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Carolyn V. Kahle

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LIVINGSTON — Carolyn V. Kahle, of Livingston, died Thursday afternoon, June 13, 2002, at the Big Timber Pioneer Medical Center. Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Tuesday, June 18, at Holbrook United Methodist Church at the corner of Fifth and Lewis Street. The Rev. Marja Coons-Torn of the First Congregational Church of



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KAHLE**

Billings will officiate. Graveside committal and burial will follow in Mountain View Cemetery.

Carolyn was born April 8, 1935, in Billings, the daughter of Fredrick and Vivian (Bateman)

Jackson. She attended Billings Senior High School, graduating in 1953. She was involved with the Girl Scouts of America for 18 years and was the master of the Grand Cross of Color of The Rainbow Girls organization. Carolyn taught Sunday School at the Holbrook United Methodist Church in Livingston.

Carolyn married Dean Jebowski in 1956. They were later divorced and she married Robert R. Kahle, Jr., Aug. 15, 1976, in Reno, Nev.

Carolyn was the first woman to

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work for NPRR as an electrician apprentice. She was an excellent cook and homemaker. She loved the outdoors, gardening and flowers.

Carolyn had been blind since 1980. She helped many people by becoming an advocate and friend of those losing their sight. She was an inspiration and source of strength and comfort to her many friends and acquaintances. Although Carolyn had a very painful and troubled life, she always loved life and had a strong desire to live. She touched many lives in a positive way. Carolyn will be greatly missed by her friends and loved ones.

Carolyn is survived by her husband, Robert R. Kahle, Jr. of Livingston; her father, Fredrick Jackson of Billings; a brother, Fredrick Jackson of Los Angeles; an aunt, Elsie Bjornson of Wyoming; two daughters, Dr. Michelle Kahle of Napa, Calif., Melissa Losett of Belgrade; two sons, Tim (Cheryl) Jehowski of Minot, N.D., Todd (Susan) Jehowski of Colorado Springs, Colo.; two stepdaughters, Sandra (Jim) Denesen of Livingston and Terri (Rodney) Kahle-Clark of Boise, Idaho; four grandsons, six granddaughters and numerous nieces and nephews. Carolyn was preceded in death by her mother, Vivian Jackson; and a stepson, Robert Roy Kahle III.

Memorials may directed to
Treasure Trails Girl Scout
Council for Livingston Lodge, 12
Garden Ave. Suite A, PO Box
30595, Billings, MT 59107.

Raymond David Kaiser

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LOVELL, Wyo. — Raymond David Kaiser, 61, of Powell, died Wednesday, Dec. 11, 2002, in a vehicle rollover, 16 miles south of Bridger.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 16, at Haskell Funeral Home Chapel in Lovell. Burial will be in the Lovell Cemetery.

Perry E. Kalal

ROY — Perry E. Kalal, 76, died Saturday, Oct. 5, 2002, at the Central Montana Medical Center.

Funeral services will be 1 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 10, at the Roy High School Gymnasium. Interment with Military Honors will be at the Roy Cemetery. Creel Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

John Squally Kalama

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LAME DEER — A beautiful young man, John S. Kalama, went to the spirit world on May 25, 2002, due to complications from a bullet wound in an alcohol-related incident.

John was born on Nov. 8, 1969, in Tacoma, Wash. He was preceded in death by his natural father, George Kalama, and his grandparents on both sides, Burt and Ellen Medicine Bull/Kaline, Roy and Rosie Kalama, as well as many other relatives. John's ancestry was of the Plains Tribes: Northern Cheyenne/Apache; and West Coast Tribes: Nisqually, Yakima, Puyallup, Cowlitz Tribes, and Hawaiian. Dutch and Irish. John was a member of the Cheyenne Kit Fox Society.

John shared his life with his loved ones in both Montana and Washington. At the time of his death, he lived on his beloved Northern Cheyenne homelands in Lame Deer and he worked for the Facilities Department, Bureau of Indian Affairs.

He is survived by his two very precious children; Keoni



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Kalama, age 10 and Kahelelani Kalama (Tita) age 8; his wife Barbara Little Bird and her three sons, Eddy, Drey and Mitchell; his parents, Alaina and Mike; and little sister Erica Bearcomesout of Lane Deer; also, his sister Kaylene Kalama of Albuquerque, N.M.; stepsisters Michelene Bearcomesout, Lorelei Mann; and stepbrothers Tony, Corey, Leslie and Marlin Bearcomesout; his loving aunts Renette Kaline (Tony Gleason), Doris Boss Calf Ribs (Arnie) and Dina Kaline; and his loving uncles Bert (Kitty) Medicine Bull, Kenneth (Connie) Medicine Bull, Willis Medicine Bull and Chuck Kaline; grandmother Eva Medicine Bull/Bearchum and Grandfather Wayne (Roseanne) Headswift; and many other loving aunts, uncles and relatives on his Northern Cheyenne side.

On his father's side, he is survived by his "favorite" Auntie Marie "Bubbles" Kalama of Nisqually, Wash.; and Auntie Joanie (Ally) David of Warm Springs, Ore., and their children and grandchildren; and grandmothers Dub McCloud, Lee Thompson, Blanche Simmons and Grandpa Fred Kalama of Washington; and many other loving cousins, aunts and uncles and relatives of Washington and Oregon. He is also survived by his "adopted" siblings, Lori Medicine Bull, Bert Benjamin

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Kaline, Ryan Kaline and Jason Kaline.

John is fondly remembered for his sense of humor, always teasing you and making you totally believe it, too! He loved the Seattle Mariners and never missed a game on television. His love of country music is known to all who knew him. He said this type of music made a lot of sense. John was a wonderful father; he displayed the love he had for his children by being involved in all their activities. He had them involved in wrestling and baseball, often traveling to tournaments. He was most recently a coach for the youth baseball team in Colstrip. John loved all his cousins dearly on both sides of his family. He may not have told you often, but I knew it in my heart.

John had a kind heart, he was a generous person, always giving. He had his days, too, but then so do we all. I always said that, "John was an expert at loneliness" because he was always going back and forth sharing his life with his father in Washington and his mother in Montana, he had to feel lonely each time he left one of us to be with the other. What can you say when your only son is leaving you forever and he will never

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call you on the phone again or come see me at my office? What can you say when he will never be present for his children's birthdays? I am so happy for him that he will finally be happy in the beautiful place they call the "spirit world," where he will not be in pain, nor will he be sad. No one will ever hurt him again. He will ride horses in Cheyenne Heaven with his Uncle Morris.

John will be missed dearly and forever by all of us that were touched by his short life here on earth. We will send John on his journey with lots and lots of love. Son, father, uncle, brother, grandson we will miss you, until such time.

Wake services will be held 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 29, in the Lane Deer Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church Social Room. Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Thursday, May 30, in the church. Interment will follow in the Medicine Bull Family Cemetery near Birney. Bullis Mortuary of Hardin has been entrusted with the arrangements.

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Beatrice L. Kaldor

JOLIET — Beatrice L. Kaldor, 82, of Joliet, passed away after a short illness, Monday, April 15, 2002, at her home, surrounded by her family and friends.

She was a daughter of Joseph and Sophia Drewniak, born May 14, 1919, at Chinook.



**BEATRICE
KALDOR**

Bea truly loved family, friends and children. Her whole life was her family, especially her grandchildren. Bea really enjoyed being a Jay Hawk fan, flower gardening, caring for animals, and was an excellent seamstress.

Bea was a longtime member of the Joliet Lutheran Church.

Survivors include two daughters, Marilyn (Jim) Vukonich of Joliet and Esther (Kurt) Shortman of Cut Bank; two sons, Mick (Betty) Morris of Chinook and Bill (Gail) Morris of Lake Havasu City, Ariz.; one sister, Monica Conrad of Chinook; and a brother, Francis "Bud" Drewniak of Grass Range; 12 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

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Bea was preceded in death by her husband Glenn Kaldor in 1990; her parents; and one grandson, Andy Shortman.

Services will be held 1 p.m. Thursday, April 18, at Joliet Lutheran Church, Joliet. Interment will be in the Joliet Cemetery.

Memorials are suggested to: Joliet Scholarship Fund; c/o Joliet High School; PO Box 590; Joliet, MT 59041

Smith Funeral Chapel-Laurel was in charge of arrangements.

Meta M. Kalloch

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Meta M. Kalloch, 100, of Billings, formerly of Glendive, died Tuesday Feb. 5, 2002, at the Deaconess Billings Clinic.

Visitation will be 4 to 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 8, at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary. Vigil services will be 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 10, at Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home in Glendive. Funeral Mass will be 10 a.m. Monday, Feb. 11, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Rite of Committal will be in Dawson Memorial Cemetery, Glendive.

Jerome Thomas Kalvig

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Jerome "Jerry" Kalvig, 78, of Billings, passed away Friday morning, Jan. 18, 2001, at St. Vincent Health-care.

Jerome was born on Sept. 5, 1923, in Kanawha, Iowa, son of Elmer H. and Elma J. Kalvig. He served in the Army during WWII and received a Purple Heart for his duties.



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On Oct. 8, 1950, he married Delores May Stone of Miles City. They started their lives together in Bozeman and later moved to Billings. Together they had five children (Doug, Peggy, Steve, Craig, and Ron).

Some of Jerome's occupations include working at JC Penny's, Sears, manager at The Country Store, and K-mart.

He is preceded in death by his parents (Elmer and Elma Kalvig); his sister (Naomi); and Delores' parents (Mr. and Mrs. L.R. Stone).

Survivors include: his brothers (Darrel, Al, and Elmer Jr.); his sisters (Deloris and Elaine), and their families; Doug and Janice Kalvig (Kevin and Kristen); Peggy Rollins (Heather Rollins, Joey and Nanci Gause);

Steve Kalvig; Craig Kalvig (Joanetta Snell and daughter Anastasia Kalvig); Ron Kalvig (Diana Stowell); Linda Wright and family; Bennie and Audrey Stone; Grace Stone; and several nieces and nephews.

There will be a visitation Monday, Jan. 21, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Cremation or Funeral Gallery located at 29 8th St. W. in Billings. Services will be held at the same location on Tuesday at 2 p.m. Internment will be held at Sunset Memorial Gardens. Reception following at Christian and Missionary Alliance Church at 19th and Central.

Jerry will be missed greatly!!!

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Wendy Connors Kambich

GLASGOW — Wendy Connors Kambich passed away Sunday, Sept. 29, 2002, at Valley View Nursing Home in Glasgow, at the age of 42, after a long battle with MS. Wendy was born in Great Falls, to Roberta and Bill Connors on May 31, 1960.

