar 1959 p 7*

Thursday, March 29, 1956

**VETS WWI ELECT OFFICERS,  
OBLIGATE NEW MEMBERS**

A group of 19 veterans from this area attended a meeting of Lake County Barracks, Veterans of World War I, in Polson Monday with seven of them taking the obligation of membership. Those obligated were Joe Basye, Angus Henderson, Al Hjort, Pete Sutter, Emery Swisher, Elmer Maddux, and Ed Snible. They joined with several others from the Polson vicinity.

Others attending from here were Ward Winebrenner, William Root, Rodney Holmberg, Joe Rypka, Norris Irvin, Walter Sloan, Pete Lavelle, George Stone, Frank Furi, Edward Fischer, George

*"Hot Springs (MT) Sentinel" Thursday 29 Mar 1956 p 3*

## Lake Vets Group Elects Officers

HOT SPRINGS — Ward Winebrenner, Hot Springs, has been elected senior vice commander of the Veterans of World War I, Lake County Barracks. Other officers elected were: Charles Noel, Ronan, commander; Tom Peasley, Ronan, junior vice commander; Chauncey Biffle, Polson, quartermaster; Walter von Euen, Polson, chaplain; Stanley M. Doyle, Polson, judge advocate, David W. Day, Pablo, and William Root, Hot Springs, two-year trustees, and Mel Meuli, Proctor, trustee.

Hot Springs veterans who recently became members of the organization are Joe Basye, Angus Henderson, Al Hjort, Pete Sutter, Emery Swisher, Elmer Maddux and Ed Snible.

*"The Missoulian" (Missoula MT) Saturday 31 Mar 1956 p 9*

### HOLD FAMILY REUNION

Brothers and sisters and other members of Mrs. Clyde Yenne's family held a reunion pot-luck dinner Aug. 7 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Yenne. It was the first time in 46 years that all of them had been together.

Coming the farthest for the event were Mrs. Frank Graves and her granddaughter, Elaine, of Syracuse, N. Y., and Mr. and Mrs. George Basye of Sonora, Calif.

Others present were their daughter, Mrs. Tom Ford, and her daughter, Judy, of Hamilton; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Basye of Hot Springs, and his son, John, of Tacoma, Wash.; Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Chenoweth of Kalispell; Layton H. Basye and daughter, Irene, of Anaconda; Mr. and Mrs. Lester Rhodes and Mr. and Mrs. George Rhodes and their two sons, and Mr. and Mrs. Homer Bernes and daughter, Pat, all of Kalispell.

Unable to be present were the Yennes' son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Yenne, and two sons of Salem, Ore., who had spent the week at the home of his parents. Mr. and Mrs. George Basye returned to California Monday. Mrs. Graves and her granddaughter, of Syracuse, plan to remain another two weeks.

"Whitefish (MT) Pilot" Thursday 18 Aug 1960 p 4

Mr and Mrs Joe Basye have sold the Basye apartments to Mr and Mrs Albert Colston of Arlington, Wash. The Colstons will take over operation of the partments April 1. Mr and Mrs Basye are moving to Kalispell.

"Hot Springs (MT) Citizen" Thursday 26 Mar 1970 p 1

***Golden Wedding  
Open House  
Set For Saturday***

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Basye of Kalispell will be honored at an open house reception this Saturday at their home. The occasion is the couple's golden wedding anniversary and friends are invited to call between the hours of 1 and 5 p.m. The couple requests no gifts.

*"Daily Inter Lake" (Kalispell MT) Wednesday 25 Apr 1973 p 11*

**Mr. and Mrs. Joe Basye**

**630 3rd Avenue East**

**Kalispell, Montana**

**Former residents of Hot Springs**

**will celebrate their**

**Golden Wedding**

**at their home**

**April 28, 1973**

**Reception from 1 to 5 p.m.**

***All Friends Are Welcome***

*"Sanders County Ledger" (Thompson Falls MT) Thursday 26 Apr 1973 p A5*



# Remembering

By Phyllis Clark  
Family Editor

Today is a special day for two Kalispell men—Fred Metcalf and Joe Basye are the only two living of the eight men from Kalispell who survived the sinking of the *Tuscania*. The ill-fated *Tuscania* was torpedoed off the coast of Scotland Feb. 5, 1918, making it the first casualty of the United States in World War I. The men were part of the famed 17th Company 20th Engineers which was on its way to Europe to build the miles of trenches, the thousands of warehouses, the great hospital units, the miles of railways and the acres of piers and docks needed when the United States entered World War I.

Metcalf and Basye were among the first American doughboys to go across the Atlantic to set up for the

fighting men. The two men will long remember that night of horror on the stormy sea with its jagged rocky shoreline, where 385 men lost their lives. They occasionally get together to talk about their struggle for survival in overloaded lifeboats after the *Tuscania* was ripped apart by a German submarine.

Of the eight men aboard the *Tuscania* from Kalispell, all eight survived. Other survivors from Kalispell include the late Pete Lavelle, John Morrow, Emil Anderson, Stewart Cairncross, Joe Tucker and Walter Damon. The late John C. MacMillan, a one-time Kalispell resident who enlisted from South Dakota, was also one of the survivors.

"Daily Inter Lake" (Kalispell MT) Tuesday 5 Feb 1974 p 6

Wife Alma Morrow Basye Gehrke

**GEHRKE, Alma Morrow —**

Passed away Feb. 19, 1983 in Spokane. Her home Spokane. Mother of John D. Basye, Tacoma, WA; grandmother of Mrs. Nancy Schmunk, Tacoma, WA; Jack Basye, Reno, NV; six great-grandchildren, two great-great-grandchildren, sister of Mildred Emery, Spokane; Elizabeth Butts, San Jose, CA; numerous nieces and nephews. A member of the Episcopal Church. A resident of Spokane for 66 years. Funeral services Tuesday, Feb. 22, 1983 at 12:00 Noon at the GOTHIC CHAPEL, HAZEN & JAEGER FUNERAL HOME, N1306 MONROE ST. Rev. Ernest J. Mason officiating. Burial services Wednesday, Feb.

at services Wednesday, Feb.  
23, 1983 at 2:00 p.m. Mountain  
Time at the Conrad Memorial  
Cemetery, Kalispell, MT.  
Family suggests memorials  
may be made to the Wash.  
State Heart Assn., NE Chapter,  
321 Hutton Bldg, Spokane, WA  
99201.

Obituary of 1<sup>st</sup> wife Alma Morrow Basye Gehrke – "Spokane (WA) Chronicle" Monday 21  
Feb 1983 p 21

No. 1713 ✓ 4/186

## MARRIAGE LICENSE.

STATE OF MONTANA, } ss.  
County of Flathead.

TO ANY PERSON AUTHORIZED TO SOLEMNIZE MARRIAGES, GREETING:

You are hereby authorized to join in lawful wedlock, and celebrate within this County the rites and ceremonies of Marriage between

Joseph D Basye, a man, whose color is white whose residence is Kalispell - Mont  
whose age is 72 years; born at Norman - Mont and who has  
MT been previously married. His father's christian and surname is John Wesley Basye  
His mother's christian and maiden name was Jane Lillie Smel and Alma Morrow a woman,  
whose color is white whose residence is Kalispell Mont whose age is 71 years; born at  
Fort Benton - Mont and who has not been previously married  
Her father's christian and surname is David Morrow Her  
mother's christian and maiden name was Sarah Elizabeth David both parties being legally competent  
to enter into such contract of Marriage. And this shall be your good and sufficient warrant therefor.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal, this 9 day of Oct 1909

Sam W McNelly  
Clerk of District Court.

By R N Eaton Deputy.

## MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE.

STATE OF MONTANA, } ss.  
County of Flathead.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY, that the undersigned, a Justice of the Peace  
did, on the 9 day of Oct 1909 at Kalispell in the said County of Flathead and  
State of Montana, join in lawful wedlock Joseph D Basye and Alma Morrow  
with their mutual consent.

In the presence of  
Edna Morrow  
John Alenison } Witnesses.

WITNESS my hand, this 9 day of Oct 1909  
J. J. Rice  
(Signature only) Officiating.

Filed for record this 20 day of Oct 1909

Sam W McNelly  
Clerk.  
By R N Eaton Deputy.

Marriage to Alma Morrow - [https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/collection/1030/tree/101627515/person/290010828498/media/d800078f-18ef-45b9-907d-1e5d0dcb43b3?\\_phsrc=cPx4693&\\_phstart=successSource](https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/collection/1030/tree/101627515/person/290010828498/media/d800078f-18ef-45b9-907d-1e5d0dcb43b3?_phsrc=cPx4693&_phstart=successSource)

Marriage licenses were issued last evening to Joseph Basye and Alma Morrow, both of this city, and to E. H. Ganong of Choteau, and Anna Loeffler, of Columbia Falls.

*"Daily Inter Lake" (Kalispell MT) Wednesday 20 Oct 1909 p 5*

### **For Neglect of Child.**

Joseph Basye was tried last Friday afternoon in Justice Rognlein's court on a complaint that he has wilfull neglected to provide for his two year old child for several months past. Mr. Basye has been separated from his wife for some time and the child has been kept by relatives. Mrs. Basye appeared in court and plead for leniency for her husband, saying that they had patched up their troubles and agreed to live together again. Justice Rognlein dismissed the case and the defendand, wife and child left for Whitefish, where they will start the struggle of life anew.

*"Kalispell (MT) Journal" Monday 11 Sep 1911 p 5*



In the District Court of the Eleventh Judicial District of the  
State of Montana, in and for the County of Flathead.

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Alma Basye, Plaintiff, )  
vs. ) Complaint—Divorce.  
Joseph D. Basye, Defendant. )

The plaintiff complains and alleges:

1. That defendant and plaintiff are husband and wife, that they intermarried at Kalispell, Montana, on or about the 19th day of October 1909, and ever since said date have been, and now are husband and wife.
2. That the plaintiff is now and has been for more than five years last past a resident of the County of Flathead, State of Montana.
3. That as the issue of said marriage there is one infant child, a son aged seven years, who is dependent upon the plaintiff for his maintainance.
4. That the defendant for more than one year last past, has willfully neglected to furnish and provide for plaintiff and her family, the common necessities of life, he having the ability so to do, and has by his idle profligate habits compelled the plaintiff to earn a livelihood for herself and said infant son, by working for others to secure the means to support herself and said child; that for nearly two years said defendant has the greater part of said time deserted and abandoned the plaintiff.

and her said child, and for nearly two years the plaintiff has been obliged to earn the means to support herself and child; that said defendant is a strong, healthy able bodied man, capable of earning a good livelihood for his said family, but for his idle, dissipated, and profligate habits; that said defendant does not reside with the plaintiff and their child, John D. Basye.

