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VENTURA, Calif. — Violet Virginia Prout Dabner passed away at her home in Ventura on Saturday, July 13, 2002.

Violet was born in Billings, Nov. 8, 1910. Her parents were Thomas Prout and Maggie (Linkous) Prout/Prindle. Until age 90, she lived in Billings, occupying her home at 3419 Montana Ave.



**VIOLET  
DABNER**

for over 60 years. In 2001, she moved to Ventura to live with her daughter, Joan Armstrong.

Violet married Charles Duane Dabner in Billings and was the mother of five children, two of whom died in infancy (Dolores June and Gary Lewis).

Violet will be remembered by her children as a loving, devoted Christian mother who truly made a house a home. She was gifted with a natural, beautiful singing voice which she dedicated to the Lord's service. She donated her time and talents musically at the Evangelical United Methodist Church on Broadwater Avenue by directing the church choir for many years; singing for weddings, funerals and special events. She was a member there for 80 years.

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She taught the high-school-age Sunday School class for many years and was always available for the activities of the young people. She will be remembered by the youth, especially for her chocolate cakes, cinnamon rolls and chili.

She was employed for 10 years at Deaconess Hospital as a Nurse's Aid in Pediatrics.

Violet was preceded in death by her husband, Charles Duane; two children mentioned above; her mother, Maggie Prindle; father, Thomas Prout; sister, Madge Nelson; one granddaughter and one great-granddaughter.

She is survived by her three children, Tom Dabner, West Yellowstone, Jack Dabner, Lakewood, Calif.; Joan Armstrong, Ventura; eight grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren; brother, Don Prindle, Tucson, Ariz.; sister, Jeanne Hodges, Claxton, Ga.; sister-in-law, Charlotte (Snooky) Pippinger, Billings.

Services will be held at Evangelical United Methodist Church, Fourth and Broadwater, on Friday, July 19, at 10 a.m. In lieu of flowers, Violet requested contributions to either Evangelical United Methodist Church or charity of donor's choice.

Arrangements are by Cremation or Funeral Gallery.

**Lucy MacDonough  
Dabney**

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**NOV 12 2002**

LIVINGSTON — Lucy MacDonough Dabney, 66, of Livingston, died Friday, Nov. 8, 2002, at Livingston Memorial Hospital.

Cremation has taken place and memorial services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 14, at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Livingston. Franzen-Davis Funeral Home of Livingston is in charge.

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**Dale A. Dafee**

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Dale A. Dafee, 80, of Sheridan, died Monday, March 11, 2002, at Memorial Hospital of Sheridan County.

Cremation has taken place. At his request, no services will be held. Kane Funeral Home of Sheridan is in charge.

# Edwin Gylmar 'Pat' Dahl

BILLINGS GAZETTE

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Edwin Gylmar "Pat" Dahl was born on July 2, 1907, in Lignite (Ward Tp), Burke County, N.D., son of George Dahl and Betty Olson from Sweden. There were 10 children in the family, with Pat being the last



**PAT DAHL**

surviving member. [Lilli Agnes Dahl, Olger Leonard Dahl, Baby Boy-Twin Dahl, Lenora Beatrice Dahl, Perla Dortea Evilin Dahl, Deijsi Wiola Dahl, Lojd Edvind, Edwin Gylmar "Pat" Dahl, Hellge Alvid Dahl, George Jean Dahl "Ted."] Pat served in the China Marines between 1926 and 1929, and was stationed in Shanghai, China. He was first assigned to the 28th Machine Gun & Howitzer Co., 1st Battalion, 4th Regiment, 3rd Brigade, for the USMC and responsible for pulling their Browning water-cooled 50 cal machine gun around. Later he was assigned a cook for his command.

He was then called to serve in the military on Aug. 3, 1945, in Hardin. He died on July 31, 2002, in Billings, Yellowstone County, Mont., at Aspen Meadows Care Facility. Pat grew up in Lignite, N.D., and graduated from high school there on June 5, 1925. Their class motto was "Build for

Character, Not for Fame."

He had a distinguished career as a minor league ball player, playing in places from Shanghai to North Dakota during the 1920s. In Lodge Grass, he joined the local baseball team, the "Lodge Grass Nine," and helped capture the Big Bud championship in 1939. Pat was catcher for the team and could pitch with exceptional speed.

In the early 1940s, Pat bought 40 acres of land in the Lockwood area of Billings, and moved there in February of 1945. This acreage was platted and renamed "The Dahl Subdivision." Pat was a member of the Associated Inventors of Montana and Wyoming, and in 1966, received two first place awards for an improved tailstock for lathes and for his muzzle-blast controller; plus a second place award for his semi-automatic shotgun reloader. He served as president of that society in 1970. He also served on

he Billings Ditch Company as vice president and director for many years. He joined the Masons and became a Master in 1956, followed by Wise Master in the Scottish Rite with a 32nd degree in that order. He received his 50th year Membership award in 1995. Pat coached and umpired Little League Baseball in Billings for many years and finished his ball career as an announcer in the late 1970s. He participated in the Yellowstone Rifle Club, and in 1947, was vice president.

Pat was a life member of the NRA and the Rod & Gun Club in Billings. He received the Governor Thomas Judge's award in 1976 for his gunsmithing support to Montana Trade Shows. He was a scoutmaster for six years in the Lockwood area, and competed in many national rifle sharp shooting contests. He received special recognition in 1982 from the Shriners for his efforts in helping to raise \$1,000,000 for the crippled children. He received Montana's Governor's Gold award for teaching hunter safety to more than 1,000 children over a 12-year span. He promoted Boat Safety, was a member of the Loyal Order of Moose and the American Legion. His health failed him in 1998 and was confined to a nursing home, residing finally in Aspen Meadows.

Pat paraphrased his life by the following motto:

"Don't try to put your life on paper of the things you've done,

Don't try to do it for money, just put it down for fun!"

He was married to Ellen Victoria Peterson [daughter of Andrew Peterson (Anders) and Maria Pettersdotter] on Dec. 30, 1931, in Ellensburg, Kittitas County, Wash. Ellen Victoria Peterson was born on Oct. 8, 1903, in Duluth, St. Louis County, Minn. She died on Dec. 5, 1979, in Billings, Yellowstone County, Mont.

He was then married to Norma Jean Weston (daughter of Emery Lloyd Weston and Sophronia Ellen Byxbe) on Nov. 23, 1990, in Billings, Yellowstone County, Mont.

His body was donated to science. A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Aug. 2, at Smith Downtown Chapel.

## **John E. Dahl**

LUSTRE — John E. Dahl, 64, of Lustre, died Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2002, at his home.

Private graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 4. Clayton Memorial Chapel of Wolf Point is in charge.

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**  
**JAN 04 2002**



## Kenny Dahl

GLASGOW — Kenny Dahl, 78, died Monday, Nov. 4, 2002, at Frances Mahon Deaconess Hospital, due to cardiac arrest.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Nov. 8, at First Lutheran Church. Interment will be in Highland Cemetery. Bell Mortuary of Glasgow is in charge.

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## **Lorraine Marie Dahlberg**

Lorraine was born April 17, 1919, in Minneapolis, the only daughter of Victor and Emma Hoaglund. She married Paul Dahlberg, also of Minneapolis, in 1941. Together they raised three children.



**LORRAINE  
DAHLBERG**

Paul and Lorraine spent their retirement years in Naples, Fla., combing the beaches and playing tennis with many of their Minnesota friends. We all have many sweet memories of special times we've spent together there.

They moved to Billings within the last year and lived at Westpark Village. They enjoyed 61 years together. Paul was the love of her life, her protector, comforter and soul mate. He lovingly and devotedly nursed her through a cruel decline.

Lorraine slipped away peacefully on Thursday evening, Oct. 17, 2002. She leaves behind her beloved husband, Paul; three children, daughter Vicki of Fort Myers, Fla., her daughters Carrie (husband Mike and sons Tren and Tanner), and Heather and her husband Michael, all of Phoenix; son Doug (wife Jo, and sons Ty and wife Kara and son McKeever), Toby (wife Tanya, and daughter Tealy), and Tucker all of Billings; another son, Dixon (wife Mary and sons Griffin and Ben), all of Minneapolis.

We will gather for a small family service. Bye, for now, Mom your confusion and frustrations are over. Rest with a calm soul. Love you, Gram, thanks for all your love. Lorraine, my best friend, I loved you so. "...twas heaven here with you."

## Judith Ann Dahlin

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Judith Ann Dahlin, 59, died Wednesday, Oct. 16, 2002, at her home.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in the Sunrise Assembly of God Church. Champion Ferris Funeral Home is in charge.

# Herman Dahm

BILLINGS GAZETTE

DAYTON, Wash. — Herman Dahm, 71, of Dayton, a former resident of Billings, died June 1, 2002, at his home.

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He was born June 18, 1930, in Froid, Mont., to George and Mary (Badt) Damm. Herman graduated from Billings Senior High School in 1948. He joined the U.S. Navy and served during the Korean War and returned to Billings after his discharge.

In 1958 he moved to Kennewick, where he was a contractor in residential construction for over 20 years. He married Joyce Strong on Dec. 1, 1977, in Kennewick. After retirement, they lived in the Dayton area and spent the winter months in Arizona.

Survivors include his wife, Joyce of the family home; a son, Stephen Dahm of Libby, Mont.; a daughter, Nikki Bagley of Woodland; his sister, Mabel (Don) Benscoter of Ontario, Ore., his mother, Mary Damm of Ontario, formerly of Billings; two stepchildren, Barbara Schwarting and Kevin Schwarting, both of Washington, and four grandchildren, Joshua, John, Mark and Luke Dahm.

Graveside services were held at the Veterans Section of the Dayton City Cemetery.

## Orville H. Dale

**DILLINGS GAZETTE**  
**FEB 26 2002**

MALTA — Orville H. Dale, 81, of Dodson, died Saturday, Feb. 23, 2002, at the Good Samaritan Center in Malta.

Memorial services will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 27, at the Adams Memorial Chapel in Malta. Adams Funeral Home/Hi-Line Crematory of Malta is in charge.

## T. Kadia Daley

GLASGOW — T. Kadia Daley, 84, died Friday, Feb. 15, 2002, of pneumonia in the Frances Mahon Deaconess Hospital in Glasgow.

She was born Aug. 26, 1917, in Malvern, Ark., to James Newman and Hattie (Westbrook) Newman. Her family moved to Little Rock, Ark., when Kadia was 17 and she worked at a drug store fountain. She met and married Earl Daley on Oct. 17, 1942, in Little Rock. When he returned home from the war, they moved to Earl's home state, Montana.

Kadia was a busy mother involved with helping out with special projects at Spring Valley Country School. Throughout the years she was a camp counselor, chaperone for Farmers Union groups of Valley County and Lucky Clover 4-H Camps. She loved gathering up all of the neighbor kids and heading 50 miles to the swimming pool or the local drive-in theater. She has been famous in the family for providing each and every member with a hand-made quilt or comforter.

Kadia is survived by her husband, Earl Daley of Glasgow; son Jonathan Daley of Nashua, Mont.; daughters Jane Collins (Wayne) of Nashua, Wanda Dale (Steve) of Glasgow, Judy Elletson (Donnie) of Glasgow; eight grandchildren; 3-1/2 great-grandchildren; her sister Beatrice

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Garsjo of Benton City, Wash., an brother Bobby Newman of Little Rock.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 19, at the First Lutheran Church in Glasgow with Rev. Martin Moch officiating. Interment will be at the Highland Cemetery in Glasgow. Bell Mortuary is in charge of the arrangements.

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## **Evelyn Marie Dalton**

**LIVINGSTON** — Evelyn Marie Dalton, 75, of Livingston, died Tuesday, March 26, 2002, at Livingston Health and Rehab Center.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Monday, April 1, at Franzen-Davis Funeral Home in Livingston. Graveside committal and interment of cremated remains will follow in Mountain View Cemetery.

## Harriet Daly

MAY 08 2002  
BILLINGS GAZETTE

GILLETTE, Wyo. — Harriet "Liz" Daly, 80, of Gillette, died Sunday, May 5, 2002, at Campbell County Memorial Hospital.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, May 8, at First Presbyterian Church in Gillette. Burial will follow in Mount Pisgah Cemetery in Gillette. Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home of Gillette is in charge.



## **Ambrose S. Dambly**

Ambrose S. "Andy" Dambly, 96, of Billings, died Thursday, May 23, 2002, at his home.

At his request, cremation has taken place and no services are planned. Smith West Chapel is in charge.

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**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

# Molly (Wagner) Damm

BILLINGS GAZETTE  
APRIL 27, 2002

CULBERTSON — Molly (Wagner) Damm, 83, passed away in the Roosevelt Memorial Nursing Home in Culbertson on Thursday, April 25, 2002. She was born to Jacob and Molly Wagner on May 21, 1918, in Culbertson.

Molly was raised and schooled at the "Russian Settlement" north of Culbertson.



**MOLLY DAMM**

On Sept. 14, 1936, Molly married Alex J. Damm in Poplar. They then made their home in the Culbertson Community.

Molly was a member of the Trinity

Lutheran Church.

Family and friends would often gather at her home to enjoy her delicious German cooking. She enjoyed cooking as well as quilting and crocheting. Other favorite pastimes of Molly's included fishing, gardening and playing cards.

She was preceded in death by her infant daughter Shirley; two brothers, Jacob Wagner and David Wagner; and two sisters, Elsie Hauck and Lilly Miller.

She is survived by her husband of 66 years, Alex J. Damm; two sons, Robert J. Damm and his wife Marie of Culbertson, and Leroy A. Damm and his wife Janet of

Pullman, Wash.; one brother Harold Wagner of Missoula; one sister, Sue Green of Modesto Calif.; five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Visitations will be held from 7 to 8 p.m. on Monday, April 29, at the Everson-Clayton Memorial Chapel in Culbertson. Funeral services will be held Tuesday, April 30, at 10 a.m. at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Culbertson with Rev. Al Beyer officiating. Interment will be in the Frieden Germeinde Cemetery near Froid. Everson-Clayton Memorial Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

## **Mildred Damson.**

Mildred Damson, 88, of Billings, was reunited with her true love Bill when she passed away, Thursday, Dec. 5, 2002.

The daughter of William and Marie Hanisch, she was born April 23, 1914, in Plentywood, where she graduated high school. She went on to graduate from Normal School in Dillon, earning her teaching certificate.

Mildred married Carl Wilbur "Bill" Damson in Anaconda, Feb. 7, 1941. He preceded her in death, Nov. 10, 1960.

Mildred enjoyed knitting and had made Christmas stockings

for all of her family. She was an active member of First United Methodist Church, where she served as a counter.

Survivors include her children, Charles (Vicki) Damson of Billings and Karen Summerhays of Salt Lake City; grandchildren, John (Teresa) Haddock, Laura (Jamie) Harsh, Bill Damson and Kathy Damson; and seven great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her sister Olive Swenson.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by five brothers and sisters.

Funeral services will be 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary, with interment in Sunset Memorial Gardens.

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



**MILDRED  
DAMSON**

# Paul Mayhew Dana

BILLINGS GAZETTE

DEC 05 2002

PORTLAND, Ore. — Paul Dana, 87, a longtime Billings resident, died in Portland on Dec. 3, 2002, from complications from diabetes.



**PAUL DANA**

He was born on Jan. 9, 1916, in Toston, Mont., and married to Lorraine R. Straight on Feb. 3, 1942, in Cut Bank, who passed away Dec. 7, 2001. Paul was the son of Paul R. Dana and Pearl Marion Mayhew Dana.

Paul graduated from Deer Lodge (Mont.) High School (1933) and obtained a mechanical engineering degree from Montana State College, Bozeman (1939), and was a member of the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity. He lettered as the fastest swimmer in the state of Montana. Paul was an electrolyte operator for the Anaconda Copper Refining Company and later a mechanical engineer at the Carter Oil refinery in Cut Bank. Later, he transferred to Billings, where he helped design and build the Billings refinery, where he became process superintendent and assistant plant manager

before retiring from Exxon in 1977. Paul continued as a consultant, specializing in systems engineering and construction coordination of various projects.

Paul was very active as a board member of Montana Board of Professional Engineers. He was a Billings Kiwanis Club member for over 40 years, a SCORE volunteer helping small businesses in the area, and a Little League baseball coach.

During WWIL, Paul was assigned to the 1st commando group in the India-Burma-China theater as a ferry command transport pilot and test pilot. He received the Distinguished Flying Cross and a bronze star while supporting the Merrill Marauders, a group dedicated to taking important combat bases in Burma. He repaired the aircraft used in the invasion of Myitkyina Airfield and spent time in the transfer of the wounded and ammunition out of that war zone. As a test pilot, Paul routinely flew a variety of fighter ships, including the P-51, B-24, C-47 and B-25.

Paul's family was extremely important to him. Some of his happiest moments were shared with his wife and children while building a mountain cabin at Red Lodge or hiking and fishing at Twin Lakes. He was totally dedicated to the happiness of his wife and each of his six children, Judy Ann Crystal of Tigard, Mary D. Hoodenpyle of Portland, William P. Dana of Kennewick, Wash., James R. Dana of Billings, Joan L. Owens of Sammamish, Wash., and Gail T. Greener of Crystal Lake, Ill. Paul and wife Lorraine are also survived by 17 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Above all, Paul was blessed with a kind and unselfish heart as well as a gentlemanly manner. He was known for his great dignity — never complaining or judging others. He exhibited a continual positive and upbeat attitude and placed others above himself. He will be greatly missed by all.

Services will be held at Rose City Cemetery and Funeral Home in Portland on Thursday, Dec 5. In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting donations to the American Diabetes Association.

**DEC 10 2002****Clarence Daniels**

SHERIDAN, Wyo.  
Clarence "Bud" Daniels, 82, of Sheridan, died Saturday, Dec. 7, 2002, at his home.

Memorial service will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 11, at Champion Ferries Funeral Home in Sheridan.

## Dorothy A. Darnell

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BILLINGS GAZETTE

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Dorothy A. Darnell, 77, of Sheridan, formerly of Scottsbluff, Neb., died Thursday, June 20, 2002, at her home.

A memorial service will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, June 25, at the First Presbyterian Church in Scottsbluff. Interment will follow in the Fairview Cemetery in Scottsbluff. Kane Funeral Home of Sheridan is in charge of local arrangements.

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## **Richard Darnell**

Richard Darnell, 59, of Billings, died Wednesday, March 13, 2002, at his home.

At his request, no memorial service is planned. Cremation has taken place at Cremation or Funeral Gallery.



**MAR 17 2002****Lois M. Darnielle**

Lois Marie Brown was born April 22, 1926, in Grover, Wyo., on the family place. She passed away March 13, 2002, in the safe company of family at the Billings Deaconess Hospital.

As a child, Lois became ill with scarlet fever and survived only by the grace of God and her mother's determination. Her par-



**MRS.  
DARNIELLE**

ents rented "Price's Plunge" in the summer of 1937 and moved the family there for the purpose of letting Lois restore her strength and the use of her legs in the warm, medicinal waters of the Plunge. They operated the "resort along the beautiful Boise River" which consisted of a natural hot springs, 12 cabins and a dance hall.

She graduated from high school in Glens Ferry, Idaho, and went on to attend business school. She met her husband of 53 years, Aubrey M. Darnielle, on a blind date and they were married three months later on Sept. 18, 1947. They lived in Boise, Idaho, and spent the first 10 years of their marriage hik-

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ing, fishing and exploring the rugged mountains of Idaho with their red cocker spaniel, Strawberry Queen.

Lois and Aubrey relocated to Billings in 1955 and raised four children: Teresa Darnielle Morse (husband Mark), Deanna Darnielle, David Darnielle and Carol Darnielle. They were further blessed with four grandchildren: Jesse Larson, Devin Darnielle, Robby and Eddie Carson.

While Aubrey was the face to the community, Lois raised the family, gave Aubrey strength and support, and attended to the business of living and loving. In 1986, she joined Aubrey in forming Darnielle Insurance Agency.

Lois loved to garden, was always hunting for rocks or artifacts, was a collector of antiques, glassware and stamps, and loved a good crossword puzzle. Always ready for an adventure, she wanted to see what was just over the next hill.

Her rock collecting required the fine art of identifying a "leaverite." This is a rock that is picked up, carefully examined, then the decision is made to leave 'er right where she found 'er. When uncertain, the rock should be brought home in the trunk of the family car.

Lois treasured her family and was described as the "rock," the family glue, and was the inspiration behind her children's musi-

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cal, artistic, collecting and gardening talents. She's been described as a dear friend, a second mother, and a sister to many.

She was preceded in death by her husband Aubrey; her parents Charles and Delora Brown; her brothers Roy Brown and Eddie Brown; and her sister Iris Anderson.

She is survived by her children and grandchildren, her sister Verna (Paul) Peterson of Vancouver, Wash., and family; sister-in-law Ava (Otto) Lutteman of Middleton, Idaho, and family; brother-in-law Hal Anderson of Denver and family; and aunts, uncles and cousins.

There was a lot of strength and determination in this beautiful person. Failing health and the unfortunate fall resulting in a broken hip proved her undoing. Oh, how you loved us Mom, and how we loved you! We'll see you again soon, in the blink of an eternal eye.

At her request, Lois has been cremated and will be interred during a small family ceremony at Yellowstone Valley Memorial Park. Contact Deanna Darnielle if you would like to attend.

Her memorial service will be held on Monday, March 18, 2 p.m. at Smith West Chapel. Memorials may be made to Big Sky Hospice.

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Monday,  
March 18th  
in memory  
& loving respect  
for  
LOIS M.  
DARNIELLE*

**APR 20 2002****Irene K. Darrington**

**POPLAR** — Irene K. Darrington, 48, of Poplar, died Thursday, April 18, 2002, at the Northeast Montana Health Services Facility in Poplar, of cancer.

Visitations will begin at 3 p.m. Tuesday, April 23, at the Poplar Cultural Center, with a prayer service at 7 p.m. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, April 24, at the Poplar Cultural Center. Interment will be in the Poplar City Cemetery. Clayton Memorial Chapel is in charge.

# Anton Dassinger

Anton "Tony" Dassinger, 81, of Billings, passed away Dec. 29, 2001, at St. Johns Nursing Home. He was born Sept. 30, 1920, in Dickinson, N.D., the son of Stephan and Julia Lefor Dassinger. He attended schools in Gladstone and attended North Dakota State University in Fargo. He married Helen Frank on Nov. 8, 1943, in Scheffield, N.D.



**MR.  
DASSINGER**

They farmed in the Gladstone area from 1943 to 1956, when the family moved to Billings. Anton worked at the Artificial Ice & Cold Storage, Holy Rosary School, Billings West High School and Central Heights Elementary before retiring in 1983. He enjoyed dancing and taking pride in his yard and garden. Anton was a member of St. Pius Catholic Church and the Moose Lodge.

He is survived by his wife Helen of 58 years; children Janice (Dick) Jacobson of Billings; Jim (Bonnie) Dassinger of Denver; Don (Lucinda) Dassinger of Vancouver, Wash.; Renae (Jim) Schaefer of Gillette, Wyo.; Dean (Patty) Dassinger, Mary Lou Dassinger and Sandra (Carl)

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Schneider, all of Billings; 11 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; sisters Sue Thomas of Dickinson, Carolyn Schneider of Mandan, N.D., and Clarine Uriacher of Taylor, N.D. He was preceded in death by a sister, Ann Willer, and a granddaughter, Jodi Jacobson.

Memorial Mass will be 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 5, at St. Pius X Church. Graveside inurnment will follow at the Calvary Cemetery. Memorials may be made to St. Johns or Charity of Choice. Arrangements are by Cremation or Funeral Gallery.



BETTY DAVENPORT

## Betty L. Davenport

Betty L. Davenport passed away Sunday, Oct. 27, 2002, after an extended battle with cancer. Betty left this world surrounded by family, special friends and the special caring employees of the Horizon Hospice House.

Betty was born June 7, 1927, in Forsyth, to Henry Clay and Laura Elizabeth Patterson and later moved to the Billings area, where she graduated from Billings Senior High School; married and raised two sons and a daughter.

Betty loved painting, puzzles, fishing, crafts and family gatherings. She cherished her lifelong friends, the Karl and Florine Pinnow family, the Elmer and Peggy Derheim family, and the Sam and Betty Hamilton family, to name a few.

Betty is survived by her son, Randy Berry of Lewistown; daughter, Schelle Diana Berry Gairrett of Billings; seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her son, James Dale Berry; brother, James T. Patterson; husband, Harry J. Davenport; and sister, Carmen Evans.

Betty was a wonderful wife, mother and grandmother who will be greatly missed and will always be kept in loving memory of her family and friends.

Memorial services will be held Saturday, Nov. 2, at 11 a.m. at Faith Chapel Church, 517 Shiloh Road (corner of Broadwater Ave. and Shiloh Road).

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to Big Sky Hospice, PO Box 35033, Billings, MT 59107.

**APR 11 2002**

## **Elwood David**

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Elwood “Woody” David, 74, of Sheridan, died Monday, April 8, 2002, at Westview Health Care Center.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, April 12, at Kane Funeral Home in Sheridan.



## Ruth Ann Davie

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BILLINGS GAZETTE

KIRBY — Ruth Ann Livingston Cunningham Davie, 47, of Kirby, died of injuries sustained in a one car rollover accident, Thursday, June 20, 2002, near Kirby.

She was born June 12, 1955, in Billings, a daughter of Robert C. Livingston and Gail Bolson. Her stepfather was Philip Zimmer. She received her early education in Billings and later attended Eastern Montana College.

Ruth married Richard Cunningham and was later divorced. She married Dennis R. Davie on May 5, 1984, in Billings, and the couple made their home near Kirby. Dennis died in 2000.

