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Tyrus Jack Cabbiness

BILLINGS GAZETTE

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PRYOR — Tyrus Jack Cabbiness, 75, died Feb. 6, 2001.

Cremation has taken place in the Bullis-Eastern Montana Crematory. No services are planned. Private disposition of the ashes will follow in Oklahoma.

Loren O'Dell Cabe, Sr., 97

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HELENA — Loren was born in Marion, Grant County, Ind., Sept. 1, 1904, a son of Weston Harvey Cabe and Virginia Belle (Williams) Cabe. Loren grew up on a small farm with his sister, Georgianna, and brothers Almont, Asa and Ralph. He ran a trap line as a youngster to earn spending money and graduated from Marion High School in 1922. During the Depression, Loren worked as a radio salesman and technician in Indiana. He moved to Arizona in the early 1940s and worked his way up to become the maintenance crew chief at the Consolidated Vultee aircraft factory in Tucson. Under his supervision, the factory built and repaired many of the B-24 Liberator bombers that played a large part in America's WWII victory. After the war ended, he and his wife moved to Missoula, where Loren's two children were born; a son, Monty (Loren, Jr.), and a daughter, Marena. His wife, Mary Jane (Rice) Cabe preceded him in death in 1985.

Loren had a passion for the outdoors and fished and hunted throughout the state of Montana. He and his son never missed opening day of elk and deer season. Loren passed his love of the

outdoors to both of his children, where it lives on today. Loren often held two jobs to support his family and ensure that his kids could enjoy camping and fishing outings during the summers. The family lived modestly but dined well on elk, deer, and trout meals throughout the years. Loren was an outdoorsman well into his 80s, including a rigorous week long camping and fishing trip into the Yellowstone Lake backcountry at the age of 88.

His last few months were brightened by the loving care provided by his daughter Marena Ward, her husband, Al Ward, and their daughter Brigitte. Loren passed peacefully on the evening of July 3, 2002, at Big Sky Care Center in Helena.

Loren is survived by his son, Loren O. (Monty) Cabe, Jr. and his wife, Peggy Cabe, of Denver; daughter Marena Ward and her husband Al Ward of Helena; granddaughters Brigitte and Jessie Slatt; and many relatives in Indiana.

At Loren's request, no services were held and cremation has taken place. His children will honor his request to scatter his ashes over his favorite secret fishing spot in his beloved Montana.

Margaret Wilma 'Marge' Merrell Cady

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STEVENSVILLE — Margaret Wilma "Marge" Merrell Cady, 64, of Stevensville, died at her home, Tuesday, Dec. 3, 2002, from leukemia. She was very grateful to Hospice for allowing her to die at home surrounded by her family and cats.

Marge was born Sept. 1, 1938, in Lewiston, Idaho, to Merton Howard and Carmen Frances Ellis Merrell. Graduating from Kamiah (Idaho) High School in 1956, she attended two years of college at University of Idaho, where she met her future husband, William Harper "Bill" Cady. They were married Dec. 27, 1958, in Moscow, Idaho, and soon moved to San Francisco, where their daughter Terry was born. In 1962, they moved to Denver, where both sons, Mark and Mike, were born. In 1968, the family moved to Great Falls, and two years later, to Billings.

While in Billings, Marge was very active in St. Luke's Episcopal Church, including directing the Children's Choir. She also loved sports and was very active with both the YWCA and the YMCA, including such activities as life-guarding, teaching infant swim classes, volleyball and softball. She also coached volleyball and softball groups.

After developing severe chronic pain from injuries and arthritis, she helped found the Billings Chronic Pain Support Group. In spite of her pain, she was constantly reaching out to help others. In later years, she decided to return to college, and help others. In later years, she decided to return to college, and graduated as the oldest person in her class from MSU-Billings in May of 1997 with a BS in psychology. Following her graduation, she worked for the Arthritis Foundation, where she made a difference in many people's lives. She retired from the Arthritis Foundation in March of 2000 and moved to Missoula to live with her daughter.

Marge will chiefly be remembered for her sense of humor. She managed to find humor in just about everything and loved a good joke. Even through the worst stages of her leukemia, she managed to find things to laugh about. She was a practical joker and reveled in passing on her extensive repertoire to her kids and grandkids. She made wooden toys and chocolate outhouses. She will also be remembered as a rabid Denver Broncos fan.

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She was preceded in death by her parents, Merton H. Merrell and Carmen F. Ellis Evans; and by her husband, William H. Cady.

She is survived by her stepfather Louis Evans of Kamiah; her brothers, Klaus of San Jose, Calif., and Michael of Sandpoint, Idaho; her children, Theresa Anne of the family home in Stevensville, William Mark of Billings and Michael Paul of Wendover, Utah; three grandchildren, Brooke, Travis and Bailey of Billings, and three "love grandkids" Thomas, Kindra, and Michael Grantz of Joliet.

Honorary pallbearers are Mark and Genetha Merrell of Clarkston, Wash.; Robert and Barbara Munro of Missoula, Ross and Shirley Grantz of Joliet; Sondra Gibson of Stevensville; Jennie Taber of Turah; and Sally Carson of Great Falls.

Memorial Services will be held Sunday, Dec. 8, at 2 p.m., at the Cremation and Burial Society of the Rockies Chapel, at the corner of Spurgin and Reserve in Missoula, with Father Steve Oreskovich officiating. A reception will follow at the home of Robert and Barbara Munro, 225 University Ave., in Missoula. Memorials are preferred to the Arthritis Foundation or the Leukemia Foundation.

MAR 28 2002**Mary E. Cain**

POPLAR — Mary E. Cain, 69, of Poplar, died Tuesday, March 26, 2002, of emphysema.

Visitations will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday, March 29, at the First Presbyterian Church in Poplar. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 30, at the First Presbyterian Church. Interment will be held in the Poplar City Cemetery. Clayton Memorial Chapel is in charge.

Gertrude Jane Call

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Gertrude Jane Call, 99, of Billings, formerly of Lanagan, Mo., died Thursday, Feb. 7, 2002, at Deaconess Billings Clinic.

Cremation has taken place. Inurnment will be in Rocky Fork, Colo., at a later date. Cremation or Funeral Gallery is in charge.

Peggy Jo Callaghan

MILES CITY — Peggy Jo Callaghan, 46, died Thursday, June 20, 2002, at her home.

Visitation will be held on Monday, June 24, 2002, with a prayer service at 7 p.m. at the

chapel. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. on Tuesday in the chapel, with interment to follow in the Custer County Cemetery. Stevenson and Sons Funeral Home of Miles City is in charge.

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ESTELLA M. CALLAND

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HARDIN — Estella M. Calland, 84, of Hardin, died Tuesday, April 23, 2002, at Heritage Acres in Hardin.

Graveside service will be held later in Edgemont, S.D. Cremation has taken place at Cremation or Funeral Gallery.

Lyndall Lee Callender

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SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Lyndall Lee Callender, 62, of Sheridan, died Monday, April 22, 2002, at Memorial Hospital of Sheridan County.

Cremation has taken place. A celebration of her life will be held at a later date. Kane Funeral Home of Sheridan is in charge.

George D. Cameron

MARTINSDALE — George D. Cameron, 64, of Martinsdale, passed away Saturday, Oct. 12, 2002 at Wheatland Memorial Hospital/Nursing Home.

George was born Feb. 12, 1938 to Harry and Ruth (Dixon) Cameron in Harlowton. He graduated from White Sulphur Springs High School in 1956. On July 7, 1956, he started his 28-year career with the U.S. Forest Service. He spent his first years in district maintenance of roads, trails, springs and other district projects. In 1962, he transferred into timber management, where he spent the rest of his career doing such things as road and sale layouts and administrating timber sales. After spending a winter at Corvallis, Ore. he finished his career as logging engineer. He retired on Nov. 8, 1985. George was an active member of the Masonic Lodge. His Masonic Fraternity's included Past Master of Diamond City Lodge No. 7, A.F. & A. M., Past Master of Musselshell Lodge No. 69 A. F. & A. M., and Past Worthy Patron of Martha Chapter No. II Order of Eastern Star. He was a lifetime member of the Yorkrite Bodies of Lewistown Chapter Commandry and Council. He also spent some years on Board of Directors of Rainbow Assembly for girls. He was active on several grand lodge committees and served as instructor for both Musselshell No. 69 and Diamond City No. 7 for many years.

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George loved the mountain and being outdoors. Some of his hobbies included ranching, aviation, gardening, woodworking writing short stories (mostly humorous) and a host of many other outdoor activities. George married Janey McAfee in December 1959 and later divorced. He and Janey had three daughters. He later married his longtime companion, Vickie Teig on Oct. 6, 1996.

His father, Harry and his daughter, Ellen Dixson preceded him in death.

He is survived by his wife, Vickie of the home, Martinsdale; his mother, Ruth of Martinsdale; his children, Trish (Marvin) Noem of Beaverton, Ore., Ann (Mike) Burk of East Helena, Sandy (David) Holman of Melville, and Ron Teig, Jr. of Harlowton. George is also survived by his brother, Gilbert Cameron of Martinsdale; and sister, Janet Zieg of White Sulphur Springs; grandchildren, Patrick Bergan of White Sulphur Springs, Conlan, Emily and Cassidy Burk of East Helena, Leif Holman of Melville and Quentin and Bailey Teig of Harlowton.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 17, in the Twichel Funeral Home Chapel. Graveside committal will follow in Mayn Cemetery, White Sulphur Springs. Masonic service will be conducted by Diamond City Lodge No. 7 A.F. & A.M. Twichel Funeral Home assisted the family with the services.

L. Dale Cammack

BUFFALO, Wyo. — L. Dale Cammack, 74, of Buffalo, died Tuesday, Oct. 29, 2002, at Johnson County Health Care Center in Buffalo.

Visitation was held Friday, Nov. 1, at Champion Ferries Funeral Home in Sheridan. Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 2, at St. Peter's Episcopal Church. Cremation will follow, with private family committal services in St. Peter's Episcopal Church Columbarium at a later date.

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Clarence Kermit Campbell

FRAZER — Clarence Kermit Campbell, 44, of Frazer, died Tuesday, April 9, 2002, at Trinity Hospital in Wolf Point, of kidney failure.

Rosary will be at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 11, at Saint Joseph's Catholic Church in Frazer. Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, April 12, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church. Interment will be in St. Joseph's Cemetery in Frazer. Bell Mortuary of Glasgow is in charge.

Eva Campbell

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MILES CITY — Eva Campbell, 77, of Miles City, died Wednesday, Dec. 18, 2002, at the Holy Rosary Extended Care in Miles City.

No services are planned. Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home of Miles City is in charge.

O. Ross Campbell

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — O. Ross Campbell, of Sheridan, passed away Dec. 4, 2002, at Memorial Hospital of Sheridan County. He was born July 25, 1922, in Medford, Ore., to Oren Ross Campbell Sr. and Alice (Oliver) Campbell. He was raised in Oregon, Kansas and Nebraska before settling in Denver.

He was a member of the 1940 class of East High in Denver. Following high school, he served in the U.S. Army at Ft. Lewis, Wash.

He started working in the theater business in 1937 at the Bluebird Theatre in Denver. He worked in Colorado, Nebraska, New Mexico and South Dakota, before coming to Wyoming in 1950. He married Margaret (Peg) Stouffer in Newcastle on July 22, 1952, and soon moved to Sheridan.

In the spring of 1953, he bought the Orpheum Theatre and began Orpheum Theatres Inc., which included the Wyo Theatre, Skyline Drive-in and Centennial Theatres in Sheridan and the Bison and Sunset Theatres in Buffalo.

In 1962, he and several friends formed Theatre Operators Inc., which became a regional theater chain in seven Western states. He served on the board of National Association of Theatre Owners and was vice president.

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He was the 1983 Showester of the Year.

He was president of the Sheridan County Chamber of Commerce in 1957, managing director of All American Indian Days in 1959-60, a member of the Big Horn Mountain Masonic Lodge #43, the Scottish Rite and Kalif Shrine, a member of Elk Lodge #520, a member of the American Legion Drum and Bugle Corps and served on the Vestry of St. Peter's Episcopal Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his sister Jane. He is survived by his wife Peg of Sheridan; sons Ross (Steve) of Las Vegas, Bill (William) and wife Kelli of Sheridan, Joe (Joseph) of Sheridan; daughters Sally (Sarah) Eaton of Sheridan, Meg (Margaret) of Los Angeles; and five grandchildren of Sheridan.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 10, at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, with interment in St. Peter's Columbarium.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Shrine Crippled Children's Fund or the St. Peter's Organ Fund c/o Delphine Toner at First Interstate Bank.

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Rick G. Campbell

BUFFALO, Wyo. — Rick G. Campbell, 45, of Buffalo, died Saturday, March 23, 2002, in Miami.

Visitation will be from 1 to 10 p.m. Friday, March 29, and 8 until 9:30 a.m. Saturday, March 30, with funeral services at 10 a.m., at Adams Funeral Home Chapel in Buffalo. Burial will be in Willow Grove Cemetery, with graveside services to follow the funeral.

Elsworth Candee

FAIRVIEW — Funeral services for Elsworth Candee, 84, of Fairview, are 10 a.m. Friday, Oct. 4, at the Faith Alliance Church, with Pastor Paul Turek officiating. Interment will be in the Richland Memorial Park, under the direction of Fulkerson Funeral Home of Sidney.

Elsworth Willis Candee was born Feb. 22, 1918, to parents, Elmer and Jennie (Willoughby) Candee. He lived on a homestead in Richland County with his three brothers and five sisters. Elsworth worked on the Fort Peck Dam, and as a carpenter building the Lalonde Hotel.

In 1941, Elsworth joined the U.S. Air Force. He was stationed in San Antonio and Midland, Texas, where he met the love of his life, Johnnie May Collier. They were married on March 5, 1943, in Midland. Lynda Jane, their daughter, was born on April 14, 1944. Shortly after she was born, Elsworth was shipped overseas to Iwo Jima, and served here until the war was over. He was honorably discharged on Dec. 6, 1945.

From 1945 to 1952, Elsworth spent half of the year in Midland and the other half of the year, he and his family came to Fairview to help on the family farm. During that time, in 1947, his son Gary, was born in Midland. In 1952, Elsworth and his family made the final move to Fairview, where he purchased the farm and started the Candee Angus.

Elsworth dedicated his life to the Lord in 1952. He and his family joined the First Baptist Church in Sidney. Elsworth was very involved with the church as a deacon, trustee, Sunday School superintendent and an adult Bible teacher. In 1986, they began going to the Faith Alliance Church, where they later became members.

Elsworth's daughter, Lynda Jane, married Roger Kimble. They had two children, Colene Renae Knaff and Brian Michel. Brian married Kristi Dschaak.

Elsworth's son, Gary F., married Karen Lee Wiederrich. They had two sons, Casey Scott and Corey Johnathan. Casey married Amber Houchen and Corey married Joni Henderson.

They have seven great-grandchildren: Colene's girls, Mandy Mae and Desarey Lyn; Casey's children, Krya Lynn, Taryn Scott, Kallie Jean and Carly Lee; Corey's daughter, Cassidy Marie.

Elsworth died at his home, Fairview, Tuesday, Oct. 1, 2002.

Elsworth is survived by his wife, Johnnie, of 59 1/2 years; son, Garey, and wife Karen; four grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; brother, Lester D. Candee, Hillsborough, Calif.; sisters, Esther L. Thorson and Naomi L. Goodwin, both of Sun City, Ariz., and Nina C. Price, Hunters, Wash.

He was preceded in death by his parents; daughter, Lynda Krimble; brothers, Dave Walter Candee and Alfred Candee; sisters, Vera M. Steele and Dorothy E. Candee.

Arthur L. Cantin

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YUMA, Ariz. — Art Cantin passed away on Jan. 13, 2002, at the Yuma Regional Medical Center in Yuma, at the age of 64.

Art was born Nov. 10, 1937. Paula, his beloved wife and mother of his children, preceded him in death in 1988.

Art's passion was work, especially outdoors. Most of his life was spent working with cattle. For the last 10 years, he has been doing special effects for numerous major motion pictures throughout the United States.

He is survived by his three sons, TJ (Marcie) of Manhattan, Mont., Leo (Cheryl) of Two Dot, Mont., and Derek (Lydia) of Yuma; his grandchildren and a sister Jeanie of Massachusetts.

Graveside services will be held in Dillon, Mont., at 2 p.m. Monday, Jan. 21.

Art will be greatly missed.

LAUREL — James Lee Cantrell, 65, of Laurel, passed away on Jan. 12, 2002, at home with his family. He had been fighting cancer since October of 2001.

Jim was born on Aug. 20, 1936 in Billings to Leonard and Gladys Cantrell of Laurel. He went to elementary school at Garfield Elementary in Billings before moving to Laurel with his Mom and Dad in 1945. Jim graduated from Laurel High School in 1954. He went on to attend one year of college at Montana State College-Bozeman. During his years in school, Jim was an active young man and participated in many sports activities, academic activities, as well as agricultural activities such as 4-H and FFA. He enjoyed football and baseball and in fact was on the Legion Baseball team. He was a member of the local DeMaloi chapter. In addition to participating in various school activities, Jim worked with local people such as Harold Price, Alec Hart, as well as his Dad in various ranching activities. Jim always cherished and fondly remembered those years.

In 1955, Jim decided to join the Navy and set upon an adventure that ultimately lasted 20 plus years. During his long and distinguished military career, Jim served two tours of duty in Vietnam while performing duty

as an enlisted navigator, flying missions over North Vietnam. He was stationed at NAS North Island, NAS Whidbey Island, NAS Livermore, Naval Warminster, just to name a few. He served aboard the Coral Sea Enterprise, Forrestal, as well as temporary duties at several European stations. He was awarded the Air Medal with one Silver Star and the Navy Commendation Medal and the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal - Vietnam.

After his long military career, Jim retired from the Navy and returned home to Montana to embark upon a career in the cattle business with his father, Leonard. Together they bought and sold many herds of cattle, calved out more two-year-old heifers that either would admit to, and spent many long days driving around the countryside doing what they both loved.

Somewhere along the way during his life, Jim discovered fishing and golf! One would be hard pressed to say which he preferred more. He was a fly fisherman with a passion. He could walk from one end of a river to the next. He loved both of these things and spent many

of the last few years practicing that tee shot in an attempt to reach the ultimate drive. Fore! Jim was a 6-handicap golfer. Jim was also an active member at Peter Yegen Jr. Golf Club and participated in league play at both Peter Yegen and The Par 3 City Golf Course. He was Senior Club Champion at Peter Yegen in 2000. In 1999, he organized a "Grand" Cantrell family reunion/golf tournament. There were family members, as well as many friends who played 18 holes of golf as well as eat at the BBQ. In the last couple of years, Jim worked hard in his yard creating a beautiful putting green and fishpond. He felt like he needed some work on his short game.

The last couple of years Jim became very active with his boys YMCA Little Guy Flag Football and YMCA Youth Basketball. He supported the Laurel Locomotive football and basketball teams with his heart and soul. He loved going to the games, but he loved talking about them at the Owl Cafe almost as much.

Jim will be sorely missed. He is survived by his wife Pat Cantrell, his daughter Deborah and son-in-law Richard of Florence, Ariz.; sons J. Lee, Jr. and daughter-in-law Felicity of Federal Way, Wash.; Steven of Clarkston, Wash. and daughter-in-law Shelia Wystub of Park

City; Todd and daughter-in-law DeeDee of Desert Palms, Calif.; Tony of Sedro-Woolley, Wash.; Ty and Josh of the family home; along with 10 grandchildren; parents Leonard and Gladys Cantrell of Laurel; brother Dr John Cantrell and wife Pat of Corvallis; nieces Mary and husband Richard Lyons of Hillsboro, Ore. and Stephanie and husband Michael Barton of Boise.

Rev. Huston Green will lead memorial services at the United Methodist Church in Laurel at 2 p.m. on Monday Jan. 21. At the family's request, memorial contributions may be made in Jim's memory to: Eagle Mount Foundation, Billings MT.

Echo Lynn Carey

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GILLETTE, Wyo. — Echo Lynn Carey, 48, died Saturday, Dec. 28, 2002, at her home of a heart attack.

Visitation will be held on Jan. 1 at Grant Funeral Home in Craig, Colo., before the service on Thursday at Grant Funeral Home. Stevenson Funeral Home was in charge of local arrangements.

George Amerman Carey

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LIVINGSTON — George Amerman Carey, 73, died Aug. 4, 2002, at his home of natural causes.

Cremation has taken place at Franzen-Davis Crematory. Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church. Graveside committal and burial of the cremated remains will be at a later time in Mountain View Cemetery.

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Susan J. Carlson

Susan J. Carlson, of Billings, died in her home, Saturday, Sept. 14, 2002, after a long and courageous battle with cancer.

Susan was born Oct. 9, 1942. She was raised in Joliet, the daughter of John and Lillian Dietz, and graduated salutatorian from Joliet High School in 1960. She attended Montana State University in Bozeman and Billings Business College. On April 29, 1972, she married Harry E. Carlson. She worked for the Bureau of Reclamation, Bureau of Indian Affairs and First Student Transportation.

Mom loved being a school bus driver. She drove in Billings for 15 years, and also enjoyed taking children to church camps and going on fire runs. She was happiest when camping, fishing and hiking in the Beartooth Mountains. She spent endless hours gardening, as well as rock and arrowhead hunting.

Susan was preceded in death by her father, John Dietz, of Joliet. She is survived by her mother Lillian Dietz; her husband, Harry E. Carlson; her three children John David (and LouAnn) Carlson, Julie Ann Carlson and Karl Joseph Carlson; her granddaughter, Abigail Susan Carlson; her brother Jeff (and Sandra) Dietz; and numerous cousins.

Her family and friends will remember Susan for her sense of humor and her love of nature she shared with her children. Mom, we love you and miss you.

Services will be held at King of Glory Lutheran Church at 4 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 17. Cremation has taken place. Memorials may be made to Big Sky Hospice, 123 S. 27th St., Billings, MT 59101; or the Edgar Volunteer Fire Dept., R.R. 1, Box 254, Joliet, MT 59041.

**Dorothy Pearl
Carpenter
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Our beloved mother passed away unexpectedly from a heart attack Wednesday, Feb. 6, 2002. She was born Dorothy McCormick on March 22, 1919.



**MRS.
CARPENTER**

She was married for 26 years to our father, Jack Carpenter, until his death in 1967. She devoted her life to her family and her faith and was truly our guardian angel. Her greatest love being the little children whom she cared for. Our loss is certainly heaven's gain. She was humble, hard-working, generous, kind, and an inspiration to us all.

She is survived by her five sons, Jim (Chris), Ken, Keith, Greg (Cindy) and Patrick (Deanna); her eight daughters, Barbara Lang, Elaine (Walt) Kattner, Carolyn (Marv) Fox, Marilyn LaFountain, Colleen (Ronnie) Schaak, Anita (Gus) Salveson, Sharon Carlos and Laurie (Steve) Melia; her sisters, Helen St. John and Eleanor Kincheloe; 27 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be held from 5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 10, at Cremation or Funeral Gallery. Mass celebrating her life and the wonderful memories we have of her will be held 11 a.m. Monday, Feb. 11, at St. Thomas the Apostle Church. Interment in the Roundup Cemetery will follow.

Arrangements were by Cremation or Funeral Gallery.

Genevieve L. Carpenter

On Tuesday morning, June 25, 2002, Genevieve L. Carpenter, 90, died at home surrounded by her family and left this world to join her loved ones in heaven.



**GENEVIEVE
CARPENTER**

Genevieve Lillian (Snorteland) Carpenter was born on the family homestead in Langford, S.D., on Nov. 3, 1911, to Lars and Vollie Johanna (Olson) Snorteland. Her mother died in 1927 at 36 years of age, leaving Genevieve to help raise her siblings Hazel, Caroline and Vern on the farm. The family moved to Billings in 1934 with the Carpenters and on June 12, 1937, despite a flood in Billings, Genevieve and Owen L. Carpenter were married by Rev. Paul Frieburger at Trinity Lutheran Church. Owen and Genevieve had four children, Kejth, Kaye, Donna and Lynn respectively. They built three homes in Billings on N. 24th St., where they raised their children and retired. Owen died Feb. 15, 1981. Genevieve was a devoted mother, grandmother, aunt and "too mama." She was a longtime member of the American Lutheran church. She enjoyed

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baking, sewing, gardening, playing bridge and being with her friends and family.

Genevieve was preceded in death by her father Lars; husband Owen L.; sister Hazel Hagen; her son Keith; and her beloved dog Bridget. May God bless their joyous reunion in heaven.

Her surviving family includes her brother Vern and Yvonne Snorteland of Federal Way, Wash.; sister Caroline Johnson of Langford, S.D.; her son Lynn and Jaime Carpenter of Billings, their children Nicholas, Brent and Crystal; her daughter Donna and Ron Hall (Billings) and their children Darren Hall and Erik and Cindy (Hartman) Hall, both of Billings; and her departed son Keith's children, Vern and Joline (Short) Carpenter of Billings, Owen Carpenter (Billings) and Kathy (Carpenter) Solomon of Spokane, Wash.; her daughter Kaye (Carpenter) Meadows and her children Troy, Brett and Dean Reinke in California. She also has nine great-grandchildren, numerous nieces, nephews, and her lifelong friend and sister-in-law, Minnie Carpenter.

Genevieve touched the hearts and lives of all her family and friends. God could not have given us a better example of love, patience, hope, kindness and faith to follow. She will be missed and forever remembered by all.

Funeral services will be held at Michelotti Sawyers Mortuary at 3 p.m. on Thursday, June 27, with interment at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Memorials may be made to Big Sky Hospice.

JOHN H. CARPENTER

John H. Carpenter, 82, of Billings, passed away Wednesday, April 24, 2002.



**JOHN
CARPENTER**

John was born on Feb. 14, 1920, in Reed Point, one of 13 children born to Fred and Effie Carpenter. At the age of 10, he moved to Park City with his family, where he received his education and worked on the family farm and other area homesteads. In 1942, John enlisted in the Army Air Corps, serving in England during WWII.

Following his discharge, John moved to Billings where, in 1947, he began work with Archie Cochrane Motors. After 20 years as a mechanic, he returned to the work he loved most: working on ranches in Sumatra and later in Belle Fourche, S.D.

John loved to play the guitar, working with leather, hunting and fishing. His greatest pleasures were his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Survivors include two daughters; Cheryl Hand of Billings and Tara Carpenter of Boise, Idaho; a son, Ron (Joyce) Carpenter of Billings; two brothers, George and Phil; three sisters, Edith, Dorothy and Rosalie; six grand-

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children, B.J. (Amy), Trav (Amy), Misti (Brian), Laci, Brian and Melissa; three great-grandchildren, Samantha, Ashley and Tayla; and numerous niece nephews and cousins.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, April 29, at the Lockwood Evangelical Church in Billings. Interment will be at 2 p.m. on Monday at the Park City Cemetery with military honors. Smith Downtown Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Myranda Carpenter

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PLENTYWOOD — Myranda Carpenter, 87, died Dec. 25, 2002, at Sheridan Memorial Nursing Home in Plentywood.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 28, at Plentywood Lutheran Church. Interment will be in Plentywood Memorial Cemetery. Fulkerson Funeral Home of Plentywood is in charge.

Mary K. Carr

MISSOULA — Mary K. Carr, 87, passed away Feb. 4, 2002, of natural causes, at Village Health Care Center in Missoula.

Mary was born Dec. 28, 1914, in Coalridge, to Art and Karen Christensen. She was the oldest of five children. She enjoyed playing the piano in a small dance band with her sisters and brother for dances in the small communities of Coalridge and Antelope.

In 1948, she moved to Miles City, where she met and married Richard I. Carr. Mary and Dick had two daughters, Georgia and Marle. In 1963, they moved to Butte and then to Billings in 1967. After Dick's retirement in 1985, they moved to Lolo, where they still reside.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her brother, Chester Christensen; nephew Curtis Christensen; her sister, Hilda O'Brien; her sister, Laura Bestland; and niece Annette Bestland Christman.

She is survived by her husband Richard; her daughter and son-in-law Georgia and Bob Sutter of Santa Clara, Calif.; her daughter and son-in-law Marle (Kathi) and Rich McDougall of Lolo; grandchildren Denise LeDesky of San Jose, Calif., Michael and Maureen LeDesky of Kent, Wash., Michelle and Bill Nickila of Kent, Karen

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McDougall of Federal Way, Wash., Amy and Scott Jordan and great-grandson Morgan Jordan of North Bend, Wash. and grandson Rich McDougall of Lolo.

She is also survived by her brother James Christensen and wife Elavon of Westby, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Mary enjoyed her family and grandchildren, playing piano by ear, gardening and sewing. She will be greatly missed.

Special thanks to Dr. Nec Vasquez and all the staff at Lolo Family Practice for all their kindness and caring. Also to all the wonderful staff at Village Health Care.

Cremation has taken place and private family interment services will be held at a later date. Garden City Funeral Home and Crematory have provided arrangements.

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Rose Mill Carrington

BELFRY — Rose L. Mill Carrington, 89, of Belfry, passed away Monday morning, Oct. 14, 2002, at the Billings Health & Rehabilitation Community.



**ROSE
CARRINGTON**

Rose was born on July 16, 1913, in Edgar, the fourth of 11 children born to Michael and Katherine Simonis. She helped raise and care for her younger siblings, and worked hard on the family homestead east of Edgar. She attended Edgar and Fromberg schools.

On Jan. 14, 1930, Rose married Edward Mill in Belfry. They farmed before moving to Anaconda in 1940. In 1973, they settled in Belfry. Mr. Mill died on Jan. 21, 1977.

Rose married Jim Carrington on Jan. 9, 1980, in Cody, Wyo. Mr. Carrington died on Aug. 17, 1997.

Rose enjoyed arts and crafts, crocheting, and her houseplants, garden and flowers. She was an active member of the Belfry Senior Citizens.

Survivors include three stepchildren, Alice (John) Hannahs of Salt Lake City, Dor (Ken) Allington of Pavillion, Wyo., and Steve (Christi) Carrington of Belfry; and numerous step-grandchildren and step great-grandchildren. Also surviving are two brothers-in-law, Sam Bernhardt of Billings and Glen Scollard of Grand Junction, Colo. Two sisters-in-law, Dotti Simonis of Camp Verde, Ariz. and Marion Higbie of Billings and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her four brothers and six sisters.

Rose's family would like to extend their thanks and appreciation to the staff at Billings Health & Rehabilitation Community for their excellent care.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, Oct. 18, in St. John's Lutheran Church in Belfry. Interment will be in the Belfry Cemetery, with Smith-Olcott Funeral Chapel of Red Lodge in charge of arrangements. Memorials may be given to the Belfry Senior Citizens.

Genet H. Carroll

BILLINGS GAZETTE

DEC 18 2002

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Genet H. Carroll, 90, of Sheridan, died Saturday, Dec. 14, 2002, at Memorial Hospital.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, Dec. 20, at First Baptist Church. Interment will follow in the Masonic 8 Oblong Square of the Sheridan Municipal Cemetery. Kane Funeral Home of Sheridan is in charge.

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Monsignor Daniel B. Carroll

POWELL, Wyo. — Monsignor Daniel B. Carroll, 92, died Wednesday, April 3, 2002, at the Powell Nursing Home.

Visitation will be from 3 to 7 p.m. Sunday, April 7, at St. Barbara's Catholic Church, with Christian wake services at 7 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. Monday, April 8, at St. Barbara's Catholic Church. Burial will be held Monday afternoon, in Hillside Cemetery, Greybull. Miratsky-Easton Funeral Home of Powell is in charge.