Wherefore the plaintiff demands judgment:

1. That the bonds of matrimony existing between herself and said defendant, Joseph D. Basye, be dissolved and held for naught;
2. That the custody of said infant son, John D. Basye, be awarded to plaintiff, and for such other and further relief as may be just

in the premises.

*M. D. Baldwin*  
Attorney for Plaintiff.

State of Montana, )  
County of Flathead, )ss.

M.D. Baldwin, being duly sworn deposes and says: 1st. that I am the Attorney

of the plaintiff in this action. 2. That the reason this verification is not made by the plaintiff is that she is absent from, and not within the county of Flathead, which is the County where I reside and where said action is pending. 3. That the matters set forth and allegations contained in the foregoing complaint are true to my best knowledge, information and belief, and further affiant saith not.

Sworn to before me and signed in my presence this 14th day of February 1917.

*M. D. Baldwin*  
*Jess H. Stevens*

Notary Public for the State of Montana residing at Kalispell, Montana. My commission expires August 17, 1919

State of Montana, Eleventh Judicial District, Flathead County.

Alma Basys  
 vs;  
Joseph D. Basys

In this action, said defendant having been regularly served with process, and having failed to appear and answer plaintiff complaint, and the legislature for answering having expired, the default of said defendant in the premises, is hereby duly entered, according to law.

ATTEST my hand and the seal of said Court  
 this 2 day of April, 1917.  
R. H. Nelson Clerk  
 By \_\_\_\_\_ Deputy.

Divorce action of 14 Feb 1917 Flathead Co. MT -  
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Wife Theresa Ritter



U. S. No. 8 734  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
BUREAU OF THE CENSUS

Original Record for State Registrar  
**STANDARD CERTIFICATE OF DEATH**  
STATE OF MONTANA

State File No.  
Val. 2511  
Bureau of Vital Statistics

Registrar's No. 11

**1. PLACE OF DEATH**  
(a) County Valley  
(b) City or town Helena  
(If outside city or town limits write Rural)  
(c) Name of hospital or institution:  
(If not in hospital or institution write street number or location)  
(d) Length of stay: in hospital or institution (Specify whether  
In this community years, months or days) 4 mo

**2. USUAL RESIDENCE OF DECEASED:**  
(a) State Mont (b) County Valley  
(c) City or town Helena  
(If outside city or town limits write Rural)  
(d) Street No. (If rural give location)  
(e) If foreign born, how long in U. S. A. 7 years

**3 (a) FULL NAME** Theresa M. Postle  
**3 (b) If veteran,** no **3 (c) Social Security** no  
name war No.  
4. Sex F 5. Color or W 6. (a) Single, widowed, mar-  
ried, divorced MC  
7. (b) Name of husband or wife W. Postle 8. (c) Age of husband or wife  
if alive 45 years  
9. Birth date of deceased 7 20 1871  
(Month) (Day) (Year)  
10. AGE: Years Months Days If less than one day  
71 3 3 hr min  
11. Birthplace Helena, Montana  
(City, town or country) (State or foreign country)  
12. Usual occupation Housewife  
13. Industry or business Home  
14. Name City, Ritter  
15. Birthplace California  
(City, town or country) (State or foreign country)  
16. Maiden name Postle  
17. Birthplace California  
(City, town or country) (State or foreign country)  
18. (a) Informant's own signature P. R. Postle  
(b) Address Glasgow, Mont  
19. (a) Buried (b) Date thereof 1-4-43  
(Burial, cremation, or removal) (Month) (Day) (Year)  
(c) Place: burial or cremation Glasgow  
20. (a) Signature of funeral director W. Postle  
(b) Address Glasgow, Mont  
21. (a) 1-30-43 (b) Chas E. Johnson, Jr.  
(Date rec'd local registrar) (Registrar's signature)

**MEDICAL CERTIFICATION**  
22. Date of death: Month 1 day 24 year 43 hour 4 minute 15 AM  
23. I hereby certify that I attended the deceased on  
1/23/43 at 123/43 19 43 and that death occurred on the date and hour stated above.  
DURATION  
Due to Cerebral hemorrhage 14 hours  
Due to Malignant hypertension many  
Other conditions (Include pregnancy within 3 months of death) 83  
Major findings: Of operations Underline the cause to which death should be charged statistically.  
Of autopsy 83  
24. If death was due to external causes, fill in the following:  
(a) Accident, suicide, or homicide (specify) \_\_\_\_\_  
(b) Date of occurrence \_\_\_\_\_  
(c) Where did injury occur? (City or town) (County) (State) \_\_\_\_\_  
(d) Did injury occur in or about home, on farm, in industrial place, in public place? (Specify type of place) \_\_\_\_\_  
While at work \_\_\_\_\_ Means of injury not  
Signature P. R. Postle (M. D. or other) not  
Address Glasgow, Mont Signed 1/29/43

WRITE PLAINLY WITH UNFADING INK

MT death record of Theresa Ritter Moore Basye Postle -

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## **Mrs. Peter Postle Summoned at Glasgow**

GLASGOW, Jan. 23.—(Special)—Mrs. Peter Postle, 71, mother of Mrs. E. E. Gallagher of Glasgow, died at her home this morning following a stroke. Mr. and Mrs. Postle had moved here from Essex, in western Montana, about three months ago. Other survivors include three sons, Frank Moore of West Union, Minn., George Moore of Crystal Lake, Minn., and Clarence Moore of Pontiac, Mich.

*"Great Falls (MT) Tribune" Sunday 24 Jan 1943 p 2 - Find A Grave 209888768*

# Funeral Services for Mrs. Postle Held in Chapel Here

Funeral services were held at the Holland chapel Tuesday afternoon at 3 for Mrs. Peter Postle, 71, of Glasgow. Mrs. Postle passed away at her home Saturday morning about 4.

The services were conducted by the Rev. Fr. A. E. Foley of St. Raphael's church. Mrs. J. P. Sternhagen sang. Pallbearers were Leo Hoffman, C. J. Carney, Otto M. Christinon, H. J. Friedl, F. D. Alvord and Everett McInerney.

Relatives who came to attend the services were Nick Ritter of Superior, Wis., a brother of Mrs. Postle; Mrs. George Gallagher of Portland, wife of a grandson, and Miss Kathleen Gallagher of Great Falls, a granddaughter. Burial was in the Glasgow cemetery.

## Born in Minnesota

Mrs. Postle was born at Myer Grove near Melrose, Minn., Dec. 29, 1871. Her maiden name was Theresa Ritter, and she was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Ritter. She was married first to George Moore. To this marriage were born four children, a daughter, Mrs. E. T. Gallagher of Glasgow, and three sons, Frank Moore of West Union, Minn., George Moore of Lake Crystal, Minn., and Clarence Moore of Pontiac Mich.

The family came to Montana many years ago and lived at Lakeside. Mr. Moore died after they came to Montana. After her marriage to Peter Postle, she lived at Kalispell. They moved to Glas-

gow Nov. 1, 1942. Mr. Postle, the four children, eight brothers and two sisters survive.

*Obituary of Theresa Ritter Moore Basye Postle - "Glasgow (MT) Courier" Thursday 28 Jan 1943 p 5*

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF FLATHEAD.

Theresa Basye,

Plaintiff,

vs

J. D. Basye,

Defendant,

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)  
)  
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COMPLAINT

Comes now the plaintiff above named and for cause of  
action says and alleges:

I

That she is now and has been for more than one year last  
past a bonafide resident of the State of Montana.

II

That on the 25th day of August 1921, at Whitefish, Montana,  
the plaintiff and defendant intermarried and ever since have been  
and now are, husband and wife, and that there are no children the  
issue of said marriage.

## III

That on the 29th day of January 1922, the defendant wilfully and without any just cause, and without the consent of the plaintiff, deserted plaintiff, and ever since said time has continued to live separate and apart from the plaintiff, with the intent to desert her .

WHEREFORE: Plaintiff prays judgment that she be divorced from the defendant; that the bonds of matrimony now existing between plaintiff and defendant be dissolved, and that she have her costs and for such further relief as may seem just and equitable to the court.

*J E Erickson*  
Attorney for plaintiff.

State of Montana,     }  
County of Flathead, } ss

Theresa Basye, being first duly sworn deposes and says: That she is the plaintiff above named; that she has read the foregoing complaint and knows the contents thereof, and that the same is true of her own knowledge.

*Theresa Basye*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15th day of March 1923.

*J E Erickson*  
Notary Public for the State of  
Montana, residing at Kalispell,  
Montana, My commission expires  
May 3, 1924.

divorce action by Theresa 15 Mar 1923 -

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Wife Mary Jane Blumhagen



STATE OF MONTANA, }  
County of Stillwater. } ss.

**To Any Person Authorized to Solemnize Marriages, Greeting:**

You are hereby authorized to join in lawful wedlock and to celebrate within this County the rites and ceremonies of Marriage between Joseph D Basye, a man, whose color is white whose residence is Butte, Montana; whose age is 30 years. Born at Norman County of Kearney and State of Nebraska and who has been previously married and divorced. His Father's Christian and Surname was Wesley J Basye His Mother's Christian and Maiden name was Lilly Esel, and Mary B Hagen a woman, whose color is white; whose residence is Butte, Montana; whose age is 22 years. Born at Anamoose County of McHenry and State of North Dakota and who has not been previously married or divorced. Her Father's Christian and Surname is reder Christof O Hagen Her mother's Christian and maiden name was Caroline Haier

Both parties being legally competent to enter into such contract of Marriage. And this shall be your good and sufficient warrant therefor.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal, this

24th day of April, A. D. 1923

G. B. Iverson

Clerk District Court.

By \_\_\_\_\_ Deputy.

## MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE

STATE OF MONTANA, }  
County of Stillwater. } ss.

This is to Certify, That the undersigned a Justice of the Peace did, on the 24th day of April, A. D. 1923, at Colonia in the said county of Stillwater and State of Montana, join in lawful wedlock Joseph D Basye and Mary B Hagen with their mutual consent.

In the presence of Mr. Fred Hambleton and Mrs. W. B. Park Witnesses.