She worked at the Northern Cheyenne Tribal School and for Custer's Last Camp Store in Busby. She began to touch the lives of our children when she volunteered numerous hours at the Little Eagle Head Start. She later became a teacher's aide in the Northern Cheyenne Tribal School in the kindergarten, fifth grade and computer classes. When children were involved, Ruthie put out 110%, which was why she chose to work the district summer feed program for several years.

Ruthie was a protector and advocate for children's right and had a heart big enough to all who needed help. She was the life of any party; her presence was

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always known. All who loved her will miss the laughter, the love, the caring she brought into our lives. However, the love of her life were her children and grandchildren and her legacy will live on through them.

Survivors include the sons, Robert (Shannon) Cunningham of Billings, Torrey and Jacob Davie of the family home; a daughter, Chelsee Davie of the family home; an adopted son, Brandon Matue of Kirby; her four grandchildren, Hailey, Chad, Aaliyah and Ethan Cunningham; two sisters, Bonnie Pipe of Lane Deer and Lora Demaray of Billings; two brothers, Robert Livingston of California and Phillip Livingston of Billings; 93 nieces and nephews; as well as a host of friends.

Cremation has taken place in the Bullis Eastern Montana Crematory. Memorial graveside services will be held 1 p.m. Saturday, June 29, at the Bolson Family Cemetery, one mile south on the Kirby Road. Bullis Mortuary of Hardin has been entrusted with the arrangements.

# **Jean Juanita Beasley Davies**

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**AUG 14 2002**

LONG BEACH, Calif. — Jean Juanita Beasley Davies died Aug. 10, 2002, in Long Beach. She was born June 27, 1915, at Absarokee, Mont., to Harley W. and Gladys Kelley Beasley. She attended the Absarokee schools and Montana State College. She worked in Bozeman before going to California about 1941.

Jean was married to Morgan Davies, June 20, 1948, and they later operated a motel in Los Angeles. She was a legal secretary for a district attorney and Los Angeles County highway department and movie evaluation company. She loved to dance and did as a film extra.

Surviving are her son, Douglas Davies of Palos Verdes; sister, Jackie Arthun of Roscoe and Columbus, Mont.; brother, Bill Beasley of Bozeman, Mont.; niece, Susan Arthun Murphy of Roscoe; and six nephews, including Jerry Arthun, Columbus.

Family memorial will be in Montana later.

# Morgan Lee Dorothy Davis

BILLINGS GAZETTE

DEC 06 2002

Morgan Lee Dorothy Davis, born Nov. 27, 2002, passed away Nov. 29, 2002, with a heart of gold and lungs of steel. The rest of her little body would not cooperate, so we had to say goodbye.

She is survived by her father, Dana Davis; mother, Marcia Kapor; brothers, Tavin Davis and Bryan Kapor and her sister Trystin Kapor; grandparents, Jim (James) and Virginia Davis and many aunts, uncles, cousins and her special friend Kara Teske. Go with God, honey, we all love you.

There's a very special place way up in God's big sky. Where I went to get my wings and then I learned to fly. I floated on a puffy cloud while watching over you. Hearing everything you said, I saw what you could do. But then I knew you needed me, you called and so I came. I'm your little angel and I always will be there.

Memorial service will take place Saturday, Dec. 7, at 11 a.m. at the residence of Jim & Virginia Davis.

## Renita M. Davis

LIVINGSTON — Renita M. Davis, 49, of Pine Creek, south of Livingston, died Tuesday, Nov. 5, 2002, at her home, following a long illness.

Cremation has taken place after a family visitation at Franzen-Davis Funeral Home & Crematory in Livingston. Memorial services will be at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 9, at Holbrook United Methodist Church in Livingston.

BILLINGS GAZETTE

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## William 'Jim' Davis

BILLINGS GAZETTE

LA MIRADA, Calif.

William "Jim" Davis, 66, died in his sleep, at home, after a long battle with emphysema, in La Mirada. He was born in Absarokee, Mont.

He is survived by his daughter, Susan Hulsebus and grandson Eric Wallace of Griswolf, Iowa; his brother, John R. Davis and sister Kathy Mahoney, both of Idaho.

Jim worked as a carpenter and painter. He mined the mountains of Montana for Yogo sapphires. He served in the United States Marine Corps in 1957 and was laid to rest in Riverside National Cemetery, Riverside.

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**FEB 06 2002**

Katherine Ann Dawson, 88, formerly of Oklahoma City, died peacefully in her sleep on Feb. 4, 2002. She was born in Waurika, Okla., on Dec. 6, 1913, to Pauline Atkins Davis and Romie M.



**MRS.  
DAWSON**

Davis. She was raised in the oil fields of Oklahoma around the Healdton and Wirt area. She attended Oklahoma College for Women in Chickasha, Okla., before moving to Dallas, where she worked for the Magnolia Oil Company. In 1936, she married Woodson H. Dawson. They spent the early years of their 56-year marriage in different oil fields around the country. Their children were all born in different states, Dixie in Texas, Katie in Kentucky, Woody in Louisiana, and twins, Polly and Paul, in Illinois. In 1965, they felt they had returned home when they were transferred back to Oklahoma City.

Katherine had many enjoyments like playing bridge, shopping, traveling, working the cryptquotes, the Oklahoma Sooners, cooking, and being a dedicated and selfless mother. She was a member of the Geophysical

Wives of Oklahoma City, a volunteer at Mercy Hospital, and a member of St. Eugene's Catholic Church. She was a friend, confidant, wife, mother, sister, aunt, grandmother and great-grandmother. Probably her greatest gift was her deep faith, which was a beacon of light for all of us, especially when she suffered through the death of two children. She was our hope and inspiration in times of crisis. We will miss her wit and wisdom so much. Thanks, mama, for being the best role model we could have ever wished for.

Her parents, Pauline and Romie; her husband, Woodson; her daughter, Dixie Tolle; and her son, Woody, preceded Katherine in death. Surviving her are three children, Polly Doliner and her husband Jerry of Raleigh, N.C., Paul Dawson of Norman, Okla., and Katie Link and her husband, Jay Atwell, of Billings; her brother, Romie M. Davis and his wife Margaret of Lake Jackson, Texas; 10 grandchildren, John (Shelly) Link, Lisa (Larry) Green, Amy (Tyler) Winter, Cecily (Bill) Tripp, Michael (Zeba) Tolle, Jennifer Dawson, Lexi (Matt)

Riek, Gabriel, Mark and Lisa Doliner, and nine great-grandchildren, Jeni, Kearla, Shelby, Kyle, Kevin, Jasmine, Chole, Lydia and Saudia.

A service in Billings will be 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 6, at Smith's Downtown Chapel. A Mass of Christian Burial will be 11 a.m. Monday, Feb. 11, at St. Eugene's Catholic Church in Oklahoma City. Entombment will be in Oklahoma City.

Memorials may be made to Big Sky Hospice, Box 35033, Billings, MT 59107.

Eternal rest grant unto you, mother, and let your beacon of light shine brightly down upon us all.



## **Russell W. Dawson**

POWELL, Wyo. — Russell W. "Rusty" Dawson, 88, died Friday, Feb. 1, 2002, at the Powell Hospital.

Visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 6, at Miratsky-Easton Funeral Home in Powell. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 7, at the First Southern Baptist Church. Burial will follow in Crown Hill Cemetery.

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**FEB 05 2002**

**Thomas F. Dawson**  
**August 3rd, 1945 —**  
**January 22nd, 2002**

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**JAN 25 2002**

Tom was born on Aug. 3, 1945, in Seattle.

He attended school in Cheyenne, Wyo., and later enlisted in the United States Army. After serving in the Army, Tom returned to Cheyenne and went to work for the state of Wyoming in the computer department. Tom has held numerous jobs, including working for the Goodyear tire store and Rocky Mountain Bank. He stayed in the banking business for almost 20 years, his current position being property manager for U.S. Bank.

Tom worked on the Cheyenne Frontier Days committee for many years. He truly loved being involved with this event.

Survivors include his wife Carol of Billings; daughter Kristi Barrowman and husband Robert, and two granddaughters, Ashley and Bailey, all of Cheyenne. Tom is also survived by his father, Harry Miller; brother Mike Miller (Patty), all of Cheyenne; and sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Diane and Donald Ladner of Minot, N.D. There are other cousins and many friends.

We will miss his great sense of humor and his willingness to

always help others. We dearly miss you and love you.

Cremation has taken place at Smith's Crematory. A memorial service will be held 3 p.m. Friday, Jan. 25, at the Smith West Chapel, 304 34th St. West.

## **Kathryn B. Day**

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**JAN 30 2002**

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Kathryn B. Day, 77, of Sheridan, died Monday, Jan. 28, 2002, at her home.

Cremation has taken place. At her request, no services will be held. Kane Funeral Home of Sheridan is in charge.

## Roger Day, Jr.

JACKSON HOLE, Wyo. — Roger Day, Jr., 28, of the Melstone and Musselshell, Mont., area, who currently resided in Jackson Hole, died in a car accident just outside of Jackson Hole, on July 14, 2002.

He was born on Nov. 1, 1973, in Billings, to Roger Day and Sandra (Brewer) Day. He attended Melstone High School and graduated in 1992. He loved working outdoors, working cattle, riding horses and hunting. He fulfilled his dream by working for his grandparents, LaVonne Brewer and the late Clyde Brewer. He then moved to Jackson Hole, where he worked on the Triangle X Dude Ranch and also worked as a snowmobile guide. As a guide, he was frequently asked for especially by all ages of patrons. At the time of his death, he was employed with a construction company in Jackson Hole.

He was preceded in death by his grandpa, Clyde Brewer, Jr.; and sister, Candice.



**ROGER DAY**

## BILLINGS GAZETTE

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Survivors include his mother Sandra Brewer Day of Roundup father Roger Day of Billings brother Travis and his wife Jamie of Edmond, Okla.; grandmothers LaVonne Brewer of Melstone and Betty Day of Billings; great-grandmothers Nicholson and Bunnell of Cascade and Great Falls; and great-grandmother Elizabeth Brewer of Roundup; numerous aunts, uncles and cousins. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

Funeral services will be Monday, July 22, at 11 a.m. at St. Benedict's Catholic Church, with Father Tony Schuster officiating. Viewing will be Sunday, July 21 from 5 to 9 p.m. at Wier Funeral Chapel. Burial will be in Roundup City Cemetery, with a luncheon in the church basement following interment.

Memorials may be made in the name of Roger Day Jr., c/o First Security Bank, Roundup, MT 59072.

Wier Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

# Memorial Ted James Day

RED LODGE  
— Theodore  
"Ted" James  
Day, 61, of Red  
Lodge, died  
Tuesday, Jan.  
22, 2002, at  
Deaconess  
Hospital, of  
complications  
due to heart



**MR. DAY**

disease. Ted was born to Lafe Day and Mary (Tomicich) Day on Oct. 23, 1940, in Red Lodge.

Ted attended schools in Red Lodge. He became a mechanic apprentice at the age of 12, and later went on to become a master mechanic. Ted married Kathleen Hilderman and together they had a daughter, Robin.

On May 25, 1972, Ted married Doris Gulbrandson in Red Lodge. Ted owned and operated many businesses throughout his life in the Red Lodge area. His family will continue the operation of the Red Lodge Cafe & Lounge in downtown Red Lodge. He enjoyed serving his community as a police officer, chief of police of Red Lodge and also on the City Council. Ted was a member of the Carbon/Stillwater Tavern Association, the Montana Tavern Association and The Beartooth Elks Lodge #534.

# BILLINGS GAZETTE JAN 25 2002

Ted's passions in life were his family and friends. He also enjoyed bowling.

Ted is survived by his mother Mary Monego of Tualatin, Ore.; wife Doris of Red Lodge; son David Gulbrandson (Danielle) of Billings; daughter Marilyn Fugere (Kelly) of Billings; son Mark Day (Shilo) of Red Lodge; daughter Robin Day of Red Lodge; son Jim Day (Lisa) of Kaysville, Utah; daughter-in-law Susan Gulbrandson of Pinedale, Wyo.; sister Alice Tranmer (Tom) of Butte; sister Doris Johnson (Darrell) of Lake Oswego, Ore.; brother Jack Day (Marcie) of Anaconda; sister Kathy Malyevac (Larry) of Butte; brother Joe Monego (Cheryl) of Lake Oswego; brother Jim Monego of Tualatin; 18 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews and cousins; and many special friends that will hold Ted's memory in their hearts forever.

Ted is preceded in death by his father; his stepfather Albert Monego; son Mike Gulbrandson.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, Jan. 26, at Dahl Funeral Chapel in Red Lodge at 10 a.m.

Interment to follow services at Red Lodge Cemetery. There will be a luncheon held at Dahl Funeral Chapel following interment. Visitation will be held on Friday, Jan. 25, from 1 to 8 p.m. Memorials may be made to the Boys & Girls Club of Red Lodge or of one's choice.

## Jerry W. Dean

BILLINGS GAZETTE

Tues., April 30, 2002

Grateful for the gift of his life, we announce with deep sadness, Jerry Dean's passing on Sunday, April 28, 2002, in Billings. He was 54 years of age, born Aug. 9, 1947, in Salinas, Calif., was raised in Arizona and lived most of his adult life in California.

Left to cherish Jerry's memory are his mother, Leonor Dean; brothers, Leroy Dean and Leonard Dean; and his only daughter, Michelle, her husband Rick Swanson, and the lights of his life, his grandchildren, Samantha, Kristina and Matthew. He will also be missed by many family and friends.

Jerry loved the outdoors, especially camping and fishing. He enjoyed collecting antiques and the art of Lapidary, but his greatest pleasure was spending time with his daughter and grandchildren. Jerry will be remembered and carried in the hearts of his family and friends in boundless ways.

We wish to thank all those who cared and prayed for him and his family during his battle with cancer. In the midst of this great loss, there is much comfort. We believe that Jerry trusted in Christ alone for salvation and is now with Him in eternal glory.

A memorial service will be held Tuesday, April 30, at 11 a.m., at Westside Baptist Church, 323 S. 32nd St. West, Billings.

## Rankin Dean

MAY 02 2002

BILLINGS GAZETTE

EKALAKA — Rankin Dean, 84, of Ekalaka, passed away on Tuesday, April 30, 2002, at the Dahl Memorial Healthcare in Ekalaka.



**RANKIN DEAN**

He was born on Oct. 22, 1917, in Ekalaka, the son of George and Alma (Larson) Dean. Rankin grew up and attended school in Ekalaka. Shortly thereafter, he joined the CCC and did two sessions with them over the course of a few years.

On Aug. 26, 1939, Rankin married Helen Stitser in Baker. They ranched for several years outside of Ekalaka before moving to town and making their home there. Rankin learned the carpentry and masonry trades and worked at those vocations for most of his adult life. One in which he enjoyed the most was his construction of the petrified rock formations at the Carter County Museum.

After retirement, Rankin continued to stay busy with odd jobs and different projects. His many interests included fishing, hunting, and doing things for his children and grandchildren. Those who knew Rankin well will always remember his good-

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natured, humorous and generous personality.

He is preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Francis Freese; and a sister, Olive Markuson. Rankin is survived by his loving spouse of over 63 years, Helen; a son, Tim (Mary) of Bozeman; two daughters, Janette (David) Rutledge of Billings and Norma Cridland of Ekalaka; a brother, Leslie (Nelle) Dean of Ekalaka; a sister-in-law, Patricia Freese of Bozeman; a brother-in-law, Magnus Markuson of Ekalaka; six grandchildren, Samone, Darci, Jill, Michelle, Traci and Darin; 10 great-grandchildren; and many much loved.

A rosary service will be held on Thursday, May 2, at 7 p.m. at the Stevenson Funeral Home in Ekalaka. Funeral Mass will take place on Friday, May 3, at 10 a.m. at the St. Joan of Arc Church in Ekalaka. Burial will follow at the Dean Family Lot in Beaverlodge Cemetery. Stevenson Funeral Homes of Baker and Ekalaka are in charge of the arrangements.

## Wayne O. Dean

BILLINGS GAZETTE  
JAN 27 2002

MALTA — Wayne O. Dean, 84, died Saturday, Jan. 26, 2002, at the Phillips County Hospital of a ruptured aneurysm.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 30, at the Malta Lutheran Church with burial and Military Honors in the Malta Cemetery. Adams Funeral Home of Malta is in charge.

## **Amanda Kay DeBerg**

**MAY 08 2002**  
**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

CODY, Wyo. — Amanda Kay DeBerg, 20, died Sunday, May 5, 2002, due to injuries received in an auto accident near Clark.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday, May 10, at Christ the King Lutheran Church in Cody. Interment will follow in Riverside Cemetery. Ballard Funeral Home of Cody is in charge.

MAR 22 2002

**Charles C. DeBuff**

Charlie was born on Aug. 5, 1943, at St. Joseph Hospital in Lewistown, a son to Cyril and Julia DeBuff.

He moved with his family to Shawmut in 1947, was educated at Shawmut Grade School and graduated from Harlowton High School in 1961. Following his graduation, he married Daisy Perry and worked at the Harlowton Garage.

Charlie served 11-1/2 years in the U.S. Army, stationed in Germany, Korea and Vietnam. Upon returning from Germany, he married Cameal Fetter and moved to Fort Huachuca, Ariz. While there, he worked for Don Roll in the RV business.

Charlie moved back to Montana in 1972, where he retired from the Army and moved to Billings and went to work for Gaugers RV, later working for Tour America RV. In 1983, he moved to Junction City, Ore., working as a Service and Warranty Manager for Monaco Motor Homes.

In 1984, he married Susan Harrsch in Billings. In 1987, Charlie and Susan started their own RV business. Then in 1989, they purchased Riverside

over

Speedway in Cottage Grove, Ore., operating it through 2001. They returned to Billings in December 2001, to be near their families.

Charlie is survived by his wife, Susan; his two sons, Mike (Marsha) and their children, Michael and Maxwell; and Joshua (Alisa) and their daughter, Brittany Skye; his daughter, Roberta DeBuff; his stepdaughter, Karen (Scott) Cox and their



**CHARLES  
DEBUFF**

children  
Hannah and  
Elijah; his step-  
son, Ken  
(Cherrayl)  
Harrsch and  
their children  
Michael, Brian,  
David and  
Dannielle; his  
mother, Julia  
DeBuff of

Shawmut; his sister, LaDonna Jamison of Billings; and a special "daughter," Wendi (Ron) Hilgendorf and their daughter, Kassadee; and numerous nephews, nieces, cousins, aunts and uncles.

Charlie was preceded in death by his father, Cyril.

Memorial services will be held 1 p.m. Saturday, March 23, at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary. Cremation has taken place. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Intermountain Children's

Home, 500 S. Lamborn, Helena, MT 59601.

Charlie was a very proud man but allowed the Lord to humble his heart when he accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior in August 2000.

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**AUG - 6 2002**

LEWISTOWN — "Lyn" DeBuff, 55, of Lewistown, died Monday morning, Aug. 5, 2002, at her home, after a courageous fight against cancer.

Cynthia Lyn was born on April 10, 1947, in Billings, the daughter of Allen and Jean Richardson of Fromberg. She graduated from Fromberg High School and worked as a nurse's aide for many years. She married Frank Schaff in May of 1970 and they began their life together, ranching in Townsend and then Ryegate. Frank's untimely death on Dec. 25, 1984, left Lyn and their three young sons to maintain and operate the ranch. Twelve years later, Lyn met Vern DeBuff. They were married on Jan. 12, 2001, and purchased a home in Lewistown. Side by side, day by day, the couple began the process of turning the house into the home of their dreams. Prior to her illness, Lyn worked as a dispatcher for the Fergus County Sheriff's Office.

She is survived by her husband Vern of Lewistown; her children, Jeff Brandt of Missoula, Shane Schaff of Billings, Jeffrey and Kevin Schaff of Ryegate, Patrick, Tanya and Philip DeBuff of Billings, and Paul DeBuff of Nashville, Tenn.; her mother, Jean Richardson of Fromberg; one brother, Harvey Richardson of Absarokee; three grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father and one sister.

Memorial services for Lyn DeBuff will be Wednesday, Aug. 7, at 1 p.m., in the Ryegate Gymnasium. Cremation has taken place. The Cloyd Funeral Home of Lewistown is in charge of arrangements.

Friends may make memorials to the Central Montana Hospice or the charity of their choice, and they may be left at the Cloyd Funeral Home.

## **Susan Marie (Studer) (Harrsch) DeBuff**

Susan Marie (Studer) (Harrsch) DeBuff, age 61, beloved wife, mother and friend, passed away in Olympia, Wash., Aug. 30, 2002, from complications of pneumonia.



**SUSAN  
DeBUFF**

Susan was born in Excelsior, Minn., on Dec. 6, 1940, to Viola and Louis Studer, and the family moved to Montana when she was five years old. She graduated Central High School in 1958 and attended Acme Beauty School from 1958 to 1959. Susan was married to Lee Harrsch in April 1959 and later divorced.

In January 1984, Susan married Charles DeBuff in Billings and they spent the following 17 years in Oregon, returning to Billings in December 2001 to be closer to their families.

She is survived by her daughter, Karen (Scott) Cox and the children Hannah and Eli; son Ke (Cherrayl) Harrsch and the children, Michael, Brian Dannielle and David; her mother Viola Studer; her sister Theres Pinnow; her brother Tor (Kathy) Studer; her stepson Mik (Marsha) DeBuff and their children Michael and Maxwell; stepson Joshua (Alisa) DeBuff and their daughter Brittney Skye a stepdaughter Roberta DeBuff special friend Wendi (Ron Hilgendorf and their daughter Kassadie; numerous nieces nephews, cousins, aunts, uncles and many, many friends. She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles DeBuff, and her father Louis Studer.

Susan enjoyed golfing, crocheting, cooking, baking and laughing with her family and friends. Everywhere she went, she made lasting friendships.

A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 5, at Faith Chapel, 517 Shiloh Road, Billings. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to the Intermountain Children's Home, 500 S. Lamborn, Helena, MT 59601.

Susan had put her trust in Jesus when she accepted him as her Lord and Savior and therefore had the assurance of eternal life with Christ. She walks with Him now.

## JAN 21 2002

DECKER — Rodney Lee Decker, age 40, passed away at St. Vincent Healthcare on Saturday morning, Jan. 19, 2002. He was born on March 21, 1961 to Paul James "Jim" and Janet Faye (Loomis) Decker in Powell. The family lived in many parts of Wyoming and Colorado during his school years. He finished high school in Herndon, Va., graduating in 1979 and lived in northern Virginia. On June 28, 1986, he and Lori A. Hecht were married in Kalispell. They moved to Cheyenne in 1988. While in Cheyenne, he attended Laramie County Community College. Rod was a print pressman for Vision Graphics. Rod and his family lived in Cheyenne and Hillsdale until they moved to Powell during the summer of 2000.

He was an active member of the Powell Church of Christ, a lifetime member of the NRA, the handyman club and the Hillsdale 4-H Tiptoppers. He enjoyed woodworking and owned his own business, "Hobby Horse Ranch." He was known for the spring and rocking horses he built. He also enjoyed gold mining, hunting, fishing, riding his ATV and spending time with his children. Rod was passionate about what he loved and those he loved! Many men have laid claim to the title "Wyoming Cowboy," yet few have been more representative of

the ideals and love of Wyoming than Rod. Rod was at home exploring the mountains and valleys of Wyoming, whether it be a fall hunting trip or panning for gold in a lonesome and wild stream. However, Rod's love of Wyoming faded as sunlight at dusk in comparison for the love he held for his family. Rod loved both the immediate and extended family with all his heart. Every member of the family knew that Rod would stand by them no matter the circumstance. Most of all, his passion extended to his love for God and the Lord's Church. Rod had definite beliefs and stood firmly for those beliefs. He often expressed those beliefs in the straight-forward method of the west, always out of a deep and enduring devotion to God. Rod brought so much to the lives of those he touched. "We love you Rod."

He is survived by his wife Lori; children, Cody Lee Decker, Ariel Faye Decker and Jodi Jean Rose Decker; parents, Jim and Janet Decker, all of Powell; brothers, Forrest Craig Decker and wife Patti of Anchorage; Stanley Clark Decker and wife Lisa. Grav Bryan



Decker and wife Tammera, all of Casper; grandparents, Paul and Marjorie Decker of Powell. He was preceded in death by a son, Dustin Clark Decker, a nephew Jason Clark Decker and grandparents Gordon and Vera Loomis.

Visitation will be 6 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday evening at Miratsky-Easton Funeral Home, Powell, with the casket remaining closed. Funeral Services will be 10 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 24, at the Powell Church of Christ with Todd Loomis officiating. Burial will follow in Crown Hill Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Cody Decker, Craig Decker, Stan Decker, Gary Decker, Adam Decker, Logan Decker, Wesley Hecht, Craig Hecht, Reeves Mecerheidt and Erin Delaplane. Honorary Pallbearers will be Ariel Decker, Jodi Decker, Heather Decker, Brian Decker, Leslie Sunshine Decker and David Hecht. The family requests that in lieu of flowers, memorials might be made to the family to provide educational opportunities for Cody, Ariel and Jodi Decker and C.J. Baker.

**APR 04 2002****Rosena Decker**

WIBAUX — Rosena Decker, 91, of Wibaux, formerly of Sentinel Butte, N.D., died Tuesday, April 2, 2002, at St. Joseph's Hospital in Dickinson, N.D.

A Rosary/Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 4, at the Silvernale-Silha Funeral Chapel in Beach, N.D. A Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. Friday, April 5, at St. John The Baptist Catholic Church in Beach. Interment will follow services at St. Michael's Cemetery in Sentinel Butte.