APR 07 2002

Msgr. Daniel B. Carroll

POWELL, Wyo. — Daniel B. Carroll was born on Oct. 17, 1909, in Providence, R.I. He was the youngest (only son) of five children born to Daniel and Elizabeth Carroll. He attended St. Mary's Seminary in Baltimore, Md. Msgr. Carroll was ordained to the priesthood on May 1, 1937, in Trenton, N.J.

While listening to Bishop McGovern speak at St. Mary's Seminary about his Wyoming Diocese, Msgr. Carroll became extremely interested in Wyoming. In a conference with Bishop McGovern, arrangements were made and Msgr. Carroll came to St. Joseph's Orphanage on June 1, 1937. He assisted for two years, 1938 to 1940, in Holy Name Parish in Sheridan. Msgr. Carroll's first pastorate was St. Thomas Parish in Monarch, Wyo. He was transferred to Pine Bluffs in 1942, remaining there until 1948, when he assumed the pastorate of St. Barbara's Parish in Powell, which included the mission church, Our Lady of the Valley, near Clark. Msgr. Served St. Barbara's Parish until June of 1975, when he became pastor at St. Francis in Thermopolis. He

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retired on Aug. 21, 1979. At that time, he moved to Greybull, where he lived with his two sisters, Mae and Helen. After their deaths, he moved into a parish house in Greybull until Msgr. Meyer died in 1991. At that time, Msgr. Carroll moved to Powell and lived in the Powell Nursing Home.

During Msgr. Carroll's time as pastor of St. Barbara's in Powell,

he was instrumental in constructing the following facilities: The Rectory, the Parish Center, a new church and also a church was constructed at Our Lady of the Valley, Clark. He also purchased a convent which was used by the Sisters of Victory Noll.

On March 15, 1974, Rev. Msgr. Daniel B. Carroll received the Investiture as Prelate of Honor to His Holiness Pope Paul VI by His Excellency Most Rev. Hubert M. Newell, DD, Bishop of Cheyenne.

Msgr. Carroll died April 3, 2002, at the Powell Nursing Home, having lived 92 years faithful to God and nearly 65 years of faithful ministry as a priest.

He is survived by a sister, Elizabeth Tetrault, and the following nieces and nephews: Carol Ann Malloy, John Kennedy, Joseph Kennedy, Fr. Raymond Tetrault, Conrad Tetrault, Joseph Tetrault, Leon Tetrault. He was predeceased by

April 8, at St. Barbara's Church in Powell. Burial will be at Hillside Cemetery in Greybull. Memorials may be made to St. Barbara's Foundation, P.O. Box 818, Powell, WY 82435. Miratsky-Easton Funeral Home in Powell is in charge of the arrangements.

his parents and sisters Mary (Mae) Carroll, Helen Carroll and Kathleen Kennedy, and a niece, Irene Meenagh.
Christian Wake for Msgr. will be held at 7 p.m. on Sunday, April 7, and Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10 a.m. on Monday.

Gregory Clay Carter

LAUREL — Greg passed away Oct. 21, 2002, at the age of 38.

Greg was born April 3, 1964, in Billings, to parents Marvin and Susan Carter.

He attended schools in Laurel and graduated from high school in 1982. He married



**GREG
CARTER**

Tasha Van Akin in 1985.

They had a daughter, Randi Marie Carter.

While living in Las Vegas, he met Susan

Turngren. Greg and Susan were

married in 1999.

They have a daughter, Amber Lee Carter, and a son, Clayton William Carter, all living in Laurel.

He is survived by his parents, wife and three children; his sister, Julie (Steve) Markovich of Billings; niece, Danielle Markovich in Florida; nephews, Brett Markovich of Missoula, Thomas Markovich of Billings; grandmother, Naomi (Helmer) Haagensen; and numerous aunts and uncles.

He worked as a carpet layer in California, Nevada and Billings. He was employed at Pride Industries as a sawyer and truss builder.

Greg will be greatly missed by us all. Rest in peace.

Services will be held 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 26, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Laurel. Memorials: Laurel High School Activities. A scholarship fund for the Carter children has been established at Laurel Federal Credit Union.

Marie Carter

THERMOPOLIS, Wyo. — Marie Carter, 77, of Thermopolis, Wyo., died Saturday, Oct. 12, 2002, at Canyon Hills Manor.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 16, at Mortimore Funeral Home in Thermopolis. Interment service will be in Riverside Cemetery.

Vietta Carter

MAY 06 2002
BILLINGS GAZETTE

TERRY — Vietta Ardis Carter, 82, died Saturday, May 4, 2002, at the Prairie Community Nursing Home.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Tuesday, May 7, at the Community Presbyterian Church. Interment will follow in the Prairie County Cemetery. Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home of Terry is in charge of arrangements.

Lawrence H. Cartmell

BELLINGS GAZETTE
FEB 20 2002

GLENDIVE — Lawrence Henry Cartmell, 91, of Glendive, died Monday, Feb. 18, 2002, at the Eastern Montana Veterans Home in Glendive.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 22, at the Our Savior Lutheran Church. Interment will be in Dawson Memorial Cemetery. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Glendive is in charge.

Billi Sue Cartwright

BILLINGS GAZETTE

NOV 30 2002

Billi Sue Cartwright, 20, of Billings, died Wednesday, Nov. 27, 2002.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 3, at Smith's Downtown Chapel. Cremation will follow services. Public visitation will begin Saturday, Nov. 30, at Smith's Downtown Chapel.

M. Doris Cartwright

BILLINGS GAZETTE
JAN 03 2002

TEMPE, Ariz. — M. Doris Cartwright, 88, of Tempe, formerly of Forsyth, Mont., died Saturday, Dec. 8, 2001, in Mesa.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 5, at the Forsyth Cemetery. Beals Mortuary of Forsyth is in charge.

Ronald James Casey

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

DEC 31 2002

LEWISTOWN — Ronald James Casey, 84, died Thursday, Dec. 26, 2002, at the home of his daughter and son-in-law in Montana City.

Viewing and visitation is from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 3, at Creel Funeral Home. Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday, Jan. 3, at the First Presbyterian Church with burial in the Lewistown City Cemetery.

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Vera Lillian Casey

BILLINGS GAZETTE

MAR 11 2002

POWELL, Wyo. — Vera Lillian Casey, age 90, passed away at the Powell Nursing Home on Saturday morning, March 9, 2002. She was born on Oct. 31, 1911 in Leon, Iowa, to William J. and Emma (Johnson) McKay. On Oct. 26, 1929, she and Earl Martin (Red) Casey were married in Casper. They lived in Salt Creek, Wyo., Louisiana, Lowell, Elk Basin and finally Powell. She was an active member of the Presbyterian Church, taught Sunday school and was a member of the C.E. Directors, U.P.W. President-Presbyterian Officer. She enjoyed being a member of the Organ Club, Rug Hookers and Kitchen Band.

She is survived by her daughter, Jackie Payne and husband Rodney of Powell; daughter-in-law Rebecca Casey of Denver; grandchildren Casey Christensen and wife Angela of Monroe, Ore., Michael Christensen and wife Annette of Lander, Dr. Kelly Christensen and wife Mindy of Powell, Lisa Pribyl and husband Doug of Goodyear, Ariz., Steve Casey of Littleton, Colo., Larissa Casey of Lakewood, Colo., Shawn Casey and wife Yelena of Littleton, Colo., Derek Payne and wife Kim of Salt Lake City, and Linda Sudduth and husband Tom of Lake Orion, Mich.; and 13 great-

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grandchildren. Her parents, husband, a son Robert M. Casey, son-in-law Dr. Ray K. Christensen and brothers and sisters preceded her in death.

Visitation will be Tuesday evening from 7 to 8 p.m. at Miratsky-Easton Funeral Home. Funeral Services will be conducted at 1 p.m. Wednesday, March 13, at Union Presbyterian Church, Powell, with Pastor David Hunter officiating. Pallbearers will be Rodney Payne, Michael Christensen, Kelly Christensen, Doug Fribyl, Shawn Casey, and Steve Casey. Honorary Pallbearers will be Casey Christensen and Torn Sudduth.

Burial will follow in Crown Hill Cemetery.

Miratsky-Easton Funeral Home is in charge of these arrangements.

Dr. Elizabeth Caspari

BILLINGS GAZETTE

JUL 17 2002

PARADISE VALLEY —

Paradise Valley resident, Dr. Elizabeth Caspari, 102, passed on at her home on July 11, 2002.

Dr. Caspari was born Sept. 5,

1899, in Chateau d' Oex, a small alpine village in French-speaking Switzerland. She was the oldest of four children.

Dr. Caspari developed a sense of service from her parents. Her father, Charles Getaz,

was the local pharmacist who specialized in the use of healing herbs of the nearby mountains. His illustrated botany book was valued as a resource for Swiss pharmaceutical students. Her mother, Pauline Morier, was a comforting presence during illnesses and at the time of passing for many in their community.

As a child, Elisabeth Caspari endured pain, overcame a crippling physical condition and, with uncommon determination, prepared for a life of world service. Not willing to remain an invalid, she looked to encouraging scripture, prayer, and followed various alternative health practices, which included a vegetarian diet and early morning sunbaths.



**ELIZABETH
CASPARI**

Elisabeth amazed family and doctors by overcoming her disabilities, going off to college, establishing a well-known school of music in her native Switzerland traveling the world, and becoming a highly regarded educator. For the rest of her long and fruitful life she continued faithful practice of spiritual and health-giving principles.

In 1927, Elisabeth Caspari earned her doctoral degree in music and pedagogy from Ecole Normale de Musique, in Lausanne, Switzerland. In 1930, she met and married Charles Caspari, an engineer. Ten years later, they journeyed to India and Tibet to study world religions.

In 1941, while in India, she studied with Dr. Maria Montessori who was detained in India by WWII. The Casparis assisted Dr. Montessori for four years in developing the Montessori elementary materials while they were teachers at Kodiacanal, a school for children

of American missionaries. This contact with Maria Montessori was life-changing: from then and to her last day, she was one-pointed in her dedication to the furthering of Montessori education.

In 1949, the Casparis arrived in Independence, Mo., and reintroduced the Montessori method of education to America. In 1964, she continued her Montessori studies in Verona, Italy, and there received both the preschool and elementary Montessori certificates. After phenomenal success in her own school, she began establishing schools and training teachers in Missouri, Florida, Georgia, South Carolina and in Mexico. In 1973, she co-founded the Pan American Montessori Society with Dr. Feland Meadows in Mexico City.

After the death of her beloved husband in 1978, she relocated in California, where she continued her work of establishing Montessori schools and training teachers in California and Colorado. In 1992, having outlived all her family, Dr. Caspari came to Paradise Valley, which was reminiscent of the Swiss valley of her childhood. She continued to teach and inspire yet another generation of Montessori teachers and children at Montessori Garden school. In 1998, she, with Patrick and Anita Wolberd, co-founded Caspari Montessori Institute for teacher education.

Dr. Caspari received numerous awards during her life, including the prestigious Lifetime Achievement Award from the Montessori Accreditation Council for Teacher Education in 1996.

She will be greatly missed by hundreds of students and friends throughout the world who have been inspired by her life and have taken to heart her motto: Love is the Key.

A memorial service will be held for family and friends. Memorial gifts may be directed to the Elisabeth Caspari Fund, Caspari Montessori Institute, PO Box 657, Livingston, MT 59047.

Linda Joy (Zinne) Cass

BILLINGS GAZETTE

JAN 09 2002

FAIRFIELD, Calif. — Linda Joy (Zinne) Cass, 48, of Fairfield, passed away of heart failure on Sunday, Jan. 6, 2002.

Linda was born Jan. 7, 1953, in Columbus, Mont., to Ernest (Spike) and Joyce Zinne. Linda married Hilton Cass on Feb. 1982, in Phoenix. Their children Ryan Neil and Emily Kathryn were born in Phoenix. The family moved to Fairfield in 1988.

Linda was very active with scouting, youth groups at church, parent volunteering at schools and was presently library media technician at Grange Middle School.

Survivors include Hilton, Ryan, Emily; her parents, Spike and Joyce Zinne of Billings; her brother Jeff and his daughter Kelly Michele and son Jeffrey Neil of Park City; sister Tami Pinnow and husband Dan and their daughter Danyelle of Billings, as well as many family and friends.

Services will be held in Fairfield at Community United Methodist at 1 p.m. Friday, Jan. 12.

The Cass family address is 2153 Larchmont Cr., Fairfield, CA 94533. Memorials can be made to Community United Methodist Church, 1872 Fairfield Ave., Fairfield, CA 94533.

Flossie Ruth Caturia

BILLINGS GAZETTE

LOVELL, Wyo. — Flossie Ruth Caturia, 89, died Friday, Aug. 2, 2002, at New Horizons Care Center in Lovell. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m., Monday, in the Haskell Funeral Home in Lovell. Burial will be in Crown Hill Cemetery in Powell.

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Verna J. Cebull

BILLINGS GAZET

JAN 20 2002

Verna J. Cebull died Jan. 17, 2002, in Billings. She was born Aug. 8, 1915, in Lavina. She grew up in Lavina and attended MSU and EMC. Verna was married to Stan Cebull in July of 1942. She taught school in Roundup for 16 years.

Verna was a prolific artist, a skill she developed after retiring from teaching. She and Stan owned and operated C-Lanes for many years.

Her husband Stan, preceded her in death in March of 2001 and her sister Dorothy in November. She is survived by her brother Jim Jensen and wife Doryce of Lavina. She is also survived by two sons, Richard F. and wife Linda of Billings and Robert and wife Barbara of Redmond, Wash. Also surviving her and grandchildren Brian and wife Amy, Kathryn and husband Greg, Kristen and husband Kevin, Mark, and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 22, at the Calvary Episcopal Church in Roundup. Wier Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Memorials may be made to the Roundup Memorial Nursing Home.

JUL 22 2002**Mark T. Cechovic**

BOZEMAN. — Mark T. Cechovic, 38, formerly of Livingston, died Friday evening, July 19, 2002.

Cremation has taken place at Franzen-Davis Crematory in Livingston. A memorial service will be 5 p.m. Wednesday, July 24, on the grounds of Pine Creek United Methodist Church.

Mary A. Ceerle

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

DEC 28 2002

MOCCASIN — Mary A. Ceerle, 85, died Thursday, Dec. 26, 2002, at the Central Montana Medical Center.

Vigil services will be at 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 30, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Hobson. Funeral liturgy will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 31, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Interment will be in Mount Calvary Cemetery in Lewistown. Creel Funeral Home of Lewistown is in charge.

Nina C. Celandor

FEB 08 2002

LIVINGSTON — Nina C. Celandor, 72, of Livingston, died Thursday, Feb. 7, 2002, at her home.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial services will be at 3 p.m. Monday, Feb. 11, at Holbrook United Methodist Church in Livingston. Franzen-Davis Funeral Home of Livingston is in charge.

Joseph Cervoski

MAY 16 2002

BILLINGS GAZETTE

Joseph Cervoski, 87, of Billings, died Monday, May 13, 2002, at Deaconess Billings Clinic.

He was born March 4, 1915, in Yugoslavia, to Joseph and Dorothy Cveticovich. They moved to Montana and he graduated from Fergus County High School. At 19, he was adopted by Tom Cervoski. He attended St. Joseph's School of Nursing in Lewistown and worked at Columbus Hospital in Great Falls, and Cook County Hospital in Chicago.

He married Orlena Grosjean on July 27, 1946. He worked in the trucking business in Billings and with his brothers in the construction business in Lewistown. He returned to Billings and worked in building maintenance until his retirement. His wife preceded him in death in 2000.

Joe enjoyed motorcycling, camping and working in his yard and garden.

He was a member of the Moose Lodge of Lewistown.

He is survived by sons, Tom and Warren; daughter Judy; and stepdaughter, Vivian Scoles; brothers, Nick, Tom and Frank; sister, Mary Linton; nine grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

His parents; grandson Kenny; and brother Charles, preceded

him in death.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Friday, May 17, at Cloyd Chapel in Lewistown. Interment will follow in Mount Calvary Cemetery. Memorials to the Mooseheart or the charity of your choice may be left at Cloyd Funeral Home.

Edward S. Challans

LEWISTOWN — Edward S. Challans, 26, died Tuesday, July 9, 2002, due to injuries sustained in a one-vehicle accident earlier that evening on East Fork Road.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, July 15, at the Creel Funeral Home in Lewistown. Cremation will follow.

BILLINGS GAZETTE

JUL 13 2002

**Elbert Brayton
Chapin, Jr.**

**MAY 22 2002
BILLINGS GAZETTE**

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Elbert Brayton Chapin, Jr., 80, of Sheridan, died Tuesday, May 14, 2002, at the VA Medical Center in Sheridan.

Funeral services will be at 9 a.m. Wednesday, May 22, at Champion Ferries Funeral Home in Sheridan. Interment will be in Black Hills Cemetery, Sturgis, S.D.

NOV 11 2002

WOLF POINT — Gene Edward Chapman died on Nov. 8, 2002 at the Northeast Montana Health Services Facility in Wolf Point.

Gene was born July 30, 1934 at Cordell, Okla., the son of Chester and Pauline Chapman. He was raised in Oklahoma and graduated from high school May 19, 1942 at Dill City, Okla.

In 1954, he married his first wife, Betty, and from this marriage they had three children: Gary, Stanley, and Janet.



**GENE
CHAPMAN**

In 1969, he met Maybell and their relationship began. On Dec. 27, 1986, they were married.

Gene worked various places throughout his life as a baker, factory worker, vice-president of an insurance company, went to school for Culinary Arts in Billings, and worked for A & S Tribal Industries for 10 years. The remainder of his life, he worked around the Poplar and Wolf Point areas. He knew many people, was very friendly, and always willing to help out when needed. Gene enjoyed watching old western movies, baking and cooking and walking.

Preceding him in death is one son, John; granddaughter,

Nickcole; and mother, Pauline Henry Chapman.

Survivors include his father Chester Chapman of Phoenix; his wife, Maybell of Wolf Point; children, Gary (Karen) Chapman Stanley (Virginia) Chapman all of Clinton, Okla., and Janet (Michael Macy of Lawton, Okla.; stepdaughters of the Wolf Point area include Karen Duboise, Karla Duboise and Candy (George) Blount; 17 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; sisters, Dana L. (Harry) Kemp of Tacoma, Wash., Patsy (John) Norton of Phoenix, Barbara (George) Barnes of Alpine, Texas, Peggy (Elwyn) Hall of Phoenix brothers, C. W. Dub (Nancy) Chapman of Glendale, Ariz., Gerald (Shirley) Chapman of Midwest City, Okla., and Steven Henry (LaDora) Chapman of Queen Creek, Ariz.

Visitations will be from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 12, at the Clayton Memorial Chapel in Wolf Point with a prayer service at 7 p.m. Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Wednesday, Nov 13, at the Clayton Memorial Chapel with Pastor Kenny Azure, Sr. officiating. Interment will be in the Poplar City Cemetery.

Maybelle Chapman

BILLINGS GAZETTE
DEC 10 2002

WOLF POINT — Maybelle Dolly Smith Chapman, 68, died Saturday, Dec. 7, 2002, at the Faith Lutheran Home in Wolf Point.

Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 12, at the Clayton Memorial Chapel in Wolf Point, with a prayer service at 7 p.m. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 13, at the Lindsey Memorial Church in Poplar. Interment will be in the Poplar City Cemetery.

Terry Chapman

BILLINGS GAZETT

MILES CITY — Terry "Ted" Chapman, 89, of Ekalaka, died Wednesday, Jan. 16, 2002, at the Veteran's Medical Center in Miles City.

Funeral services will be Tuesday, Jan. 22, at 2 p.m. at the Ekalaka Bible (Congregational) Church in Ekalaka. Visitation will be Monday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Stevenson Funeral Home in Ekalaka. Burial will be in the Beaverlodge Cemetery.

OCT 4 2002

Amos A. Charbonneau

FOREST GROVE — Amos A. Charbonneau, 90, of Forest Grove, died Wednesday, Oct. 2, 2002, at his home, of cancer.

Funeral liturgy will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 8, at St. Leo's Catholic Church. Committal will follow in Mount Calvary Cemetery. Vigil services will be at 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 7, at the church. Cloyd Funeral Home of Lewistown is in charge.

APR 20 2002

Margarita Charles

ACTON — Margarita (Rubio) Charles, 72, of Acton, passed away peacefully at her home on April 17, 2002, following a short illness.

Margarita was born Feb. 3, 1930, in Langtry, Texas, the daughter of Pilar Rubio and Dorotea



**MARGARITA
CHARLES**

Martinez, raised by her mother and stepfather, Jesus Ramos. She lived her youth in Texas, moving to Montana with her family.

She met and married Antonio Charles on Oct. 28, 1947, in Billings, raising her family in Texas, Wyoming and Montana.

Margarita was a well-known cook in the Billings area, being sought by many devoted patrons.

She was an active member of our Lady of Guadalupe Church, helping with many social events. She enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Margarita also enjoyed doing many crafts and sewing for her children. She enjoyed the com-

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pany of her close friends, and talking to her brothers and sisters.

Margarita is survived by 13 children, Virginia (Britton) Wicks, Frances (Ernie) Shaw, Tony (Cheryl) Charles, Jesus (Judi) Charles, Josie (Roy) Baxter, Robert Charles, Santos Charles, Gloria (Jose) Trevizo, Benito Charles, Margie (Terry) Triplett, Pat Charles, Chris Charles and Tom (Wendy) Charles; 39 grandchildren; 35 great-grandchildren; four brothers, two sisters; and many nieces and nephews.

Preceding Margarita in death were her husband, Antonio Charles in 1992; one son, Rudy Charles in 1993; her parents; one sister and two brothers.

Visitation will begin Friday, April 19, 1 to 8 p.m. at the Dahl Funeral Chapel. Rosary will be 7 p.m. Sunday, April 21, at the Dahl Chapel, with the Funeral Mass to be celebrated 10 a.m. Monday, April 22, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church. Interment will be in Holy Cross Cemetery, with a luncheon following at the church hall. Memorials may be made to charity of choice.

John H. Charette

JUN 24 2002

BILLINGS GAZETTE

BUSBY — John H. Charette, 61, long time Busby area resident died Saturday morning June 22, 2002.

He was born Dec.1, 1940 in Belcourt, N.D., a son of John B. and Stella Gerome Charette. He received his education at the Flandreau Indian School in South Dakota. Following his education, he worked road construction until moving to the Busby area in 1960. John began a career with the Northern Cheyenne Bureau of Indian Affairs in the maintenance department, retiring in 1994 after 32 years of service as maintenance foreman. After his retirement, he became a leather craftsman, specializing in saddle repair.

John married Maretha Rising Sun on Dec.6, 1961 in Sheridan, Wyo. and the couple made their home near Busby.

The joy of his life were his covered wagons, especially those that he built and drove. He participated in seven reenactments of the Battle of the Little Big Horn, as well as numerous wagon train and trail rides. During his younger days, he enjoyed hunting and camping. He was a member of the Lutheran Church.

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His parents and two brothers, Damein and Dwayne preceded John in death.

Survivors include his wife, Maretha of the family home; two sons, John (Debra Kay) Charette, Jr. and Michael (Mammie) Charette of Lame Deer; an adopted daughter, Iris Buffalo of Pryor; four sisters, Carmen Cymbal of Colorado, Shirley Delorne, Ramona Klein and Brenda Cartwright of North Dakota; two brothers, Fred Charette of Busby and Earl Charette of Lame Deer; and nine grandchildren.

Wake services will be 7 p.m. Monday, June 24, in the Muddy Cluster Lutheran Church. Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Tuesday, June 25, in the Hardin Redeemer Lutheran Church. Interment will follow in the Fairview Cemetery. Bullis Mortuary of Hardin has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Evelyn Van Orden Chase

BILLINGS GAZETTE

AUG 18 2002

LIVINGSTON -- Evelyn Van Orden Chase, 73, died at her home on Thursday evening, Aug. 15, 2002.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m., Tuesday, Aug. 20, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Livingston. Graveside committal and burial will follow in Park View Gardens Cemetery. Franzen-Davis Funeral Home is in charge.

**Sister Helen Lynn
Chaska**

BELLEVUE, Wash. — Sister Helen Chaska, 53, of Bellevue, formerly of Beach, N.D., died Sunday, Sept. 1, 2002, in Klamath Falls, Ore.

A Memorial Mass will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 7, at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Beach.

A rosary was recited Friday at the Church. Silvernale-Silva Funeral home of Beach is in charge.

Bette King Chemodurow

BILLINGS GAZETTE

JAN 06 2002

Bette King Chemodurow of Billings passed away peacefully on Jan. 4, 2002, at the home of her granddaughter in Billings. She was comforted at her bedside by daughter Dena Biggs and husband Jerry of Morgan Hill, Calif.; granddaughter Tanya Bird and husband Travis,



**MRS.
CHEMODU-
ROW**

and great-granddaughters Chandra and Elizabeth of Billings, and her first husband James Stallings of Fort Bragg, Calif. Bette was born Dora Elizabeth Adams in Arkansas on April 1, 1928, and became well known in Montana for her work in stitchery and knitting, having managed the Threaded Needle stitchery shop and taught many stitchery classes over the years. She was especially proud that her needlepoint Christmas Stocking was selected by President Clinton for display in the White House. Her other interests included astrology and psychic phenomenon which she pursued with intense interest. Bette was a kind, generous and thoughtful person sensitive to the needs of those around her. She was a particularly well read woman who loved and enjoyed

family. She was preceded in death by her sister Sue Chemodurow in 1981, her beloved husband Theodore Chemodurow in 1996, her brother Paul Bruce Adams in 2000, and her dog Wolfgang in 2001. In addition to the people at her bedside, Bette is survived by son James Stallings Jr., and wife Joan of Tempe, Ariz. grandson Bobby Biggs of Morgan Hill, Calif.; great-grandson Andrew Hubbard of Morgan Hill, Calif.; niece Gail Chemodurow Williams and husband Clayton Williams of Bozeman; and nephew Timothy Chemodurow of Grants Pass, Ore. A memorial service will be held at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary in Billings at 1 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 7, 2002.

Floyd E. Chenoweth

Floyd E. Chenoweth, age 98, of Billings, died Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2002, at St. John's Lutheran Nursing Home where he had been a resident since 1994.



**FLOYD
CHENOWETH**

Floyd was born Sept. 19, 1904, at Cave Springs, Ark., the son of Joseph and Iva Chenoweth. As a young boy, his family moved to Butte, and later moved to the Huntley Project area. He went to

school while helping on the family farm.

Floyd married Alice Bru from Huntley on March 20, 1927, and they farmed for a short time until moving to Billings in 1936. He joined Ralph Wallace in the trucking business and for almost 40 years, he worked at Northwest Freight Lines and later for Garrett Freight Lines in Billings.

Floyd enjoyed hunting and fishing, and was a member of the Billings Elks Lodge and the First United Methodist Church in Billings.

Survivors include his son, Joe E. Chenoweth of Roscoe; son-in-law, Scott Craig of Colorado; five grandchildren, Kerry Haynes and Kristi Nightengale of Colorado,

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Robin Schmidt of Billings, Amy Asch of Portland, Ore., and Matthew Chenoweth of Seattle and three great-grandchildren Alan and Shannon Haynes of Colorado and Lucia Asch of Portland.

Floyd was preceded in death by his wife, Alice, in 1986; a daughter, Marjorie Craig; and a brother, Forrest Chenoweth.

Cremation has taken place and a family service will be held at a later date.

Smith Funeral Chapels is in charge of arrangements.

**Jasmine Rose
Chesterman**

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Jasmine Rose Chesterman died in her sleep July 20, 2002, at her home. She was born June 13, 2002, in Billings, to Jennifer Rose Vogl and Timothy Lloyd Chesterman. Our littlest angel was here only a short time before she went home to heaven. She brought tremendous joy to her family for the time she was here. She will be greatly missed.

Jasmine is survived by her sister, Jessica Paul; her brother, Tyler Dear; her parents; her grandparents, Dee Surber and Papa Walt, Marcia Chesterman, Pat and Traci Chesterman; uncles, David and Dwight Chesterman, Josh and Philip Vogl; aunt, Tiffany; great-grandparents, Ray and Joan Vogl of Lewistown, Jim and Joyce Stratton of Beaver City, Neb.; a very special lady, Grandma Geri; and many other relatives too numerous to mention, all of whom had a great love for little Jasmine.

Visitation will be 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday, July 25, at Dahl Funeral Chapel. A funeral service will be 2 p.m. Friday, July 26, at Valley Baptist Church, Worden. A reception will follow. Jasmine's ashes will be scattered by her family at a later date. Dahl Funeral Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

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Bill M. Chiesa

Bill M. Chiesa, who cherished his Italian heritage, died March 16, 2002. He was born on October 5, 1941, and was raised on the family ranch in Boyes. He graduated from Custer County High School in Miles City in 1959 with plans to enlist in the Army. His high school vocational agriculture teacher, Jim Michels, secured scholarships for Bill that made it possible for him to attend college. He completed an undergraduate degree in agricultural education from MSU-Bozeman in 1963, and accepted a teaching position in Wibaux that fall. He married Sharon Smith at St. John's Episcopal Church in Butte in 1964.

**MR. CHIESA**

Bill completed his Master's degree in 1966 and was hired as an MSU Extension Agent in Great Falls, where he and Sharon settled and raised their family for 19 years. In 1970, he became the general manager of the Montana State Fair and the Four Seasons Arena after its completion. He

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served in that position for fifteen years before moving his family to Billings where he first took a position as marketing director at MetraPark, and became general manager of the facility in 1986. After 16 productive and innovative years at MetraPark, Bill retired this past December.

Bill was a past president of the Great Falls Ad Club and was active in Billings in the Downtown Rotary Club, as a Lay Reader at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, and was a past director of the Billings Area Chamber of Commerce. Bill served on the board of directors and as past president of the Rocky Mountain Association of Fairs and Expositions and was named Fair Manager of the Year in 1980. Bill was a member of the International Association of Assembly Managers and was the first fair manager to receive the Certified Facility Executive designation offered by I.A.A.M. in 1990.

Bill especially enjoyed his affiliation with the International Association Of Fairs and Expositions where he earned his Certified Fair Executive designation in the first class offered in 1979. He served the I.A.F.E. as a director, chaired the membership committee, and served the organization as president in 1992. He was the first president selected from a relatively small fair organization. He was particularly

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honored to receive the I.A.F.E.'s Hall of Fame award in 1995, honoring his career achievements. He was recently recognized by

the Montana 4H Foundation, and by MSU as a distinguished alumnus. Last November, Gov. Judy Martz presented him with a lifetime achievement award. At the time of his death, he was developing the Rockbridge graduate program for fair managers slated to begin in May of 2003.

Locally, Bill was responsible for initiating and implementing a master plan for continued development of the MetraPark facility and oversaw the construction of several major buildings and grounds projects in 1995. He sparked the creation of the MetraPark Foundation to help raise funds for future improvements and to fund events at MetraPark that have had a significant local financial benefit. Under his management, the facility became a major force in the local economy.

No one enjoyed the prospect of retirement more than Bill. Since June, when he announced his plan to retire at the year's end, he reveled in every moment. During that time, never a day passed without the pleasure of a conversation with congratulatory friends. Bill possessed a keen sense of humor and, in the course of many years, went to great lengths to pull pranks on his

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friends. His elaborate practical jokes are legendary, if not notorious. The tales of his exploits will live in infamy and affection in the minds of his many friends and cohorts.

