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Ina M. Earl

Ina M. Earl, 71, of Billings, died Wednesday, Sept. 4, 2002, at Deaconess Billings Clinic.

Ina was born Nov. 30, 1930, in Billings, the daughter of Walter and Luella Larson. She was raised in Whitefish and graduated from high school there. She returned to Billings and became employed with Mountain Bell as an operator until her retirement in the early

1980s. She married Thomas O. Earl on Sept. 6, 1953, in Billings. He died Dec. 3, 1990.

Ina was a member of VFW Auxiliary Post #6774. She

enjoyed camping and wintering in Arizona with her good friend, Emil Berns.

Survivors include one son: Charles (Linda) Earl of Custer; two daughters, Peggy (Jim) Ren and Lila Sieler, both of Billings; his good friend, Emil Berns of Billings; one brother, Donny (Emily Thompson of California); one sister, Joann (Bill) Cripe of Spokane, Wash.; five grandchildren, Tond (Mike) Neff, Jillian Reno, Jan (Chris) O'Donnell, Casey Childer and Lisa Sieler; and three great grandchildren, Anthony Specht, Cara O'Donnell and Emma O'Donnell. Ina was also preceded in death by her parents; and a granddaughter, Jennie Specht.

Memorial services will be 2 p.m. Monday, Sept 9, at Smith's Downtown Chapel. Interment of the urn will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Memorials can be made to VFW Post #6774 or Northern Rockies Cancer Center, 1041 N. 29th St., Billings, MT 59101.



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Roberta Earles

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SIDNEY — Roberta "Betsy" Earles, 58, of Sidney, died Tuesday, Nov. 19, 2002, at the Sidney Health Center.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, Nov. 25, at the Pella Lutheran Church in Sidney. Interment will be at 2 p.m. Monday, at the Homestead Cemetery in Homestead. Fulkerson Funeral Home of Sidney is in charge.

Earl L. Eastlick**APR 07 2002**

LAUREL - Earl Lester Eastlick, 84, of Laurel, passed away April 6, 2002, at his home. He was born July 29, 1917, in Big Stone City, S.D., to Lester and Lena (Garrels) Eastlick. He attended grade school at Ware, Iowa, before moving with his parents to Park City, where he graduated from Park City High School. Earl

**EARL
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joined the Army Air Corps in Oct., 1941, and served in England. He was honorably discharged in Sept., 1945.

He married Margie Fox and had one daughter, Barbara Jo. Margie passed away in 1965. Later, Earl married Shirley Moran and they lived in Park City, Laurel, Billings and Columbus before moving back to Laurel in 2001.

Earl worked for B.N. Railroad, retiring in 1978 after 30 years service. He belonged to the American Legion, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, and had been a Volunteer Fireman in Park City. He liked gardening and yard work and was a good handyman.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his first wife, Margie and his brother, Lloyd. He is survived by his wife, Shirley; children, Barbara Jo (Richard) Snow of Nampa, Idaho, Sandy (Bruce) Markegard of Laurel. Sue (Stan) Frank of Bridger, Ray (Kathy) Moran of Havre; a brother, Melvin (Marguerite) Eastlick of Yuma, Ariz.; sister, Hazel (Sally) Williams of Billings; grandchildren, Connie (Bryan) Rognlie, Doug Snow, Kathy Markegard, Kurt (Darlene) Markegard, Kyle Markegard, Cindy Frank, Wendy (Jimi) Romero, Lena (Shawn) Kallevig, Jerry (Melissa) Moran, B.J. (Kari) Moran, Michael Moran, 9 great grandchildren and many friends and cousins.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, April 8, at Smith Funeral Chapel-Laurel. Memorials may be given to the charity of one's choice.

George G. Eastlick

BILLINGS GAZETTE

AUG - 8 2002

George G. Eastlick, 91, of Molt and Billings, passed away on Monday evening, Aug. 5, 2002, in Billings.

George was born Sept. 5, 1910, in Park City, the son of Daniel and Nora Eastlick, who owned a home-stead west of Molt. He attended the Holton School near his home, and graduated from Park City High School in 1928, having served as class president for three years. He played guard on the basketball team, ran the mile in track and was a lightweight-division boxer. He farmed with his parents and later bought the farm and the Hartley farm. During the Great Depression in the '30s, he worked for ITIO Oil Company between Molt and Columbus for three years.



**GEORGE
EASTLICK**

On Dec. 24, 1929, George married Lillian Pollar in Billings. They made their home together on their ranch at Molt for most of their 68 years of marriage. He operated or managed the Molt ranch until 2001.

George was active in community and county affairs, most of which involved children. He orga-

nized the Molt Happy Helpers 4-H Club in 1940. He was a 4-H leader for over 40 years, and during those years, he was honored as the outstanding Montana 4-H leader and as the outstanding 4-H leader in the United States. He was active in both the Stillwater County and the Montana 4-H Leaders Councils. The Stillwater Pavilion in Columbus, originally designed to house 4-H events, was the realization of his biggest dream; together with Joe Arthun, he spearheaded the concept, the funding and the construction of the Pavilion. He was also a member and many-time chairman of the Molt School Board.

George was also past master and life member of Rapelje Masonic Lodge No. 122, and he was a member of Scottish Rite in Billings.

Survivors include a son, G. Derald Eastlick of Billings; two daughters, Betty J. Morton (and husband George) of Temple Hills, Md., and Barbara E. Stout of Las Vegas; two brothers, Harlan Eastlick of Billings and Kenneth Eastlick of Alberta, Canada; a sister-in-law, Mrs. Herbert Eastlick of Pullman, Wash.; and six grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. Preceding George in death were his wife, Lillian; a son, S. Daniel Eastlick; two brothers, Herbert and Willard; and two sisters, Mildred Knudsen and Beth Eastlick.

Services will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 10, at Smith's West Chapel, 304 34th St. West, Billings. Interment will be in Sunset Memorial Gardens.

A reception will be held, following interment, at the Holiday Inn in Billings.

Memorials may be sent to the Molt Volunteer Fire Department or the Molt Congregational Church at Molt, MT 59057, or charity of choice.

Lucille Elice Eastlick

BILLINGS GAZETTE

JUL 28 2002

LAUREL — Lucille Elice Eastlick of Laurel passed away Friday evening, July 26, 2002, at St. Vincent Healthcare.

Lucille was born in Kimball, Neb., on May 18, 1925. She was one of eight kids and was a graduate of Joliet High School. In Joliet she met her late husband, Guerdon Eastlick. She was a homemaker her whole life and had a great love for plants.

Preceding her in death is her husband, her parents, three sisters and one brother. She is survived by her son, Ervin (Charlene) Eastlick of Laurel; three grandsons, Dustin (Trudi), Josh and Brandon Eastlick, all of Laurel; two granddaughters, Brandi and Monica Eastlick of Laurel; two great-grandchildren, Amanda and Cameron Eastlick of Laurel; two sisters, Betty Eastlick and Merle McMillen of Laurel; and one brother, Jim Estes of Frannie, Wyo.; many nieces and nephews.

Lucille was deeply loved by everyone who knew her and she will be missed very much. "We love you, Grandma. May you rest in peace."



**LUCILLE
EASTLICK**

Memorials may be made to: Arthritis Foundation, 1643 Lewis Ave., Suite 3, Billings, MT 59102.

Funeral Services will be held at 3 p.m., Wednesday, July 31, at Smith Funeral Chapel in Laurel with interment in Sunset Memorial Gardens in Billings. Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m., Tuesday, July 30, at the Funeral Home.

Gilbert G. Easton

LIVINGSTON — Gilbert G. Easton, 82, died Friday, Aug. 23, 2002, at Pioneer Medical Center.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at the American Lutheran Church with graveside committal in Mountain View Cemetery. Franzen-Davis Funeral Home is in charge.

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Alvin K. Eastvold

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AUG 29 2002

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Alvin K. Eastvold, 88, died Monday, Aug. 26, 2002, at the home of his daughter and son-in-law in Sheridan.

Visitation is from 5 to 9 p.m. Thursday at the Baker Funeral Home in Mayville, N.D. Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday in the Mayville Lutheran Church with burial in the Mayville Cemetery. Champion Ferries Funeral Home in Sheridan is in charge of local arrangements.

Elma Delinger Eaton

JUN 24 2002

BILLINGS GAZETTE

GLENDIVE
— Funeral services for Elma Delinger Eaton, 90, of Glendive and formerly of Miles City, died at her ranch home near Glendive on June 22, 2002,



ELMA EATON

surrounded by her family. Funeral services will be 10 a.m., Tuesday, June 25, in the Chapel of the Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home, Glendive, with Pastor Howard Schreibeis officiating. Interment will be at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, in the family lot in the Custer County Cemetery in Miles City. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Glendive is entrusted with the arrangements

Elma was born Oct. 4, 1911, in Prentice, (Cherry County) Neb., the daughter of John Arthur and Anna Mae (James) Delinger. Elma attended grade school in Prentice and graduated from high school in Mullen, Neb. in 1931. Following her graduation, she moved to Rock River, Wyo. with her parents where they homesteaded. Elma married Johnathan W. "Jack" Eaton on May 13, 1936 in Wheatland, Wyo. After their marriage, she and her husband homesteaded on the Laramie Plains until 1939, when

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they moved to Montana, to a ranch near Miles City. In 1945, they purchased the 44 Ranch near Savage. In 1956, they moved to their present ranch, the Hot Bar Ranch, East of Glendive. Elma was preceded in death by her husband in December of 1995.

Elma took great pride in having raised horses on four separate ranches. She was always proud of her family, her horses, and the fact that she had helped defeat the "Wild Rivers Bill" which was presented in the Montana State Legislature in 1971. Elma was an excellent "bonfire cook."

Elma is survived by her son, Jon and his wife, June Eaton of Lodge Grass; two daughters, Marjorie Eaton Baisch of Glendive and Barbara Edgar and her husband Larry of Twin Bridges; one sister-in-law, Alice Delinger of Rock River, Wyo.; six grandchildren; Justin and John Baisch, Queeda, Brittney and Reo Eaton, and Chance Edgar; nine great-grandchildren, Miles and Taylor Baisch, Brock Wigert, Kacey Stevens, Reata Crafton, Jordyn and Riley Eaton, Chasity and Dawson James Baisch.

Elma was preceded in death by her brothers and sisters, Tom Ross, Toots, Wood and Susie Delinger.

L. Thomas Eaton

BILLINGS GAZETTE

APRIL 29, 2002

NYE — L. Thomas Eaton, son of pioneer educators, lover of life, poetry, horses, his ranch on the Stillwater River, education and Rocky Mountain College, passed away on April 25, 2002, in Columbus.



L. THOMAS EATON

Born Feb. 2, 1916, in his parents' house on 17th and Poly Drive in Billings, Eaton attended grade school and high school at the Billings Polytechnic Institute, co-founded by his father, Lewis Eaton and uncle, Ernest Eaton. He also attended Grinnell College in Iowa, where he excelled in track. Tom graduated from Billings Polytechnic Institute in 1936, received his MS in physical therapy from the University of Montana in 1952 and a master's in secondary administration from Montana State University in Bozeman in 1961. His honorary doctorate in humane letters was presented to him by Rocky Mountain College in 1998. Eaton served in the Army during WWII, where he trained young men in boot camp.

Education was an important theme in Tom's life. Dedicated to the philosophy that service to humanity should be the focus of a

person's work, Eaton taught school, coached, worked as a high school administrator, and encouraged education for all of those around him. An innovative administrator, he encouraged students' creativity through nontraditional course work and the arts. He also sought to serve others through physical therapy, where he provided exercise programs for individuals with physical disabilities.

Tom derived his pleasure from his horses and his poetry. He developed the Montana Traveler horses, known for their mile-eating gaits and gentle dispositions, through years of careful breeding. Eaton also loved writing, reciting and performing cowboy poetry. He will be remembered for his renditions of Frank Debreas' "Laska" and "Riden."

Tom is survived by his wife, Thelma of Absarokee; his son, Thomas T., daughter-in-law, Katie, their children Cadance, Cain and Chance of Absarokee; daughter Jacqueline Eaton Dundas, son-in-law Don, their son Ian of Billings; and daughter Judi Eaton Gress, son-in-law Gregg and their son Joseph of Ennis.

Funeral services will be in Losekamp Hall on the Rocky Mountain College campus Saturday, April 27, at 10 a.m. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Student Scholarship Endowment of Rocky Mountain College, in care of the Advancement Office, 1511 Poly Drive, Billings, MT 59102.

EARL E. ECK

MISSOULA — Earl E. Eck, 94, died Sunday, Nov. 3, 2002, in Missoula.

Earl was born Feb. 2, 1908, in Livingston, to Charles E. and Beda Mattson Eck. He graduated from Park County High School in 1926, and The University of Montana School of Pharmacy in 1930.

On July 12, 1931, he was united in marriage to Louise Lindlieff in Missoula. In the 1930s, Earl worked in pharmacies in Sandpoint, Idaho, Salt Lake City, and Missoula. In 1940, Earl purchased a drug store in Lewistown. He operated Eck's Pharmacy from 1940 until 1970.

Earl focused much of his energy on his work and civic and community affairs. He was a member of the State Board of Pharmacy and he served as secretary of the Board of Directors of the Lewistown Community Hotel Corporation (the Yogo Inn). He served on the Lewistown City Council. He was a director of the First National Bank of Lewistown for a number of years. He chaired the Fergus County Republican Central Committee.

Earl was a member of Friendship Lodge No. 37 AF & AM, York Rite bodies of Lewistown, Scottish Rite bodies of Billings, Al Bedoo Shrine of Billings, Jesters and the Central Montana Shrine Club. He was

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also a member of Kiwanis and the Elks Lodge. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church in Lewistown and served as an elder.

In 1990, Earl and Louise Eck returned to Missoula. In 2000 Louise died. Earl and Louise have been married for 68 years.

Earl's survivors include his daughter, Elaine Eck of Oronoco Minn.; his son, E. Edwin Eck and wife Joyce of Missoula; and his sister, Charlotte Kilroy of Seeley Lake. In addition, he is survived by six grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Earl was preceded in death by his brothers, Dr. Raymond L. Eck and Dr. Clifford Eck; and by his sister, Helena Bardwell.

Funeral services will be held at the Creel Funeral Chapel in Lewistown on Thursday, Nov. 7, at 11 a.m. Burial will be in the Lewistown City Cemetery.