She graduated from Glasgow High School in 1978, where she participated in Drama, Pep Club, also was a cheerleader and Homecoming Queen. Wendy received her BA degree in elementary teaching from Montana State University-Bozeman in 1982. She taught in Fairview for two years and then married Steve Kambich. They had two children, Lindsey and Stevie. Wendy and Steve divorced later.

Wendy was preceded in death by her father, Bill Connors; grandparents, Marg and John Connors, Marg and Bob Maguire; Aunt Sue Connors and Uncle Oakie O'Connors.

Survivors include her children, Lindsey and Stevie of Butte mother, Berta and husband Dave Clowes of Glasgow; sister Margie and Scott Markle of Glasgow; brothers, Bill and Kim Connors of Issaquah, Wash., Bob and Barb Connors of Stevensville, Ted and Juli Connors of Butte, Tim and Deb Connors of Winnemucca, Nev.; Dave's children, Lorrice Alan Merrill of Big Sandy, Dena and Rick Burt of Billings, Wade and Kathy Clowes of The Netherlands, Jim and Erin Clowes of Seattle; aunts, Sister Lil Maguire of Billings, Joan Maguire of Spokane, Wash., Sheila and John O'Mara of Butte, Kae and Bill Brennick of Spokane, Eileen O'Connor of Butte, Aggie and John Frankino of Helena; uncle Dan Connors of Miles City; numerous nieces and nephews and cousins.

Rosary will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 2, at Bell Mortuary Chapel in Glasgow. Mass will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 3, at St. Raphael's Catholic Church in Glasgow, with Rev. Thad Kozikowski officiating. Burial will be in Highland Cemetery in Glasgow.

Memorials may be made to Valley View Nursing Home in Glasgow.

Marjorie E. 'Marge' Kamp

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Marjorie "Marge" Aileen Ellingson Kamp, 86, passed away on Nov. 23, 2002, at Aspen Meadows.



**MARJORIE
KAMP**

Marge was born on Feb. 5, 1916, at White Earth, N.D., to Ole and Anna Ellingson. The family moved to

Williston, N.D., the next year, where her father worked for the railroad and her mother was a homemaker. Her father died when she was 16. Marge went on to graduate from Williston High School, then worked for the Department of Agriculture in Bismarck, N.D.

She married Paul Kamp on Jan. 24, 1943. They moved to Nevada and California when Paul was in the Army, returning to Williston after the war ended. One year later, they moved to Wolf Point, where Paul began a 30-year partnership in a hardware store.

Marjorie was an excellent homemaker for the years her children were growing up. Later, she worked as a secretary at Wolf Point High School office for eight years. She also worked part-time for Roosevelt County social services for three years.

Marge and Paul spent many happy years in Wolf Point and greatly enjoyed their friends and home there. Marge was an active member of the First Lutheran Church and worked on many quilt-making projects there. She also played golf, fished, knitted and gardened.

Marge was preceded in death by her parents; Paul, her husband of 57 years; brother Clinton Ellingson; and sister Claire Heim.

She is survived by a son, Gene Kamp and Nola Reece of Billings; a daughter, Holly Furber and her husband Rich of Pryor; and grandchildren Jake, Matt, Rose and Luke; and nephews Steve and Dan.

Heartfelt thanks and appreciation to those that lovingly cared for Marge at Aspen Meadows and also at Valley View Home in Glasgow.

A private memorial service will be held at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary on Wednesday, Nov. 27, at 3 p.m.

Memorials may be sent to First Lutheran Church in Wolf Point, MT, or the charity of your choice.

Mom, we love and miss you and will always have special memories of you.

Knute Kampen

PLENTYWOOD — A funeral service for Knute Kampen, well-known area farmer and rancher, will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 5, at Plentywood Lutheran Church. Pastor David C. Curtright will officiate and burial will be held at Rock Springs Cemetery, west of Reserve.

Knute, 85, died late New Year's Eve, Dec. 31, 2001, at Sheridan Memorial Hospital in Plentywood.

Knute was born at Michigan, N.D., March 30, 1916, to Engebret and Johanna (Froystad) Kampen. He came to the Rock Springs area, west of Reserve, on Thanksgiving Day, 1919. He attended Rock Springs Grade School and went to Medicine Lake High School, graduating in 1936.

He farmed with his father and worked from the fall of 1936 to the spring of 1937 in the CCC. He helped construct the bird islands east of the bridge at Medicine Lake and also worked in Western Montana. Knute returned to the farm in the spring of 1937, where he lived until October 2000. He loved his "rocks and hills" west of Reserve. Knute was proud of his Norwegian heritage and always loved a plate of lutefisk with lefse.

On Nov. 9, 1946, Knute married Laura Grove in Plentywood. They had two daughters, Maxine

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and Myrna.

Knute served on the Rock Springs School Board, Medicine Lake School Board, Medicine Lake Oil Board and Plentywood Lutheran Church Council. He served as a field representative measuring land for the AAA, the farm service agency at the time. He was also instrumental in getting a sign made for the Rock Springs Cemetery, which was put up in April 1999. Later, he put up a Rock Springs sign on his land, which the Rock Springs area was named for.

Knute was an avid sports fan and attended games as long as he was able. He was usually seen at any Medicine Lake game, whether basketball or football. He also enjoyed watching his grandchildren participate in sporting events in Plentywood and Sidney. When he was no longer able to attend games, he tuned in the radio to listen to any games he could find, especially his "Mighty Honkers." His daughters remember him watching tournaments on TV and listening to two or three other games on radios throughout the house. He

looked forward to mail day, as he always enjoyed reading newspapers and magazines. He also enjoyed reading the various county history books he collected.

Knute is survived by Laura, his wife of 55 years, who resides in Plentywood; daughters Maxine Wahl and her husband Eldon of Hysham and Myrna Kanning and her husband Terry of Plentywood. Also surviving are grandchildren Kim Lindsey and her husband Grant and their children Allison and Kourtney of Plentywood; Kelly Obergfell and her husband James and their children Wyatt and Victoria and Jim's boys, Nyle and Cassidy of Plentywood; Clint Wahl and his wife Robyn and their children Taylor and Ryan of Butte; Corey Wahl and his wife Lorainne and their children Michael and Madison of Great Falls; and Craig Wahl of Billings. Knute is also survived by his sister, Mathilda Egnash of Columbia Falls, and many nieces and nephews. Knute was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Olaf.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be sent to Plentywood Lutheran Church and Sheridan Memorial Nursing Home.

Fulkerson Funeral Home of Plentywood is in charge of arrangements.

Martin A. Kanaley

LIVINGSTON — Martin A. Kanaley, 73, of Livingston, formerly of Kalispell, died Friday, Sept. 6, 2002, at Livingston Memorial Hospital, as the result of injuries he sustained in a pedestrian-vehicular accident on West Park Street earlier that evening.

Cremation has taken place at Franzen-Davis Crematory in Livingston. Graveside committal services and burial will be at a later place in Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell.

Ada Mayme Kanning

Ada Mayme Kanning, 64, of Billings, went to be with the Lord early Jan. 6, 2002, after once again cancer reared its ugly head. She died in her home with her husband and three children by her side.

She was born Ada Mayme Jensen, in Plentywood, on Feb. 14, 1937 to Anker and Dora Jensen of Reserve. She married Rodney Alan Kanning on Aug. 19, 1956 in Plentywood. The couple lived in Plentywood until 1968, when they had a brief move to California for nine months. They moved to Great Falls in 1969 and lived there until their move to Billings in 1991.

Rod and Ada raised three children and 12 grandchildren (six boys and six girls) in their 45 years of marriage. Ma's greatest joys were serving her family and others through hospitality. She loved to cook, crochet and was an avid card player; she especially loved to play with her grandchildren. Ada also had a collection of nearly 100 hats and each Sunday she donned a different



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one. However, most evident was her love for the Lord. Ada was faithfully involved in church activities and was known for her sense of humor, hard work ethic, enthusiasm and creativity. She could make everyone feel comfortable with her loving, gracious style. Ada was also appreciated for her faithfulness in preserving photos in albums. It was her diligence to preserve pictures and to pass that tradition to her children that led to the birth of a worldwide company called Creative Memories. Thousands of Creative Memories Consultants from around the world are thankful to Ada for the legacy of albums she promoted.

Ada is survived by her husband Rodney, of Billings; two daughters, Rhonda L. Anderson (Mac) of St. Cloud, Minn. and Lori Aldinger (Gordon) of Dinuba, Calif.; one son, Jeffery A. Kanning (Kerri) of Billings; 12 grandchildren and one sister, Lorraine Severson (Vernon) of Great Falls. She was preceded in death by her parents, Anker and Dora Jensen.

Memorial services will be 10 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 9 at Hope Evangelical Church, 5554 Grand Avenue. Memorials can be made to Big Sky Hospice.

Dorothy Kanning

FLAXVILLE — Dorothy Kanning, 86, of Flaxville, died Wednesday, Dec. 4, 2002, at her home.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, Dec. 9, at the Zion Lutheran Church in Flaxville. Burial will be in the Orville Cemetery. Waller Funeral Home of Scobey is in charge.

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John J. Kappel

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LAUREL — John J. Kappel passed away Friday, May 24, 2002, at the Horizon Hospice Home after a lengthy illness at the age of 64. He was born Aug. 5, 1937, in Park City, to Frank and Madge Kappel and lived in this area all of his life.

He is survived by his wife of 44 years, Donna; son Timothy and wife Becky; grandson Calvin; granddaughter Corina; mother Madge Kappel; brothers Richard and wife Lorna, Robert and wife Peggy; sisters Delores and husband Terry Fox, Kathleen and husband Craig Baumgartner; brother-in-law Dennis Kautz; a large extended family with many nieces and nephews; special friends Bill and Linda Strauch, Tony and Lael Lueck and many others. He was preceded in death by his father, Frank, and sister, Elizabeth.

He served in the Montana National Guard after graduating from high school and worked at Laurel Auto Parts from 1960 to 1999 when he retired.

John was an avid outdoorsman. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and gardening.

John, we will miss you dearly. You were a wonderful husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle and friend to many.

God broke our hearts
To prove to us
He only takes the best.
The family suggests memorial services be given to Big Sky Hospice. A Vigil Service will be at 7 p.m. Monday at Smith Funeral Chapel-Laurel. Funeral Mass will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at St. Anthony Catholic Church in Laurel. Interment will be in the Laurel Cemetery.