Witnesses  
Mr. Fred Hambleton }  
Mrs. W. B. Park }

Witnesses

WITNESS my hand this 26 day of April, 1923

Warren H Heath

Justice of the peace

Filed for Record this 20th day of April, A. D. 1923, at 3:35 A. M.

G. B. Iverson

Clerk District Court.

By \_\_\_\_\_ Deputy.

Using name Mary B. Hagen –

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## Mary Jane Basye

KALISPELL — Mary Jane Basye, 88, of Kalispell, died of natural causes Saturday, Jan. 6, at Kalispell Regional Hospital.

She was born Jan. 6, 1902, in Turtle Lake, N.D., to Christoph and Elizabeth Blumhagen. In 1910 she moved with her family to Polson, where she received her education.

On April 23, 1923, she married Joseph Basye in Billings. They lived in

Kalispell before moving to Worland in 1940. They later lived in Hot Springs for 20 years before returning to Kalispell in 1970.

Mrs. Basye enjoyed cooking and doing needlework.

She was preceded in death by her husband on Feb. 18, 1980; three brothers, Fred, Albert and Martin Blumhagen; and three sisters, Matilda Commers, Alma Blumhagen and Pauline.

Survivors include a stepson, John D., Tacoma, Wash.; a sister, Lillian Drulst, and a brother, Herman Blumhagen, both of Portland, Ore.; two grandchildren, six great-grandchildren

and four great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Thursday at Johnson Mortuary with the Rev. Martin Northcutt officiating. Burial will be at Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Visitation will be Wednesday until 8 p.m. at the mortuary.

The family suggests memorials to a charity of the donor's choice.

"The Missoulian" (Missoula MT) Monday 8 Jan 1990 p 8

## Mary Jane Basye

KALISPELL — Mary Jane Blumhagen Basye died Saturday, her 88th birthday, in a Kalispell hospital.

Her funeral will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Johnson Mortuary. Burial will be in Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Born at Turtle Lake, N.D., she came to Montana in 1910 with her family to settle at Polson where she attended school. She married Joseph Basye in Billings in 1923. The couple had lived at Kalispell, Worland and Hot Springs.

Her husband died in 1980.

*"Great Falls (MT) Tribune" Wednesday 10 Jan 1990 p 8*

## WOMAN PAYS LIQUOR CASE FINE

KALISPELL, April 15.—Mrs. Joe Basye, taken in a liquor raid recently and charged by federal officers with the sale of liquor, entered a plea of guilty to a charge of maintaining a nuisance and paid a fine of \$100 in the city court.

*"Great Falls (MT) Tribune" Monday 16 Apr 1928 p 3*



## **C. M. Blumhagens Honored At Reception on 50th Wedding Anniversary Day**



Photo by Meiers  
Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Blumhagen

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Blumhagen  
A reception honoring Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Blumhagen was held at the family home March 26 from 1 to 5 p.m.

Mrs. Joe Basye assisted by Mrs. Fred Blumhagen and Mrs. Albert Blumhagen, received callers.

Mrs. H. C. Woodell presided at the punch bowl. Mrs. Ben Hanson served the wedding cake from the "Anniversary Waltz" playing cake plate.

Mrs. Herman Blumhagen and Mrs. Martin Blumhagen poured.

Miss Alma Blumhagen was in charge of the guest book.

Arrangements of daffodils, acasia and acuba flanked the arbor of yellow streamers and golden bells, leading to the pot of gold.

Out-of-town guests were Mr. and Mrs. Christ Maiers, Woodburn, Ore. Mrs. Maiers is a sister of Mr. Blumhagen. The Maiers are one-time Polson residents. Mrs. Anna Kalschefsky, Portland, Miss Estella Maier and William Stark, Woodburn, Ore., Mr. and Mrs. J. Cornelius and La Rita, Kalispell, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Commers and Don, Somers, and David Blumhagen, Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Blumhagen

Mr. Blumhagen  
were married at Martin, N. D., in 1905 and came to Polson in 1910. They have nine children, Fred, Polson; Albert, Wenatchee; Mrs. Joe Basye, Hot Springs; Martin, Libby; Mrs. H. C. Woodell, Kansas City, Mo.; Mrs. Ben Hanson, Turtle Lake, N. D.; Herman, Portland; Alima, Polson, and Miss Lillian, Portland. Miss Lillian Blumhagen was unable to be with the family.

Duane Cornelius, a great grandson, stationed at San Diego with the U. S. navy, telephoned congratulations on his grandparent's anniversary day.

Mrs. A. M. Larson presented the honored couple with a carnation boutonniere and red rosebud corsage. Seventy-five callers signed the guest book during the day.

"Polson (MT) Flathead Courier" Thursday 31 Mar 1955 p A7

**By Tribune Correspondent**

**P O L S O N — B L U M H A G E N,**  
**Chrisoph M.,** 96, died in the Pol-  
 son hospital. Born May 30, 1865,  
 at Schukorova, Romania, came  
 to Canada in 1885 and to the Pol-  
 son area in March, 1910. Surviv-  
 ing by first marriage are sons,  
 Fred, Polson, and Albert, Wenat-  
 chee, Wash.; daughters, Mrs.  
 Ben Hausen, Turtle Lake, N.D.,  
 and Mrs. Joe Basye, Hot Springs;  
 by second marriage, sons, Mar-  
 tin, Libby, and Herman, Port-  
 land; daughters, Lillian, Port-  
 land, and Alma, P o l s o n; 29  
 grandchildren, 35 great-grand-  
 children and one great-great  
 grandchild, and one sister, Mrs.  
 Rosa Maier, Woodburn, Ore. Fu-  
 neral services Monday afternoon  
 at 2 at the Retz Chapel, Rev.  
 Zane E. Bull officiating. Burial  
 in Lakeview Cemetery.

*Obituary of her father Christoph Blumhagen – "Great Falls (MT) Tribune" Sunday 18 Mar  
 1962 p 12*

## C. Blumhagen Dies at 96; Rites Monday

Christoph M. Blumhagen, 96, was accorded final rites Monday at the Retz Chapel with the Rev. Zane E. Bull, pastor of the First Baptist Church, officiating. Mr. Blumhagen, a Lake county pioneer, died in St. Joseph Hospital Friday. Burial was at Lakeview cemetery.

He was born May 30, 1865, in Schukorova, Rumania, and came to North America in 1885, landing at Halifax, Nova Scotia. The same year he went to Carrington, N.D. and married for the first time. Five children were born of this union. His first wife, Elizabeth, died in 1904.

On March 16, 1905, Mr. Blumhagen married for a second time. Of this union, four children were born.

The Blumhagens came to Lake county in March 1910 and first lived in Reservoir Valley for five years and on the bench above Kerr Dam for 12 years. Then in 1927 they moved closer to Polson, just west and south of the city. His second wife, Karolina, preceded him in death.

Although he had been retired for many years, he was active at his gardening hobby at which he was an acknowledged expert.

Also, Mr. Blumhagen was one of the few oldtimers left who had subscribed to The Flathead Courier continually since the first edition was printed April 14, 1910.

Survivors include three daughters and two sons by his first marriage — Mrs. Ben Hansen of Turtle Lake, N.D., Mrs. H. C. Woodel of Independence, Mo., Mrs. Joe Basye of Hot Springs, Fred of Polson and Albert of Wenatchee, Wash.; two sons and two daughters by his second marriage — Martin of Libby and Herman of Portland, Ore., Lillian of Portland and Alma of Polson; 20 grandchildren, 41 great grandchildren and six great-great grandchildren; and a sister, Mrs. Rose Maier of Woodburn, Ore.

The obituary of Mary Jane's father identifies her as the daughter of his 1<sup>st</sup> wife, Elizabeth — "Polson (MT) Flathead Courier" Thursday 22 Mar 1962 p A9

## Mrs. Blumhagen Taken by Death

POLSON — Mrs. Karoline C. Blumhagen, long-time resident of Polson, died Wednesday at a local hospital. She was born June 29, 1882, at Triblast, Austria, and she came to Canada with her parents when she was 21.

They later moved to Anamoose, N. D. In 1904, she was married to Christoph M. Blumhagen at Martin, N. D., and in 1910 they came to Polson.

Surviving are her widower of Polson; five stepchildren, Fren Blumhagen, Polson, Mrs. Ben Hanson, Turtle Lake, N. D., Albert Blumhagen, Wenatchee, Wash., Mrs. H. C. Woodell, Kansas City, Mo., and Mrs. Joe Basye, Hot Springs; four children, Martin Blumhagen, Libby, Lillian and Herman Blumhagen, Portland, and Alma of Polson. She is also survived by 19 grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted at the Retz Chapel in Polson at 2 p.m. Friday, with the Rev. Elvon Nelson of the Baptist Church officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery under the direction of the Retz Mortuary.

*Death of Mary Jane's stepmother Karolina Blumhagen (1882-1956) – "The Missoulian" (Missoula MT) Friday 15 Jun 1956 p 8*

## ***Fred Blumhagens Observe Their Golden Anniversary***

**By Mrs. E. L. Mitchell**

Over 100 relatives and friends paid homage to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Blumhagen at the Open House held in their honor at their home April 23 to observe their Golden Wedding Anniversary. The actual date was in January, but the Open House was held at this time in order for all their children to be present, who, with Mrs. Betty Seifert, sponsored it.

Mrs. Seifert was the "Wheel-horse" in making the arrangements as the others lived at a distance.

It was truly a heart-warming experience to see so many enjoying the calm, sunny day, renewing old acquaintances and reminiscing on old-times. The weather was warm enough for folks to sit at tables on the lawn.

A mock-wedding was enacted on the lawn, causing much merriment for the spectators.

Lunch was served buffet style, with a three-tiered wedding cake the center of attraction. It was baked and decorated by Mrs. Howard (Joan) Andersen.

The honored couple received two lovely bouquets of flowers; many, many cards, gifts, a money tree; telephone calls from Fred's brother and wife, the Herman Blumhagens, Portland, Ore.; a nephew and wife the Art Penrods, Pasadena, Calif.; and a niece and husband, the Dave Monroes, Pamona, Calif.

Out of town relatives attending were their three children; Mrs. Jim (Lois) Cornelius, Kalispell; Walter Blumhagen, Roundup; and Mrs. Howard (Eleanor) Seiffert Spokane, their spouses and children.