Bill was preceded in death by his father, John, and a grandson, Alec. He leaves his wife, Sharon; daughter Michelle and her husband Brian Brown; and daughter Kristin and her husband, Steve Biernacki. Grandchildren Felicia, Shad, Logan, and Jade, as well as a granddaughter, Brenna, to be born in April to Kristin and Steve, survive him. He also leaves his sister, Joanne Smyle and husband, Jerry of Scranton, N.D., and their children, Jerry, Annette and Frank. Those who respected and cherished Bill as a mentor, friend and colleague are too numerous to name.

A funeral service will be held at 10 a.m., Wednesday, March 20, at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 1241 Crawford Dr. in Billings. A memorial service in Bill's memory will be held at 2 p.m., Wednesday, March 20, at MetraPark Arena. Memorials may be made to the MetraPark Foundation, P.O. Box 2514, Billings, MT 59103, Montana 4H Foundation, P.O. Box 173580, Bozeman, MT 59717, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 1241 Crawford Dr., Billings, MT 59102 or to Big Sky Hospice, 123 S. 27th, Billings, MT 59101.

Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary
is in charge of arrangements.

Audrey Christensen

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POWELL, Wyo. — Audrey Christensen, 90, died Thursday, Aug. 22, 2002, at the Powell Nursing Home.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 28, at Miratsky-Easton Funeral Home. Interment will follow in Crown Hill Cemetery.

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Denver Duane Christensen

HELENA — Denver Duane Christensen, 56, passed away at his home Wednesday morning, March 20, 2002, after a courageous battle with cancer.

Denver was born in Richardton, N.D., on March 30, 1945, to Duane and Margery (Helgeson) Christensen. Later, his family moved to Billings, where he graduated from West High School in 1963. In 1966, he married the love of his life, Cindy Eleon, in Billings. Together, they were blessed with three daughters, Kim, Lisa and Shelly.

**DENVER
CHRISTENSEN**

Throughout Denver's life, he took tremendous pride in the work that he did. After high school, he worked at the Billings Sulphur Plant and Town and Country GMC. During this time, he also served in the Montana National Guard for six years. The love for serving other people led him into a career with the Billings Fire Department for over nine years.

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Longing to spend more time with his family, he left the Fire Department and moved to Sheridan, where he owned and operated the Tobacco Root Guest Ranch with his wife and extended family for three years. An opportunity with a longtime family business allowed Denver to move his family to Helena, where he and Cindy made their home.

Together with Cindy, Denver opened and operated the first Donut Hole franchise of Montana from 1983 to 1987. Following in the footsteps of his uncle, Denver found a talent in the baking business and sold the Donut Hole to work for Baker Boy Supply of Dickinson, N.D. At the time of his death, he was still working for Baker Boy Supply as a regional sales manager.

Denver valued his time and fellowship with family and friends. He had a passion for the outdoors, including fishing, hunting, golfing and boating. Those who enjoyed these times of passion with Denver will always hold their memories of him close to heart, and remember him for the faithful, loving husband, father, grandfather and friend that he was.

Denver is preceded in death by his grandfathers, paternal grandmother and father. He is survived by his wife Cindy; daughters Kim (Rod) Kent of Las Vegas, Lisa (Alan) Heimbach of

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Helena and Shelly (Jeff) Mrachek of Billings; grandchildren Braxton Kent, Mackenzie, Mercedes, Alexia Heimbach, Kathryn, Madyson Mrachek; and many other beloved relatives.

Family will receive friends beginning at 6 p.m. at Retz Funeral Home on Friday, March 22, with a family prayer service at 7 p.m. Please come join the family with remembrances of Denver. Services will be held on Saturday, March 23, beginning with interment at 10:30 a.m. at Forestvale Cemetery in Helena. There will be a Celebration of Denver's Life at 1 p.m. at South Hills Baptist Fellowship in Montana City, which will be followed by a reception in the fellowship hall. Memorials may be made to KXEI-KVCM Christian Radio Station at PO Box 2426, Havre, MT 59501.

Retz Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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Edward I. Christensen

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TRIMONT, Minn. — Edward I. Christensen, 88, died Monday, Aug. 26, 2002 in Trimont. He was born in Orville, Mont., on Dec. 4, 1913.

Services were on Thursday at the First Lutheran Church in Trimont with military honors at the church by Legion Post 373.

Elida Christensen

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HARLOWTON — Funeral services for Elida Christensen of Harlowton will be Wednesday, Nov. 6, at 1 p.m., at Trinity Lutheran Church in Martinsdale.

Memorials are to be made to Trinity Lutheran Church, Martinsdale.

John Rivers Christensen

TWO DOT — John Rivers Christensen, 81, died Friday, Sept. 27, 2002, peacefully in his sleep during a short stay at Valle Vista Nursing home, Lewistown. John had been suffering from Emphysema/COPD for approximately 15 years. As a result of the loving care of his longtime companion and friend, Marjorie Carter, he was able to stay at home until very recently.



**JOHN
CHRISTENSEN**

John was born June 1, 1921, in Two Dot. He attended elementary school in Two Dot, and graduated from Harlowton High School. He spent more than three years in the Army during World War II as a corpsman on a hospital ship. John was married to Betty Knapp of Big Timber in 1948. They had two children, John and Keith, before they separated. John married Leona Fraase of Emden, N.D., in 1954. They had four children, Phyllis, Leslie, Kelli and Kerri. They were married until Leona's death in 1976. John and Leona moved from Montana

to Glenwood, Minn., in 1962. They owned a dairy farm there until their return to Montana in 1973. John was a ranch foreman for the rest of his working career, first for the Circle T Ranch in Absarokee, and then for the McFarland-White ranch south of Two Dot. In 1984, he bought a small house in Two Dot, where he spent his retirement with Marjorie Carter.

In addition to his wife, Leona; his sister, Mary K. Holloway, preceded him in death (1993). Survivors include Marjorie Carter; his sister, Dorothy Langston of Mount Vernon, Wash.; his children, John Clark of Glendale, Ariz., Keith Clark of Freemont, Calif., Phyllis Christensen of Chinook, Leslie Christensen of Harlowton, Kelli Dempster of Chinook and Kerri Reno of Garnell; his grandchildren, John, Susanne, David and Brandi Clark of Oregon, Lance Roth of Phoenix, Ariz., Shauna Myers of Surprise, Ariz., Brian Clark of Freemont, Calif., Jessica Christensen of Harlowton and Jolene Warner of Judith Gap, who has two girls, Sierra and Kinsey; nephew John L. Langston of Pocatello, Idaho; and nieces Dorothy L. (Louise) Edwards of Mount Vernon, Wash., Rhonda K. Holloway of Denver and Janice K. Holloway of Cheyenne, Wyo.

John requested cremation and that his ashes be spread near his family's homestead southwest of Two Dot. A small ceremony will be held next spring, Sunday, May 25, when all of his family and friends can attend.

Cathy Ann Christianson

VANCOUVER, Wash. — Cathy Ann Christianson died unexpectedly in Vancouver, on Dec. 11, 2002.

Cathy was born in Detroit Lakes, Minn., on Sept. 17, 1952. Cathy graduated from Billings West High School in 1970 and attended the University of Montana.

Motherhood is what Cathy valued most in life. Devotion, encouragement, example for her daughter and faith in God were her avocations. Her aura drew many people into her life. She would not deny anyone and her specialty was care giving.

Cathy is survived by her 15-year-old daughter, Whitney Shay Allen of Vancouver; her mother, Doris Christianson of Mesa, Ariz.; brother and sister-in-law, Darryl and Ann Christianson of Vancouver; brother, Bruce Christianson of Elko, Nev.; nephew, niece, great-niece, Craig, Lin, Tegan Christianson

and niece, Cari Ann Christianson of Vancouver. We all lost Cathy's father and mentor, Grant W. Christianson, in 1981.

We want to thank all of Cathy and Whitney's loving aunts, cousins and multitude of friends for their support in this painful time.

A special thanks to everyone at Southwest Medical Center, including Dr. Markham, Mary, Todd, Vickie and Annette. Cathy's wishes of organ donation have been fulfilled and are now in use by others.

A memorial service was held on Sunday, Dec. 15, at 3 p.m. at New Heights Church in Vancouver, and her ashes will be scattered near Red Lodge, Mont.

In memory of Cathy and for the benefit of Whitney, please send memorials to the Cathy A. Christianson Memorial at any Columbia Credit Union branch or 900 N.E. 146th street Vancouver, WA 98685.



KERMIT CHRISTIANSON

Kermit E. Christianson

Kermit E. Christianson, 84, of Billings passed away Saturday morning, Nov. 2, 2002, at St. Vincent Healthcare.

Kermit was born on March 25, 1918, in Manitou, N.D., a son to Alfred and Hannah (Knutson) Christianson. He was raised and educated in Williston, N.D., graduating from high school in 1935. In 1942, he entered the U.S. Air Force and served in North Africa, Sicily and Italy during WWII. Following his honorable discharge, he returned to Williston, where he built, owned and operated the State Line Niteclub with his brothers.

On June 6, 1959, Kermit married Amy Gronberg. In 1968, Kermit sold the nightclub and retired and he and Amy moved to Billings.

Kermit enjoyed hunting, fishing and camping. In his later years, he took up the game of golf and enjoyed the game with his grandson, Chad.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his first wife, Shirley; his son and daughter-in-law, Kelly and Kim Christianson; his brothers, Emil, Walt and Art; and his grandson, James Christianson.

Kermit is survived by his wife, Amy; his children, Stephan (Cheryl) Christianson of Indian Wells, Calif., Mike Christianson of Las Vegas, Nev., David (Lori) Christianson of Billings, and LeeGae (Bob) Ruby of Lakeland, Fla.; 10 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be between 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., held at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary on Monday. Cremation to follow visitation. Memorial services will be held at 10 a.m., Tuesday, at the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, 24th St. W. and Lewis Ave. Memorials may be made to Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, P.O. Box 96305, Washington, D.C. 20090-6305.

Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

Jacquelyne S. Christie

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Jacquelyne S. Christie, 80, of Billings, passed away on Saturday, May 11, 2002.

Jackie is survived by her son, Thomas W. Christie of Gallup, N.M.; her sister, Patricia Brenna of Havre; and her brother, Ralph "Bud" Sleeter, Jr. of Texas.

Time of an informal remembrance is scheduled for 2 p.m. Wednesday, May 15, at Smith's West Chapel, 304 34th St.

Her son and daughter-in-law wish to thank friends and family for their good thoughts and prayers and Big Sky Hospice for the superb care and support. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorials be made to either the American Diabetes Association or to the Big Sky Hospice.

Lawrence J. Christie

Lawrence J. Christie, 80, of Billings, passed away Monday, March 25, 2002, at Deaconess Medical Center, after a short illness.

He was born Jan. 2, 1922, in Butte. In 1943, he married Yvette Nettle in Long Beach, Calif. He worked for Westinghouse Electric in Butte and Billings until his retirement.

He is survived by his daughters, Cheryl Curnow (Bob), Cindy Curnow (Chuck), all of Billings; and grandchildren Tiffany and Mark Frenk, Kaitlyn and Cody of Billings, Christie and Timm Twardoski, Timmi, Tawny and Coltan of Hamilton, Joe Curnow, Missoula, and Paul Curnow of Billings; and a sister, Lois Riley of Long Beach.

A private family memorial will be held at a later date. Memorials can be made to St. Pius X Church, 18th Street West and Broadwater, in memory of Larry. Cremation has taken place. Arrangements were by Cremation or Funeral Gallery.

Walter G. Christler

CODY, Wyo. — Walter G. Christler, 82, died Tuesday, Oct. 1, 2002, at the West Park Hospital. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, Oct. 7, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Wyoming Avenue Chapel. Interment will follow in Riverside Cemetery. Ballard Funeral Home of Cody is in charge.

Rosemary Christoffersen

FROID — Rosemary Christoffersen, 68, longtime resident of Froid, and recently of Williston, N.D., passed away Monday, Sept. 16, 2002, in Mercy Medical Center in Williston, after a long hard-fought battle with cancer.

Her funeral service will be Friday morning, Sept. 20, at 11 a.m., in the Froid Lutheran Church. Pastor Dean Larson, of the First Lutheran Church of Williston, will officiate and interment will be in South Froid Cemetery.

Rosemary Ann Nelson was born June 13, 1934, in Froid to Oscar and Fern (Morrow) Nelson. She was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran Church and attended school at Froid.

She married Duane Christoffersen in Froid on Sept. 1, 1951. They farmed in the Froid area until Duane's death in December of 1986. In 1988, she moved to Billings and six years later, moved to Williston, where she enjoyed being closer to her family, especially taking great pride and joy in her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Rosemary is survived by her three sons, Dean and Kathi Christoffersen of Williston, Je Christoffersen, Mike and Hele Christoffersen of Froid; her three daughters, Teresa and Glen Stokken of Lewistown, Susa Streitz of Williston and Kare and Eric Sutton of Rapid City S.D. Also surviving are 12 grand children; two great-grandchildren; four brothers, Virgil and Gwen Nelson of Hot Springs, Melvin and Darleen Nelson of Williston, Arden and Janet of Whidbey Island, Wash., and Orland Nelson of Havre; and sisters-in-law Joan (John) Burt of Seeley Lake, Ardyce (Walt) Jones of Froid and Margaret (Lyle) Anderson of Bozeman.

She was preceded in death by her husband, parents, a brother and daughter-in-law.

Friends may call at the Everson Funeral Home of Williston, Thursday, Sept. 19, from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. and Friday at the church in Froid for the hour preceding the service.

Henry Churchill

Henry Churchill was born in England, Aug. 19, 1911. He passed away at Eagle Cliff Manor of natural causes, April 21, 2002.

Henry served in the British Army in India and the mideast prior to WWII. He was evacuated from Dunkirk in 1940, fought at the battle of Tobruk and in the entire North Africa campaign.

He landed in France on D-Day and served in Europe until the end of hostilities. Henry participated in the occupation of Berlin and left the British Army in 1949. He came to the United States in 1950 and became a naturalized citizen in 1959.

In 1962, Henry married Theresa Loftsgaarden and they lived in the Los Angeles area until Henry retired from Southern California Jobbers in 1976. They then moved to Billings to be near family. He worked at Public Auction Yards from 1977 to shortly before his death.

Henry was preceded in death by his parents; his wife Theresa; and one grandson, Mark Furstenberg. He is survived by his daughter, Betty Jo Furstenberg and her husband Larry; four grandchildren, Larry (Poik) and his wife Sue and their children Ashley, Michael and Kelsey. Heather

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and her children, Jessica and Joshua, Kris and his wife Diane and their children Stefani, Kristina and Elizabeth, Eric and his wife Tami and their children, Gunnar and Ian. He is also survived by his brother-in-law, Joe Morstein and his wife Dorothy.

A memorial service will be held at Atonement Lutheran Church, Thursday, April 25, at 11 a.m. Memorials may be made to Atonement Lutheran Church or to Christikon. Cremation has taken place and a family inurnment service will be held later at the Mountainview Cemetery in Big Timber.

Arrangements are by Cremation or Funeral Gallery.

Henry Arthur Cilz

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MALTA — Henry Arthur Cilz, 46, of Malta, died Monday, Jan. 21, 2002, at the Phillips County Hospital, from a heart attack.

Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 23, at the Adams Funeral Home Memorial Chapel in Malta. Cremation will follow the service. Adams Funeral Home and Hi-Line Crematory are in charge.

Mariam L Claiborne

Mariam Lavina "Tootie" Claiborne, 96, of Billings passed away Thursday, Dec. 19, 2002, at Eagle Cliff Manor in Billings. Tootie was born Nov. 22, 1906, to John and Carsie (Renner) Doores in Meeteetse, Wyo. She graduated from St. Theresa's Catholic High School in Boise, Idaho, and then attended Links Business College in Boise.



**MARIAM
CLAIBORNE**

She met Chester "Chet" Earl Claiborne while attending college and they were married in Boise. They lived in Idaho and Wyoming before moving to Billings.

Tootie devoted her life to caring for her daughter, Bonnie. She enjoyed visiting their Wyoming ranches in Worland and Meeteetse, and the ranch out of Red Lodge. She loved horses.

Tootie is survived by her sister, Esther Sells of Meridian, Idaho; nephews Lee Sells of Boise, Idaho, Lawrence Doores of Riverton, Wyo., Donald Doores of Emmett, Idaho; a niece, Amy Butler of Boise; and relative Alice Renner. Tootie was preceded in death by her husband, Chet; her daughter, Bonnie; and four brothers, Forest

Leonard Doores, George Dewey Doores, Henry Edgar Doores and Joseph Renner Doores.

Funeral services for Tootie will be 11 a.m. Monday, Dec. 23, at the Dahl Funeral Chapel in Billings. She will be buried next to her husband in Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Daniel Warren Clair

Daniel Warren Clair passed on to Heaven on March 25, 2002, following a long battle with Alzheimer's disease. Daniel was born in Lincoln Park, Mich., on Jan. 14, 1940. He is survived by four daughters and their husbands, Melody and Darryl Asher, Bethany and Charles



DANIEL CLAIR

Dugan, Eve and Jon Harmon and Liberty and Randy Aldrich. He is also survived by three grandchildren, Joel Michael Dugan, Crystalinne Yolanda Asher and Daniel Joseph Aldrich.

Daniel Clair was deeply committed to his faith and enjoyed attending church, preaching, singing and playing the harmonica and tambourine. He always enjoyed a good laugh, and even in the later stages of his illness, he was quick with a pun or play on words. Many people were acquainted with Daniel through his work for local restaurants. He will be remembered as a gentle and kindhearted man, always quick to smile and to share stories of God's blessings in his life. Daniel was always confident that he was in God's care, regardless of his circumstances.

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Although they will dearly miss Daniel, his family is glad to know he is rejoicing in Heaven.

Preceding him in death are his wife, Ethel Mary Clair; and his parents, Joseph and Elaine Clair.

A funeral service will be held Thursday, March 28, at 11 a.m. at New Beginnings Ministry Center, 145 Alderson Ave., with interment at Mountview Cemetery. Viewing began Tuesday, March 26, at Dahl Funeral Chapel, 10 Yellowstone Ave.

Memorials may be sent to the family, care of Eve Harmon, 208 Ave. B, Billings, MT 59101.

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GLENDIVE — David W. Clapp, 42, passed away Saturday, Dec. 21, 2002, at the Deaconess Hospital in Billings.

David was born on May 12, 1960, in Glendive, where he was raised and educated, graduating from Dawson County High School in 1978. He later attended North Dakota

**DAVID CLAPP**

State College of Science in Wahpeton, graduating with an associate degree in Electronics. David was employed with Montana Dakota Utilities in Glendive as an Electrical Substation Technician until the time of his death.

David is survived by his parents, John and Ramona Clapp, of Glendive; three brothers, Alan (Gwinn) Clapp of Glendive, Jason Clapp of Miles City, and Brian Clapp of Bozeman; and one sister, Gail (Kirk) Overby of Henderson, Nev. He is also survived by his nephew, Benjamin Clapp, and niece, Elizabeth Clapp of Glendive, and nephews Chris Donnelly of Henderson, Nev., and Sean Donnelly of Spearfish, S.D.; as well as a number of

aunts, uncles and cousins.

Dave was an avid garage and auction sale devotee. He enjoyed gardening and was an innovative cook. He was a do-it-yourselfer, always willing to fix anything. He trained his beagle dog, Buck, to do tricks by hand signals. Dave was a lifelong New York Jets football fan. He also enjoyed working on brain teasers, puzzles, and trivia games.

Dave will be sorely missed by all of his friends and family.

Dave was baptized and confirmed at Zion Lutheran Church in Glendive.

Memorials may be made to Zion Lutheran Church in Glendive.

Cremation has taken place. Private interment services are planned at a later date.

Emma (Sasse) Custer Clapp

FORSYTH — Emma (Sasse) Custer Clapp, 91, of Forsyth, formerly of Livingston, passed away Tuesday, Oct. 1, 2002, at the Rosebud Health Care Center in Forsyth.

Emma was born Sept. 29, 1911, in Britton, S.D., the daughter of Gustav and Martha Schlelotte Sasse. She moved with her family in 1915 to Broadview and later to Clyde Park in 1926. Emma graduated from Billings High School in 1929. She received her nurse's training in Billings and moved to Livingston, working at Memorial Hospital.

On Sept. 15, 1935, Emma married Claude Custer in Livingston. To this marriage, they had three sons, John, Robert and Kenneth. On Jan. 16, 1963, Emma married Cedric Clapp. Emma continued to live in Livingston until 1999, when she moved to Forsyth, where she has lived since.

Emma was a member of the Order of Eastern Star, and was an avid Democrat. She enjoyed playing cards, cooking and reading.

She is survived by three sons, John (Karen) Custer of Lake Elsinore, Calif., Robert (Jeri) Custer of Forsyth, Kenneth George Custer of Mablevale, Ariz.; eight grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. Emma was preceded in death by both of her husbands; four brothers, Carl, Fred, Alfred and Herman; and three sisters, Marie Lowry, Minnie Brown and Louise Baxter.

Funeral services will be held 2 p.m. Friday, Oct. 4, at the Redeemer Lutheran Church in Livingston, with interment to follow in the Mountain View Cemetery. Beals Mortuary of Forsyth is assisting the family with these arrangements.

Calvin V. Clark, Sr.

WOLF POINT — Calvin V. Clark, Sr., 77, of Wolf Point, died Sunday, July 14, 2002, at Trinity Hospital in Wolf Point.

Wake will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 17, at Oswego Community Hall in Oswego. Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, July 18, at Oswego Community Hall. Interment will be in Oswego Catholic Cemetery. Bell Mortuary of Glasgow is in charge.

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Delores Colleen Clark BILLINGS GAZETTE

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POWELL, Wyo. — Delores Colleen Clark, 48, of Cody, died Thursday, April 25, 2002, at St. Vincent Healthcare in Billings.

Visitation will be from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, April 28, at Ballard Funeral Home in Cody, and from noon to service time (2 p.m.) Monday, April 29, at New Life Christian Fellowship Church in Powell. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, at New Life Christian Fellowship. Interment will follow in Crown Hill Cemetery.

Dora Clark

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Dora Clark, 84, died peacefully at home surrounded by her loving family on July 12, 2002. Dora was born on July 10, 1918 to Issac and Ida Ruth Crouse and was raised in Jamestown, N.D. with three brothers and two sisters. She married Bill Clark in Bozeman on Aug. 15, 1939.



DORA CLARK

Dora is survived by her husband, Bill of Billings; one sister, Irene Dockter of Bismarck; two daughters, Tommye Parker of Seattle and Kathy Peterson of Denver. She also leaves five grandchildren, Lisa, Rachele, Spencer, Nicole, Kristi and one great-grandson, Zachary.

Dora was an avid reader of mystery novels, loved to dance and always had a cat curled up on her lap. Dora's true love was the dance floor with Bill.

Funeral services will be 1 p.m. Wednesday, July 17, at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary with interment in Mountview Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Big Sky Hospice.

Edward 'Eddy' Clark

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MILES CITY — Edward "Eddy" Clark, 26, of Miles City, died Tuesday, May 14, 2002, at his group home in Miles City.

Visitation will be from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday, May 19, at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City. Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Monday, May 20, at Eastern Montana Industries in Miles City.

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John R. Clark

WINNETT — John R. Clark, 63, of Winnett, formerly of Luther, died Wednesday morning, April 17, 2002, at Deaconess Billings Clinic, of pancreatic cancer.

John was born in Red Lodge on Nov. 9, 1938, a son to Erwin and Martha (Patsy Logan) Clark. He was raised on the family ranch in

**JOHN CLARK**

Luther. John was educated in Luther and Red Lodge.

Following his graduation from Carbon Co. High School, he enlisted in the US Navy. John was a radar man on the USS Hollister, serving in the Pacific Theatre. Following his honorable discharge, John returned to the family ranch.

John married the love of his life, Georgia Straight, on July 25, 1961, in Red Lodge. Together, they worked the family ranch. In 1993, John and Georgia sold their ranch in Luther and started ranching in the Winnett area.

John loved to hunt and fish, but he especially loved to preach.

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Survivors include his wife, Georgia; his daughter, Shannon (Daniel) Baker of Powell, Wyo.; his three sons, John Clint (Karen) of Winnett, Devlon (Esther) of Stevensville and Travis (Shawna) of Winnett; his mother-in-law, Frances Ray; 12 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Praise the Lord Celebration Service will be held at 1:30 p.m. Monday, April 22, at the Church of Christ, 10th St. W. and Alderson Ave. Cremation has taken place.

Memorials may be made to the Roundup Church of Christ, PO Box 805, Roundup, MT 59072, or to Big Sky Hospice, PO Box 35033, Billings, MT 59107.

Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

When Dad was diagnosed with terminal cancer, his reply was that he had prepared during his life to be with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Ray 'Nick' Clark

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Ray "Nick" Clark, 86, passed away Sunday, Dec. 8, 2002, at Valley Health Center. Ray was born Sept. 25, 1916, to Edna and Will Clark in Bowbells, N.D.



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Ray was married to Myrtle Krebill on May 29, 1939, in Billings. They left Billings the next morning for Kenmare, N.D., where they lived and worked for the Swartz Dairy for five years. They returned to Billings, where Ray got a job with Northwest Airlines. Ray worked as an equipment service man for 35 years, retiring in 1979.

Ray was very active in Boy Scouts and gave hunter safety classes. He loved to fish and hunt with his family and friends, but he did not like to eat what he caught on these trips. Ray loved the times he spent with his family. For his 80th birthday, all he wanted was to have all his kids, grandkids and great-grandkids to be at his birthday party. They were all able to attend.

Ray and Myrtle raised three loving sons, Dick, Al and John.

Ray is survived by his loving wife Myrtle, his sons and daughters. Dick and Donna, Al and

Linda of Billings and John and Marilyn of Denver; seven grandchildren and their special spouses; 18 great-grandchildren; and one sister-in-law, Orpha Clark of Wilbur, Wash., and many nieces and nephews.

Viewing will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 12, at Cremation or Funeral Gallery. Funeral services will be held 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 10 St. W. and St. Johns, with burial to follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Memorials may be made to Bethlehem Lutheran Church or to a charity of your choice. Arrangements by Cremation or Funeral Gallery.

Russel B. Clark

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BAKER — Russel B. Clark, 70, of Baker, died Wednesday, Feb. 20, 2002, at the Fallon Medical Complex in Baker.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 23, at the Riverside Cemetery in Marmarth, N.D. Cremation has taken place. Stevenson Funeral Homes, Inc., of Baker and Ekalaka is in charge.

Ruth E. Wyman Clark

Ruth E. Wyman Clark, 91, formerly of Billings, passed away Sunday, Jan. 13, 2002. She was born in Billings on Jan. 30, 1910, a daughter of Harmon and Marie Newton Wyman.

Ruth graduated from high school and went on to Eastern Normal College. She taught one year in a country school. On Dec. 11, 1929, Ruth married Eldon L. Clark in Billings. To this union two children were born.

Survivors include her son, Robert (LaVerne) in Yakima, Wash.; grandchildren, Janet, Rodney, Scott, Lori and Tracy, and great-grandchildren; her daughter, Joan (Leo) Uhrich of Columbus, grandchildren, Leanne (Randall) Sekora, Larry (Theresa) Uhrich and Clark (Lori) Uhrich; great-grandchildren, Andrew, Katy, Nicole, Christine, Jade, Tori and Logan; and a great-great-granddaughter, Madisyn. She was preceded in death by her husband, parents and two sisters.

Ruth loved to fish and belonged to the Billings Boat Club. She also enjoyed working as an election judge. Eldon passed away on Nov. 14, 1984, and Ruth then lived with Joan and Leo. She later lived with Leanne, Randall and their children for many years, enjoying helping with the children and their school work. Ruth had spent the last few years in a

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nursing home.

Visitations will begin at 4 p.m. on Thursday at the Smith West Chapel, 304 34th St. W. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 19, at the Smith West Chapel with interment to follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Sara Jean Clark

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Sara Jean Clark, 13, of Billings, went to be with Jesus, Saturday morning, May 4, 2002, at St. Vincent Hospital, from injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

Sara was born in Spokane, Wash., on Oct. 24, 1988, a daughter to Dan and Vicki (Breuer) Clark. She was presently in the seventh grade at Shepherd Junior High School.

Sara was a quiet, deep person who thoroughly enjoyed having fun with her family and friends. Her cats



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were very important and dear to her. Sara's interests were swimming, four-wheeling, basketball, photography and playing the flute in the school band. She especially enjoyed baking cakes for her dad.

Sara is survived by her parents, Dan and Vicki; her siblings, Jenny, Jessica, Danielle and Rodney; her paternal grandparents, Dan and Rita Clark; her maternal grandparents, Leonard and Darlene Breuer; and numerous loving relatives who will mourn her passing.

A Celebration of Life service will be held at 5 p.m. Tuesday, May 7, at the Jubilee Christian Center, 3611 Highway 312, Billings.

"Sara, we will always love you and forever remember you."

Viola Long-Tressler Clark

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THERMOPOLIS, Wyo. —
Viola Long-Tressler Clark, 72,
died Wednesday, Aug. 14, 2002, at
the Riverton Memorial Hospital.

Funeral services will be at 10
a.m. Monday, Aug. 19, at
Mortimore Funeral Home in
Thermopolis. Burial will follow
in Riverside Cemetery.

MAR 26 2002**Wilbur R. Clark**

Wilbur R. Clark, 77, of Billings.

Cremation has taken place at Smith's Crematory. A private family graveside service is pending at the Roundup Cemetery with military rites.

Wilbur is survived by four children, and a brother and sister here in Billings.

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Wilbur Roy Clark

Wilbur Roy Clark, 77, of Billings died Friday, March 22, 2002.

Cremation has taken place. Services will be 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 16, at the Salvation Army Church, 2100 6th Ave. N.

We love you and miss you, Dad.

William D. Clark

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BYRON, Wyo. — William D. Clark, 64, of Byron, died Wednesday, Nov. 13, 2002, at his home.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 20, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Lovell. Haskell Funeral Home of Lovell is in charge.

Delores Colleen Clarke

POWELL, Wyo. — Delores Colleen Clarke, 48, of Powell, died April 25, 2002, at St. Vincent Healthcare in Billings.

Funeral services were held Monday, April 29, at New Life Christian Fellowship in Powell. Interment was in Crown Hill Cemetery. Ballard Funeral Home of Cody was in charge.

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Tues., April 30, 2002

Marjorie A. Clarke

MILES CITY — Marjorie A. Clarke of Miles City passed away Jan. 15, 2002, at the age of 86.

Marjorie was born in Billings on May 12, 1915, to Warren and Elizabeth Hungerford and the family relocated to Miles City in 1922, where she lived the balance of her lifetime. She attended school in Miles City graduating from Custer County High School in 1933. She then attended Montana State College at Bozeman before she married W. Boyce Clarke on June 15, 1935. They had two children, Roberta of Missoula and Tom, of Miles City.

Music was Marjorie's life, and she taught piano and voice lessons to countless youth and adults in Miles City even into her 82nd year. Marjorie was also talented as a seamstress, an activity she continued into her middle 80s. In addition she was active in numerous organizations, including Alpha Omicron Pi sorority, Eastern Star, the Daughters of the American Revolution and PEO. She was a faithful and regular attendee at the First United Methodist Church in Miles City, and was in her 70th year of



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church membership at the time of her death. Marjorie was loving and generous to her husband, children, grandchildren, and students.