### Chester "Chet" Dedmore

VANCOUVER, Wash. - Chet Dedmore, 81, passed away Wednesday, Dec. 19, 2001, in Vancouver, from complications arising from injuries sustained in a fall.

He was born Feb. 19, 1920, in Keystone, Neb. He met the love of his life, Mildred "Millie" Baker in Douglas, Wyo. They were married Feb. 19, 1942. They began their lives together in Douglas doing ranch work. They later moved to Livingston, then to Huntley, where they lived numerous years. He worked as a truck driver for John Bernes Trucking of Billings before moving to Camas, Wash. in 1967.

He served in the Army during World War II in Africa and Italy in a tank division.

He loved to do woodwork in his shop and being with his family. Time was spent each summer boating and fishing at Jackson Lake near their beloved Teton mountains.

Survivors include his wife, Millie; three daughters, Marilyn Jo (Dennis) Hanson of Lakewood, Colo., Ethel (George) Nitchman of Worland, Wyo.

and Donna (David) Mortensen of Vancouver; three sons, Lyle (Rosalie), Tom (Bonnie) and Robert (Vickie), all of Billings; one sister, Harryett Dempsey of Vancouver; 15 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held in Camas on Dec. 24.

Chet, Dad and Grandpa, we love and miss you!



**MR. DEDMORE**

## Lloyd Deeds

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**FEB 15 2002**

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Lloyd Deeds, 76, of Sheridan, died Monday, Feb. 11, 2002, at the Sheridan VA Medical Center, of cancer.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 16, at First United Methodist Church. Interment will be in Sheridan Municipal Cemetery. Champion Ferries Funeral Home is in charge.

## Arthur Degen

BILLINGS GAZETTE

JAN 01 2002

PLENTYWOOD — Arthur Degen, formerly of Westby, died from cancer Dec. 23, 2001, seven days before his 94th birthday. He has been a resident of the La Casa Personal Care Home since 1998. He was born Dec. 30, 1907, to Peter and Mary (Snedker) Degen, both immigrants from Denmark. Their settled farm was five miles northwest of Westby. His mom died in May 1946 and his dad on Art's 52nd birthday, Dec. 30, 1959, and it was with equal sadness that his sister Jesse died of cancer in May of 1962.

A kind and gentle man, Art is survived by cousins John of Forsyth, Margaret, Colleen and Corrine of Spokane, Wash., and Jean and Joan of Brea, Calif. Also surviving are persons Art chose to have his farm, Jim, Pam, Michelle, Melissa and Maria Sundsted.

Cremation has taken place, with a memorial service and interment of cremated remains in Westby Cemetery to be held in June 2002.

# Harry Deines

LAUREL — Harry Deines, 84, of Laurel, passed away Thursday, July 11, 2002, at St. Vincent Healthcare in Billings, after an extended illness. Harry had resided at the Evergreen Laurel Care Center for the past seven and a half years.

Harry was born Dec. 27, 1917, at Hesper, a son of Henry and Katie Knause Deines.

He married Rose Reiter, Sept. 30, 1938, at Roundup; the couple had celebrated 63 years of marriage.

He worked for the Northern Pacific Railway and the Burlington-Northern Railway for 42 years retiring in 1972.

Harry constructed the family home in Laurel and truly enjoyed woodworking and he also meticulously maintained his yard.

He was a lifelong member of



**HARRY  
DEINES**

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**JUL 12 2002**

the First Congregational Church in Laurel.

Harry enjoyed family gatherings, especially Christmas Eve.

Survivors include his wife Rose of Laurel; two daughters, Donna Leuthold and Rosetta Deines, both of Billings; grandchildren, Rick (Cindy) Leuthold of Billings, Jeff (Ingeri) Leuthold of Billings and Doug Hauf of Sheridan, Wyo.; and great-grandchildren, Katie, Lindsay, Jessica, Keaton, Parker and Chloe Leuthold; a sister, Irene (Norman) Shorb of Billings; one brother, Albert Fritzler of Laurel; two nephews, Darrell McGillen of Laurel and Jerry Trupp of Grandview, Wash.; and one niece, Loretta Lam of Billings.

Services will be held 10 a.m. Monday, July 15, at First Congregational Church, Laurel. Interment will be in the Laurel Cemetery.

Memorials are suggested to First Congregational Church or charity of choice.

Smith Funeral Chapel-Laurel was in charge of arrangements.

## **Iris Mae Delap**

THERMOPOLIS, Wyo. — Iris Mae Delap, 76, died Saturday, July 6, 2002, at the Wyoming Medical Center in Casper.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, July 12, at the Risen Son Southern Baptist Church in Thermopolis. Burial will be 3 p.m. Friday, in the Willow Grove Cemetery, Buffalo. Mortimore Funeral Home of Thermopolis is in charge.

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**  
**JUL - 9 2002**

## Mae Dellabaugh

BILLINGS GAZETTE  
JAN 11 2002

GLASGOW — Mae Dellabaugh, 82, of Glasgow, died Thursday, Jan. 10, 2002, at Frances Mahon Deaconess Hospital in Glasgow.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, Jan. 14, at Bell Mortuary Chapel in Glasgow. Additional services will be in Great Falls at a later date. Burial will be in Great Falls.



## **Ruby E. Delp**

**FAIRVIEW — Ruby E. Delp, 84, died Friday evening, Oct. 11, 2002, at the Sidney Health Center Extended Care Facility.**

**Funeral Services will be held at 10 a.m., Tuesday, Oct. 15, at the Zion Lutheran Church, with Burial in the Fairview Cemetery. Fulkerson Funeral Home is in charge.**

## **Jay Deming**

**FAIRVIEW** — Jay Deming, 60, of Fairview, died Wednesday, Sept. 4, 2002, at the Mercy Medical Center in Williston, N.D.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, Sept. 9, at the Fulkerson Funeral Home Memorial Chapel in Sidney. Burial will be in the Richland Memorial Park Cemetery.

## **Robert J. Dempsey**

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Robert J. Dempsey, 51, of Sheridan, died Friday, July 5, 2002, of cancer, at Deaconess Billings Clinic.

Memorial services will be at 3 p.m. Saturday, July 13, at First Christian Church. Kane Funeral Home of Sheridan is in charge.

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**JUL 12 2002**

# Thomas G. Dempsey

THE GAZETTE OF ALBERTA  
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**WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS**  
— Thomas Grover "Tommy" Dempsey, 76, of White Sulphur Springs, died Tuesday, Nov. 19, 2002, at Mountainview Medical Center of cancer.

Rosary will be said 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 22, at St. Bartholomew Catholic Church. Mass of Christian Burial will be 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 23, at St. Bartholomew Catholic Church. Interment will be in Mayn Cemetery. Twichel Funeral Home is in charge.

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**Nina Waggoner Denning**

Nina Waggoner Denning passed away Wednesday, March 6, 2002, in Billings.

Nina was born Sept. 2, 1905, in Lincoln County, Mo., near the town of Ellsbury, to Robert and Mary Waggoner. She came out west with her family at the age of 7 and homesteaded near Ritzville, Wash., and then later moved to northern Idaho.

Nina was married to John Denning, Sept. 16, 1920, and they made their home in Priest

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River, Idaho, and then later moved to Metaline Falls, Wash., and Spokane, Wash., where Nina became an LPN and worked as a private duty nurse and also for Fairchild AFB Hospital, from which she retired. After retiring, John and Nina moved to Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, where John passed away in 1982. Nina then moved to Billings in 1991 to be near her daughter, Sylvia Morton.

Nina was preceded in death by her parents; and brothers Paul, Everett, George and Arnold; and also one sister Inez; and daughter Delta Riggs.

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Nina is survived by daughter Sylvia Morton and husband Clark of Billings; also grandchildren, Diana Rathbone, Lewiston, Idaho, Loretta (Dave) Besst, Peck, Idaho, Don Riggs (Ginger) of San Diego, Randall Morton, Hawthorne, Nev., Gina Williams, Kent, Wash., and Denise Morton of Billings. She had 11 great-grandchildren — two preceded her in death — and 12 great-great-grandchildren.

Nina was a member of the Billings Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Visitation will be from 2 to 9 p.m. Saturday, March 9, at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary. Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Saturday, March 16, at English Funeral Chapel, Coeur d'Alene.

# Gertrude Denny

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GARRYOWEN — Gertrude Denny was born Nov. 3, 1918, the third child of Maude Jones and William Clarence Drake.

She went to school eight years at Crow Agency and attended high school in Hardin. After the children were grown, she went to Eastern Montana College in Billings and graduated with honors. She taught elementary school for 18 years in Crow Agency and Hardin.

She married Sam E. Denny on May 17, 1935. They had four children. Barry and Carol (Harold Hert) preceded their mother in death.

Survivors are son, Richard Denny (Phyllis) of Brighton, Colo.; daughter, Janice (Larry) McKiernan of Las Vegas; nine grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; one great-great-granddaughter; two sisters, Hazel Davis of Hardin and Bette Chimienti of Spokane, Wash.

She was very active in the First Baptist Church of Hardin and has been president of the ladies group several times.

She has been Worthy Matron of Jasmine Chapter, OES, and was recently elected for a fourth term. She was Mother Advisor of Rainbow Girls several times and also

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held several state Grand offices, one of which was Grand Electa. She taught Sunday School in the Crow Agency Baptist Church. She was a 4-H leader for a number of years. She was president of the local Home Demonstration Club and was also president of the Big Horn County Home Demonstration Club.

She and Sam were very active square dancers and were privileged to join a group of square dancers in Hawaii. They also enjoyed a trip to Alaska, three trips to Europe, a tour of the Holy Land and enjoyed trips to New England, Nashville and a Caribbean Cruise.

She was an avid quilter and a member of the Undercover Girls.

She was very active in everything she belonged to. Gertrude was always doing things for others. She was loved by all and will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

Funeral services for Gertrude Denny will be 2 p.m. Tuesday, June 11, in the Bullis Funeral Chapel, Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery, Hardin.



# Dorothy E. McCleary DeNittis

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BAXTER, Minn. — Dorothy E. McCleary DeNittis, 81, of Baxter, formerly of Laurel, Mont., passed away June 30, 2002, from cancer.

She was born Aug. 26, 1920, to Fay and Fern McCleary. She attended schools in Laurel, Lame Deer, Mont., St. Labre, Mont., and then went on to business college in Miles City, Mont.

She retired from the University of California in 1981. She married L.W. "Jiggs" DeNittis on Dec. 1, 1984. They ranched near Laurel and Wadena, raising quality thoroughbred racehorses, including seven or eight Montana bred year end champions.

Dorothy was a fine and knowledgeable horse woman and rode many miles as a young lady helping to take care of her father's cattle on his ranch near Lame Deer. She loved to play with the newborn foals, teaching them to lead and the many other things required in the education of young thoroughbred racehorses. Dorothy was very happy in playing her part in the business of producing outstanding racehorses. She would get a tremendous thrill watching horses she raised, race and win at the various race tracks.

Dorothy was a very kind and generous person. She never met anyone in need but what she would extend a helping hand.

She loved to raise flowers in and out of the house. She enjoyed gardening and loved to camp and fish on the creeks around Red Lodge, Mont.

She was preceded in death by her former husband Richard Beeman and son Ronnie Beeman two brothers, Everett and Homer McCleary; and a sister, Eveline Rowsy.

She is survived by her husband L.W. "Jiggs" DeNittis; and a sister Louise Herrera; a son Richard Vincent Beeman; and granddaughters, Tina (Ken), Carri (Jerry), Brittany and Michelle Beeman; grandsons Mathew (Holly), Charlie and Ronald Jr., Beeman and five great-grandchildren.

Services will be held 2 p.m. Wednesday, July 10, at Smith Funeral Chapel-Laurel. Interment will be in the Laurel Cemetery.

# Jacqueline Dennis

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CODY, Wyo. — Jacqueline Dennis, 84, formerly of Powell, died Wednesday, July 17, 2002, at West Park Long Term Care Center.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Monday in the Cowley Cemetery in Cowley.

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**MONA LOUISE  
(HOLLAND) DEROUIS**

Passed away peacefully in her Pasadena home, Monday, September 16, 2002. Mona was born March 31, 1931 in Billings, Montana. Mona attended Vanguard University in Costa Mesa, CA majoring in education and sang in the university choir. Mona was kind, patient and intelligent mother who loved music and passed that love on to her children. She played the violin and organ. She especially enjoyed baroque music including the works of Bach and Handel. Mona sang solos at the Bethel Assembly in Glendale, CA during the offertory. She was a loyal friend, devoted spouse, a loving mother. She is survived by her husband Victor, children Vicki, Michele, Darrel and 3 grand-children.

**Edward DeRudder, Jr. (Eddie) MAY 31 2002**

**TOLLINGS GAZETTE**

BRIDGER — Early Thursday morning, May 30, 2002, the Lord came and took our beloved husband, father, grandfather and brother. Eddie DeRudder, 71, of Bridger, is now free from his pain and suffering.

He was born on Oct. 23, 1930, in a log house that still stands today on his place.

His parents were Edward and Marie DeRudder. Eddie attended Round Butte country school and later Bridger High School.

On June 3, 1950, he married Dorlene Berry at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Bridger. They were blessed with four children. Eddie worked at various jobs, but his life's passion was farming. Numerous times, he was one of the top 10 beet growers for Great Western Sugar Co., and he served as a director of the Orchard Canal Ditch Co. for 32 years.

Eddie enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren, dancing (especially a good polka), and he loved potatoes and homemade bread.

Survivors include his wife, Dorlene DeRudder of Bridger; his four children, Bill DeRudder of Bridger; Jean (Bernie) Grebe of Lincoln, Neb.; Gayle (Steve) Kallevig of Bridger, and Leanne (Timothy) McWhirk of Roseville, Calif.; 11 grandchildren,

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Justin Feller, Bobbi Jo (Pete) Bushman, Tommi Jo DeRudder, Billi Jo DeRudder, Nichole (Bryan) Woodcock, Clayton Grebe, Tyson (Brooke) Grebe, Sam and John Kallevig, and Casey and Jesse McWhirk; three great-grandchildren, Chase Feller, and Tyler and Marcus Woodcock; three sisters, Genevieve (Cliff) Schwend of Billings, Bertha Webber of Bridger and Virginia (James) Shatto of Broomfield, Colo.; three brothers, Frank

(Sharon) DeRudder of Bridger, Gus (Mary Ellen) DeRudder of Billings; and John DeRudder of Bridger; and numerous nieces and



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nephews. He was preceded in death by a brother, George (Bud); and one sister, Louise Peters.

Vigil services will be at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, June 2, in Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Bridger. Funeral mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Monday, June 3 in the church. Interment will be in the Bridger Cemetery, with Smith-Olcott Funeral Chapel of Red Lodge in charge of arrangements.

Memorials may be given to the Bridger Ambulance Service or to the charity of one's choice.

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## **Alice Leens DeShaw**

**FAIRVIEW —** Alice Leens DeShaw, 95, died Wednesday, April 10, 2002, at the Sidney Health Center Extended Care Facility.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Monday at the Zion Lutheran Church with burial in the Fairview Cemetery. Fulkerson Funeral Home in Sidney is in charge.

**Anabell Lee Desjarlais**

Anabell Lee Desjarlais, infant daughter of Dominic Desjarlais and Miranda Hill, was born and passed away, Sunday, July 7, 2002, at the Deaconess Billings Clinic.

She is survived by her parents, Dominic Desjarlais and Miranda Hill; and grandparents, Robert and Nancy Desjarlais and Becky Hill, all of Billings.

Private family services will be held.

Michelotti-Sawyers has charge of arrangements.

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# Norman Conrad DeSonia

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WILSALL — Norman Conrad DeSonia passed away July 12, 2002, of a massive heart attack. He was born on Jan. 25, 1937 in Whitetail, to Fred and Dora DeSonia. He graduated from Nashua High School in 1955, where he was active in basketball and football. Norman entered the U.S. Navy shortly after graduation and served in the SeaBees branch of the Navy for four years. He then served in the military reserves for 16 years. He worked as a carpenter and a general construction worker from the time he was a teenager until he retired. Norman enjoyed telling jokes, hunting and fishing with his friends. He was well known for his wonderful choke cherry syrup and jelly.

He was preceded in death by his parents. Survivors include two daughters, LaDora (Kevin) Baisch of Glendive and Shelley (Mark) Lammers and their three children of Canyon Lake, Texas. Norman is also survived by a brother, Gilbert (Marilyn) DeSonia and a sister, Kay (Ron) Opp, both of Nashua and a sister, AnnaLou (Leo) Bergtoll of Saco; as well as numerous nieces and nephews. Memorial services will be 2 p.m. Tuesday, July 23 at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in

Nashua with Pastor Chris Flohr officiating. Memorials may be sent to any American Legion or V.F.W. post.



## Daphne Steele Despain

LOVELL, Wyo. — Daphne Steele Despain, 99, of Lovell, died Saturday, Feb. 23, 2002, at New Horizons Care Center.

Viewing will be from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 26, at Haskell Funeral Home in Lovell. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 27, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Burial will be in the Lovell Cemetery.

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## **Lillian Graham Despain**

LOVELL, Wyo. — Lillian Graham Despain, 83, died Friday, Nov. 15, 2002, at her home Southwest of Lovell.

Viewing will be from 7 to 9 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 18, at the funeral home. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 19, in the West Chapel at the Lovell LDS Church. Burial to follow in the Lovell Cemetery. Haskell Funeral Home of Lovell is in charge.

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## **Bessie E. DeTienne**

**CULBERTSON —** Bessie E. Crusch DeTienne, 91, of Culbertson, formerly of Bainville, died Friday, April 19, 2002, at the Roosevelt Nursing Home in Culbertson.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, April 25, at the Bainville School. Friends may call at the Everson Funeral Home in Culbertson from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 24, and from 9 a.m. until noon, Thursday, and for the hour preceding the service at the Bainville School. Interment will be in Bainville Cemetery. Everson-Clayton Memorial Chapel of Culbertson is in charge.

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# Buren Leo Detour

Buren "Dete" Detour was born Sept. 8, 1915, in Guide Rock, Neb., to Albert and Amanda (Ohmstede) Detour.

His family moved to Redlands, Calif., where Dete graduated from high school and the University of Redlands. He also met his beloved wife Bette at the University of Redlands.



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Dete entered the U.S. Navy in 1939 and attended flight school at Jacksonville, Fla., where he earned his wings. Dete was ordered to Hawaii in 1942 as a U.S. naval pilot and where he again found Bette and they were married on April 24, 1942.

After serving as a combat pilot in the South Pacific, he was ordered to Hutchinson, Kan., as a flight instructor.

After his Navy duty was completed, Bette and Dete moved to Power, and later to Huntley, where Dete owned and operated Detour Apiaries for 27 years.

They then moved to Billings and Dete became active in the Masonic order, Scottish Rite and the Al Bedoo Shrine. Dete was an

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Gardens Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials in Dete's name may be made to the Al Bedoo Transportation Fund c/o Al Bedoo Temple 1125 Broadwater, Billings, MT 59102 or Big Sky Hospice, PO Box 35033 Billings, MT 59107. Arrangements are by Cremation or Funeral Gallery.

avid golfer and volunteered to drive the Scottish Rite cancer van for many years. Dete and Bette celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on April 28 and remain devoted to each other.

A memorial service will be held 11 a.m. Thursday, May 9, at Cremation or Funeral Gallery, with inurnment at Terrace

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## **G.A. 'Jed' Devan**

G.A. "Jed" Devan, 74, passed away early morning, March 27, 2002, at Deaconess Billings Clinic after a battle with cancer.

Jed was born May 2, 1927, in Cleveland, Ohio, to Paul and Margaret Devan. He joined the Air Force and served in the Philippines at the end of World War II. With the help of the GI Bill, he



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graduated from Missoula with a degree in Forestry. His career with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service was long and varied, giving him opportunities to live in some of the most beautiful areas of God's country.

After retirement, Jed's interests were many, including travel, gardening and woodworking. He was a true artist and craftsman.

Jed is preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his brother, William "Bill" Devan of Akron, Ohio; his wife Norma; a daughter, Susan Devan Harness of Fort Collins,

Colorado; two grandchildren, Chris and Dan; four stepchildren, Charles Foster, Cindy Kiedrowski, Tracy Foster and Russell Foster.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, March 29, at the Dahl Funeral Chapel.

# Oscar James "Red" Deveraux

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Oscar James "Red" Deveraux, 87, of Billings, died Wednesday, Jan. 9, 2002, after a short bout with pneumonia. Mr. Deveraux's life was marked by generosity, compassion and a passion for education.

His family and many friends valued these qualities, relying on him for a ready smile, a word of encouragement or a self-deprecating joke. Although he could be counted on to help any friend with a day's work, his most cherished legacy is the education of his family.

He was born in Worland, Wyo., on March 6, 1914. He earned a bachelor of science in agronomy at the University of Wyoming. At this time, he began a family with his wife, Ruth Mortensen Deveraux.

Mr. Deveraux became a faculty member at Greybull (Wyo.) High School. While in Greybull, he was also an active member of several civic organizations, donating his time and talents to improving the lives of others. In addition, he made many lifelong friends in the local rodeo club, winning calf and



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team roping trophies.

Mr. Deveraux then worked in Greybull for Northrup King & Co. as a research agronomist, developing several new seed hybrids. Later, he was transferred to Billings, where farmers looked at him for sound advice on seed selection and wise land use, even after his retirement.

Recent years found Mr. Deveraux enjoying his family, particularly his grandchildren, camping in the Big Horn Mountains, playing cards and riding horses.

Mr. Deveraux was preceded in death by his wife of 68 years, Ruth, who died on Dec. 8, 2001. He is survived by a son, Gary and a daughter-in-law, Margaret, of Hillsboro, Ore., and their children, Danny of Ryson, Calif., Gary David "Bo" of Fort Smith, Laurie Ann Bruck of Newton, Iowa, and Kim Gates of Glenrock, Wyo., Tomi Alys Earl of Hillsboro and Ted of Eugene, Ore. In addition, he is survived by a daughter, Phyllis Friesz of Billings and her daughters, Diane Hill of Billings and Leona Ruth Spencer of Reston, Va. The surviving family also include 19 great-grandchildren and seven great-great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Monday, Jan. 14, at the Smith Funeral Chapel at 304 34th St. West. A celebration of life will be held in June for Mr. and Mrs. Deveraux in Wyoming, with details forthcoming. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to the Parmly Billings Library Bookmobile, 510 N. Broadway, Billings, MT 59101.

## **Leon Devine**

**LIVINGSTON —** Leon Devine, 79, died at his home Saturday, Oct. 5, 2002.

Vigil services will be at 7 p.m. Monday, and Mass of the Christian Burial will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, both at St. Mary's Catholic Church. Graveside committal and burial will follow in Calvary Cemetery. Franzen-Davis Funeral Home is in charge.



**Juanita L. DeVore****APR 03 2002**

Juanita DeVore died in her sleep Saturday evening, March 30, 2002, at Aspen Meadows here in Billings, where she had been a resident for four years in assisted living and most recently in the skilled nursing wing.

Juanita was born on April 17, 1915, in Washoe. She lived her entire life in Montana, primarily in Billings, with the exception of a few years of schooling in Thermopolis, Wyo., where she graduated from high school. She then attended St. Vincent Nursing School in Billings. Upon completion of nursing school, she married Edward L. DeVore, a Billings native. She and Ted were married over 60 years until his death four years ago. Their loving marriage and devotion to one and other was evident to all and an inspiration to many.

Juanita was an accomplished pianist and dearly loved making music. Her piano and music brought her joy throughout her life and she was happiest when she was making music for others.

She was active in youth baseball organizations in Billings, the Moose Lodge of Billings and her church, Grace United Methodist, where she and Ted

were some of the first members. Her sense of humor and lively spirit made many friends in the Billings area as did her kind and generous heart.

She loved life and was always there for people in need and her family.

Juanita is preceded in death by her brother John, in addition to her loving husband. She is survived by her sister Marguerite; her son Ron; two grandsons and one great-grandson.

We will miss you Mom, but take comfort knowing you are in God's hands.

A memorial service will be held at Grace United Methodist Church in Billings on April 26 at 2:30 p.m. The family would ask that any memorial gifts be given to Grace United Church.

## **Robert D. 'Bob' Devous**

Robert D. Devous, 67, of Billings, passed away early Wednesday, Sept. 11, 2002, at Deaconess Billings Clinic. He was born in Billings on Feb. 11, 1935, the son of John William and Ruby Francis Berry Devous.

Bob was schooled in Hardin and returned to Billings, where

he married Carole A. Krueger on July 26, 1957. She preceded him in death in July 1997. He worked for Burlington Northern Transport and Fred Briggs Distributing Co. and later was service manager for Industrial Tool & Repair. Upon retirement due to medical reasons, he became a proud volunteer at Deaconess hospital.

Bob was a fine craftsman and was very well known for playing and building his own steel guitars. In his younger years, he played the steel guitar in various



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Western bands.

Survivors include two sons, Mike and his wife Janet, and Tom and his wife Krysia; grandsons Jeff and Kyle; and granddaughters Nicki and Amanda; a special dear friend and companion, Patty Hougham; stepmother, Margaret Devous of Bozeman; two brothers, Cliff Devous and Dale Hert and his wife Darlene; and a sister Karen Guffey; and numerous stepbrothers and stepsisters. He was also preceded in death by his parents, five brothers and a sister.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial service will be 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 14, at the Mayflower Congregational Church, 2940 Poly Drive, with a luncheon to follow. Inurnment will follow next to Carole at Holy Cross Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Deaconess Foundation, American Lung Association, American Heart Association, or charity of choice. Arrangements were by Cremation or Funeral Gallery.