Two of Fred's brothers: Albert of Spokane; and Martin of Libby. Martin had been a guest at the 1917 wedding also, at the 25th anniversary party. His two sisters and their husbands: Mr. and Mrs. Ben (Pauline) Hanson, Turtle Lake, N. Dak.; and Mr. and Mrs. Joe (Mary) Basye, Hot Springs. Mary was one of the bridesmaids at the 1917 wedding.

Mollie's sisters: Mrs. Edith Krause, Kirkland, Wash., and Mrs. Mary Seifert, Polson were present.

Fred Blumhagen and Mollie Rein were united in marriage January 1, 1917 at the home of Mollie's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Rein, in Reservoir Valley, south of Polson. They started housekeeping on a farm and lived in this community 21 years. Their three children graduated from the 8th grade there.

In 1938 they moved to their present home in Mountain View where they have since resided.

Fred had come to the Re-



servation with his parents and family from Turtle Lake, N. Dak., by train to Kalispell and Somers, then by boat to Polson in 1910, and settled in the Reservoir Valley.

Mollie's family had come the same way from Cando, N. Dak. the same year and also settled in Reservoir Valley.

Both families had homesteaded in North Dakota so were not eligible to homestead here. But trival land could be leased: the first 80 acres for 5 years by fencing and putting up buildings; then another "bare" 80 acres for three years. The Reins leased three eighties, so had 240 acres all in one tract.

Mollie recalls living in a tent that first summer while her father was getting up the the buildings and fencing. Many a night when the coyotes howled so close by she was so afraid she'd never see another day. She remembers the Blumhagens did all the plowing for her father as they had shipped out their steam engines, also their threshing machine.

Fences were one of the first "musts" of the homesteaders and settlers. It wasn't long after their arrival before one couldn't just cut across country, so roads were established.

Water was hauled from Mud Creek at Pablo. Home-made tanks were used, or barrels on a stone boat or "go-devil." One person filled the bucket at the creek and handed it to the one above to empty.

The summer of 1910 forest fires raged around Wallace, Idaho. Mollie and her sister were home alone one day when around 4 p.m. it suddenly got dark. Real black dark. The girls were so frightened they locked themselves in the tool shed and sat there all night "scared to death," till daylight the next morning. Smoke from the fires had blown this far.

Dances were held in the schoolhouses, women brought sandwiches and cake. Tickets were one dollar and the money used to improve the schools. Music consisted of violin and guitar, or violin and piano.

Fishing was fabulous in those early years. Regardless of the stream fished in one could catch the limit in a very short time.

The Blumhagen's main hob-

The Blumhagen's main hobby is fishing, but they are always busy with something, Mollie with her neat flower beds and well-kept lawn, Fred cuts their stove-wood by hand. Together they raise a big garden where a weed is never allowed to grow, and which they share generously with their friends.

The love and respect held for this fine couple was demonstrated Sunday when so many folks came to their Open House "because they like Fred and Mollie."



*Son (by Theresa Ritter)*

## **John D. Basye**

**2-4-1909 - 1-24-1996**

John D. Basye, 86, passed away Jan. 24, 1996. John was born in Spokane, raised in Kalispell, MT, came to Tacoma in 1941 and retired as a teamster, Local 313 from J.D. Shotwell, Co.

He is survived by wife of 63 years, Virginia; son, Jack D. Basye and wife, Joleen; daughter, Nancy L. Schmunk and her husband, Chuck; 6 grandchildren and their spouses, Kathy (Mike) Crone, Karen (Rob) Tuohy, John D. Basye, Jeff (Kathy) Schmunk, Teri (Eric) Schwab, Robin (Art) Stone; 9 great-grandchildren.

At his request no services are scheduled. Arrangements by Mountain View Funeral Home. 584-0252.

*"Tacoma (WA) News Tribune" Friday 26 Jan 1996 p 24*

State of Washington  
County of Spokane Department of Health  
City or town of Spokane VITAL STATISTICS  
DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE  
1292  
SPECIAL FILE VOL. #16

2. Full name of child Johnny David Basye  
All Data Used in This Affidavit Must Be as of Date of Birth of This Child

3. Sex <u>Male</u>	4. Twin, triplet, or other <u>5. Number in order of birth</u>	6. Premature <u>Full term</u>	7. Legitimate <u>yes</u>	8. Date of birth <u>Feb 4, 1909</u> (Month, day, year)
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9. Father's full name <u>Joe Daniel Basye</u>	15. Mother's full maiden name <u>Alma Morrison</u>
10. Father's address at time of this child's birth <u>Kalispell Mont</u>	16. Mother's residence at time of this child's birth <u>Spokane Wash</u>
11. Father's color or race <u>white</u>	17. Mother's color or race <u>white</u>
12. Father's age at last birthday before child's birth <u>22</u> (Years)	18. Mother's age at last birthday before child's birth <u>21</u> (Years)
13. Father's birthplace (City or place) <u>Norman Nebraska</u>	19. Mother's birthplace (City or place) <u>St Benton Missouri</u>
14. Father's occupation at time of child's birth <u>Lawyer</u>	20. Mother's occupation at time of child's birth <u>housewife</u>

Number of children now living 1  
(At the time of this birth and including this child.)

Number of children of this mother  
(At the time of this birth and including this child.)  
Dr Geo H. Searcy  
(Name of attending physician)

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, MIDWIFE, PARENT, NEAREST RELATIVE OR OTHER PERSON HAVING KNOWLEDGE OF THE FACT OF THIS BIRTH

State of Washington  
County of Spokane  
Alma M. Gehlke, being first duly sworn upon oath deposes and says that she is related to John David Basye as mother; and that the statements contained in the foregoing Affidavit of Birth are true and correct, as affiant is informed and verily believes.

(Signed) Alma M. Gehlke  
(Address) 11234 Nelson - Spokane, Wash

[SEAL]  
Subscribed and sworn to before me, a notary public in and for said county and state, this 15 day of May, 1941.  
My commission expires May 15 Aug 7, 1944  
Notary Public, Winnifred Matherson

Do Not Write Below This Line  
Filed May 15, 1941  
By Francis D. Rhoads  
State Registrar.  
By Winnifred Matherson

S. P. No. 4814-2-13-41 34M 95-89287-5761 (OVER)

WA birth record of John David Basye – <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/105755906:6493>

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4. OCCURRENCE		7. CITY, TOWN OR LOCATION OF DEATH		8. PLACE OF DEATH (If not at home, give address or institution name)		9. DEATH DATE (Mo/Day/Yr)	
5. RESIDENCE		10. MARRIAGE STATUS (If married, give name of spouse)		11. OCCUPATION (If not at home, give address or institution name)		12. DEATH DATE (Mo/Day/Yr)	
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[WA death record of John Davis Basye - https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/6569047:6716?tid=&pid=&queryId=bc581ffb605604674f9860a3d554ae13&phsrc=cPx4711&phstart=successSource](https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/6569047:6716?tid=&pid=&queryId=bc581ffb605604674f9860a3d554ae13&phsrc=cPx4711&phstart=successSource)

*Father:*



John Wesley Basye, his brother [unnamed] & wife Lillian Emel Basye -  
<https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/101571568/person/122074843464/media/239b30bb-c9d2-4125-91fe-f3e136124a6a>

**TWO KALISPELL CITIZENS  
BASYE AND BINGHAM DEAD**

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**All Records of N. P. Freight  
Office Destroyed in Fire.  
Little Is Saved.**

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KALISPELL, March 30.—John Wesley Basye, aged 63 years, died at his home in this city, after a prolonged illness, his death being caused by cerebral hemorrhage. He is survived by seven children, Mrs. Viola Graves of Bremerton, N. Y.; Mrs. Ruth Howard of Spokane, Mrs. Pearl Rhodes of Kalispell, George Bayse of St. Paul and Joseph D., Layton and Grace of Kalispell. will be in Conrad Memorial cemetery.

*"Anaconda (MT) Standard" Thursday 31 Mar 1921 p 10*

### JOHN W. BAYSE,

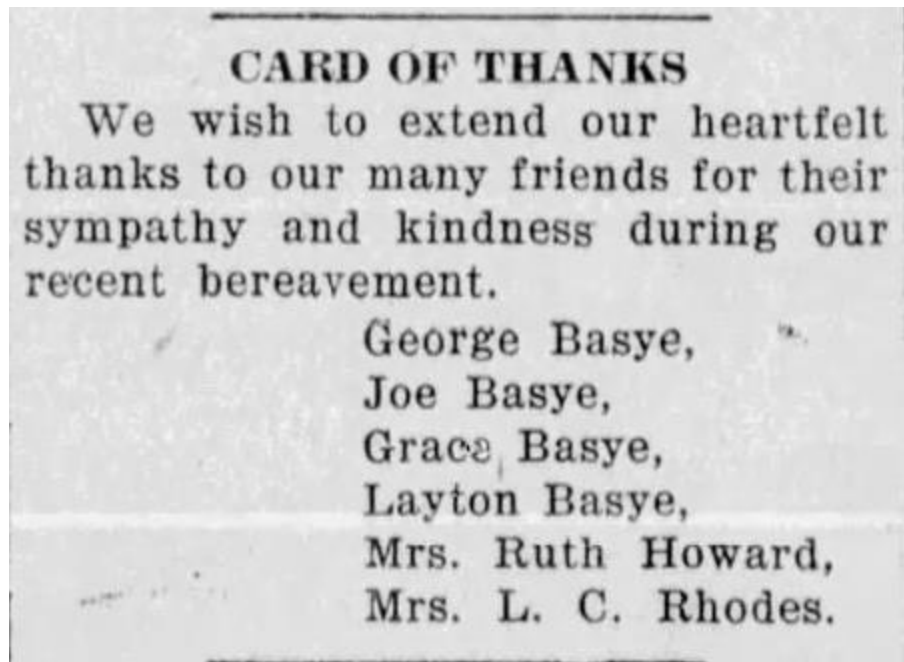
John Wesley Basye, age 63 years and nine months, passed away at his home, 270 Third avenue west north, Saturday evening. Mr. Basye has been in poor health for some time, his death being caused by cerebral hemorrhage.

Mr. Basye is survived by seven children who are Mrs. Viola Graves of Bremerton, N. Y., George Basye of St. Paul, Mrs. Ruth Howard of Spokane, and Joseph D., Layton and Grace of Kalispell, and Mrs. Pearl Rhodes of Kalispell.

George Basye will arrive on the morning train from St. Paul, and funeral services will be held from the Waggener chapel tomorrow (Tuesday) afternoon at 2:30 with Rev. Cole of the Methodist church officiating. Burial will be made in Conrad Memorial cemetery.