Her husband, Boyce, died in May of 1986. She is survived by her daughter Roberta; her son and daughter-in-law, Tom and Connie Clarke; six grandchildren: Steven Neiffer of Los Angeles, Kathy Dolese of Missoula, Marci Brown of Fort Worth, Brian Clarke of Minneapolis, Sharon Clarke and Cinda Christopherson of Miles City, and seven great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be Tuesday in the Chapel of Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City. At Marjorie's request, a family graveside will take place Wednesday morning at the Custer County Cemetery and friends are invited to an open house honoring Marjorie's life at her home, 1021 S. Cottage in Miles City from 2-5 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 23. Funeral services are under the direction of Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home of Miles City.

Memorials have been designated to the First United Methodist Church in Miles City, or to the charity of one's choice.

Herbert H. Claseman

Herbert H. Claseman, age 89, of Billings, passed away March 12, 2002, at the Valley Health Care. He was born in Parkston, S.D., on Oct. 30, 1912, to Matt and Caroline Claseman. At age 6, they moved to Box Elder, S.D., on a farm. In 1929, he and his parents moved to Scenic, S.D., where they farmed and raised cattle.

Later, he left South Dakota and went to Fort Peck, where he worked on the building of the Fort Peck Dam. After completion, he moved to Butte, where he worked for Anaconda Copper Co.

There, he met Roberta Garboski (Nelson), whom he married in 1940. They moved from Butte to Wheatland, Wyo., where they ran a small-acreage vegetable and fruit ranch. He was then drafted into the Army in 1941 and was later honorably discharged. From there, they ran a bar and restaurant for many years at Rapelje. Then they moved to Bridger, where they went into the drive-in restaurant business. After that, they retired to Billings, where they have resided until his death.

He is survived by his wife Roberta of Billings; one brother, Don Claseman of Clinton, Iowa; one stepson, Walt of Washington; and several nieces and nephews.

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He was preceded in death by three sisters and one brother.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, March 16, at the Smith West Chapel, 304 34th St. West. Interment will be at Sunset Memorial Gardens. Gifts or memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, 550 N. 31st St., Billings, MT 59101.

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Jeanne Claus

BOZEMAN
 — Jeanne Claus,
 77, passed away
 March 27, 2002,
 at 5:35 a.m. She
 was born in
 Anaconda on
 Dec. 18, 1924, to
 Pete and Ann
 McBride. She



and her hus- **JEANNE CLAUS**
 band, Floyd, were married in
 Virginia City in 1957 and had
 been residents of Bozeman ever
 since. In 1958, Jeanne and Floyd
 bought their home at 320 S. Sixth
 where they raised their family
 and still resided at their passing.

Jeanne attended schools in
 Anaconda graduating from high
 school in 1942. That fall, she
 enrolled in the nursing program
 at Montana State College, and
 received clinical training at
 Montana Deaconess Hospital in
 Great Falls to become a regis-
 tered nurse in 1945. Upon gradu-
 ation she was employed as a
 general duty nurse at St. Peter's
 Hospital in Helena, then as assis-
 tant director of nursing at
 Montana State Hospital in
 Warm Springs, and finally as a
 charge nurse at Montana State
 Tuberculosis Sanitarium in
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She then went on to become a faculty member at Montana State College School of Nursing at Butte Community Memorial Hospital in 1955, then going on to receive her bachelor of science in nursing in 1956. In 1957, she was transferred to the main campus in Bozeman, where she became one of the first students to enroll in the nursing graduate program. She was awarded her master's in nursing in 1959. She co-authored a book with Dr. Anna Pearl Sherrick detailing the history and development of the nursing program from 1937 as a hospital program through 1965 when nursing was a department in the college of Letters and Science.

Jeanne was one of five faculty women who filed a class action sex discrimination suit against the university in 1975. As a result, women's and men's salaries were increased and two department heads became deans of their respective colleges, Nursing and Business. She was most proud of her participation in a civil law suit that resulted in the College of Nursing.

Jeanne also played a major role in having the new nursing building named after the founder of the school: Anna Pearl Sherrick Hall. Prior to this naming, only deceased were honored in this respect. Etched in the cornerstone of Sherrick Hall holds Jeanne's fitting words:

Dedicated to a nurse who saw
No Barriers to Progress."

Jeanne retired in 1976. During her retirement, she and Floyd enjoyed spending their summers at their beloved Barker Lodge. Bo, and then Casey, their four legged pups, always accompanied them. Jeanne's hobbies included bridge, golf, bowling, sewing and cooking, which was her forte.

Jeanne was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary in Anaconda and Bozeman for over 50 years, including presidency in Anaconda in 1949.

Surviving Jeanne are her children, Jan Rennie of Bozeman, Linda and Ron Thomas of Reno, Nev., Connie and Gary Johnson of Reno, Craig and Shirley Claus of Belgrade; seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Floyd, on Dec. 29, 2000; her son Kelly Joe and her parents.

Jeanne had a very difficult last few months of her life, suffering from ovarian cancer. However, the strength of her (free) spirit and the strong and never-ending support of her children, grandson Jason, and friends helped keep her zealous and independent through it all.

Jeanne was an extraordinary woman with remarkable strength who will always be loved and missed greatly. Her final resting place will be in

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Sunset Memorial Gardens on the Frontage Road next to Floyd and Kelly Joe.

A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 30, at Dahl Funeral Chapel. Interment at Sunset Memorial Garden. Memorials to: MSU Foundation/College of Nursing, 1501 S. 11th, Bozeman, MT 59715.

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Terry Jo Clausing

SEATTLE — Terry Jo Clausing, 43, of Seattle, passed away at her home on April 30, 2002.

Terry was born in Billings on Aug. 8, 1958, and was the younger of two children of Harry and Lucille Clausing.

Terry grew up in Billings. She attended Miles Avenue Elementary, Lewis and Clark Junior High, and graduated Billings West High School with the class of 1976. Terry enjoyed sports and worked for a time in the sports department at the Billings Gazette. After moving to Seattle, she trained for and pursued a career as a paralegal. She was also involved with the Big Brothers and Sisters Program. Terry enjoyed her friends, working in her garden with her dog and spending time on the ocean.

Terry is survived by a brother, Harry Clausing of Billings; nieces, Carly Clausing of Billings and Angie Stock of Huntington Beach, Calif.; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins in the Huntley area.

A memorial service will be held May 10, at 4 p.m., at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 10th St. West and St. John's Ave. in Billings.

Memorial contributions may be mailed to Big Brothers and Sisters, 3203 Third Ave. North, Billings, MT 59101.

Frances Mildred Clave

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CENTRAL POINT, Ore. — Frances Mildred Clave, 77, of Central Point, formerly of Billings and Colstrip, died Thursday, July 4, 2002, at Providence Medford Medical Center, Medford.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, July 12, at the Eagle Point National Cemetery in Oregon. Conger-Morris Funeral Directors of Medford is in charge.

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Delores L. Claver

Delores L. Claver, 76, of Billings, passed away on July 13, 2002, in the presence of family, due to various health problems.

Delores was born on April 24, 1935, in Miles City, to Anton and Leona (Steinert) Beehler. She was raised in Miles City and attended schools there and Mandan, N.D.

On April 19, 1952, she married Elmer Rodell and lived in Miles City, where they had four sons. On Aug. 26, 1964, she then remarried David W. Claver; they lived in Billings and raised a daughter and a son.

Delores worked various jobs throughout her life, but spent most of her time as a homemaker and mother. She had a special interest in arts and crafts. She loved playing cards with family and bingo with friends. Delores also loved camping, fishing and spending time with her grandchildren and also old country music.



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She will be remembered for her love of her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and helping others and being a long time friend.

Survivors include her mother, Leona Madler of Billings; sisters, Charlene Schumacher of Tempe, Ariz., Norma Ludwig of Billings; brother, Richard (Judy) Beehler of Miles City; and her children, Leonard (Debbie) Rodell of Miles City, Robert Rodell of Washington, Charles Rodell, Dennis (Billie) Rodell, Cindy (Jim) Bargas and David (Machelle) Claver, all of Billings. Also surviving are 11 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her father, Anton Beehler.

Funeral services will be held 10 a.m. Thursday, July 18, at Smith's Downtown Chapel. Interment will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens. Viewing will start Tuesday at Smith's Downtown Chapel.

Ellen Claver

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LEWISTOWN — Ellen Claver, 85, died Saturday, Jan. 12, 2002, at the Central Montana Medical Center after a long illness.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 12, at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses with burial in the Central Montana Memorial Gardens. Creel Funeral Home is in charge.

Cheryl Jean Clawson

OMAHA, Neb. — Cheryl Jean Clawson passed away in Omaha, Dec. 23, 2001.

She was born Nov. 21, 1946, in Wolf Point, where she spent her early teenage years. She moved to Laramie, Wyo., with her family and entered high school there. Later, the family moved to Hardin, where Cheryl graduated from high school. She subsequently attended college in Billings.

She married Gary (Skip) Clawson on Sept. 7, 1968, in Hardin. They moved to Rapid City, S.D., and then to Aberdeen, S.D., before settling in Omaha.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Jean Rada; and a brother, Dale Rada.

Survivors include her loving husband, Skip; daughter, Tara Jean Clawson of Lincoln; father and stepmother, Boyd and Lynda Rada of Spokane, Wash.; mother-in-law, Rosemary Clawson of Hardin; brother-in-law John Clawson of Missoula; a sister, Bonnie Walker of Post Falls, Idaho; two brothers, James Michael Rada of Vancouver, Wash., and Gary Rada of St. Maries, Idaho; as well as many nieces, nephews and cousins.

We shall all miss her very much. You have found your happy niche in God's arms forever, dearest Cheryl.

Memorial services will be held in Post Falls, Idaho in the early spring.

Frank A. Clem

GLASGOW — Frank A. Clem, 67, of Glasgow, died Wednesday, Nov. 20, 2002, at Frances Mahon Deaconess Hospital in Glasgow.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday, Nov. 25, at Calvary Baptist Church. A private family burial will be held. Bell Mortuary of Glasgow is in charge.

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Luella Cynthia Clement

GREYBULL, Wyo. — Luella Cynthia Clement, 92, of Greybull, died Tuesday, Oct. 15, 2002, at the West Park Hospital in Cody.

Visitation will be from 2 to 6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 19, and from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 20, at the Atwood Family Funeral Chapel. Additional visitation will be held one half-hour prior to services at the Masonic Hall in Greybull, on Monday, Oct. 21. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, at the Masonic Hall. Burial will follow in the Hillside Cemetery.

Mildred Clemmons

GLENDIVE — Mildred Clemmons, 91, formerly of Glendive, died March 15, 2002, in Mt. Angel, Ore.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, June 10, at the Dawson County Cemetery. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Glendive is in charge.

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Lena Cleveland

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LAUREL — Our beloved mother and grandmother, Lena Cleveland, 87, of Laurel, went to be with her Lord on Saturday, May 25, 2002, with her family at her side.

She was born July 6, 1914, to John and Lydia Sutter in Friedenfelt, Germany. She married Gideon Suworo in 1937 and they had four children, Cathy, Gideon, Marty and Albert. Mr. Suworo lost his life in World War II.

Lena came to the United States in 1952 with her children, her mother and her two sisters and their families.

She settled in Bismarck, N.D. She married Emil Wolf in November of 1952, and they moved to Billings. Emil also preceded her in death.

In 1984 she married Calvin Cleveland and has lived in Laurel for the past 20 years.

Lena loved to have family gatherings and enjoyed cooking for her family and loved going shopping with her grandchildren. Lena loved her church and her church family. She was the last charter member of the Laurel Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Calvin; son Albert,

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who died shortly after birth; daughter Marty Fitzgerald; brothers Gideon Sutter of Calgary, Alberta, and Fritz Sutter of Germany; a sister Katja of Germany.

She is survived by two sisters, Martha Sigmund of Fargo, N.D., and Erna Wiest of Billings; one daughter, Cathy (David) Schreiner of Laurel; and one son, Gideon (Donna) Wolf of Big Timber. God blessed her with seven grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

She will be missed very much by her whole family and everyone that knew her.

We love you, Mom and Grandma.

Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life; he that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never die. Believeth thou this." John 11:25 - 26.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Laurel Baptist Church. Interment will be in the Laurel Cemetery.

Smith Funeral Chapel-Laurel was in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are suggested to the church.

Betty McDonough Clifford

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HELENA — Betty McDonough Clifford, age 76, passed away on Dec. 30, 2001, at St. Peter's Hospital. Betty was born July 1, 1925, in Detroit, to John P. McDonough and Mildred (Pierce) McDonough. Betty was the oldest of seven children.

They moved to the family homestead in Fromberg when she was a small child. She graduated from Fromberg High School in 1943. After high school, Betty married Guy E. Clifford, Jr. They moved to Bremerton, Wash., for a short time before moving back to Fromberg.

At that time, Betty began a teaching career that spanned 40 years and began at Belfry and ended in Wolf Point. She retired in 1994 and moved to Helena, where her son, grandchildren and daughter-in-law reside. Betty resided at the Eagles Manor.

Betty taught elementary and high school music for her entire teaching career. She was a gifted, brilliant pianist and played for a number of dance bands in addition to her music-teaching career. Betty touched the lives of thousands of students through her music during her 40-year career. She was a life-

long member of the Montana Education Association and was totally committed to her many students.

Betty is preceded in death by her parents, John P. and Mildred McDonough; her sister Patricia Eckes of Tucson, Ariz.; her brother Jack McDonough of Conrad; and her grandson, Guy Stephen Clifford of Helena.

Betty is survived by her grandchildren Megan and Lance Clifford of Helena; son Larry Clifford of Helena; daughter-in-law Cheri Clifford of Helena; sisters Mildred Woolley, Big Timber, Jean Doroshenko, Phoenix, Karla Norfleet, New York, N.Y., Shirley Hyde, Mesa, Ariz., brother Joe McDonough, Camarillo, Calif.; and sisters-in-law, Jo McDonough, Great Falls, and Phyllis McDonough of Camarillo.

Cremation has taken place and a future service in Fromberg will be announced at a later date. Betty will be interred next to her beloved mother at the Rockvale Cemetery in Carbon County. Retz Funeral Home in Helena in care of the arrangements.

Betty McDonough Clifford

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SELLERS GAZETTE

HELENA — Betty McDonough Clifford, formerly of Fromberg, died Dec. 30, 2001, in Helena.

A graveside service will be at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, June 22, at the Rockvale Cemetery in Carbon County. Retz Funeral Home of Helena is in charge.

Marjorie J. Cline

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MILES CITY — Marjorie J. Cline, 76, of Miles City, formerly of Ekalaka, died Monday, Dec. 23, 2002, in Miles City.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, Dec. 27, at the First Baptist Church in Ekalaka. Funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 28, at the First Baptist Church in Ekalaka, followed by burial in the Beaverlodge Cemetery. Stevenson Funeral Home, of Baker & Ekalaka is in charge.

Alice B. Clouse

**MAY 02 2002
BILLINGS GAZETTE**

WIBAUX — Alice B. Clouse, 90, of Wibaux, formerly of Sentinel Butte, N.D., died Monday, April 29, 2002, at Wibaux County Nursing Home.

A Memorial Mass will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 4, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Golva, N.D. Interment will follow in the family plot at St. Mary's Cemetery in Golva. Silvernale Silha Funeral Home of Beach, N.D., is in charge.

James Clubfoot

James Clubfoot, 80, passed away at Billings Deaconess Clinic on Nov. 18, 2002, after a long illness.

James, a son of Frank Clubfoot, Sr., and Lucy Alice Old Bull, was born and raised at Birney. He married Elsie Tallwhiteman in November 1942, and later married Anna (Teeth) Morrison from Busby on March 31, 1978.

James, a member of the Kit Fox warrior society, was a sun dance priest and a Swift Hawk sun dancer. His work history included forestry work and on various ranches along the Tongue River and Rosebud. He also worked for Black Sawmill for 30 years. He enjoyed hunting, gathering wood, and had many rancher friends. James had seen five generations in his lifetime, with eight children, 33 grandchildren, 51 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

He is survived by his brother, Pete Adams, Sr., of Seattle. His wife Elsie; daughter Loretta; and son Virgil preceded him in death. James and Elsie Clubfoot shared eight children together: Allen (Barbara), Adeline, Rosalie (Arnold), Loretta, Cornelia, Claire (Lois), Lorraine (Lyle) and Rubena. Other children include Charles Little Old Man and Virgil Medicine Elk; four adopted chil-

dren, Johanna Redbird, Garret Wantan, and Jesse and Amy Jaure; and three stepchildren, David, Jr., Linda and Mervin Morrison of Busby.

A wake service will be held at 7 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 22, and a funeral service at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 23, both at the Blessed Sacrament Church in Lane Deer. Interment will follow at Clubfoot Creek, Birney.

"Papa, Grandpa, Memeh, you'll always be in our hearts and we love you."

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Mary G. Clyde

Mary Gertrude Fennell Clyde, 92, of Billings, died Saturday, Feb. 2, 2002, at Western Manor Nursing Home.

The daughter of Hardy and Victoria Fennell, Mary was born Jan. 3, 1910, in Tussy, Okla.



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Mary worked as office nurse for Dr. Robert G. Woods in St. Cloud, Fla., for 25 years. She was a member of the Billings Church of Christ and will be remembered

for her faithfulness to God and her kind loving spirit.

Her husband, Henry Clay Clyde, preceded her in death Oct. 16, 1970.

Mary held a special place in the hearts of her three nieces, Mary Miller, Martha Fenter and Marge Franklin, all of Billings. Survivors include two sons, Raymond C. Clyde of Huntsville, Texas, and Mearl E. Clyde of San Antonio, Texas; five grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial services will be 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 9, at Billings Church of Christ. Interment will be in Osceola Memory Gardens, Kissimmee, Fla.

Michelotti-Sawyers has charge of arrangements.

JAN 16 2002**Beverly Ann Coakley**

Beverly Ann Coakley, 63, of Billings passed away at her home Jan. 8, 2002

She was born Sept 30, 1938, in Billings, the daughter of Reinerd and Edna (Berg) Bohn. She was raised in Billings and worked for 10-1/2 years for Sweetheart Bakery, 23 years for O.E. Lee Co., 13 years for Rainier Brewery as a bookkeeper and a few years for MGM Studio.

She was married to Dan Coakley for 25 years.

She enjoyed oil painting and spending time at her second home in Red Lodge.

Survivors include her sister, Alberta Hopper of Billings, and two brothers, Bert Bohn of Phoenix, and Bill Bohn of Hesperia, Calif.; a special friend Jeanette Juass, and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband Dan, her parents, a sister Noreen LaPointe and a brother Richard Bohn,

Cremation has taken place and a family service will be held in the summer. Smith Funeral Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Grayce Coates

BEARINGS GAZETTE
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MALTA — Grayce Coates, 96, of Malta, died Sunday, April 21, 2002, at the Glasgow Hospital, of heart failure following hip surgery.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Saturday, April 27, at the Elim Lutheran Brethren Church in Malta. Graveside services will be 4 p.m. Saturday at the Mountain View Cemetery in Shelby. Adams Funeral Home of Malta is in charge.

C. Clark "Swede" Cochran

BILLINGS GAZETTE

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C. Clark "Swede" Cochran, 78, of Billings, formerly Boise, Idaho, and Seattle, passed away Tuesday, Nov. 26, 2002, at Deaconess Billings Clinic.



**C. CLARK
COCHRAN**

The son of Ray and Effie Cochran, Clark was born Aug. 10, 1924, in Connell, Wash. He married Faye Davis in Connell on Sept. 18, 1948. She preceded him in death in 1988.

Swede traveled the world as a computer specialist with IBM for 37 years, retiring in 1984.

He had made his home in Seattle until moving to Boise in 1972. He came to Billings in 1985 and has spent his last years at Grand Park Assisted Living, where he was loved and cared for.

Swede could fix anything and enjoyed collecting old T-Birds. He especially enjoyed camping and fishing with his family.

Survivors include his daughters, Kim Cochran of Renton, Wash., Erin Cochran of Payette, Idaho, and Courtney Konop of

Billings; and two granddaughters, Lindsay and Emily.

The family would like to thank the doctors and staff at Deaconess Billings Clinic, especially Dr. Patricia Coon, for the comfort and care given to Swede over the years.

Cremation has taken place.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Michelotti-Sawyers has charge of arrangements.

**Robert Jackson 'Jack'
Cockrell**

INKOM, Idaho — Robert Jackson "Jack" Cockrell, 80, of Inkom, and formerly of Billings, passed away Thursday afternoon, Aug. 29, 2002, at a local hospital following an illness.

He was born Jan. 30, 1922, in Hinsdale, Mont., a son of Thomas L. and Lorene E. Boughton Cockrell. He attended schools in Hinsdale and graduated from Hinsdale High School, where he played basketball. He moved to Seattle where he worked at the Boeing Aircraft Co. for about two years, and joined the U.S. Navy and served in the Pacific and European theaters during World War II.

Following the war, he and a brother moved to Washington D.C., where they owned and operated a service station for several years. They moved to Billings, where they also owned and operated a service station together. Jack then acquired his own station which he operated for some 20 years. His last employment was as a custodian at the Yellowstone County courthouse in Billings for 20 years.

**ROBERT
COCKRELL**

On Feb. 26, 1958, he married Dixie Jean Shaffer in Inkom. Their marriage was later solemnized in the Salt Lake Temple in 1971. Dixie passed away Sept. 16, 1994. He was a member of the LDS Church and was a high priest. He enjoyed bowling, golfing, gardening, camping, ice skating and swimming.

He is survived by four sons: Robert J. (Cindi) Cockrell of Pocatello, Ronald S. (Debbie) Cockrell of Malad, Enoch "Bart" Cockrell of Orem, Utah, Thomas "Brent" Cockrell of Inkom; two daughters, Lanez (Todd Penovich of Orem and Ramon (Steve) Despain of Kent, Wash.; two brothers, Thomas (Stella) Cockrell of Billings, and Allan (Marpha) Cockrell of Seattle; one sister, Dorothy Arensmeier of Goleta, Calif.; 18 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, a daughter, Jeanie, and a sister, Marjorie.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 3, at the Inkom LDS Chapel with Bishop David Hunt of the Rapid Creek Ward officiating. Interment will be in the Inkom Cemetery with military rites provided by the Pocatello Veterans Honor Guard. The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Monday evening at the Manning-Wheatley Funeral Chapel, 5120 N. 12th Ave., and from noon to 12:45 p.m. on Tuesday at the church.

Leonard Martin Codenys

MISSOULA — Leonard M. Codenys, 75, passed away Jan. 31, 2002, in his home, after a hard-fought battle with emphysema and cancer.

He was born Jan. 28, 1927, in Huntley, the son of Facta (Milohov) and Octaaf Codenys. He married Evelyn Sian on Feb. 3, 1948. They spent the majority of their lives in and around Billings.

He was a veteran in the Army, enlisting in 1944 and ending his active career with an honorable discharge in 1947. He remained in the Army Reserve for eight years and enjoyed his time spent in Hawaii.

Leonard was a man's man, very independent with a deep-set philosophy for honest hard work. Leonard was a handyman; he could fix anything and build anything you ask. He was proud that he had never drawn a day of unemployment in his entire life.

Three years ago, Leonard and Evelyn moved to a retirement area. The neighbors would see him sitting outside on his porch every day just waiting for his little comments and a friendly wave from his favorite chair. His pastime for the last several months was a friendly game of cards with his neighbors.

Leonard loved people and people loved him. He was always the center of attention no matter where he was. He loved his fami-

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ly in very special ways and was devout Catholic. He loved to have a good time, dancing, bowling, horseshoes, fishing and hunting in his younger years.

Leonard is survived by his loving wife Evelyn; his daughter Betty Codenys and Harry of Missoula and Joanne Petelin and her husband David of Missoula; three granddaughters, Melissa Curtis and her husband Robert of Seattle, Jennifer Moilanen and Don of California and Michelle Krieg and Skyler of Missoula; his brother Bob and his wife Eileen from Wyoming; two sisters: Joyce Zinne and her husband Spike and Liz Kerkove and her husband Leo from Billings; also three sisters-in-law, Erm. Vandegenachte and husband Charlie, Violet Rodgers and husband Cal and Maryjean Compton; and several nephews Bob, Mike, Chris, Larry and Steve.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials in Leonard's name be made to Hospice Partners in Home Care, 500 N Higgins Ave., Suite 201, Missoula MT 59802. There will be a rosary service at Sunset Memorial at

6:30 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 3. The Mass will be held Monday, Feb. 4, at 3 p.m. at Pope John XXIII Catholic Church.

A SPECIAL thanks is offered to Kristy and Bonnie of Hospice for all the wonderful care and love you have shown to our father and mother over the last year. Joanne and Betty consider you part of our family and may God always bless you. I know Dad will always be watching you.

William 'Bill' Cody

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GLENDIVE — William Frederick "Bill" Cody, 56, of Glendive, died Tuesday, Aug. 27, 2002, at the Glendive Medical Center.

Services will be 10 a.m. Saturday at the Evangelical Church of North America in Glendive. Interment will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in the Riverview Cemetery in Savage. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home is in charge.

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Geneva Coen

MILES CITY — Geneva Coen, 87, of Miles City passed away on Thursday, April 25, 2002, at the Holy Rosary Health Center.

Geneva was born in Avery, Okla., on June 14, 1914, the daughter of Frank and Edith Bear. She graduated from Douglas Oklahoma High School and then attended business college in Oklahoma City. She and Orval Coen "O.C." were married on June



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2, 1932. They had two daughters, Barbara Jetmore and Margaret Joyce of Miles City. In 1954, the family was transferred by Shell Oil Co. To Glendive, and then to Baker three years later, where they resided until his retirement in 1970. They moved to Red Lodge where Geneva resided until 1990, when she moved to the Eagles Manor in Miles City to be near her daughter.

Geneva was a devoted wife, mother and homemaker and active in school and civic affairs. She enjoyed sewing, playing

bridge, fishing, golf and other sports. She also enjoyed working as a nurse's aide at the Fallon County Hospital in Baker.

Geneva was preceded in death by her husband in 1986, daughter Barbara Jetmore in 1996, her parents and sister, Marge Atterbery. She is survived by her daughter Margaret (Jim) Joyce of Miles City, granddaughter Stephanie (Mike) Powell of Kalispell, son-in-law Aubrey Jetmore of Billings and his sons, Kerry, Dean and Doug, granddaughter Shannan (Myron) Peabody and their children Amber and Christopher of Riverton, Wyo., grandson Weston (Lisa) McArtor and their son, Dakota, of Sedgewick, Kan.

Visitation will begin on Monday, April 29, at Stevenson and Sons Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, April 30, at the chapel of Stevenson and Sons Funeral Home. Interment will follow at 2 p.m. at the Red Lodge Cemetery. Stevenson and Sons Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Should friends desire, memorials may be made to the First Presbyterian Church.

Beverly Ann Coker

Beverly Ann Coker, 68, of Billings passed away on Saturday, Dec. 14, 2002.

She was born on Dec. 5, 1934, to James and Marie (Bruggemann) Jones in Sioux Falls, S.D.

Beverly was a longtime resident of Billings, graduating from Billings Senior High School in 1953. That year, she began her career with Mountain Bell in Helena and retired in 1997, after 44 years with AT&T Operator Services.

She was a wonderful cook and enjoyed entertaining family and friends. She was active in many civic organizations, including Delta Nu chapter of ESA, Telephone Pioneers, the VFW Auxiliary and Moss Agate-OES.

Bev will be remembered as a giving, caring person who was always willing to help family and friends.

Bev is survived by her special companion and friend, Lee Stewart; her daughter, Cheryl (Ed) Hubbeling of Rapid City, S.D.; her son, Curtis Coker of Hill City, S.D.; her grandchildren, James Hubbeling and Cody Coker.



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A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 19, at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary.

Memorials may be made to the charity of one's choice.

MAR 11 2002**Marie Josephine Colby**

HARLOWTON — Marie Josephine "Jo" Colby, 88, died Saturday, March 9, 2002, at Wheatland Memorial Nursing Home.

Memorial services will be 2 p.m., Wednesday, March 13, in the Perkins Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow in the Harlowton Cemetery.

GILLETTE, Wyo. — Beulah Bertha Cole, 91, of Gillette, formerly of Broadus, Mont., and Missoula, Mont., died Wednesday, July 31, 2002, at the Pioneer Manor in Gillette.

Cremation has taken place. At her request, no services are planned. Private family interment will be held in the Valley View Cemetery in Broadus at a later date. Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home of Gillette is in charge.

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Elizabeth Jane Cole

STORY, Wyo. — Elizabeth "Bette" Cole, 76, of Story, died Thursday, Sept. 5, 2002, at the Johnson County Health Care Center.

A celebration of life will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 11, in the chapel at the Oregon Trail Veterans Cemetery in Casper. Interment will follow the services.

Adams Funeral Home of Buffalo is in charge.

Patricia Ann Coleman

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LIVINGSTON — Patricia Ann McGuire Coleman, 61, died Monday, Nov. 25, 2002, at her home, of cancer.

Cremation has taken place at Franzen-Davis Funeral Home & Crematory in Livingston. Memorial services will be held at a later date.

Patricia Ann Coleman

GARDINER — Patricia Ann Coleman, 61, died Nov. 25, 2002, at home, from pancreatic cancer.

A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 14, at the Gardiner School Multipurpose Room.

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Kelly Coldwell

BAKER — Kelly Coldwell, 57, of Baker, died Tuesday, March 5, 2002, at the Fallon Medical Complex in Baker.

Memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Friday, March 8, at the American Lutheran Church in Baker. Burial will be in Bonnievale Cemetery. Stevenson Funeral Homes, Inc. of Baker & Ekalaka is in charge.

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Peter Shelby Cole

· BOZEMAN — Peter Shelby Cole, 60, of Bozeman, died Friday, March 8, 2002, at Ft. Harrison Veterans Hospital in Helena.

At his request, no services will be held. Cremation Society of Montana is in charge.

POWELL, Wyo. — We are sad to announce the passing of our mother, mentor and friend. She was born to Thomas and Beth Ayres, Nov. 21, 1916, in Bartlesville, Okla. She attended schools in the Oklahoma and Texas region.

She married Ralph Anderson Hilton in 1937 in Bartlesville, where they made their home. Later, living in Enid, Okla., a son, Ralph, was born. The family moved to California during the war years and another son was born in Albany, Calif., named Ron. They then moved to the Powell area in the early 1950s, and a third son, Rex, was born.

Ralph preceded Nelle in death in 1964. She continued to make her home in the Powell/Cody area. Nelle married Mike Coley in 1968, and they owned and operated the Irma Hotel until their retirement in 1971. They kept a cabin on the Northfork and owned a condominium in Arizona. They retired on a permanent basis to Powell in 1984. Mike preceded Nelle in death in 1993. Nelle continued to live in Powell until her passing at St. Vincent Hospital in Billings on 6 February 2002.

She was a member of the Methodist Church.

Her sons, nine grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren survive her.

Private graveside services will be held.

Miratsky-Easton Funeral Home of Powell is in charge.

MAR 01 2002**Sarah Colgan**

COLSTRIP — Sarah Colgan, 85, of Colstrip, died Thursday, Feb. 28, 2002, at the Rosebud Health Care Center in Forsyth.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday March 4, at the Colstrip Community Church. Interment will follow in the Lee Cemetery. Beals Mortuary of Forsyth is in charge.

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Doloris S. Collier

GLENDIVE — Doloris S. Collier, age 94, of Glendive, passed away on April 1, 2002, at the Glendive Medical Center in Glendive.