God saw you getting tired,
And a cure was not to be,
So he put his arms around you
And whispered, "Come to Me."
With tearful eyes we watched you,
And saw you pass away.
Although we loved you dearly,
We could not make you stay.
A golden heart stopped beating,
Hard working hands at rest.

Fern Lorene Karcher

GLASGOW — Fern Lorene Lacy Karcher, 84, of Glasgow, died Monday, Jan. 7, 2002, at the Valley View Nursing Home.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday, Jan. 11, at Bell Mortuary Chapel in Glasgow. Burial will be in Nashua City Cemetery.

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Twylah M. Karel

Twylah Marcella Karel, 90, of Billings, passed away Easter Sunday morning, March 31, 2002, at home. She was born in Inavale, Neb., on Feb. 10, 1912, to John L. and Mary Sutton Knight.

Twylah married Joseph R. Karel, April 22, 1932, in Clarkson, Neb. He preceded her in death on Oct. 24, 1970.

She was also preceded in death by three brothers, Elmer, Oscar and Marvin; three grandsons, Patrick Egan, Daniel Egan and Thomas Majerus; and a son-in-law, Gerald Majerus.



**TWYLAH
KAREL**

Survivors include one brother, Oliver, of Lismore, Australia; two daughters, Donna Egan and Mary Ann Majerus of Billings; seven grandchildren, Timothy Egan of Petaluma, Calif., Matthew Eagan of Las Vegas, David Egan of Sheridan, Wyo., Robert Majerus of Phoenix, Ariz., and Maureen Egan Tetrault, Carol Majerus Hanser and James Majerus, all of Billings. She is also survived by 12 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

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Twylah spent many happy hours in her rose garden and was truly proud of her many hours as a volunteer for St. Vincent de Paul Society.

A vigil service will be held Thursday, April 4, at 7 p.m., at Dahl Funeral Chapel, and funeral services will be held on Friday, April 5, at noon, at St. Patrick's Co-Cathedral, with interment to follow at Holy Cross Cemetery. Memorials may be made to St. Vincent de Paul Society, 2610 Montana Ave., Billings, MT 59101, Big Sky Hospice, PO Box 35033, Billings, MT 59107, or the charity of one's choice.

MAR 27 2002**Karl J. Karson**

LIVINGSTON — Karl J. Karson, 87, of Livingston, died Thursday, March 21, 2002, at Livingston Health and Rehab Center.

Cremation has taken place at Franzen-Davis Crematory in Livingston. Graveside committal and interment of the cremated remains will be at a later date.

APR 15 2002**Pearl Johnson Karst**

FAIRVIEW — Pearl Johnson Karst, 84, died Sunday, April 14, 2002, at the Sidney Health Center Extended Care Facility.

Funeral services will be 3 p.m. Monday, April 15, at the Zion Lutheran Church. Interment will be in the Fairview Cemetery. Fulkerson Funeral Home of Sidney is in charge of arrangements.

Lucile A. 'Billie' Kartevold

GLENDIVE — Lucile A. "Billie" Kartevold, age 75, of Glendive, passed away on Wednesday, March 13, 2002, at the ranch east of Glendive.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 16, at the Zion Lutheran Church, with Pastor Paul Everett officiating. Interment will be in the Dawson Memorial Cemetery. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Glendive is entrusted with arrangements.

Billie was born on March 15, 1926, in Glendive, the daughter of Andrew and Anna (Veselka) Caldwell. She was raised and educated in Glendive and graduated with the Dawson County High School class of 1944. She married Obert Kartvold on June 17, 1951, at the Kartevold ranch. Billie had worked as a telegrapher for the Northern Pacific Railroad and later was the clerk at the Glendive Livestock. She and her husband ranched and farmed 18 miles east of Glendive. They enjoyed spending their winters in Mesa, Ariz.

Billie enjoyed playing cards and loved her house and yard. She



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was a member of the Order of Eastern Star and the Glendive Cow Belles.

Billie was preceded in death by her parents; her son, Kir Kartevold; one brother, Verno Caldwell and one sister, Lyn Kinkide.

Survivors include her husband Obert Kartevold, of Glendive; he daughter, Karen Viotor and her husband Dave of Philipsburg; he son, Gary Kartevold of Glendive; three sisters, Elaine Hardesty of Tacoma, Wash., LaVon Warner of McLean, Va., and Sylvia Lerchenmueller of Bellevue Wash.; one grandson, Tom Linderman of Savery, Wyo. numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorials are suggested to the charity of the donor's choice.

Fred Filmore Kaser

WICHITA, Kan. — Fred Filmore Kaser was born Feb. 8, 1904, on a farm near Novelty, Mo., to Theodore and Agnes Leah Sinele Kaser. In addition to helping in the fields and with milking, Fred was interested in science and physics and, at age 16, built the first radio set in Knox County.

He graduated valedictorian from Novelty High School in 1923 and attended Kirksville State Teachers College summers and taught a rural school winters until he graduated in 1928.

Fred married Henrietta Kent in Columbia, Mo., on May 26, 1928, and they moved to Billings. Fred taught high school, almost any course that was needed, including physiology, navigation, history, geography, sheet metal layout, consumer education, mechanical drawing and finally developed courses in physics, electronics, and radio. Fred earned his master's degree in 1942 from the University of Michigan, and served in the U S Navy during WWII. Following his discharge as a lieutenant commander he returned to Billings, teaching until retiring in 1971.

Fred had many interests including tennis and oil painting. But his main interest was radio and he qualified for his ham radio license in 1932. He was an active member of First Baptist Church where he taught Sunday School,

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served as Sunday School superintendent, director of religious education and deacon. Fred was fascinated by gem stones and became adept at stone faceting. His wife, daughter and grand daughters all had several beautiful rings he had created.

Fred was a born teacher and never outgrew it. His home was always open to his former students. He was very interested in them, and several kept in frequent contact with him as long as he lived. He considered everyone a student, and the neighborhood children would ring the doorbell and ask if "Mr. Kaser could come out and play."

Fred was a practical man and after suffering a stroke in the summer of 1996, moved to Wichita to be near his daughter, son-in-law and grandchildren when he was no longer able to live alone.

Henrietta preceded him in death in 1989 at age 86. He leaves his daughter and son-in-law, Doris and Melvin Crane of Wichita; a grandson Alan Crane of Wichita; granddaughters and their husbands, Diana and Marc

Webster of Ellsworth, Louise and Don Williams of Topeka, and Cella and Marc LaBranche of Chapel Hill, N.C.; and great-grandchildren, Monica Crane of Wichita, Alaina, Christa and Erica Webster of Ellsworth, Kathryn and Kristin Williams of Topeka, and Emily and Alex LaBranche of Chapel Hill.

Funeral services will be 2p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 19, at First Baptist Church in Billings with interment in Mountview Cemetery.

Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary has charge of arrangements.

Beverly Reyman Kasper

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SUNING GAZETTE

SAN GABRIEL, Calif. — Beverly Kasper passed away on June 16, 2002, in San Gabriel. She was born in Terry, Mont., to Earl and Hazel (Bartley) Reyman on Feb. 8, 1928. She was raised in Terry and graduated from Terry High School in 1946.

She and her husband, Jerry Kasper, lived in Alhambra, where they owned and operated the Kasper Glass Co., until his death in 1987. They raised three sons, Richard, Steve and Gary.

Beverly was always involved with her boys' activities and school projects. She enjoyed doing arts and crafts for fund raisers for the PTA and other organizations. She was an avid L.A. Dodgers fan and loved to go to their games at Dodger Stadium and have "Dodger Dogs." But her greatest passion was traveling. She visited many countries of the world and most of the United States. Cruises were her favorite form of travel, but planes, trains and autos were okay too.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband. She is survived by her sons, Richard (Shawna) Kasper of Thousand Oaks, Calif. Steve (Mary) Kasper and Gary (Sylvia) Kasper, both of Alhambra, Calif.; her sister, Marvel Shearer of Belgrade,

Mont.; her brother, Travis (Darlene) Reyman of Terry; five grandsons; three nieces and one nephew.

Funeral services and interment were June 21 at Forest Lawn Memorial Gardens. Memorials may be made to the USC/Norris Cancer Center, 1441 Eastlake Ave., Room 8302 MS 83, Los Angeles, CA 90033, or a charity of one's choice.

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John Sylvester Kastelitz

RED LODGE — John Kastelitz, 91, of Red Lodge, died April 11, 2002, at the Tender Nest Assisted Living Home in Red Lodge, surrounded by his family.



**JOHN
KASTELITZ**

John was born on Dec. 31, 1910 in Bearcreek. He was the son of Frank and Mary Kastelitz. He graduated from Bearcreek High School and attended the University of Montana on a track and basketball scholarship until he broke an ankle.

He married Rose "Mamie" Salono on Nov. 13, 1941, at St. Agnes Catholic Church in Red Lodge. They lived the rest of their lives in Red Lodge.

John worked for the Smith Mining Company in Bearcreek for 11 years until the mine disaster in the 1940s. He was one of the last surviving workers of that disaster. He then spent the rest of his working career with Keil Company in Red Lodge and Billings, which later became Continental Keil and now is Sysco. He retired in 1975.

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John thoroughly enjoyed his family, especially his five grandsons. He also enjoyed playing golf with the "Buffalo Head," bowling, cribbage and any sporting event he could go to. John was a member of St. Agnes Church, Elks Lodge, Eagles Lodge and served on the City Council for the city of Red Lodge.

He is survived by his son Tom Kastelitz and his wife Rosina of Red Lodge and daughter-in-law Annette of Missoula; and five grandsons, Greg Kastelitz and his wife Wendy of Portland, Ore., Scott Kastelitz and his wife Kelly of Seattle, Wash., Brad Kastelitz of Spokane, Wash., and his fiance Rhonda Hullett, Kyle Kastelitz and Rhett Kastelitz of Red Lodge.

He was preceded in death by his wife, his son Jim, his parents and brothers Frank Kastelitz, Pete Kastelitz, Ed Kastelitz and sister Mary Silva.

A vigil service will be held on Sunday, April 14, at Dahl Funeral Chapel in Red Lodge at 7 p.m. Funeral Mass will be Monday April 15, at St. Agnes Catholic Church in Red Lodge at 11 a.m. with a reception to follow at St. Agnes.

Memorials may be made to the Beartooth Memorial Hospital Foundation in Red Lodge.

Gregory Luther Kastl

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MISSOULA — Gregory Luther Kastl, son of Henry Luther and Mary Ruth (Jo) Kastl of Billings, passed away at the age of 55, on Jan. 1, 2002, at his home in Missoula.