Memorials are suggested to the Shriners Hospitals for Children, the Beda and Charles Eck Family Scholarship for pharmacy students (University of Montana Foundation, PO Box 7159, Missoula, MT 59807) or to the charity of one's choice.

Gladys Marie Ecker

BILLINGS GAZETTE

JUL - 3 2002

BUFFALO, Wyo. — Gladys Marie Ecker, 89, of Buffalo, died Tuesday, July 2, 2002, at the Amie Holt Care Center.

Visitation will be from 1 to 10 p.m. Thursday, July 4, and from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Friday, July 5, at Adams Funeral Home Chapel in Buffalo.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, at the Adams Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will be in the Black Hills National Cemetery in Sturgis, S.D., with a graveside committal service at 2 p.m. Friday.

John George Eckerman BILLINGS GAZETTE

CLARK, Wyo. — John George Eckerman, 86, died Sunday, Nov. 10, 2002, at the Powell Nursing Home in Powell.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 14, at the Bennett Butte Baptist Church in Clark. Interment will follow in the Bennett Butte Cemetery in Clark. Ballard Funeral Home of Cody is in charge.

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Elva Riley Ecton

WORLAND, Wyo. — Elva Riley Ecton, 93, died on Friday, Oct. 18, 2002, at the Wahakie Medical Center.

Funeral Services will be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 22, at the United Methodist Church in Worland. Burial will be at 3 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 25, at the Mountain view Cemetery in Longmont, Colo. Velle Mortuary of Worland is in charge of the arrangements.

Tommy L. Edgell

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Cancer has taken the life of Tommy L. Edgell, 64, of Billings. Tommy passed away Tuesday morning, May 7, 2002, at St. Vincent Healthcare.

The son of Stanley and Lavina Edgell, Tommy was born Jan. 29, 1938, in Forsyth. He graduated from Forsyth High School in 1957. In 1959, he entered the Army on the Buddy System with Richard West and Bob Benner. He was honorably discharged in 1962 as an E5 Medic.



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While waiting for assignment after attending the Montana Highway Patrol Academy, Tommy went to work for Northwest Surgical Supply. After 17 years, Northwest Surgical became Kriesers and Tommy continued with them for another 15 years, retiring in 1998, following a previous accident. In his retirement, he helped his wife Peggy to operate Professional Look Salon and Supply until 2001.

While working in the Army Induction Center in Butte, Tommy met Marge (Peg) Gaughan. They were married on May 25, 1963, at St. John's Catholic

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Church in Butte. They made their home on the family ranch at Forsyth until moving to Billings in December 1964, where they have resided since.

Tommy was an avid hunter and enjoyed hunting with his sons and grandsons. His grandsons were his pride and joy. He also enjoyed fishing, boating and camping with his family.

Survivors include his wife Marge (Peg) Edgell; his daughter Kelly Jo Edgell; two sons and their families, Keith Raymond, Jennifer Lindsey and their children Zach, Justin and Kyle, and Kurt Arlen, Karen Knowles and their children, Dyllan, Brandon, Carsten and Payton.

He was preceded in death by his father, Stanley Edgell; and a brother, Alan.

Tommy is also survived by his mother Lavina Edgell; and special aunt Hazel Tait of Forsyth; two nephews, Stacy and Shawn Edgell; and extended family, including brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Jack Gaughan (Sharon), Sandy (Steve), Cindy (Mark), Sheri (David), and Mark (Mary) and all their children, Nonie (Ted) Bisch, John, Toni and Micki Bisch, Rosemary Yavarow, and family Christy (Ben), Mike Jr., (Carrie) and Leah, Wendy (Chuck), and Brian, Matt, and Coleen, the late Bill Gaughan and family Brett, Brennan, and Holly Soto (Sabino), and family and cousins of the Finch, Tait and

Eichhorn families.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial Mass will be 10 a.m. Friday, May 10, at St. Bernard's Catholic Church on Wicks Lane.

Memorials may be made to Our Lady of the Rockies, Butte, MT, St. Bernard's Parish, St. Vincent Hospital or the charity of one's choice.

Michelotti-Sawyers has charge of arrangements.

Helen F. Edgmond

LAUREL — Helen F. Edgmond, 81, of Laurel, died Tuesday, June 4, 2002, at Beartooth Manor in Red Lodge.

Memorial service will be at 10 a.m. Monday, June 10, at the Park City Baptist Church. Cremation has taken place at Cremation or Funeral Gallery.

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Charles F. Edmundson

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Charles F. Edmundson, 76, of Sheridan, died Tuesday, Oct. 1, 2002, near Wynno.

Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 4, at Kane Funeral Home in Sheridan. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 5, at Grace Baptist Church. Interment will be in the Sheridan Municipal Cemetery.

MAR 20 2002**Alvin Edwards**

WHITETAIL — Alvin Edwards, 76, of Whitetail, died Saturday, March 16, 2002, at Mercy Medical Center in Williston, N.D., of cancer.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, March 20, at the St. Louis Catholic Church in Flaxville. Burial will be in the Whitetail Cemetery.

Waller Funeral Home of Scobey is in charge.

APR 09 2002**Bob Edwards**

MILES CITY — Bob Edwards, 89, of Miles City, died Sunday, April 7, 2002, at the Parkview Care Home in Miles City.

Visitation will begin Wednesday, April 10, at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City, with a prayer service at 6 p.m. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, April 11, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Interment will follow in the family lot in the Calvary Cemetery.

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Charlotte Jessamine Jensen Edwards

HELENA — Charlotte Jessamine Jensen Edwards was born Dec. 3, 1913, the second of three daughters.

Her parents had decided that their second born would be delivered in LaBelle, Mo., the childhood home of Charlotte's mother, because their first daughter was delivered in Ekalaka by a "doctor" who was reluctant to leave both his card game and his libations.

After the most rugged months of winter had past, Baby Charlotte, 4-year old Mary and their mother joined Dad back in Southeastern Montana on the family ranch.

The family ranch wasn't all that much older than Charlotte. In 1894, before he had a wife and children, Charlotte's dad started the P.J. Ranch by buying for \$300 the rights to the Biddle and Ferdon bull camp in the Powderville area in Powder River County.

Tiny Powderville, with its own Boot Hill Cemetery, was a shopping, schooling and social center for Charlotte, Mary, their younger sister Jeannette and their parents Pete and Charlotte Jensen.

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Except for occasional trips to Miles City with freight teams, the Jensens bought from mercantile and dear family friend Bill Barnard. Originally a New Yorker who made annual buying trips "back home," Bill rapidly became a veteran of the young Powderville when a robber shot him in the face leaving him blind in one eye and deaf in one ear. He and his wife brought Charlotte her first pair of silk stockings from New York City.

Despite silk stockings and other civilized touches, the rawness of the frontier forged in Charlotte a ready resilience and undaunted optimism.

Schooling at Powderville for Charlotte and her sisters was made possible when their dad built a second home there for the family. Before, they had hired a teacher to live with them, added on to their rambling log home and hosted neighborhood kids for the full school year. Books and music via the Victrola were a priority.

Also, Charlotte's mother, who was a teacher, taught her children at home. That was challenging, however, since all of the family worked in the ranching operation, and prepared meals daily for family, cowboys and visitors, ranging from eight to 18 at each meal.

Starting in 1921, Charlotte also went to Hawthorne School



CHARLOTTE EDWARDS

in Helena. When her dad was elected as the first senator from Powder River County, the whole family moved to a home on Benton Avenue during legislative sessions.

One of Charlotte's favorite Helena memories was walking down the steep Edwards Street "with Daddy," getting on the trolley to the Capitol, where she got to sit beside him in his Senate seat.

Charlotte and her sisters attended high school in Miles City. There, Charlotte learned to play the violin, and with her sisters playing cello and piano, they became a trio in frequent demand.

Later, friends joined them with drums, saxophone and clarinet. Hence, "The Harmony Queens" were born. The all girl band, no longer playing classical music, had a wonderful time playing for country dances at \$5 a night per person. When a man was murdered outside the Alzada Dance Hall, the Harmony Queens were told to play louder and longer.

After completing business school at the age of 17, while her sisters were in college, Charlotte returned to the P.J. Ranch to

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help her mother and dad for a few years.

At age 20, her first paid job, when drought gripped the country and local unemployment was over 35 percent, was to help in the effort to get 50,000 starving cattle out to market. The strongest animals were trailed to the railroad in northern Wyoming, an endless dark line lumbering nearly 100 miles. The youngest and weakest were shot. The rancher got \$5 for each dead animal.

Charlotte's job was to do the final paperwork and have each rancher sign it. "I had never seen grown men cry," she said.

It was at this time, according to Charlotte, that she deeply understood how hard her parents had worked. Through foresight and good fortune, they were able to use horses and scrapers to make reservoirs. With water, they could keep some breeding cows.

The P.J. Ranch survived, and Charlotte learned perseverance as a core trait. Somehow, humor, modesty and easy charm also emerged.

From her mother, Charlotte learned that a woman should have her own checking account and her own brand. However, those who knew both Charlotte and her father intimately, agreed upon their indelible resemblance to one another. In spirit and appearance.

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Her father's Danish immigrant family defied German oppression in an 1860s war, and then left for America to embrace the new land of liberty. Charlotte's life continued to embrace America.

She never missed an election. She always voted for schools. She watched her favorite C-SPAN congressional hearings, while smoking her pipe.

And she served as a public official and employee for over 40 years, also serving on many statewide boards. She did it with intelligence, conviction and commitment. She also loved doing it.

She brought to marriage and family the same determined commitment and deep love. Charlotte married Carrol F. Edwards in 1942, before he returned to the Mediterranean, and then than to Okinawa, during World War II.

Charlotte and Carrol had one daughter, J. Anne Edwards Roberts, who lives in Helena. Charlotte's husband died in 1964.

After leaving public office nearly 25 years ago, Charlotte moved to Helena to help raise her only grandchild, Sabrina Jensen Skinner. In full circle, Sabrina returned to Helena to help her grandmother.

On the day of her cancer diagnosis last fall, she said, "I never thought I'd see the turn of the century. I've had a good life

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and we'll make the best of this." Charlotte died peacefully at St. Peter's Hospital, March 7, 2002. Charlotte requested cremation and a small family service in the summer.

In addition to her granddaughter Sabrina, daughter J. Anne, and son-in-law Joe R. Roberts, immediate family survivors include: Frank and Paula Hill, Columbia, S.C.; P.J. and Lois Hill, Chicago and Montana; Elnora Wolff, Helena; Jeannette Chapman, Helena; Bob and Karen. Enhelder, Helena; and Helen Roberts of Helena and their respective families.

Memorials in Charlotte's name may be made to St. Peters Hospice, TCU or Cancer Treatment Center; or the Montana Historical Society, 225 N. Roberts, Helena, MT 59601; and The Powder River Historical Society.

Fay Edwards

BILLINGS GAZETTE

FEB 03 2002

BUFFALO, Wyo. — Fay Edwards, 72, died Friday, Feb. 1, 2002, at her home.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 5, at the Adams Funeral Home in Buffalo.

Herbert David Edwards

LIVINGSTON — Herbert David Edwards, 84, passed away at his home in Livingston, on Oct. 11, 2002.

He was born June 7, 1918, in Musselshell, to Harvey C. and Virgie E. (Hildebrand) Edwards. He attended schools in Musselshell, Gran- nis, Mont., Han- sen, Idaho, and graduated from high school in Twin Falls, Idaho, in 1938.



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He attended trade school in Weiser, Idaho, for two years, to become a carpenter, and then enlisted in the U.S. Army during WWII. He served in New Guinea and the Philippines and was hon- orably discharged after nearly five years of service.

Following the war, he moved to Livingston, and on Feb. 3, 1946, married Jessie Beckman in Bozeman.

He held jobs at the Yellowstone Dairy, Livingston Marble & Granite, and Downer's Lumber Co. He then went to work for the Northern Pacific Railroad, and retired from the Burlington Northern railroad in 1982.

He was a member of the American Legion. He served as a scoutmaster with the Boy Scouts for 10 years, and was involved with Little League for six years. He enjoyed fishing, especially at Hebgen Lake.

He is survived by his wife, Jessie, of Livingston; son, Bruce (Joan) Edwards, Laurel; grandchil- dren, Scott (Nicole) Edwards, Billings, Tony Edwards and Tammy Edwards, Laurel; and great-granddaughter, Chloe Stander. We will miss this gentle and loving man.

Cremation has taken place at the Dokken-Nelson Bozeman-Beigrade Crematory in Bozeman. Interment of cremains will be in Park View Memorial Cemetery, Livingston, at a later date.

Katherine B. Edwards

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SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Katherine B. Edwards, 91, died Friday, Dec. 6, 2002, at her home.

Viewing will end at 7 p.m. Monday at Champion Ferries Funeral Home. Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at First Congregational Church with burial in the Masonic Section of Sheridan Municipal Cemetery.

Lawrence Edwards

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WELLS GAZETTE

PLENTYWOOD — Funeral services for Lawrence Edwards will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, June 7. Pastor David C. Curtright will officiate at the service at Fulkerson Memorial Chapel in Plentywood; interment will be in Plentywood Cemetery.

Lawrence, 86, died early Tuesday morning, June 4, 2002, at Sheridan Memorial Nursing



Home, where he had been a resident since Aug. 11, 1998.

Lawrence, the son of John L. and Mary (Hillenbrand) Edwards, was born at Whitetail, Oct. 16, 1915. He

attended schools there, and lived and farmed all his life in the Whitetail community. In his younger years, he not only farmed, but also raised a large garden, then distributed his produce throughout a wide area with his Model T truck. He married Eliza LaVerdure March 10, 1949; they made their home on the farm at Whitetail until her declining health forced their retirement and move to Plentywood.

After Eliza's death July 24, 1992, Lawrence made his own

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home as long as he could. Even though he suffered increasing disability from accidents and the effects of arthritis, Lawrence remained independent, and enjoyed his large collection of farm toys and Beanie Babies. He always loved to have his family come and visit, and would reminisce for hours about old cars and machinery, crops, weather, gardening, farming and family activities. Music filled in the hours, too; as he enthusiastically sang his old gospel favorites and enjoyed his recordings.

Lawrence is survived by his adopted children and their families, his son, Morris LaVerdure of Plentywood; and daughters Irene Schuman and her husband Sam of Laurel, Nora Hagadone and her husband Cliff of Wolf Point and Gertrude Witschen and her husband Norbert of Hamilton. Lawrence has 11 grandchildren, 32 great-grandchildren, and 21 great-great-grandchildren. Besides his wife and parents, he was preceded in death by his brother and sister, Dean and Evelyn; a stepson, Marciel LaVerdure; a grandchild, and a great-grandchild.