Doloris was born on Oct. 29, 1907 in Dickinson, N.D., the youngest of five daughters born to Andrew and Julia Shipley. She attended schools there, graduating from Dickinson High School. In 1928, she was united in marriage to John Raymond "Ray" Collier in Dickinson. Doloris moved to Glendive in 1940, where she has made her home ever since.

Doloris is survived by Ken Collier, Donna Collier, Mary Myers, Laurie Brooks; five grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and one great-great grandchild. She was preceded in death by her husband Ray, a son, Phil Collier, a daughter, Leona Kobold; and four sisters, Margie, Ardis, Dorothy and Myra.

Memorial services will be held on Saturday, April 6, at 3 p.m. at the St. Matthew Episcopal Church in Glendive.

Jean Collins

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SALT LAKE CITY — Eugenia Collins, 77, passed away Thursday, May 16, 2002, in Salt Lake City. She was born March 10, 1925, in Superior, Wis., to Victor and Ellen Hannigan, and resided in Billings most of her life.



JEAN COLLINS

Working as a waitress, Jean learned that workers were often treated unfairly. She believed in rights for working men and women and became a member of the Hotel & Restaurant Employees Union in the 1940s. She was elected business agent and represented workers in Billings until approximately 1974. She then became an organizer for the HRE international in Alaska and California before returning to Billings. She was a dedicated labor leader and political activist for over 40 years.

People nationwide, babies to adults, were given items that Jean knitted, including many individuals with autism. Her heart and kindness was given freely to all.

Jean is survived by her dear friend and loving companion Joe Duffy of Salt Lake City; five children, Gordon "Skip" Collins of Missoula, Mont., Linda (David)

She is preceded in death by her parents; sister Louise Simms; brother Jack Hannigan; and husbands Bud Paige and John Collins.

Memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 25, at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to the MT AFL-CIO COPE Fund, PO Box 1176, Helena, MT 59624.

Carpenter of Indianapolis, Ind., Pat (Patty) Collins of Shoshoni, Wyo., Barbara Laughton (Stan Goselin) of Billings and Michael Collins (Rebecca Riedl) of Billings; eight grandchildren, Kimblee Price, Terree Knight, Teri House, Jim Collins, John Collins, Teresa LaGois, Larry Williams and David Williams; 18 great-grandchildren; and many other nieces and nephews.

Lee Collins

Lee Collins, 46, of Billings, passed away Friday, Nov. 8, 2002 at Deaconess Billings Clinic.

The son of William and Sharon Collins, Lee was born April 10, 1956 in Great Falls and raised in Billings. Following his mother's death in 1967, he and his sister lived with their grandparents in Ohio. Lee graduated high school there in 1974.



LEE COLLINS

Following his discharge from the Army, he moved to California where he lived and worked in the Silicon Valley. In 1995, Lee moved to Billings to be near family. While attending MSU-B, Lee met his wife, Cindy Hilton-Collins. He graduated with an information systems degree in 2000. He has worked with Summit Amusement as technical manager the past two years.

A computer genius, Lee most of all loved being home with his family. He also enjoyed playing pool and throwing darts. He had been a member of the Sunnyvale Moose Lodge.

Lee is survived by his wife, Cindy and her daughter, Lacy Hilton of Billings; his grandmother, Mary Leibinger of Billings; sister, Dawn Bell, her husband,

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Darrell; and niece and nephew Lindsay and Brent of Billings.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial services will be 1 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 12, at Michelott Sawyers Mortuary with interment at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Memorials may be made to the charity of one's choice.

Walter Collins

GLASGOW — Walter Collins, 71, of Glasgow, died Sunday, July 7, 2002, of cancer, at St. Vincent Healthcare in Billings. Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday, July 12, at the Glasgow Civic Center, with Rev. Tom Anderson officiating. Interment will be in Mountview Cemetery in Billings, at 11 a.m. Saturday, July 13. Bell Mortuary in Glasgow is in charge of arrangements.

Pallbearers will be Lynn Cornwell, Cody Cornwell, Robert Ferguson, Bob Delp, Rob Delp and Bill Brown. Special honorary pallbearers are Lyle Nelson, Allyn Skyberg, Jeff Skyberg, Bruce Ferguson, Wilmer Pawlowski and Randy Rees.

Walter Collins was born in Pine View, Mont., on Jan. 11, 1931, to Albert and Lillian (Bailey) Collins. He attended grade school at Pine View and attended high school in Custer. He enlisted in 1951 in the Air Force. He served in Japan and was discharged on May 16, 1955.

On Feb. 7, 1953, Walter married Betty Vergote at Mt. Clemens, Mich. In 1955, they moved to Joliet, where he ranched and they stayed there until October of 1967, when they moved to the ranch south of Fort Peck.

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He was president of the Montana Public Lands Council for 10 years and served on the Montana Stockgrowers Board for four years. Walt served as president of the Montana State District 5 Fiddlers and was a sought after rhythm guitar player at fiddle contests around the region. He was very active polit-



**WALTER
COLLINS**

ically. He taught his grandkids how to play the fiddle. He had an extra great love for his family (children and grandchildren) and his day was complete when surrounded by his

kids.

Survivors include his wife, Betty Collins of the ranch south of Fort Peck; daughter, Jeanne Buckley and her husband Fred of Roundup; three grandchildren, Taylor, Reid and Katelyn Buckley, all of Roundup; sister, Edith Potts of Huntley; brothers, Art Collins of Billings and Bill Collins of Bridger.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his son Mike in 1972; sisters Helen Bench, Ruth O'Brien, Thora Neal, Alice Robinson; brothers Ben Collins and Earl Collins.

Memorials are suggested to Northern Rockies Cancer Center in Billings, PEAKS (People Everywhere Are Kind and Sharing) in Billings or the memorial of your choice.

L. Wayne Collum

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BILLINGS GAZETTE

PARK CITY — L. Wayne Collum, 68, of Park City, died Friday evening, June 21, 2002, at Deaconess Billings Clinic with his family and friends at his side. He fought a courageous battle against lung cancer.

Wayne was born in Prattville, Ala. on Dec. 4, 1933, to Lloyd Hubert Collum and Geraldine Nunn Collum. When Wayne was 16, he moved to Daytona Beach, Fla. with his father, where he attended and graduated high school at Mainland High School in 1952. In 1951, he joined the U.S. Naval Reserves, which he served through 1959. He is a veteran of the Korean conflict. He married his high school sweetheart, Mary Parker in 1953. To this union was born two daughters, Mary Kathryn and Dawn Elizabeth.

Wayne always had a love to come west since he was child. His first trip to Montana was a hunting trip. He always knew he would come back to this area. In 1973, his dream came true to move here and he also married the love of his life, Sharon Simons on Oct. 6. They have two daughters, Lisa Heather and Tara Jo.

In 1976, he started work at Chemetron Rail Plant in Laurel and worked there for 10 years. In 1987, he went to work for Decker

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Coal in Decker, Mont., as a Plant Oiler. In 1996, he retired as a result of rheumatoid arthritis. After he retired, he worked for the Stillwater County Solid Waste Department as a site attendant. The last six years he

spent doing what he loved best, gardening, working crossword puzzles and doing things for his girls who were the loves of his life.

Wayne was a member of AA in Laurel and was proud of his 19 years of sobriety. He never met a stranger and if he did, they weren't for long. He always loved to tell you a good story. He also was proud of his Irish heritage and his one year he spent in Australia, always vowing to go back.

Wayne is survived by his wife, Sharon of the family home; his four daughters, Lisa Heather Knutson (Craig) of Billings, Tara Jo and boyfriend, Jason Frank, Kathy Collins of Hobe Sound, Fla., Dawn Jaconis of Orange City, Fla.; his sister, Ginger Collum of Prattville, Ala.; his brother, Eddie Bishop (Dawn) of Morrow, Ga.; special nephews that were like his sons, Jerry Collum (Kate) of Seattle, Rick Collum of Morrow, Alex Collum of Dallas; six grandchildren; many more nieces and nephews; and also many young people and their children he adopted along the way as their Papa.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, June 25, at the Park City Baptist Church. Interment will follow at the Park City Cemetery. Cremation has taken place.

In lieu of flowers, the family request memorials are made to the Park City Baptist Church or the Park City Volunteer Fire Department.

Kenneth Ord "K.C." Colpitts, Jr.

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BELLINGHAM GAZETTE

GILLETTE, Wyo. — Funeral services for Kenneth Ord "K.C." Colpitts, Jr., 13, will be at 10 a.m. on Monday at the New Life Wesleyan Church, with Rev. Gary Maness officiating. Burial will follow at Mount Pisgah Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m. on Sunday at the Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home and from 8:30 to 9:45 a.m. on Monday at the church.

He died Thursday, June 27, 2002, at the Wyoming Medical Center from injuries he received in a car accident.

K.C. was born Aug. 13, 1988, in Gillette to Kenneth and Phyllis (Butts) Colpitts. He attended Sunflower Elementary School and would have been an eighth grader at Wright Junior-Senior High School.

He enjoyed wrestling, football, BMX bike racing and snowboarding. He loved helping his dad rebuild bikes and electric scooters. He also loved singing and participated in the Performing Arts Workshop at the Cam-plex for several years.

K.C. is survived by his mother and father of Gillette; three sisters, Whitney Colpitts of Gillette, Lucky Colpitts of Colorado

Springs, Colo., and Mona Schram of Dallas, Texas; one brother, Kevin Schram of Gillette; two nieces; and two nephews.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents; maternal grandparents, including his grandmother on Sunday; and his aunts and uncles.

William Richard Colson

Bill passed quietly to the loving arms of the Lord, Sept. 4, 2002.

Bill was born on March 12, 1925, in Forsyth, to Richard and Edna Colson. His family later moved to Laurel, where he received his education. Bill joined the Navy in 1943, serving as a gunner in the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign. He received an honorable discharge in 1946. After his discharge he married Alice Dickson. They had one son, Aaron Dale. Alice and Bill later divorced.

Bill had a variety of jobs he enjoyed during his working career. These included being employed at Lindy Air Products, Winter Hardware, the Weather Bureau and American Appliance. He ventured out on his own starting B & W Kitchen and Bath Designs.



**WILLIAM
COLSON**

Bill married Violet Kilwein in August 1983. They enjoyed square dancing and gardening together. Bill had a fascination for meteorology and loved reading all he could on the subject. In his later years, he developed a love for football and never missed watching a Bronco game. For Sunday's game, he will have the best seat in the house. In February 2001, he became a resident of Valley Health Care Center.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Richard and Edna; son, Aaron; wife, Vi; and sister, Marion Bartholff. Survivors include three stepchildren, DeeAnna Burbridge, Doretta Brush and Dave Kilwein; five step-grandchildren, Candace Janzeski, Chas Burbridge, Davis Brush, Kaila Kilwein and Gabriel Kilwein.

In honoring the wishes of the deceased, no services are planned. His family would like to thank the staff at Valley Health Care for their love, care and compassion that they shared each and every day with Bill.

Michelotti-Sawyers has charge of arrangements.

James 'Jim' Colter

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GLENDIVE
— James "Jim" Colter, age 85, of Glendive, passed away on Saturday, Jan. 26, 2002, at the Eastern Montana Veterans Home in Glendive.



MR. COLTER

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 30, at the Chapel of the Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home in Glendive, with Pastor Charles "Bob" Meehan officiating. Interment with military honors will be in the Dawson Memorial Cemetery. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home is entrusted with arrangements.

Jim was born on March 27, 1916, the son of Helen and Joseph Nejedly. At the age of 16, he headed to Montana. After riding the rails and working across the state, he landed in the Bloomfield area working for Olaf Waag, where he met Olaf's daughter, Dorothy. On Sept. 30, 1943, Jim and Dorothy were married in Richey while Jim was home on leave from the U.S. Army.

Jim was sent to Europe in June 1944 with the 4th Armored Division landing the day after D Day on Utah Beach. He was an armorer and then a military policeman at the time he was

honorably discharged in October 1945. After returning from the war, Jim and Dorothy settled on the farm at Bloomfield, Mont. In 1960, they moved to Richey where Dorothy began teaching and Jim worked as a carpenter. In 1963, he began working at the Richey Hardware Store. He moved to Sidney in 1975 to work for Valley Hardware and retired in 1978. Dorothy retired from teaching in 1982 and they traveled to Yuma, Ariz., in the winters.

In June 1997, Dorothy died from a stroke and Jim chose to remain in Montana year-round. In June of 1998, he moved to the Grandview Retirement Home in Glendive until January of 2002, when he moved to the Eastern Montana Veterans Home.

Jim loved to visit and ride around the countryside, looking at the crops, fishing and hunting for arrowheads and agates. He gave his life to the Lord and was an active member in his church and Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship for many years. He was always willing to help anyone — friend, family, neighbor or stranger. He was especially proud of his grandchildren and attended as many of their events as possible.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Dorothy; parents, Helen and Joseph Nejedly; two sisters, Mary Backstrom and Emily Tronson.

Jim is survived by his children, Bill and Cyndy Colter of Inchelium, Wash., Helen and Ken Chrest of East Helena, Carol Armstrong of Glendive and Patti and Bill Raisl of Bloomfield; his grandchildren, David (D.J.) Colter, Curt Colter, Lori and Tsutomu Teranuma, Becky Taylor, Lindsey Taylor, Megan Armstrong, Chris Raisl, Matt Raisl; his brother, John Nejedly of Coon Rapids, Minn.; sisters, Anne Coursey of Spring Lake Park, Minn., Fran Cowden of Anoka, Minn., Lily Nordstrom of Sandstone, Minn., Aggie Schmelzer of Andover, Minn.; his brother-in-law, Richard and Dorothy Waag of Billings; many nieces and nephews and his special friend, Frances Boyer.

Memorials are suggested to Grandview Retirement Home, 1711 N. Merrill Avenue, Glendive, MT 59330 or the church of the donor's choice.

Marion B. Colwell

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BUTTE — Loving mother and grandmother Marion B. Colwell passed away Wednesday morning, April 24, 2002, in the Butte Convalescent Center.

She was born Nov. 16, 1915, in Wallace, Idaho, to Erwin and Arlene Becker.

On Feb. 28, 1942, she married Harlan Colwell in St. Paul's Methodist Church in Helena, and he survives. Also surviving are her daughter and son-in-law, Harla and Wally Fitz of Ramsey; grandchildren, Corina J. Fitz of Cheyenne, Wyo., and Trevor J. Fitz of Las Vegas; one great-grandchild, Jayda J. Fitz; her sister, Pauline Kessler of Billings; nephew, Dr. Walter and Eunice Kirkpatrick of Memphis, Tenn.; nieces, Ronda and Art Rowe of Butte and Karen Douglas of Tucson, Ariz.; and her special family friend, Irene Arnold of Billings. Marion is preceded in death by her infant son, Harlan Colwell, Jr.

Mrs. Colwell lived in Ramsey from 1947 until 1974, when she moved to Helena. She worked many years at the Parrot Confectionery in Helena. She was a member of Miriam Chapter #1, Order of the Eastern Star in Helena. She was worthy matron in 1984. That same year

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she served as grand page of the Grand chapter Session. She lived with her sister in Billings for the past 15 years and belonged to the Billings Past Mmatron Club, serving as president in 1997-1998. Marion was an honorary member of the Billings chapter of American Business Women's Association. Marion was a patient and understanding person and was especially proud of her grandchildren.

In keeping with her wishes, her remains have been cremated in Butte. Interment will take place in Mount Moriah Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Shrine Hospital for Children or to a charity of the donor's choice.

Alvin A. Combs

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PHILADELPHIA PA

GLASGOW — Alvin A. Combs, 72, of Glasgow, died Wednesday, June 12, 2002, at Deaconess Billings Clinic.

Services will be 11 a.m. Monday, June 17, at First Lutheran Church in Glasgow. Interment will be in Highland Cemetery in Glasgow. Bell Mortuary of Glasgow is in charge.

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William Thomas Combs

MILES CITY — William Thomas "Bill" Combs, 84, of Miles City, died Friday, March 15, 2002, at his home.

Visitation will be held Wednesday, March 20, at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City, with a vigil service at 6 p.m. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, March 21, at the Methodist Church in Miles City. Interment will follow in the Custer County Cemetery.

Paula Compton

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MILES CITY — Paula Elizabeth Smith Compton, 86, of Miles City, died Sunday, July 28, 2002, at the Holy Rosary Extended Care in Miles City.

Visitation will be held Tuesday, July 30, at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, July 31, at Stevenson & Sons. Interment will follow in the family lot in Custer County Cemetery.

Jean M. Conley

BILLINGS GAZETTE
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SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Jean M. Conley, 75, died Saturday, Jan. 12, 2002, in Sheridan Manor.

Viewing will prior to the funeral service which begins at 2 p.m. Friday at the LDS Church. Burial will be in Sheridan Municipal Cemetery. Champion Ferris Funeral Home is in charge.

Stephen Patrick Connell

BOZEMAN - Stephen Patrick "Pat" Connell, 52, of Bozeman died on Dec. 19, 2002 from head injuries sustained in a fall. Pat embraced life and loved every moment to the fullest. We are comforted knowing that Pat is at peace in the arms of our Lord.

Pat was born Feb. 11, 1950, at Mercy Hospital in Oakland, Calif. to John and Joyce (Lindwall) Connell. Raised in Newport Beach, Calif., he attended Mater Dei High School and graduated from Corona Del Mar High School in 1968.

Pat enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served his country from 1969 to 1971. He was stationed in Cam Rahn Bay, Vietnam during his tour of duty. He used the GI Bill to obtain his pilot's license in 1976.

His never-ending patriotism after the September 11th attack on our country compelled him to reenlist. He was deeply disappointed to discover he was "deemed too old" to serve his country.

Following in the family footsteps, Pat's love of cars led him to join the family business, Connell Chevrolet, in Costa Mesa, Calif. in 1978. He rose through the ranks and became

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part-owner and dealer-operator.

In 1989, his love of the outdoors and Montana's quality of life led him to purchase the Chevrolet franchise in Bozeman, which became Connell Auto Center. Pat also purchased Budget Rent-A-Car at Gallatin Field Airport. Pat was proud to support his "Mighty Bobcats" and many other worthy organizations within the community.

He sold Connell Auto Center in 1999 to pursue his passions in life, which included—but were not limited to—flying, hunting and golf. He was also an avid collector of sports and military memorabilia. Pat was proud to have successfully taken 12 species of the world's wild mountain sheep, which resulted in achieving the Ovis World Slam. His love and desire for the game of baseball enabled him to fulfill a lifelong dream: he was invited to participate in the Dodgers Spring Training Camp in Vero Beach, Fla. His golf trips with the

"Bozeman Boys Club" are legendary and have been the source of many a tall tale. Through his love of flying, he discovered the world from above.

Pat lived life LARGE. He cherished the time he spent with his family and friends. We will all miss his great sense of humor, his dynamic filibuster ability, his love of life and that smile!

He is survived by his wife, Tempe Farley Connell; son, Justin; daughter, Kristie; his "chicky-monkey" granddaughter, Makayla Connell; parents, John and Joyce Connell of Newport Beach Calif.; aunt, Helen Yanke of Los Angeles; and his eight brothers and sisters, Michael and Susan Connell, Cathleen and Jerry Perkins of Bozeman, Sandra and Jay Wilbur of Irvine, Calif., Candy and Michael Jacobs of Palm Springs, Calif., K.C. Connell of Irvine, Colleen and Bruce Abbott of Orange, Calif., Timothy and Renee Connell of Foothill Ranch, Calif., and Kim and Bob Burgoon of Coto de Giza, Calif.; as well as many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, John L. and Mary Connell, and Anna and John Edward Lindwall.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service was held on Sunday, Dec. 22, at Holy Rosary Catholic Church, followed by a reception at Riverside Country Club. A memorial service will be planned for his family and friends in California at a later date.

Memorials can be made to: Angel Flight, 3237 Donald Douglas Loop South, Santa Monica, CA 90405; or to the Adam Bronken Sports Complex, 777 East Main Street, Suite 202, Bozeman, MT 59715.

John P. Connolly

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BILLINGS GAZETTE

John Connolly was born in Billings on Christmas Eve 1919, the second of three children born to Patrick H. and Margaret F. (Ambrose) Connolly. John passed away peacefully in his sleep at the family home on Saturday, May 11, 2002.

Upon graduation from Billings High School in 1937, John entered the family business as an apprentice saddle maker learning the trade from his uncle, Jack Connolly. He joined the Army Air Corps in 1942 and served as a pilot instructor until honorably discharged in 1945. Except for his three years of military service, John managed and was the President of Connolly Saddlery Co. from 1937 until his retirement in 1982. John enjoyed the close family atmosphere with fellow employees and customers.

John married Muriel L. Russell of Luther and Bridger on Nov. 11, 1946. From this union six children were born. John participated in many outdoor activities with his family including camping, horseback riding and water skiing. He was especially fond of snow skiing, starting with Silver Run Ski Club outings and was an avid ski enthusiast until the age of 72.

Survivors include his sons, Patrick Connolly of Billings, Michael Connolly of Red Lodge

Cremation has taken place. At John's request, no funeral services are planned. A private interment at the grave of his wife Muriel is planned for a later date.

Memorials may be made to Big Sky Hospice.

Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary has charge of arrangements.

and Daniel Connolly of Eldorado, Calif.; and his daughters, Mary Connolly of Billings, Barbara Jones of Littleton, Colo. and Colleen Dockery of Bozeman. He is also survived by his sister, Alice Connolly of Billings and six grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife Muriel, his parents and a sister, Catherine Harris.

Charles Daniel Conrad

BILLINGS GAZETTE
APR 23 2002

STORY, Wyo. — Charles Daniel "Danny" Conrad, 45, of Story, died Feb. 9, 2002, in Story.

Cremation has taken place. A private family memorial service will be held at a later date. Kane Funeral Home of Sheridan is in charge.

Florence Conroy

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BILLINGS GAZETTE

GIRARD COMMUNITY

Florence Conroy, 93, of Girard Community, died Friday, May 3, 2002, at the Sidney Health Center.

Wake services will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 7, at Fulkerson Funeral Home Memorial Chapel in Sidney. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, May 8, at the St. Matthew's Catholic Church. Interment will be in the Lone Butte Cemetery in Girard Community.

Charles S. Content

BILLINGS GAZETTE

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DANVILLE, Calif. — Charles Content, 93, of Danville, Calif., formerly of Montana, died Thursday, Feb. 21, 2002.

A celebration of his life will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 2, at St. Joan of Arc, 2601 San Ramon Valley Blvd., in San Ramon, Calif.

Martin Garcia Contreras

Martin G. Contreras passed away peacefully Nov. 6, 2002, at the age of 88.

Martin was born Nov. 11, 1913, in Villa Union, Coahuila, Mexico, to Antonio and Juanita Contreras. Martin lived in Billings and worked many years, retiring from the Bur-



**MARTIN
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lington Northern railroad. In the early years, Martin worked the fields in Texas from Del Rio to Winter. He often traveled north with his immediate family following seasonal work in Minnesota, Michigan, North Dakota and Wyoming, before finally settling in the Billings area in March, 1946.

Martin was preceded in death by his parents, sisters Severiana, Guadalupe, Blasita, Petra and brothers Ynez and Jose.

Survivors include three sisters, Juanita Ramirez of Hardin, Anita (Fred, Sr.) Hilario of Billings, Francis Garcia of Cleveland, Ohio; two brothers, Reyes Contreras of Lewistown and John (Maria) Contreras of Billings.

"Uncle Mart" never married or had any children of his own. Instead, he had 68 nieces and

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nephews, who always managed to fill that void one way or another. In his later years he became a surrogate father to many of his great and great-great nieces and nephews. He was affectionately known by all his kids as "Uncle Mart," the greatest burrito maker ever. Uncle Mart left a lasting impression in each of us; he touched each of us in his own gentle, quiet way. A permanent figure in our surroundings, we knew he was always there.

"Uncle Mart," you will be greatly missed, but never forgotten. We still have your namesakes to remind us of who you were. We have our children who have some of your best characteristics in their God-given make up.

"Uncle Mart," rest in peace and someday we will meet again.

Rosary will be at 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 11, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church at 523 S. 29th. St. Funeral Mass will be Tuesday, Nov. 12, at 10 a.m., also at Guadalupe Church, followed by burial at Holy Cross Cemetery.

ADRIAN 'ADE' COOK

HELENA — Adrian "Ade" Cook passed away peacefully on Monday, Nov. 11, 2002, at St. Peter's Hospital in Helena.

Adrian was born May 11, 1910, in Muskogee, Okla., son of Garfield and Maude Cook. His family moved to Billings in 1918.

Adrian was known to all as a gentle man who loved his family, friends and his Montana lifestyle. By example, he taught generosity, honesty and kindness. His appreciation for nature and his love of sports were instilled in his children. In high school, he played on state champion football and basketball teams for Billings High School under Coach "Cubs" Daylis.

In 1936, Adrian married Helen Worth, his wife of 55 years. They had a daughter, Judith, and son, Kenneth. In 1941, they bought the general store in Silesia, and Adrian became the postmaster there as well. He worked for the railroad in Laurel during WWII. In early 1951, he became the rural mail carrier for both Silesia and Joliet.

Adrian was a Master Mason belonging to the Carbon Lodge No. 65 in Joliet. He was awarded membership in the Legion of Honor for his work in DeMolay. His greatest pastime was square-dancing.

Adrian was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Helen in

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1991; and a brother, Luther, in 2000. He is survived by daughter Judy and her husband, Dennis Spisak of Twain Harte, Calif.; son Kenneth and his wife, Peggy, of Helena; granddaughters Kelli Rae of Pleasanton, Calif.; granddaughters Azarina and Grindl; a brother, Hubert; sister-in-law and dear friend Mary Bolenske of Billings.

A memorial service for all who wish to attend to honor Adrian will be held Thursday afternoon, Nov. 14, at 3 p.m. at Son Heaven Assisted Living (2510 Ferndale, Helena). Memorials are suggested to Farm-in-the-Dell Foundation; 1208 Poplar Street; Helena, MT 59601. Retz Funeral Home is caring for arrangements.

Annabelle Brown Cook

Born June 2, 1931

Died Feb. 14, 2002

WHEELING GAZETTE

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In loving memory of Mother and Grandmother. May she rest in peace with the Lord.

Annabelle was preceded in death by her parents; and sister Fred and Sybil Brown and Virginia Hopkins.

Annabelle is survived by her husband Elmer Cook and five children, Stevie Joe Cook, Shawn Eddy, Billy Cook, Brenda Reese and Myra Strobbe; and 12 grandchildren. She is also survived by two brothers and one sister, Dale Brown, Clyde Brown and Dodie Carter.

Thank you, Jesus, for giving us an angel, she will be missed. (Love you, Mom)

Cremation will be held at Cremation or Funeral Gallery, 29 Eighth St. West.



MRS. COOK

Clarence E. Cook

LIVINGSTON — Clarence Edward "Ted" Cook, 53, of Livingston, died Sunday, Feb. 17, 2002, at his home.

Cremation has taken place at Franzen-Davis Crematory in Livingston. No services are planned.

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Leslie Cook

MAY 29 2002

BILLINGS GAZETTE

BUFFALO, Wyo. — Leslie "Les" Cook, 87, of Buffalo, died Tuesday, May 28, 2002, at the Westview Health Care Center in Sheridan.

Viewing and visitation will be from 1 to 10 p.m. Thursday, May 30, at Adams Funeral Home Chapel in Buffalo. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, May 31, at the Adams Funeral Home Chapel. A private interment will be at the Elks at the Sheridan Cemetery.

Ty Alan Cook

REPUBLICS GAZETTE
FEB 16 2002

GLASGOW — Ty Alan Cook, 16 months, of Glasgow, died Wednesday, Feb. 13, 2002, at Benefis Health Care Hospital in Great Falls.

Services will be at 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 16, at First Lutheran Church in Glasgow. Burial will be in Highland Cemetery in Glasgow. Rev. Chris Flohr will be officiating. Dawn Pattison and Sharon Kauffman will perform the music. Bell Mortuary of Glasgow is in charge.

Viola Cook

Viola was born on July 20, 1927

in Mosher, S.D., the first of 11 children born to Otto and Margaret Herman. Because she was the first born, she was instrumental in caring for the other



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younger children. She helped care for the others until she was 22 and then moved away from home to Nebraska. She worked in a defense plant during the war and always remembered the day the war ended in Hastings, Neb., when the streets were flooded with people celebrating an end to the war. She later moved to Billings and stayed with Jake and Hattie Woehl while she worked at the City Drive In. She met William Cook while working there and they were married in October, 1947.

They made their home in Billings, where they raised their three children. Having come through the Depression years, hard work was just a part of her and Bill's life and something they instilled in their children. She cared for her family very much and was always concerned about them. She was a committed

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Christian and read her Bible faithfully and prayed for others on regular basis.

She was an active member of Billings Bible Church, participating in Mission Aid and serving in leadership roles from time to time. She thoroughly enjoyed the fellowship and relationships she had with the staff at Billings Bible Church.

She was also an active volunteer at the Deaconess Billings Clinic and served faithfully distributing flowers and mail to those who were ill. She was one that had to be busy and these organizations provided the vehicle for her to release the warmth and love she had for people.

Viola passed away Jan. 5, 2002. She was preceded in death by her husband Bill; her parents; brothers, Ervin, Oscar and Clarence; and sister Evelyn. She is survived by her three sisters, Lillian, Gertrude and Mary; brothers, John, Roland and Robert. She is also survived by three sons, Merle Cook of Billings, Dennis Cook (Nancy) of Shepherd and Monte Cook (Kathy) of Billings; grandchild-

dren, Kimberly Cook of
Bozeman, Michele Cook of
Shepherd, Janelle Cook of
Billings and Levi Cook of Billings.

Viola will be remembered as a willing servant who thoroughly enjoyed waiting on others. She was a tremendous example to her family.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 9, at Billings Bible Church, with interment in Sunset Memorial Gardens. Memorials may be made to St. John's Lutheran Home or Billings Bible Church. Friends and family are invited back to Billings Bible Church for fellowship and lunch.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to all the staff at St. John's Lutheran Home for their exceptional care.

Lowell Rowland Cooke, Sr.

BILLINGS GAZETTE

FEB 07 2002

At the age of 77, Lowell Cooke, Sr. died peacefully Tuesday, Feb. 5, 2002, at Deaconess Medical Center, following a five-year battle with deteriorating health. Lowell



MR. COOKE

was born the son of Leamon F. and Ida A. (Moore) Cooke, June 4, 1924, in Coffee County, Ala. After graduating from high school, at the age of 17, Lowell joined the U.S. Navy, June of 1941. He was wounded in WWII on the USS Procyon; he re-enlisted in 1945 to serve until 1947.

After his discharge from the Navy, Lowell worked with his father in Texas as an ironworker. That profession led him to Billings, where he met Violet Pirtz. Violet and Lowell were united in marriage in Billings on Dec. 8, 1950. Together, they raised three children.

Lowell was a member of the Ironworkers Local Union #841 and was the General Foreman for Bechtel while building Colstrip generating plants 3 and 4. He loved fishing, boating and watching baseball, especially while his son played Legion Ball.

Survivors include his son Lowell, Jr. and wife Beth of Billings; daughters, Norma and husband Joe Moore of Laurel, and Leanne and husband Jim Beatty of Billings; grandchildren, Ashley and Erin Cooke, and Austin and Hannah Beatty; brothers Donald Cooke and Pharon Cooke; sister Ruby Lois Hagenbuch; as well as numerous nieces and nephews. His parents and his sisters, Lucille, Oleta and Maxine, preceded Lowell in death.