Greg was born July 1, 1946, in Astoria, Ore., but his family returned in 1950

to Billings, where he attended Billings schools for all 12 years. Because of his scholastic achievements when he graduated from high school in 1964,



MR. KASTL

he was awarded a scholarship to the University of Chicago. He returned to Billings, where he received his bachelor's degree from Rocky Mountain College.

After working and living in various cities, Greg returned to Montana and has resided in Missoula for the past 20 years. As an active member of University Congregational Church in Missoula, Greg continued with his lifelong enjoyment of volunteer work.

He was active in programs at the University of Montana in Missoula as well.

Greg leaves behind his parents; brother David Kastl of Helena; niece Christina Lopez,

her husband Ed and their children Savana, Edward and Brenna of Colorado Springs, Colo.; niece Monica Tavener, her husband Eric and their children Tim, Tyler and Tommy of Billings. Numerous aunts, uncles and cousins also survive Greg.

A memorial service for Greg will be 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 5, at Dahl Funeral Chapel in Billings. Memorials may be made to Family Service, Inc., 1824 First Ave. N. Billings, 59101.

Mary A. Kaufeldt

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Mary A. "Tootsie" Kaufeldt, 72, of Sheridan, died Sunday, Oct. 20, 2002, at Memorial Hospital of Sheridan County.

Cremation has taken place. At her request, the family will scatter her remains in a private ceremony. Memorial services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 26, at Kane Funeral Home in Sheridan.

Nellie R. Kaufmann

BILLINGS GAZETTE

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Nellie R. Kaufmann, 91, died Thursday, Aug. 29, 2002, in Sheridan Manor. Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the First United Methodist Church with burial in the Sheridan Elks Cemetery. Champion-Ferries Funeral Home is in charge.

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Alverne Samuel Kautz

BELLINGHAM GAZETTE

APR 07 2002

Al Kautz passed away in his home Wednesday evening, April 3, 2002. He was comforted by his wife Marsha and was surrounded by his children, family and friends.

Al touched the lives of many people in many different ways. He was a husband, a father, a grandfather, a veteran and a dear friend. He is, perhaps, best known as an optometrist.



**ALVERNE
KAUTZ**

Dr. Kautz practiced optometry on Grand Avenue for some 40 years. His talent, skill, compassion and everlasting sense of humor earned him a place in the hearts of his patients and colleagues, both during his practice and long after his retirement. His family is still reaping the rewards of gratitude and affection his patients felt for him.

Al's enduring curiosity for the world sparked him to undertake many hobbies and activities, ranging in scope from computers, cars, the outdoors and home improvement, to travel, dogs and games of chance. He enjoyed few things more than talking, joking and debating topics of interest with family and friends.

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He served as a radio electronics engineer in the United States Navy from 1948 to 1952 and was awarded the Air Medal, Service Medals (Asia and Korea) and the United Nations Service Ribbon. Dad's service in the Navy made a vivid and lasting impression on him that changed and shaped him in countless ways.

Al married Perdita McCrea and together, they raised five children. He later married Marsha Price.

In 1994, he was diagnosed with prostate cancer. This was the beginning of a long and courageous struggle to stay healthy, strong and happy. With the help of his wife and best friend Marsha, for eight-plus years, he did just that. The family would like to thank all the friends, doctors and associates who helped and encouraged him, and whose thoughts were with him during this extended fight with cancer. He is profoundly missed.

Al is survived by his wife Marsha, his children and their partners, Laura Kautz, Robert and Lori Mann-Kautz, David Kautz and Beth Hughes, Darrell James and Chris Grabowski, Glenn Kautz and Shawna Towler-Kautz; his grandchildren, Michelle and Sean Kautz, Rachel and Dana Klein; and his siblings and their spouses, Lily Lengowski, Paul and Bese Kautz, Ruby Faw, Della Kuhn, Joanne and Mrs. Stacie Glenn and

Jeanette Kautz; and many nephews and nieces.

A celebration of Al's life will take place from 3 to 6 p.m. on Friday, April 12, at the Elk's Club at 934 Lewis Ave. in Billings. Everyone who was touched by this man's life is invited to come and enjoy food, drink and memories.

Henry Kautz

LAUREL — Henry Kautz, 89, passed away Saturday, Dec. 29, 2001, of pancreatic cancer.

He was born in Huntley on Oct. 4, 1912, a son of Fred and Rose (Fox) Kautz. On April 30, 1932, Henry married Marie Kramer in Laurel. He farmed for several years in the Laurel area before going to work at Union Tank Car Co. in 1951, retiring in 1976.

Henry was preceded in death by his wife, Marie; two sons, Gary and Bill; a brother, Herman and a sister, Pauline.

Survivors include two sons, Don of Vancouver, Wash., and Stan (Gayle) of Laurel; daughter-in-law, Doris of Helena; half-brother, Clarence Foss of Laurel; three stepsisters, Lydia Kramer of Billings, Millie Harding of Bridger and Mary Feuerbacher of Laurel; six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held 10 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 3, at First Congregational Church in Laurel with interment to follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens in Billings. Should friends desire, contributions may be made to Big Sky Hospice. Visitation will be 1 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 2, at Smith Funeral Chapel-Laurel.

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MISSOULA — Dolores Virginia Kay went to be with the Lord on Feb. 10, 2002, after a brief illness, in Missoula.

The granddaughter of Swedish immigrants, Dody was born on Sept. 21, 1921, in Minneapolis, the only child of Hazel M. and Daniel W. Monson.

She was a member of Elim Baptist Church, graduated from Edison High School in 1939 and attended Roosevelt College in Minneapolis. After completing vocal studies at

**DOLORES KAY**

the American Conservatory of Music in Chicago, she enjoyed a successful solo career.

She married Kenneth L. Kay Jr. on Oct. 15, 1950. They lived as winter keepers at the Deep Well Ranch west of Yellowstone Park for several years before moving to Cody, Wyo., Billings and Great Falls. Dody was an active supporter of Community Concerts and worked for many years as a tax preparer. The couple divorced in 1974. She relocated to California in 1982, where she was a licensed massage therapist and a member of the La Jolla Presbyterian Church choir. She moved to the Missoula Manor in

2000, where she made many wonderful friends.

Dody is survived by her former spouse, Kenneth L. Kay Jr., Cascade; sons and daughters, Janet (Kay) and David Zimmerman, Pony, Karen (Kay) and Mark Timonier Arvada, Colo., Kenneth L. Kay, III and Kathryn M. Kay, Lolo, John D. Kay, Great Falls; and 10 grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held at the Missoula Manor on Feb. 27, at 11 a.m. Memorials are preferred to the Missoula Manor Foundation or Missoula Hospice.

Frank Kawano

POWELL, Wyo. — Frank Kawano, age 77, passed away at home, from cancer, on Tuesday morning, July 9, 2002.

He was born on Dec. 25, 1924, in Powell, to Yonosuki and Ei (Wakahara) Kawano. He attended school in Powell.

He served in the U.S. Army from 1944 to 1946, spending 14 months in Germany. On Nov. 16, 1952, he and Tokiko Asai were married in Billings.

He farmed on the Willwood until he retired to take care of Toki. He also worked at the Great Western Sugar Factory in Lovell during the fall and winter months for 27 years.

He was a member of the Shoshone Rock Club, enjoyed fishing, hunting, working with his hands, constructing wooden arrowheads, tying flies and doing Origami (paper folding). His life was spent caring for his family, attending sporting events during his children's school years and also in later years with his grandchildren's events.

He was always willing to help others.

He is survived by his three sons, Doug Kawano and wife

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Brenda of Frannie, Gar Kawano and wife Jolyn of Powell and Lenny Kawano, of Powell; brothers, Mak Kawano of Wheaton, Ill., John Kawano and wife Martha of Des Plaines, Ill., Sam Kawano and wife Aiko of Billings, Jim Kawano and wife Fujiko of Alpharetta, Ga., and Ed Kawano and wife Diane of Lakewood, Colo.; three sisters, Mary Nayashima of Billings, Frances Kawano and Sue Kawano, both of Denver; eight grandchildren Tina, Evan Patrick, Jalene Katie and Aimee, all of Powell, and Charles and Kerri of Frannie. His parents; his wife Tokiko in 1999; a grandson, Weston, in 1980; and brothers Cike and Tom, preceded him in death.

Visitation will be held on Monday morning, from 8:30 until 9:45 a.m. at Miratsky-Easton Funeral Home, Powell. Funeral services will begin at 10 a.m. Monday, July 15, at Miratsky-Easton Funeral Home, with burial to follow in Crown Hill Cemetery.

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

Frank J. Kawulok, Jr.

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Frank J. Kawulok, Jr., 75, of Sheridan, died Wednesday, Oct. 2, 2002, at his home.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 5, 2002, at Champion Ferries Funeral Home in Sheridan. Interment will be in Sheridan Elks Cemetery.

Loretta Masters Kearns

IRVINE, Calif. — Loretta Masters Kearns passed away



**LORETTA
KEARNS**

peacefully at her Irvine home on June 12, 2002, after a long struggle with Alzheimer's. We are thankful that her suffering has come to an end. She is survived by her daughter, Patricia Dana; her son, Jim

Kearns; and her two grandchildren, Dillon and Gailin.

She was born to John and Ida Masters on April 9, 1921, in Woodstock, Conn. She spent most of her childhood in Worcester, Mass. She and her brother John were trained to play music from an early age, along with her cousins Ethel, Olivia, Julia, Josephine and George Silberberg.

She was a very gifted musician, and went on to study music at Oberlin College. She graduated in 1943 and taught music for many years.

She moved to California with her mother and father in 1946. In 1948, she married Francis Bernard Kearns. They eventually moved to Montana to ranch and raise a family.

Church. A funeral service will be held Wednesday, June 19, at 10 a.m. at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, Irvine.

If you would like to honor her, please feel free to contribute your time or money to any organization you deem worthy.

Loretta moved back to California in 1971 to care for her mother, after the death of her husband.

She loved her children and her mother intensely. She has been a generous supporter of music, education and the Catholic

Patrick John Kenneth Keating

DENVER — Patrick John Kenneth Keating, 46, passed away Sunday morning, July 7, 2002, at his home in Denver. He was born to Thomas and Anna

“Luke” Keating in Billings, Feb. 1, 1956. Pat grew up in Billings and graduated in 1974 from Billings Central, where he played quarterback for the football team and was most valuable player on the wrestling team.