# Molly DeWald

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Molly DeWald, 97, of Billings, passed away Monday, Oct. 14, 2002, at Evergreen Health Care, Laurel.

Molly was born in 1905, the daughter of Katherine and George DeWald. She came to Laurel with her parents in 1913 and lived most her life in this area. She worked for OM Wold Co., in Laurel. After moving to Billings, she was a hostess at Rocks Restaurant and the Billings Cafe. At the time of her retirement in 1969, Molly had been employed as a saleslady at Cole's Department Store.

Molly was preceded in death by two brothers, Walt and Victor; and a sister, Lydia Becker.

Survivors include six nieces, Cheryll Schmidt of Oregon, Anita Goodwin of Livingston, Vicki Jordan of Sheridan, Wyo., Joan Ferrman of Bozeman, Marge Martin of Washington and Sandra Tachihara of New Jersey; and three nephews, Jonathan DeWald and David DeWald of Billings, and Richard DeWald of Nevada, and their families.

Funeral services will be 1 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 17, at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary, with interment in the Laurel Cemetery.

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

## Walter DeWald

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LAUREL — Walter DeWald, 78, of Laurel, passed away Tuesday, April 30, 2002, at Deaconess Billings Clinic.

The son of George and Katherine DeWald, Walter was born May 20, 1923, in Hesper. He was raised and educated in Laurel.

In 1941, he began working for the Northern Pacific Railroad. Following his Army service during WWII, he returned to Laurel and resumed working for the railroad. Walter had worked in Laurel, Livingston, Everett, Wash., and again Livingston, before retiring in 1981.

Walter married Rosalie Montoya in Cody, Wyo., on Sept. 20, 1965. She preceded him in death Sept. 2, 2001.

He had been a member of Masonic Corinthian Lodge 72, AF & A.M. since 1954.

Survivors include his sister, Molly DeWald of Laurel; two daughters, Cheryl Schmidt of Central Point, Ore., and Sandra Tachihara of Egg Harbor Township, N.J.; four stepchildren, Sharon Lave of Billings, Veronica



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Hart of Salt Lake City, Bobbie Henne of Glendive and Davey Lave of Springfield, Mo., two granddaughters, Amber Rambo-Gouldey of Leesport, Pa., and Amy Miller of Medford, Ore.; two great-granddaughters, Tara Gouldey and Lexie Bissell; and a great-grandson, Tony Bissell; eight step-grandchildren and 12 step-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife; two sisters, Elizabeth DeWald and Lydia Becker; two brothers, Victor and Henry DeWald; and two grandsons, Justin Tachihara and Jason Bordeau.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial services will be 1 p.m. Saturday, May 4, at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary, with interment in the Laurel Cemetery.

# Gilbert Charles Dewey

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

SEP 23 2002

HARLOWTON — Gilbert Charles Dewey, 78 of Harlowton passed away Friday, Sept. 20, 2002 at Wheatland Memorial Hospital.

Gilbert was born Aug. 26, 1924 to the late Everett F. and Ruby I. (Jackson) Dewey in Billings. Gilbert was a lifelong resident of Wheatland County. He graduated from Harlowton High School.

After graduation he worked for Montana State Grain Testing Laboratory for 25 years. During that time he also established his own trucking business and continued trucking for a total of 50 years. He sold Dewey Trucking Business to John Anderson when he decided to retire. After retirement from trucking he went to work for Wheatland County Senior Citizens Center driving the Senior Bus.

He enjoyed playing pinochle, visiting with friends and traveling, visiting with relatives in other states. Gilbert was known to be dependable and also there to help, driving seniors in his own car as needed.

Gilbert is survived by his sister, Elaine Ingram of Pinellas Park, Fla. Funeral services will be 11 a.m., Tuesday, Sept. 24, at Perkins Funeral Home. Graveside committal will follow in Harlowton Cemetery.

## Grace I. DeWitt

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JUL 26 2002

MEDICINE BOW, Wyo. — Grace I. DeWitt, 75, of Medicine Bow, formerly of Billings, died Monday, July 22, 2002, at the Valley View Care Center in Saratoga.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, July 27, at the First Baptist Church in Medicine Bow. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to service time at the church. Burial will follow the services in the Trails End Cemetery in Medicine Bow. Montgomery-Stryker Funeral Home of Laramie is in charge.



## Lillian B. DeWitt

BILLINGS GAZETTE

AUG 29 2002

CLEARWATER, Fla. — Lillian B. DeWitt, 89, formerly of Miami and Billings and Colstrip, Mont., died Monday, Aug. 27, 2002, at Morton Plant Hospital in Clearwater after a brief illness.

Born in Ionia, Kan., she moved to Montana and taught in the Colstrip and Billings public schools until she retired. She moved to Miami in 1978 and relocated to Clearwater in 1992.

She is a member of Daughters of the American Revolution, Eastern Star and Delta Kappa Gamma. She was an avid reader and enjoyed traveling and knitting.

Survivors include son, Paul L. DeWitt, M.D., of Largo, Fla.; brother, Ira F. Beeler of Billings; two granddaughters; a grandson and a great-granddaughter.

A memorial service will be held 4 p.m. Friday at Moss-Feaster Funeral Homes in Largo with inurnment following at Serenity Gardens Memorial Park in Largo. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Lloyd L. & Lillian B. DeWitt Scholarship Fund, Colstrip County Public Schools, P.O. Box 159, Colstrip, MT 59323. Att: Judy Cheff.

## Pauline M. DeWitt

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APRIL 26, 2002

GLASGOW — Pauline M. DeWitt, 81, of Glasgow, died Wednesday, April 24, 2002, at Butte Convalescent Center in Butte.

Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Sunday, at St. Raphael's Catholic Church in Glasgow. Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, April 29, at St. Raphael's Catholic Church. Interment will be in Highland Cemetery in Glasgow. Burial Mortuary of Glasgow is in charge.

## **Raoul Francisco Diaz**

**BUTTE —** Raoul Francisco Diaz passed away Monday morning, Oct. 14, 2002, in a local hospital.

He was born in Sonbereta, Zacateca, Mexico, on Feb. 15, 1943, to Frank and Delores (Savendra) Martinez. He received his education in Denver schools.

Raoul worked as a warehouse supervisor for Montana Power and PPL in Colstrip for 26 years. He moved to Butte in June of this year.

He enjoyed woodworking, stained glass work, auto mechanics, pottery, anything involved with using his talented hands.

He married Theresa Dallaserra in Butte on Oct. 27, 1973. She survives in Butte. Other survivors include his daughter, Antonette Diaz, Yakima, Wash.; daughter and son-in-law, Virginia and Andrew Hanson, Butte; son, Raoul Diaz, Butte; son Raymond Diaz-Aragon, Denver; eight sisters; nine brothers; numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his stepmother, Andrea Martinez; his sister, Tina Otero; and his brother, Mickey Gutierrez.

His remains have been cremated in Butte.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Wednesday morning, Oct. 16, at 10 a.m., in Immaculate Conception Church.

Parish Vigil Services will be this (Tuesday) evening at 7 p.m. in Wayrynen-Richards Funeral Home. Memorials may be made to Highlands Hospice or to a charity of the donor's choice.

## Oliver "Tuffy" Dicken

TORRINGTON, Wyo. —

Funeral services for Oliver "Tuffy" Dicken, age 69, will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, April 25, at the First Wyoming United Presbyterian Church in Torrington, with Reverend Peggy Brown officiating. Burial will follow in the Valley View Cemetery.

"Tuffy" died on April 20, 2002, at the Torrington Community Hospital.

Visitation hours will be held at the Colyer Funeral Home in Torrington on Tuesday, April 23, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; on Wednesday, April 24, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and the casket will be open at the church service. Those who wish may direct memorial contributions to either the "Waggin' Tails" animal shelter in Torrington or to the Tuffy Dicken Scholarship for Agriculture which has been established at Eastern Wyoming College in Torrington. The Colyer Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

"Tuffy" was born on Oct. 3, 1932, on the family farm south of Torrington, the son of Isham and Minnie (Quade) Dicken. He grew up and received his education in Torrington; graduating from Torrington High School in 1951. He then went on to serve in the U.S. Army in Korea. He then returned to Torrington and went to work at the Torrington

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Livestock. He married Carol Heimbuch on Aug. 26, 1959, in Denver, and she passed away in 1994. He married Ann Stallings Valadon on Aug. 3, 1998, in Torrington.

Oliver "Tuffy" Dicken began his career in the livestock and auctioneer business nearly 46 years ago. He grew up around the livestock sale barns, going to sales with his dad as a kid. He picked up the ins and outs of auctioneering; encouraged by friends and family. In the late 1950s, Tuffy went to work as a fieldman and auctioneer for Torrington Livestock, then owned by LW Maxfield, Sr. He worked hard and learned all the ropes. In 1979, Tuffy, along with Maxfield's sons Mike and Lester, Jr., purchased the Torrington Livestock business from the senior Maxfield. In 1989, Tuffy and then only one Maxfield partner remained, entered an equal partnership with the Madden Brothers who were then owners of the Stockman Livestock Auction. The four partners merged the two businesses and the "Torrington Livestock Markets, Inc." was formed and has since become the fourth largest market in the United States. Eventually, April of 1999,

Mike Maxfield retired and the business partners of Tuffy and the Madden Brothers has remained. Tuffy, the longtime auctioneer, is best known for sitting down and selling cattle 10 hours straight without ever getting out of his chair. He also traveled around the region as a buyer; his territory included Montana, Wyoming and South Dakota. He brought a loyalty and love for the business to Torrington Livestock Markets, Inc. He was an honest businessman through and through.

He enjoyed working with people and he was always thoughtful with his buyers, sellers, family and friends. And he had a soft spot for stray dogs and cats. He would carry dog or cat food in his pockets and if he came across a stray, he'd stop, bend down and give them a treat. He was affiliated with the First Wyoming United Presbyterian Church. He was a member of the American Legion, the Wyoming Stockgrowers, the Chamber of Commerce, and he served six years on the Wyoming Livestock Board.

He is survived by his wife, Ann of Torrington; a son and daughter-in-law, Gary and Nancy DeBolt of Kimball, Neb.; a daughter and son-in-law Tina and Donnie Seals of Buffalo, Wyo.; two granddaughters, Sarah DeBolt of Torrington and Shelley Murphy of Cheyenne; two grand-

sons, Scott DeBolt of Torrington and Cody Seals of Buffalo; a brother, Henry Dicken and his wife Ophelia of Torrington; and three sisters, Dorothy Goering and her husband Glenn of Farmington, N.M., Adaline McAllister and her husband Joe Bill of Arlington, Texas; and Shirley Martinelli and her husband Clyde of Napa, Calif.; and by three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his first wife, Carol; a sister Rosemary Petch; and three brothers, Leslie and David, and Marion who was killed in WWII.

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# Luella M. Dickerson

LOVELL, Wyo. — Luella M. Dickerson, age 85, died Wednesday, Oct. 16, 2002, at the New Horizon Care Center in Lovell. She was born March 8, 1917, to Robert James and Kathleen Anna Kennedy in Glendive, Mont.



**LUELLA  
DICKERSON**

Luella worked for Jason's Men's Store in downtown Billings for over 40 years. She was an active member of the Billings Bible Church since the early 1950s.

She is survived by one son, James (Diana) of Lovell; eight grandchildren, Mike (Wendi) of Worland, Jenniffer (Chris) Hieb of Deaver, Jodie Bliss in Ontario, Canada, John (Lisa) of Lovell, Kathy Taylor, Ricky, David and Steven Goertzen; eight great-grandchildren, Shae, Kevin and Jamie Dickerson, Amanda Vacura, Cory James Weems, and Bryce, Shane and Tray Dickerson; and two brothers, Lyle (Elaine) Kennedy of Glendive and Melvin Kennedy of Miles City. Her husband Dale; daughter Carolyn; three sisters and three brothers preceded Luella in death.

Visitations will begin Friday morning, Oct. 18, at Smith West Chapel, 304 34th St. West. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 19, at the Smith West Chapel, with Pastor Drew Thompson officiating. Interment will follow at Terrace Gardens Cemetery.

# Audrey S. Dickey

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**BOZEMAN** — Audrey S. Dickey, 97, of Bozeman, passed away Dec. 12, 2002. She was born Nov. 4, 1905, in Menominee, Mich., to J.H. and Stella Moreau. She attended schools in eastern Montana and graduated from Baker High School.



**AUDREY  
DICKEY**

Audrey married Elmer H. Schneider, Jan. 12, 1928, and later divorced. They were blessed with a daughter, Audelle, in 1929.

She worked 18 years for the J.C. Penney store in Baker.

She married Frank Dickey, May 8, 1947. They enjoyed traveling to every state and many countries. Audrey was a devoted wife, mother and homemaker.

Audrey was preceded in death by her parents and her husband. Survivors include her daughter, Audelle (Mick) Estes of Bozeman; two adopted sons, Rayner (Nancy) Dickey of Houston, Texas, and David (Bobbi) Dickey of Reno, Nev.; one sister, Connie (Bill) Browning of Nice, Calif.; and eight grandchildren, Jan (Karen) Foust and Kent (Lynn) Foust of Bozeman, Glenna (Gary) Thon of Hammamish, Wash., Dale Lynn

(Bob) Nevin of Cave Creek, Ariz., Dana (Rod) Jimenez of Houston, Mark (Hazel) Dickey of Ipswich, Mass., Robin (Steve) Banks of Mountain View, Calif., and Dan (Donna) Dickey of Reno, Nev. Also 14 great-grandchildren, Tim, Stephanie, Kyle, Mike, Brad, Cody, Andy, Tom, Danny, Simon, Liam, Rowan, Ted and Lillian.

Cremation has taken place and private family services will be at a later date.

# Richard A. 'Rick' Dickman

BILLINGS GAZETTE

April 28, 2002

Richard Alan Dickman, 49, passed away Wednesday, April 24, 2002, at St. Vincent Healthcare. He was born on July 17, 1952, in Spokane, Wash., to Paul and Frieda (Raess) Dickman. Rick and his family moved to Butte, and later to Missoula, where he graduated from Hellgate High School in 1970.



**RICHARD  
DICKMAN**

He received his bachelor of arts degree in geography in 1975 from the University of Montana. After receiving his degree, Rick began his career in Billings with the USGS, which prospered into more than 25 years of dedicated service to the Bureau of Land Management. Rick's most recent accomplishment was being honored with the position of Branch Chief of Records. Rick received numerous awards for his outstanding achievements throughout his career. He enjoyed teaching mapping classes for the students of the community.

In 1977 Rick and Beverly Darrah were married. From this union, Angie and Katie, Rick's most precious daughters, were born. In June of 1993, Rick married

Sheri Haun, the love of his life and best friend.

He was a past president of the Heights Optimist Club and a committee member of the "Just Say No" program at Bench Elementary School. Rick's love of music was evident by his participation in the Atonement Lutheran Church Choir, the Church Quartet and the Magic City Singers. He also loved singing old time Rock-n-Roll tunes with his daughters.

The Dickmans' annual Labor Day trip to Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp to be with friends and family was the highlight of the year for Rick. Our blended family weekly Sunday dinner with Rick as Head BBQ'r was our way of uniting our family and will be forever special.

Rick is survived by his wife, Sheri; daughters Angie and Katie Dickman; stepsons Billy Hickson and Cary Devitt, all of Billings; step-daughter Brandi Devitt of Pensacola, Fla.; brothers Dan (Becky) Dickman of Whitefish and Dave (Lynn) Dickman of Missoula; a sister Debbie (Scott) Willis of Missoula; and many nieces and nephews who were dear to his heart. He was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Ruth.

A memorial service will be



held at 11 a.m., Tuesday, April 30, at the Atonement Lutheran Church with reception to follow service. Interment will be in Sunset Memorial Garden. Memorials may be sent to the Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp for children's camping scholarships. Dahl Funeral Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

Rick touched many hearts in the short time he was with us, and his love of life, humor and compassion will be missed dearly.

# Jean Gram Dickson

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**JUL - 8 2002**

At the age of 77, Jean Dickson died peacefully at her home in Billings on Saturday, July 6, 2002. Jean was born March 9, 1925, the daughter of Oscar E. and Anna S. (Bjerken) Gram in Glendive. She was raised in Forsyth and Billings, graduating from Billings Senior High School in 1943.



**JEAN GRAM  
DICKSON**

On June 20, 1959, Jean was united in marriage to John J. Dickson in Billings. John was a store manager for Skaggs Drug and they lived in Great Falls, Laramie, Wyo., Spokane, Wash., and ultimately in Boise, Idaho, for 23 years. Jean was employed as a secretary for Northern Pacific Transport in Billings and later was a legal secretary for Collins & Manley Law Firm in Boise for many years.

Jean was the rock of her family and was a caring, giving person who will be remembered for her generosity and willingness to help others. Her hobbies included canning and crocheting. She enjoyed entertaining her friends and family with her gourmet cooking.

Survivors include her husband of 43 years, John J. Dickson; son, Steven (Judith) Downs of Las Vegas, Nev.; daughters, Laurie (Wayne) Bauer of Billings and Melody Downs of Kalispell; sisters, Doris Dahlman and Betty Bourne, both of Billings and Evelyn Wallace of Grand Junction, Colo.; sisters-in-law, Marian Gram and Joyce Foreman, both of Billings; eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Jean was preceded in death by three sisters, Adelaide Gram who was six months old, Avis Carlin and Augusta Griggs; two brothers, Lloyd and Oscar Gram.

Jean's memorial service will be at the Billings Bible Church, 802 N. 27th at 11 a.m. Thursday, July 11, with burial of ashes in Sunset Memorial Gardens. Dahl Funeral and Cremation Service is in charge of arrangements. Memorials may be made to Billings Bible Church or Big Sky Hospice.

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## **Robert Irwin Diefenderfer, Jr.**

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Robert Irwin "Bob" Diefenderfer, Jr., 77, of Sheridan, died Sunday, April 14, 2002, at the Sheridan VA Hospital.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday, April 17, at Kane Funeral Home in Sheridan. Interment will be in the Sheridan Municipal Cemetery. A reception will follow interment at the Sheridan Wesleyan Church.

# Marie Diegel

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BILLINGS GAZETTE

**GLENDIVE —** Marie Diegel, age 86, of Glendive, passed away on Monday, June 10, 2002, at the Glendive Medical Center Extended Care Facility.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, June 13, at the Zion Lutheran Church, with Pastor Paul Everett and Lay Pastoral Associate Avis Anderson officiating. Interment will be in the Dawson Memorial Cemetery. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Glendive is entrusted with arrangements.

Marie was preceded in death by her husband Rudy Diegel in 1995; and one grandson, Todd Mitchell.

Survivors include five daughters, Donna Mitchell and her husband Ron of Glendive, Darlene Erickson and her husband Bob of Great Falls, Judy Johnson and her husband Mike of Chinook, Beverly Tuttle and her husband Buck of Hillside, Ariz., and Sandee Gibbs of Murietta, Calif.; three sons, Derrell Diegel and his wife Beverly of Baker, Dennis Diegel and his wife Marilyn of Glendive, and Rodney Diegel and his wife Judy of Billings; three brothers, John Rieger and his wife Dorothy of Glendive, Bud Rieger and his wife Betty of Plevna and Ted Rieger and his wife Arlys of Billings; four sisters, Claudia

Lausch and her husband Wesley of Alberton, Lily Kay True of Edmonds, Wash., Elsie Henderson and her husband Wilford of San Marcos, Calif., and Erna Miller and her husband Les of Towson, Md.; 19 grandchildren and 40 great-grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews.

## Reinhold 'Reinie' Diegel

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## BILLINGS GAZETTE

Reinhold "Reinie" Diegel, 82, of Billings, passed away Sunday afternoon, May 12, 2002, at Deaconess Billings Clinic. Reinhold was born on April 13, 1920, in Burnstead, N.D., a son to Johannes and Elizabeth Diegel.

Reinie was raised on the family farm and was educated in the Burnstead and Wishek areas of North Dakota. In 1942, Reinie entered the U.S. Army, serving in the South Pacific during World



**REINHOLD  
DIEGEL**

War II. Following his honorable discharge, he returned to North Dakota, where he was employed in several jobs.

In 1952, Reinie moved to Billings, where he started working for Roscoe Steel in 1954. Reinie married Elizabeth Clark Fox in 1959. She passed away in 1984. Reinie retired from Roscoe Steel in 1980.

On Aug. 12, 1986, Reinie married Esther Gunsch in Billings.

Reinie loved woodworking and also loved to play pinochle.

Survivors include his wife, Esther; his five stepsons, David Fox of Corona, Calif., Christopher

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Fox of Great Falls, Donald Gunsch of Longmont, Colo., Douglas Gunsch of Bismarck, N.D., and Gregory Gunsch of South St. Paul, Minn.; his two stepdaughters, Mrs. Lucille (Herschell) Farris of Billings and Mrs. Roxanne (Wendlin) Biegler of Driscoll, N.D.; his brother, Waldemar (Violet) Diegel of Wishek, N.D.; his two sisters, Hulda Kitzman of American Falls, Idaho, and Esther (Bernard) Fandrich of Jamestown, N.D.; 20 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Reinie was preceded in death by his parents; seven brothers and sisters; and an infant daughter, Elizabeth.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, May 16, at Peace Lutheran Church. Interment with military honors at Mountview Cemetery.

Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

## Wilbur Ernest Diehl

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Wilbur E. Diehl passed away peacefully Nov. 24, 2002, at the age of 87, in Billings, Mont.

He was born in Clark County, Mo., on Nov. 18, 1915, the son of Louis Theodore and Rosa Marie Diehl. He married Anna Grace Suter on March 26, 1939.

Wilbur is survived by his wife of 63 years, Ann; three children, Dean and his wife, Pat, of Elko, Nev., Ruth Ann of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Belinda Jo Chatman and husband T.C. of Billings and Glendive, Mont.; four grandchildren, Wendi and Todd Chatman, and Jeff and Brian Diehl. He was preceded in death by five brothers and two sisters; and daughter, Gwynetha Kay.

Wilbur worked for Sinclair Pipeline Co. and Atlantic Richfield Co. from 1942 until his retirement in January of 1973. He and Ann moved to Thermopolis, Wyo., at that time. His hobby of piano tuning became more of a full-time vocation, and the Wyoming State Music Teachers Association honored him with an award recognizing his years of service as a tuner and a promoter of the arts.

Wilbur loved his Lord, his family, his church, the fellowship of many friends, music and motorcycles. He was a founding member of the First Southern Baptist Church of Rawlins, Wyo., and was a member of First Baptist Church of Thermopolis at the time of his

death.

He spent many hours "tinkering" in his shop. He participated in many musical activities as a tuner, a tenor and a guitar picker.

In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate memorials to the Gideon Living Memorial Bible Plan or the Multiple Sclerosis Society. His life will be celebrated at a memorial service at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 30, at First Presbyterian Church of Billings.

# Edith M. Dierenfield

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Edith M. Dierenfield, 88, of Worden, died on Thursday, June 6, 2002, at Eagle Cliff Manor in Billings, where she had resided since suffering a stroke in late May.

## EDITH DIERENFIELD

Edith was born in Worden on June 25, 1913, a daughter of Archie and Bertha (Johnson) Miller. She graduated from Huntley Project High School and continued her education at Billings Polytechnic, where she received a degree in education. Mrs. Dierenfield later worked as a school teacher.

Edith married Ralph Dierenfield on June 7, 1939. She then directed her efforts toward her home, family and friends. She and Ralph lived their entire lives on the Project, enjoying time spent together hunting and fishing. Edith was a member of the Valley Baptist Church. Mr. Dierenfield passed away on Oct. 31, 2000.

Survivors include a brother, Donald Miller of Klamath Fall, Ore.; and several sisters-in-law; nieces and nephews.

Visitations will begin at noon on Saturday, June 8, at the Smith Downtown Chapel. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Monday, June 10, at the Smith Downtown Chapel, with interment to follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens. Memorials are suggested to the Worden Ambulance Fund.



# Herman Dierenfeldt

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**HARDIN** — Herman Dierenfeldt, 85, of Hardin,



passed away at the Big Horn County Nursing Home on Saturday afternoon, Dec. 7, 2002, following an extended illness.

## HERMAN DIERENFELDT

He was born in Eureka, S.D., on Jan. 1, 1917, the fourth child of five children born to Emil and Katherine Reichman Dierenfeldt. He grew up in Eureka, attending local schools.

He was a member of a hard-working family and worked part-time during his growing-up years in the family meat market and slaughterhouse, as well as on their grain farm, continuing into his adult years.

Herman entered the U.S. Army in early 1942 and served four years with one year being served in the European Theater of Operations. He attended Officers Candidate School at Fort Benning, Ga., and graduated as a 2nd Lt. on Feb. 17, 1945, the same day he was married to Betty Jean Akeyson of Oregon.

At the end of WWII, they moved back to his hometown of Eureka, where they resided for 13 years, during which time

two children, David Frederick and Katherine Elizabeth were born to them. Herman worked at first in the meat department of a Gambles Dept. grocery store and then became the general manager of it. In 1959, the family moved to Hardin, where they owned and operated a Gambles Hardware Store for 16 years, retiring in 1976.

Herman's favorite hobby was gardening in his big backyard, where he produced some really fine vegetables. Also he took his family on some "fun" fishing and camping trips in the early years. He was a voracious reader of all types of literature, from western writer Louis L'Amour to the classics and political commentary.