Funeral services for Lowell will be Friday, Feb. 8, at 11 a.m. Interment will be in Sunset Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be at Dahl Funeral Chapel, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 7.

Lucille E. Cooke

JUN 27 2002

BILLINGS GAZETTE

HARDIN — Lucille E. Cooke, 81, of Hardin, passed away Jan. 17, 2002, in Billings.

She was born Oct. 30, 1920, in Greycliff, a daughter of William and Julia Jackson Sanders. She received her early education in Lodge Grass, graduating from Lodge Grass High School in 1936. Later attending Riverside Junior College in California. Following her education, she worked as a welder in the West-coast ship-yards.

Lucille married Edward Groh and later divorced. She married William Cooke and they later divorced. She began a career the Crow Agency Bureau of Indian Affairs realty office, retiring after 30 years of service

A daughter, Stephanie; a sister, Betty Eichhorn; and four step-brothers preceded her in death.

Survivors include her children, Christine A. Cooke of Hardin, Sandra Nelson of Colorado, Shelley Bales of Billings, Clifford (Leslie) Cooke of Billings, Tara (Willie) Piper of South Dakota; her siblings, Eileen Chandler and Lee Sanders, both of Billings; nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Cremation has taken place. A celebration of life service will be held 11 a.m. Thursday, June 27, in the Big Horn County Historical Museum Church. Bullis Mortuary of Hardin has been entrusted with the arrangements.

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Terry Jean Cooke

BILLINGS GAZETTE

TUCSON, Ariz. — Terry Jean Cooke, 51, passed away in Tucson, May 10, 2002.

Terry, daughter of Marlin and Lee Carlson, was born Jan. 4, 1951, in Billings. She attended West High and EMC, and was a licensed practical nurse in Montana and Oregon. She loved animals, especially cats, and enjoyed the outdoors.

She is survived by her parents; a brother, David; and niece, Brandi, all of Billings; and a son, Chris, of Seattle.

Private family services are pending.

Forrest 'Spade' Cooley

SIDNEY — Funeral services for Forrest "Spade" Cooley, 63, of Sidney, are 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 28, at the Fulkerson Memorial Chapel, with Father Ned Shinnick presiding. Interment will be in the Sidney Cemetery, under the direction of Fulkerson Funeral Home of Sidney.

Forrest Dale "Spade" Cooley was born Oct. 17, 1939, to parents Junior and Margaret (Groombridge) Cooley in Lame Deer. Spade grew up and attended country schools in Lame Deer before attending high school in Broadus, where he graduated with the class of 1957. Spade rodeoed as a young man, both rough stock and roping. He worked in the oilfield near Moorcroft, Wyo., where he met Jeanetta Wells. They were united in marriage in Gillette, Wyo., on June 22, 1963. In 1969, they moved to Sidney, where he remained in the oilfield as a floor hand. He worked for Cliff's drilling as a tool pusher until he retired in 1987.

Spade's interests were hunting, fishing, fixing up vehicles, especially his 1957 Chevy, playing pool, cribbage and watching softball.

Spade died at his home Tuesday, Sept. 24, 2002.

Spade is survived by his wife, Jeanetta, Sidney; son, Rick (Luann), Sidney; daughter, Kelly Hurley, Ballantine; grandchildren, Ashley, Tenna, Tess, Chera, Shayla and Chance; brother, Rodney (Donna) Cooley of Mountain Prairie, Nev.; sisters, Sheila Trump, Broadus, and Marianne (Leroy) Hyatt, Broadus.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Junior and Margaret; two brothers, Larry and Allen.

William Howard Cooney

HARLOWTON — William Howard Cooney, 81, of Harlowton, passed away peacefully at St. Vincent Healthcare in Billings on Wednesday, April 24, 2002. Bill suffered a heart attack on the morning of April 23. He spent the last day of his life comfortably enjoying his family. His smile and sense of humor continued to grace the lives of all he touched. He



**WILLIAM
COONEY**

took pride in, and good care of his family, his livestock, and land.

Bill was born Dec. 16, 1920, to J.P. and Leta Cooney, in Harlowton. He attended high school in Harlowton, and spent his entire life ranching with his family in the Fish Creek Hills.

He is survived by his brothers, Robert H. Cooney of Harlowton, Frank J. Cooney of Helena; sisters Katherine Chandler of Phoenix, Mary McNamara of Helena. He had numerous nieces and nephews and great-nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother Jack N. Cooney of Harlowton; and sister Betty Settle of Grand Junction, Colo.

Bill was the center of the circle

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for his whole family. He was greatly loved and will be remembered by all.

Funeral mass will be celebrated Monday, April 29, at 2 p.m. at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Harlowton. Burial will follow at the Harlowton Catholic Cemetery. Memorials may be sent to Montana Stockgrower Research Education Endowment Fund, 420 N. California St. Helena, MT 59601, (406) 442-3420 or St. Joseph's Catholic Church Memorial Fund, PO Box 286, Harlowton, MT 59036. Perkins Funeral Home is pleased to assist the family with the arrangements.

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Carl 'Coop' Cooper

Carl "Coop" Cooper was born in Montgomery County, Ga., on Feb. 8, 1924, the son of Nathan and Jessie Cooper. He grew up in the Cedar Crossing area of Toombs County, Ga., and attended Marvin Yancy School.



MR. COOPER

Carl joined the Navy in July of 1942. He saw action as a gunner mate on an anti-aircraft mount in the Aleutians and South Pacific. Mr. Cooper earned two Bronze Stars and a Silver Star, along with a personal commendation from the Secretary of the Navy. He was present at Tokyo Bay on Sept. 2, 1945, at the surrender of Japan.

After the war he married Bessie Manchester in Seattle. They lived in Montana and Riverton, Wyo. Carl worked in explosive sales for 20 years, then started his own construction supply business, Cooper Supply, until retiring in 1977. In his retirement he enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren, doing carpentry work, watching baseball and fishing.

He is survived by four sons, Gary and Beverly of Billings, Jim and Judy of New Ulm, Minn., Kirk and Linda of Joliet, Tom and Diane of Shepherd; a daughter, Patricia of Billings; a brother, Eugene of San Francisco; a sister, Maggie McCarty of Reidsville, Ga.; and 13 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

He was a member of the Apostles Lutheran Church and American Legion.

Funeral services will be 1 p.m., Wednesday, March 13, at the Apostles Lutheran Church, corner of Broadwater Ave. and 32nd St. West. Visitation will begin Monday, noon, at Smith Downtown Chapel. Interment with military honors will follow services at Mountview Cemetery.

Dema L. Cooper

HUNTLEY — Dema L. Cooper, 94 years old, an early Yellowstone County resident, passed away on Wednesday, April 24, 2002, in Helena.

She was born in a soddie on the family homestead near Murdo, S.D., on Sept. 21, 1907.

Her family moved to Oakland, Calif., in 1912 because of the harsh conditions in the South Dakota badlands. Her father needed the open spaces and came to Montana to find land. Her mother, with four children, including Dema, arrived in Montana by train on the 4th of July, 1914. They were met in Huntley by her father and taken by team and wagon to their new home in a soddie on Indian Creek, about 10 miles south of Huntley and 18 miles east of Billings.

She attended school in the Indian Creek School her father helped build until a larger community school was built called Indian Arrow. There she graduated eighth grade and then worked for room and board in Billings so she could continue her education and she graduated from Billings Senior High in 1925.

With one summer school session at Billings Normal School, she obtained a permit and began teaching school in 1927. She taught in small schools at Coburn, near Shepherd, in the Bull Mountains north of Pompeys Pillar, at Prairie Elk and Circle,

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and returned to teach at Indian Arrow in 1936. She continued her education at Eastern Montana Normal School whenever time and money allowed and was awarded a Lifetime Teaching Certificate in 1931.

In 1937, while teaching at Indian Arrow, she married T. Floyd Cooper. After the school year was over she went to cook for her husband's crew that was killing Mormon crickets on the Crow Indian Reservation. They returned that fall to begin farming a section of land her father sold them on the Haley Bench 15 miles south of Huntley and 20 miles east of Billings. She and her husband bought his parents' place nearby on the Haley Bench and moved there and continued to farm both places. She remained on the Haley Bench 34 years as a farm wife with a large flock of chickens, a huge garden, cooking for harvest crews and raising her family.

In 1971, her husband died and she then lived with her daughter, Thelma, a schoolteacher, in Hysham, Denver, Basin, Clancy and Helena until 1997 when she entered Big Sky Care Center in Helena where she resided until her death.

She was preceded in death by her husband, T. Floyd Cooper; her parents Charles F. and Lena B. Campbell; her brothers, John and Earl Campbell; and her sister, Annie Hargrove.

She is survived by her daughter, Thelma L. Cooper of Helena; son, Robert F. Cooper of Billings; grandson, Lt.j.g. Matthew T. Cooper and his wife, Debbie, of Great Lakes Naval Station; granddaughter, Anna Lee Collier of Radcliff, Ky.; four great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Services will be at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, May 1, at Smith Funeral Home in Billings, with interment at the Huntley Cemetery following the service.

Please make any memorials to the charity of your choice.

Josephine Louise Spotted Wolf Cooper "Holy Walking Woman"

BILLINGS GAZETTE
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On Wednesday morning, Aug. 28, 2002, our loving mother passed from this world to continue her journey, surrounded by the love of her children and family.



**JOSEPHINE
COOPER**

She was born to Patrick and Jean Walters Spotted Wolf on March 29, 1935, in Lane Deer. Josephine was a proud direct descendant of Chief Whistling Elk and Chief Spotted Wolf, of the Northern Cheyenne Nation, who participated in the battle of the Little Big Horn. She attended St. Labre, Busby and Colstrip schools.

In her younger years, she was an avid horsewoman and worked on the family ranch. She competed in the Miss Indian America title in Sheridan, Wyo., in the early 1950s.

On Sept. 27, 1954, she married Bob Cooper in Rapid City, S.D. The couple made their home in Gillette, Wyo., for 26 years. During this time Josephine worked at Boyd's Supermarket as the deli manager and at various other restaurants. The family

spent a lot of time boating together at Keyhole Reservoir. In 1981 Josephine moved back to the Northern Cheyenne Reservation. In 1987 she married William "Bud" Speelman in a traditional Cheyenne ceremony, officiated by the late Austin Two Moons Sr. Bud passed from this life in 1988.

Josephine had many accomplishments in her career, but she was most proud of the deli she started and managed at the Cheyenne Depot in Lane Deer for eight years. She was a very hard and dedicated worker. Socializing with her "bingo friends" was a big part of her life. She was always in the mood for bingo and a good laugh at the Charging Horse Casino or Doc and Eddy's.

There was nothing that made her more proud than her family. She had a bragging story, with pictures, for every one of her children, grandchildren or great grandchildren. Her love for her family was so strong that she would have done anything for them.

Survivors include her children, Donna (Mike) Hurff of Busby, Donald Dale (Marlene) Cooper, Barbara (Craig) Weber and George (Lori) Cooper, all of Gillette, Wyo., and Shawna (Ken) Cooper of Billings; her step-children (whom she took as her own), Michael Cooper of Sheridan, Mary Ann (Leon) Milacek of Lyons, Colo.; brothers, Clarence (Adeline) Spotted Wolf of Ashland and Clifford Spotted Wolf of Lame Deer; sisters, Ruby Flying and Aladine (James) Spang, both of Lame Deer, Eldora (Jesse) Bement of Ashland; uncle, David Glenmore of Busby; 14 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews; extended families include the Glenmores and Real Birds. She was preceded in death by her parents; her sons, Bobby Cooper and Patrick Cooper; sisters, Mollie Small and Beatrice Rowland; brother, James Spotted Wolf Sr.

The family would like to thank Dr. Arpin, Dr. Meyers and the St. Vincent ICU nurses for all their care and support.

Mom, it broke our hearts to let you go. We know you are in God's hands and free of pain. We love you very much and you will always be a part of our lives.

Rosary will be Thursday at 8 p.m. at the Blessed Sacrament Church in Lame Deer. Funeral services will be Friday at 11 a.m. at the Blessed Sacrament Church in Lame Deer. Graveside visitation 9-10 a.m. with burial at 10 a.m. at Mt. Pisgah Cemetery in Gillette. Dahl Funeral Chapel in Hardin is handling the arrangements.

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John H. Copeland

CODY, Wyo. — John Harvey Copeland, 86, died Thursday, March 14, 2002, at St. Vincent Healthcare in Billings.

Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. Monday, March 18, at Ballard Funeral Home in Cody. Interment will follow in Riverside Cemetery.

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Mary G. Copple

MALTA — Mary G. Copple, 92, of Malta, died Saturday, March 9, 2002, at Valley View Nursing Home in Glasgow.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, March 14, at the Little White Church in Malta. Burial will be in Malta City Cemetery. Bell Mortuary of Glasgow is in charge.

Henry Merle Corbett 'Buster'

BILLINGS GAZETTE
DEC 13 2002

Henry Merle Corbett "Buster," born March 19, 1910, at Brearden, Ark., died on Dec. 13, 2002. He worked in the oil fields in Wyoming, Montana, Colorado, Utah, Nebraska and California.

Buster was married to Katherine Michelcic Corbett for 58 years. Katie passed away on June 25, 1992, after a long illness.

Buster belonged to the Blue Lodge, Absarokee #30 in Powell, Wyo., and also was a Shriner and a member of Eastern Star. On Oct. 18, 1996, he received his 50 year pin in the Masonic Lodge at the awards dinner at the Ashler Lodge #29 in Billings.

Buster enjoyed playing pinochle and cribbage.

He is survived by his only daughter, Carolyn Fellion and her husband Terry; two grandsons, Clay Fellion and his wife Barbara and David Fellion and his wife Judy. There are two great-grandchildren, Rebecca and Garrett; all are from California. There are four nieces and two nephews from Montana and Wyoming.

The funeral will be a Masonic ceremony held 1 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 17, at Cremation or Funeral Gallery, 29 Eighth St. West. Burial will follow at the Rockvale Cemetery.

Genevieve Arlee Wrzesinski Corcoran

BILLINGS GAZETTE
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HARLOWTON — Arlee Corcoran, 88, died peacefully at Wheatland Memorial Hospital and Nursing Home on Friday, Nov. 29, 2002. A memorial service for family and friends will be held at 11:00 am at Perkins Funeral Home in Harlowton on Saturday, Dec. 7, with lunch following at St. Joseph's Catholic Church.

Born in Irene, on Jan. 1, 1914, daughter of Charles and Cora Smith Wrzesinski, Arlee grew up with 12 brothers and sisters in the Snowy Mountains and often spoke of the fun times and hardships, including riding a horse four and half miles every day to school. Arlee attended elementary school at Irene and graduated from Ryegate High School in 1932.

On Sept. 26, 1934, she married Byron Hayes Corcoran in Billings and lived on the Corcoran ranch south of Ryegate for several years and then moved to Ryegate, where they raised five children, Carol, Audrey, Jim, Judy and Mike, and where her husband operated Corcoran Construction. Arlee worked for 15 years as a telephone operator in Ryegate and as a store clerk for Wilson Mercantile.

Arlee served as worthy matron of Eastern Star and as a member of the Daughters of the Nile. She was an active volunteer for the American Cancer Society and a

member of the Women of the Moose.

Arlee was an artist, an avid reader, a collector and enjoyed writing poetry. She loved working in her garden, canning, baking, fishing and going to the mountains on picnics. She always had her radio on and enjoyed listening to Western music and the news. Arlee had a remarkable memory and welcomed visitors to chat with her about the "good ole days." She had a famous "basement" in which any grandchild or community member could find the "costume" just right for any occasion. Arlee often volunteered to make favors, posters, write poems and songs, be in a skit or make a costume for many school activities, community functions or town organizations.

Arlee was preceded in death by her parents, husband and siblings, Marie, Lucille, Ruth, Casimer, Walt, Sam and Rudy. Arlee is survived by her sister Helen Kensrud of Dryden, Wash.; and brothers Ed Wrzesinski of Beaverton, Ore., and Kelly Wrzesinski of Roy. She is also survived by all five children, Carol Speigner (Bill) of Laurel, Audrey Keller Eckhardt (Bob) of Harlowton, Jim Corcoran

(Barbara) of Billings, Judy Corcoran (John) of Bozeman, and Mike Corcoran (Sandy) of Payson, Ariz. She is also survived by 13 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Cremation has taken place and interment will occur at later date for the family. Our family extends thanks to all who cared for and visited Arlee, and memorials may be made to Wheatland Memorial Nursing Home in Harlowton, c/o Irene Erickson, 530 3 NW, Harlowton, Montana 59036.

John Allen 'Jack' Core

MAR 18 2002

GREYBULL, Wyo. — John Allen "Jack" Core of Greybull, Wyo. passed away in Billings on Saturday, March 16, 2002, following a short illness.

He was born July 28, 1917 in Choteau, the son of George Clinton and Arlie (Wengart) Core. He graduated from Choteau



MR. CORE

High School in 1936. He worked in the Anaconda Copper Co. in Helena and The Home Oil Company in Great Falls. He joined the Coast Guard in 1941 and was sworn in the day after Pearl Harbor. He spent the war years onboard ships off the coast of Australia and Hebrides Islands area. He returned to Wyoming in 1946.

He married Margorie Ellen Zingg, June 15, 1948 in Cody. They lived in Basin, Greybull, and Ellensburg, Wash. He was an automobile dealer for Chevrolet and owned and operated the Basin Motor Co. and later worked with his brother, Clint, at Core Chevrolet in Greybull. He retired in 1985.

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He was a member of the Elk's Lodge and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3305 in Greybull and the Eagles Lodge in Basin.

He was predeceased by his wife, Margorie; his parents; brother, Clint Core and sister Mary Meade. Survivors include his nephew, James Core of Greybull; nieces Caryl Cline of Omaha Neb. and Judy Atchison of Gilbert, Ariz. and 11 grand-nieces and nephews.

A Memorial Service will be 2 p.m., Wednesday, March 20, at the Greybull Elks Club. The cremains will be interred at the Greybull Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in Jack's name to the Greybull Elks Club, 622 Greybull Ave., Greybull, WY 82426.

Royal Corley

BILLINGS GAZETTE

THERMOPOLIS, Wyo. — Royal Corley, 83, died Saturday, Aug. 24, 2002, at his residence.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, Aug. 28, at Mortimore Funeral Home. Time of service to be determined.

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Leroy Cornelius

GILLETTE, Wyo. — Leroy Cornelius, 78, died Friday, Oct. 4, 2002, at the Campbell County Memorial Hospital.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 9, 2002, at the Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow in the Gillette-Mt. Pisgah Cemetery.

OCT 4 2002

FORSYTH — Valeria "Val" Cornett, age 49, of Forsyth, formerly of Miles City, passed away on Wednesday, Oct. 2, 2002, after a courageous battle with cancer, in Miles City, surrounded by her loving family.



VAL CORNETT

Val was born in Mandan, N.D., on March 3, 1953, the daughter of Lloyd and Beverly (George) South. She moved with her family to Miles City, where she attended school. Following her schooling, she married Larry Christofferson in 1971 and to this union two children were born: Melessia and Justin. She later married Earnest Cornett in Riverton, Wyo., on April 17, 1982. Earnest and Val made their home in Forsyth, where Val worked for the First Montana Title Company.

Val was a member of the Forsyth Area Chamber of Commerce. She loved doing yard work, making creative crafts, and was good with flowers. Christmas was her favorite time of the year. She was an excellent cook and enjoyed spending time with the Speedway Coffee Crew but most of all with her grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Val is survived by her mother, Beverly South of Miles City; her father, Lloyd South and his wife Holly of Miles City; husband, Earnest of Forsyth; a daughter, Melessia Rogers and her husband Justin of Custer; a son, Justin Christofferson of Billings; three sisters, Ava Clauson and her husband Rod of Miles City, Beva Meidinger and her husband Clinton of Miles City and Tammy Wahl and her husband Terry of Miles City; two granddaughters, Jessica Rogers and Lindsay Collins. She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Floyd and Grace South and Elsie and John George.

Visitation will be held Friday in the chapel in Miles City. A Prayer Service will be held Friday, Oct. 4, at 7 p.m. in the chapel of Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in **Miles City**. Funeral services will be held Saturday, Oct. 5, at 11 a.m. in the chapel of Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in **Forsyth**. Interment will follow in the family lot in the Forsyth Cemetery. Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home of Forsyth is in charge of the arrangements.

Should friends desire, memorials may be made to Holy Rosary Hospice, 2600 Wilson, Miles City, MT 59301.

George E. Corning

BILLINGS GAZETTE

TACOMA, Wash. — George E. Corning, born Feb. 7, 1908, in South Dakota, passed away peacefully Dec. 26, 2001, in Tacoma. He was a member of Fircrest Presbyterian Church, charter member of Elks BPOE, Pioneers of the Federal Airways and NARFE. In the early 1930s, George started his career with Federal Airways which later became the CAA and then the FAA. He retired from the FAA in 1966.

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George loved fly fishing and hunting and especially summer vacations at Bull Lake, Mont., and his family.

He is survived by son, Leroy (Cara) Corning; daughter, Constance M. Harrison; sister, Pauline Snix Tower (Wally); grandchildren, Chris, Blake, Nancy, Turis and Callan; great-grandchildren, Clinton, Michael, Steven, Marie and Taylor. He was preceded in death by wives, Marie in 1978 and Ruth in 1983; brothers, Wesley and Stanley; sisters, Audrey and Ruth.

Graveside services will be held Monday, Jan. 14 at 12 noon at Mountview Cemetery. Arrangements by Cremation or Funeral Gallery.

Virginia Alice Corning

HAMILTON — Virginia Alice Corning, 92, of Hamilton, died Sept. 25, 2002, at Valley View Estates in Hamilton.

Virginia was born April 20, 1910, in Denver, the eighth child of 11 born to Ernest J. and Martha Oslar.

She married Harry V. Corning, Sept. 25, 1927. They moved to Casper, Wyo., early in their married life and started the Radio Supply Co. They bought a ranch along the Big Hole River at Melrose in 1942. It was the destination for many family reunions. Mom loved to cook for the crowd.

They opened the Radio Equipment Co. in Billings in 1946. Yuma, Ariz., became a winter destination.

Mom loved the Lord and was active in the Presbyterian Church and Circle. Wherever she was, she found a church on Sunday. She loved to give. She was a good golfer; the only one in the family with two holes-in-one to her credit. She loved her family. She was proud of her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

A stroke in 1993 made her dependent on others, but in her spirit, she was not bound.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and all her brothers and sisters; and by her husband who died in 1974.

She is survived by her son, Jim Corning and his wife Joanne of Billings; daughters Joyce Hahnkamp and her husband Charles of Melrose and Nancy Pendergast of Hamilton; 12 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 28, at Barnabas Ministries, 273 Fairgrounds Road, Hamilton. Urn placement will be in Billings next to her husband. Arrangements are under the care of the Daly-Leach Chapel in Hamilton.

Kathryn L. Cornue

BILLINGS GAZETTE

April 26, 2002

LEWISTOWN — Kathryn L. Cornue, 76, died Wednesday, April 24, 2002, at the Central Montana Skilled Nursing Center.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, April 29, at the Creel Funeral Chapel in Lewistown. Burial will be in Central Montana Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be from 4 to 7 p.m. Sunday, April 28, and from 9 a.m. until the time of service, Monday, at Creel Funeral Home.

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Florence Evelyn Cortright

OPPORTUNITY — Florence E. Cortright, 77, Opportunity, passed away Tuesday evening, Sept. 3, 2002, in St. James Healthcare.

She was born in Billings, on Dec. 15, 1924, to Dorothy Jean (Hiber) and Edsel Houseman. She lived in Pryor Creek and attended Morrison School. She moved to Billings and graduated from Billings Senior High School in 1941.

She worked for Western Union and the Northrup Aircraft Co. in California during World War II. She married Emmett Cortright in Billings on Oct. 31, 1945. They had four sons and one daughter. They moved their trucking business to Opportunity in 1963, where she worked until 1983.

She was a charter member of the Cooper Village Art Center, where she volunteered for many years. She was a charter member of the BPO Does and served as secretary for six years. She enjoyed painting and quilting classes, as well as bowling, fishing and hunting. She enjoyed making quilts for her eight grandchildren. She bowled for over 40 years and was inducted into the W.B.C. Hall of Fame.

She was preceded in death by her husband, parents and three brothers.

She is survived by sons and daughters-in-law, Charles Cortright of Fairbanks, Alaska, Harold and Alice Cortright, Dal Cortright and Michael and Shirle Cortright, all of Anaconda; daughter and son-in-law, Karen and John Yoeman of Anaconda; grandchildren, Brandie and Max Cortright, Lisa and Eric Cortright, and Jirr Dan and Kayla Yoeman, and Michaela Cortright and great granddaughter Madison Yoeman.

The funeral service will be held Saturday, Sept. 7, at 2 p.m., in the First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Kent Elliott officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Memorial Gardens in Billings. Graveside service will be at 1 p.m. Monday, Sept. 9, at Sunset Memorial Gardens. A luncheon will follow at the American Legion, 1540 Broadwater Ave. Longfellow Finnegan Funeral Home of Anaconda is handling arrangements.

Theresa Cosner

BILLINGS GAZETTE

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Theresa Cosner, 75, died Monday, Aug. 26, 2002, at Westview Health Care Center.

Rosary will be recited at 7 p.m. Thursday at Kane Funeral Home. Mass of Christian Burial is at 10 a.m. Friday at Holy Name Catholic Church with burial in Sheridan Municipal Cemetery.

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Charles F. "Brick" Cossitt BILLINGS GAZETTE

April 28, 2002

SHEPHERD — Charles F. "Brick" Cossitt of Shepherd passed away Thursday, April 25, 2002, at the Eastern Montana Veterans Home after a long illness.



**CHARLES
COSSITT**

Brick was born in Sheridan, Wyo., on April 21, 1924, the son of Lester and Viola (Austin) Cossitt of Quietus. He spent his childhood on the family ranch at Quietus until time to go to high school, when the family moved to the Lodge Grass area during the school years, graduating in 1943. He entered the Army Air Force in August of 1943 and was honorably discharged in March of 1946. He returned to the ranch at Quietus, in partnership with his brother, Austin, raising sheep.

Brick and Mary Helen Swaby were married in Hardin on July 26, 1953, and lived at Quietus until purchasing their own ranch at Shepherd in April of 1957. He was on the Scandia school board until the consolidation with the Shepherd schools, a charter member of the Shepherd Lions Club and very instrumental in starting what is now the baseball complex. He served many years

on the BBWA Board of Directors and as a Yellowstone County Conservation District supervisor. Brick and Mary enjoyed over thirty years of Square dancing and made many wonderful friends through this association.

He was a true and loyal brother, friend and neighbor, always willing to lend a hand or ear, a faithful and providing husband, a loving and guiding father and a spoiling grandfather. He truly loved the land and animals he cared for and never, ever knew a stranger.

Brick is survived by his wife Mary, of Shepherd; his children and grandchildren, Julie (Pat) Vaughn of Shepherd, Claudia (Bill) Dodson, Tara and Carter of Chesapeake, Va., Gordon (Brenda) Cossitt, Ryan, Stephanie and Monica of Laramie, Wyo. and Jerry (Debbie) Cossitt, Mindy, Austin and Anthony of Shepherd. Also surviving him are brothers Bill (Nancy) Cossitt of Ranchester, Wyo., Jim (Loyce) Cossitt of Broadus; sister, Nita Fenton and sister-in-law, Heler Cossitt, both of Billings, along with many nieces and nephews.

Brick was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, Austin

and a brother-in-law, Tom Fenton, and nephew, Lester Cossitt.

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, May 6, at the Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Shepherd, with lunch to follow. Cremation has taken place and the ashes will be scattered on the ranch. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Shepherd Volunteer Fire Department, Shepherd Little League, or the Eastern Montana Veterans Home in Glendive.

Silvernale-Silha Funeral Homes of Glendive was in charge of the arrangements.

Thomas Lenoy Tommy Costello

BILLINGS GAZETTE

NOV 10 2002

Tommy Costello, 61, of Billings passed away peacefully Thursday morning, Nov. 7, 2002, at Deaconess Billings Clinic surrounded by his wife and four children. He died of leukemia, which he was diagnosed with one year ago.



**THOMAS
COSTELLO**

Tommy was born on June 27, 1941, in Billings, a son to Frank and Catherine Costello.

Tommy was preceded in death by his parents; his sisters, Mary and Judy; his brothers, Frank and Jimmy.

He is survived by his wife, Carolyn; his four children, Tom (Kim) of Billings, Tammy (Lane) of Billings, Theresa (Tom) of San Diego, Calif., and Tracy (Bob) of Idaho Falls, Idaho; and eight grandchildren. He is also survived by his three brothers, John (Pat) of Billings, Kevin (Betty) of Harlowton, and Joe (Ann) of Pinehurst, Idaho; two sisters, Regina of Long Beach, Calif., and Cathy of Lompoc, Calif.

Tommy was known for his wonderful sense of humor that brought joy to many people's lives. He was sociable and was

able to make all of those around him feel welcomed with a joke or a story.

His faith was the center of his life. He was a faithful member of St. Pius X Church. Tommy touched many people's lives through the Cursillo movement.

His hobbies included fishing and sports, especially cheering for God's team, Notre Dame.

We want to say good bye to our little leprechaun and let him know that he was right, "you weren't such a bad guy after all," Dad!

A vigil service will be held at 7 p.m., Sunday, at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary. A funeral mass will be offered at 11 a.m., Monday, at St. Pius X Church. Cremation has taken place. Memorials may be made to St. Pius X Church, 717 18th St. West, Billings, MT 59102, or to the charity of one's choice.

Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

Thomas 'T' Cotton

BILLINGS GAZETTE
JAN 15 2002

BIG HORN, Wyo. — Thomas Wendell "T" Cotton, 81, died Tuesday, Jan. 8, 2002, in Sheridan.

A private family gathering will be held this summer. Champion Ferries Funeral Home was in charge.

APR 06 2002**Larry A. Coulston**

SIDNEY — Larry A. Coulston, 58, of Sidney, died Thursday, April 4, 2002, at the Denver VA Medical Center.

A funeral will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, April 9, at the Faith Fellowship Church in Bainville.

Edith Counter

BIG TIMBER — Edith "Edie" Counter, 84, of Big Timber died Friday, Oct. 11, 2002.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 15, at the First Congregation Church, with graveside committal following in Mountain View Cemetery. Lowry Funeral Home is in charge.

Wilma Counts

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BILLINGS GAZETTE

Wilma was born in Mauston, Wis., April 2, 1927, the 11th of 13 children. Looking older than her 16 years, she went to work in Geneva, Ill., between 1942-1946, at Berges Northern war plant, A&P, Jewel Tea Grocery and General Electric, in Chicago, until she found her life's work as a waitress, at the Warplant Cafe, in Batavia, Ill.

When she was 19, she moved to Gardiner, Mont., with her older sister Leona and her husband Art

Marten. There, she met and married her lifelong mate of 51 years, Lewis J. Counts. Lewis was a hard rock miner, which took her on a journey to many cities and states, from one mining camp to another in



**WILMA
COUNTS**

Colorado, Arizona, Nevada, and finally settling down in Butte for most of her married life.