*"Daily Inter Lake" (Kalispell MT) Monday 28 Mar 1921 p 1*





*"Daily Inter Lake" (Kalispell MT) Wednesday 30 Mar 1921 p 8*

*Siblings:*

**CHENOWETH, Ruth L.**, 76, of Kalispell, wife of M. R. Chenoweth, died Sunday in Kalispell. Mrs. Chenoweth was born March 5, 1889 in Norman, Nebraska. In 1903 she with her parents came to the Flathead Valley. In June 6, 1925 she was married to M. R. Chenoweth and they continued to make their home in the Flathead.

Mrs. Chenoweth was preceded in death by a son, Joseph in 1934. She is survived by her husband, M. R. Chenoweth at the family home; brothers, Joseph Basye, Hot Springs; George Basye, Columbia, California; sisters, Viola Graves, Central Square, New York; Pearl Rhodes, Kalispell; Grace Yenne, Whitefish; several nieces and nephews and a host of friends.

Funeral services were under the direction of the Waggener & Campbell Chapel with the Rev. Fred Paxton, Pastor of the Central Christian Church, officiating.

*Sister Ruth Lillian Basye Howard Chenoweth (1889-1965) – "Kalispell (MT) News" Thursday 18 Nov 1965 p 6*

Y31A  
STATE OF MONTANA  
17855  
DUPLICATE FOR CLERK AND RECORDER  
CERTIFICATE OF DEATH  
STATE BOARD OF HEALTH  
Bureau of Vital Statistics

Birth No. 17855

1. PLACE OF DEATH  
a. COUNTY Flathead  
b. CITY, TOWN, OR LOCATION Kalispell  
c. LENGTH OF STAY IN b. 1

2. USUAL RESIDENCE (Where deceased lived. If institution, residence before admission)  
a. STATE Montana  
b. CITY, TOWN, OR LOCATION Flathead  
c. STREET ADDRESS Kalispell  
d. IS RESIDENCE INSIDE CITY LIMITS? YES ☐ NO ☒

3. NAME OF DECEASED (Type name)  
a. FIRST Ruth  
b. MIDDLE L.  
c. LAST Chenoweth  
d. SEX Female  
e. COLOR OR RACE White  
f. MARRIED ☒ NEVER MARRIED ☐  
g. WIDOWED ☐ DIVORCED ☐  
h. USUAL OCCUPATION (Only kind of work done during most of working life, even if retired) Housekeeping  
i. KIND OF BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY Own Home  
j. BIRTHPLACE (State or foreign country) Norman, Nebraska  
k. CITIZEN OF MOST COUNTRY USA

4. DATE OF DEATH  
a. MONTH Nov.  
b. DAY 14  
c. YEAR 1965  
d. AGE (In years last birthday) 76  
e. MONTHS  
f. DAYS  
g. HOURS  
h. MIN.

5. IS PLACE OF DEATH INSIDE CITY LIMITS? YES ☐ NO ☒

6. IS RESIDENCE ON A FARM? YES ☐ NO ☒

7. FATHER'S NAME John Wesley Basye  
8. MOTHER'S M maiden name Lillie Enel  
9. WAS DECEASED EVER IN U.S. ARMED FORCES? No  
10. SOCIAL SECURITY NO. 516-10-4476  
11. INFORMANT M.R. Chenoweth R#3 Kalispell, Mont.  
12. INTERVIEW BETWEEN DEATH AND DEATH CERTIFICATE Sev. mos.

13. CAUSE OF DEATH (Enter only one cause per line for (a), (b), and (c).)  
PART I. DEATH WAS CAUSED BY:  
IMMEDIATE CAUSE (a) Acute Pyelonephritis  
DUE TO (b) Arteriosclerotic heart disease with  
DUE TO (c) Congestive heart failure  
PART II. OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS CONTRIBUTING TO DEATH BUT NOT RELATED TO THE TERMINAL DISEASE CONDITION GIVEN IN PART I (a)  
14. WAS AUTOPSY PERFORMED? YES ☐ NO ☒

15. MEDICAL CERTIFICATION  
15a. ACCIDENT ☐ SUICIDE ☐ HOMICIDE ☐  
15b. DESCRIBE HOW INJURY OCCURRED. (Enter nature of injury in Part I or Part II of Item 13.)  
15c. TIME OF INJURY Hour Month, Day, Year  
15d. INJURY OCCURRED WHILE AT WORK ☐ NOT WHILE AT WORK ☒  
15e. PLACE OF INJURY (a. in or about home, farm, factory, street, office bldg., etc.)  
15f. CITY, TOWN, OR LOCATION COUNTY STATE  
16. I attended the deceased from 1959 to 1965 and last saw her alive on 11-14-65  
17. Death occurred at 2:00 P.M. on the date stated above; and to the best of my knowledge, from the causes stated.  
18a. SIGNATURE (Type or print) Charles E. Trush MD  
18b. ADDRESS Kalispell, Montana  
18c. DATE SIGNED Nov. 15, 65  
19a. BIRTH, CREMATION, REMAINS (Specify) Burial  
19b. DATE Nov. 17, 1965  
19c. NAME OF CEMETERY OR CREMATORY Conrad Memorial Cemetery  
19d. LOCATION (City, town, or county) Kalispell, Montana  
20. FURNAL DIRECTOR Wagoner Campbell, Inc. Kalispell 236  
21. DATE REC'D BY LOCAL REG. Nov. 17, 1965  
22. REGISTRAR'S SIGNATURE Fay O'Leary

STATE OF MONTANA } 83  
COUNTY OF FLATHEAD }  
Filed on the 2 day of Dec. 1965  
A. D. 1965 at O'Clock M.  
By Iris I. Hindman Deputy  
Glen E. Milhouse County Clerk and Recorder

MT death record of Ruth Lillian Basye Howard Chenoweth -  
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Sister Viola Lydia Basye McArthur Graves (1892-1988) – Find A Grave 77876302



**MCARTHUR-BAYSE.**

Mr. C. Elmer McArthur and Miss Lydia Viola Bayse were married yesterday afternoon at the home of the bride's parents in Duncan's addition, Rev. H. M. Green, rector of Christ Church, officiating.

*With Basye misspelled – Viola's marriage to 1<sup>st</sup> husband Charles Elmer McArthur – "Daily Inter Lake" (Kalispell MT) Tuesday 28 Sep 1909 p 8*

**Doings in the Clerk  
of Courts Office**

MARRIAGE LICENSE ISSUED

Sept. 28—Sigfrid Johnson and Maude Coverdell, of Bigfork.

Sept. 27—O E. Webb and Emily Brinegar, of Dayton.

Sept. 27—C. E. McArthur and Lydia Viola Basye of ,Kalispell.

Sept. 29—Benjamin Franklin Lawry and Amie May Alviston, of Taylorsville, Can.

*"Arcadian" (Bigfork MT) Friday 1 Oct 1909 p 1*

The case of the state against Elmer McArthur, charged with assault in the third degree, was tried before Judge Rognlien this morning without a jury, and a decision will be made tomorrow at ten o'clock. T. D. Long and J. E. Rockwood appeared for the state, and W. F. McKeown for the defendant.

*"Kalispell (MT) Journal" Thursday 27 Jan 1910 p 4*

A fine of \$100 was assessed against Elmer McArthur, in Judge Rognlien's court, upon the charge of third degree assault upon his wife. McArthur's attorney gave notice of appeal.

*"Kalispell (MT) Bee" Friday 28 Jan 1910 p 5*

**FINED FOR BEATING WIFE.**

Kalispell, Jan. 28.—Elmer McArthur, whose wife of 16 years is suing him for divorce on the grounds of cruelty and threatening her life with a razor, was fined \$100 in justice court this morning for assault upon his wife in the third degree with the alternative of serving it out in jail. McArthur filed notice and bond for appeal to the district court.

*Charles Elmer McArthur & Lydia Viola Basye had married on 27 Sep 1909, not 16 years earlier – "Anaconda (MT) Standard" Sunday 30 Jan 1910 p 17*



*Brother George Wesley Basye (1895-1984) – Find A Grave 61466571*

**FROM GEORGE BASYE.**

Private George Basye is a son of J. W. Basye of Kalispell. He enlisted in Kalispell on November 10, 1917, in the Twentieth engineers. Writing to his sister, Mrs. J. V. Howard, of Libby, from Vendome, France, March 19, he says:  
Dear Sister and All:

This Saturday night finds me seated in my tent (where I would like to be if we were home). I am still company tailor. Have a real nice shop now, the best I have had yet. Well, sis, a year ago tonight was the night the two tinfish tried to sink us, but instead we turned on them and got one. I shall never forget that evening, for I can't say I was exactly at ease the rest of the trip. But I don't think they will bother us going back, which I think will be in April. I am quite sure we

are as good as promised that we will get to go home by that time.

Joe and his work has nothing on me. I haven't lost any time in the last year except when on my furlough and had the "flu" three days, about 17 days in a year. I claim that isn't bad. But it wasn't my fault and I will make up for it when I get back to old Montana.

I see in last week's Stars and Stripes that they have fugged some more of those Y. M. C. A. guys, but they have not them all yet. All the Y. M. C. A. ever gave me was two cookies, a cup of chocolate, one apple at two different times, and I made up for that by buying a carton of cigarettes that had a card inside stating it had been paid for by the Sunset tobacco fund. To show you the difference, I have been smoking Knights of Columbus cigarettes for three months, washing with K. C. soap, have some Prince Albert and Tuxedo they gave us and those who use it, chewing tobacco, and have been using their stationery for a long time. I think I will be a Knight myself when I get back. Well, sis, it is getting late, so must close and hit the hay, so bye bye. Love to all.

GEORGE.

Wartime letter home to sister Lillian Basye Howard (later Chenoweth) referencing his brother Joseph - "Daily Inter Lake" (Kalispell MT) Thursday 10 Apr 1919 p 4

**GEORGE W. BASYE** (Columbia) — A service will be held at 11 a.m. today in Heuton Memorial Chapel, Sonora, for George W. Basye, 89, who died Monday in Sonora. Burial will be in Columbia City Cemetery.

Mr. Basye had lived in Sonora many years and was a retired jeweler. He was a native of Nebraska. He was a member of Tuolumne Masonic Lodge and Stockton Scottish Rite Bodies.