Until his illness overwhelmed him, Herman did so enjoy his children and grandchildren, taking a great interest and pride in their activities.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Katherine Perkins; his sisters, Alice Walund and Gertrud Becker; brothers, Fred and Otto and brother-in-law, Oscar Walund all of the Butte-Anaconda area.

Herman is survived by his wife Jean of the family home;

son, David (Barbara Jane) of Anaconda; four grandsons, Beau Perkins of Broadus, Brian Perkins of Missoula and Hans and Geoff Dierenfeldt of Anaconda; sister-in-law, Agnes Dierenfeldt; brother-in-law, Jacob Becker and great-grandson, Evan Mackey-Perkins and numerous nieces and nephews.

Cremation has taken place at the Bullis-Eastern Montana Crematory. Memorial services will be held at the K.T. Riddle Funeral Home in Anaconda at a later date. Bullis Mortuary of Hardin has been entrusted with the arrangements.

## Joyce Dietemann

Joyce Annette Overstreet Dietemann, 71, went to be with the Lord on March 29, 2002, at her home, surrounded by her loving children and nieces, after a brief bout with neuroendocrine cancer.



**JOYCE  
DIETEMANN**

Joyce was born in Bozeman on Oct. 4, 1930, to James W. and Nell (Reid) Overstreet and spent her childhood in Gallatin Gateway. Joyce married Loren Dietemann in 1947, became an impeccable homemaker and had three children between the years of 1949 and 1956 in Bozeman. Joyce, Loren and their family moved to Billings in 1956. They had their fourth child in Billings in 1958.

She set up her home in Billings, joyously raised her four children and went to work at Bee Photo in 1964. (Now known as Qualex). She worked there in various positions and retired in December 1992.

Joyce loved her Lord, her children and her family and was devoted to them. She had many precious friends who were a blessing to her. During her retire-

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ment, Joyce enjoyed her home in Billings, her family living throughout many states, her yard and her garden, and going to lunch with her dear friend Lorraine Matz. Her constant companion was her dog, Cindy, who was a source of endless love and joy.

Joyce was preceded in death by her mother and father, James and Nell Overstreet; her oldest daughter, Karen Joyce Dietemann in 1962; her brother James "Cap" Overstreet in 1987; and her two sisters, Hallie June Overstreet Thompson in 1993 and Georgia Nell Overstreet Boyer in 1994.

Joyce is survived by her three children, Donna Dietemann, St. Lucie West, Fla., David Dietemann, Apple Valley, Minn., and Debra (Dietemann) Reiter, Spokane, Wash. She is also survived by two granddaughters, April Reiter, 16, Spokane, and Lauren Dietemann, 10, Apple Valley; and by her former husband, Loren Dietemann, Forsyth.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be held graveside at Sunset Memorial Gardens in Four Apostles Garden, 1721 Central Ave., on April 1, at 1 p.m.

A calling will be held at her home at 1340 Eldorado Drive, immediately following the graveside service.

The family would like to give special thanks to Big Sky Hospice for Joyce's care. Donations to Big Sky Hospice, PO Box 35033, Billings, MT, are appreciated.

# Howard Dietrich

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## JUL - 9 2002

PLENTYWOOD — Funeral services for Howard Dietrich will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, July 10. Pastor Waveland King will officiate at the service at the United Methodist Church in Plentywood; interment will be in Plentywood Cemetery. Public Masonic Rites will be held at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 9, at Fulkerson's in Plentywood. Howard died Saturday morning,



**HOWARD  
DIETRICH**

July 6, 2002, at Sheridan Memorial Hospital in Plentywood; he was 92.

Howard, the eldest of seven children of Frank and Katherine (Karsten) Dietrich, was

born on the family homestead five miles northwest of Plentywood on Oct. 8, 1909. German was the language of the Dietrich home, and Howard had to learn English so he could go to school! He was delayed starting school while the Hendrickson School was built, then completed through the eighth grade in six years. In 1927, at age 18, he and his younger brother traveled the dirt roads west by Model T, camping out and "roughing it" to Wenatchee, Wash., where they worked until

they returned to Plentywood when their mother died. Howard worked for the Peterson Company Garage, the Chevrolet dealer in Plentywood, first as a mechanic, then shop foreman, and as Parts Manager until the firm closed in 1973. He was widely known as a parts expert, and until he finally retired in 1978 after working for a time at City Motors in Great Falls and for Angstrom Motors in Havre, he constantly worked to help his customers solve difficult repair problems. Howard loved the challenge of doing things well, and always strived to improve himself. He loved to visit with people. Strangers were only folks he hadn't gotten acquainted with yet.

He married Helen Smith June 24, 1939, in Scobey. They retired to their home in Plentywood, spending a number of winters in Texas and California. They loved to travel, and leisurely drove through the western states, stopping to savor every site and

attraction they came across. After Helen's death, May 17, 1990, Howard also made several trips to the east coast and Texas to visit his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Howard moved to the Montana Pioneer Manor in May, 1998. A member and Past Master of the Masonic Lodge in Plentywood, he also belonged to the Scottish Rite in Great Falls and Algeria Temple of the Shrine in Helena. Howard had a lifelong love of the early country music; and the only thing he enjoyed more than exercising his keen memory by reminiscing about the "good old days" was telling people about his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. A prized possession was an autograph directed to Howard by country music star Roy Acuff that his granddaughter obtained for him — and his family finally framed, because he nearly wore it out showing it to everyone he met!

Howard is survived by a daughter, Arleen Hart, and her husband Max, of Temple, Texas; by three grandchildren, Kimberly Wright and her husband Gary of Annandale, Va., Keller "Nick" Thornton and his wife Elizabeth of Midland, Texas, and Angelee Carpenter and her husband Andrew of Austin, Texas; and by five great-grandchildren, MacKenzie and Taylor Wright, and Mitchell, Jason, and Lance Thornton; as well as by numerous nephews and nieces. Howard is survived by two brothers, Ralph

Dietrich, of Missoula and Louis Dietrich and his wife Barbara of Wolf Point. Besides his parents and his wife, Howard was preceded in death by brothers Raymond and Earl; and sisters Beatrice Dietrich and Evelyn Cain; and by two nephews, Terry and Richard Dietrich.

Fulkerson Funeral Home of Plentywood has charge of arrangements.

## **Mary C. Digan**

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CODY, Wyo. — Mary C. Digan, 92, died Tuesday, May 7, 2002, at her home in the Beehive Home Care Center in Cody.

A rosary service will be at 7 p.m. Monday, May 13, at Ballard Funeral Home in Cody. A funeral mass will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, May 14, at St. Anthony Catholic Church. Interment will follow in Riverside Cemetery.

## **Mary Dilling**

**LEWISTOWN —** Mary Dilling, 91, died Thursday, Sept. 26, 2002, at Valle Vista Manor.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 2, in Mount Calvary Cemetery. Creel Funeral Home of Lewistown is in charge.



## Ronny M. Dimich

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**HILGER** — Ronny M. Dimich, 59, of Hilger, died Tuesday, Nov. 19, 2002, at Central Montana Medical Center, of a heart attack.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Nov. 22, at the Cloyd Funeral Home Chapel in Lewistown. Cremation has taken place, at his request.

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## **Isabelle Dirkers**

**EMIGRANT** — Isabelle Marianna Dirkers, 85, of Emigrant, died Wednesday, Oct. 9, 2002, at her home.

Cremation will take place at Franzen-Davis Funeral Home & Crematory in Livingston. At her request, private services for family and friends will be held.

## Jerod D. Disney

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Jerod D. Disney, 16, of Sheridan, passed away on Friday, Jan. 25, 2002.

Jerod was born in Sioux Falls, S.D., on June 21, 1985, to Charles and Deborah (Carlton) Disney. He was raised in a military setting, moving from city to city, including Sioux Falls; Omaha, Neb.; Fort Collins, Colo.; Aurora, Colo.; Casper and finally Sheridan.

Jerod was involved in many different activities that he loved. He was an avid hunter, and played football and soccer. Jerod loved to visit family in Hawaii and was a ranch hand on his uncle's ranch on Oahu. He loved to ride horses, motorcross racing, and four-wheeling in his later teens. Jerod loved anything that motorized fun! He worked at the Holiday Inn in Sheridan and McDonald's. He was a wonderful young man!

Jerod is survived by his parents, Charles Disney of Sheridan and Deborah Disney of Cheyenne; his brother Robert J. Disney of Sheridan; his two sisters Amanda and Kassandra Disney of Cheyenne; his two grandmothers, Ethel Gibson of Waimanalo, Hawaii, and Kathryn Latham of Rifle, Colo.; his two grandfathers, Charles L. Disney of Dove Creek, Colo., and Ronnie J. Carlton of Dunlap, Calif.; and numerous aunts, uncles and

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cousins.

A visitation will be held 6 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 30, at the family's home located at 53 Valley View Drive. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Jan. 31, at First Baptist Church, with Pastors Kenneth Doolin and Tony Forman co-officiating. Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. at Rose Hill Cemetery in Rifle, Colo., on Friday, Feb. 1. Kane Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

The family has requested that memorials be made to the Sheridan FFA Program in care of Delphine Toner, First Interstate Bank, PO Box 2007, Sheridan, WY 82801.

## **Donna Pomajbo-Divine**

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**SAN MARCOS, Texas —** Donna Lee Victoria Pomajbo-Divine, 66, of San Marcos, formerly of Livingston, Mont., died Wednesday, May 8, 2002, at Central Texas Medical Center in San Marcos.

Private services were held at Penington Funeral Home in San Marcos.

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**Glen Dix**

GLASGOW — Glen Dix, 93, of Glasgow, died Tuesday, March 19, 2002, at Valley View Nursing Home in Glasgow.

Services will be at 4 p.m. Saturday, March 23, at First United Methodist Church in Glasgow. Burial will be in Highland Cemetery in Glasgow. Bell Mortuary of Glasgow is in charge.

## Woodrow Wilson Dixon

POWELL, Wyo. — Woodrow Wilson Dixon, 89, died Monday at the Powell Hospital.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial services will be held at a later date. Miratsky-Easton Funeral Home is in charge.

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**Mark L. Doane**

**FORT WORTH, Texas** — Mark L. Doane, 52, a geotechnical engineer, died Monday, March 11, 2008 at a Fort Worth hospital.

A celebration of Mark's life will be at 10 a.m. Friday, March 15, at Biggers Funeral Chapel. His cremated remains will be scattered at the head of the Little Horn River in the Big Horn Mountains of Wyoming this summer after the snow melts.

Memorials may be made to Vitas Hospice, 2501 Parkview Drive, Suite 600, Fort Worth, TX 76102.

Mark Doane was born May 31, 1949, in Hardin, Mont. The first 25 years of Mark's life were spent mostly in Montana, attending the University of Montana, working in construction, logging, cement finishing, fishing, hunting and gathering cows with his friends.

He married Karen Beveridge in 1982, and they have three wonderful children. He finished college, and graduated with a master's degree in geotechnical engineering from the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology.

He moved to Fort Worth in 1995, excited to work with the swelling and shifting soils of North Texas. He enjoyed his work and truly enjoyed those he worked with.

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Mark will be remembered for his strength of character, sense of humor and integrity. It was a joy to know him and be a part of his life.

Survivors are wife Karen Doane of Fort Worth; daughter, Libby Jean Doane of Fort Worth; two daughters from a previous marriage, Pamela and Shannon Doane, both of Helena, Mont.; sons, Matthew Wade Doane and Lucas Henry Doane, both of Fort Worth; brothers, Lyle Doane, Monte Doane and Jimmy Doane, all of Hardin; sister Peggy Doane of Hardin; and his grandchildren, Shea Maulding and Jacob, Sarah and David Russell, all of Helena.



# Mark L. Doane

# BILLINGS GAZETTE

## JUL 19 2002

**HARDIN** — Mark L. Doane, 52, a geotechnical engineer, died Monday, March 11, 2002, in a Fort Worth, Texas, hospital.

A celebration of Mark's life will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, July 21, in the church located on the grounds of the Big Horn County Museum. Mark's remains were scattered in the Big Horn Mountains earlier this month, with immediate family attending.

Mark was born May 31, 1949, in Hardin, the first son of Joe and Opal Doane, who both preceded Mark in death. Mark spent his earlier years in Montana, attending the University of Montana, working construction, logging, fishing, hunting and many other activities with his family and friends.

Mark married Karen Beveridge in 1982, and they have three beautiful children. He finished college and graduated with a master's degree in geotechnical engineering from the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology. He moved with his family to Fort Worth in 1995.

Mark enjoyed his work and truly enjoyed those he worked with. He will be remembered for his sense of humor, his integrity, his love of life and his love of family and friends.

Survivors are wife Karen Doane of Fort Worth; daughter, Libby Jean; sons, Matthew Wade and Lucas Henry, also of Fort Worth.

Mark is also survived by two wonderful daughters from his marriage to Linda Christiansen, Shannon Doane and Pamela Russell of Helena; and by four grandchildren, Shae (Shannon), Sarah, Jacob and David (Pamela/Allan Russell); brothers, Lyle, Monte (Karen Arbogast Doane), Jim; and a sister, Peggy. Survivors also include several uncles, aunts, cousins and many friends throughout Montana and surrounding states.

# Sarah Moore Dobbs

BILLINGS GAZETTE  
NOV 23 2002

SHERIDAN, Nyo. — On Nov. 18, 2002, at the age of 34, Sarah Moore Dobbs ended her own life. She was unable to find a way out of the sadness and loss that life had given her.



**SARAH DOBBS**

Sarah was raised in Billings, the oldest child of Lynn and Irene Moore. She attended Meadowlark, Will James and Billings West High School. As a student in grade school, her teachers were concerned with keeping her challenged. She had a very bright mind and had graduated valedictorian of her nursing class in 2001 at Sheridan College.

Sarah was an avid reader. She had a dream in life to become a traveling nurse, where she could care for people all over the world, and still keep her home base here with her family she loved so much.

Sarah was presently employed as a nurse at Sheridan Memorial Hospital.

Even though her life was a series of events that could best be described as not being able to color between the lines, she was able to achieve her education

while working and raising a family.

Her favorite place was the family cabin at Georgetown Lake, Mont., where she would always be the last person sitting by the fire, philosophizing on life. She said it was the only place that she felt at peace.

Sarah is survived by her husband, Robert Dobbs; and their children, Brittany, Bailey and Wyatt Dobbs of the family home in Sheridan; her daughter, Monica Mower of Scottsdale, Ariz.; her son, Christian Kilpatrick of Sheridan; her parents, Lynn and Irene Moore of Billings; her siblings, Katie (Mehmet) Helvaci and their son Bulent of Billings, William (Jenifer) Moore of Billings and Molly (Steve) Coombs and their two children, Isaac and Gabrielle of Grand Prairie, Texas.

He who binds himself a joy  
Does the winged life destroy.  
But he who kisses the joy as it  
flies,  
Lives in eternity's sunrise.  
William Blake

As to her wishes, cremation has taken place. A private family memorial gathering will take place on Sunday, Nov. 24, at her parents' home. The family asks that memorials may be made to the Sheridan College Nursing Scholarship Fund.

# Vernon J. Dobitz

# BILLINGS GAZETTE

## JUL - 2 2002

Vernon J. Dobitz, 67, passed away at home, after a lengthy illness, June 30, 2002, surrounded by his loving family.



**VERNON  
DOBITZ**

Vern was born March 8, 1935, to John and Katie (Lamp) Dobitz, near Regent, N.D. He attended school in Dickinson, N.D., graduating from high school in 1953. He met Lil Splichal in 1954; they married in 1956 and made their home in Billings. Vern enrolled in Molar Barber College in Fargo, N.D., and graduated in 1954. He was a barber for 24 years, working in Dickinson, Baker and Billings, where he owned his own barber-shop for 18 years. Tired of walking around a barber chair, he attended Montana State College and became a real estate salesperson and broker, working at and eventually owning Horizon Realty. In 1983, Vern purchased the Picture Court Motel and owned it for 18 years. From 1975 to the present, he was a rental property owner.

Vern was a KC member for 35 years and a Past Grand Knight, a member of the Elks for 21 years, and the Noon Exchange Club for 25 years, serving as Past President. He was appointed to the Public Utility Board and served seven years. Police Commission in 1984 for two years and Airport Commission in 1987 for six years. He also served on the Jail Site Selection Committee. Vern coached Little League and Babe Ruth Baseball for many years.

Vern was an avid hunter and fisherman; his favorite places to fish were Canada and Alaska. Many happy times were shared with family and friends at Cooney Dam, camping and boating. Vern also enjoyed golfing, bowling, gardening and playing cards with friends.

His parents and brothers, Kenneth, Carl and Fred, preceded Vern in death.

Vern is survived by his beloved wife and friend, Lil; and four children, Scott (Cindy) of Reno, Debi (Kelly) Clark, Kelly (Kate), all of Salt Lake City, and Danene (Dave) Veileu of Florida; grandchildren, Conrad and Carly Bobitz; step-grandchildren, Casey, Nick and Brad Clark; brothers, Albert of Regent, N.D., John of Bismarck, N.D., Herb (Elaine) of Jamestown, N.D., Joe (Claudia) of Bakersfield, Calif., Cliff (Carol) of Fargo, N.D.; sister Charlotte of New England, N.D.; and numerous extended family.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Big Sky Hospice, PO Box 35033, Billings, 59107, or Dialysis Clinic, 2411 Village Lane, Billings, 59102.

Vern will always be remembered for his sense of humor, even while he was very sick. He will be dearly missed by his family and friends.

A vigil will be held 7 p.m. Friday, July 5, at Dahl Funeral Chapel, with a memorial mass celebrated at Little Flower Church, 10 a.m. Saturday, July 6. A luncheon will follow the service. Committal will be in St. Pius Columbarium.

# Alice Dobson

BILLINGS GAZETTE

JUL 29 2002

APACHE JUNCTION, Ariz. — Alice Dobson died July 19, 2002, at home in Apache Junction, Ariz. She was born Jan. 31, 1909 in Hastings, Mich., to Morris and Clair Pilgrim. In 1911, her parents brought her to Montana where they homesteaded on Buck Creek near Absarokee. She graduated from the Absarokee High School and then went to work for the telephone company in Billings.

She married J. K. (Kenny) Dobson in 1936. They never had any children but were an extra mother and father, grandmother and grandfather, and best friends to all of their nieces and nephews. After retirement they spent several years doing what they loved most — traveling — before settling in Mesa and Apache Junction.

Alice lost Kenny in 1998 but continued to find wonder in the world around her. She loved the smell of pine trees and could watch the sky change all day long. She was an avid Arizona Diamondbacks fan.

She is survived by her sister, Marjory L. Mack and husband, Willard of Bozeman and their children and children; her brother, Dr. Robert Pilgrim and wife, Bev of Ramona, Calif., and their children and children; and her

closest friend, Charlotte Haynes. She lives on in the memories of her family and friends. Her time on this earth touched many lives. She was a candle that lit many other candles.

Cremation has taken place. Memorials in her name can be given to any hospice organization.

## **Maurice J. Dockery**

**MAY 27 2002**

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**THERMOPOLIS, Wyo.** — Maurice J. Dockery, 86, died Thursday, May 23, 2002, at Canyon Hills Manor.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, May 30, at Mortimore Funeral Home. Inurnment will follow at Monument Hill Cemetery.

**APR 16 2002**

**Louise H. Dodge**

**CODY, Wyo. — Louise H. Dodge, 90, of Cody, died Thursday, April 11, 2002, at West Park Long Term Care Center in Cody.**

**A graveside memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, April 18, at Riverside Cemetery in Cody. Ballard Funeral Home of Cody is in charge.**



# Adolph Doerr

BILLINGS GAZETTE

DEC 12 2002

LOVELL, Wyo. — Adolph Doerr passed away in Lovell, on Dec. 10, at the age of 100, at the New Horizon Care Center in Lovell. He was born on Dec. 18, 1901, in Kint, Russia, to John and Elenora Kober Doerr. His step-mother was Katherine Scheeler Doerr.

Mr. Doerr came to the United States in 1906, when he was 5 years old. The name of the ship he came across on was the Kleep Klum.

The Doerrs eventually settled in Lovell, where they owned a garage and farmed. The building they used for the garage is still in use and is known as Jon's Auto Repair. Adolph bought his farm seven miles east of Lovell in 1938. He farmed for 35 years before retiring at the age of 65 and moving to Lovell. He also worked at the Great Western Sugar Factory for 15 years, retiring at the age of 80.

Adolph was known for his farming ability. He was known for his clean and well-kept yard and farm. Everything was always in order and neat. This also carried over to his home in Lovell, with a beautiful yard and a big, clean garden. All this he maintained until he was 97 years of age.

On Feb. 28, 1928, Adolph married Frieda Lohrenz. There are four children: Ted of Lovell.

Doris Baxendale of Lovell, Phyrn Opp of Lovell and Phyllis Fringer of Sedona, Ariz. There are 14 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren. Mrs. Doerr preceded Adolph in death.

Anyone who knew Mr. Doerr knew of his wonderful sense of humor and ability to make you laugh. We will miss him very much.

Mr. Doerr was a lifelong member of St. John's Lutheran Church.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, Dec. 14, at 11 a.m., in St. John's Lutheran Church in Lovell. Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13, at Haskell Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to a memorial fund at St. John's Lutheran Church. Interment will be in the Lovell Cemetery. Haskell Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

**SEP 4 2002****Richard J. Doerr**

LOVELL, Wyo. — Richard J. Doerr, 72, died Monday, Sept. 2, 2002, at the University of Utah Medical Center in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday in the Lovell Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints with burial in the Lovell Cemetery. Haskell Funeral Home is in charge.

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## Richard Dolezalik, Jr.

Richard Dolezalik, Jr., 87, passed away at Valley Health Care Center, Billings, June 2, 2002.

He was born Feb. 13, 1915, to Richard, Sr. and Marie (Piskac) Dolezalik in Beatrice, Neb. He graduated from high school in El Segundo, Calif. After graduation, he received military training in the California Military Training Corps. Richard worked for Standard Oil of California and was also a mail carrier in El Segundo.

On Oct. 28, 1939, Richard was united in marriage to Marcella Marx in Las Vegas. Later, they moved to the Gallatin Valley, where they farmed. Richard also worked as a carpenter at MSU-Bozeman until his retirement. He was a member of Holy Rosary Catholic Church. They moved to Billings in 1991 and attended St. Bernard's Catholic Church.

Richard is survived by his wife Marcella; daughter Debra Spomer; two grandchildren, Nickolas and Sasha Spomer; two great-grandsons, Kolby and Markell; and several nieces and nephews in California. He is preceded in death by his parents and two sisters.

A rosary will be held 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 5, at Dahl Funeral Chapel in Billings, with a

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reception to follow. A graveside service will be held 1 p.m. Thursday, June 6, at Sunset Hills Cemetery in Bozeman, with a reception to follow at the Dahl Funeral Chapel in Bozeman.

## **Cheryl Doll**

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**AUG 17 2002**

**GLENDIVE** — Cheryl Doll, 45, of Glendive, died Friday, Aug. 16, 2002, at her home.

A vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 18, at the Chapel of the Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home in Glendive. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. Monday, Aug. 19, at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Interment will be in the Dawson Memorial Cemetery in Glendive.

## **Stephanía Domaradska**

GLASGOW — Stephanía 'Styvie' Domaradska, 81, died Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2002, at Frances Mahon Deaconess Hospital in Glasgow of natural causes.

Services will be 10 a.m. Monday, Jan. 7, at St. Raphael's Catholic Church in Glasgow. Burial will be at Highland Cemetery in Glasgow. Bell Mortuary of Glasgow is in charge.

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## Marie Elizabeth Miller Domres

Marie Elizabeth Miller Domres, 79, of Westpark Village Retirement Community, passed away early Thursday, Oct. 24, 2002, at the home of her daughter in Billings.

She was born Aug. 15, 1923, in Hardin, the daughter of Katherine and Rasmus Stoltz.

On Nov. 16, 1939, she married Herman Miller in Laurel. They resided in Laurel until moving to Billings in 1960. She worked retail sales for several years before going to work as a school bus driver, where she accumulated numerous safe driving award pins. She drove the school bus until 1977, when Herman retired and they moved to San Diego. They returned to Billings in 1980 to be closer to family and friends.



**MARIE  
DOMRES**

Marie was happiest when she was dancing a polka or playing cards. She also enjoyed ceramics, in which she received many first place awards for her talent. Embroidery kept her busy the last several months when she could no longer get out to socialize with her many friends. Socializing was a very big part of her life.

In 1994, Herman passed away and shortly after his passing Marie moved to Mesa, Ariz.

In June, 1997, she married Walter Domres in Langdon, N.D. They spent their summers in North Dakota and their winters in Mesa. These years with Walter were some of the happiest times of her life. In October of 2000 she was diagnosed with pulmonary fibrosis, which eventually required her to return to Billings in March of 2002.

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Marie is survived by her husband, Walter of Langdon; her daughters, Rosemary Keenan (Buck) of Scottsdale, Ariz., Terri Polesky (Duane Sitzman) of Billings; sons Wally Miller (Claudia) of Butte, and Doug Miller (Cris) of New Albany, Ind.; sister-in-law Frieda Stoltz of Miles City; nine grandchildren, Shelly Pefley of Rocklin, Calif., Kevin Pefley (Cathy) of Sterling Heights, Mich., Tyler Polesky and Kyle Polesky, both of Billings, Ginger Love (David) of Butte, Heather Holman of Butte, Darion Miller of New Albany, Dana Martin of San Diego, and Bryon Heiser of Helena. She is also survived by nine great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Herman, a daughter, Judy Heiser, her sister Rose Bice, and two brothers, Tony and Joe Stoltz.