While attending college in Portland, Ore., in 1979, he met his best friend in May Ming Kwok of Hong Kong, and they began a loving relationship. After traveling the world with friends, he finished his business degree from the University of Colorado, and began a successful career in the oil industry. He married May in July of 1983, and they made their home in Denver. In the early 1990s, he founded Maxwell Petroleum, Inc.

Pat loved many activities, including golf, hunting, and skiing. He achieved top 10 amateur ranking in tennis in Colorado. He is remembered for his love, compassion and generosity to



**PATRICK
KEATING**

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anyone who needed it. His heart was big enough for everyone. Pat was a true person, notorious for his wit and flair with the English language, garnering the nickname from some — Firetruck Pat. He is most remembered for his sense of humor and how much fun he was to have around.

Survivors include his wife May; parents Tom and “Luke”; a sister, Cabbie, Boulder, Colo.; brothers Tom, Spokane, Wash. Mike and his wife Barb, Lincoln, Neb., and Terry and his wife Mary, Pocatello, Idaho; nephews Chris, Corey, Collin and Luke, and nieces Katy and Hannah. May’s family include her parents Man Cho and Susan Kwok of Hong Kong; sisters Yvonne, Madeline, Joan, and brother Jerry. He is missed by uncles, aunts, cousins, and friends, far too numerous to mention.

Memorial services are scheduled at Chapel Hill Mortuary, Littleton, Thursday, July 11, at 9 a.m., and a funeral mass in Billings at St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church, 2210 Colton Blvd., Saturday, July 13, at 10:30 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to Billings Central Football/Wrestling Program, PO Box 31158, Billings, MT 59107.

Patrick Joseph 'Pat' Keefe

BILLINGS GAZETTE

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HELENA — Patrick Joseph "Pat" Keefe, age 52, of Helena, died at Fort Harrison on Tuesday, July 23, 2002.



**PATRICK
KEEFE**

Pat was born on July 17, 1950, to Gene and L a h o m a (Wilson) Keefe in Deer Lodge. He served in the U.S. Navy aboard the nuclear submarine the USS James Monroe during the Vietnam war, and was a member of VFW Post 10010 in East Helena. He married Donna Noel on March 11, 1974.

He worked as a sprinkler fitter and bartender for many years in both Helena and Billings. He was a computer buff, and enjoyed watching and attending NASCAR racing, woodcarving and playing pool.

He is preceded in death by his father Gene; mother Lahoma;

brother Bill and sister Eleano (Rusty) Anderson.

Survivors include his wife Donna; sisters and brothers-in-law Lucille and George Wetherell of Butte, Annie and Chuck Huxley of Clancy; sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law Tilly and Daniel Pocha, LaVerne and Tery Hoyer, Cindy and Larry Noel, all of Helena, Mary and Al Hodik of Billings; and nieces, nephews and grandnieces and grandnephews too numerous to mention.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, July 27, at the Montana State Veterans Cemetery at Fort Harrison. A luncheon will be held at the home of Tilly and Daniel Pocha at 1300 Cole Ave. in Helena following the service.

He will be sadly missed by all his nieces and nephews for whom he carved willow whistles.

Retz Funeral Home is caring for arrangements.

Charles Keeler

POWELL, Wyo. — Charles Keeler, 92, died Friday, Sept. 20, 2002, at the Powell Nursing Home.

Funeral services are pending. Miratsky-Easton Funeral Home of Powell is in charge.

Charles Nolan Keeler

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POWELL, Wyo. — Charles Nolan Keeler, a 57-year resident of Powell, died at the Powell Nursing Home on Sept. 20, 2002, almost a month after his 92nd birthday.

He was born Aug. 24, 1910, in Burnham, Mo., the son of Louise Black and William Keeler. He spent the first 30 years of his life in Missouri, and on June 15, 1940, he married Ruby Smith in Cushing, Okla.

In 1945, the couple moved to Wyoming, where he went to work for Standard Oil and Gas Company. He and his wife lived in the Elk Basin Oil Field near Powell for nine years. Their children, Nolan and Carla, were born while they were living in Elk Basin. Later, they moved their Elk Basin home to Powell. He retired from Amoco Oil Company after 29 years of service.

He was a master gardener, and his neighbors will remember the generous sharing of the vegetable plants he grew in his greenhouse and the produce, especially tomatoes, that he grew in his large garden. He also enjoyed hunting and fishing.

He and his wife of 62 years were active participants in the Powell Senior Citizen Center. He was a member of the First Southern Baptist Church.

All of his children and most of his grandchildren visited him in August shortly before he became seriously ill.

He is survived by his wife; son Nolan of Powell; and daughters Glenna D'Amico and husband Lou of Santa Cruz, Calif., and Carla Essex and husband Ross of Mobridge, S.D.; and a son-in-law Don Engen of Billings, Mont.

He is also survived by a sister Clara Havens and husband Will of Ava, Mo.; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; six brothers; four sisters; and two daughters, Charlene Engen and an infant daughter.

Visitation will be on Tuesday, Sept. 24, from 6 to 8 p.m., at Miratsky-Easton Funeral Home. Services will be held Wednesday, Sept. 25, at 2 p.m., at the First Southern Baptist Church in Powell, with visitation one hour prior to the 2 p.m. service. Memorials may be made to the Powell Valley Hospice, the Powell Senior Citizen Center or the First Southern Baptist Church.

LAUREL — Bernard R. Keener, 88, of Laurel died peacefully the morning of Friday, Nov. 15, 2002, amongst family. Bernie was born Dec. 23, 1913 in Geddes, S.D. to Charles and Anna Keener.

He married Leora Easton in 1932 and raised five children. Leora passed away in 1979. Bernie married Margaret Bruffy in 1983 and spent 12 years together enjoying family, traveling and dancing before her death in 1993. In December 1997, Bernie married Molly Curl in Coeur d'Alene.



**BERNARD
KEENER**

Bernard proudly served in the U.S. Navy and was deployed in the South Pacific during WWII. During his life, he worked many professions including rancher, locomotive fireman and trucker.

He is survived by his wife, Molly; sister, Inez Gee; three sons, Jack (Betty) Keener of Wasilla, Alaska, Gary (Cindy) Keener of Wasilla, Alaska and Ron (Kathy) Keener of Columbus; two daughters, Kathleen Stanhope of Texas and Karen (Mark) McManus of Whitefish; 18 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren and three

great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two wives, Leora and Margaret his sister, Lola Simms and brother, Glen Keener.

Dad strongly believed in being an honest, generous person and doing things the right way. He lived life to the fullest and made a lasting impression on everyone he met. Even though he was a man of few words during his later years in life, he spoke volumes when he flashed you his signature smile. His smile is permanently branded in our memories and in our hearts. We will miss you.

A funeral service will be 2 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 20, at Smith's Funeral Chapel in Laurel, immediately followed by burial in Terrace Gardens Cemetery in Billings. Memorials: Parkview Care Center of Charity of one's choice.

Howard Glen Keep

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BILLINGS GAZETTE

WILSALL — Howard G. Keep, 73, of Wilsall, died Thursday, June 27, 2002, at his home.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday, July 1, at Franzen-Davis Funeral Home Chapel in Livingston. Graveside committal and burial will follow in Wilsall Cemetery.

Nellie T. Keever

CODY, Wyo. — Nellie T. Keever, 85, died Friday, July 5, 2002, at the West Park Long Term Care Center.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, July 9, at Ballard Funeral Home in Cody. Interment will follow in Riverside Cemetery.

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Paul Warren Keiser

Paul Warren Keiser, 71, of Billings, died Thursday, April 11, 2002, at St. Vincent Healthcare.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. Cremation has taken place at Cremation or Funeral Gallery.

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Wayne L. Keith, Sr.

PLENTYWOOD — Wayne L. Keith, Sr., 68, of Plentywood, died Tuesday, Oct. 29, 2002; he was dead on arrival at Sheridan Memorial Hospital after an apparent sudden cardiac event at his home.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 2, at Plentywood Lutheran Church. Interment will be in Plentywood Memorial Cemetery. Fulkerson Funeral Home of Plentywood is in charge.

Alice Keller

LEWISTOWN — Alice Keller, 97, of Lewistown, died Thursday afternoon, Sept. 5, 2002, at the Central Montana Skilled Nursing Center, of natural causes.



ALICE KELLER

She was born Sept. 28, 1904, in Hector, Minn., the daughter of Ferdinand and Clara Theilmann.

In 1909, they moved to Montana homesteading six miles from Chester. The crops were poor and they could not make a living, so they bought a farm 13 miles from Lewistown and moved there in 1921. She worked as a housekeeper and baby-sitter, and on Oct. 22, 1925, she was united in marriage to Otter Keller in Rossfork. They lived there until moving into Lewistown in 1955 and built a home. Following his death in 1982, Alice moved into the Eagles Manor.

Alice enjoyed cooking, baking, crocheting and playing cards.

She was a member of the Zion Lutheran Church and the ZLCW.

She is survived by one son Vernon and his wife Marge of Lewistown; two brothers, Arthur Theilmann of Great Falls and Alfred Theilmann of Lewistown; two sisters, Clara Baxter and Helen Goodan, both of Lewistown; two grandchildren, Sherry Kelley and husband Steve of Deer Lodge and Shonny Nordlund and husband Larry of Lewistown; five great-grandchildren, Jada Simonson Bantz, Tyler Simonson, Lane Nordlund, Deverie Kelley and Shayla Kelley; and several nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, three brothers and one sister.

Funeral services for Alice Keller will be Monday, Sept. 9, at 11 a.m. in the Zion Lutheran Church, with interment to follow in the Lewistown City Cemetery. The Cloyd Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Friends may make memorial to the Zion Lutheran Church or the charity of their choice and they may be left at the Cloyd Funeral Home.

Charlean Keller

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Charlean Keller, age 72, passed away early in the morning of Nov. 16, 2002, with her daughter Theresa at her side. Charlean had fought a determined and dignified battle with cancer for the last three years. Her family wishes to thank Big Sky Hospice for their compassionate help and advice so that we could, for the last eight months, care for Mom in her home.



**CHARLEAN
KELLER**

Charlean was born in Cody, Wyo., on May 5, 1930. She was the daughter of P.M. and Bessie Moore. She married Konrad Keller in 1957, and worked with him in the grocery business until his death in June, 1976. With the help of many longtime and loyal employees over the years, she continued to expand and operate the businesses, which included Kon's Custer Market, Kon's Sooper, and Kwik Way convenience stores. She remained active in business until her death.