He is survived by his wife, Gertrude of Columbia; two daughters, Marian Hardy of San José and Bette Ford of Montana; three sisters; eight grand-children; and one great-grandchild.

*"Modesto (CA) Bee" Thursday 5 Apr 1984 p 19*

## Layton Basye Rites Monday

KALISPELL — Funeral services for Layton (Doc) Basye, 66, are scheduled 2 p.m. Monday in Waggener and Campbell Chapel with Elder Alloway of the Seventh Day Adventist Church officiating. Burial will be in Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Mr. Basye died Wednesday in the home of his sister, Mrs. Lester Rhodes, in the Bad Rock community.

He was a native of Imperial, Neb., and came to the Flathead in 1903.

Other survivors are a daughter, Mrs. Irene L. Holloway, and a grandson, Johnny Stokes, both of Kalispell; three other sisters, Mrs. Ruth Chenoweth, Kalispell; Mrs. Viola Graves, Central Square, N.Y.; Mrs. Grace Yenne, Whitefish; two brothers, Joseph, Hot Springs, and George, Columbia, Calif.

*Brother Layton Harold Basye (1897-1963) — "The Missoulian" (Missoula MT) Saturday 14 Dec 1963 p 5*

## Basye Funeral Rites Pending

Layton H. (Doc) Basye, 66, passed away Wednesday morning in the Bald Rock community northwest of Kalispell at the home of his sister, Mrs. Lester Rhodes.

Mr. Basye was born June 10, 1897, at Imperial, Neb., and came with his folks to the Flathead in 1903. He grew to manhood here and engaged in sawmill operation work here most of his life. He had also worked a short time for the Great Northern Railroad track department and had spent eight years with the Anaconda Co. at the smelter in Anaconda.

Mr. Bayse is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Irene Holloway, and one grandson, Johnny Stokes, both of Kalispell; four sisters, Mrs. Ruth Chenoweth, Kalispell; Mrs. Viola Graves, Central Square, N. Y.; Mrs. Lester Rhodes, Kalispell; Mrs. Grace Yenne, Whitefish; two brothers, Joseph Basye, Hot Springs, and George Bayse, Columbia, Calif.

Service arrangements will be announced later by Waggener and Campbell.

*Layton Basye – "Daily Inter Lake" (Kalispell MT) Thursday 12 Dec 1963 p 2*





Layton Harold Basye - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/101571568/person/122074844788/media/293c2676-6490-44cb-84e0-f4dea3ed81f8>

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	Case No.		DIVORCE OR ANNULMENT CERTIFICATE		Filed.	
	11,247		STATE OF MONTANA		447	
	Do Not Write in This Space					
	1. District Court.....Eleventh Judicial District					
	2. County.....Flathead		3. City.....Kalispell			
	4. Plaintiff.....Layton H. Basye Name		Husband Wife or other.....H			
	5. Defendant.....Violet M. Basye Name		Husband or Wife.....W			
	6. Date of Marriage.....4/17/39 Month Day Year		7. Place of Marriage.....(not given) City or County or Foreign Country			
	8. Date of Divorce or Annulment Decree.....3/25/48 Month Day Year					
9. Disposition, names and ages of children involved.....Irene Lucille age 6 awarded plaintiff						
10. Grounds.....adultery						
If Plaintiff is other than party to the marriage, 11. Insert name of party to the marriage here.....						
Date forwarded to 12. State Board of Health.....4/5/48						
Clerk of 13. District Court.....Wendell D. Johnson						
By.....Margaret F. Clifton Deputy.						
(COURT SEAL)						
HILL COUNTY PUBLISHING CO.						

Layton charged Violet with adultery & was awarded the divorce on 25 Mar 1948 & custody of their 6-year-old daughter Irene Lucille -



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## Pearl Esther Rhodes

Pearl Esther Rhodes, 98, passed away on Monday, Aug. 2, 1999, at Heritage Place in Kalispell, with her daughter and son at her side.

She is survived by her daughter, Mildred Berner of Kalispell; son, George Rhodes of Kalispell; grandsons, Ray and Larry Rhodes of Kalispell; granddaughter, Patricia Holder and her husband Dale of Eureka; great-grandchildren, Brent Holder and his wife Carrie of Eureka, Mitch Holder and his wife Amber of Phoenix, and Willa Manger and her husband Jason of Kalispell; and great-great-grandchildren, Tayler and Ryan Holder of Eureka, and Rielly Manger of Kalispell.

Viewing will be Wednesday, Aug. 4 from noon to 5 p.m. at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 5 at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Interment will follow in Glacier Memorial Gardens.

*Sister Pearl Esther Basye Rhodes (1901-1999) – “The Missoulian” (Missoula MT)  
Wednesday 4 Aug 1999 p 13*



*Pearl Esther Basye & husband Lester Clair Rhodes on their wedding day -*  
<https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/101571568/person/122074845623/media/68981cbc-8834-46a1-b7ce-d10b403779f5>

FORM V.S. 3 (1988 revision) **MONTANA**  
**CERTIFICATE OF DEATH**

Local File Number **34324** State File Number

**DECEASED**  
1. **PEARL** **ESTHER** **RHODES** **F**  
2. **White** **98** **Jan 1, 1901** **Flathead**  
3. **Heritage Place** **Kalispell**  
4. **Lincoln Nebraska** **Never Married** **Housewife** **No**  
5. **516-18-3622** **Homemaker** **Housewife** **No**  
6. **Montana** **Flathead** **Kalispell** **171 Heritage Way**  
7. **Yes** **59901** **German-English** **8**  
8. **John Wesley Basye** **Lillie Jane Emil**  
9. **L. George Rhodes** **511 5th Ave West Kalispell Mt 59901**  
10. **Glacier Memorial Gardens** **Kalispell Mt**  
11. **Robert L. Basye** **521** **Buffalo Hill P.H. 1890 Hwy 93 North Kalispell Montana 59901**  
12. **Underlying Cause of Death** **Cardiac arrest**  
13. **Part II. Other significant conditions contributing to death but not resulting in the underlying cause given in Part I.** **Was an autopsy performed? (Yes or No)** **No** **Were autopsy findings available prior to completion of cause of death? (Yes or No)** **No**  
14. **Manner of Death** **Natural** **Investigation** **Accident** **Could not be determined** **Suicide** **Homicide** **DATE OF INJURY** **TIME OF INJURY** **INJURY AT WORK?** **DESCRIBE HOW INJURY OCCURRED**  
15. **DATE SIGNED** **August 3, 1999** **HOUR OF DEATH** **04:32 P** **DATE SIGNED** **DATE PROMOUNCED DEAD** **HOUR OF DEATH** **PROMOUNCED DEAD**  
16. **NAME OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN IF OTHER THAN CERTIFIER** **NAME AND ADDRESS OF CERTIFIER (PHYSICIAN OR CORONER)** **Loren S. Vranish MD 1287 Burns Way Kalispell Montana 59901**  
17. **LOCAL REGISTRAR'S SIGNATURE** **DATE FILED** **August 4, 1999**

MT death record of Pearl Basye Rhodes -

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## Grace E. Yenne

Grace E. Yenne, 82, of Salem, died Friday.

A native of Alvo, Neb., she came here in 1984. She was a member of the Methodist Church.

Survivors include son, Bernard, Salem; daughter, Lois Bailey, Wallace, Idaho; sisters, Viola Graves, Central Square, N.Y., and Pearl Rhodes, Kalispell, Mont.

Services will be in Kalispell under the direction of Johnson mortuary. Interment will be in Conrad Cemetery, Kalispell. Local arrangements are under the direction of Virgil T. Golden mortuary.

*Sister Grace Emi/Emel Basye Yenne (1902-1985) – "Salem (OR) Statesman Journal"*  
*Sunday 5 May 1985 p 4*

### Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

F: = Find A Grave ([www.findagrave.org](http://www.findagrave.org))

NOK = next-of-kin

**Name: Joseph Daniel Basye**

Name variations: Joe Basye

### Military:

On Tuscania: 20th Eng. 17th/Co. E - private

Serial number: 250,469

Entered service from: Kalispell, Flathead MT

Sailed on "Tuscania" as: Joseph D. Basye

Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": father Wesley J. Basye, Kalispell MT

Returned from war on: "Santa Olivia" Jun 1919,

Sailed on return ship as: Joseph D. Basye

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: father John Basye, Kalispell MT (pvt, 17th Co., 20 Engrs)

World War I draft registration (1917): as Joseph Daniel Basye - b. 31 Mar 1887 Norman NE; res: 475 – 6<sup>th</sup> Ave. E.N., Kalispell, Flathead MT. Single [actually, he was divorced with a child under age 12. His ex-wife Alma Morrow Basye had remarried on 2 Jun 1917; he registered on 4 Jun 1917, the day ahead of the 5 Jun 1917 national registration day]. Farm laborer, unemployed. Tall & slender.

Lifeboat: his life raft, minus its bow, landed on Islay, Scotland, 5 Feb 1918. He reunited with other survivors at Port Ellen, Islay, on 7 Feb 1918.

National Tuscania Survivors Association 1939 roster: surname spelled Bayse - RFD, Creston MT

World War II draft registration (1942): as Joseph Daniel Basye - b. 31 Mar 1887 Norman NE; res: Rt. 1, Kalispell, Flathead MT. NOK wife Mary Bayse, same address. Employed at Log Cabin, Main & 1<sup>st</sup>, Kalispell MT. Height: 5'11" – 210 lbs.

Veterans Administration Military Index:

Enlisted 14 Dec 1917

Discharged 23 Jun 1919

Address: Kalispell MT

Rank/unit: private, 17<sup>th</sup> Co., 20<sup>th</sup> Engineers

#### Birth & death:

Born: 31 Mar 1887 Norman, Kearney NE

Died: 18 Feb 1980, Columbia Falls, Flathead MT (in the state Veterans Administration hospital)

Find A Grave record: 76789851 - presence on Tuscania noted in flower

Burial location: Kalispell, Flathead MT

Cemetery: Conrad Memorial

Tombstone: veteran flat - Sgt US Army WWI

Father: John Wesley [Wesley John] Basye, 29 Jun 1858 Fairfield, Butler OH – 26 Mar 1921

Kalispell, Flathead MT. Son of Joseph Stover Basye & Lydia Viola Tucker. Obituary:

"Anaconda (MT) Standard" 31 Mar 1921 p 10 – died at age 63, survived by 7 children: Mrs. Viola Graves (Bremerton NY), Mrs. Ruth Howard (Spokane), Mrs. Pearl Rhodes (Kalispell), George Basye of St. Paul [state not indicated] – and Joseph D., Layton & Grace Basye, all of Kalispell.