There, she continued her waitressing career, working at the Finlen Hotel and Arrow Cafe in Meaderville, to mention a few. Hand in hand and heart in heart, she and her husband managed to raise six of their seven children. They moved to Billings in 1980, where Wilma lost her beloved husband, May 10, 1997. She moved in with her oldest daughter and

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son-in-law, to be cared for and loved until she peacefully reunited with her husband, May 22, 2002.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Fanny and John Bentz; 11 of her brothers and sisters; her husband; and an infant son, Lewis Lundy. She is survived by one brother, Archie Bentz of Mountain Homes, Ark.; a beloved sister-in-law, Arleene Bentz of Seffner, Fla., Sandra and Hal Shaw of Billings, Dennis and wife Dee of South Dakota, Bernard and wife Sharon of Great Falls, Kay and husband Tim of Denver, Pamela Seright of Great Falls, and Richard Counts of South Dakota; her 22 grandchildren, several great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Mom, you held us in your arms as we said hello with the cries of life, no we hold you in our hearts with tears of love and remembrance, in the care of our Lord until we meet again. WE LOVED YOU SO VERY MUCH.

Stewart Edgar Cousins

Stewart Edgar Cousins passed away April 30, 2002, from natural causes.

He was born May 5, 1920, in Blue Hill, Maine, the youngest child of Frederick and Marjorie Cousins. Following high school graduation, he worked in his older brother's commercial boatyard until entering the Army, serving with the Corps of Engineers in the South Pacific during World War II. He married Jeanice Hodgkins in 1946, and in 1950, they moved their young family to Montana to work in construction.

Stew was an unassuming man who appreciated the simple pleasures of nature: ocean, sailing, mountains, rocks, birds. He was a 50-year member of the First Congregational Church and served his church as deacon and trustee. He was a devoted grandfather to Beth, Julia and Paul Marchello and Chris Newton and enjoyed flying kites and canoeing with them.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers; and two sisters. He is survived by his



**STEWART
COUSINS**

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Senior Day Care Ministries, 3940
Rimrock Road, 59102 or Horizon
Hospice Home, 1019 Neptune
Blvd., 59105.

wife Jeanice; daughters and sons-in-law, Mary Lou Marchello (Ben) and Annie Newton (Tim); and four grandchildren.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be held Saturday, May 4, at 1:30 p.m., at First Congregational Church UCC. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. John's

Dorothy F. Couture

Dorothy Couture, 76, of Billings, passed away Thursday, Sept. 19, 2002, after a courageous fight with cancer. Dorothy was born Nov. 9, 1925, in Helenville, Mont., to Fred and Ruby (Campbell) Nicholson. The family



**DOROTHY
COUTURE**

ly moved to Marmarth, N.D., where she began her education and later finished school in Baker.

Dorothy married Glen Hasty and there was one son born, LeRoy Hasty. She later

married Sylvester Couture and two children were born, Howard Couture and Lois Couture O'Brien.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one sister, Frances Carlson; a son, LeRoy Hasty; and her loving husband of 23 years, Sylvester Couture. She is survived by her two children, Howard Couture and Lois Couture O'Brien, both of Billings; daughter-in-law, Karen Hasty of Billings; brother Howard Couture of Hacienda Heights, Calif.; aunts, nephews and cousins; six grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and her best companion, her little dog, Candy.

Funeral service will be 10 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 24, at Cremation or Funeral Gallery, Eighth and St. Johns. Interment will follow at 1 p.m. at Custer National Cemetery. Memorials in Dorothy's name may be made to Big Sky Hospice, PO Box 35033, Billings, MT 59107. Arrangements are by Cremation or Funeral Gallery.

Eugene E. Cowan

LORING — Eugene E. Cowan, 78, of Loring, died Monday, Nov. 18, 2002, at Phillips County Hospital in Malta.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 21, at the Malta Lutheran Church. Burial will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 22, in the Turner Cemetery in Turner. Edwards Funeral Home of Chinook is in charge.

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BILLINGS GAZETTE

Marion Matilda Cowan

GLENDIVE — Marion Matilda Cowan, 71, of Glendive, died Sunday, May 19, 2002, at her home.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, May 22, at the Chapel of the Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home in Glendive. Interment will be in the Dawson County Cemetery in Glendive.

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Joseph A. Cox, Jr.

LEWISTOWN — James A. Cox, Jr., age 52, of Nye, died on Wednesday, March 6, 2002, in Lewistown.

He is survived by his wife, Arlene of Nye; his mother, Jackie Franzen of Casper, Wyo.; daughter, Jennifer of Fort Collins, Colo.; and sisters, Rickey Schnoor of Dallas, Nancy Gowen of Sandy, Utah, and Susan Oliver of Liberty, Mo. He touched the lives of John Gray and Ken Gray and many other friends.

There will be a gathering of friends to celebrate his life at Carter's Camp, Nye, on Saturday, March 9, beginning at 4 p.m. Creel Funeral Home of Lewistown is in charge of arrangements.

I'm Free

Don't grieve for me for now
I'm free

I'm following the path God
laid for me

I took His hand when I heard
Him call

I turned my back and left it all.

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I could not stay another day
To laugh, to love, to work or
play.

Tasks left undone must stay
that way

I found that peace at the close
of the day.

If my parting has left a void
Then fill it with remembered
joy.

A friendship shared, a laugh, a
kiss

Ah yes, these things I too will
miss.

Be not burdened with times of
sorrow

I wish you the sunshine of
tomorrow.

My life's been full, I savored
much

Good friends, good times, a
loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all
too brief

Don't lengthen it now with
undue grief

Lift up your heart and share it
with me

God wanted me now, he set me
free.

FEB 27 2002

Verlon Cox, 87, of Billings passed away Saturday, Feb. 23, 2002, following a lengthy illness.

**MR. COX**

Verlon was born July 5, 1914, on the family ranch outside of Chinook. He was the oldest son of Roy and Agnes (Nelson) Cox. As a youngster, Verlon excelled in sports, setting many track records in his time. He graduated from Chinook High School and attended a year of college in Missoula where he played quarterback on the football team. He also worked on the family ranch where an injury caused from a horse falling and crushing his ankle ended his sports career.

He moved to Billings to attend Billings Business College and met the love of his life, Winnifred Brown. They married in 1938. He took a job at Midland Implement Co. where he served as secretary/treasurer for most of his 40 years before retiring. Verlon and Winnifred had one daughter, Eileen.

Verlon was a very active participant in community service. Verlon was a charter member of Billings Lodge #149, achieving his 50-year membership. He partici-

pated in most, if not all, of the associated Masonic organizations in Billings, including the youth organizations. He was particularly well known for his delivery of the De Molay flower talk. As a Scottish Rite member, he was active in all of the degrees and was most proud of being an Honorary 33rd Degree Mason.

Verlon served on the Billings School Board, and later, was chairman of the Montana State School Board Association. One of his many hobbies included ham radio and was active in the Yellowstone Radio Club, participating in all the public service events during that time. He also enjoyed lapidary, woodworking, photography, music, hunting, fishing, archery and gardening.

Survivors include his daughter, Eileen Jones; son-in-law, John W. Jones; granddaughter Connie Larson and her husband, Roger; great-granddaughters, Rachael, Matyea and Jennifer; his sister, Janise Wise; his brother, Roy Cox and his wife Merle; his sister-in-law, Virginia Cox and many nieces and nephews. His wife, Winnifred; and his brothers, Clinton Cox and Glenn Cox, preceded him in death.

The family of Verlon Cox would like to say thank you to Cecelia Peters and her staff for being such good caregivers over the past few years.

A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, March 1, at Sunset Memorial Gardens. Masonic memorial services will follow at 3 p.m. at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary. Memorials may be made to Scottish Rite Charities, 514 14th St. W., Billings, MT 59102.

Grandpa, you now are free to dance with grandma in the flower beds of heaven. ENJOY!

Edith G. Coxen

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BILLINGS GAZETTE

Edith Gertrude Jennings Coxen, mother of Lloyd H. Wales and Orval A. Wales, passed away May 13, 2002 (10 a.m.), at the Billings Deaconess Clinic. She was 94.

Born in Atkinson, Neb., on Feb. 18, 1908, Edith was the youngest daughter of Henry and Cora (Hitchcock) Jennings. They moved to Greybull, Wyo., from Stuart, Neb., where she

received her education, becoming a young pioneer to that community.

She is preceded in death by her husband, R. Glenn



EDITH COXEN Coxen; two brothers, Lloyd and Leonard Jennings; and a sister, Minnie M. Hutchison of Sams Valley, Ore.

She is survived by her sons, Orval Wales of Billings and Lloyd Wales and daughter-in-law Penny J. Wales of Seattle; her nieces, Evelyn Sorenson of Jackson Hole, Wyo., and Vernola and her husband Ron K. Anderson of Sams Valley, Ore.; her nephews, Henry "Hank" Jennings of Medford, Ore., and Leonard L. Jennings of Greybull; three grandchildren,

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Cort M. Wales, living in Casper, Wyo., with his wife Barbara and two daughters; Jesse B. Wales resides in Billings; David Scott Wales makes his home in Medford.

Edith was a charter member of the Greybull Lodge No. 1413; Drove No. 30, BPOE, and member of Fern Chapter No. 31, OES (50 years). She was a life member of the Eagles Lodge No. 818 at Cody, Wyo.

She enjoyed crocheting; gardening, being gifted with a "green thumb," as her friends would say; plus the lodge activities. Through all the war tragedies, epidemics, floods, fire and sicknesses she endured, her love of family and friends remained constant, which has been a golden tribute to her and an inspiration to us all.

Visitations have been set for Wednesday, May 22, at 2 p.m., at the First Presbyterian Church in Greybull, with Fern Chapter No. 31 OES and the Rev. George Pasek officiating.

The family wishes are to have a private interment at the Greybull Hillside Cemetery following the services.

A memorial fund has been established at the First Interstate Bank in Greybull, 601 Greybull Ave., Greybull, WY 82426.

Atwood Family Funeral
Directors, Inc. in charge of
arrangements.

Dorothy A. Cowell

JUN 29 2002

CIRCLE — Dorothy A. Cowell died June 27, 2002, at the McCone Co. Medical Center in Circle.

A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, July 2, at the First Lutheran Church in Circle. Cremation has taken place. Clayton Memorial Chapel of Wolf Point is in charge.

BILLINGS GAZETTE

David Craigo

MAY 31 2002

PHILIPPS GAZETTE

BEACH, N.D. — David Craigo, 55, of Beach, died Wednesday, May 29, 2002, in Dickinson.

A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, June 4, at First Lutheran Church in Beach. Burial will be in Beach Lutheran Cemetery. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Beach is in charge.

John Edward Crandall

BILLINGS GAZETTE
April 27, 2002

GILLETTE, Wyo. — John Edward Crandall, 64, of Gillette, died Tuesday, April 23, 2002, at his home, of pancreatic cancer.

A celebration of his life will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 27, at the Gillette Church of Christ. Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home of Gillette is in charge.

Ola Cranfill

JUN 22 2002

CODY, Wyo. — Ola Cranfill, 86, died peacefully early Wednesday morning, June 19, 2002, in the Cody nursing home where she had resided since October 2000. She suffered from Alzheimer's disease the past five years.

She was born on Dec. 5, 1915, in Albany, Okla. She and her twin sister were the last of 13 children born to James and Sarah Watson. She was named Ola Okla and her twin sister was named Nola Homa by the doctor who delivered them. She is survived by one sister, MayBee Pope of Live Oak, Calif. She was preceded in death by her siblings, Ruby, Roma, Cora, Lon, Eph, Chillus, Richard, Edward, Leslie, Emma Lea and her twin, Nola Homa, and their spouses, as well as her parents.

She was raised in Tennessee and Oklahoma and graduated from high school in Oklahoma.

She married Joe Paul Cranfill on April 2, 1938, in Sulphur, Okla. They were married for 62 years until Paul's death on Sept. 11, 2000. They were the parents of two sons, Jack (Ann) of Lakewood, Wash., and Steven (Dana) of Cody.

Paul and Ola spent the early years of their marriage living in Oklahoma, Illinois, Utah and Wyoming, while Paul worked for Halliburton, Inc. They moved to

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Worland with Halliburton in 1958 and settled there until Paul's death.

Ola enjoyed cooking, canning and being a homemaker. She took great pride in her children and her granddaughters. She and Paul were very proud of their huge garden where they grew many vegetables and flowers, which they enjoyed sharing with friends and neighbors. She also enjoyed sewing, Bible study and ceramics. Ola was a member of the Homemakers Club and the Rebekah Lodge in Worland. She worked for many years as assistant manager at Montgomery Wards in Worland and retired in 1976.

In addition to her sister and sons, Ola is survived by three grandchildren, Kim Vinson of Farmington, N.M., Martha Megan and Laura of Cody; two sisters-in-law, Jay Fennings of Florida and Virginia Jennings of Sherman, Texas.

Funeral services will be held Monday, June 24, at 11 a.m. at the First Southern Baptist Church in Worland, with Pastor Dale Noska officiating. Burial will be in Riverview Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Worland.

Memorial donations may be sent to Wyoming Children's Society, PO Box 105, Cheyenne, WY 82003.

Bryant Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Iva Ann Crawford

BILLINGS GAZETTE

DEC 10 2002

LIVINGSTON — Iva Ann Crawford, 93, of Livingston, died Saturday, Dec. 7, 2002, at Livingston Health and Rehab Center.

Cremation has taken place at Franzen-Davis Funeral Home & Crematory. At her request, no services have been scheduled. Interment of the cremated remains will be in Mountain View Cemetery at a later date.

Margaret Ruth Crawford

GILLETTE, Wyo. — Margaret Ruth "Peggy" Crawford, 78, died Wednesday, Nov. 13, 2002, at Pioneer Manor.

At her request, cremation has taken place. A gathering to remember and celebrate her life will be at 1 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 17, at First United Methodist Church. Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home of Gillette is in charge.

BILLINGS GAZETTE

NOV 15 2002

Peggy Sue Crawford

LIVINGSTON — Peggy Sue (Parisi) Crawford, 37, of Livingston, died Friday, Feb. 1, 2002, at her home.

Funeral services will be at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 6, at Franzen-Davis Funeral Home in Livingston. Graveside committal and burial will follow in Mountain View Cemetery.

BILLINGS GAZETTE
FEB 05 2002

George R. Crawley

BILLINGS GAZETTE

AUG 22 2002

FORSYTH — George R. Crawley, 88, of Forsyth, died Friday Aug. 16, 2002, in Red Lodge.

George was born Sept. 29, 1913, in Creston, Wash., the son of Luther G. and Beatrice Gray Crawley. He moved with his family to the Vananda area in 1917, where he spent his youth and attended school.

In 1933, George married Gladys White. To this marriage they had four children, Deryl, Cal, Lynn and Susan. They moved to Renton, Wash., during the 1940s when he worked as a guard in the shipyards during WWII. George later worked in Billings as an assistant city engineer before moving to Forsyth where he worked for the City of Forsyth as the city engineer.

In 1970, George married Ama Nees in Forsyth. He continued to work for the City of Forsyth and also with Rosebud County as a surveyor until 1973 when he returned to work with Heavy Construction. George and Ama retired in 1978 and moved to Overton, Nev., where they lived until Ama's death in 1996. Following Ama's death, George returned to Montana where he has continued to live since.

George loved all outdoor activities including fishing and riding motorcycles. He was also an avid reader.

He is survived by his sons, Deryl of Sammamish, Wash., and Cal of Elbert, Colo.; four stepchildren, Darlene (Larry) Eichhorn of Lewistown, Dorene Dunigan of Barstow, Calif., Mike (Carol) Nees of Sheridan, Wyo., and Pat (Dianna) Nees of Colstrip; 16 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren. George preceded in death by his children, Lynn and Susan, and his sister, Ethel Ballard.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Aug. 23, at the Forsyth Cemetery. Cremation has taken place. Beals Mortuary of Forsyth is assisting the family with these arrangements.

C. Raymond Greamer

JUN 07 2002

C. Raymond Greamer, "Ray," 87, of Billings, died at home late Tuesday evening, June 4, 2002.

He was born in Fresno, Mont., April 29, 1915. Raymond married Hilda (Goodie C.) Goodwin in November 1938.

Ray is survived by Patricia and Darrell Albertson of Fergus Falls, Minn., Beverly J., and Phillip Simpson of Billings; six grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and Ray's many friends over the 60 years in Billings.

Graveside services will be 10:30 a.m. Saturday, June 8, at Sunset Memorial Gardens. The casket is closed.

Memorials may be made to First Christian Church.

Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary has charge of arrangements.

BILLINGS GAZETTE

Ruby Wilma K. Creamer

JUN 17 2002
BILLINGS GAZETTE

LOVELL, Wyo. — Ruby Wilma K. Creamer, 95, died Sunday, June 16, 2002, at New Horizons Care Center.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be held in Bridgeport, Neb. at a later date. Haskell Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

**Elinor Hitchcock
Crececius**

BILLINGS GAZETTE

AUG 13 2002 /

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Elinor Hitchcock Crececius, 48, of Sheridan, died Thursday, Aug. 8, 2002, at her home.

A memorial services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 15, at the First Methodist Church in Sheridan. Champion Ferries Funeral Home of Sheridan is in charge.

SEP 22 2002

Joseph David Roy Crenshaw

Joseph David Roy Crenshaw, 26, has joined our beloved father and husband, Leroy Crenshaw, on Sept. 19, 2002. He was a very loving brother and son. He had one of the largest hearts of anyone I've ever met. He was kind, generous and giving. He was also an animal lover, he cared for them like they were his own children.



**JOSEPH
CRENSHAW**

His time on earth was too short, but will never be forgotten by anyone that was lucky enough to have met him. He is very deeply missed, and always will be, until we meet again.

He was preceded in death by his father, Leroy; his grandfathers, grandmothers; and his aunt. He is survived by his mother; four sisters; one brother; two brothers-in-law; several aunts and uncles; seven nieces; two nephews and his four dogs.

Viewing will be 6 to 8 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 22, 2002, at Cremation or Funeral Gallery, Eighth Street West and St. Johns.

Memorials may be made to the Animal Shelter, PO Box 1178, Billings, MT 59102, or an organization of one's choice.

John Crew

John Howard Crew, Jr., 61, died Oct. 8, 2002, in Billings.

He was born Nov. 1, 1940, in Danville, Va., to John and Cleo (Dunn) Crew.

He grew up in California and moved to Billings in 1977.

John worked most of his life as a house painter. He

enjoyed hunting and fishing, especially hunt-

ing with his dad. He also liked a good game of chess.

John is survived by the mother of his children, Jeannie; four children, John Crew of Billings, Tracy (Adam) Castro of Bakersfield, Calif., Patrick (Colleen) Crew and Crystal (Randy) Crew of Billings; 14 grandchildren, Terry, Travers, Nykishia, Gabriel, Marisa, Erin, Kristin, Mikel, Desiree, Tyler, Derek, Justin, Tyler and Natalie; and one great-grandchild, Tyson.

A memorial service will be held 10 a.m. Monday, Oct. 14, at the Dahl Funeral Chapel in Billings for family and friends.



JOHN CREW

MAR 18 2002**Mary H. Crobaugh**

CODY, Wyo. — Mary H. Crobaugh, 88, died Friday, March 15, 2002, at the West Park Hospital.

Memorial services will be 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 19, at the First Presbyterian Church. Ballard Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Emma L. Grome

BILLINGS GAZETTE
FEB 18 2002

DILLER, Neb. — Emma L. Grome, 82, died Saturday, Feb. 16, 2002 at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Lincoln, Neb.

Funeral services will be 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 19 at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Beatrice. Burial will be at the Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery in Bremen, Kan. Harman-Wright Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

JUN 14 2002

Heidi Leigh Cromwell

BELGRADE — Heidi Leigh Cromwell, age 21, passed away June 12, 2002, in Belgrade, surrounded by many family and friends, after a lengthy battle with cancer.



**HEIDI
CROMWELL**

Heidi was born Nov. 14, 1980, in Scobey, to Bill and Darlene Cromwell of Flaxville. She graduated from Flaxville High School in 1999. While in high school, she participated in music, dance, track, and was a member of the National Honor Society and 4-H. She attended Montana State University the fall of 1999 and enjoyed working at the ASMSU Daycare. Heidi also worked as a model. She loved working with horses at the Corner Gait Ranch, jewelry making and cross stitch.

Heidi is survived by the love of her life, Lee Zuck of Scobey; her parents, Bill and Darlene; sister Gina Jones of Belgrade; brothers Scott (Tana) of Helena and Chad of Flaxville; nephews Justin and Jacob Jones of Belgrade. Heidi is also survived by numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and many special friends.

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The family suggests memorials be made to the Big Sky Cancer Recovery Center, 4420 Airport Road, Belgrade, MT 59714.

Cremation has taken place. Celebrations of her life are planned for 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 15, at the Big Sky Cancer Recovery & Resource Center (Corner Gait Ranch), and at 2 p.m. Tuesday, June 18, in Flaxville, at the park. Heidi has requested everyone wear white and a smile to celebrate her life.

Mabel Billmayer Cronce

MAY 28 2002

BILLINGS GAZETTE

BIG TIMBER — Mal Cronce died surrounded by her loving family, Tuesday, May 14, 2002, at the Pioneer Medical Center in Big Timber. She was 94.

Mabel Rhoda McGuire was born Oct. 20, 1907, in Bourgon, Ill., the eighth of 10 children to Sterling and Minnie McGuire. She moved to Montana when she was 6 years old. She attended school in Harlem. She married Roy Billmayer of Harlem. When Roy accepted the job of rural mail carrier on Route 2 for the Tweet Post Office, they moved to the Wing area. When the railroad came and the town of Hogeland was started, they moved Roy's folks homestead house to Hogeland and started a dairy. To this union, six children were born. They later built a new ranch house one mile west of Hogeland, where they farmed, ranched and carried mail. Mabel enjoyed helping her husband Roy and being a housewife and mother. They planted many trees near their "Big Flat" home. She belonged to the Wing Ladies Aid. While her children were in high school in Harlem, she owned and operated "The Confectionery." She later worked at the Harlem Rest Home. She was a member of the Harlem Saddle Club, she enjoyed "Chuck Wagon Days." She danced with the Big Flat Square Dancers, was a member

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of the American Legion Auxiliary and was a 4-H leader helping with the Blaine County Fair.

She helped start the hot lunch program in the Hogeland Public Schools, she was a Jr. leader for Farmer's Union and helped with camps. "Gram," as she was known to everyone, was a very generous, kind, quiet, gentle person. She loved her family. She enjoyed going to all the events while her grandchildren were growing up. During the summer, she was sleep under the stars at "The Farm," with who's ever turn it was to stay over. She loved to raft on the dam and fly kites. Gram would set up her camper at the fairs and rodeos, she always had her little brown first aid kit handy and plenty of food, pop and snacks for the grandkids and all their friends. She loved to load her big blue Cadillac up with grandkids and go to a movie or over to the "Flathead" for a family reunion.

Roy died in January of 1965. She later sold the farm and moved to Kalispell, where she built a new home and eventually married Clyde Cronce in June of 1972. Mabel and Clyde did a lot of traveling, they took many trips to Alaska and spent some winters in Niland, Calif. They enjoyed fishing, mushroom hunting and camping in their Winnebago. They attended the grandchildren's graduations and weddings

and all the family reunions. Mabel grew beautiful roses and huge tomatoes while living in Kalispell.

Clyde passed away in December of 1992. She then sold her home and moved to Big Timber.

She was preceded in death by her parents; eight brothers and sisters; husband Roy; infant son Donald; sons John and Frank; stepson Myron Cronce; and husband Clyde.

She is survived by son James (Helen) Billmayer of Hogeland and Sun City, Ariz.; daughters, Lois (Merlon) Alcorn of Custer, Wash., Doris (Art) Egbert of Big Timber; one sister, Ruby (fake), Homchick, Wash.; 24 grandchildren; 74 great-grandchildren; and 18 great-great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews; a sister-in-law, Mary Lou Benson of Sunburst.

Mabel was an avid sports fan, thoroughly enjoying watching Mark McGwire and Tiger Woods. She also liked birds. She was a great fisherwoman and enjoyed raising violets; at one time she had 40 different plants. She loved to play baseball with the great-grandkids. She was in her height of glory when she was planning a family reunion. She was known for her "Twisted Cinnamon Rolls," they were a staple at every family gathering.

Gram's Twisted Rolls

2 cups warm whole milk
2 T. yeast
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup sugar
2 eggs, beaten
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup warm water
 $\frac{1}{4}$ cup oil
6 cups flour
1 tsp. salt

Mix milk and yeast. Add remaining ingredients. Knead to form a soft dough — let rise until double.

Roll out on slightly floured surface. Spread $\frac{1}{2}$ stick margarine over $\frac{1}{2}$ of dough circle, sprinkle with cinnamon, fold dough over to form $\frac{1}{2}$ circle. Cut in 1" strips. Stretch and twist until 24-26" long, loosely shape on pan in a circular fashion to resemble a butterhorn. Do 6 to a cookie sheet. Let rise and bake at 375 degrees 8-12 minutes until lightly browned. Frost while hot with:

$\frac{1}{2}$ cup boiling water
 $\frac{1}{4}$ stick margarine
1 T. flour
1 $\frac{1}{2}$ # powdered sugar
1 tsp. vanilla

Sprinkle with nuts. Enjoy!

We love you, dear Gram. You will be missed terribly, but never forgotten. Rest in peace.

Gram has been cremated; her ashes were buried during a private family burial in the Wing Cemetery beside her late husband Roy on May 20. A memorial service with family and friends was held at the American Lutheran Church in Hogeland, which Pastor Rowlie Hutton officiated.

Mae C. 'Dottie' Cropper

Mae C. Cropper, also known as Dottie Cropper, passed away Monday morning, Sept. 16, 2002, at Aspen Meadows, after a four-month illness. Dottie was born March 12, 1909, at Cripple Creek, Colo., the daughter of Charles and Cecelia Rice.

She grew up and received her education in Denver. On June 30, 1928, she married John Vandenberg and moved to Billings, where she worked in various dress shops. Although Dottie and John were divorced for many years, they always remained good friends. He died in 1988. In 1961, she was united in marriage to Lee Cropper. Lee passed away in 1974.

Dottie was an active member of First Christian Church, AARP and various charitable organizations.

She loved all of God's creations; dogs, cats, birds, flowers, etc.

Dottie is survived by her daughter, Dorothy Vandenberg Desmul of Billings; her good friend and prayer partner, Verna Dawson; and many loving friends.

Visitation will be at Dahl Funeral Chapel beginning Wednesday, Sept. 18, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Thursday, Sept. 19, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Family and friends are to meet at Dahl Funeral Chapel by 1 p.m. on Thursday and process to Dottie's graveside services in Mountview Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to First Christian Church, 522 N. 29th, Billings 59101; Animal Welfare League, Box 21427, Billings 59104; or to the charity of one's choice. Dahl Funeral Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Anna P. Cross**DEC 09 2002**

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Anna P. Cross, 100, died Tuesday, Dec. 3, 2002, in Sheridan Manor.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 10, in the Elks Section of Sheridan Municipal Cemetery. Champion Ferries Funeral Home is in charge.

Lillian Irene Crossen

BILLINGS GAZETTE

JAN 05 2002

GLASGOW — Lillian Irene Crossen, 79, of Glasgow, died Wednesday, Jan. 2, 2002, at Valley View Home in Glasgow.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 8, at Bell Mortuary Chapel in Glasgow. There will be additional services in Saco at a later date. Burial will be in Grandview Cemetery in Saco.

Beulah Crouch

JUN 30 2002

BILLINGS GAZETTE

HARDIN — Beulah Crouch was born in Ringgold County, Iowa, on March 16, 1908, to Silas E. And Ethel Abarr Hoffman. She died on Tuesday, June 25, 2002, at the Big Horn County Memorial Nursing Home in Hardin, where she had been a resident since March 20, 1998.

In 1920 the Hoffman family moved from Iowa to a small town in Eastern Colorado, which was later named Abarr. Beulah spent her early school years in Iowa, Colorado and Montana, graduating from high school in Yuma, Colo. She then came back to Montana, lived with her grandparents and graduated from the Billings Normal School, receiving her teaching certificate. In later years, she received her Bachelor's Degree in Education from Eastern Montana State College.

She came to the Sorrel Horse valley in 1929, where she taught for two years as Miss Hoffman. She stayed with the Cech family and the Quest family before marrying George Crouch of Custer on June 2, 1931. Many of her students still live in the area. She came back to the Sorrel Horse School in later years and taught children of her former students. One of her students had given her a little statue of a teacher holding a book and a long stick and on it

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was engraved "You Learned Me Good!" Beulah had kept that in her nursing home room until the end, and it had evoked many a chuckle. She had taught at several Big Horn County schools. She lived in Denver near her sister, Eleanor, in the early 70's, and came back to Hardin to live in the MeadowLark Apartments until she went to the nursing home.

Beulah was active in her church, was a member of the Alpha Delta Kappa, a teacher's sorority, and a long time member of the Sunshine Club in the North Valley. She will be missed by so many.

Her husband, parents, two brothers, Lynn and Kenneth Hoffman, and a sister, Consuelo Chilcote, preceded Beulah in death.

Survivors include her daughter, Carolyn Goller of California; a step-daughter, Leone Dygert of Hardin; a sister, Eleanor Means of Colorado; two brothers, Tennis Hoffman of Texas, and Mryon Hoffman of Colorado; as well as numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, July 2, in the Bullis Funeral Chapel. Interment will follow in the Fairview Cemetery. Viewing will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. on Sunday in the Funeral Home. Bullis Mortuary of Hardin has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Should friends desire, memorial contributions may be made to the First Baptist Church, Hardin, or to the charity of one's choice.

MAR 10 2002

John A. Crow

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — John A. Crow, 61, died on Feb. 25, 2002, from cancer.

Funeral services were held Feb. 28 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Nashville. Interment was in Hermitage Memorial Gardens.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, St. John's Lutheran Church, 3259 McGavock Pike, Nashville, Tenn. 37214, or a charity of your choice.

Barbara Jean Crowley

JUN 10 2002

BILLINGS GAZETTE

KALISPELL
— Barbara Jean Crowley, 52, of Kalispell, passed away Tuesday, June 4, 2002. She was born July 21, 1949.



**BARBARA
JEAN CROW-**

Barbara was the daughter of Marcus Lee Crowley II and Maria P. Crowley (Pimentel). Barbara attended St. Pius until the eighth grade. She graduated from Billings West High School in 1968. After one year of college at Eastern Montana College, Barbara enlisted in the United States Navy in 1972. Barbara devoted 20 years of her life to her country in the U.S. Navy. After her discharge from the Navy, Barbara enrolled in Trident Technical College in Charleston, S.C., and graduated with a degree in hospitality and hotel management. She then moved to Kalispell and managed the Hotel Six.

Surviving her are her son, Andre Brown (Hope); her parents, Marcus and Maria Crowley; brothers, Mark Crowley III (Diane), Bob Crowley; sisters, Maria Crowley, Pat Crowley; and numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

A memorial service will be held Tuesday, June 11, 2002, at 1 p.m. at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary in Billings. Father John J. Houlihan of St. Patrick's Cathedral will officiate. Cremation has taken place, and, upon Barbara's wishes, her remains will be scattered into the sea at a later date.

BILLINGS GAZETTE
JUL 17 2002

Marilyn J. Crowley

OMAK, Wash. — Marilyn J. Crowley, 94, of Omak, formerly of Lewistown, Mont., died Friday, July 12, 2002, at Apple Meadows Specialty Care Unit at Omak.

Graveside services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday, July 19, at Mount Calvary Cemetery in Lewistown. Creel Funeral Home of Lewistown is in charge.

NOV 6 2002

Jack E. Crumbaker passed away at home while surrounded by his family on Thursday, Oct. 31, 2002, at the age of 92.