She is well respected in the grocery industry and had been a member of the board of directors of the National Grocers Association. She was a recipient of the Spirit of America Award.

the IGA Grocer of the Year award, and the Grocers Spotlight Honor Award. She had also been a member of the NGA Asparagus Club. At the time of her death she was a member of the Food Marketing Institute, and as a past board member served on the membership committee and the diversification committee to promote the employment of minorities and women in business.

Active in various organizations, she was a founding member of the Committee of 200, a national organization to promote women's advocacy in business. She was a board member of the Small Business Administration under President George Bush, and was the recipient of the U.S. Small Business Administration, Montana Women in Business Advocate of the Year Award. She had been a member of Zonta Club and Billings Rotary Club, and was a member of the First Congregational Church.

She has served as a member of the board of directors of First Citizens Bank for over 15 years, and especially enjoyed her affiliation with the bank and her fellow board members.

Some of her favorite times were spent fishing with her family on the Clarks Fork near Cooke City, where she always caught the most fish, and on the family boat on Yellowstone Lake with her husband Kon and friends and family, until his death. She also enjoyed fishing trips to Alaska with her friends from First Citizens Bank, and won most of the fishing bets there too. She returned to Alaska on her own to visit and fish with her brother, Buzz and his wife, Deborah.

She had a soft spot for kids, and at Christmas when Kons Sooper sponsored Christmas stockings for needy children, she personally sewed hundreds of Christmas stockings for Family Services. No child was forgotten, because she and Theresa went shopping to make sure that any stocking that was empty, was filled.

Charlean loved to travel. Her favorite destinations included Alaska, Las Vegas, and Ireland, and during her life, she saw a large portion of the world. Her grandchildren, Scott and Sara, benefited especially, as they often went on special trips with their Mom and Granny.

She enjoyed the grocery business and the many associates and friends that she knew over the years, but to know Charlean was to hear the latest about her grandchildren and great-grandchildren because her family was

the joy of her life. She is survived by her daughter, Theresa Jenkins (Douglas) of Billings; her grandson, Scott Jenkins of Portland, Ore.; her granddaughter, Sara Mathis (Mark) of Louisville, Ky.; and her three great-grandsons, Collin, Eric, and Bryan Mathis. She is survived by two brothers, Buzz Moore and Walt Moore of Anchor Point, Alaska; one sister, Leota Watkins of Burbank, Wash.; and many nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be 2 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 20, at the First Congregational United Church of Christ. Cremation has taken place. Donations can be made to the Angel Fund (Billings Public High School Student Need Fund), 415 N. 30th Street, Billings, MT 59101, Boys and Girls Club, 505 Orchard Lane, Billings, MT 59101, Big Sky Hospice, PO Box 35033, Billings, MT 59107 or to the charity of your choice.

Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

Jeanette Rose Keller

MAY 19 2002
BILLINGS GAZETTE

CUSTER — Jeanette Rose Keller passed away on May 15, 2002, at her home in Custer, with family at her side. She fought a hard, courageous battle with cancer.

Jeanette was born to Phillip and Regina Kuntz on Dec. 19, 1937. She was raised on the family farm south of Custer and graduated from Custer High School. On Oct. 28, 1954, she and Bill Keller were united in marriage. Together, they had seven children.

Mom enjoyed reading, crossword puzzles, jigsaw puzzles and playing solitaire. Most of all, she was known for her excellent cooking. Her dedication to her children and grandchildren was immeasurable. She was always putting everyone else's needs before her own.

Jeanette was instrumental in getting the Junction City Memorial Park Board started. She started as a member of the board in the beginning and remained active until present.

Jeanette is survived by her husband, Bill, and their children and grandchildren, Steve Keller of Helena and his children Wes, Josh and Shandi; Tam (Greg) Miller of Billings and their children Summer, Kimberly and Erica; Dani (Shayne) Meskimen of Billings and their children Jared and Haylie; Jeff (Corinna) Keller of Custer and their children

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Ashley, Taylor and McKensie; Rona (Cory) Hansen of Custer and their daughter Pier; and Shawn (Eddy) Strecker of Big Horn and their children Joel and Jordan. She is also survived by her mother, Regina, and brothers Phillip Kuntz of Selah, Wash.; Dan (Judy) Kuntz of Laurel; and Tom (Linda) Kuntz of Williston, N.D. Jeanette was preceded in death by her father, Phillip Kuntz; and her son Daryl.

God saw she was getting tired
And a cure was not to be
So He put His arms around her
And whispered, "Come with Me."

With tearful eyes we watched
her suffer

And saw her fade away,
Although we loved her dearly
We could not make her stay.
A golden heart stopped beating
Hard working hands at rest

God took her from us to prove
to us

He only takes the Best.

A special thanks is extended to the entire staff of the Oncology Center of the Northern Rockies, VNS, and Big Sky Hospice for their sincere and loving care that they provided for Mom.

Visitations may be made from noon to 9 p.m. on Saturday, May 18, and noon to 8 p.m. on Sunday, May 19, at the Smith Downtown Chapel in Billings. The casket will be closed at the service. Services

will be on Monday, May 20, at 2 p.m. at the Custer School Gymnasium. Interment will follow in the Custer Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations may be made to the Custer Community School Support Foundation (CCSSF) or to the charity of one's choice.

Louis Keller

Louis Keller passed away at his home early morning, Jan. 1, 2002, at the age of 70. He was born Sept. 14, 1931, in Dickinson, N.D. He worked with his dad as a cement finisher.

He enlisted in the army in 1950 and served during the Korean Conflict in Japan as a tank commander. After being discharged in 1953, he moved to Billings.

Louis went to work for Sweetheart Bakery in the plant, where he worked for 30-plus years.

He married Carol Burkhardt in June of 1956. He is survived by his wife, Carol; four children, Tony (Judy) Keller of Billings, Jack (Pat) Keller of Wendover, Nev., Cheryl (Gerardo) Torrero of Rogerson, Idaho, and Barbara (Albert) Scott of Reno, Nev.; sisters, Rose Burch of Vidor, Texas, Loretta (Ervin) Skalsky of

Longmont, Colo., Mae Bailey of Billings, Mary (Bob) Wendel of Beulah, N.D.; brother, Her (Donna) Keller of Billings; and



his aunt Catherine Met of Dickinson, N.D. Also surviving are 10 grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. brother-in-law Roger (Jackie) Burkhardt and sister-in-law, Sally (Walt) Smith and a lifelong friend and co worker, Richard Hilgendorf. Louis was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers and three sisters. He will be missed by all that knew him!

Memorial services will be held 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 5, at Smith West Chapel, 304 34th Street West.

MAR 24 2002**Melody Lynn Longwell
Kellogg**

THERMOPOLIS, Wyo. —
Melody Lynn Longwell Kellogg,
42, died Thursday, March 21,
2002, at Hot Springs County
Memorial Hospital.

Services will be Tuesday,
March 26, at 11 a.m. at Mortimore
Funeral Home. Cremation will
follow and a private burial will be
held at a later date. Mortimore
Funeral Home is in charge.

Robert Dale Keller

Longtime Billings resident Robert Dale Keller passed away Tuesday, Oct. 1, 2002, with his wife Joyce and his daughter Susan by his side. Bob was born Jan. 4, 1927, the fifth of eight children, in Lineville, Iowa.

During Bob's lifetime, he had many jobs and learned many skills. Bob's several business ventures included owning the Buzz Inn and vending machines. With his quick smile and bright blue eyes, he was a friend to all who knew him and a pleasure to be around. A veteran of the U.S. Navy, Bob also served the City of Billings as a fireman for 22 years. In retirement, Bob and his wife Joyce spent several winters in Arizona, where Bob enjoyed golf and the many friends he made during the winter months.

Bob is survived by his wife of 24 years, Joyce Keller; his children, Susan Scariano (husband, Ron, daughters, Samantha and Tina), Scott Keller (daughters, Jennifer and Nicole), Raelynn Roadhouse (daughter Kristen), and Larry Braaten (wife, Roxy, daughter Allison and son Rick). He is also survived by two brothers and three sisters and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service is set for 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 5, at American Lutheran Church, 5 Lewis Avenue. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be made to the Billings Fire Department.

William 'Bob' Keller

LAUREL — William R. "Bob" Keller, 60, formerly of Lewistown, died Tuesday, Aug. 20, 2002, in St. Vincent Healthcare in Billings of cancer.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Monday in the Cloyd Chapel in Lewistown. Cremation has taken place.

BILLINGS GAZETTE

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Blanche Kellersman

BILLINGS GAZETTE

POWELL, Wyo. — Blanche L. Kellersman, 80, died Saturday, Feb. 2, 2002, at the Powell Nursing Home.

Visitation will be from noon to 1:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 8, at First Presbyterian Church in Cody, with funeral services at 2 p.m. Burial will follow in Riverside Cemetery. Miratsky-Easton Funeral Home of Powell is in charge.

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SHERYL KELLUM

Sheryl Kellum

Sheryl Kellum, 57, passed away on May 15, 2002. She was born in Bremerton, Wash., to Clark W. and Ida "Evie" Olson Allen. Sheryl graduated from Eastern Montana College and was an elementary school teacher in Landusky, Billings and Ponca City, Okla.

In June 1970, Sheryl married Jerome P. Kellum. They lived in Ponca City, until 1978 when they returned to live in Billings. Sheryl is survived by her husband, Jerry; children, Aaron (Courtney) Kellum of Phoenix, Allyson Kellum of Missoula, Jenny (Chris) Lee and their children, Amanda and Sam of Oklahoma City; Mike (Debra) Kellum and their son, Will of Oklahoma City; Laura (Rich) Cudd and their sons, Dylan, Ryan and Sean of Moore, Okla.; a sister, Margene Bernhart of Billings; aunts, Jane Allen of Billings, Leone Kellum of Winfield, Kan., Ruby Olson of

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Seattle; and nephews, Jay and Bradley Bernhart. She was preceded in death by her parents, brother, Clark W. Allen; and stepdaughter, Susan Lynn Kelum.

Sheryl touched many lives and gave generously of her time to help others. She had an extraordinary gift with children and was a foster mother to over 25 babies. She had a wide and diverse circle of friends, was a member of Billings Bible Church and active in Bible Study Fellowship. She loved her church and her Lord.

Private services will be held. Friends and family are invited to gather at 12 p.m. Wednesday, May 22 at the Billings Bible Church to honor Sheryl's life. Memorials may be made to a children's charity of one's choice or Clydehurst Christian Ranch.

Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary and Crematory is in charge of arrangements.