Fulkerson Funeral Home of Plentywood has charge of arrangements.

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Louise B. Edwards

LIVINGSTON — Louise B. Edwards, 87, died Friday, March 29, 2002, in Livingston.

Cremation will take place at Dokken-Nelson's Bozeman-Belgrade Crematory. Memorial services will be held later this spring.

Mary Elizabeth Edwards

CODY, Wyo. — Mary Elizabeth Edwards, 93, died Tuesday, Sept. 10, 2002, at West Park Long Term Care Center in Cody.

At her request, no services will be held. Ballard Funeral of Cody is in charge.

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Wayne Allen Edwards was born Nov. 14, 1940, in Union Co., Iowa, the fourth of five children to James E. Edwards, Sr., and Ruth R. (Maynard) Edwards.

When Wayne was 2 years old, the family moved to Ziebach County, S.D., where he attended a country grade school, then graduated from Dupree High School in 1958.

He started his college education at Northern State University, Aberdeen, S.D. His education was interrupted by a call to serve his country in the U.S. Army. After returning from the service, he completed his degree in business at Black Hills State University in Spearfish, S.D.

Wayne worked in Pierre, S.D., at the State Department of Education, then later as business manager for the Belle Fourche (S.D.) School District.

His career took a different path as he moved to Missoula, where he was a dispatcher for Sammon's Trucking for several years. When Pete Sammons sold his business, Wayne moved to Houston to start a trucking company for a group of investors in the trucking business.

Later on, he and a friend would start a new trucking company in the Kalispell area. Wayne became a licensed auctioneer at Western College of Auctioneering at Billings. He and his friend, Gene Gabel, conducted everything from small estate sales, farm auc-

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tions, to large heavy equipment dispersal in various parts of the western United States. He was also everyone's favorite auctioneer at the traditional family reunions.

Known for his knowledge and integrity in his field, he became a specialist in livestock dispatching all over the U.S. and abroad, assisting major cattle outfits such as Leachman Cattle Co. of Billings and Midland Bull Test in Columbus. He helped buyers, sellers and cattle traders with his well-qualified and experienced cadre of truckers.

Wayne was a fan of the rough stock events of rodeo. One of the highlights of his life was serving as a horse wrangler during the Centennial Cattle Drive of 1989.

He had a special fondness for his nieces and nephews; all 21 of them considered him their favorite uncle. No task was too large or too small for Wayne's assistance, whether it be getting their balance on the first bicycle ride or advice on education and career paths. He kept a secret "stash" for urgent pressing withdrawals.

Wayne passed away on Wednesday morning, July 3, 2002, at St. Vincent Healthcare.

He is survived by three brothers, Leonard (Velda) Edwards of Spearfish, S.D., Jim (Sherry) Edwards of Fishtail, Lloyd (Carla) Edwards of Lovell, Wyo.; and brother-in-law Leo Bakeberg of Spearfish, S.D.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his sister, Pat Bakeberg; and niece Debbie Grueb.

A memorial service will be held in Billings at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, July 17, at the Smith Downtown Chapel. Memorials, if desired, are suggested to Chase Hawks Memorial Association, PO Box 31333, Billings, MT 59107, or a charity of one's choice.

Lorene Whorton Egan

BELLINGS GAZETTE

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BUFFALO, Wyo. — Lorene Whorton Egan, 85, of Buffalo, died Tuesday, Dec. 17, 2002, at her home, after a long illness.

Funeral services were held Friday, Dec. 20, at Dams Funeral Home in Buffalo. Burial will be in Elmwood Cemetery in Birmingham, Ala. A memorial service will be held Jan. 11, 2003, in Winston-Salem, N.C.

Arthur Newton Egbert

BIG TIMBER — Arthur Newton Egbert went to be with his Lord and Savior, Oct. 2, 2002, at the St. Vincent hospital in Billings. His cause of death was due to complications from a stroke.



**ARTHUR
EGBERT**

Art was the seventh of 10 children born to Mont and Myrtle Carter Egbert, on Aug. 25, 1932, in Harlem. He attended schools in Harlem and Rexberg, Idaho.

In 1950, he married his best friend and the love of his life, Doris Billmayer. To this union, four children were born: Connie (Lee) Wiggins, Laura (Jeff) Cowell, Sid (Karen) Egbert and Sandra (Les) Fuglevand.

In 1952, Art and Doris rented the Walt Campbell farm south of Turner; then in 1956, they purchased the Tom Sterling farm west of Turner. He enjoyed the quiet farm life, living in a caring community with wonderful friends and neighbors.

Art loved farming, cattle, horses, reading Zane Grey books, gardening, fishing and hunting with his dad and brothers, and late with his son and sons-in-law and friends. He enjoyed his wife and children; every summer having big family brandings, going to Chuckwagon Days and camping trips to Mission Canyon. He was a wonderful provider and devoted father.

Art was blessed with 12 grandchildren, Cache and Coyne Wiggins, Crystal (Jody) Manuel Justin (Kristy Hedstrom) and Clay Cowell, Dallas and Karlene Egbert, Darcy, Julie (Thor) Loftsgaard, Maggie (Danny) Kimmel, Sadie (Josh) Miller and Ernie Fuglevand; four great grandchildren, Tristan, Sarah and Sawyer Manuel, and Dylar Cowell.

In 1993, Art and Doris left the "Big Flat" and moved to Big Timber, where they cared for his mother-in-law while enjoying the mountain scenery, fishing and running fishing shuttles for other fishermen, grooming his yard and garden with his wife and especially the many visits from friends and family. He enjoyed fine dining and was a great cook himself.

We were all so very blessed for having Art, Dad, Grandpa, Pop-pa and Uncle Art in our lives. He had an infectious laugh; the most beautiful blue eyes and morals of the highest standard.

Art was preceded in death by his parents; brothers John (infant) and Tom; sisters Dixie, Phyllis and Myrna; and a granddaughter, Emily Fuglevand. Survivors include his wife Doris; sisters June (John) Ballou, Barbara (Jim) May, Eva (Chuck) Baker; and brother Ace (Bonnie) Egbert; numerous nieces and nephews.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial services will be held Oct. 7, at 10 a.m., in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Chinook, with a reception following at the Chinook Senior Citizen Center.

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

Cremation or Funeral Gallery

Joseph Eggen

PLENTYWOOD — A funeral service for Joseph Eggen will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 2, at Plentywood Lutheran Church. Pastor David C. Curtright will officiate, and burial will take place at Plentywood Memorial Cemetery. Joe, 87, died early Wednesday morning, Jan. 30, 2002, at Sheridan Memorial Hospital.

Joe was born April 19, 1914, at "Timber Coulee," the first child of John and Tillie (Lee) Eggen. He was baptized and confirmed at the Golden Valley Lutheran Church in Archer and attended the Lee School, also in the Archer community. Before Joe was 7 years old, he had the responsibility of plowing fields with a three-horse hitch. While attending the Lee School, Joe also drove the horse-drawn school bus. He worked on the Fort Peck Project from 1936 through completion.

In 1939, he enrolled at the Los Angeles National School, graduating in August of 1940 with a diploma in diesel and gas engineering. In February of 1941, Joe was one of the first 20 draftees from Sheridan County and served at Fort Lewis, Wash. He was scheduled to leave for Pearl Harbor when he received word of his father's death, so returned home. He remained in

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the Reserves for seven years.

In 1954, Joe hauled brick cement blocks and church furniture for the Plentywood Lutheran Church at the time of its construction. In 1955, he bought his first registered Hereford cattle. Joe sold and showed his cattle throughout the United States, Canada and Mexico. In 1986, he was honored as the Hereford Man Of The Year.

On June 1, 1942, Joe married Katherine Kohler at Archer and they have made their home on the family ranch since that time. Joe entered La Casa Cafe Center in the spring of 1999. He enjoyed many wagon trains with his children and grandchildren; the most memorable being the Montana Centennial Cattle Drive in 1989. He received the Oldest Teamster Award at the Culbertson Wagon Train in 1996. Joe was still breaking horses at age 84.

Joe was a member of the Plentywood Lutheran Church, the American Legion, served on the Farmers Union Oil Board for over 30 years, was a member of the Plentywood School Board, FFA Advisory Board,

was a founding leader of the Archer Go-Getters 4-H Club and served in that capacity for 10 years, was a charter member of the Sheridan County Saddle Club and was named Soil Conservation Farmer of the Year in 1951.

Survivors include his wife Kay of Plentywood; a son, Arvid, and his wife Linda, also of Plentywood; Joanne Beery and husband Eddy of Vida, and Linda Shackelford and her husband Ed of Plentywood. Also surviving are 10 grandchildren: Jay-De (Kara) Eggen, Lorrie (Darrel) Wacker, Leanne (Jerry) Switzer, Lissa (Clint) Volbrecht, Nita Hanson, Beth (Eric) Fleming, Matt (Krista) Beery; Nathan (Jessica) Shackelford and Todd and Lacie Shackelford; and 15 great-grandchildren. Also surviving is a sister, Lillian Frasier of Billings and numerous nieces and nephews. Joe is preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Eugene; and a granddaughter, Karleen Beery.

Fulkerson Funeral Home of Plentywood is in charge of arrangements.

Louise J. Eggen

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ABSAROKEE — Louise J. Eggen, 88, of Absarokee, passed away Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2002, at Brookside Home.

She was born April 13, 1914, in Absarokee, a daughter of Peter and Mary (Brown) Gaustad.

Louise graduated from Absarokee High School in 1930, and received her teaching degree from Eastern Montana Normal School in 1932.

She taught in rural schools in the Absarokee and Luther areas, often riding horseback or driving a Model T.

Louise married Orlando (Pat) Eggen in 1939. They lived many years in Portland, Ore., and returned to Absarokee in 1970 for their retirement. They especially enjoyed camping and fishing in Oregon and Montana. Louise also enjoyed crocheting, knitting and playing cards.

Louise was preceded in death by her husband, Pat, in 1984; her sisters Pearl Flanagan and Marguerite Rathburn; and her brothers Joe and Red Gaustad.

Survivors include many nieces and nephews.

Private family services will be held at a later date. Memorials may be sent to the Cobblestone Preservation or the Dean Community Club. Arrangements were by Cremation or Funeral Gallery.

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ABSAROKEE — Thelma Eggen, 84, a longtime resident of the Absarokee area, died early Sunday morning, Dec. 15, 2002, in Cedar Wood Villa in Red Lodge.



**THELMA
EGGEN**

Thelma was born on Jan. 5, 1918, in Big Timber, a daughter of Gustav Conrad Anderson and Mattie Ruth Shortridge Anderson. She attended the Beaver Creek Elementary School, and graduated from Absarokee High School in 1935. Thelma also attended Billings Polytechnic for two years.

She then moved to Salt Lake City, where she met and married Marious Lamoreaux. Two children were born to this union, a daughter who died at birth, and one son, Fred Lamoreaux.

Thelma and her young son moved back to Absarokee. She married Sigurd Eggen, and they settled on the Eggen family ranch. Thelma and Sigurd had twin daughters, Sharon and Sonja. Mrs. Eggen remained on the family ranch until 1994, when ill health required her moving to Cedar Wood Villa.

Thelma was a member of

Immanuel Lutheran Church of Absarokee. Her happiest years were spent raising her children and spending time with her grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Sigurd; her daughter, Sonja Eggen; her sister, Violet; and two grandchildren.

Survivors include one daughter, Sharon Brown of Billings; one son, Fred (Afton) Lamoreaux of Conrad; four grandchildren Jerrae Kuntz, Berke Brown, Robyn Lamoreaux and Rhet Lamoreaux; five great-grandchildren; one sister, Doris Peterson; two brothers, Charles Anderson and Leroy Anderson; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 21, in Immanuel Lutheran Church in Absarokee. Interment will follow in the Rosebud Cemetery, with Smith-Olcott Funeral Chapel of Red Lodge in charge of arrangements.

Memorials may be given to the Alzheimer's Association of Greater Billings, 3010 11th Avenue North, Billings, MT 59101.

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**Lorene May Sather
Egosque**

GREAT FALLS — Lorene May Sather Egosque, 79, died Tuesday, Aug. 27, at Peace Hospice.

Vigil services will be at 7 p.m. Friday at Hillcrest Lawn Chapel. Funeral liturgy is at 11 a.m. Saturday at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church. Cremation will follow the service. Schneider Funeral Home is in charge.

Emma Ehman

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TERRY —

Emma Ehman, age 96, of Terry, passed away Wednesday, March 13, 2002, at the Prairie County MAF and Nursing Home, following a long illness.



**EMMA
EHMAN**

Emma was born on Aug. 14, 1905, in Judd, N.D., to Mathias and Margareta (Finkbinder) Ehman. She moved with her family to Fallon in 1917, and then to Great Falls and Beach, N.D., where she worked in the hospitals as a nurses aid. Emma and her sister, Lydia, moved to Bozeman, where she received her LPN certificate and worked in the hospital there. In 1970, Emma and Lydia moved to Terry, where Emma worked at the Terry Hospital until her retirement.

Emma was a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Glendive. She enjoyed helping others, her family, gardening and quilting. She will be remembered for her witty sense of humor and her boundless energy.

Emma was preceded in death by her parents; four brothers, Goffhielf, John, Edward and Henry; and three sisters, Ida,

Mathilda and Lydia. She is survived by numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held Friday, March 15, at 2 p.m. in the chapel of Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Terry. Interment will follow in the family lot in the Prairie County Cemetery in Terry. Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home of Terry is in charge of the arrangements.

Rose Lillian Ehresman

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DEC 31 2002

Rose Lillian Ehresman, 77, of Billings, died Sunday, Dec. 29, 2002, at Deaconess Billings Clinic.

The daughter of James and Rose Buccola, she was born May 2, 1925, in Sopris, Colo.

Rose married Cyril Ehresman in Glendive in 1950. They have made their home in Billings since 1957.

Rose worked many years as a beautician. She was an active member of Holy Rosary Church where she and Cyril had been leaders in the extended family ministry. She was a member of Catholic Daughters, served as Chaplain for the Ladies of the Moose and had cooked for AIDSpirit. Rose never forgot a birthday or anniversary and was always writing cards and letters. Her pride and joy were her grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her son, Martin in 1989.