Buried in Conrad Memorial Cemetery, Conrad, Kalispell MT.

Find A Grave 76790433

Mother: Lillian (Lillie) Jane Emel Basye, 27 Nov 1868 Jonesboro, Grant IN – 11 Sep 1907

Helena, Lewis & Clark MT. daughter of Daniel Emel & Ruth Pierce [or Ruth Peirce Brooks?].

Buried in Conrad Memorial Cemetery, Conrad, Kalispell MT.

Find A Grave: 76790499

Parents' marriage: Wesley Basye, b. OH, age 23, married 27 May 1885 Kearney Co. NE to Lillie Jane Emel, age 17.

Spouse: Alma M. Morrow Basye Gehrke, 11 Sep 1888 Fort Benton, Choteau MT – 19 Feb 1983 Spokane, Spokane WA. Joseph & Alma Basye's son was Joseph Daniel Basye. Her 2<sup>nd</sup> husband was August E. Gehrke (1887-1955, F: 17944001). Alma Basye, age 29, daughter of David Morrow & Sarah Travis, resident of Libby MT, b. Ft. Benton, Choteau MT, previously married but divorced – married 2 Jun 1917 in Libby, Lincoln MT – to August M. Gehrke, age 30, son of August Gehrke & Fredrica Blake, resident of Libby MT, b. Merrill, Lincoln MT, single – by a Lutheran minister. Alma's obituary: "Spokane Chronicle" 21 Feb 1983 p 21. Buried in

Spouse Find A Grave: 26874522

Marriage: 19 Oct 1909 Kalispell, Flathead MT – Joseph Basye, age 22, b. Norman NE, son of John Wesley Basye & Jane Lillie Emel – married – Elma Morrow, age 21, b. Fort Benton MT, daughter of David Morrow & Sarah Elizabeth Travil [Travis in other records], 1<sup>st</sup> marriage for both, married by justice of the peace.

In Sep 1911 Joseph was tried in court for desertion & non-support of his wife & two-year-old child. His son was living with relatives. Alma pleaded for him, and said they had patched things up and were going to Whitefish MT to live.

But then, Alma petitioned for divorce on the grounds that Joseph had deserted her & not supported her & their child. She claimed he had "idle, dissipated, and profligate habits." Divorced 14 Feb 1917 Flathead Co. MT.

Spouse: Theresa Ritter Moore Basye Postle, 29 Sep 1871 [birth year varies] Grove, Stearns MN – 23 Jan 1943 Glasgow, Valley MT.

Daughter of Peter Ritter & Elizabeth (Lizzie) Darlinghouse. In the 1875 MN state census living with parents in Grove, Stearns MN, age 3).

Married George Frederick Moore (1862 PA – 1933, F: 86014046) in Todd Co. MN on 14 Aug 1889. In the 1900 census, George & Theresa were residents of Todd Co. MN, she reporting a birthdate of Sep 1876. They had 5 children, one of whom died on the day she was born. After divorcing Joseph Basye, Theresa Basye married Peter Rufus Postle on 8 May 1923 in Kalispell, Flathead MT. Peter was age 25, widowed, b. Winona ND, son of John Postle & Esther Wagne. Theresa Basye was age 50 (double the age of her spouse), divorced, b. Munich MN, daughter of Peter Ritter & Elizabeth Darlinghouse. Both were residents of Belton MT. Peter Rufus Postle was born 20 Sep 1897 Winona ND & died 17 Feb 1976 Myrtle Point, Coos OR. Obituary: "Coos Bay World" 18 Feb 1976 p 2. Buried in Catching Creek Cemetery, Coos Co. OR F: 69066023.

Obituary: "Great Falls Tribune" 24 Jan 1943 p 2 – Mrs. Peter Postle, age 71, mother of Mrs. E.E. Gallagher of Great Falls, d. 23 Jan 1943 of a stroke. She moved to Great Falls from Essex in western MT about 3 months ago. She is survived by 3 sons: Frank Moore (West Union MN), George Moore (Crystal Lake MN) & Clarence Moore (Pontiac MI). "Great Falls Tribune" 26 Jan 1943 p 3 – funeral held 26 Jan 1943 in Glasgow MT. [no interment noted] Buried in Highland Cemetery, Glasgow, Valley MT.



Spouse Find A Grave: 209888768

Marriage: 25 Aug 1921 Whitefish, Flathead MT. Joseph Daniel Basye, b. 1887 Norman NE, age 34, resident Kalispell, divorced, son of Wesley Bayse [sic] & Lillian Emil [sic] – Theresa Moore, b. Melrose NE [she was born in MN], age 37, resident Belton MT, divorced, daughter of Pete Riter [sic/Ritter] & Elizabeth Darlinghouse.

Divorce: Theresa petitioned for a divorce, claiming that Joseph Basye deserted her on 29 Jan 1922. There were no children from the marriage. The divorce was granted 15 Mar 1923.

Spouse: Mary Jane Blumhagen Basye, 1902 Turtle Lake, McLean ND - 6 Jan 1990 Kalispell, Flathead MT.

Daughter of Christoph Blumhagen (1865 Romania – 1962 MT, F: 20230729) & Elizabeth Louise Helm (1868 Romania – 1904 ND, F: 109074985) who married in 1887.

On her marriage license, her mother is identified as Caroline Maier; this is incorrect, Karolina Maier Blumhagen being her father Christoph's 2<sup>nd</sup> wife. In Mary Jane's obituary, her mother is listed correctly as Elizabeth Blumhagen. In her father Christoph's obituary in the "Great Falls (MT) Tribune" Sunday 18 Mar 1962 p 12, it says Mary Jane Blumhagen Basye was his daughter by his first marriage, the one to Elizabeth Louise Helm.

Obituary: "Great Falls Tribune" 8 Jan 1990 p 8 – Mary Jane Basye, age 88, of Kalispell MT, d. 6 Jan 1990 Kalispell Regional Hospital. Born 6 Jan 1902 Turtle Lake ND to Christoph & Elizabeth Blumhagen. "Great Falls (MT) Tribune" 10 Jan 1990 p 8A: Married Joseph Basye in 1923 in Billings MT. Burial in Conrad. Survived by stepson John D. Basye, Tacoma WA. Moved to MT in 1910 to live in Polson where she attended school.

There is confusing (and apparently) inaccurate information on the Find A Grave record 20230729 of Christoph M. Blumhagen (1865 Romania – 1962 Polson MT). This record says he had 3 wives – Karolina (buried with him, 1882-1956, F: 20230750), Louise (married about 1888) & Elizabeth (married 1905). This would make it impossible for Elizabeth to be Mary's mother, but it makes Louise her possible mother – but there does not appear to be a "Louise" according to Christoph's obituary.. Marriage records show Christoph marrying Carolina Mayers 29 Mar 1905, so she can't be Mary's mother.

Mary Jane's stepmother was Karolina Maier Blumhagen (1882-1956, F: 20230750). Her father & stepmother celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in 1955. They had married in 1905 in Martin ND.

Buried in Conrad Memorial Cemetery, Kalispell, Flathead MT.

Spouse Find A Grave: 76789957

Marriage: 28 Apr 1923 Columbus, Stillwater MT. Joseph D. Basye, age 30, son of Wesley J. Basye & Lilly Emel, previously married but divorced, resident of Butte MT, Born Norman, Kearney NE – Mary B. Hagen [i.e. Blumhagen], age 22, daughter of Christof C. Hagen & Caroline Maier, not previously married, resident of Butte MT, born Anamoose, McHenry ND. Married by a justice of the peace.

Children: by wife Alma Morrow

- John David Basye, 4 Feb 1909 Spokane, Spokane WA – 24 Jan 1996 Tacoma, Pierce WA. Marriage license: son of Joe Basye & Elma Morrow, b. Spokane WA, age 23, married 23 Jan 1933 Kalispell, Flathead MT to Virginia Smith, age 18, b.

Dayton MT, daughter of Lee Smith & Ruth Whitehaus. Virginia Smith Basye (1914-2003). F: 183179898

Stepchildren: by wife Theresa Ritter's marriage to George Fredrick Moore

- Francis Fremont ("Frank") Moore, 24 Apr 1891 West Union, Todd MN – 12 Jan 1961 Osakis, Douglas MN. Married Electa Olena Valstad (1894-1945, F: 144938519). Buried in Kinkead Cemetery, Alexandria, Douglas MN. F: 144938535
- George Grover Moore, 28 Oct 1892 West Union, Todd MN – 5 Jan 1968 Mauston, Juneau WI. Married in 1914 to Margaret Ellen (Ella) Hetherington (1897-1988, F: 189007265). Buried in Mauston-Oakwood Cemetery, Mauston, Juneau WI. F: 189007143
- Hazel Hildred Moore Gallagher, 15 Jan 1898 West Union, Todd MN – 21 Feb 1993 Glasgow, Valley MT. Married to Edward T. Gallagher (1892-1970, F: 185295878). Buried in Highland Cemetery, Glasgow, Valley MT. F: 185345101
- Clarence Calvin Moore, 15 Nov 1905 West Union, Todd MN – 15 Dec 1979 MI (a resident of Pontiac, Oakland MI). Married 24 Aug 1926 in Glasgow, Valley MT to Winona Elizabeth Woods (b. 1908). Divorced 13 Dec 1937 in Oakland Co. MI. – Married Clarina M. St. John Chevalier, age 30, born Hancock MI, daughter of Sam St. John & Clarina St. Germain, on 31 Dec 1937 in Baraga, Baraga MI. Clarence was born in "Asakis" [i.e. Osakis] MN, was age 32 & a factory. Both had been married once before. <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/2517139:9093> – When he registered for the WWII draft on 16 Oct 1940, Clarence Calvin lived at 3093 The Boulevard, Keego Harbor, Oakland MI. His next-of-kin was his uncle Fred Ritter, Taylor St., Pontiac, Oakland MI. Clarence worked at the Pontiac Motor Car Co. & had "right arm off below elbow."
- Myrtle Melissa Moore, b. & d. 4 May 1909 West Union, Todd MN.