Rosary services will be at 7 p.m., Monday, Oct. 28, at St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church, 2210 Colton Blvd. Funeral mass will be at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 29, at St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church. Interment will be in the Laurel Cemetery. Memorials may be made to: Deaconess Billings Clinic Foundation, PO Box 3566, Billings, MT 59103. The moneys will be used specifically for pulmonary and diabetes research.

Mom, rest in peace; your struggle is over. Be happy; until we meet again. Love, Your Family.

# Jack Donathan

MAY 24 2002

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SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Jack Donathan, 79, completed his sojourn here on earth May 19, 2002, at his residence in Sheridan.



JACK  
DONATHAN

Graveside services will be held Friday, May 24, at 1 p.m. at the cemetery in Meeteetse, with Ballard Funeral Home of Cody in charge of arrangements.

Donathan was born Melvin Kirk Donathan on May 25, 1922 at Hot Sulphur Springs, Colo., one of 12 children of Kirk and Ida Mae (Barker) Donathan. As a youngster, he exhibited extraordinary capabilities at breaking horses. He "bit the grub line" shortly after his 13th birthday, then added bull riding in rodeos. He did trick riding with Leonard Stroud, particularly Roman riding, where his matched white horses jumped a small red car. Among his bull riding accomplishments was riding "Joe Lewis," the Bull Who Had Never Been Rode at Madison Square Garden. His career was shortened after a bull caught him in the chest and threw him, causing continued trauma when bull riding.

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Donathan married Betty Lou Philpot, June 19, 1943, in Green River, three days after he was inducted into the U.S. Marine Corp. He participated in 14 first, second and third wave landings on the Pacific Islands from June 1944 through December 1945. His wife received a "killed in action" telegram while she was in labor for the birth of their oldest daughter, Betty Ann. He never remembered how he got back to his outfit, only that his commanding officer and fellow Marines were quite shocked to see him. Although he received a Purple Heart, it was for a wound and not for being "killed"! Donathan was one of the thousands of troops on ships ready to invade Japan when the atom bombs were dropped, saving their lives. He was at Nagasaki for reconnaissance after it was bombed.

Donathan returned to Colorado then moved to Wyoming. Three more children were born to the family, daughters Sharon and Mikey, and son Kelly. They lived in several locations in Wyoming, with Riverton being home for the years the children were growing up.

Donathan continued to break horses for recreation, getting his stock from mustangs that he would catch. He spent many years as a truck driver but also worked in many other professions, including the trona mine

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where he became a "powder man" and as a ditch rider for nine years. He ranched until his health declined.

In addition to being a horse whisperer, he was an expert fly fisherman, an accomplished hunter, guide and camp cook, trapper and maker of hundreds of leather articles like saddle bags, chaps, vests, motorcycle bags, scabbards. He was an outstanding trapper. His grandson told his classmates that his grandpa was "last of the mountain men." Donathan's greatest love was for his Savior and he never tired of sharing that love with anyone who would listen. He was a devoted husband, proud father and conscientious citizen.

He is preceded in death by his wife of over 42 years, Betty, who died in 1985; by his second wife Katherine who died in 2000; his parents; and 10 siblings.

He is survived by his daughters, Betty Ann Thain of Los Angeles, Sharon (Mrs. Ken) Watts of Riverton, Mikey (Mrs. Mike) Stubbs of Athens, Tenn.; and son, Kelly of Thermopolis and their spouses; four grandsons; two granddaughters; five great-grandchildren; one brother, Pat of Sutton, Ala.; several nieces and nephews, many dear friends and Phyllis of the home in Sheridan.

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## **Evelyn Theresa Donetti**

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**JAN 18 2002**

**MILES CITY —** Evelyn Theresa (Nigro) Donetti, 95, of Miles City, died Wednesday, Jan. 6, 2002, at the Holy Rosary Extended Care in Miles City.

Visitation will be held Friday, Jan. 18, at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City. Graveside services will be at 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 19, at the family lot in Custer County Cemetery.

**MAR 13 2002****Martha Doney**

**NASHUA —** Martha Doney, 59, of Nashua, died Monday, March 11, 2002, in White Sulphur Springs, of Alzheimer's disease.

Rosary will be at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 14, at Bell Mortuary Chapel in Glasgow. Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, March 15, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Frazer. Burial will be in the Frazer Cemetery.

## Vera E. Doney

MAY 19 2002  
BILLINGS GAZETTE

ROCHESTER, Minn. — God saw you were getting tired and a healing was not to be. So he put his arms around you and whispered, "Come with me." A golden heart stopped beating; your busy hands now rest. We know God only takes the best.

Vera passed away Friday, May 10, 2002, at St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester, Minn., surrounded by her family. The daughter of Roy and Alvina (Strampher) Stine, she was born on Dec. 30, 1917, in Lemmon, S.D. She attended the Jake's County Grade School, north of Morristown, S.D., and graduated from Haynes High School in 1937.

In 1939, with the great Dakota drought and grasshopper days, she was lured westward and made her first stop in Bozeman, where she found employment.

She married Frank R. Doney on Aug. 20, 1941, in Butte. They made their home on his ranch 10 miles south of Bozeman, where she spent her entire life. Survivors include Robert (Kathy) of Havre; Arleen (Dan) Weppeler of Ryegate; Ellis of Bozeman; seven grandchildren, Wendi, Lance, Stormy, Scott, Brandi, Jodi and Kami; two great-grandchildren Hayden and Cale; one sister, Mae Happel; two nephews, and many cousins.

a Clerk of Anderson School for 20 years, a member of the Hope Lutheran Church, and a lifetime member of the Eagles Auxiliary of Bozeman. Her travels took her to Hawaii, Mexico, and many southern, southern and western states.

Cremation has taken place. A celebration of her life will be held at a later date. Memorials may be made to the charity of choice.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband Frank and grandson, Chad Doney. She was a devoted wife and mother and loved her grandchildren. Her many friends played a large part in her life and were very special to her. Many people benefited from her generosity. She loved gardening, working with livestock, fishing and hunting. She went to many state fairs showing cattle and hogs. Vera was a 4-H leader for 14 years.

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**Wayne Patrick Doney,  
Sr.**

**WILLISTON, N.D.** — Wayne Patrick Doney, Sr., 64, of Williston, died Thursday, April 4, 2002, at his home, of a heart attack.

Wake services will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 9, at St. Paul's Mission in Hays. Mass of the Resurrection will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, April 10, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Malta. Burial will be in the Malta Cemetery. Adams Funeral Home of Malta is in charge.

# Alice Norine Donnelly

BILLINGS GAZETTE

AUG 13 2002

Alice Norine Donnelly went to be with the Lord on Aug. 10, 2002. She was born Feb. 6, 1925, to Lorenz and Theresa Hinnewinkel on their homestead in

Powderville. She graduated from Sacred Heart High School in 1943 and married John Beedle in July, 1944. They had six children: Lee (Phyllis) Brady; Marilyn (John) Capron; John (Cindy) Brady,



**ALICE  
DONNELLY**

all of Billings, Tom Brady of Roundup and Jim Brady of Helena. She married Elvas "Bud" Brady in February of 1961 and had three children: Mike Brady of Colorado Springs, Colo., Patricia Brady and Teri (Bruce) Larson, both of Billings. In July 1970, she married Bob Donnelly.

Alice was a waitress for many years, worked at Pierce Packing to its closure and cleaned homes until she retired. She is known for her loving, giving and gentle character. Her favorite times were spent with her family and in the mountains. She loved God's creation; in particular, sunsets and waterfalls.

She was an active member of First Assembly Life Center as a choir member, altar worker, nursery caregiver and greeter. Her vibrant smile and warm, caring spirit ministered to many. She was a fervent intercessor; many have given their hearts to the Lord because of her faith-filled prayers. Alice was a prayer warrior.

She is preceded in death by her husbands; her parents; a sister, Katherine Taylor of Idaho; a brother, Mickey Hinnewinkel of Rock Springs, Wyo.; and a son, Lawrence Beedle.

She is survived by her brothers, Carl (Jan) Hinnewinkel of California, and Rance Hinnewinkel of Utah; a sister, Terry (Leo) Grasky of Wyoming; eight children; eight stepchildren; 17 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

The memorial service will be 10 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 13, at First Assembly Life Center, 550 32nd St. West. Memorials may be made to Big Sky Hospice or the Benevolent Fund of First Assembly Life Center. Arrangements were made by Cremation or Funeral Gallery.

**MAY 29 2002**  
**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**Sister Frances Eileen  
Donnelly**

LEAVENWORTH, Kan. — Sister Frances Eileen Donnelly, 97, a Sister of Charity of Leavenworth, formerly of Helena and Billings, died Monday, May 27, 2002, at Providence Hospital, Kansas City.

A vigil will be at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 30, at Ross Chapel of the Sisters of Charity Mother House in Leavenworth, where friends may call after 4 p.m. Mass of Resurrection will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday, May 31, in Ross Chapel.

Interment will follow in Mount Olivet Cemetery on the Mother House grounds. Davis Funeral Chapel is in charge.



# Elizabeth Caroline Door

CROW AGENCY — Elizabeth Caroline Door, 78, of Crow Agency passed away Friday, June 28, 2002, in the Crow Agency Awekualawaache Care Center.

Diak-kash-itchoa "Eagle that is ~~good~~" was born Jan. 16, 1924, in Crow Agency, a daughter of John Sits Down Spotted and Agnes Leider. She received her education at the St. Xavier Mission School.

Elizabeth resided in the Soap Creek area before she married James Door in 1947. The couple made their home in St. Xavier until 1954, when they moved to Crow Agency. Mr. Door died in 1977.

She was a traditional Crow blanket woman who was well known for her Indian and flower beading designs. She took great pride in making many traditional outfits for Crow men and women and loved to traditionally dress her daughters-in-law and sisters-in-law.

Elizabeth was a member of the St. Dennis Catholic Church, Big Lodge Clan, a child of the Ties the Bundle Clan, Native American Church and the Tobacco Society. She became a member of the Tobacco Society after being adopted by Rose DeCrane Turns Plenty.

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Her daughters, Lynette Nanto and Maude Door; as well as her son, Marvett; and her adopted mother, Rose DeCrane Turns Plenty, preceded Elizabeth in death.

Survivors include two daughters, Linda (Grant) Bull Tail of

Crow Agency and Doris (Lee) Plain Feather of Pryor; three sons, James Door of Arizona, Garrett Door of Colorado and Garland (Laurie) Door of Pryor; her adopted daughters, Jessica Costa and Nora Big Hair; her adopted son, Ben Frank Irvin; her sister, Harriet (Ettinge) Little Owl of Crow Agency; her brothers, Joe (Lorraine) Bear Cloud of Crow Agency, Kenneth (Barbara) Spotted of Wyola and Buster (Elsie) Leider of Lodge Grass; her great-aunt, Sarah Bull Chief of Crow Agency; grandchildren she raised as her own, Desiree Bulltail, Cheryl Eastman, Michealynn Nanto, Collins Big Day, Raymond Big Day, Jr. and

Manerva Big Day; 21 grandchildren; 42 great-grandchildren, four great-great-grandchildren; her Tobacco Society adopted daugh-

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ter, Ranone Dawes; her special friend, Inez Reed BirdinGround; and as well as adopted family, including Sylvia, Ralph, David, Wayne, Louise, Chester, Verna, Vernon, Avalone and Arron Turns Plenty, Persine Nez Perce, Charlene Lavadure and Mary Stewart.

Rosary will be recited 4 p.m. Tuesday, July 2, in the Bullis Funeral Chapel. Rite of Funeral Mass will be celebrated 10 a.m. Wednesday, July 3, in the Crow Agency St. Dennis Catholic Church. Interment will follow in the Little Big Horn Battlefield National Cemetery.

Bullis Mortuary of Hardin has been entrusted with the arrangements.

## Garland Victor Door

PRYOR — Garland Victor Door, Sr., 43, of Pryor, went to be with the Lord on Thursday, Oct. 17, 2002. Born on April 4, 1959, in Crow Agency to James and Elizabeth (Spotted) Door. Iichinna Kaaesh "Leads the Horse" was his Indian name given to him by his late clan



**GARLAND  
DOOR**

uncle, Joe Alden. He was a member of the Big Lodge Clan and a child of the Bad War Deeds Clan.

Garland participated in the Sun Dances, the Native American Church and sweat lodge ceremonies. He was also a member of the Night Hawk society. He received his education at Crow Agency, Pryor Elementary, Norman (Okla.) Junior High, Seely Lake, and graduated from Hardin High School. Garland was very active in boxing and football while at Seely Lake. During his high school days he ran track and cross-country and participated in wrestling and basketball, and was an AAU champion in wrestling at Hardin High School. He attended Powell Community College where he joined the rodeo club.

Garland was a jockey at a young age, being noted for his exceptional horse riding skills. He placed first and set record times while riding in Helena and Miles City for horse owners Gene Hamilton and John Mehling. One of the mounts was Vino's First. He won Crow Breed 1976, owner Sam Birdinground. He then took up the challenge of bull riding and was a champion bull rider several times. He broke and trained many horses during his lifetime.

He was proud to pass on his talents with horses to his sons, Buddy and Caleb at Wallace Red Star's ranch. He was very proud of his children and their many accomplishments, namely Sarah and Farrah representing the Pryor District as princesses. Spending time with his grandson, Zeph, made him smile. Garland also taught and danced the Crow-style War Dances with his sons. Garland was one of the first boxers that participated in the State Games boxing tournaments in Billings. "Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman" and other shows were lucky to have Garland's talent as a stuntman. Garland received his truck-driving certificate from Sage Trucking Driving School. He worked at various ranches, and for many years, at the Bill Wilcutt ranch.

Garland is preceded in death by his parents, Elizabeth and James Door; his brother, Marvet; sisters Maude and Lynette; and his nephew, Jarvis Door.

Survivors include his wife, Laurie; children Sarah (Carl) Monroy, Farrah, Garland Jr. ("Buddy"), and Caleb Door; grandson Zepheniah Latrell Monroy, whom he cherished; brothers Donald and Garret, Sr.; sisters Linda (Grant) Bull Tail and Doris (Lee) Plain Feather; Donna (Gavin) Jefferson and Jessica Plain Bull; various nieces and nephews; aunts and uncles Gladys Jefferson, Sandra (Myron) Shield's, Victoria Reed (Harlan), Ada and Peggy White, Raymond (Otellia) White, Mervin (Rebecca) White, Kenneth (Barbara) Spotted, Kenneth (Fannie) Plenty and Howard (Vivian) Shane. Special Clan Uncle, Owen Snell, Jr., he highly respected and took him as a father. Garland is also survived by members of the Plain Bull, Onion, White, Real Bird, Spotted and Red Star families. Adopted Tobacco Society Relatives, David (Lenora) Turns Plenty, Samuel (Janine) Turns Plenty, Sylvia, Charlene, Persine, Louise, Mary, Avalone, Wayne, Vernie, Chester Turns Plenty, and Raonone Dawes Scott.

The family is extending special recognition to his life long friends, Preston Onion, Curtis Real Bird, Jimmy Real Bird, and Berdict Two Leggins.

Goodbye to a loving husband, father, grandpa, brother, uncle, son-in-law, and friend. He was a hero to his children. We will miss you.

# Freida Doores

JUN 16 2002  
BILLINGS GAZETTE

LAUREL — Freida Doores, 87, passed away Friday, June 14, 2002, at St. Vincent Healthcare in Billings.

She was born Nov. 4, 1914, in Billings to Rheinhart and Margaret (Oblander) Karst. She married Bunny Wesley Doores in Hardin on Nov. 26, 1947.



**FREIDA  
DOORES**

Freida enjoyed working at St. Vincent Healthcare, where she was a nurse's aide for 24 years. While married to Bunny, she enjoyed fishing.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Bunny, in 1963 and a brother, Bill Karst. She is survived by three sisters, Esther Horton of Laurel, Elma Becker and Pauline Becker, both of Ballantine; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, June 18 at Smith Funeral Chapel in Laurel with interment in Mountview Cemetery in Billings. Visitation will be Monday from 5 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

**Bill J. Dorn**

GREYBULL, Wyo. — Bill J. Dorn, 53, of Greybull, was found dead at his home, Tuesday, Oct. 29, 2002.

No services are planned. Cremation has already taken place. Atwood Family Funeral Directors, Inc., of Basin, are in charge.

**MAR 05 2002****Clara Dornblaser**

MESA, Ariz. — Clara Myrtle Dornblaser, 94, of Anchorage, Alaska, formerly of Froid, Mont. and Great Falls, Mont., died Tuesday, Feb. 26, 2002, at Desert Samaritan Hospital in Mesa.

No service is planned. Carr-Terney Mortuary of Tempe is in charge of arrangements.

# George Alan Dorrance

BILLINGS GAZETTE

JUL 26 2002

**JUDITH GAP** — George Alan Dorrance died on July 17, 2002, as the result of a motor vehicle accident.

George was born May 22, 1919, on the family farm near Sheldon, N.D. He was the third child of George Arthur Dorrance and Inez Luella McCollum. He graduated from Sheldon High School in the spring of 1937 and went to Montana to enroll in Rocky Mountain College in a work study program. He spent his winters in college and his summers in the Beartooths working at the logging camps the college operated.

On March 25, 1942, he entered the Army Air Corps, where he served as a navigator on a B-17 bomber flying missions out of England. He spent the last two years of WWII in a German POW Camp as the result of being shot down over Germany. After the war, he completed his college in Billings.

On Sept. 9, 1950, he married the eternal love of his life, Mari Mavis Evans in Billings.

He spent the next several years teaching school in various Montana communities. He was a member of the Yellowstone Radio Club for many years. In February of 1970, he retired from the Montana Air National Guard with the rank of lieutenant

colonel. In retirement, George was busy, volunteering for his community and making canes for handicapped people. He spent one year on the family ranch in the Snowy Mountains.

George is survived by two sisters, Inez May of Lisbon, N.D., and Beth of Clearwater, Fla.; three sons, Paul (Debbie) of Helena, Geo of Billings and Craig (Deanna) of Judith Gap; seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

A memorial service is planned at the Ranch at a later date.

A remembrance from his sons.

He had a good life. He gave us a great life! A life based on plain principles with great merit. He was loyal to his wife, family and country. He gave five years of his early 20s for all of us, with years of it spent in a German prisoner



f war camp. He survived a four-day march in 20 degree below zero weather when the Germans vacated the prisoner of war camps as the Russians collapsed the German defenses on the Eastern front. He was one of that amazing generation of Americans that preserved the freedoms we enjoy today. We can only hope our generation rises to current and future challenges to freedom the way their generation did and that we collectively have the strength of character to preserve the legacy their generation left us.

He saw images and angles, shadows and colors that others didn't see and captured amazing sunsets, still and serene winter-scapes, mountains and water flows all frozen in time by his camera lens, leaving a collection for us to enjoy, through his mind's eye. So long as we have vision, we will be able to see some of what he saw. He was giving and gentle; one could observe even tenderness toward many and then he was tough and as hard as steel when pressed or wronged or his family threatened in any way. We'll miss you, your subtle guidance, the way you never directed, always teaching, showing us the lessons underneath the surface, and then in the end, always letting us figure it out for ourselves. The fact is that you

and your generation are steadily slipping away from us all. Our fervent hope is that we, collectively, find the strength your generation has shown us and has attempted to pass along to us and that we learned your lessons well. Let us be gentle underneath an unbendable steel resolve and in that way, perhaps, we can preserve what your great dedication to freedom has given to us. Thank you, Dad.

## Edward E. Dorsey

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE  
DEC 28 2002

WRIGHT, Wyo. — Edward E. Dorsey, 73, of Wright, died Friday, Dec. 27, 2002, at the Sheridan VA Medical Center.

At his request, cremation has taken place at Kane Funeral Home and Crematory in Sheridan. Interment of cremains will be in the Fort Snelling National Cemetery in Minneapolis at a later date.

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## Robert E. 'Bob' Dosdall

MCKINNEY, Texas — Robert E. "Bob" Dosdall died of natural causes in Plano, on April 7, 2002. He spent the last several months with his daughter, Dixie Thomas, in McKinney.

Bob was born Sept. 11, 1917, in North Dakota. He was the son of Amanda and Robert Dosdall. The family lived in Canada when Bob was a young boy. In 1936, they moved to Joliet, Mont., where Bob made many lifelong friends. Bob enjoyed helping others, especially his mother, whom he helped on the ranch east of Edger.

He married Sophie Pfeiffer in 1950. They had one daughter, Dixie, who was dearly loved by her father. Bob took great pride in Dixie's accomplishments, especially her barrel racing, where she was nationally ranked. The Dosedall family farmed and ranched on Duck Creek, south of Billings.

Bob was a charismatic person who will be remembered for his ready smile, willing handshake and easygoing manner. To know him was to like him. He enjoyed kidding and joking and had a way of making people feel special. Bob will be greatly missed by the many who loved him.

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Bob is survived by his daughter, Dixie, son-in-law, Kenny, grandchildren, Ty and Nikki Thomas; sister, Gloria (Arden) Blair of Billings; his special friend of many years, Sylvia Hughes of Billings; and many nieces, nephews and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents; wife (Sophie); sister Myra; and brother, Orie.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Thursday, April 11, at Westside Baptist Church, 323 S. 32nd Street West. Interment will be at Sunset Memorial Gardens. Memorials may be made to Westside Baptist Church.

**MAR 13 2002**

## Margaret Ann Doucett

**MISSOULA**  
— Margaret Ann Doucett, 93, of Missoula, passed away on Monday, March 11, 2002, at the Community Medical Center. She was born March 16, 1908, in Great Falls, the daughter of Anna and Michael Starinski.



**MRS.  
DOUCETT**

Margaret and her husband John L. Doucett owned and operated the Pavillion Bar in the Deep Creek area of Townsend in the '50s. Margaret also has the distinction of being the first 13th juror ever selected in the state of Montana. She was a member of the Catholic Church.

Margaret is preceded in death by her husband; two sisters; three brothers; and two daughters, Dolores Doucett and LaVonne Reiland. Her family includes four children, Ray Doucett and his wife Beverly of Missoula, Don Doucett and his wife Sandi of Seeley Lake, Eileen Green and her husband Erwin of Spokane, Wash., and Mary Ann Doucett of Seattle; 17 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held and announced at a later date. Memorials are suggested to a charity of the donor's choice. Care is being provided by Garden City Funeral Home and Crematory.

**JUL 1 - 2002**

BELTON, Texas — Laura Doughty, 63, of Morgan's Point Resort, Texas, formerly of Montana, died Thursday, June 27, 2002, at her home. She was born in Montana on May 16, 1939, the daughter of William T. Rule, Jr. And Esther (Allison) Rule. She was a graduate of Sweetgrass County High School in Big Timber. She attended Eastern Montana College in Billings and Central Texas College in Killeen, Texas. She moved to Bell County, Texas, 28 years ago from Montana.

Laura married Elmer R. Doughty, Sr., on May 16, 1979 in Temple. She retired as a Municipal Court Administrator, formerly Legal and Executive Secretary from the City of Temple Courts in 2000. She also worked as Secretary to the President of DSC in North Dakota and Director of Correspondence, Legal Secretary and office manager for Samuel R. Jones Law Firm. She was a member of the Victory Baptist Church in Salado, Texas. Mrs. Doughty was also a 47 year member of The Order of the Eastern Star. She was a member of the Belton Chapter 589 Eastern Star and the Texas Court Clerks Association.

Survivors include her husband, Elmer R. Doughty of Morgan's Point Resort; two sons,

Roscoe Lagge and his fiance Kathy Moore and Larry Lagge and his fiance Trudy Strand both of Billings; two step sons, Ray Dell Doughty of Houston and Sterlin Doughty of Temple, Texas; a daughter-in-law, Gretchen Olsen of Great Falls; her twin brother, Larry (Diane) Rule of Dillon; her brother, Clarence Rule of Lolo; seven grandchildren, Marshall Lagge, Tanner Lagge, Bailey Lagge, Christopher Doughty, Corey Doughty, Kayla Doughty and Kendley Doughty.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m., Tuesday July 2, at the Dossman Funeral Home, Belton, Texas. Burial will be at 1 p.m., Monday, July 8, 2002, at Rockvale Cemetery, Rockvale, Mont. Memorials may be made to the Victory Baptist Church, Rt.1, Salado, TX.

Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary is in charge of local arrangements.

## Elmer Douglas

GREYBULL, Wyo. — Elmer "Dean" Douglas, 86, of Greybull, died Tuesday, June 4, 2002, at Hot Springs County Memorial Hospital in Thermopolis.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, June 10, at the First Presbyterian Church in Greybull. Visitation will be from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 8, at the Arwood Family Funeral Home in Greybull, and ½ hour before the services on Monday at the church. Burial will follow funeral services at the Hillside Cemetery in Greybull.

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## **Raymond Douvier**

**SIDNEY —** Raymond Douvier, 88, of Sidney, formerly of Poplar, died Friday, July 12, 2002, at the Sidney Health Center-Extended Care Facility.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. Monday, July 15, at St. Matthew's Catholic Church. Wake service will be at 7 p.m. Sunday, July 14, at the Fulkerson Funeral Home Memorial Chapel in Sidney.

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## **Colin C. Dover**

**BUFFALO** — Colin C. Dover, 69, died Monday, June 10, 2002, at a Great Falls hospital, from amyloidosis.

Graveside services will be at 3 p.m. Thursday, June 13, at the Straw Cemetery. Memorial services will follow at the Buffalo Community Church. Creel Funeral Home of Lewistown is in charge.

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**MAR 27 2002****Dorothy A. Dover**

LEWISTOWN — Dorothy A. Dover, 94, of Buffalo, Mont., died Monday, March 25, 2002, at Valle Vista Manor.