Survivors include her husband, Cyril of Billings; six children, Ronald (Dee), Dennis (Lynn) and Richard of Billings, Jerome (Linda) of Chaska, Minn., Monica O'Toole (Tim) of Rapid City, S.D., and Katherine Houston (Tod) of



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Spokane, Wash.; three sisters Mary Ida Oliver (Bud) of North Glenn, Colo., and Betty E. Blas (Louie), and JoAnn Maes (Gerald) of Trinidad, Colo.; 16 grandchildren, Oley, Victor, Emily, Kristen Jonathan, Steve, Heather Christopher, Elizabeth, Rachel Sarah, Bradley, Alexander, Heidi Elijah and Isabel and a great-granddaughter, Tiffany.

Vigil services will be 7 p.m. Tuesday at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary. Funeral Mass will be 9 a.m. Thursday at Holy Rosary Church with Rite of Committal at Holy Cross Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Moose Heart, c/o Moose Lodge 558, 171 Calhoun Lane, Billings, MT 59101.

Ethel L. Ehresmann

BILLINGS GAZETTE

Ethel L. Ehresmann, 84, of Billings, died Monday, Jan. 21, 2002, at her son's home in Powell, Wyo., of cancer.

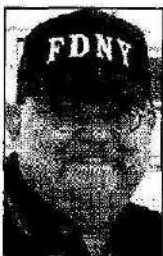
Cremation has taken place. No services are planned. Cremation or Funeral Gallery is in charge.

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COLSTRIP — MARK LEE
Ehrismann, 56, of Colstrip, died Sunday, Oct. 13, 2002, at his home in Colstrip, following a courageous battle with brain cancer.

Mark was born Dec. 17, 1945, in Wagner, S.D., the son of Royal and Javon Smith Ehrismann. He spent his youth and attended rural schools in the Wagner area, graduating from Ravinia High in 1964. Mark attended Southern State Teachers College in Springfield, S.D., graduating in 1968 with a degree in secondary social science. Mark taught school in Bonesteel, S.D., before coming to Montana in 1972 to St. Mary's near Glacier Park where he was a guide at the park.

In the fall of 1972, Mark moved to Dillon, where he went to work at Pfizer's Talc. While living in Dillon, Mark received his EMT certification, being one of the first in Montana to receive the EMT National Certification. Mark also attended Western Montana College, receiving a bachelor's degree in elementary education. Mark resumed his teaching career at Brady, Polaris, and finally moving to Colstrip in 1985, where he taught in the Colstrip School System.



**MARK
EHRISMANN**

Mark Lee Ehrismann

On April 24, 1993, Mark married Joan Gronlund in Colstrip. They continued to live in Colstrip following his retirement due to health reasons in 2001. Mark was very active with the Colstrip Volunteer Fire Department. He also obtained his private pilot's license, and was involved with the Civil Air Patrol, being certified with mountain rescue. He was also a member of the MEA, Miles City Elks Lodge, past board member of the Yellowstone Teachers Credit Union. Mark also was an avid hunter and especially enjoyed being in the mountains, mainly the East Fork of the Blacktail.

He is survived by his wife Joan of Colstrip; his parents Royal and Javon Ehrismann of Wagner, S.D.; his brother, Randy Ehrismann of Sioux Falls, S.D.; his sister, Karen (Don) Wiechmann of Wagner; father and mother-in-law, Arden and Marilyn Gronlund of Rapid City, S.D.; as well as numerous nieces and nephews. Mark was preceded in death by his grandparents.

Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 16, at Mount Calvary Lutheran Church in Colstrip. Funeral services in Wagner, S.D. will be held 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 19, at the United Methodist Church in Wagner. Interment will follow at the ZCBJ Cemetery in Wagner. Beals Mortuary of Forsyth is assisting the family with these arrangements.

Ervin A. Ehrmantraut

Ervin A. Ehrmantraut, 66, of Billings, passed away Thursday, Sept. 26, 2002.

Erv was born in Billings County, N.D., a son of John and Barbara (Bleizeffer) Ehrmantraut. The family moved to Fromberg, and later to Hardin, where he attended school. He served in the U.S. Army from April 1954 to April 1957. Erv married Dorothy Reichert in 1958 and they had 30 years of marriage. They were later divorced, and in May of 1991, he married Cheryl Pietz.

Erv worked for Coca-Cola, American Tobacco and General Tire prior to being a sales manager at Selover Buick. He enjoyed watching football, collecting and selling antiques, traveling, and attending auction sales. Erv loved his family dearly and always enjoyed a good poker game. He and his wife owned and operated the North Star Antique Store in Billings.

Erv was a past member of the Knights of Columbus.



**ERVIN
EHRMANTRAUT**

Survivors include his wife Cheryl; one daughter, Donna (Tony) Hasler, his stepdaughter, Brandi (Wes) Hazen; grandchildren, Kristopher and Kameron Hasler; and four step-grandchildren, Christina, Stephanie, Branden and Makenna Hazen, all of Billings; his son-in-law, Rudy LeBlanc of Miles City; and brothers, John "Willie" (Loretta), and Edward (Jean) both of Wadena, Minn., Robert (Shellie) of Billings, Ray (Barb) of Worland, Wyo., and Ken (Nan) of Hot Springs, S.D.; and numerous nieces, nephews and close friends. He was preceded in death by his father, mother and stepfather, Louis Doll; and his daughter, Debbie LeBlanc.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 30, at the Smith West Chapel, 304 34th St. West. A potluck dinner will follow the service at the Smith West Chapel Hospitality Room. Private interment of his ashes will be at Terrace Gardens Cemetery at a later date. Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association, Montana Affiliate, 2812 First Ave. N., Billings, MT 59101 or the charity of one's choice.

MAR 18 2002**Louise Eide****March 18, 1926-March 15, 2002**

Grandma's life was full of beauty and grace. She was beautiful inside and out. Her beautiful flowers are only a dim view of the beauty and love inside her that she shared unselfishly with everyone in her life.

**MRS. EIDE**

Louise was born on March 18, 1926, to Antone and Adolphina Lekse in West Frankfurt, Ill. In 1927 her family moved to Roundup, where her father worked in the mine. She and her four brothers and two sisters grew up and were educated in Roundup, where Louise graduated Valedictorian of the class of '44. On June 30, 1947 she married Lloyd Eide and they had three children. In 1959, Louise moved her little family to Billings and worked at Security Bank for 10 years. Louise became an Avon Representative and in 2001 was awarded the honorary "Spirit of Avon" award at their annual meeting. This year she will have achieved their President's Club status for a record 25 years.

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This Very Special Lady was the best mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister and friend! Her journey through life touched many people. Those who got to meet her and know her realized what a loving, caring and courageous person she was. She was always available to her family and friends and lived life to the fullest. Many lessons are learned in our lifetime, but she taught us the most important of all; how to smile and be strong during the highest and lowest of times. She dealt with life's challenges in a manner that will always be cherished and remembered.

She enjoyed knitting, crocheting, crossword puzzles, her fabulous flower garden and baking. She could always be counted on for a batch of cookies or Potica whenever you stopped for a visit and during the holidays.

Left on earth to love and remember Louise are her brothers and sisters; Thelma Hanley, Tony Lekse, Richard Lekse, Anna Cross and Don Lekse; her children, Kathy and Tom Frisby of Billings, Mike and Donita Eide of Bozeman, and Sandy and Dennis Anderson of Billings; her grandchildren, Lisa (Justin) Norby, Rick (Michele) Karp, Dennis Anderson II, Heidi (Shane) Kountz, Tammy Frisby and Scott Eide; great-grandchildren, Maci and Cory Karp, Frankie J. and Annie O. Kountz and Seth Norby; numerous nieces and nephews and her friend Lloyd Eide. She will join in heaven her

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mother, father and brother, Frank Lekse.

Grandma Louise was, is and always will be an inspiration to all of us and everyone else who was lucky enough to know her. She was a very special person and will always be loved and remembered. She was the strongest, most courageous lady who lived her life one day at a time, always trying to make someone else happy. She lived her life accepting the things she could not change, with the courage to change the things she could and the wisdom to know the difference. She was always there when we needed her because that was her purpose in life. Amongst the gifts she gave us were roots and the wings to do whatever we chose to do. She loved us unconditionally, always wanting more for us than for herself. She always thought of the feelings of others instead of her own. She gave us so much and asked for nothing in return. She was loved by so many and gave twice as much love in return. She was truly a saint and is now an angel in Heaven, watching to make sure we will all be safe. If we could only have just one more day with her and even that wouldn't be enough.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be 1 p.m. on Monday, March 18 at the Grace United Methodist Church, 1935 Ave. B, to celebrate the life of a most beautiful lady. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in

her name to the Christopher Reeve Paralysis Foundation, 500 Morris Ave., Springfield, N.J. 07081 Smith's Downtown Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

Thank you Mom, Grandma, Great-grandma for the memories. You will always be in our prayers and dreams, until we meet again.

Lorna Jean Ekls

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Lorna Jean Ekls, 78, died Friday, Oct. 25, 2002, at Deaconess Billings Clinic.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 30, at the Kane Funeral Home. Private family interment will be in the Masonic Lodge 43 Cemetery.

Jennie Lou Eklund

BUFFALO, Wyo. — Jennie Lou Eklund, 67, of Buffalo, died Thursday, March 14, 2002, at her home.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 16, at Adams Funeral Home in Buffalo. Visitation will be from 1 to 10 p.m. Friday, March 15, and from 9 a.m. until service time Saturday at Adams Funeral Home. Private graveside services will follow in Willow Grove Cemetery.

Raymond Eklund

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SACO — Raymond Alvin Eklund, 55, died Thursday, May 16, 2002, at the Good Samaritan Center in Malta of cancer.

Memorial funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, May 21, at the Saco Assembly of God Church. There will be a private family interment of the ashes at Grandview Cemetery in Saco. Adams Funeral Home of Malta is in charge.

George V. Ekwortzel

BILLINGS GAZETTE

NOV 10 2002

ABSAROOKEE — George V. Ekwortzel, 85, of Absarokee, passed away Saturday, Nov. 9, 2002, at Stillwater Community Hospital.

He was a son of Elmer and Nora O'Grady Ekwortzel, born Aug. 22, 1917, at Columbus.

He attended Nye schools and Billings Polytechnic. George was a WWII Army veteran from 1941 to 1945 in the Pacific Theater.

George worked in the 1950s at the chrome mine in Nye. In the 1960s he started working dam construction including on the Yellowtail Dam. The family moved to Washington state and he worked on the Mossyrock Dam and then worked at the hydroelectric plant in Richland, Wash., until retiring in 1981 and moving to Absarokee.

He was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Absarokee and a member of the VFW Post 7311 and American Legion Post 34.

Survivors include his wife Martha of Absarokee; two daughters, Georgia Murphy of Reno, Nev., and Jeanette (Don) Ostrum of Roscoe; one son, Richard (Barbara) Michael of Glendive; nine grandchildren; 16 great grandchildren; and one niece.

Memorial services will be held 2 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 12, at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Absarokee. Inurnment will be in Rosebud Cemetery.

Memorials are suggested to the VFW Post 7311 or charity of choice.

Clifford Dale Elery died Monday, Feb. 25, 2002, at St. Vincent's Healthcare following complications from surgery. Dale was born in Rapid City, S.D., on July 9, 1921, a son of Clifford and Grace (Barnes) Elery.

Dale was a veteran of WWII and served as a medic. Prior to his military service, he had been employed by Boeing in Seattle, where he had worked on the B-17 bomber. In 1944, Dale joined the U.S. Army and was trained at Fort Polk, La., and Fort Sam Houston, Texas. He was shipping overseas when the war was declared over and Dale was rerouted to the Philippines where he served as a medic at a rehab hospital.

After his discharge and return to Montana, Dale was accepted into a diesel mechanic school in Spokane. Following this education, he returned to Billings, where he went to work for Burlington Northern railroad and had completed over 30 years of service at the time of his retirement.

Dale married the love of his life, Rita M. Smith, on Oct. 6, 1973. He enjoyed life to the fullest in many ways. Dale was a member of the American Legion and St. Bernard's Catholic Church. All his life, he

enjoyed the Montana outdoors in his younger days, spending time hunting and fishing, and in later life, traveling the state with Rita to visit friends and follow the performances of several area plays. After 24 years together, Rita preceded Dale in death on Sept. 23, 1997.

Survivors include a brother, Ronald J. Elery of Sunburst; two sisters, June Hennebry and her husband Howard of Texas and Violet Wick and her husband Bill of California; and several nieces and nephews.

Visitations may be made at Smith Downtown Chapel on Wednesday, Feb. 27. At 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, Feb. 28, a Vigil will be held at St. Bernard's Catholic Church, followed at 10 a.m. by the Funeral Mass. Military honors and the Rite of Committal will follow at Holy Cross Cemetery. Smith Downtown Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Raymond M. Elges

BIG TIMBER — Raymond M. Elges, 81, died Sunday, June 9, 2002, at Pioneer Medical Center in Big Timber.

Funeral services will be at 2:30 p.m. Thursday, June 13, at Lowry Funeral Home in Big Timber. Interment will be in Mountain View Cemetery, Big Timber.

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Carl T. Eliasson

We little knew that morning
God was going to call your
name

In life we loved you dearly,
In death we do the same.

It broke our hearts to lose you,
You did not go alone,
For part of us went with you,
The day God called you home.

You left us beautiful memo-
ries,

Your love is still our guide,
And though we cannot see
you,

You are always by our side.

Our family chain is broken,
And nothing seems the same,
But as God calls us one by one,
The chain will link again.

ROUNDUP — Carl Theodore Eliasson was born Feb. 21, 1914, in Roundup, to Ben and Gerda Solmonson Eliasson. He married Evelyn Hunt on Sept. 5, 1942. Shortly after marriage, he was called to serve in the United States Army Air Force as Lincoln Air Force in Nebraska, where he attended Air Force Technical school. He received his diploma from the school and became a P-8 specialist mechanic. He also received his private pilot's license for testing the planes after they worked on them. He kept up the

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CARL and EVELYN ELIASSON

license for years after he left the military.

When he returned to Roundup after the war, Carl and Evelyn purchased Edgar Sayre's land in the Bull Mountains south of Roundup, where they ranched for almost 60 years. He loved ranching, his black cattle and black horses

Carl was also a contractor and built many of the homes in and around Roundup and surrounding communities. He designed the Zion Lutheran Church in Roundup and helped in the construction.