He was born in Riverside, Wash., on Jan. 7, 1910, the youngest child of Lilburn and Irene Crumbaker.

As a young boy, Jack's family moved to Helena where he was educated and later went to work for the Federal Reserve. In his early 20's, Jack moved to Roundup where he worked for the Miners and Merchants Bank. He then moved to Billings and went to work for Security Bank, where he was employed for 15 years.

On June 8, 1935, Jack married Florence Borek. The couple was blessed with a daughter, Carol. Jack became a part owner of the Billings Dairy, where he worked until his retirement in 1961.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing and woodworking. After retiring, Jack built a cabin outside of Silver Gate, where he, his family and friends spent many joyful years. Jack was a member of the board of directors for the Elks Club at the time the current club was built. In addition, he was a past



**JACK
CRUMBAKER**

president of the Montana Dairy Association and the Montana/Wyoming Credit Union Association.

Jack's biggest joy in life was spending time with his family. He is survived by his wife of 67 years, Florence Crumbaker; daughter Carol Crumbaker; grandchildren Shelby (Michael) Gilluly, Sydne (Jeff) DeBusk and Jeff (Sharene) Nelson; great grandson Jade Nelson; nephew Bob (Norma) Crumbaker; nieces Bernice (Buzz) Christensen and Darlene Sullivan; and devoted family friend Darryl Smith.

Jack was preceded in death by his parents, Lilburn and Irene Crumbaker; brother Howard (Vienna) Crumbaker; sisters Alice (Ward) Greene and Esther (Jerry) Sullivan; beloved nephew Jerry Sullivan; and many great friends.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m., Monday, Nov. 4, at American Lutheran Church, Lewis Ave. and Division St. Casket will be closed at church. Interment will be in Yellowstone Valley Memorial Park. Memorials may be sent to Big Sky Hospice, PO Box 35033, Billings, MT 59107.

Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary is in charge of services.

Bill Cuebere

JUN 13 2002

PELLINGS GAZETTE

BASIN, Wyo. — W.G. "Bill" (Koerber) Cuebere, 93, of Basin, formerly of Hardin, Mont., died Thursday, June 6, 2002, at the Basin Wyoming Retirement Center.

He was born Jan. 26, 1909, near Elkville, Ill., a son of Anton Leo and Louise E. Schneider Koerber. When he was 8 years old, the family moved to a homestead northwest of Custer, later moving to Hardin in 1920.

Bill worked in the construction business, working for Faber-Salveson Construction Co., Chet Raup, Gerald Fish, and also worked on 12 Holly Sugar campaigns at the Hardin factory. He worked for various farmers in the Hardin area and worked for the Trident Cement Mill near Three Forks, Mont. He was a veteran of WWII, serving in the U.S. Army in the South Pacific, Papuan, New Guinea and the Philippines.

Funeral services will be held 9:30 a.m. Thursday, June 13, in the Hardin Fairview Cemetery, with military honors. Bullis Mortuary of Hardin has been entrusted with the arrangements.

JUL 18 2002

FREDERICKSBURG, Va. — Virginia A. Culbertson, age 88, of Fredericksburg, formerly of Billings and Chinook, Mont., died Monday, July 15, 2002, at Mary Washington Hospital. She was the widow of Thomas D. Culbertson, Sr.

She was a homemaker and a member of Chancellor ward of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Survivors include son, Thomas D. Culbertson, Jr. of Fredericksburg; daughters, Jacqueline Culbertson of Fredericksburg; Jeanette Erickson of Sterling, Ill.; brothers, Ray Ames of San Clemente, Calif., Jim Bill Ames of Victor, Mont.; sisters, Madge Johnson and Aurora Riley of San Clemente, Anna Mae McCurdy of California, Ruth Olson of Hawaii; six grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Saturday, July 20, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Interment will follow at Fairfax Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 7 to 8 p.m. Friday evening, July 19, at the funeral home. Covenant Funeral Service, Fredericksburg, is handling arrangements.

Robert Beverly Cull

BILLINGS GAZETTE

JAN 08 2002

Born on grandparents' farm near Elmore, Sask., Canada, on April 1, 1915. Eldest of five children born to John Arthur Cull and Nettie Smith Cull. John and Nettie made



MR. CULL

their home in Fargo, N.D., where they reared their children. Robert worked in the shipyard at Terminal Island, Calif., during the second World War, then moved to Warren, Minn., where he was a partner in a sheet metal business, Cull-Jensen, for two years. He married Hazel Marvel Noss and had two children, Gary Bryan Cull and Barbara Jean Cull. The family moved to Billings in 1947. Wife, Hazel, became ill and died in 1952. Robert married Ruby Archer, July 24, 1954. Robert worked for Empire Heating and Cooling and Northwest Fixture Co. until retirement in 1980. He also sold life insurance for Northwestern National Life Insurance for a brief period.

Robert's home bespoke his hobby of woodworking. He made furniture, trivets, birdhouses, picture frames and maintained his home. He loved his garden and gathering the crops. Golf domi-

nated retirement with some travel until he suffered strokes; however, he liked people and found volunteerism an enjoyable outlet for his energy. He made picture frames for Growth Thru Art, served as bailiff for District Court and loved going to the Visitors Center to greet newcomers to the state and dispense information and directions to visitors. Robert worked at the YMCA as a checker of memberships for those using the facility. He enjoyed the fellowship and became a regular lap walker and had coffee with "the gang."

Bob worked on a Habitat House, a project for Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, where he was a member.

Bob was preceded in death by three brothers, Burton, Clinton and Jack, all of California. He is survived by one sister, Dorothy Cull Yenney, of Palo Alto, Calif.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He is also survived by wife Ruby; son Gary and wife Penny of Florida; a daughter, Barbara J. Smith, Agoura Hills, Calif.; four grandchildren, Bryan and wife Phyllis Cull of Garland, Texas, Diana Sue Steinmetz, Edmond, Okla., Kimberly Smith and Scott

Smith of California; stepson James M. Archer and wife Judy of Billings; and stepdaughter, Jerrine Micklewright of West Yellowstone; also grandson Matt Micklewright and wife Laurie of Bozeman; granddaughter Lisa Micklewright Wycoff and husband Pieter of Redmond, Wash., Blaine Archer and Shalene Archer Ermis and husband Ben of Nashville, Tenn. He is survived by six great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Boy Scouts of American, Big Sky Hospice or a charity of your choice. Cremation has taken place. Memorial services are pending.

JAN 29 2002**Hugh G. Cumming**

HAMILTON — Hugh G. Cumming, 87, of Hamilton, passed away Jan. 25, 2002, at his home. He was born Jan. 27, 1914, in Butte.

He is survived by his wife, Alice, and two stepdaughters. Hugh was preceded in death by his parents, one brother and one sister.

A visitation will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 30, at Dahl Funeral Chapel, Billings, immediately followed by a graveside service at Mountview Cemetery in Billings. Arrangements are under the care of Daly-Leach Chapel, Hamilton, and Dahl Funeral and Cremation Service, Billings.

Jim Cummings

RICHEY — Jim Cummings, 73, of Richey, died Sunday, Sept. 15, 2002, at the Sidney Health Center-Extended Care Facility, due to diabetes and other health problems.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 21, at the United Methodist Church in Richey. Fulkerson Funeral Home of Sidney is in charge.

Jim Cummings

RICHEY — Memorial services for James "Jim" Cummings, 73, of Richey, will be Saturday, Sept. 21, at the United Methodist Church, Richey, with Pastor Susan Twidwell and Vaughn White officiating. Cremation has taken place, under the direction of Fulkerson Funeral Home of Sidney.

Jim was born July 7, 1929, in Glendive, to Leon B. and Donna (Saxton) Cummings. He grew upon the farm seven miles northwest of Richey. Jim attended Richey Public Schools and graduated as salutatorian of his class in 1947. Jim joined the Army in 1951 and served with the 508th Airborne RCT until his discharge in 1953.

In 1961, Jim was united in marriage to Betty Ann Jumper. They had two sons, Neil, born in 1963, and Noel was born in 1969. Betty Ann died in 1981. In 1983, Jim and Eunice (Scharnowske) Cormier, were united in marriage. Jim gained three stepdaughters, Daci, Deanna, Darlene; and five stepsons, Scott, Will, Colt, Darin and Pat.

Jim's interests included hunting, fishing, boats, reading and crossword puzzles. His sense of humor and his generosity of spirit will be sorely missed.

Jim died peacefully at the Sidney Health Center-Extended Care Facility, Sunday, Sept. 15, 2002, after a long struggle with diabetes and other medical problems.

Jim is survived by his wife, Eunice, Richey; sons, Neil of St. Paul, Minn., and Noel of the family farm, Richey; sister, Evelyn (Robert) Wandke, Towner, N.D.; stepdaughters, Daci, Deanna and Darlene, Billings; stepsons, Scott, Will, Colt, Pat and his wife, Cindy, Billings; eight grandchildren, Branden, Brandi, Darin (D.J.), Chaz, Joshua, BreAnn, Dawson and Skyla; as well as six nieces and six nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Betty Ann; brother Saxton; stepson, Darin Cormier.

John F. Cummings

STORY, Wyo. — John F. Cummings, 84, of Story, died Thursday, Sept. 19, 2002, at Sheridan Manor.

Cremation has taken place. A private family graveside service will be held at the Quiet Rest Cemetery in Story at a later date. Kane Funeral Home of Sheridan is in charge.

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HUNTLEY — Peter J. Cunningham, 91, of Huntley, passed away at his home, Tuesday evening, July 23, 2002. He was born on Feb. 14, 1911, in Miles City, the third child of Peter and Margaret Cunningham.

As a young man, Pete grew up in Miles City and went to grade school at the Ursline Academy.



PETER CUNNINGHAM

He began his secondary education at the Custer County High School and graduated from the Fromberg High School. While there, he played basketball, playing in the Big 32 State Tournament.

Pete was also involved in track and field as a distance runner. After graduation, his desire for more education led to his enrollment in Eastern Montana College in Billings for a year. The following year he attended the University of Montana Forestry school at Missoula. He was in the ROTC Program and also competed in track and field.

Pete then decided to start a career in agriculture. He farmed in the Shepherd-Huntley area for many years and was a very successful sugar beet farmer, win-

ning many high sugar content awards.

Pete was offered a position with Grain Terminals Associates as a grain buyer for their Pompeys Pillar elevator. When the elevator was sold, he stayed with the company, working at their Huntley facility, retiring from Harvest States Inc. in 1975. After retirement, he continued to work part-time for Yellowstone Valley Electrification Association and as caretaker for Barkemyer Park in Huntley.

Mr. Cunningham was very involved with the community he lived in, including the Barkemyer Park Board, Huntley Water Assoc. and the Huntley Project Cemetery Board. He belonged to many clubs and organizations and was a 30+ year member and Past President of the Huntley Project Lions Club, as well as a member of the Knights of Columbus and Eagles Club.

On Nov. 8, 1958, he married Lula Mae Estes, and to this marriage, a son, Michael John, was born. They bought their home and raised their family in Huntley and have lived here ever since.

Preceding Peter in death were his wife Lula; his parents Peter and Margaret; his brothers Tom and Jim; and his sisters Irene Harkins, Violet Bender and Mary Slovark. He is survived by his son Michael of Huntley; his daughters Beverly and husband Ray of Princeton, Idaho, and Bonnie of Wyoming; four grandchildren, Loyd Hugelen of Tooele, Utah, Renee Beck of Forks, Wash., Justin Hugelen of Dillon and Yvonne Hugelen of Palouse, Wash.; seven great-grandchildren; three great-great-granddaughters; and many nieces and nephews scattered across the United States.

P.J. was a kind and gentle fisherman, a good husband, father and neighbor. He will be deeply missed by his family and friends. The family would like to thank everyone for their support during these trying times. A special thank you goes out to Marie Mahana for being a great friend and nurse. We would also like to thank Big Sky Hospice for their caring and compassion. Any donations may be made to Parkmyer Park in memory of P.J. Pete Cunningham c/o Steve Erb, Huntley, Montana.

Visitations will begin Friday afternoon, July 26, at the Smith Downtown Chapel. A Funeral Mass will be held at 10 a.m. on Monday, July 29, at St. Cyril and

Methodius Catholic Church in Ballantine with Rite of Committal to follow at the Huntley Cemetery. Smith Downtown Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

S. 'Gay' Cunningham

BILLINGS GAZETTE

APR 25 2002

Gay went to be with the Lord on Sunday the 21st of April, 2002;

after a hard fight with lung cancer. She was one of four children raised by Charley and Virginia Wintermote. She was born Nov. 30, 1931, in Miles City. The family ranched, bought and sold cattle in the Miles City area and operated the 6 Mile Service on the Baker road.



GAY
CUNNINGHAM

Gay graduated from Billings Business College after high school and married Floyd Lucas. She worked at the livestock auction in Gillette, Wyo., and had four sons. A few years later, she moved with the boys to Billings where she was the office manager at the Public Auction Yards. On the 20th of May, 1970, she married Robert C. "Bob" Cunningham of Hysham. They ranched south of Hysham, owned and operated the Town and Country Lounge and restaurant, and later ran a crop hail insurance business.

A few years ago, Bob and Gay moved to Libby and "semi-retired." In Libby, Bob and Gay enjoyed boating and fishing. It was also a place where their fam-

ily could visit and enjoy their hobbies with them. She was also an avid reader and truly enjoyed her work in the crop insurance industry even after Bob's death in August of 2000.

Gay was also preceded in death by her parents; her sister Helen; and her brother Parke. She is survived by her brother, Gene Wintermote of Las Vegas; her sons, Brian (Marty) Lucas of Billings, Tom Lucas of Great Falls, Greg (Carol) Lucas of Billings and Kevin (Peggy) Lucas of Belgrade; daughters Laura (Ray) Ravenscroft of Sutherland, Neb., Robyn (Tom) Ketchum of Miles City, Noelle (Dick) Pinkerton of Hysham and Alane (Ken) Stabler of Miles City; 22 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held for Gay at the Billings Elks Lodge #394, 934 Lewis Ave., Billings, on Thursday, the 25th of April, at 3 p.m.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Horizon Hospice Home, 1019 Neptune Blvd., Billings, MT 59105.

Solace

If I should die and leave you
here awhile,

Be not like others, sore
undone,

Who keep long vigils by the
silent dust and weep.

For my sake, turn again to life
and smile.

Nerving thy heart and trem-
bling hand to do

Something to comfort weaker
hearts than thine.

Complete there unfinished
tasks of mine,

And I, perhaps, may therein
comfort you.

Richard Newton Cummings

**HILLINGS GAZETTE
NOV 12 2002**

MALTA — Richard Newton Cummings, 57, died Sunday, Nov. 10, 2002, at his home, from cancer.

Memorial services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 12, at the Malta Assembly of God Church. Adams Funeral Home/Hi-Line Crematory of Malta is in charge of arrangements.

Bruce D. 'Slippery' Cunningham

BILLINGS GAZETTE

DEC 04 2002

Bruce "Slippery" Cunningham

passed away peacefully early Sunday, Dec. 1, 2002, surrounded by the love of family and good friends.



**BRUCE
CUNNINGHAM**

Bruce, son of the late Carolyn S. and Ralph D. Cunningham, was born in Billings, April 19, 1950 and graduated from Billings Senior High in 1968. He was a member of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity at University of Montana, graduating with a business degree. He worked various jobs including real estate, before he ended up working as a land man doing oil and gas leasing for 23 years.

Slip loved the mountains, camping, fishing, road trips and having a good time. He will be dearly missed by his family and friends.

Slippery is survived by two brothers, Howard (and Phyllis) of North Fort Myers, Fla., and Bill (and Susan) of Billings; and numerous nieces and nephews; fiancée Linda Newell; and many very special friends. He was preceded in death by his mother, Carolyn S.; father, Ralph D.; sister, Loraine; and brother, Ralph Jr.

Celebration of his life, a memorial service will be held Thursday, Dec. 5, at 1:30 p.m. at the Hope Evangelical Church at 56th and Grand Ave., Billings. Cremation has taken place and his ashes will be spread with his mom and dad's at a later date. Donations or memorials may be made to Big Sky Hospice at PO Box 35033, Billings, 59107. Cremation or Funeral Gallery is in charge of the arrangements.

Bryant Curley

LAME DEER — Bryant Ty-Jay Curley, infant son of Billford J. Curley Jr. and Aryn Bement, was born Tuesday July 9, 2002, in Billings.

Kooheooso (Standing motionless) is survived by his parents of Lame Deer; his grandparents, Georgie Ann Burns of Helena, Elizabeth Fisher, Allen Little Coyote, Billford (Debbie) Curley, of Lame Deer and Robert J. Bement of Illinois; his great-grandparents, Floyd (Louise) Fisher, Annie Burns, Maretha Harette, Llevando (Phyllis) Fisher and Emmeline Spang; his Cheyenne grandmothers, Elizabeth and Danetta Fisher, Ruth Phillips, Myra Jackson, Avis Dentice, Georgia (Lynn Mellic) Burns, Bonnie (Wesley Spotted Elk) Burns, Rita Shoulderblade, Barbara (Harlen) Tallbull, Mary Ann Eagle, Tera Curley, Audrey (Oliver) Haugen and Iris Buffalo; his Cheyenne grandfathers, Allen Little Coyote, Tex, Kevin, Jody, Perry and Logan Curley, Sr., Bobbie and Ronnie (Bernadette), Tommy, J.D. and Jackie (Terry) Burns, Dean Rondeau, Daryl Galpane, Travis Aimsback, Mike and John Charette, Dr. Zane Rising Sun, Oliver Haugen, Morris (Madonna) and Ike (Henrietta) Bement; his aunts, Marie Little Coyote, Stacibeth

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and Faith Spotted Elk, Melanie (David) Powell, Phyllis (Brand) Jackman, Melissa (Hubert) Blackwolf, Stacie (Ed) Joiner, Jayna (Melborne) Lamewoman, Rhonda (Floyd) American Horse, Georgette, Cassie, Tavin and Cheyenne Curley; his uncles, Waylon, Kyle and Josh (Whitecow) Burns, James (Sharon), Monte. (Germaine), Lefe (Lujuaana), Ronald, Joseph, Jr. and Joseph (Lola) Haugen, Sr. He is also survived by a great-great-great-grandmother, Ruth Harris.

Wake services will be held 7 p.m. Friday, July 12, in the Busby White River Mennonite Church. Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Saturday, July 13, in the Church. Interment will follow in the Burns Family Cemetery, east of Lame Deer.

Bullis Mortuary of Hardin has been entrusted with the arrangements.

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Erma L. Curley

MALTA -- Erma L. Curley, 92, of Malta, died Tuesday, April 16, 2002, at the Phillips County Good Samaritan Center.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Friday, April 19, at the Adams Memorial Chapel in Malta. Burial will be in the Malta Cemetery.

John William Currey

JORDAN — John William "Jack" Currey, 78, of Jordan, died Wednesday, March 27, 2002, at the Holy Rosary Health Center in Miles City.

A rosary will be at 7 p.m. Friday, March 29, at the home of Dallas Currey in Jordan. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, March 30, at the Garfield County Multipurpose Room in Jordan. Interment will follow in the family lot in the Pioneer Cemetery in Jordan. Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home of Jordan is in charge.

Stephanie Currier

COLSTRIP — Stephanie Currier, 28, of Colstrip, died Wednesday, April 24, 2002, of injuries sustained in an auto accident near Worden.



**STEPHANIE
CURRIER**

She was born Feb. 21, 1974, in Provo, Utah, a daughter of Darlene Heartusk. She was raised by her parents, Darlene and Mike Hamilton in the Lame Deer area, attending schools in Lame Deer and Colstrip. While in high school, she actively participated in basketball, volleyball, track, speech contests, cheerleading and the Business and Professionals of America.

Stephanie represented Colstrip High School in several beauty pageants. She graduated from Colstrip High in 1992 and then worked for the North American Company as a payroll officer. She attended Chief Dull Knife College, where she completed her Associate of Arts Degree. Following her graduation, she began work for the Educational Talent Search Program for the State of Montana, providing services to local high school students.

She later attended MSU-

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April 29, 2002

Billings and received her BS degree in accounting in 2000. She was currently employed in the finance department for the Northern Cheyenne Tribe. For her efforts with the finance department, she was awarded the 2001 Tribal Travel Coordinator award for her outstanding performance.

Stephanie was a devoted mother who always worked for the improvement of others. She was a fitness person, who enjoyed bowling, darts and playing softball. She was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

She married Jon Currier on Feb. 22, 1992, in Colstrip and the couple made their home in Colstrip.

Survivors include her husband, Jon; two sons, Jonathan and Seth, and her daughter Ailei, all of the family home; her biological father, Marvin T. McCabe of New Mexico; her parents, Darlene and Mike Hamilton of Lame Deer; her sister, Mavis Hamilton of Lame Deer; a brother, Charles (Yolanda) Page of Ronan; her grandparents, Margaret (Isaac) Shoulderblade of Lame Deer and Alice McCabe of New Mexico; as

well as numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Wake services will be held 7 p.m. Sunday, April 28, in the Blessed Sacrament Catholic church Social Room. Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Monday, April 29, in the Lane Deer Boys and Girls Club. Interment will follow in the Lane Deer Cemetery. Bullis Mortuary of Hardin has been entrusted with the arrangements.

The family wishes to thank everyone for their assistance at the time of our loss.

JUN 30 2002

ENTLEBACH GLENN

Frances Mae Curry

MILES CITY — Frances Mae Curry, 83, died Friday, June 28, 2002.

Cremation has taken place. At the family's request, there will be no services at this time. Services will be at a later date. Bullis-Graves Memorial Chapel of Miles City is in charge.

Howard Curry

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JAN 27 2002

HARDIN — Howard Curry, longtime Hardin resident, passed away Friday, Jan. 25, 2002, at the Heritage Acres Nursing Home.

He was born July 10, 1907, in Centralia, Mo., a son of Floyd and Mary Jane Kincaid Curry. He received his education in Missouri, before moving to the Hardin area in 1926, working as a mechanic for the W.E. Warren Farms. In 1927, he began a career with the Sterling Looney Big Horn Cattle Range working until 1945. That year, he purchased the Wyola Cattle Range which he owned and operated until his retirement to Hardin in 1968.

Howard married Hazel Barnett on May 5, 1933, in Billings and the couple made their home in Hardin. Mrs. Curry died in 1997.

He was a rock hound, who loved to fish and hunt birds and deer.

His son Scotty, a sister Velma Hornberger and six brothers, Clark, Lee, Francis, Dick, Emmett and Alan preceded Howard in death.

Survivors include his son, Howard Curry Jr. of Hardin; a daughter-in-law, Barbara Curry of Billings; two sisters, Margaret Wheeler of Hardin and Cora (Stewart) Wolcott of Colorado; four grandchildren, Cathy Oggins, Scott Hollingsworth, LeeAnn Hartman and Windy

Curry, as well as two great-grandchildren, Shahala and Ryan.

Funeral services will be held 2 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 30, in the Bullis Funeral Chapel. Interment will follow in the Fairview Cemetery. Bullis Mortuary of Hardin has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Should friends desire, memorial contributions may be made to the Big Horn County Memorial Hospital Foundation, Hardin, MT 59034.

Robert F. Curry

Robert F. Curry, LT/Col. USAF (retired) passed away Oct. 12, 2002. He was born Sept. 28, 1923 at Pittsburgh, Pa. He attended University of Pittsburgh prior to listing in the Air Force in 1942. He served with the 8th Air Force in England flying missions over Germany. He flew with Recon. Squadron in Korea. Decorations awarded include: Presidential Unit Citation Air Medal, 13 Clusters, Commendation Medal, ETO-AME, five campaigns, Victory Medal WWII, National Defense Service Medal, Korean Service Medal, and American Campaign Theatre Medal. After combat, Robert was assigned as Missile Safety Officer with 548th ICBM-Atlas, at Malmstrom Air Force Base. He retired on Jan. 1, 1968.

Col. Curry is survived by his wife of 59 years, Mabel; his children, Scott (Elizabeth) Curry of Spokane; Barbara (Tony) Carrier and Kathie Curry of Billings; granddaughters, Alyssa Carrier and Amanda Curry; grandsons, Dustin and Troy Curry and Thomas Beck; and two great-grandsons.

He is preceded in death by grandson, Jeremiah Curry.

Cremation has taken place. Private graveside services will be held.

High Flight

Oh, I have slipped the surly
bonds of earth.

And danced the skies on
laughter-silvered wings;

Sunward I've climbed and
joined the tumbling mirth

Of sun-split clouds — and
done a hundred things

You have not dreamed of —
wheeled and soared

and swung

High in the sunlit silence,
Hov'ring there.

I've chased the shouting wind
along and flung

My eager craft through foot-
less halls of air.

Up, up the long, delirious,
burning blue

I've topped the wind-swept
heights with easy grace.

Where never lark, or even
eagle, flew;

And while with silent, lifting
mind I've trod

The high untrespassed sancti-
ty of space,

Put out my hand, and touched
the face of God.

—John Gillespie Magee Jr.

Gladys K. Curtis

BRIDGER — Gladys K. Curtis, of Bridger, passed away July 7, 2002, at Beartooth Hospital & Health Care Center in Red Lodge.

Gladys was born on Oct. 18, 1907, in Pelican Rapids, Minn., to Gustav and Margaret Backstrom. Gladys attended schools in Pelican Rapids. She lived in Minnesota, Washington and moved to Bridger in 1955.

Gladys was a telephone operator for over 20 years and also worked as a receptionist in a Credit Bureau in Tacoma, Wash.

On Nov. 1, 1955, Gladys married Wayne Curtis in Idaho Falls, Idaho.

Gladys enjoyed crocheting and also extensive journal writing. Her friends were her greatest joy. She also loved flowers.

Gladys is preceded in death by her parents and husband.

Gladys is survived by her stepson, Don Curtis; numerous nieces and nephews and two very special friends, Barbara Phillips and Willie Armstrong, all who will miss her dearly and carry her memory in their hearts forever.

Graveside services will be held Wednesday, July 10, at the Soliet Cemetery at 2 p.m.

Arrangements are being handled by Dahl Funeral Chapel in Red Lodge.

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Lois Curtis

NOV 26 2002

GILLETTE, Wyo. — Lois Curtis, 75, of Gillette, died Thursday, Nov. 21, 2002, at Campbell County Memorial Hospital.

Private family funeral services will be held. Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home of Gillette is in charge.

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Aime 'Joe' Ingman Cusson

Aime Ingman Cusson passed away on March 31, 2002.

Aime lived the last seven years at White Shadow Foster Care Home in Billings, under the wonderful care of Charlene Collett and family.

Aime Cusson was born Sept. 15, 1930, in Taylor, N.D., and joined the U.S. Navy at the age of 17 and served his country for 20 years, most of this time spent on submarine duty. He married Patricia Mohns in Riverhead, N.Y. in 1952. Following retirement from the Navy, Aime lived in Boston, Mass., Killdeer, N.D., and Roundup.

He is survived by his two children, Melody Cusson Hurst of Huntley and Robert Cusson

of Billings; three grandchildren, Mandi (Chad Elder) Hurst, Billings, Brandon Hurst of Billings and Terren Cusson of Chicago; a great-granddaughter, Paige Cusson of Chicago; two sisters, Melodie Seidel and Emogene (Byron) Manke, both of Killdeer, N.D.; aunts Adeline Haugen of Killdeer and June (Jim) Clark of Minneapolis; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; infant sister Irene; and brother Lyle Cusson.

Cremation has taken place. Services will be held on April 4, at 11 a.m. at the Cremation or Funeral Gallery, 29 Eighth St. W.

Burial will take place at sea.

Norma Cutler

LOVELL, Wyo. — Norma Cutler, 80, died Jan. 18, 2002, at Deaconess Billings Clinic.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 22, at the Lovell LDS Stake Center. Burial will be in the Lovell Cemetery. Haskell Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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Margaret E. Cuts The Rope

HAYS — Margaret E. Cuts The Rope, 70, died April 19, 2002, at the Northern Montana Care Center in Havre.

Rosary and wake services will be 7 p.m. Monday, April 22, in St. Paul's Recreation Center. Mass will be recited at 11 a.m. Tuesday, April 23, in St. Paul's Catholic Church with burial following in the family cemetery west of Hays. Edwards Funeral Home of Chinook is in charge of arrangements.

Arthur D. Cyphers, Jr.

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

SEP 22 2002

LAUREL — Arthur D. Cyphers, Jr., 78, of Laurel, passed away Friday, Sept. 20, 2002, at his home.

Arthur was born Feb. 11, 1924, in Riegelsville, Pa., to Arthur, Sr. and Blanche (Ward) Cyphers. He attended the Pohatcong Township Grammar School and Phillipsburg (N.J.) High School.

Arthur and his wife Shirley Osmun Brush were married on Feb. 23, 1943, in the Asbury Presbyterian Church in Asbury, N.J. He was a former deacon and elder of the church. He later belonged to the Greenwich Presbyterian Church, the Milford Presbyterian Church, and the First United Church of Christ in Milford, N.J.

He lived most of his life in Holland Township, Milford, where he was a dairy farmer for 19 years. He belonged to the Dairymen's League Association and was a junior delegate of the West Portal, New Jersey Local. He later owned and operated a service station in Holland Township.

After attending the Brunswick Automatic Pinsetter School, he was employed as head of the bowling center at the Riegel Ridge Community Center. Before retirement 16 years ago, he was the transportation supervisor for the Holland Township Board of Education. He and his wife moved to Laurel in August 2000.

Arthur was an avid bowler and bowled in many tournaments in New Jersey and Pennsylvania. He was a self-taught mechanic and handyman. He was a loving husband and father, and a friend to everyone he met.

He was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Margaret. He is survived by his loving wife, Shirley, of 59 years; a daughter and son-in-law, Sherrill and Chester Faust of Laurel; a son and daughter-in-law, Arthur C. and Kathy Cyphers of Milford, N.J.; a son, Lane R. Cyphers, Sr. of Newtown, Pa.; two sisters, Janet Paulson and Lorraine Gordon of Phillipsburg, N.J.; four grandchildren, Karen, Wendy, Lane, Jr., and Mark; two stepgrandchildren, Jennifer and Joseph; four great-grandchildren, Tyler, Nicolas, Jacob and Madison; and nieces and nephews.

Interment will be in the Rockvale Cemetery in Joliet.

Memorials in Arthur's name may be made to the First United Church of Christ, Box 438, Milford, N.J. 08848 or to the Big Sky Hospice, PO Box 35033, Billings, MT 59107.

Richard Cyr

BILLINGS GAZETTE

JUL 19 2002

FORSYTH — Richard "Dick" Cyr, 66, of Forsyth, died at his home on July 9, 2002, in Forsyth, following an apparent heart attack.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial services are being planned for a later date. Beals Mortuary of Forsyth is in charge.

SEP 05 2002

Richard Cyr

FORSYTH — Richard "Dick" Cyr, 46, of Forsyth, died July 9, 2002, at his home, following an apparent heart attack.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Sept. 6, at the Forsyth Cemetery. Beals Mortuary of Forsyth is in charge.

Ray Czmowski

MAY 24 2002
DILLING'S GAZETTE

GILLETTE, Wyo. — Ray Czmowski, 49, of Gillette, formerly of Webster, S.D., died Tuesday, May 21, 2002, at the Campbell County Memorial Hospital in Gillette.

Visitation and funeral services were held Thursday, May 23, at the Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home in Gillette. A wake service will be at 7 p.m. Friday, May 24, at the Christ of King Catholic Church in Webster. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, May 25, at the Christ of King Catholic Church. Burial will follow in the Otto's Cemetery in Webster.