Siblings:

- Ruth Lillian / Lillian Ruth Basye Howard Chenoweth, 5 May 1889 Norman, Kearney NE – 14 Nov 1965 Kalispell, Flathead MT. First husband: Joseph Verner Howard, married 2 Aug 1909 Kalispell, Flathead MT. She was age 20, single, daughter of Wesley Basye & Lillie Emil, born Norman NE, resident Kalispell MT. Joseph Howard age 25, was single, son of Louis Howard & Frances Fell. He was born in Gladstone ND, resident of Enumclaw WA. Married by Episcopalian clergyman. - In 1910 Ruth & Joseph Howard resided in Enumclaw, King WA & in 1920 in Libby, Lincoln MT with their son Joseph Wesley Howard (b. 31 Jul 1910 Columbia Falls, Flathead MT – d. 2 Aug 1934, F: 17726373). Joseph Verner Howard 1883 Gladstone, Stark ND-1974 Spokane WA. - Second husband: was Mathias Rose Chenoweth (1899-1991, F: 90301451). Obituary: "Daily Inter Lake" (Kalispell MT) 16 Nov 1965, came with family in 1903 to the Flathead Valley. Lillian married M.R. Chenoweth on 6 Jun 1925 Kalispell, Flathead MT. Lillie Ruth Howard, age 34, divorced, b. IN (?), daughter of

John W. Basyl [sic] & Lillie Jane Emel, resident Kalispell MT – Mathias R. Chenoweth, age 25, not previously married, b. Marshall IL, son of William L. Chenoweth & Clara Lycan, resident Kalispell MT. – Lillian was survived by brothers Joseph Basye (Hot Springs) & George Basye (Columbia CA) & sisters: Viola Graves (Central Square NY), Pearl Rhodes (Kalispell) & Grace Yenne (Whitefish). Buried in Conrad Memorial Cemetery, Conrad, Kalispell MT. F: 18132620

- Viola Lydia / Lydia Viola Basye McArthur Graves, 29 Aug 1892 Norman, Kearney NE – 12 Apr 1988 Fulton, Oswego NY. - First husband: Charles Elmer McArthur, age 21, b. Elko Co. NE, single, son of Charles G. McArthur & Alice Sarah McFarland, married Lydia Viola Basye, age 18, b. Norman Co., NE, single, daughter of John Wesley Basye & Lillie Jane Emel, on 27 Sep 1909 in Kalispell, Flathead MT. In Jan 1910, “Elmer McArthur” is arrested on the charge of 3<sup>rd</sup>-degree assault, having beaten Viola & threatened her with a razor. Viola petitioned for a divorce. - Twelve months later – on 8 Oct 1910 – Charles Elmer McArthur married Maude Lois Hundley in Libby MT. – Viola was the wife of Frank Milton Graves (1887-1957, F: 77876246). Buried in Hillside Memorial Cemetery & Park, Central Square, Oswego NY. F: 77876302
- George Wesley Basye, 22 Jan 1895 Norman, Kearney NE – 2 Apr 1984 Columbia, Tuolumne CA. WWI veteran. At age 29, married Gertrude Mary Gomerling (1901-1990, F: 62593418). Buried in Columbia Public Cemetery, Columbia, Tuolumne CA. F: 61466571
- Layton Harold (“Doc”) Basye, 10 Jun 1897 Imperial, Chase NE – 11 Dec 1963 Kalispell, Flathead MT. Married on 17 Apr 1939 to Violet Mary Keller Holmes, later Stokes (1909-1975, F: 45761877). Violet had married Hallie E. Helmer (1891-1979) in 1927. In 1949 she married John Calvin Stokes (1906-1996). – Layton charged Violet with adultery & was granted a divorce & custody of their 6-year-old daughter Irene Lucille Basye on 25 Mar 1948. - Layton shares his tombstone with his parents, Wesley & Lillie Basye in Conrad Memorial Cemetery, Conrad, Kalispell MT. F: 17821940
- Pearl Esther Basye Rhodes, 1 Jan 1901 Lincoln, Lancaster NE – 2 Aug 1999 Kalispell, Flathead MT. - Wife of Lester Clair Rhodes (1898-1979, F: 45432526). Pearl Esther Rhodes, age 17, single, b. Alvo NE, daughter of J. Wesley Basye & Lillie Jane Emil, married Lester Rhodes, single, age 20, in Kalispell, Flathead MT on 8 Sep 1918. Lester b. Warren Co. IA, son of John Rhodes & Sarah Forman. – Buried in Glacier Memorial Gardens, Kalispell, Flathead MT. F: 49913609
- Grace Emi/Emel Basye Yenne, 26 Oct 1902 Alvo, Cass NE – 4 May 1985 Salem, Marion OR. Wife of Clyde Bernard Yenne (1904-1981, F: 155296459). Buried in Conrad Memorial Cemetery, Kalispell, Flathead MT. F: 155296448
- Infant girl Basye, b. & d. Aug 1906. Her tombstone reads “Stillborn daughter of Lily and John Basye.” Buried in Bethel Cemetery, Somers, Flathead MT. F: 100694164

Notes:

When Joseph sailed on Tuscania, one of his fellow soldiers was John David Morrow, who also survived the sinking. Joseph had been married to John's sister Alma Morrow from 1909 to their divorce in Feb 1917, so the two were ex-brothers-in-law. Joseph served as John Morrow's pallbearer at his Apr 1952 funeral after John & his son Elvin Morrow drowned in Flathead Lake. Joseph's only child, by Alma Morrow, was named John David Basye.

Wartime:

Post-war:

Obituary:

MT Death Record: Born 31 Mar 1887 NE, son of John Wesley Basye & Lillie Jane Emel. Died 18 Feb 1980 Mt. Veterans Home Nursing Home, Columbia Falls, MT. Married; wife Mary Blumhagen. SSN 516-10-4705. Woodsman, lumber business. Veteran. Residence: 630 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. E., Kalispell, Flathead MT. Informant: Mary Basye, 630 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. E. Burial Conrad. Died of generalized atherosclerosis.

"Missoulain" (Missoula MT) 19 Feb 1980 p 12

Died age 92, res: 630 Third Ave. E, Kalispell MT, b. 31 Mar 1887 Norman NE, came with family from NE to MT at age 16, worked as woodsman until enlisted in Army 14 Dec 1917, in Army Corps of Engineers, Tuscania survivor, after war lived N. of Kalispell MT, later moved to Warland (N. of Libby MT), then operated apartments in Hot Springs, then in 1970 moved to Kalispell, married 28 Apr 1923 to Mary Bloomhagen in Billings MT. Survived by wife Mary, son John Basye of Tacoma WA, brother George Basye (Columbia CA) & 3 sisters: Viola Graves (Central Square NY), Pearl Rhodes (Kalispell MT) & Grace Yenne (Whitefish MT). He was preceded in death by his parents, sister Ruth Chenowith [sic/Chenoweth] & brother Layton Basye. Funeral 21 Feb, burial Conrad Memorial Cemetery, with military rites by local veterans.

"Great Falls (MT) Tribune" 19 Feb 1980 p 9 – died 18 Feb 1918 at Mt. Veterans Home, Columbia Falls MT. Funeral 21 Feb 1980. Born NE, moved to MT at age 16 with family, enlisted in Army 1917, Tuscania survivor. Upon discharge in 1919, returned to Kalispell. Later lived in Warland & operated apartments at Hot Springs. Moved to Kalispell 1970. In 1923 married Mary Bloomhagen in Billings MT. Survived by son John Basye of Tacoma WA, a brother [unnamed] & 3 sisters including Pearl Rhodes (Kalispell) & Grace Yenne (Whitefish MT) [3<sup>rd</sup> sister not named]

Social Security Number: 516-10-4705

## Censuses:

1900 Tipton, Cass NE

Wesley Basye, 41 IL, Jun 1858, both parents b. OH, married 15 years, farmer

Lillie, 31 IN, Nov 1868, father b., PA, mother b. OH, gave birth to 5 children, 5 are living

Joseph B., 13 NE, Mar 1887, at school

S. Ruth, 11 NE, Mar 1889, at school

Viola S., 8 NE, Aug 1891, at school

W.G. 6 NE, Feb 1894 [i.e. George Wesley]

Laton H., 3 NE, Jun 1896 [indexed as Saton]

The children's records indicate both parents b. OH

1910 could not locate in the U.S.

1911 Canada Census – Okanagan, British Columbia, Canada – line 22

Found at: <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3QS7-L98W-SH4J?i=795&cc=2143998>

Joseph Basye, age 24, b. US in Mar 1887, emigrated to Canada 1911, lodger with George E. Manning, 40 Ontario, Canada, who has several lodgers. Of Irish ethnicity; of US citizenship. Methodist religion. Laborer, saw mill

1920 Kalispell, Flathead MT – 487 – 6<sup>th</sup> Ave. E.N.

John Basye, 60 OH, parents b. OH, widowed, occupation: none

Joe, 32 NE, single, parents b. OH, sawyer, mill

George, 25 NE, waiter, café

Layton, 22 NE, laborer, mill

Grace, 17 NE

1920 Columbia, Flathead MT – ex-wife Theresa Ritter Moore

Thresa M. Moore, 47 MN, parents b. Germany, married, lodger, cook, hotel

1920 Polson, Flathead MT – future wife Mary Blumhagen, residing with father Christoph M. & his wife Carolina Blumhagen.

1930 Kalispell, Flathead MT

Joseph Basye, 42 NE, father b. IL, mother b. IN, age 22 at 1<sup>st</sup> marriage, repairing, typewriter, WWI veteran

Mary Basye, 29 ND, parents b. Germany, age 21 at 1<sup>st</sup> marriage

Harold Thorberg, 48 Norway, parents b. Norway, single, labor, immigrated 1904 [boarder]

1940 Kalispell, Flathead MT – same place in 1935

Found at: [https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/77611534:2442?tid=&pid=&queryId=6fcc05ce83923ccbd1abaefa5c35b932&\\_phsrc=cPx4708&\\_phstart=successSource](https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/77611534:2442?tid=&pid=&queryId=6fcc05ce83923ccbd1abaefa5c35b932&_phsrc=cPx4708&_phstart=successSource)

Joseph Basye, 53 NE [Family Search indexed as Casye and Cacase], laborer, general farm  
Mary Basye, 38 ND, housewife  
Harry Tholberg, 55 Norway, single, woods labor, lumbering [lodger]

1950 Hot Springs, Sanders MT  
Joseph D. Basye, 63 NE, manager, tourist cabins  
Mary Blumhagen Basye, 48 ND [wife]  
Morton J. Robinson, 71 MN, never married [lodger]