Graveside committal services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, March 29, at the Buffalo-Straw Cemetery, with a memorial service following at 3 p.m. at the Buffalo Community Church. Creel Funeral Home of Lewistown is in charge.

# Dorothy Dow

THE SHERIDAN GAZETTE  
NOV 23 2002

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Dorothy Dow, 79, of Sheridan, died Friday, Nov. 22, 2002, at Memorial Hospital of Sheridan County.

Cremation has taken place at Kane Funeral Home Crematory. Memorial services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 27, at Kane Funeral Home in Sheridan.

# Marie Downer

BILLINGS GAZETTE

FEB 23 2002

Marie Downer, age 84, passed away Feb. 20, 2002, at St. John's Lutheran Home. Her kind smile and gentle strength will be remembered by her family and lifelong friends in the Molt area and her new circle of friends at Mission Ridge.



**MRS. DOWNER**

Laura Marie Ewers was born April 3, 1917, in Retah, Mont., to Henry and Veda Wanless Ewers. She was raised in Washington and later in the Molt area, attending school in Broadview. She married Robert C. Downer in Miles City on Sept. 6, 1941.

Robert and Marie had two sons, Kenneth and Alan. In 1960, they returned to the Molt area to farm the land owned by the Wanless family until Robert's death in July 1971. On June 3, 1977, Marie married Arthur B. Downer. They lived at Molt until the fall of 1999, when they moved to Mission Ridge Retirement Home in Billings.

Marie is survived by her husband, Art of Billings; sons, Kenneth and wife Trudi of Molt and Alan and wife Nikki of Colstrip; three granddaughters, Jennifer (Chris) Blodgett and Heather Downer of Vernal, Utah.

and Sgt. Shannon Walth of Fort Dietrick, Md.; two great-grandchildren, Dylan and Carlee Blodgett of Vernal, Utah; brother-in-law, S.T. Downer and wife Ada of Phoenix; and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; her brother Carl Ewers; husband, Robert; and granddaughter, Carlee Downer.

Funeral services will be held on Monday, Feb. 25, at 11 a.m. at Smith's West Chapel, Billings. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to Molt Congregational Church or the Carlee Downer Campership fund in care of the Montana Northern Wyoming Conference, United Church of Christ, 2016 Alderson, Billings, MT 59102.

## **James E. Downes, Jr.**

CODY, Wyo. — James E. Downes, Jr., 78, died April 14, 2002, in Rancho Mirage, Calif.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, June 28, at Ballard Funeral Home in Cody.

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## Jim Downs

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MAR 14 2002

Jim Downs was born July 6, 1916, in Carman, Manitoba, Canada. He passed away on Sunday, March 10, 2002, at St. Vincent's Healthcare, after a brief bout with pneumonia.

He grew up on a farm near Homewood, Manitoba, and later attended the University of Manitoba in Winnipeg. It was there he met his future bride, Henrietta Gratton of Scobey, a nursing student at St. Boniface School of Nursing. They were married in 1941 and shortly thereafter Jim enlisted in the Royal Canadian Airforce. He served in the Burma-China-India Theatre and at the end of the war migrated to Scobey, where he joined his father-in-law, Come Gratton and Albert Waller in operating the Silver Slipper Bar. Jim and Henrietta lived and worked in Scobey for 32 years until their retirement and moved to the Joliet area in 1977.

Over the years, Jim had many special friends too numerous to mention. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, "Henry"; two sons, John of Omaha, Jim of Billings and his wife Sheila; two daughters, Margaret Downs of Billings and her husband Clyde Goldberg and Mary Jane Blades and her husband Larry of Warden, Wash.; brother, Mike of

Carman, Manitoba; nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild. There will be no funeral; instead, a family gathering and memorial will take place in Billings.

## **Lester Charles Doyen**

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Lester Charles Doyen, 97, of Sheridan, died Saturday, Oct. 19, 2002, at Sheridan Manor.

Visitation will be from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 23, at Champion Ferries Funeral Home in Sheridan. Funeral liturgy will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 24, at Holy Name Catholic Church. Burial will be in Sheridan Municipal Cemetery.

## Patrick F. Doyle

CROW AGENCY — Patrick Frank Doyle, 59, of Crow Agency, died Jan. 1, 2002, at the Crow Agency IHS Hospital.

He was born April 11, 1942, in Crow Agency, a son of John and Florence Yarlott Doyle, Sr.

His parents, John and Florence Doyle, preceded Patrick in death.

Survivors include five brothers, Mervin (Arlene) Haven of Alaska, Charles Doyle of Lewistown, Robert Doyle, Thurlow (Rosie) Doyle and John (Agnes) Doyle, Jr., of Crow Agency; four sisters, Louise (Richard) Real Bird of Garryowen, Deanna (Mort) Dreamer, Mickey (Arlen) Whiteman and Lillian (Lindsey) Bad Bear of Crow Agency; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Cremation has taken place at Patrick's request, at the Bullis-Eastern Montana Crematory. Private memorial services will be held at a later date. Bullis Mortuary of Hardin has been entrusted with the arrangements.

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**Margaret A. Draine**

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Margaret A. Draine, 79, died Friday, April 19, 2002, in Sheridan Manor.

Graveside committal of her remains will be 10 a.m. Tuesday, April 23, in Willow Grove Cemetery, in Buffalo. Champion Ferris Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

# Bettie A. Drake

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**DEC 05 2002**

Bettie A. Drake passed from this life to be with her Lord at 11:15 a.m. on Dec. 1, 2002, after a long battle with a chronic respiratory disease.

She was the firstborn daughter of Daniel A. and Clara (Wolfe) Ross, arriving on Feb. 23, 1923, in Hastings, Neb. She attended public schools in Hastings until August 1940, when her family moved to Billings. There, she graduated from Billings Senior High in 1941, and had become an accomplished re-weaver, repairing the runs in irreplaceable silk and nylon hosiery.

Soon after her arrival in Billings, she fell in love with the boy who was to become her husband. Vernon L. Drake and Bettie were married on Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, 1942, even though she was suffering from pneumonia at the time. Vernon was an Army Air Corps reservist awaiting call to active duty, attending the Billings Polytechnic Institute and holding down a full time job. Soon she was following him from airbase to airbase as he took pilots training and she operated hosiery shops.

Bettie returned home to give birth to Lana, their firstborn. Less than a month later, she left the baby with her mother and rejoined Vernon in Texas. After six months, Vernon received his wings and commission, Lana was reunited with her parents until

Vernon was assigned to combat duty.

Although petite in stature, Bettie was mighty in other ways. She loved babies and was a dedicated and loving mother, having five children. At an early age, she committed her life to her Lord and conscientiously studied her Bible daily and applied the principles to her life. She served for many years as the loving "caregiver" for her critically ill daughter, mother-in-law, mother and husband. As a wife, mother, grandmother or friend, she was spiritual leader, moral guide, supporter, teacher, encourager, humorist, advisor, prayer warrior and Bible student. She was intensely interested in missions and food ministries serving "third world" children. Highlights of her life included trips to the Holy Land and the Philippines, where her son Dennis founded schools for the deaf children.

Bettie must have heard at the Pearly Gates, "Well done, my good and faithful servant." Her life was service to God and caring for and loving others. She was a woman of rare wisdom and understanding. It was never her character to say anything bad about anyone but always look for the good.

She would tackle any task until she had it accomplished and was a woman of determination. A FEW of the things she would tackle were seamstress, interior decorator, inventor, cook, camper, nurse and caretaker, hair stylist, fashion designer, musician, gardener, antique furniture restorer, upholsterer, interior decorator, jeweler, ceramicist, weaver, baker, candle maker, hostess, knitter and crocheter, potter, stained glass designer, copper enameller, etc. She also did museum restoration, Bible School and Sunday School teaching, reaching out to a multitude of people in need.

Never a procrastinator, she always made sure things were done on time. An early riser, she would usually be up at 4:30 a.m. and have her housework done before her family got up. Then you might find her pushing a ladder through the orchard climbing to pick apples for people who'd answered the "pick your own" ad, or hanging over the eaves painting woodwork or pounding on shingles, fixing someone's hair, or painting or wallpapering, baking pies, under the hood of a car, refinishing a piece of furniture, climbing a scaffold, staying always beautiful, feminine and a lady. She was beautiful, talented and determined yet private, shy and humble. Her life was a shower of blessings to everyone who knew her.

Bettie was preceded in death by her parents; sister Fern

Williamson and daughter Dorothy Ann "Dottie." Surviving are her husband Vernon; daughter Lana (Gary) Rogers of Juliette, Ga., and her children Lindsay and Alan; son Lawrence (Teresa) of Loveland, Colo., and his daughters Rachel (Marty, Braxton) Bertollette, Elicia (Jake, Malachi) Fellure, and Noelle; son Dennis (Marilou) of Tagbilaran, Bohol, Philippines, and his sons Aaron and Andrew; daughter Christine (Cary) Stice of Elkhart, Ind., her children, Tristan and Ariel; and foster daughter Jackie Dole, Las Vegas, and her daughters, Terra and Shelly. Her brother Delmar (Elvina) Ross of Billings and many nieces and nephews also survive.

Family graveside services will be held at Sunset Memorial Gardens, with Faith Chapel officiating at 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, with a memorial service and reception following at 11 a.m. at Faith Chapel. Flowers in lieu of gifts are preferred.

## Bettie A. Drake

Bettie A. Drake passed from this life on Dec. 1, 2002. She was the daughter of Daniel A. and Clara Wolfe Ross on Feb. 23, 1923, in Hastings, Neb. She married Vernon L. Drake on Dec. 24, 1942.



**BETTIE  
DRAKE**

Bettie was preceded in death by her parents, sister Fern Williamson and daughter, Dorothy Ann, "Dottie." Surviving are her husband Vernon; daughter Lana (Gary) Rogers of Juliette, Ga., and her children Lindsay and Alan; son Lawrence (Teresa) of Loveland, Colo., and his daughters Rachel (Marty, Braxton) Bertolette, Elicia (Jake, Malachi) Fellure, and Noelle; son Dennis (Marilou) of Tagbilaran, Bohol, Philippines, and his sons Aaron and Andrew; daughter Christine (Cary) Stice of Elkhart, Ind., her children Tristan and Ariel; and foster daughter Jacci Dole, Las Vegas, and her daughters Terra and Shelly. Bettie's brother Delmar (Elvina) Ross of Billings and many nieces and nephews also survive.

Family graveside services will be held at Sunset Memorial Gardens, with Faith Chapel offici-

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ating at 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, with a memorial service and reception following at 11 a.m. at Faith Chapel, 517 Shiloh Road, Billings.

# Darrell Allen Drake

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**JAN 29 2002**

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Darrell Allen Drake, 76, died Saturday, Jan. 26, 2002, at Sheridan Memorial Hospital.

Viewing will be from 1 to 6 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 29, at Champion Ferries Funeral Home. Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 30, at Champion Ferries Funeral Home.

## Irene Draper

WOLF POINT — Irene Draper, 80, died on May 16, 2002, at the Northeast Montana Health Services Facility in Wolf Point.

Irene was born in McCone County on June 9, 1921, the daughter of Oasis and Ernestine (Houle) Gagne.

She grew up in the Riverside and Wolf Point communities and attended Southview School and Wolf Point High School and lived here



**IRENE DRAPER**

all of her life.

She worked as a telephone operator until her marriage. On Sept. 15, 1941, she married Leslie Draper at the Immaculate Conception Church in Wolf Point and they lived on the farm.

Irene was a homemaker and enjoyed livestock and ranching. She loved to read, do needlework, her family and church groups. Irene really loved gardening, especially her flowers. She volunteered many hours at Faith Home doing the residents' hair. She was a member of the Immaculate Conception Church, Altar Society, St. Katherine's Group, Go-Getters Club and Airport Golf Club.

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She was preceded in death by two brothers, Douglas and Raymond; and one sister, Beatrice Dillon.

Survivors include her husband Leslie of Wolf Point; one son Robert of Wolf Point; two daughters Janet Bruskotter of Great Falls and Mary Pipal of Dillingham, Alaska; three sisters Margaret Eggebrecht and Cecile Loendorf of Wolf Point and Blanche Mahlum of Kennewick, Wash.; six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

A vigil service will be held at 7 p.m. preceded by recital of rosary led by the Catholic Daughters at 6:45 on Monday, May 20, at the Clayton Memorial Chapel in Wolf Point. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, May 21, at the Immaculate Conception Church in Wolf Point, with Rev. Fr. Steve Zabrocki officiating. Interment will be in Greenwood Cemetery.

# Mortimer S. Dreamer

CROW AGENCY

Mortimer Sidney Dreamer, 66, of Crow Agency, passed away July 11, 2002, in the Crow Agency IHS Hospital, surrounded by his family.

ChitdeeXia'ssee (Well Known Scout) was born Oct. 3, 1935, in Crow Agency, a son of

Daniel M. Dreamer and Edith Longears. He grew up in the Crow Agency area and attended schools in Crow Agency and Hardin, graduating from Hardin High School in 1954. Following



**MORTIMER  
DREAMER**

his education, he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force and received his honorable discharge in 1957.

On July 16, 1958, he married Deanna Doyle in Billings. Mortimer began his college career at the University of Kansas and received his bachelor of science degree in civil engineering from Montana State University in 1968. He then began a career with the Bureau of Reclamation at the Grand Coulee Dam, before transferring to the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Washington D.C., retiring in 1994 and returning to the Crow Agency area.

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During his younger days, he actively participated in all sports and was a member of the Lodge Grass Saints. As he grew older, he enjoyed reading, beading, attending bull riding events, traveling to all Hardin Bulldog games with Deanna and, of course, spending as much time as possible with his grandchildren, whom he cherished. He was an avid Dallas Cowboy and LA Dodger fan. He was a traditional person who took part in area powwows, often displaying his own beadwork. The Crow Tribe currently employed him as an advisor to Chairman Birdinground.

Mort was a member of the St. Dennis Catholic Church, was an ordained deacon of the church, a member of the Whistling Water Clan and a child of the Whistling Water Clan.

His grandmother, Rose Bush; father, Daniel Dreamer; stepfather, Gilbert Birdinground, Sr.; brother, Menford Birdinground; and special nephew, Lance Birdinground, preceded Mortimer in death.



Survivors include his wife, Deanna of the family home; two daughters, Jonni and Kasey Dreamer of Billings; a son, Lansing Dreamer of Bozeman; his mother, Edith Birdinground of Garryowen; three sisters, Carmaleta Birdinground of Crow Agency, Beldean (Larry) Beneker of Billings and Agnes (Edward) Lockhart of Sheridan, Wyo.; five brothers, Donald (Ethelyne) Dreamer of Lodge Grass, Thurlow (Zena) Birdinground of Dunmore, Wilford (Lorna) Birdinground, Gilbert (Kathy) Birdinground, Jr. and Quintin Birdinground of Garryowen; his adopted brothers, Scott, (Dlane) James, John (Verna) Fitzpatrick, Michael (Minnie) Fitzpatrick and Sidney (LaVonne) Fitzpatrick; three grandchildren, Shannon, Dakota and Daniel; and one great-grandson, Matthew.

Rosary will be recited 4 p.m. Sunday, July 14, in the Bullis Funeral Chapel. Funeral Mass will be celebrated 10 a.m. Monday, July 15, in the Crow Agency St. Dennis Catholic Church. Interment with military honors will follow in the Crow Agency Cemetery. Bullis Mortuary of Hardin has been entrusted with the arrangements.

# Kelli Komac Dredger

BILLINGS GAZETTE

DEC 19 2002

PHOENIX — Kelli Komac Dredger, age 34, passed away Dec. 14, 2002, following a tragic automobile accident in Phoenix.



**KELLI KOMAC  
DREDGER**

Kelli was born in Billings on Nov. 19, 1968, the daughter of Edward C. Komac and Sharron Keiser Komac. She attended Billings schools and graduated from Billings Senior High in 1987. While in high school, Kelli was a member of the majorette corps. She attended college at Montana State University in Bozeman, where Kelli earned her degree in the business school, majoring in marketing, in 1991.

After receiving her degree, Kelli moved to Phoenix. Kelli completed her real estate exam and was employed by Arizona Regional Multiple Listing Services. She currently held the position of director/office manager.

Kelli enjoyed spending time with her wide circle of friends and her family. She took pleasure in hiking, traveling and decorating.

Kelli is survived by her mother, Sharron, of Billings; two broth-

ers, Ron (Jenny) Komac of Eureka, K.C. (Darci) Komac of Phoenix; her grandparents, Edward R. and Peg Komac, and Elizabeth Keiser, all of Billings; her nieces, Jenna and Katie Rae Komac; and numerous loving aunts, uncles and cousins. Kelli was preceded in death by her father, Edward C. Komac.

Kelli's smile, sense of humor and zest for life will be missed by all of those she encountered.

Memorial services will be 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 20, at the First United Methodist Church, Fourth Ave. N. and Broadway. Interment of the urn will follow at Mountview Cemetery. Smith Funeral Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials to American Cancer Society or charity of choice.

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**Lashley Raymond  
Drell**

**JUN 19 2002**

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SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Lashley Raymond Drell, 76, of Sheridan, died Friday, June 14, 2002, at the VA Medical Center in Sheridan.

Memorial liturgy will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, June 19, at Holy Name Catholic Church.

Interment of cremains will be in Sheridan Municipal Cemetery. Champion Ferries Funeral Home of Sheridan is in charge.

## **Edna Jeannie Drew**

**HARDIN** — Edna Jeannie Drew, 40, formerly of Colstrip, died Thursday, Dec. 12, 2002, of injuries received in a one-car accident near Hardin.

Cremation has taken place in the Bullis-Eastern Montana Crematory. Memorial Funeral Services will be held 4 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 18, in the Colstrip Moose Lodge. Bullis Mortuary is in charge.

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## Jeannie (Largent) Drew

BILLINGS GAZETTE

DEC 21 2002

Jeannie Drew, 40, formerly of Colstrip, died Thursday, Dec. 12, 2002, as a result of injuries from an auto accident outside of Hardin.

Jeannie was born on May 4, 1962, in New Orleans, to Carol Ann (Triche) and Starling Lee Largent. She attended schools in the Huntsville, Texas, area, graduating from Katy (Texas) High School. After school, she worked as a cook at Sam Houston State University from 1982 until after the birth of her first child in 1985.

Jeannie was married Aug. 19, 1984, in Huntsville. Scotty was born Aug. 16, 1985; Stephannie was born June 9, 1987, also in Huntsville. Jeannie did in-home daycare until she started working as the head cook at the Gulf Trade Center in 1992. The family moved to Montana in June of 1992; and Joshua was born Aug. 28, 1992, in Miles City.

Jeannie provided in-home daycare until she started on the kitchen staff for the Colstrip School District in August of 1993. She worked there until the summer of 2002. She moved to Billings in October of this year, where she worked for Grand Park Assisted Living Facility as head cook in Billings. Jeannie had just recently started working for Deaconess Hospital.

Jeannie is survived by her children, Scott, Stephannie and Joshua; her special partner, Scott

Walter; and the people who love her and will miss her in Colstrip.

Surviving her in Louisiana are her mother, Carol Caswell; sisters Brenda Brown and Dorothy Stewart; and brother Starling Largent. Also surviving her is a half-sister, Juanita Stovall; half-brothers, William, John and Floyd Largent and Robert Caswell; step-brothers Robert Stovall and James Caswell. She was preceded in death by her stepfather, R.T. Caswell; stepmother Jewell Largent; and stepsister Janice Parker.

A memorial service was held at the Colstrip Moose Lodge on Wednesday, Dec. 18. Cremation has taken place, and interment will occur at a later date in Louisiana. Family and friends in Louisiana will have a memorial service on Jan. 11, 2003. Memorials may be made to a trust fund for Jeannie's children at First Interstate Bank in Colstrip.

## **Telka Driskill**

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Telka Driskill, 84, of Sheridan, died Monday, Sept. 23, 2002, at Memorial Hospital of Sheridan County.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 26, at First Christian Church.

Interment will be in the Sheridan Elks Cemetery. Kane Funeral Home of Sheridan is in charge.

## **Samuel 'Bob' Drogitis**

**HARLOWTON** — Samuel "Bob" Drogitis, 66, died Friday, Feb. 22, 2002 at Wheatland Memorial Hospital.

Funeral services will be 1 p.m., Feb. 25 at Perkins Funeral Home with graveside committal following in Harlowton Cemetery. Perkins Funeral Home is in charge.

## **William G. Droke**

William G. "Phil" Droke passed away on Oct. 6, 2002, at Beartooth Manor in Columbus. Born in Nesbitt, Miss., on May 12, 1915, Phil decided at an early age that small-town life was not for him. And though his travels took him worldwide, he never lost his delightful southern manners nor his fine sense of humor.

He proudly served his country in the Coast Guard during World War II and in the Navy during the Korean War. Later, he worked as a criminal investigator for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms in Washington State and in Montana.

On Aug. 20, 1971, Phil married Naida Gale in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. They resided in Billings until his retirement in 1974. They then moved to Yakima, Wash.

Creative and artistic, he pursued his many hobbies until the ravages of Alzheimer's disease diminished his abilities. He loved to travel, often stopping to play a round of golf on some newly discovered course. He was a lifetime member of Yakima Lodge #24 F&AM and a member of Footprinters International.

In 1989, they returned to Billings.

Survivors include his wife Naida; sons Phillip of Des Moines, Wash., and Willard of Norfolk, Va.; his stepson Mark Gale of Billings; and his stepdaughter, Elisabeth Gale Paneak of Fairbanks, Alaska.

Phil often expressed his feeling of contentment while residing at Beartooth Manor. His family wishes to thank the staff and Dr. Kane for the exceptional kindness and care provided while he was there. Cremation has taken place and, at his request, no formal services will be held.



**MAR 23 2002****Lawrence Drummond**

**MALTA** — Lawrence "Larry" Drummond, 79, of Malta, died Friday, March 22, 2002, at the Phillips County Good Samaritan Center in Malta.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, March 25, at the Phillips County Good Samaritan Center. Interment of ashes will be in the Malta Cemetery. Adams Funeral Home and Hi-Line Crematory are in charge of arrangements.

## **Bruce E. Duffy**

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**AUG 21 2002**

**GARDINER —** Bruce E. Duff\* Duffy, 57, of Gardiner, died Aug. 9, 2002, at Livingston Memorial Hospital.

Memorial services were held Sunday, Aug. 18, at St. Mark's Church in Livingston. Committal and cremation were held Tuesday, Aug. 20. Franzen-Davis Funeral Home of Livingston was in charge.

## Harold H. Duke

Harold H. Duke died Thursday, Jan. 31, 2002, at Valley Health Care Center in Billings of congestive heart failure. Harold was born March 11, 1920, the youngest son of Clyde O. and Delia (Johnson) Duke. He graduated from Billings High School and the University of Montana in Missoula with a degree in Forestry. He served in the U.S. Army from June, 1943 until April, 1946. Much of that period was spent in Germany drawing plans for the reconstruction of railroads in the area. Harold was a carpenter and a craftsman and previously owned and operated an air conditioning business and Advanced Structures, a steel building and construction company. Harold was the person friends and family always relied on for repairs, advice and help with projects. Harold was the family caregiver, caring for both his parents and two of his brothers in their later years. His greatest joys in life were helping others, fishing, hiking and spending time with friends and family at the cabin in the Beartooth Mountains.

Harold was preceded in death by his parents and brothers, Jack, Ted, and Hugh. He is survived by his nephew Dan Duke, niece Carlee Galles, both of Billings; his niece Pennie (Dick) Frank of Chino Hills, Calif.; cousin

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William (Patricia) McAllister of Billings; great-niece and nephew, Kara and Joel Galles; special cousins in Missoula: Lee, Jane, Amy and many close friends.

Services will be held Wednesday, Feb. 6, at 10 a.m. at the Smith Downtown Chapel with interment at Sunset Memorial Garden. Should friends desire, memorials may be made to the Habitat for Humanity, 180 24th St. W., Billings, MT 59102, or the charity of one's choice.

## **Pearle Duke**

**LEWISTOWN —** Pearle (Housel) Duke, 84, died Wednesday, Sept. 25, 2002, at the Central Montana Medical Center.

Funeral services will be at 1:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 30, at the Creel Funeral Chapel in Lewistown. Interment will be in the Lewistown City Cemetery.

## Nancy Dumont

**WOLF POINT** — Nancy Dumont, age 66, was born in Poplar on Jan. 7, 1936. Her parents were Robert V. Dumont and Emily Anderson Dumont. She was raised in the Wolf Point area and graduated from Wolf Point High School. After graduation, Nancy attended Haskell Institute and obtained a business degree.

She worked for the Bureau of Indian Affairs in several agencies in various positions. In 1966, Nancy moved to Chicago where she gained a bachelor's degree from Northwestern University. Nancy was active in the Native American Education Services and enthusiastically supported her brother Bob's efforts in establishing the NAES site on Fort Peck Reservation.

Nancy returned to live in Wolf Point in 1975, and began working for the Fort Peck Tribes in the newly developed Tribal Health Program. In 1978, she moved to the position of Head Start director and managed the program for four years. Education was very important to Nancy and she moved back to Chicago to obtain a master's degree from the University of Chicago in 1983.

After graduation, she returned to the reservation and implemented the Tribes' Education Department. Her service to the Fort Peck Tribes included other positions in the alcohol program and the Indian Child Welfare program. She retired in January, 2001.

Nancy was an artistic person, which she applied to ceramics and oil paintings. She enjoyed spending time with her many friends.

Nancy is preceded by a twin sister, her brother Bob, and her parents. She is survived by her sister Vivian Welliver of Spokane, Wash., and a special aunt, Elva DeCelles of Las Vegas, Nev.