He also contracted to drive school bus for Roundup and Klein schools, running the south route from 30 mile ranch to Roundup for 15 years. Over the years, many of his riders stopped in to say hello and thank him for his kindness and his service.

Carl belonged to the International Order of Odd Fellows, was the oldest charter member of the Roundup Ridge Riders and also past president, a member of the Musselshell Valley Stockgrowers and an honorary member of the Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association.

Evelyn still lives on the ranch south of Roundup, next door to daughter Sherrill and her husband Jon Funk, while son Russell lives and works in Santa Fe, N.M.

Carl adored his grandchildren and was a big part of their lives. Kory (Funk) Gray and her husband Andy Gray live in the Bull Hills south of the ranch, with their son Nathan; Jon Jason Funk lives in Helena; Carl Casey Funk lives in Billings; and Laura (Funk) Goffena lives in Fort Lewis, Wash., with her husband Casey Goffena.

Besides the above, Carl is survived by one sister, Emily Eliasson Jensvold of Roundup; and sisters-in-law, Viola Eliasson and Doris Eliasson, both of Roundup; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his mother and father; and four brothers, Bernard, Stanley, Fred and Harold.

With love and respect for his wishes, cremation has taken place. A portion of his ashes will be scattered over the beautiful pine forest that he loved on the family ranch in the Bull Mountains. The remainder will be interred in the family plot at the Odd Fellows Cemetery south of Roundup at a later date.

Memorial services will be held at Zion Lutheran Church in Roundup on Friday, Aug. 16, at 12:30 p.m. The ladies of Zion will provide a lunch following the service.

Memorials may be sent to the Alzheimer's Association in Billings, or the Roundup Memorial Nursing Home.

Wier Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

MAR 31 2002**Elsie Elkins**

DICKINSON, N.D. — Elsie Elkins, 104, formerly of rural Taylor, N.D., died Wednesday, March 27, 2002, at St. Benedict's Health Center.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. at Our Savior's Lutheran Church on Monday, April 1. Interment will be at the Pioneer Cemetery south of Taylor, N.D.

Price-Murphy Funeral Home is in charge.

Adeline Dorothy Ellerton

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Adeline Dorothy Ellerton passed away Monday, Aug. 5, 2002, at Billings Health and Rehabilitation Community, where she has been a resident. She was the daughter of Ludwig and Katherine Feiock Wiedmann, born in Akaska, S.D., on July 6, 1927. She married Marlin Ellerton on Dec. 9, 1952, and they made their home in Custer and Aberdeen, S.D., before moving to Billings in 1956.

Adeline enjoyed her family, home, gardening and RVing in later years.



**ADELINE
ELLEERTON**

Survivors include her husband, Marlin; two daughters, Nancy (Jay) Siegel of Laurel and Susan Ellerton of Billings; three granddaughters, Brandi, Amy and Danielle; grandson, Kylan; great grandson, Trevon; sisters, Natalia (Dollie), Edith and Kathy; and brothers, Arthur and Walter.

She was preceded in death by her parents; sisters, Olga, Ella and Emma; and brothers, Eddy and Edwin.

Graveside service will be 2 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 8, at Sunset Memorial Gardens. The casket is closed except for private family viewing. Arrangements are by Cremation or Funeral Gallery.

**Mary Lambrecht
Ellingson**

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SEP 10 2002

TORRANCE, Calif. — Mary Loucille Ellingson, 22532 Reynolds Dr., Torrance, CA, 90505, died Aug. 31, 2002.

She was born in Billings, Mont., July 25, 1928, the daughter of Casper and Rose (Gerber) Lambrecht.

Mary married Roland Ellingson, June 12, 1948, in Billings.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, James and George; and a grandson.

She is survived by her husband Roland; six children, Charles of Lawndale; James (Georgia) of Torrance, Susan Hansen, Mammoth Lakes, Roberta (Alan) Sonnenberg of Longmont, Colo., Judith (Jim) Schmidt of San Luis Obispo, Tamara (Curtis) Mills of Scottsdale, Ariz.; 11 grandchildren; one great-grandchild; four brothers, William (Tille) Lambrecht, Seattle, Clem (Esther), Bozeman, Mont., Wally (Alice), Billings, Kenneth (Lois), Tulsa, Okla.

Funeral services were held Thursday, Sept. 5, at Rice Mortuary in Torrance.

Donations can be made to the American Heart Assoc., 7272 Greenville Ave., Dallas, TX 75231-4596.

MAR 21 2002**Alice Kinkie Elliot**

LIVINGSTON — Alice Kinkie Elliot, 77, of Park County, died Tuesday, March 19, 2002, at Livingston memorial Hospital.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 23, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Livingston. Franzen-Davis Funeral Home of Livingston is in charge.

MAR 05 2002**Edward Leroy Elliott**

SAN ANTONIO, Texas — Edward Leroy Elliott, formerly of Billings, died Saturday, March 2, 2002, in San Antonio, from complications of a vehicle accident.

A memorial service will be held at a later date in Billings. Puente & Sons Funeral Chapels of San Antonio is in charge.

Leroy Elliott

BILLINGS GAZETTE
APR 25 2002

KERRVILLE, Texas — Edward Leroy Elliott, formerly of Billings, passed away March 2, 2002, of injuries due to an auto-related accident in Kerrville.

Leroy was born July 27, 1936, to Clayton and Hazel Elliott, in Ontario, Canada. He was raised in Michigan and Montana. He owned A-Z Rental Store in Billings for approximately five years and also built many homes in the Billings area.

Leroy retired to Kerrville, enjoying the warm climate and many golf games.

He is survived by two brothers, Robert and John; daughter, Terrie Srameck of Ohio; son, Greg (Bonnie) of Townsend; four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Cremation has taken place. Services will be at 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 27, at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 40 10th St. West, Billings.

Lois Vivian Elliott

BILLINGS GAZETTE

APRIL 27, 2002

Lois V. Elliott, 82, of Billings and formerly of Great Falls, died Saturday, April 27, 2002, at Edgewood Vista.

Memorial services will be held later in Great Falls with inurnment at Hillcrest Lawn Memorial Association. Cremation has taken place at Cremation or Funeral Gallery.

DEC 03 2002

Eldo E. Ellis, the son of George and Blenda (Peterson) Ellis, was born Jan. 17, 1911, on a farm near Belfry. Eldo began his elementary school years by crossing the Clarks Fork River on a cable-supported swinging foot bridge. He graduated from

**ELDO ELLIS**

Belfry High School in 1928. After graduation, he helped with the farming at home and worked part-time at area farms.

In his earlier days, Eldo enjoyed fishing and spent what time he could fishing the rivers and streams of Carbon County, especially the lakes and streams of the Beartooth Mountains. He also enjoyed hunting and, later in life, Eldo did considerable big game hunting.

On Jan. 8, 1938, in Billings, he was united in marriage to Irma Vera Zumbrun. Two sons were born to that union — Robert and Gary. After their marriage, Irma and Eldo farmed one year and then he was employed by the Bridger Mercantile Co. to manage their Continental Oil Co. bulk plant dealership.

Eldo and Irma later bought a service station and also acquired the Continental Oil Company

dealership. Irma tended the station while Eldo delivered gas and fuel in the valley from Bridger to Clark, Wyo. While in Bridger, he was an active member of the Bridger Methodist Church and on the town council. He was a past Master of Golden Eagle Lodge and a 50-year member.

After selling the service station, he worked several years in construction work before going into the hardware business in Fromberg for 17 years. While in Fromberg, he was on the School Board for nine years. Eldo was also a member of the Fromberg Methodist Church. He loved gardening. His home in Fromberg contained many fruit trees and a large garden spot. It was a great place for growing a garden and Eldo made the most of it.

When not tending his garden and orchard, Eldo enjoyed boating and water skiing in various lakes with family and friends.

In 1967, Eldo and Irma disposed of their hardware store and moved to Billings, where he became involved in the real estate business. In Billings, Eldo and Irma became members of the Grace Methodist Church. After moving to Billings, Eldo began

golfing and continued that as long as he was physically able. Both Eldo and Irma belonged to a seniors bowling team. He and Irma did considerable traveling, having visited Hawaii, Mexico, Indonesia, Alaska, Singapore and many of the states in the continental U.S.

Eldo and Irma celebrated their 50th anniversary at the Elks Club with a dinner and dance. Eldo and Irma would have celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary in January 2003.

Eldo was a gentle and loving and honest man and will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

Eldo fought his cancer for almost a quarter of a century until early Sunday morning, Dec. 1, 2002, when Eldo died peacefully in his sleep. His last days were made more comfortable with the wonderful support of Big Sky Hospice and the Vista staff.

Eldo was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Homer; and by his son, Gary. Survivors include his loving wife; his son Robert and Robert's wife, Pamela. He is also survived by his granddaughter, Christina Oden; and two great-granddaughters, Taylor and Sidney of Medford, Ore.; two sisters, Alma and Eva; and his brother, Gordon.

Visitations may be made at Smith West Chapel, 304 34th St. West, beginning Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 3. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 5, at Grace United Methodist Church, 20th St. West and Ave. B. Interment will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Memorials may be sent to Big Sky Hospice or to a charity of your choice.

ERVIN ELLIS

BROADUS — Ervin Ellis, 90, died May 8, 2002, of natural causes at the Powder River Manor in Broadus.

He was born Aug. 26, 1911, the son of Hugh and Anna Peterson Ellis, between Bridger and Belfry, then known as Golden, Mont. He attended school and worked on farms in the area.

Ervin married Ethel Schwend on Oct. 14, 1933, in Billings. After living in Bridger, they moved to St. Xavier in 1935 with Ethel's brother, Jess Schwend and family. Ervin and Jess trailed the horses nec-



ERVIN ELLIS

essary for farming through the Pryor Gap and across the Big Horn River at St. Xavier. A few years later, Ervin's brother Martin Ellis also moved to St. Xavier.

Ervin and Ethel continued to live on the Big Horn River for 43 years, where their four children were born and raised. They had a strong work ethic and were able to succeed in the life of hard times. Ervin loved the land, his cattle and horse. He enjoyed team roping until he was 82 years old. He was very proud of his family and especially enjoyed watching

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them participate in rodeos from Little Britches to the college areas. He was affectionately known as "Pa" by his family and friends.

He served on the Reservation Ranchers and Farmers Association board, county livestock board and water board. He was a 4-H leader, a charter member of the St. Xavier 4th of July Rodeo and a member of the East Fork Roping Club in Broadus.

In 1978, the couple and their son Gerald purchased a ranch 13 miles northeast of Broadus. The couple retired in 1992 and moved to Billings. They had been married 65 years when Mrs. Ellis passed away in July of 1999. Ervin moved to the Powder River Manor in Broadus in 1999. He was lovingly cared for by the staff and by his son and daughter-in-law Gerald and Mary Dell.

His parents; wife; and two sisters, Elva Premo and Gladys Ellis, preceded Ervin in death.

Survivors include his sons, Gerald (Mary Dell) Ellis of Broadus; three daughters, Donna (Bob) Delp of Richey; JoAnn (Paul) Stenerson of Conrad and Betty (George) Eichhorn of Helena; seven grandsons, Mark and Stacy Ellis, Robin Delp, Forst, Gary and Scott Eichhorn and Colby Stenerson; three granddaughters, Karen Delp Trotter, Julie Ellis and Pam Stenerson; he was blessed with 15 great-grand-

children; one brother, Martin Ellis of Deer Lodge; a sister, Lula Schwarberg of Spokane, Wash.; two half-sisters, Opal Prewitt of Billings and Orpha Prewitt of Fromberg.

Funeral services will be held 3 p.m. on Monday, May 13, in the Bullis Funeral Chapel in Hardin. A gathering for family and friends will follow at the First Congregational Church, Burn

will be held Tuesday, 10:30 a.m., May 14, at in the Bridger Cemetery in Bridger. A gathering for family and friends will be held at Lonny Schwend Ranch in Bridger following the interment. Bullis Mortuary of Hardin has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Should friends desire, memorial contributions may be made to the Powder River Manor or to a charity of one's choice.

Gerald A. Ellis

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NEW RIVER, Ariz. — Gerald A. Ellis, 66, of New River, passed away July 29, 2002.

Jerry was born Oct. 8, 1936, son of Charles "Buck" and Amelia Lesser Ellis of Billings. Both have since passed on. Jerry graduated from Billings Senior High in 1954. For the past 39 years, Jerry has resided in Arizona. He was employed at Honeywell flight division. He took an early retirement to do the things he enjoyed, fishing with his grandchildren, woodworking, collecting books on Native Indian and volunteering as treasurer at the New River Senior Center.

Gerald Ellis is survived by his two children, son Michael Timothy Ellis, Michael's wife Sheila Ellis, their four children, Sara, Cassandra, Seth and Lisa Ellis. Jerry is also survived by his daughter, Donna Laura Deaton, her husband Terrill Lee Deaton and their children Amara and Jacob Deaton.

Services will be held Aug. 11, at 1 p.m., at the New River Senior Center, 48606 N. 17th. Ave., New River. For information, call Senior Center # (623) 465-0367 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

MAR 22 2002

Lulu Ellis

MILES CITY — Lulu Ellis, 75, of Miles City, died Tuesday, March 19, 2002, at the Holy Rosary Extended Care.

Visitation will begin Friday, March 22, at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, March 23, at Stevenson & Sons. Interment will follow in the family lot in Custer County Cemetery.

JAN 24 2002

Greg Alan Elmore, 21, of Billings, died on Jan. 21, 2002, as a result of injuries from an automobile accident. Greg was born in Greeley, Colo., on Dec. 8, 1980, to Jim and Mary Lou Elmore. Greg attended grade school in Douglas, Wyo., and Castle Rock Middle School and Skyview High School in Billings. He was currently a junior studying engineering at Montana Tech in Butte.



**GREG
ELMORE**

Greg loved his family, his brothers, their wives and his nieces. Greg was an avid reader. He also loved music, both playing the guitar as well as writing his own songs. He especially liked doing his radio show on KMSM, the college radio in Butte. He cared deeply for his friends and would do anything to help others. Greg was affectionately known as "Elmo" to his many friends:

I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now
I'm free.

I'm following the path God
laid for me.

I took His hand when I heard
His call.

I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day.

To laugh, to love, to work or
play.

Tasks left undone must stay
that way.

I found the peace at the close
of the day.

If my parting has left a void.

Then fill it with remembered
joys.