Betty L. Kelly

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Betty L. Kelly, 70, passed away from cancer at the Horizon Hospice Home on Jan. 11, 2002. Betty was born on Aug. 4, 1931, in the Coombs Flat Community, Molt, a daughter to Conrad and Eerie (Leigh) Borg. She graduated from Helena High School. She married William T. Kelly on Aug. 31, 1959, in Helena. They were later divorced.

Betty worked several places including Kelly & Battin Law Office, KOOK TV, Representative Ron Marlenee's office and The Factory. She enjoyed her home, gardening, entertaining friends and family and she liked to travel. Betty was avid bridge player. Betty also took pride in managing her apartments in Helena.

Betty was preceded in death by her parents, a brother, Conrad Borg, and a sister, Jo Ann Verdun.

Betty is survived by three step children: Sandy Regnier and her husband Don, Barbara Kunze and her husband Rod, and Jim Kelly of Phoenix, Ariz.; two sisters, Effie Cutler of East Helena and Edna (William) Hoge of Tulsa, Okla.; brother in law, Don Verdun of Colorado Springs, Colo., and several nieces and nephews.

Betty wanted to keep things simple and requested no services. Cremation has taken place and a

private family burial will be held a Yellowstone Valley Memorial Park.

Betty will be missed by her family and many dear friends.

Memorials may be made to Horizon Hospice Home, 1019 Neptune Blvd., Billings, MT 59105. Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary are in charge of arrangements.

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Margaret Kelly

SHERIDAN, Wyo.
Margaret Kelly, 87, of Sheridan
died Monday, March 4, 2002,
Memorial Hospital of Sheridan
County.

Funeral services will be at 2
p.m. Friday, March 8, at Kane
Funeral Home in Sheridan.
Interment will be in the Sheridan
Municipal Cemetery.

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Sister Mary Jerome Kelly

LEAVENWORTH, Kan. — Sister Mary Jerome Kelly, 88, of Leavenworth, formerly of Butte and Billings, died Sunday, March 17, 2002, at Saint John Hospital in Leavenworth.

A vigil will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 19, at the Ross Chapel of the Sisters of Charity Mother House in Leavenworth, where friends may call after 4 p.m. Mass of Resurrection will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 20, at Ross Chapel.

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

Michael James Kelly

BILLINGS GAZETTE

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DALY CITY, Calif. — Michael James Kelly passed away on April 7, 2002, in Daly City, Calif. Born in Butte on April 6, 1919, to Cornelius and Francis Kelly, Michael was the youngest of ten children.

Michael married Janet Matelich of Anaconda on April 6, 1942, and then moved to San Francisco where they continued to reside. Michael was the former owner of the Klincher



**MICHAEL
KELLY**

Pub. He also worked for Gobel Beer, Beverage Distributors Inc., and Park Merced. He volunteered many hours at St. Stephen's Church and with many projects at St. Anne's Home. He will always be remembered for his Irish wit and humor.

Preceding him in death was his wife of 58 years, Janet Kelly, three brothers and six sisters. Survivors include a daughter, Cindy Kelly, of Daly City; sister-in-laws, Vivienne Duff of Castro Valley, Calif., and Phyllis Kelly of Petaluma, Calif. He was a special uncle to Vivienne M. Duff of Hayward, Calif., and Cindy Berzel of Billings. Michael has

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numerous special nieces and nephews and their families in Mexico and California, along with many wonderful friends.

Funeral services were held in San Francisco on April 12, with committal at the Holy Cross Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the St. Anne's Home, Little Sisters of the Poor, 300 Lake St., San Francisco, CA 94118-1397, or Convent of the Good Shepherd, 1310 Bacon Street, San Francisco.

Vera Rose Kelly

MALTA — Vera Rose Kelly, 92, died Monday, Oct. 7, 2002, at the Phillips County Good Samaritan Center in Malta.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Oct. 11, at the Little White Church, with interment of ashes following the service at the Malta Cemetery. Adams Funeral Home of Malta is in charge.

James Charles Kelsey

MALTA — James Charles "Jim" Kelsey, 84, died Thursday, May 2, 2002, at his home in Helena.

Funeral services will be at 9 a.m. Monday, May 6, at the Adams Memorial Chapel in Malta. Burial will follow in the Malta Cemetery.

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Marvin R. Kelsey

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BILLINGS GAZETTE

LAS CRUCES, N.M. — Marvin Richard Kelsey, 77, passed away Saturday, April 27, 2002, in Las Cruces. He was born March 16, 1925, in Belfry, Mont., to

Leander and Bessie (Cook) Kelsey. He graduated from Belfry High School in 1943. On Aug. 22, 1952, he was united in marriage to Bessie Dobrenz in Casper, Wyo., and in



MARVIN
KELSEY

June 1953, they celebrated a Temple marriage in Idaho Falls, Idaho.

Marvin was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and served in many callings. He helped construct an LDS church in Sheridan, Wyo., where he met his future wife. After marriage, Marvin worked on oil rigs in Wyoming, and for several direct sales companies. He obtained a real estate license in Tigard, Ore., then built and sold Lendel Cedar Homes in Prescott, Ariz. He had a fine tenor voice and loved to sing; he also enjoyed square dancing.

Marvin is survived by his wife, Bessie; daughter, Sharon Bloxom (Doyle) Young of Billings; sons,

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Allen Kelsey of Portland, Ore., and Evan Kelsey of Snoqualmie, Wash.; daughter, Cathy Kelsey of Tampa, Fla.; six grandchildren and several great-grandchildren; sisters, Leona Starbird of California and Betty (Hank) Bratsky of Bridger, Mont.; brothers, Everett (Iva) Kelsey of Cody, Wyo., Leo (Francis) of Bridger, Harold (Betty) Kelsey, Vernon (Marilyn) Kelsey, both of California; sister-in-law, Marjorie Kelsey of Utah. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Helan Bloxom Case; a sister, Evelyn Knott; and brothers, Bob and Lawrence Kelsey.

Funeral services will be 1 p.m. Thursday, May 2, at the LDS Church, Belfry (on the road to Bridger). Interment will be at the Belfry Cemetery.

Irene E. Kembel, 85, of Billings, formerly of Worden, passed away Friday, Jan. 25, 2002, at St. Vincent Healthcare.

Irene was born on Feb 19, 1916, on the family homestead near Worden, the daughter of Emil and Elizabeth (Fricker) Hug. She was raised in the Worden area and attended Huntley Project High School, graduating in 1933. Irene worked for several years at the Holden Drug store in Worden and in the lunch room at the Huntley Project School.

Irene enjoyed playing cards, doing crossword puzzles, reading and doing volunteer work at the Pompeys Pillar Assn., Huntley Project Museum, Sunnyside Library, Worden Senior Citizens and RSVP.

She moved to West Park Village in Billings in May of 2000 and continued her volunteering in the gift shop and helping other residents.

On Jan. 20, 1964, Irene married Adam Kembel in Billings and he preceded her in death in 1980.

Irene was a member of the Bethlehem Congregational Church in Worden and the Ameca Rebekah Lodge No. 126 in Worden.

Survivors include her daughter, Phyllis Kostelecky of Billings; step-children, Karen Dawson of Billings and Sandra Bacon of British Columbia, Canada; daughter-in-law, Delores Kembel; three grandchildren, five step-grandchildren, four step-great grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Besides her husband, Irene was preceded in death by her parents, a sister, a brother and a step-son, Ron Kembel.

Memorial service will be 2 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 30, at the Bethlehem Congregational Church. Visitation will be from 8 a.m. Monday until 5 p.m. Tuesday. Cremation will follow and interment of her ashes will be at Pleasantview Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Bethlehem Congregational Church, Worden, MT.

Frank E. Kemp

Frank E. Kemp passed away June 8, 2002.

Frank was born March 30, 1911, to the late Ora and Julia Kemp, formerly of Shepherd. He attended schools in Billings and Helena before graduating from Billings High School. In 1933, he married Elsie Wilhelm, who preceded him in death. Frank's brother James and sisters Margaret and Elizabeth are also deceased. Surviving are two sons and their wives, Bob and Donna, Jerry and Linda, Tim and Karen; six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Frank farmed with his father in the Shepherd area until 1928, when he began working in construction. He started his career with the Postal Service in 1935 at Shepherd. In 1952, the Shepherd and Huntley routes were combined and the family moved to Huntley. Frank retired from the Postal Service in 1979, with 42 years of service.

Frank was a member of the Huntley Project Lions Club, the Huntley Water Board and Huntley United Methodist Church. He served terms as secretary, treasurer and president of the Montana Rural Letter Carriers Association.

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A memorial service will be held at Smith West Chapel, 304 34th St. West, Saturday, June 29, at 10 a.m. He will be interred at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Memorials may be made to the Huntley United Methodist Church or the charity of your choice.

W.L. 'Bert' Kendall

REEDS SPRING, Mo. — Wilbert Lester "Bert" Kendall, 63, of Reeds Spring, passed away at 8:26 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 9, 2002, at St. John's Regional Health Center, Springfield.

Bert was born June 21, 1939, in Santa Rita, Mont., to Joseph and Geneva Hammontree Kendall. His father, Joe; and his sister, Bonnie Jo, preceded him in death. He was the only grandson of his namesake Wilbert and Elizabeth Kendall.

He moved to Powell, Wyo., at a very young age and graduated from Powell High School with the Class of 1958. He then joined the United States Army and was honorably discharged June 30, 1964. He attended Northwest College in Powell, Wyo. On June 4, 1966, he married Gail Hatch in the First Presbyterian Church in Canton, N.Y. She was the daughter of the late Herbert and Donna Hatch of Russell, N.Y. Mr. Kendall was employed by Unit Rig and Equipment Company in Tulsa, Okla., for many years in the Service Department and consequently traveled to many foreign countries and extensively in the United States and Canada

In 1978, he and his wife, Gail, bought Arrowhead Point Resort and Campground on Table Rock Lake near Branson. They operated the resort until 1992 and then developed the property into "The Point" subdivision. He did consulting work for several companies, including Exxon and Reliance Electric Company.

In his retirement years, Bert had a knife sharpening and sales business at Claybough Mall in Branson West.

He belonged to many local, state and national organizations connected with the resort and campground business and held many offices in those organizations. He was with the Southern Stone County Fire Protection District for many years and was Captain of Station #9. He enjoyed working with the fire department and spent many volunteer hours with them. Bert had many interests that included fishing, bird hunting, traveling, golfing, photography, woodworking and anything connected with the outdoors. Bert enjoyed life, his friends and family, and will be sorely missed.