Viewing will be held at 1 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 27, with rosary services at 6 p.m. at Clayton Memorial Chapel. The funeral will be held at 10 a.m. on Monday, Oct. 28, at the Immaculate Conception Church in Wolf Point. Interment will be in the Greenwood Cemetery in Wolf Point. The Reverend Fr. Robert Fox will be officiating. Clayton Memorial Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

## **Robert Dumont, Sr.**

**WOLF POINT — Robert V. Dumont, Sr., 85, died Sunday, Feb. 17, 2002, at Faith Home in Wolf Point.**

**Visitations will be from 1 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 19, at the Clayton Memorial Chapel in Wolf Point. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 20, at Clayton Memorial. Interment will be in Greenwood Cemetery.**

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# Charles Lee Duncan

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**JUL 25 2002**

"Lee" passed away peacefully on July 23, 2002, after a short battle with lung cancer. He was born Jan. 9, 1925, in Morristown, S.D.

He enlisted in the Army in 1945, serving in Saipan and Germany, and was honorably discharged in 1948.

He was employed as a driver for various trucking companies, the most recent was for Raymond Corcoran Trucking. Lee met Joyce in 1959 in Lemmon, S.D. This happy union was blessed with two daughters, Cindy and Ginger.

Lee leaves behind his wife, Joyce; daughters Cindy and Ginger; seven grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; brother, Jim (Irene); and sister, Phyllis. Lee was preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Lois Duncan; and brother, Bill Duncan.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial remembrance gathering will be at the Western Empire Emporium on Sunday, July 28, at 1 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Hospice and American Cancer Society.



**CHARLES  
DUNCAN**

"Dad, Grandpa Lee, Uncle Lee, we all love you and will miss you very much!" From all your Magillacuddys.

## Dee Duncan

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Dee Duncan, 89, of Sheridan, died Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2002, at Memorial Hospital of Sheridan County.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 15, at St. Peter's Episcopal Church. There will be a receiving line at the back of the church for guests to greet family as they depart. Interment will take place in Sheridan Elks Cemetery.

Kane Funeral Home of Sheridan is in charge.

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## Earl V. Duncan

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Mr. Duncan died Thursday, Feb. 31, 2002, in the Horizon Hospice Home. He was 85.

Mr. Duncan was born in Cobey and spent the majority of his life in Montana.

Earl will be remembered by his family and friends for the lessons learned from him. His gentleness, love, compassion and respect for others serve as a lifelong model for those who knew and loved him.

He is survived by his wife of 28 years, Ruth M. Duncan; two sons, Earl A. Duncan of Billings, Byron Duncan of Billings; two nephews, Roland Kessler of Casper, Wyo., Jeffrey Kessler of Billings; grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Earl also enjoyed a special love and friendship with his stepdaughter-in-law, Cynthia Kessler of Billings. They were always there for one another.

Private services will be held with interment at Yellowstone Valley Memorial Park.

Memorials may be made to Big Sky Hospice.

Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary has charge of arrangements.

# John S. Duncan

MARTINSDALE — John S. Duncan passed away early Friday morning, Feb. 22, 2002, at his ranch near Martinsdale.

John's services will be held Thursday, Feb. 28, at 11 a.m., at the Federated Church in Harlowton. Immediately following the services, a luncheon will be served at the Community Youth Center.

Burial will take place at 3 p.m. Thursday, in White Sulphur Springs, followed by a coffee hour at the home of Mrs. Lois Owens. John was preceded in death by his parents; a sister; a baby brother; and an infant son.

Survivors include his wife Kathryn; his son, William A. Duncan, his wife Sue and their two children, Ashley Sue and Christopher John, all of Billings; stepchildren, Joseph Bridge, Marc Bridge and Boni Loudon; seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

John spent his entire life ranching with the exception of his time spent in the Army during WWII.

John was a member of the American Legion Unit #15, Federated Church, director and chairman of the Continental Bank, past president of the Meagher County Stockgrowers and served on the Martinsdale School Board.

Memorials may be given to the charity of your choice or to

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the Upper Musselshell Museum, the Veteran's Memorial or the Federated Church.

Perkins Funeral Home arranged the services.

# Kathryn L. Duncan

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AUG 31 2002

MARTINSDALE — Kathryn Duncan, 76, of Martinsdale, died Aug. 28, 2002, at Deaconess Billings Clinic.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Sept. 6, at the Federated Church of Harlowton with burial at 3 p.m. Sept. 6 at the Mayn Cemetery in White Sulphur Springs. Perkins Funeral Home is in charge.

# Kathryn L. Duncan

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Kathryn L. Duncan went home to be with the Lord Wednesday morning, Aug. 28, 2002, at Deaconess Billings Clinic.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m., Friday, Sept. 6, 2002, at the Federated Church in Harlowton. Immediately following the services a luncheon will be served at the Youth Center. Burial will take place at 3 p.m. at Mayn Cemetery in White Sulphur Springs, followed by a coffee hour at the Senior Center.

Kathryn Loretta Hunter Duncan, 76, was born May 28, 1926, in Harlowton, the daughter of William R. and Loretta (Sleasman) Hunter.

She graduated from Harlowton High School in 1945. Kathryn was a 50-year member of Primrose Chapter No. 55 Order of Eastern Star, and also a member of Martha Chapter No. 11 Order of Eastern Star, White Sulphur Springs. She was a member of Montana Cowbells and was serving as secretary for American Legion Auxiliary in Harlowton.

Kathryn loved playing bridge, cooking, baking and helping others. Her special love was her husband, John, family, friends and the ranch. Kathryn will be missed by her special soul mate Bernadette Brady.

Preceding her in death was her husband, John, parents, brothers George and Samuel and baby brother, John.

Kathryn is survived by her son, Marc (Tammy) Bridges of Helena and their daughter Alysha; son Joseph (Debbie) Bridges of Bozeman, their sons Jim and Daniel and daughters Molly and Joleen. Her daughter Boni (Jim) Loudon of Sarasota, Fla., and sons Raymie and Kevin and daughter Cortney; and stepson William (Sue) Duncan of Billings and their daughter Ashley and son Christopher also survive her. Five great-grandchildren, her sister Jane and brother Ted, both of Tucson, Ariz., and brothers Bill and Jim of White Sulphur Springs also survive her.

Memorials may be given to Upper Musselshell Museum, Federated Church or Friends of Nursing Scholarship Fund, PO Box 3566, Billings, MT 59103 or charity of one's choice.

# loyd William 'Bill' Duncan

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DES MOINES, Iowa —  
An eagle crossed the rims  
day.

We watched his shadow fade  
way.

Those of us who prayed  
slow,

Who stayed and watched his  
shadow go,

Know well that he won't fade  
way.

Our eagle headed home  
day.

Bill was born on June 5, 1925, in Red Lodge, Mont., and died Feb. 13, 2002, in Des Moines, of pneumonia and congestive heart failure. He was the last of three children born to Robert Leonard and Lillian Duncan. He was raised on a ranch near Roberts, Mont., and he attended grade school and high school in Roberts. Among Bill's fondest memories are those involving his high school basketball games and inner-conference athletic rivalries.

Bill entered the service in September 1943 and served in the U.S. Army's 11th Airborne. He was sent to Camp Callen, Calif., and subsequently was stationed overseas at Australia, New Guinea, Layte, Mendora, Bataan and Manila. He was discharged in December 1945.

Bill entered Rocky Mountain

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College in January 1946 and transferred to Montana State College where he majored in civil engineering. Upon completion of college, Bill worked on the Hungry Horse Dam as a civil engineer. Later, he was a structural engineer at Thule, Greenland.

On Feb. 14, 1954 in Denver, he married Bette Wolf of Billings. They made their home in Dallas 1955 to 1962 and in San Fernando Valley, Calif., from 1962 to 1972, where Bill was employed by General Insurance Co. and California Compensation Co. respectively.

In 1972, Bill and Bette moved to Des Moines, where he served as vice president of Employers' Mutual Insurance Co, in charge of risk improvement; as well as vice president of EMC Engineering Services. He retired in 1994 after 22 years of service.

Bill is survived by his wife, Bette, of Runnells; a daughter, Robin D'Ann Barber and son-in-law, Donald Barber of Booneville. He is also survived by six grandchildren and one great-grandchild, who were the delight of his life: Natasha Foltz

and her husband, Dan Foltz, with their child Abram Shain Foltz, Blake Barber, Caleb Barber, Ashley Barber, Shayla Barber and Sharisse Barber.

He was an avid supporter of all their activities, including cheerleading, volleyball, football, basketball, track, baseball, softball and soccer; and rarely missed a game. He was equally fervid in supporting their scholastic and other school events. In between these events, Bill enjoyed woodworking and traveling. During his retirement, Bill served on a service mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

A memorial service will be conducted Monday, Feb. 18, at 2 p.m. at the Des Moines Stake Center, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

## Ruth M. Duncan

MAY 14 2002

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Mrs. Duncan died Friday, May 10, 2002, at her residence at Aspen View. She was 71.

Mrs. Duncan was born in Newburg, N.D., and spent the majority of her life in Billings.

She is survived by two sons, Roland Kessler (Virginia) of Casper, Wyo., and Jeffrey Kessler (Cynthia) of Billings; grandchildren, Jamie Kessler of Seattle, Amy Kessler of Billings and Zachary Kessler of Billings; brothers Leo Irey, Don Irey, David Irey and Tom Irey; and her sister, Leona Meyer.

She was predeceased by her husband of 28 years, Earl V. Duncan and by her sister Betty Meyer.

Services will be held at a future date with interment at Yellowstone Valley Memorial Park.

Memorials may be made to Big Sky Hospice. Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary has charge of arrangements.

**APR 22 2002**

**Albert C. Dunks, Sr.**

**COLSTRIP —** Albert C. Dunks, Sr., 77, died Friday, April 19, 2002, at the Rosebud Health Care Center in Forsyth.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Wednesday, April 24, at the Mount Calvary in Colstrip. Cremation will follow the services. Beals Mortuary of Forsyth is in charge of arrangements.



## Alice E. Dunn

RICHLAND CENTER, Wis. — Alice E. Dunn, 85, formerly of Lewistown, died Monday, Jan. 14, 2002, at Richland Hospital after a brief illness.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 22, at the First Presbyterian Church with interment to follow in the Lewistown City Cemetery. The Cloyd Funeral Home of Lewistown is in charge.

## Dianne Carole Dunning

BILLINGS GAZETTE

DEC 26 2002

ASHLAND — Dianne Carole Dunning, 47, died Sunday, Dec. 22, 2002, at St. Vincent Healthcare in Billings.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Champion Ferries Funeral Home. Cremation will follow the service.

**APR 21 2002****Vera S. Dunrud**

**CODY, Wyo.** — Vera S. Dunrud, 100, died Friday, April 19, 2002, at the West Park Long Term Care Center in Cody.

Visitation will be 6 to 8 p.m. on April 23 at Ballard Funeral Home, and from 1 to 1:30 p.m. at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church. Services will be at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, April 24, with interment to follow in the Meeteetse Cemetery. Ballard Funeral Home is in charge.

## **Stanley Ira Dupree**

BELGRADE — Stanley Ira Dupree, 49, died Thursday, Aug. 5, 2002, from injuries received in motorcycle accident.

Cremation has taken place. A celebration of Stan's life will take place at 2:30 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 10, at the Belgrade High School Auditorium. Dahl Funeral Chapel of Bozeman is in charge.

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**AUG 18 2002**

# Ruth Mae Durand

Ruth Mae Durand, age 74, met her guardian angels, Saturday, April 20, 2002, in Billings.

She was born April 16, 1928, in Fresho, S.D. Her late parents were Mary Mayme F. Jameson



**RUTH  
DURAND**

and Frederick William Miels.

Ruth was raised in Hamilton and moved to Billings with her husband, Eugene "Gene."

Ruth worked, after raising her family, at the Custer Hotel as a waitress, then as a Personnel Director of Kmart for over 20 years. After retirement, she enjoyed reading and volunteering at the Billings Chamber of Commerce.

Ruth is survived by her children, Mike (Candace), Mitch (Janeale), Mark (Tracie) and Matt (Terrie); grandchildren, Brice, Jesse, David Keane, Eugene, Robert, Zachary, Jake, Mike and Sean; great-grandchild, Ivy Crumb; brother-in-law, Cal Vannoy. Preceded in death by her husband, Gene Durand; brothers, Francis and Sam Miels; sister Marie Vannoy.

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Cremation has taken place at Smith's Crematory. A memorial service will be held 11 a.m. Wednesday, April 24, at Smith's West Chapel, 304 34th St. West. Memorials may be made to the Bereavement Center, c/o Big Sky Hospice, PO Box 35033, Billings, MT 59107.

**APR 17 2002**

## **Michael Durkin**

Michael Durkin, 54, of Billings, died Sunday, April 14, 2002, in Gardiner.

Cremation has taken place and a memorial will be held at 2 p.m. on Thursday, April 18. Cremation or Funeral Gallery is in charge.

In lieu of flowers, memorials in Michael's name may be made to: San Diego Oceans Foundation (For Reef Restoration), PO Box 90672, San Diego, CA 92169-2672, or a charity of one's choice.

## Gloria Durrer

LAUREL — Gloria Durrer, 96, Laurel, passed away in Billings, nday, Feb. 17, 2002, under the mpassionate care of the omen of Magnolia Place. She as a daughter of Charlie and nna Walker Walters, born ug. 11, 1905, at Ewing, Mo. She oved with her family to Bridger i 1906.

Gloria went to grade school nd high school in Bridger and tended one year at Billings Poly. he taught school one year, then vent to work for the telephone ompany in November of 1931. he worked in Bridger, romberg, Miles City, Billings nd Laurel. She retired from the elephone company in 1962.

Gloria married Ed Durrer in 1933. He died in 1962. Gloria lived on East Railroad Street in Laurel for 60 years, and while she had no children, she was the neighbor-hood mom to the Waddell and Noel kids. She also had nieces and nephews that thought she was a pretty remarkable lady.

She was a longtime member of Eastern Star.

Surviving are nieces and nephews, Garland and Florence Buffington of Powell, Wyo., Robert and Jean Buffington of Hollywood, Fla., Wilma and Ray Aye of Springfield, Mo., and Ella and Allen Morrison of Upland, Calif. Also surviving is Ed's nephew, Bruce Falconer of Alexandria, Minn.

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Memorial services will be held 2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 21, at United Methodist Church, Laurel. Interment: Laurel Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to charity of your choice. Smith Funeral Chapel-Laurel was in charge of arrangements.

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## George M. Durst

MILES CITY — George M. Durst, a Miles City resident for 56 years, passed away Wednesday, March 20, 2002, at the Friendship Villa in Miles City.

George was born on Jan. 31, 1911, in Transfer, Pa., the son of Luther and Cora (McGrath) Durst. He attended grade school and high school in Transfer and attended Thiel College in Greenville, Pa. In the mid-1930s, he moved to Belle Fourche, S.D., and on Dec. 30, 1935, he married Mary Elizabeth (Dolly) Pollock in Newcastle, Wyo.

From 1935 until 1940, he was a truck driver and sports official before going to work for Montgomery Wards in Belle Fourche. While with Montgomery Wards, he and his wife lived in Dickinson, N.D.; Miles City; Glendive; Great Falls; York, Neb.; and Fairburg, Neb.

In 1940, he volunteered for the Navy and attended Officer's Candidate School. During WWII, he was stationed in Harrisburg, Pa. He retired after 27 years of regular and reserve duty with the rank of lieutenant commander.



After the war, he and his wife returned to Miles City and started a retail furniture business. He owned and operated the Furniture Mart in Miles City until his retirement in 1983 and was owner or co-owner in stores in Glendive, Kalispell and Livingston.

George was a member of the First Presbyterian Church where

he served as an elder. He was active in the Yellowstone Masonic Lodge, York Rite, Royal Arch Masons and Al Bedoo Shrine Temple. His activities as a mason were rewarded by being appointed to the highest post in the State of Montana, being illustrious grand master in 1977-1978. George enjoyed sports, travel, family and his grandchildren.



**GEORGE  
DURST**

George is survived by a daughter, Roberta "Bobbi" (Gary) Askin of Miles City; a son, Geoffrey (Cathy) Durst of Aberdeen, S.D.; two granddaughters, Lucy and Katy Durst; and one brother, Stanley Durst of Jamestown, Pa. He was preceded in death by his wife, three sisters and two brothers.

Visitation will begin Sunday, March 24, at 1 p.m. at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles

City. Funeral services will be held Monday, March 25, at 11 a.m. in the First Presbyterian Church in Miles City. Interment will be held Tuesday, March 26, at 1 p.m. in the Howell Cemetery, north of Miller, S.D. Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home of Miles City is in charge of the arrangements.

Should friends desire, memorials may be made to the First Presbyterian Church or to the Shriners Transportation Fund.

## Jody B. Dusek

BILLINGS GAZETTE

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LEWISTOWN — Jody B. Dusek, 77, died Friday morning, June 28, 2002, at her home.

Graveside services will be 11 a.m. Tuesday, July 2, in Central Montana Memorial Gardens of Lewistown. The Cloyd Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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## **Eryck Alan Dutton**

GLENDIVE — Eryck Alan Dutton, 24, of Glendive, died Monday, Sept. 2, 2002, in Glendive.

Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 5, at the Chapel of the Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home in Glendive. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. Friday, Sept. 6, at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Rite of Committal will be in the Dawson County Cemetery.

OCT 24 2002

## William Dutton

JORDAN — William Grove Dutton died Sunday, Oct. 20, 2002, from massive head injuries received in an auto accident west of Jordan.

He was born July 16, 1919, at Umata, to Bruce and Margaret Ferron Dutton. He was the fourth of seven children born to his couple.

William attended grade school in Garfield County. He went to high school at Cohagen and Melstone and graduated from Melstone High School in 1938. He worked at various jobs, mostly ranching, and spent a year in Alaska (1943-1944), working for the Air Transport Command. On Sept. 14, 1944, he and Margaret Cruce were married at Billings. They took up sheep ranching in Garfield County.

William was a director on the Garfield County Wool Pool from 1953 until he sold his sheep in 1974 and ran cattle. He retired from active ranching in 1978, but

continued to live on the ranch after leasing the property to his son, William Jr.

He was past master of Jordan Masonic Lodge 148 and a 32nd degree member of the Scottish Rite Consistory in Billings. He was also a member of Al Bedoo Shrine Temple. He served on the District 10 grade school board and on the high school board in Jordan in later years and a director on the Garfield County Museum Board.

William enjoyed woodworking and silver-smithing as a hobby and made many fine pieces, which were given as gifts to family and friends.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret; a son, William, Jr. (Karen) of Jordan; a daughter, Roberta (Bobby) Stanaland of Welch, Texas; grandchildren, Mary (Wayland) Pluhar of Cohagen, Jennifer (Darren) Pitcher, Barry (Jolene) Dutton, both of Miles City, Robert Stanaland of San Antonio,

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Texas; step-grandchildren, B.J. Murnion of Roundup, Meghan (Jamie) Murphy, Cari Murnion, all of Vancouver, Wash.; a great-grandchild and two step-great-grandchildren; two sisters, Margaret Saylor of Billings and Hazel Light of Fort Walton Beach, Fla.; one brother, Bruce (Daisy) Dutton of Cat Creek; two sisters-in-law, Daisy V. Dutton of Sand Springs and Marie Dutton of Basin, Wyo.

His parents; a sister, Mary Newton; and two brothers, Joe and Orson Dutton, preceded him in death.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Friday, Oct. 25, at the VFW Hall in Jordan. Burial will be at a later date. Memorials may be made to the Jordan Ambulance Fund, Garfield County Museum or the charity of one's choice. Bullis Graves Memorial Chapel of Miles City has been entrusted with the arrangements.

## Dean D. Dvorak

## BILLINGS GAZETTE

**JUL - 3 2002**

GILLETTE, Wyo. — Dean D. Dvorak, 45, of Gillette, died Saturday, June 29, 2002, in an automobile accident near Reva, Wyo.

Visitation will be from 2 to 7 p.m. Thursday, July 4, at Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home in Gillette, with a vigil service at 7 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. Friday, July 5, at St. Matthew's Catholic Church in Gillette.

# James T. 'Jim' Dwyer

GRAND JUNCTION, Colo. — James T. "Jim" Dwyer, 85, of Grand Junction, passed away today, Nov. 29, 2002, in Grand Junction.

Jim was born to Thomas S. "Sy" and Martha Ann "Maude" Dwyer on Sept. 21, 1917, on a homestead south of Wolf Point, Mont. Jim married Maxine H. Lehman on Feb. 5, 1944, in Circle, Mont.

Jim graduated from Circle High School in 1937. Jim spent five summers as a construction worker on the Fort Peck Dam project in Montana.

He enlisted in the United States Navy on Dec. 8, 1941, and was honorably discharged in October of 1945, serving his country during World War II in the Pacific Theater, including being shipwrecked in the Aleutian Islands.

After discharge from the Navy, he returned to Wolf Point to help his father with the Conoco Bulk Plant. In March of 1947, he began his employment with Montana-Dakota Utilities in Wolf Point. He retired on Oct. 1, 1979. Jim served with the Wolf Point Volunteer Fire Department from 1957 to 1977, and he was on the Wolf Point City Council from 1977 to 1981.

Jim was a member of the Knights of Columbus, 4th Degree; Elks; VFW; American Legion; International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers; and the

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American Radio Relay League. He enjoyed being with family and friends, his contacts made via his ham radio, working crossword puzzles, collecting stamps and coins, and watching football and bullriding on television.

Jim was preceded in death by his wife of 55 years, Maxine; his son, Thomas; and sister, Helen Dillon. He is survived by his children, Ellen (Dave) Mayher, Renton, Wash., James P. (Connie) Dwyer, Helena, Mont., Mary Ann (Don) Callahan, Grand Junction, Jean (Mike) Childers, Las Vegas, Norman Dwyer, Chicago, and Thomas' former wife, Charlene, Missoula, Mont. Other survivors include his brothers, Joseph Brennan, Olympia, Wash., and Paul Verdon, Helena; his sisters, Veronica Thorpe, Denver, and Harriet Eastman, Great Falls, Mont.; 15 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

A funeral mass was held Friday, Dec. 6, at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Grand Junction. Visitation was held Thursday, Dec. 5, at Callahan-Edfast Mortuary. Burial was at Greenwood Cemetery in Wolf Point.

Contributions may be made to Hospice & Palliative Care of Western Colorado, PO Box 60307, Grand Junction, CO 81506.

## Jane Dyas

BILLINGS GAZETTE

FEB 13 2002

POWELL, Wyo. — Jane Dyas, 41, formerly of Powell, died Thursday, Feb. 7, 2002, in Nebraska.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 15, at St. Barbara's Catholic Church in Powell. Burial will follow in Crown Hill Cemetery. Miratsky-Easton Funeral Home of Powell is in charge.



## Margaret Dyba

BILLINGS GAZETTE

AUG - 1 2002

MILES CITY — Margaret Schantz Dyba, 86, of Miles City, died Tuesday, July 29, 2002, at Holy Rosary Extended Care in Miles City.

Visitation will be held Friday, Aug. 2, at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City, with a vigil service at 6 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 3, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Rite of committal will follow in Calvary Cemetery.

## Beulah M. Dye

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Beulah Dye, 98, left this earth in Friday, March 15, 2002, to be with her husband, Walter B. Dye, who preceded her in death. She passed away in the company of her family at St. John's Nursing Home.

Beulah was born in Robay, S.D. and spent her childhood and adolescence around Deadwood, S.D. She went on to marry Walter B. Dye and, as a young bride, moved to Billings. Beulah went on from her husband's death in 1957 to fill her life with church, family and friends. Her activities at St. Luke's Episcopal Church included Alter Guild, teaching Sunday school and Choir Mother. She also enjoyed hosting Bridge Club with friends at her home. Beulah spent the majority of her life around family, including her daughter, Sally, and grandchildren, Beverly, Walter and John. She was a patient, caring and nurturing teacher of the final lessons in life. She taught virtue, loyalty, love, compassion and forgiveness. She believed that family was truly the basis of life.

Beulah is preceded in death by her parents; brothers and sisters; one grandson, John M. Shore; one son-in-law, Leo L. Kowalczyk and other relatives and friends. She lived a long, healthy and happy life in the company of those around her. Mrs. Dye was deeply loved and cherished by those who were.

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blessed with knowing her.

Beulah is survived by one daughter, Sally Kowalczyk; two grandchildren, Beverly and Walter Shore; one great-granddaughter, Aleena Shore; one grandson-in-law, Leo Gutierrez; one granddaughter-in-law, Karla Shore; niece, Kaye Johnson; other nieces and nephews; one son-in-law, Michael Shore and Joyce Nuss, who played a very special part in both Beulah and Walter Dye's lives.

Special thanks are given to the caring staff at St. John's Nursing Home, who became an important part of Beulah's life. Grandma, you blessed our lives every day and touched our hearts as only you could. You have been the most important part of our lives and we will share with others the special gifts you have left with us.

Services will be at 1 p.m. on Monday, March 18, at St. Luke's Episcopal Church. Interment will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

## **Kenneth and Edna May Dyer**

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**MOORE —** Edna May Dyer, 91, formerly of Hamilton and Missoula, died Dec. 6, 2000, at the First Care Nursing Home in Fosston, Minn.

Kenneth Elwyn Dyer, 89, formerly of Moore and Hamilton, died Dec. 23, 1998, at his home in Missoula.

A joint memorial service will be at 1 p.m. Friday, June 28, at the Moore Cemetery. Cloyd Funeral Home of Lewistown is in charge.