A friendship shared, a laugh, a
kiss.

O yes, these things I too will
miss.

Be not burdened with times of
sorrow.

I wish you the sunshine of
tomorrow.

My life's been full, I savored
much.

Good friends, good times, a
loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all
too brief,

Don't lengthen it now with
undue grief.

Lift up your hearts, and peace
to thee,

God wanted me now, He set
me Free!

Greg, we love you and we will miss you so. Please remember, not a day will go by that we will not think of your smiling face, your words of wit, and your caring nature.

He is survived by his parents, Jim and Mary Lou Elmore of Billings; his brothers and their families, Mark and Kendra Elmore, nieces Brooke and Bailey of Aurora, Colo., and Jon and Andrea Elmore of Laramie, Wyo. Greg was also survived by many aunts, uncles and cousins.

Greg thoroughly enjoyed his two nieces and was looking forward to becoming an "Uncle" for the third time with the arrival of Jon and Andrea's first child this spring.

A vigil service will be held at 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 25, and a funeral mass will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 26, at St. Bernard's Parish, Billings. A visitation will be held at the Converse Funeral Chapel in Douglas, Wyo., on Sunday, Jan. 27, between 3 and 7 p.m. Rite of Committal will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Jan. 28, at Prairie Rest Cemetery in Guernsey, Wyo.

Memorials may be made to the college radio station, in Greg's name, at Montana Tech, 1300 West Park, Butte, MT 59701.

Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary in Billings, and Converse Funeral Chapel in Douglas are in charge of arrangements.

NOV 01 2002**Jean (Meade) Elmore**

EKALAKA — Jean (Meade) Elmore, 90, of Ekalaka, died Wednesday, Oct. 30, 2002, at the Dahl Memorial Health Care in Ekalaka.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 2, at Ekalaka Bible Church. Visitation will be prior to the funeral, beginning at 9 a.m.

Burial will be in the Beaverlodge Cemetery. Stevenson Funeral Home of Baker and Ekalaka is in charge.

Paul Elsenpeter, Sr.

LAUREL — Paul Elsenpeter, Sr., 72, of Laurel, passed away in his sleep on Tuesday, Oct. 1, 2002, of cancer and emphysema at Deaconess Billings Clinic.

He was born in Columbia Heights, Minn., Oct. 24, 1929, to Verna McCallen and Andrew C. Elsenpeter. Paul graduated from Columbia Heights High School and enlisted in the Army Security Agency.

Paul married Mary Rita Brinkhaus at St. Francis of Assisi Church in Louisville, Ky., on Feb. 18, 1950. In August 1952, he was honorably discharged and returned to his job with Northern Pacific Railroad as a third-generation railroader. He received his first supervisory appointment in 1967 to Superior, Wis.; from there, he was sent to Auburn, Wash.; then to Laurel in 1969. He retired from the Burlington Northern Railroad in 1984 and returned to Montana Rail Link in 1987 and then again retired in 1992.



PAUL
ELSENPETER

He is survived by his wife Mary of 52 years; sons, Paul (Christy) of Helena, Richard, Mark (Connie) both of Laurel, Tim (Anne) of Two Rivers, Wis., and a daughter Elaine (Jim) Nelson of Whitefish; special family friend, Joyce Schaff of Laurel; and 10 grandchildren; Andee' and Adam Elsenpeter of Helena, Sarah Marum (Scott), Aaron and Chris Nelson of Whitefish, Amber, John and Alicia Elsenpeter of Laurel, Shane Turner of Yuma, Ariz., and Mark Turner of Billings; three great-grandchildren, Chloe, Cailin and Grace Marum of Whitefish.

As Paul requested, cremation has taken place. A Memorial Mass will be celebrated 10 a.m. Friday, Oct. 4, at St. Anthony Catholic Church, Laurel, with private inurnment at a later time.

Memorials may be made to Northern Rockies Regional Cancer Treatment Center, PO Box 369, Billings, MT 59103-0369; or Deaconess Billings Clinic Pulmonary Rehabilitation Dept., 2010 27th St., Billings, MT 59101.

Smith Funeral Chapel-Laurel was in charge of arrangements.

PHILADELPHIA GAZETTE
NOV 07 2002

Walter W. Embrey Jr.

BROADUS — Walter William "Bill" Embrey Jr., 74, died Monday, Nov. 4, 2002, at the Powder River Manor in Broadus, of cancer.

Visitation will begin at 1 p.m. Friday, Nov. 8, at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Broadus. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 9, at Stevenson & Sons. Interment will follow in the family lot in the Valley View Cemetery.

Lena Emerick

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Pauline "Lena" Emerick, 94, of Billings, passed away Saturday, Aug. 10, 2002 at Eagle Cliff Manor. She was born Feb. 14, 1908 in Winnipeg, Sask., Canada. She came to Billings with her parents, Alexander and Katherine Youck, in 1910. She married Carl Emerick and they farmed west of Billings until 1944.

Lena worked various jobs at Woolworths, Home Bakery and Clarks Grocery.

Survivors include her sons, Gene, and Leroy (Joeie), all of Billings; a daughter, Delores (Walter) Nolt of Walla Walla, Wash.; five grandchildren, Janetta Cposi, Jerrine Gjerdevig, Scott Emerick, Shaun Emerick and Sharla Duncan; 11 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Amelia Schelle and Molly Rothschiller.

Lena was baptized into the Christian Faith as an infant. She was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church and in later years a member of Hope Lutheran Church.

Funeral service will be 2 p.m. Wednesday Aug. 14, at Hope Lutheran Church, 1911 US Highway 87E, Lockwood. Interment will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens. Memorials may be made to Hope Lutheran Church. Arrangements were by Cremation or Funeral Gallery.

Phyllis L. Emerson

MALTA — Phyllis I. Emerson, 79, died Saturday, Jan. 5, 2002, at the Phillips County Hospital.

No services are planned at this time. Cremation has taken place. Adams Funeral Home of Malta and Hi-Line Crematory are in charge.

**BILLINGS GAZETTE
JAN 08 2002**

Dorman F. Emmett, 64, died of congestive heart failure at home with his family at his bedside, on Sunday, Oct. 13, 2002.

Born March 6, 1938, in Lovell, Wyo., to Forrest M Emmett and Veta Garnet Smith Emmett. He was a member of the Shiloh Ward of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Dorm, as he was called by his friends, attended school in Lovell and graduated from Lovell High School in 1956. He had a great love of airplanes and flying; he joined the Wyoming Air National Guard in 1955, where he earned his pilot's license.

November 13, 1958, he married Arleen Delano in Billings; they had four children.

He attended Embrey Riddle Flight School in Miami, Fla. After the birth of his daughter, he completed A&P training at Spartan Aviation in Tulsa, Okla. They returned to Billings, where he worked at Montana Aeronautics. His first son was born in Lovell, and two more sons were born in Billings.

July 13, 1978, he married Dorothy Meyer Monahan in Cody, Wyo.

In 1982, he completed the Bell Helicopter Component Overhaul Training Course in Fort Worth, Texas. He completed this training while working

for Gerhart Blain in Billings.

In the late 1980s, he started his own business, "Dorm's Aircraft Repair." In 1991, he was diagnosed with cardiomyopathy and congestive heart failure and



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EMMETT**

could no longer do the work he enjoyed.

Dorm was the business agent for the Stage Hands Local 240 IATSE until the late 1990s, when

he was no longer able to work at all. His greatest pleasures in life came when he could spend time with his family and friends camping and fishing. He was also an avid cook and loved to make new dishes for his family, as well as bake bread and can fruit.

Dorman is survived by his wife, Dorothy Meyer Monahan Emmett; his children, Denise A. Emmett of Billings, Douglas F. (Krista) Emmett of Port Angeles, Wash., Stacy D. (Deanna) Emmett of Poulsbo, Wash., Trent D. (D'Anna) Emmett of Billings;

and seven grandchildren, with another one due in February, 2003; sister, Janet Emmett Alexander of Beaverton, Ore.; sister-in-law Diana (Jay) Emmett of Lovell; and stepchildren Larry Monahan, Brian (Debi) Monahan, Michael (Patti) Monahan, all of Billings, and Colleen Monahan (Randy) Mayo of Yuba City, Calif.; and five step-grandchildren. He also has several beloved nieces and nephews.

Dorman was preceded in death by his parents; his younger brothers, Kay S. Emmett and Jay G. Emmett.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Dahl Brown Funeral Chapel in Billings. The services will be held Thursday, Oct. 17, at 10:30 a.m., at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 2929 Belvedere Drive, Billings. Burial will follow services in the Lovell Cemetery in Lovell.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be sent to the Welch Heart Center at Deaconess Billings Clinic, PO Box 37000, Billings, MT 59107, or Big Sky Hospice, PO Box 35033, Billings, MT 59107.

LaRena (Renie) Emig

BILLINGS GAZETTE

JAN 24 2002

WORDEN — LaRena (Renie) Emig, 66, of Worden, died on Jan. 10, 2002, at St. Peters Hospital in Helena.

She was born June 11, 1935, to Joseph P. Walt and Lugard (Zerr) Walt in Collyer, Kan. The family moved to Benkelman, Neb., when she was 5; they had a family orchestra in which Renie played drums, piano, and sang. The family moved to Goodland, Kan., when Renie was 14; here they also had a family band although some of the older children had left home.

She married George Frederick Emig, Jr. on April 7, 1958 in Goodland. In her early married life, she continued playing with the family band and after they quit, she played with a couple of other bands, along with starting a family of her own. She lived in several different towns across western Kansas in the years to follow.

She had many talents such as sewing which she did for her family and others. She liked to make her own designs and patterns for clothing and decorations. Reupholstering furniture was another task she did. One such project was the upholstery work on an authentic restored stage coach.

She had many hobbies over the years, such as writing short stories and poetry and drawing

pictures. Many of the pictures she drew were of the incidents that her children got into. Also enjoyable to her was gardening and canning. Throughout the years, music remained an important part of her life. She taught her children and some of her grandchildren music appreciation and to dance. She kept up with the music world and new songs, many times making her own arrangements to those songs. In the last several years she enjoyed doing crossword puzzles.

In 1998, after breaking her hip in a fall in Oberlin, Kan., she went to live with her daughter Georgie in Billings, who helped her with her recuperation. In August of 1998 she moved to her own place in Worden.

She was preceded in death by one daughter, Kyla Re; one brother, Leo Walt; one sister, Irene Harvanek and her parents, Joe and Lugard Walt.

She is survived by four daughters, Tina and John Bieker, Kalena and Jeff Spillman of Hoxie, Kan., Tyra Wooster, Colby, Kan., Georgie and Lounie Wahrmann, Townsend; two sons,

Tre and Evonne Emig, Benkelman, Neb., Shea Emig, Hordle Kan.; 11 grandchildren, Tyrel, Kendra and Chandra Spillman; A.J. Corey, Hannah, and Dylan Wooster, Codie, Dalton and Kylie Wahrman; Brandy Emig, two sisters, Trudy Deane, Wheatridge, Colo., Leona Parker, Downs Kan., and by a number of cousins and aunts and nephews.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 17, at the Mickey Leopold Funeral Home. Pastor Russell Kincham officiated the service and the burial took place at the Grainfield City Cemetery. The family suggests memorials to the Rennie Emig Memorial Fund. These memorials may be sent to Mickey-Leopold Funeral Home, PO Box 235, Hordle, KS 67740.

David Emond

BILLINGS GAZETTE

JUL - 5 2002

David Emond passed away at his home in Billings, Tuesday evening, July 2, 2002, after a short battle with cancer.

David was born May 27, 1944, and was raised on the family ranch south of Malta. He worked on various farms and ranches throughout Montana. In later years, he worked for farm implements as a mechanic and salesperson. He moved to Lewiston, Idaho, in 1991, and continued to work in ag sales. He returned to Montana in April of 2002. He was currently working with cable and fiber optics.

He is survived by his wife, Rita Genereux Emond; his three children, Christina Birrenkott of Tekoa, Wash., Trent Emond of Vaughn and Gwen Emond of Great Falls; two stepsons, Richard Peters of Billings and Erik Peters of Denver. He is also survived by nine grandchildren; his mother, Edna Emond Arnott of Malta; three brothers, five sisters and numerous nieces and nephews.

The celebration of David's life will be held at Cremation or Funeral Gallery in Billings, at 1 p.m. Monday, July 8.

Lillian M. Enders

BILLINGS GAZETTE

FEB 27 2002

Lillian Mae Enders died Saturday, Feb. 23, 2002, at St. John's Lutheran Home in Billings. She was born May 27, 1907, in Emerson, Neb., the eighth child born to George Washington Holmes and Anna Christina Schultz. When she was 9 months old the family moved to Jackson County, S.D.; Lillian lived there for the next 85 years.

All siblings preceded her in death.

She graduated from Kadoka (S.D.) High School in 1925. After attending Northern State Teachers College in Aberdeen, S.D., and Sioux Falls College, she taught in rural schools in the Kadoka area for several years. She was always very proud of having taught school.

She married Roy Smith in October 1927. Sixteen months later, he died of typhoid fever. On Aug. 20, 1930, she married Ivah Enders. He died suddenly in May 1968. They ranched their entire life in the Kadoka area. In June 1992, she moved to St. John's Lutheran Home in Billings to be near her daughter.

Lillian joined the Presbyterian Church in Kadoka in 1925. She was active in many activities there including teaching Sunday School, the Women's Association and was clerk of session for 12 years. She was a 50-year-plus member of the Royal Neighbor

Lodge.

She is survived by her daughter, Lois Munger of Billings; her son, Richard (Cindy) Enders of Austin, Texas; her four grandchildren, Kris (Greg) Matz, Waukesha, Wis., Cary (Ginny) Munger, Kirkland, Wash., Kevin Enders, Austin, and Stacie Enders (Patrick Winter), St. Louis, Mo. Also surviving are four great-grandsons, Andy and Alex Matz and Kaelas and Camdyn Munger.

Besides her husbands, she was preceded in death by her daughter, Maxine, in 1933; and grandson, Scott Munger in 1967.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial services and inurnment will take place at Kadoka at a later date. A Service of Remembrance will be held at the Alberta Bair Conference Room of St. John's Lutheran Home, 3940 Rimrock Road, Thursday, March 7, at 2:30 p.m. Memorials may be made to St. John's Lutheran Home. Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

La Velle Engel

BILLINGS GAZETTE

JUL 16 2002

BROADUS — La Velle Engel, 80, of Broadus, died Tuesday, July 9, 2002, at the Powder River Manor in Broadus.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, July 20, at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Broadus. Interment will follow in the family lot in Valley View Cemetery in Broadus.

OCT 30 2002

Jill Ann Engelhardt

ESCONDIDO, Calif. — Ann Engelhardt, 58, formerly of Billings, died Thursday, Oct. 24, 2002.

She is survived by Richard and Michele King, Richard and Kimberly Hardy, Michael and Dawn Shear, and eight grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by a grandson, Jared.

Memorial services were held in Escondido. Donations may be made to ZooMontana.

JAN 24 2002**CIRCLE —**

Glenn Engen of Circle passed away three weeks short of his 91st birthday on Jan. 21, 2002, at the McCone County Nursing Home.

**MR. ENGEN**

of natural causes. He was born Feb. 13, 1911, to Lars and Amanda (Voldness) Engen in Thief River Falls, Minn.

Glenn attended school through the sixth grade and then worked hard as a farm hand, waiter and cook. In 1932, Glenn and two of his brothers came to Montana, where he worked as a farm hand until 1934, when he went to work at Fort Peck Dam.

He married Freda Sievers Jan. 27, 1934, in Wolf Point. They lived in various locations around the dam. He owned his own truck and used it to haul gravel at the dam, and then worked as a carpenter in the tunnels. He later used the truck to haul grain in the Vida community when they moved to "old" Vida in 1938. The family moved to the Ferris Place on Highway 13 when he purchased it in 1943. Glenn contracted the school buses for Circle from 1954 until 1981, first as Engen &

Sievers and then Engen & Sons, to supplement the farm income. He moved to Circle in 1988.

Glenn enjoyed fishing, gardening, cooking and baking, woodworking, traveling, his family and friends, and lutefisk. Uff-da.

Glenn was very involved in his community, serving on the Vida school board for several years, the bank board, McConha board, Council on Aging, and driving the Senior Citizen van. He was active in the Baptist Church in Circle. He was always willing to share his many talents with anyone who needed his help.

Glenn is survived by two sons, Earlin and his wife Holly of Circle, and Gene and his wife Alice of rural Circle; two granddaughters, Melanie (Dwayne) Jacobs of Sheridan, Wyo., and Melissa (Curt) Knudson of Glendive; one grandson, Mike (LaDena) Ault of Caldwell, Idaho; two step-grandsons, Kevin (Jamie) Thoeny and Dustin Thoeny of Strasburg, Pa.; four step-granddaughters, Kim (Jay) Johnson of Plentywood, Cindy (Al Johnson) Thoeny and Tara

Thoeny of Missoula, and Tami Thoeny of Circle; three great-grandchildren, Meghan and Morgan Jacobs and Kane Knudson; 14 step-great-grandchildren, Cayla Young, Shawnta Paney, Tyrel Barley, Paige Ault, Tina, Dakota, Shanna, Alexis and Marla Thoeny, Bryant and Mariah Johnson, Tessa Johnson and Damian and Jovanni Gonzalez; one sister-in-law, Ruth Engen of Bozeman; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife; three brothers and two sisters.

Visitations will be Friday, Jan. 25, at the Clayton Memorial Chapel in Circle from 2 to 8 p.m. Funeral services will be held Saturday, Jan. 26, at 10 a.m. in the First Baptist Church in Circle, with Rev. James (Budge) Riekman of Williston, N.D., and Pastor Ian Hart of Circle officiating. Interment will be in the Vida Cemetery. Clayton Memorial Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Helen Sophia Engle

BILLINGS GAZETTE

AUG 15 2002

MCLEOD — Helen Sophia Engle, 91, of McLeod, passed away Tuesday, Aug. 13, 2002, at Pioneer Medical Center.

Helen was born March 2, 1911, in Aberdeen, Wash., to John and Sophia Siemion. She spent her childhood in Sumatra. Helen married Clark P. Engle in Billings on May 29, 1933. They ranched north of Billings until 1949, when they moved their ranching operation to McLeod.

Helen was a member of the Three Rivers Club. Helen especially enjoyed spending time with her family. She enjoyed flowers, gardening, cooking and sewing. Helen milked her share of cows and raised bum lambs and chickens.

Her husband Clark preceded her in death in October 1991; her brother John Siemion, and two sisters, Mary Thomas and Jean Snyder, also preceded her in death.

She is survived by her two daughters, Edith Engle and Janice Engle, both of Jacksonville, Fla.; three sons, Roger and Mary Jo Engle and Keith and Marie Engle, both of McLeod, and Clair and Marilyn Engle of Cody, Wyo.; three half-brothers, Steve and Mike Siemion, both of Roundup, and Anthony Siemion of Deer Lodge; 13 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held 2 p.m. Monday, Aug. 19, at Big Timber Lutheran Church, with Pastor Jim Holmlund officiating. Graveside committal following in Mountain View Cemetery. Memorials requested to Pioneer Medical Center, Hearts and Hands Hospice, Big Timber Lutheran Church or charity of one's choice. Lowry Funeral Home was pleased to assist the family with the services.

Wilber Allen Engle

BIRNEY — Wilber A. Engle, 62, of Birney, died Sunday, July 14, 2002, at his home.

Cremation has taken place. Services are planned for a later date in Lame Deer and at Fairmont Cemetery in Denver. Beals Mortuary of Forsyth is in charge.

BILLINGS GAZETTE

JUL 31 2002

APR 17 2002**Ruth Englehardt**

HARDIN — Ruth Jeannette Dodrill Engelhardt, 85, of Hardin, died Sunday, April 14, 2002, at the Heritage Acres Nursing Home.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, April 18, at the Oregon Trail Chapel in Evansville, Wyo. Burial will follow at the Oregon Trail Veterans Cemetery. Bullis Mortuary of Hardin is in charge.

John David Engles

BILLINGS GAZETTE

AUG 13 2002

CODY, Wyo. — John David Engles, 72, died Tuesday, Aug. 13, 2002, at St. Vincent Healthcare.

Vigil services will be 7 p.m., Friday, Aug. 23, at St. Anthony's Catholic Church. Mass of the Christian Burial will be 10 a.m., Saturday, at St. Anthony's. Interment will follow in Riverside Cemetery. Ballard Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

MAR 24 2002**Archie L. Englert**

BRIDGER — Archie L. Englert, 86, of Bridger, passed away in Billings, Wednesday, March 20, 2002.

He was born in Carbon, Alberta, Canada, near Vulcan, Alberta, Sept. 5, 1915, a son of George and Aurilla Englert; at that time his father was helping build a railroad.

Later, he and the family moved back to the U.S., where his father combined grain for ranchers with a threshing machine which was powered by a steam engine.

Archie attended school at Fromberg and Bridger. He enlisted in the U.S. Army in December of 1941, and served in the Aleutian Islands, Hawaiian Islands, Marshall Islands, Marus, Leyte, Okinawa and Korea. He received an honorable discharge in November of 1945.

Archie married Elsie Patek in Salinas, Calif., May 18, 1943. They farmed near Cowley, Lovell and Garland, Wyo., until 1952, when they ranched near Warren; later they moved to Bridger and farmed and also operated a ranch at Fox.



**ARCHIE
ENGLERT**

He is survived by a son, James A. Englert of Bridger; a daughter, Marlene of Billings; granddaughter, Codi Livezey (Arch); a great-granddaughter, Makenna; granddaughter, Nanci (Jim); grandson, James (Debbie); grandson, Kelly (Nicole); grandson, Dan (Lisa); great-grandchildren, Matthew, Amy, Stacy (Doug), Alexandria, Edward, Marguette, Riley, Ty and Katelynn; and one great-great-granddaughter, Maria; one sister, Frances Miller of California.

Archie was preceded in death by his parents, George in 1966 and Aurilla in 1957; infant son Marvin in 1949; his wife Elsie in 1994; sisters Eva Oglesbee, Rose Obelander, Hazel Schwend, Lois Betts; and brothers George Englert and Clarence Englert.

A vigil service will be held 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 26, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Bridger. Funeral services will be held 10 a.m. Wednesday, March 27, at the church. Interment will be in the Bridger Cemetery with military rites. A reception will be held at the church following interment.

Smith Funeral Chapel-Laurel was in charge of arrangements.

William R. Enis

THERMOPOLIS, Wyo. — William R. "Bill" Enis, 64, died Wednesday, Jan. 2, 2002, at Hot Springs County Memorial Hospital in Thermopolis.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 5, at Mortimore Funeral Home in Thermopolis. Burial will follow in Monument Hill Cemetery.

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Phyllis J. Enstrom

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE
OCT 1 2002

Phyllis J. Enstrom, 50, of Billings, passed away Sunday morning, Sept. 29, 2002, after a long and courageous battle with cancer surrounded by those she loved.

Phyllis was born on May 30, 1952, in Hazen, N.D., to Harvey and Marion Sandau. She was raised in Poplar,

attending schools in Poplar and Hardin, where she graduated high school.

Phyllis married Albert Reed Jr. on Sept. 27, 1969, and later had two children, Christina and Albert Reed III.

She was widowed in 1976 and moved to Billings. She attended Billings Business College, graduated as a Certified Medical Technician, and was employed in the medical field. For 24 years, Phyllis was dedicated to and enjoyed her career and all those she worked with. Most recently she was a certified medical assistant and office manager with Saint Vincent's Healthcare.

In 1989, she met Gary Enstrom at dance lessons. They became engaged in 1990 and married Nov. 2, 1991.



**PHYLLIS
ENSTROM**

Phyllis enjoyed spending time with her family. She especially cherished her grandchildren, Devin, Miranda, and Timothy. Phyllis enjoyed the outdoors and had a fondness for walleye fishing, boating, backpacking, camping, her yard and garden, and spending time on the beaches of Mexico.

Phyllis is survived by her mother, Marion Sandau of Wolf Point; loving husband Gary; daughter Christina (George) Jordan; son Albert "Sonny" Reed III, all of Billings; stepdaughter Michele Rodriguez of St. Petersburg, Fla.; stepson Kirk Enstrom of Boston; brothers Rick (Denise) Sandau of Sidney and Wayne of Poplar; and grandchildren Devin and Timothy of Billings and Miranda of St. Petersburg, Fla. She was preceded in death by her father, Harvey Sandau of Wolf Point.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Oct. 3, at the American Lutheran Church, corner of Lewis and Division. Interment at Sunset Memorial Gardens will follow a luncheon at the church. Visitations may be made Wednesday, Oct. 2, at Smith Downtown Chapel or Thursday, prior to the service at the church. Memorials can be made to the American Cancer Society, Montana Division, PO Box 1080, Billings, MT 59103-1080. Smith Downtown Chapel is in charge of arrangements.



MRS. ENTORF

Marcella M. Entorf

Marcella M. Entorf, 77, of Billings, passed away Jan. 3, 2002, at St. Vincent Healthcare. Marcie, as she liked to be called, was born June 23, 1924, in Chinook, to Jesse and Bertha Conrad. On July 4, 1942, she married Paul S. Entorf, Jr. In nearly 60 years of marriage, she and Paul raised three daughters and a son.

Marcie is survived by her husband, Paul; her children, Janet (Jerome) Willers, Susan (Loren) Lutzenhiser, Jane (Thomas) Coefield and Doug (Mary) Entorf; her six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Although Marcie held several jobs throughout her lifetime, including switchboard operator in WWII and hospital ward-clerk, her main vocation was homemaking. Her passion was growing flowers and gardening, then sharing the bounty with everyone.

According to her wishes,

Marcie received the last rites and was cremated. A memorial service was held Jan. 5. Marcie asked that memorials be made to the American Lung Association.

Elinor Alvida Bilden Epling

BILLINGS GAZETTE

JUL - 2 2002

COLUMBUS — Elinor Alvida Bilden Epling passed away Saturday, June 29, 2002, at Beartooth Manor in Columbus,

after a long battle with Alzheimer's disease.

She was born Oct. 23, 1916, in Finley, N.D., to Norwegian immigrants Maren Loken and Hans Bilden, a pipe organ builder



**ELINOR
EPLING**

and conductor. Growing up in North Dakota and Minneapolis, she graduated from Macalaster College, St. Paul, as a medical and x-ray technologist. During WWII, she worked in aviation medical research for the Army Air Corps where she taught her future husband, Roger Larson, MD. Elinor, Roger and their daughter, Karen, moved to Billings in 1946, where Roger established his medical practice. Five years later, they were blessed with their son, Rick (Frederick).

Elinor held several positions in her profession. She was the Assistant Laboratory Director at St. Vincent Hospital in Billings, and held similar positions in

Lander, Wyo., and Miles City. Retiring in California, she eventually returned to Absarokee. An avid camper and fisherman, she loved the mountains. She was also passionate about her needlework.

Elinor was preceded in death by her parents; and her sisters Thelma Swendseid of Lander, and Elsie Bilden of Finley. She was grandmother to Karen Hablutzel's children, Kerry Cash and Kaje Hablutzel and great-grandmother to Kerry's son, Connor Cash. She was also grandmother to Rick (Nicki) Larson's children, Kirsten Mailloux (Brad), Kevin, Kelsey and Katie Larson, and great-grandmother to Kirsten's children, Tyrell, Tiana and Trace Mailloux.

Elinor will be remembered as a gregarious personality and great storyteller who entertained friends and family with humorous anecdotes about their lives.

She will be greatly missed.

Graveside funeral services will be held 10 a.m. Wednesday, July 3, at Sunset Memorial Gardens in Billings. Smith Funeral Chapel-Laurel is in charge of arrangements.

Ethel Erbacher

Ethel Erbacher, 90, of Billings, formerly of Havre, passed away on Monday morning, Oct. 21, 2002. She was born on Dec. 2, 1911, in Derrick, N.D., a daughter to Irwin and Alice (Cole) McMillan.

Ethel was a longtime resident of Havre, moving to Billings after her retirement. Ethel had worked many years as a nurse at the Sacred Heart Hospital in Havre.

Ethel married John Jerome Erbacher in Chinook in 1930.

Ethel was a loving and dedicated mother and was involved in many church and community activities.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John Jerome; a son, Charles; and two brothers and three sisters.

Survivors include her children, Dee (Don) Morris of Goodyear, Ariz., Bob (Carol) Erbacher of Billings and Doug Erbacher of Grand Junction, Colo.; two sisters, Evelyn Blake of Seattle and Betty Sammis of Portland, Ore.; nine grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

A memorial mass will be offered at 11 a.m. Monday, Oct. 28, at St. Pius X Church. Cremation has taken place.

Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

OCT 24 2002

Alice Mae Erdmann

THE BILLINGS GAZETT

DEC 28 2002

LIVINGSTON — Alice Mae Erdmann, 80, of Livingston, died Thursday, Dec. 26, 2002, at Livingston Memorial Hospital.

At her request, cremation has taken place and a private memorial service will be held at a later date. Franzen-Davis Funeral Home of Livingston is in charge.

Andria O. Ereaux

BILLINGS GAZETTE

FORT BELKNAP — Andria O. Ereaux, 22, died Friday, Aug. 16, 2002, in a car accident 10 miles north of Grass Range.

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Wake services will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 20, at the Ereaux Home Place at Beaver Creek. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 21, at the Ereaux Home Place.

Burial will be in the Ereaux Family Cemetery at Beaver Creek. Adams Funeral Home of Malta is in charge.

APR 16 2002

Anita Loree Erickson

POWELL, Wyo. — Anita Loree Erickson, 61, of Powell, died Friday, April 12, 2002, at the Powell Nursing Home.

At her request, cremation has taken place and memorial services will be held at a later date. Miratsky-Easton Funeral Home of Powell is in charge.

Clarence L. Erickson

POWELL, Wyo. — Clarence L. Erickson, 81, died Saturday morning at his son's home near Powell.

Memorial services will be 2 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 24, at Twichel Funeral Home in White Sulphur Springs. Miratsky-Easton Funeral Home of Powell is in charge of arrangements.

Dana Vaughn Escarcega

COLTON, Calif. — Dana V. Escarcega, 35, of San Bernadino County, formerly of Wolf Point, Mont., died Monday, July 15, 2002 in Colton.

A prayer service will be at 7 p.m. Thursday, July 18, at Clayton Memorial Chapel in Wolf Point. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, July 19, at Clayton Memorial Chapel. Interment will be in King Memorial Cemetery.

BILLINGS GAZETTE

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BILLINGS GAZETTE

Joseph Eskro

MILDRED — Joseph Eskro, 82, of Mildred, died Monday, May 6, 2002, at the Homestead for Elderly in Miles City.

Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. Thursday, May 9, at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Terry.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, May 10, at the Mildred Community Church in Mildred. Interment will be in the Mildred Community Cemetery.

Helen E. Esmay

GILLETTE, Wyo. — Helen E. Esmay died Saturday, Nov. 16, 2002, in Gillette.

Memorial services will be at a later date. Stevenson Funeral Home of Gillette is in charge.

WYOMING GAZETTE
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~~THE BURLINGTON~~
SEP 14 2002

Eddalee J. Esp

BIG TIMBER — Eddalee J. Esp, 76, of Big Timber, died Tuesday, Sept. 17, 2002.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Sept. 20, at the Big Timber Church of God.

Frank B. Estes, Jr.

JUN 16 2002

ORANGEBURG, S.C. — Frank B. Estes, Jr., 80, formerly of Billings, passed away at his home in South Carolina on Thursday, May 30, 2002.

He was born in South Carolina to Frank and Sarah Estes and lived there until 1964. He was a graduate of Presbyterian College and served as a bomber pilot during WWII in the Army Air Corps. Frank worked as an educator and radio announcer. He married Caroline Cope of South Carolina and had two sons. They were later divorced.

Frank married Kathryn Griffith, of South Carolina, and after a vacation to Montana in 1964, they moved to Billings. They often said they were drawn to Montana by the friendliness of the people and the great outdoors.

Frank taught English and history at West High School until his retirement in 1982. He was head of the English department and assistant golf coach. He had many friends in his fellow teachers, and they often enjoyed hunting and fishing trips together, as well as



**FRANK
ESTES, JR.**

WILLIAMSBURG GAZETTE

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playing a weekly game of poker and golf, weather permitting. Frank adored reading, music, dancing, watching sporting events on TV, was an avid gardener, and loved his many cats, plants and yard.

After Kathryn's death in 1988, Frank moved back to South Carolina to be nearer to his sons and sisters.

He is survived by sons Frank, III, and George Estes; two sisters; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, all of South Carolina; six step-children, including Kathryn Wagner and Marian Roscoe of Billings; 13 step-grandchildren, including Justin and Jeremy Wagner of Billings; seven step-great-grandchildren, and many dear friends.

Frank, you were loved a lot and will be sorely missed. We hope that all of our grammar and punctuation is correct in writing your final tribute, and we pray that you would give us an A+. We'll always remember the love and knowledge you shared with us.

Frank was buried in S. Carolina on June 1. Memorials may be sent to St. John's Lutheran Ministries, Ocee Johnson Chapel Fund, 3940 Rimrock Road, Billings, MT 59102, or a charity of one's choice.

Robert E. Etzel Sr.

SAVAGE — Robert E. Etzel Sr., 79, died Saturday, May 25, 2002, at the Eastern Montana Veterans Home in Glendive.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, May 28, at the First Lutheran Church in Savage. Interment with Military Honors will follow in the Riverview Cemetery. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Glendive is in charge of arrangements.

MAY 27 2002
BILLINGS GAZETTE

Bertha A. Eubank

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Bertha A. Eubank, 92, of Sheridan, died Monday, Feb. 4, 2002, at Sheridan Manor.

Memorial services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 12, at St. Peter's Episcopal Church. Champion Ferries Funeral Home of Sheridan is in charge.

BELLINGS GAZETTE

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BILLINGS GAZETTE

William B. Evans

LAS VEGAS — William B. Evans was born Nov. 26, 1925, in Missoula, Mont. He entered the United States Navy in 1942. After serving in the military, he entered the University of Montana, where he earned a degree in business and a degree in law. In 1951, he married Betty Friauf. In Billings, he was in various business ventures. He enjoyed trapshooting, fishing, hunting and flying.

Mr. Evans has lived in Las

Vegas for the past 10 years. He passed away from a heart attack on April 26, 2002. He was 76.

He is survived by a daughter, Susie Evans of Portland, Ore.; and a son, John Evans of Anaheim, Calif.

A private service has been held.

He will be proudly remembered by many.

Memorials can be made to the Imus Ranch for Kids with Cancer or the Make a Wish Foundation.

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Lehre Evenson

Lehre Verlane Evenson, 69, passed away Friday, Oct. 11, 2002, in Billings. He was born March 11, 1933, in Denbeigh, N.D. On April 6, 1956, Lehre married Marian, and made their home in Minot, N.D.

Lehre worked in construction and truck driving throughout Montana and North Dakota. More recently, Lehre owned various bars before he became the owner and operator of the Junction City Saloon in Custer.



**LEHRE
EVENSON**

Lehre was an avid NASCAR fan. He proudly was the first president and a 50-year member of the North Dakota Race Club in Minot. He enjoyed visiting with friends, and dearly loved his children and grandchildren.

Survivors include his wife of 46 years, Marian Evenson; three sons, Tim (Debbie) of Billings, Kelly of Custer, and Mike (Sue) of Las Vegas; three daughters, Peggy (Terry) Stiles of Belgrade, Pam (Bob) Alger of Bozeman, Brenda (Dave) Burrill of S. Pittsburgh, Tenn.; two sisters, Melvyce Westphal, Ardith Coffin; grandchildren Brandon Yadon, Andrea Bulik, Amanda Evenson, Lehre "Buddy" Evenson, Jacob Foos, Chance Stiles, Skylehr Stiles, Shelly Evenson, Kyle Evenson, Nick Evenson, Samantha "Sanuny" Evenson, Tiffany Alger, Cory Alger, Ryan Long, Heather Long, Michael Long; and great-grandchildren Riley Loff and Kaitlyn Bulik. Surviving him also are several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Melvin Evenson and Mary Sandburg, as well as his sister Judy.

Services will be 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, Oct. 15, at the Custer Congregational Church, with interment in the Custer Cemetery. A luncheon will follow at the church.

Milton F. Evenson

Milton F. Evenson, 84, of Billings, passed away Sunday, July 14, 2002, at the St. Vincent Healthcare, after an extended illness of heart disease.

He was born March 13, 1918, at Raymond, the son of Melvin and

F r a n c e s
Amanda Brown
Evenson. He

was educated in Plentywood and joined the Army Air Corps until his discharge in 1946. He moved to Blythe, Calif.,

owned and operated a service station. He married Lucille

Fifield in Blythe. She died in 1950.

In 1951, he married Jean Tryan in Plentywood and lived there until they moved to Havre, where he sold life and health insurance. They later lived in Des Moines, Iowa; California; and came to Billings in 1975, where he was employed by the Northwestern National Life. He retired in 1987.

Survivors include his wife, Jean; a daughter, Charlene Evenson of Billings; two sons, Frank (Dawn) and Rich (Jan), all of Des Moines; 12 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren; four brothers and one sister; numerous nieces and nephews.



**MILTON
EVENSON**

BILLINGS GAZETTE

JUL 17 2002

He has been preceded in death by his parents; a daughter, Karla, who died in 1991; a brother and a sister.

Cremation has taken place and no services are planned. Arrangements were by Cremation or Funeral Gallery.

Harold Everson

PLENTYWOOD — Funeral services for Harold Everson will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, Jan. 7. Pastor David C. Curtright will officiate at the service at Plentywood Lutheran Church; interment will be in Plentywood Memorial Cemetery. Public Masonic rites will be held at 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 6, at Fulkerson Memorial Chapel in Plentywood.

Harold, 90, died Saturday, Dec. 29, 2001, at a Spokane, Wash., nursing home, where he has lived for the last few years.

Harold was born in Medicine Lake, Aug. 31, 1911, the son of Halvor and Anna (Brue) Everson. Harold attended grade school in Reserve, graduated from Medicine Lake High School, and from the University of Montana with a BA degree in business administration in March 1933. At the university, he was a member of the Kappa Sigma fraternity.

He worked as an auditor for the McLaren & Good firm in San Francisco, then returned to Sheridan County. He worked for the First National Bank in Reserve; he farmed in the Reserve community, and later ran a farm implement and automobile dealership in

Plentywood; then ran a tax and accounting service in Plentywood until retirement.

He married Lucille Evensen in Plentywood, June 16, 1935. They were members of the Plentywood Golf and Country Club since the days of pasture fairways and sand greens. Harold belonged to the Lions Club, the Masonic Lodge and Order of Eastern Star, and Algeria Temple of the Shrine. He served on the Sheridan Memorial Hospital board for 23 years.

Harold and Lucille spent their winters in Sun City, Ariz., beginning in 1980 and were active in golf, dancing and bridge. Harold was preceded in death by his wife, Lucille, April 6, 1997; by two brothers, Don and Ken, and two sisters, Lillian and Viola.

He is survived by a daughter, Sharon Graue, of Mead, Wash.; grandchildren Wayne Graue, and Lisa Gingreich and her husband Brent; by three great-grandchildren, Emma, Maia and Logan; as well as by a sister, Helen Prince of Kalispell; and by several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Fulkerson Funeral Home of Plentywood has charge of arrangements; friends may call at the mortuary Saturday and Sunday.

SEP 8 2002

Myrtle V. Evinson

Myrtle V. Evinson, 88, of Billings, formerly of Forsyth, died Monday, Sept. 2, 2002, at St. John's Lutheran Home.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m., Tuesday, Sept. 10, at the Concordia Lutheran Church in Forsyth. Interment will follow in the Forsyth Cemetery. Beals Mortuary is in charge.

Myrtle V. Evinson

Myrtle V. Evinson, 88, of Billings, formerly of Forsyth, went to be with her Lord Monday, Sept. 2, 2002 at St. John's Lutheran Home in Billings.

Myrtle was born July 15, 1914, in Darwin, Minn., the daughter of Tom and Mary Beckvall Olson. She moved with her family in 1927 to

Vananda, where she spent her youth and attended schools, graduating from Vananda High School in 1931. Following graduation, Myrtle moved to St. Paul, Minn., working there for two years, before returning to Vananda.

On Dec. 8, 1937, Myrtle married Ted Evinson in Forsyth. They continued to live in Vananda, where Ted operated a service station until 1940. They moved to Billings in 1940, later living in Vancouver, Wash., and Seattle before coming to Forsyth in 1943. Myrtle began her career in 1943 with the Rosebud County Assessor's Office, retiring in 1981. Following Ted's death in 1990, Myrtle continued to live in Forsyth until 1995, when she moved to Billings.



**MYRTLE
EVINSON**

Myrtle was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Billings, enjoyed rock hunting and loved her family.

She is survived by her sister-in-law Edna Olson of Forsyth; numerous nieces and nephews, including Shirley (Darwin) Pfaffinger of Forsyth, Trent (Sandra) Pfaffinger of Forsyth, and Kathy Pfaffinger of Billings. Myrtle was preceded in death by her husband, Ted; four brothers, Erfred, Edwin, Lawrence, Art; and four sisters, Luella, Bertha, Olga, Hildur.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 10, at the Concordia Lutheran Church in Forsyth. Interment will follow in the Forsyth Cemetery. Memorial Services will be 3 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 13, at St. Johns Lutheran Home in Billings. Beals Mortuary of Forsyth is assisting the family with these arrangements.

SEP 18 2002

James Wesley Ewalt

GLENDIVE — James Wesley "Jim" Ewalt, 78, of Glendive, died Monday, Sept. 16, 2002, at the Eastern Montana Veterans Home.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Sept. 20, at Our Savior Lutheran Church. Interment will be in the Dawson Memorial Cemetery. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Glendive is in charge.

Alice Lorraine Exline

LOVELL, Wyo. — Alice Lorraine Exline, 83, of Lovell, died Monday, Feb. 11, 2002, at New Horizons Care Center in Lovell.

Cremation has taken place. Burial of cremains will be held at a later date in Nebraska. Haskell Funeral Home of Lovell is in charge.

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Dec. 20, 1918 -- Feb. 11, 2002

Alice Lorraine Exline, 83, of Lovell, died Monday, Feb. 11, 2002, at New Horizons Care Center in Lovell.

She was born on December 20, 1918 in Elgin, Nebraska, the daughter of Andrew H. and Ida Johnson.

She is survived by a son, Billey Florom; a daughter, Jannine Florom of Denver; two brothers, Paul Roger Johnson of Denver and David A. Lindblad of Lovell; one sister, Esther Johnson of Julesburg, Colo.; and nine grandchildren.

Cremation has taken place. Burial of cremains will take place in Nebraska at a later date.

Haskell Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.