He is survived by his wife, Gail; his mother, Geneva Kendall of Powell, Wyo.; sister, Eva and her husband Jim Havens of Joliet, Mont.; three aunts, Mrs. Hettie Rood of Powell, Helen Marlow of Clarkston, Wash., and Dee Kendall of Great Falls, Mont. Several cousins survive, including Don and Sue Hammontree of Powell; and several nieces and nephews, whom he enjoyed very much.

Memorial services were held at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 13, in Stumpff Chapel-South, Kimberling City, with graveside services being held at 11 a.m. Friday, Oct. 18, in Crown Hill Cemetery, Powell.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Tri-Lakes Humane Society, 102 Washboard Hollow Road, Reeds Spring, MO 65737 or Kidney Cancer Association, 1234 Sherman Ave., Suite 203, Evanston, IL 60202.

Mildred A. Kenevan

RED LODGE — Mildred A. "Millie" Kenevan passed away Saturday, Sept. 14, 2002 in Red Lodge at the age of 95. She will be mourned and missed by her nieces and nephews and their families in Canada, as well as her many friends in the Red Lodge area.



**MILDRED
KENEVAN**

Millie was born on April 11, 1907 in Austin, Minn., the daughter of Edward and Katherine O'Leary Kenevan, and was educated there.

Following graduation from business school, she worked for Western Union and in 1929 moved to Los Angeles, where she was employed by NBC as a film production traffic controller and trainer.

Following her mother's death in 1965, Millie took early retirement and moved to Red Lodge to live closer to her brother Leon "Red" (Mary) Kenevan, and her sister Genevieve (Leon) O'Donnell.

She is survived by the children of her sister, Florence (Joseph Redmond; namely, Kathlee (Ted) Arling of Saskatoon Saskatchewan, Canada; Jac (Hazel) Redmond of Victoria British Columbia, Canada; Lear (Donna) Redmond of Beechy Saskatchewan, Canada; and Audrey Redmond of Redcliff Alberta, Canada. She is also survived by the family of her brother, Chester.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers Chester and Leon; four sisters Florence Redmond, Genevieve O'Donnell, Gertrude Kenevan and Kathleen Kenevan; and her special friend Thelma "Tommy" Lemkau.

Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 19 in St. Agnes Catholic Church. Rite of committal will follow in the Red Lodge Cemetery, with Smith-Olcott Funeral Chapel in charge of arrangements. Memorials may be given to the charity of one's choice.

Louise Kennedy

BILLINGS GAZETTE

NOV 22 2002

BOZEMAN — Louise Kennedy, 74, of Bozeman, died Sunday, Nov. 17, 2002, at the family home.

Graveside services were Thursday, Nov. 21, at Sunset Hills Cemetery in the Veterans Section. Dokken-Nelson Funeral Home of Bozeman was in charge.

Lucy Kennedy
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MANHATTAN — Anna Lucille Bryson was born Nov. 7, 1922, in Logan, to Julia McDonnel Bryson and William Bryson. She

was the fifth of six siblings. In her childhood she was called Anna, but friends and family began calling



h e r Lucybelle in adolescence and she eventually became Lucy to all.

**LUCY
KENNEDY**

Lucy attended her first 12 years of school in Manhattan. She's remained a loyal Tiger fan ever since. She attended teacher's college in Dillon, where she also played basketball and was a cheerleader. She taught school in Highwood for two years, where she coached a winning girls' basketball team.

In 1945, she married Eugene Kennedy. After their daughter Maria was born, they spent three years at the University of Montana in Missoula. They returned to Manhattan and their family grew with son Joe and daughter Jane. Lucy was a substitute teacher for a number

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of years before becoming a school secretary at the grade school, a post she greatly enjoyed. Gene and Lucy have lived for 46 years at their N. Broadway home. It has been an anchor for their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Lucy was an active member of the Legion Auxiliary, the PTA, Holy Family Parish and was always involved in community activities. She was a Red Cross swimming instructor for many years, co-coordinating the certified swimming program for Manhattan.

Lucy loved life and fun. She brought joy to the lives of friends and family. Everyone knew the special sound of Lucy's laughter. She will be missed at many, many a bridge table in Montana and Yuma, Ariz., where Gene and Lucy spent their last 20 winters.

She was preceded in death by her parents; sisters Mary (Ike) Ballantyne, and Irene (Don) Lowe; brothers Bill, George and Bobby (Red) Bryson; an infant brother, and by great-granddaughter Brooke Flemming.

She is deeply mourned by Gene at their family home; daughter Maria Kennedy of Bozeman; son Joe and daughter-in-law Danni Kennedy of Washington, D.C., daughter

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LUCY KENNEDY

Jane and son-in-law David Morton of Polson; grandchildren, Kalee Sprague of Connecticut, Chuck and Amy Sprague of Belgrade, Angela and Jacob Ormes of Bozeman; Michelle and Todd Flemming of Sitka, Alaska, and Alex and Mattie Morton of Polson; great-grandchildren, Danielle, Bailey, Sid, Ryan, Ethan and Jocie will remember Grandma Lucy because we'll tell them all about her.

Mass of the Resurrection will be held at 10 a.m. on Friday, May 24, in the Holy Family Catholic Church in Three Forks. A Vigil Service will be at Dahl Funeral Chapel in Bozeman at 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 23. The family requests that memorials be in the form of gathering family and friends together for some fun.

Goodbye, Gramma, thank you.

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Lydia Kennedy

BILLINGS GAZETTE

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PORT ANGELES, Wash. — Lydia Kennedy, 89, died Friday, Feb. 1, 2002, at Port Angeles Care Center.

Visitation will be 9 a.m. to noon, Friday, Feb. 8, at Smith Funeral Chapel-Laurel, Mont. Interment will be in the Laurel Cemetery.

Leo James Kenney

CODY, Wyo. — Leo James Kenney, 83, of Cody, died Sunday, Oct. 6, 2002, at his home.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 9, at the First Presbyterian Church in Cody. Interment will follow in the Riverside Cemetery in Cody. Ballard Funeral Home of Cody is in charge.

Nina Lay Kent

LEWISTOWN — Nina Lay Kent, 91, died Thursday, Oct. 10, 2002, at the Central Montana Skilled Nursing Center.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 15, at the Creel Funeral Home Chapel in Lewistown. Interment will be in the Lewistown City Cemetery.

A.J. 'Jim' Kerber

Kerber — "the miracle survivor" has gone to meet the Lord, his parents and his brother, Vincent. Jim to his family and Montana friends, Amos to his siblings, relatives and business associates, passed away Father's Day, Sunday, June 16, 2002, at Stillwater Community Hospital. He was 83. He was an infantry soldier in WWII, wounded in the



A.J. KERBER

Battle of the Bulge, for which he was awarded the Purple Heart.

The past 24 years, he has beaten all the odds, surviving several heart surgeries, strokes, diabetes, cancer and blindness.

He is survived by his wife, Beulah; three daughters, Marilyn (Larry) Kober, Lori (Roger) Knopp and Sharon (Allen Beaty) Kerber; two grandsons, Kory (Alana) Kober and Michael Kober; two granddaughters, Amber Kober and Lana Lewis; two great-grandsons, Matthew Kober and Wesley Lewis; one sister and three brothers; one niece; one nephew and many friends.

Funeral Mass will be Wednesday, June 19, at 11 a.m. at

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St. Mary's Catholic Church in Columbus. Cremation has taken place.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Big Sky Hospice, Stillwater Chapter, Columbus.

BOZEMAN — Carol W. Kern, 72, was released from her illness and entered heaven Saturday, Nov. 23, 2002, at Bozeman Deaconess Hospital, surround by her family. She was born on Dec. 3, 1929, in Missoula, to Girard and Christine (Donlan) Walsh. After

the death of her parents, when she was 14, she was raised by her grandparents.

Carol graduated from Sacred Heart Academy in Missoula and attended the



CAROL KERN

University of Montana. Carol married Robert Kern on June 19, 1949, in Butte. Bob and Carol owned and operated Gambles' Hardware Store in Plentywood before they moved to Bozeman in 1979. While living in Bozeman, Carol worked as a real estate agent and broker and as an office manager and jewelry department manager for Bob Ward's. At the time of her death, she was working as office manager for Bozeman Investors.

Carol was a member of Eastern Star and White Shrine. She also served as a Gallatin County Election Board judge and was an enthusiastic supporter of the many activities in which her

family members were involved. She was a gracious hostess for many spur of the moment guests be they good friends or strangers.

She enjoyed arts and crafts wine making, and was an avid Montana history buff. She also enjoyed taking road trips with Bob to learn about all the features the area in which she lived had to offer. Carol was also a very imaginative and creative problem solver.

She is survived by her husband Bob Kern of Bozeman; daughter, Kathy (Jim) Kintz of Gillette, Wyo.; daughter, Claire (Keith) Johnson of Myrtle Creek, Ore.; son, Steve (Christi) Kern of Lacey, Wash.; and son, Bill (Sharon) Kern of Gillette.

Her parents and sister Connie Walsh preceded her in death.

A memorial service will take place on Friday, Nov. 29, at 10:30 a.m., at St. James Episcopal Church in Bozeman. In lieu of flowers, memorials in Carol's name may be made to Bozeman Deaconess Hospice, 931 Highland Boulevard, Suite 3200, Bozeman 59715 or to the Shrine Hospital for Children, PO Box 2472, Spokane, WA 99210.

James W. Kerns

BILLINGS GAZETTE

JAN 31 2002

FORT COLLINS, Colo. — James W. Kerns, 54, of Fort Collins, died Saturday, Jan. 26, 2002, at his home. No services are planned. Cremation will take place. Reager Funeral Home of Fort Collins is in charge.

James Kerns was born March 5, 1947, in Billings, to James Norval Kerns and Betty May Allen Kerns. He had been a resident a Fort Collins for 10 years. He was formerly a resident of Belgrade, Mont.

He helped his brother Steve on the farm and also worked as a carpenter. He enjoyed camping, fishing and four-wheeling.

He is survived by his sons, James W. Kerns, Jr. of Casper, Wyo., and Jeremy Kerns of Seattle; daughter Kimberly Robinson of Shoshoni, Wyo.; brothers, Steve Kerns of Fort Collins, Monty Perryman of Durango and Kraig Kerns of Estes Park; and two granddaughters.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Larimer County c/o Reager Funeral Home.

Robert H. 'Bob' Kero**ROBERT and ANNE KERO**

PARK CITY — Robert H. "Bob" Kero, 68, of Park City, formerly of Roberts, died Monday, Sept. 9, 2002, in his new home.

Bob was born on Dec. 20, 1933, in the kitchen of the family home at Fox. He was the son of Nick and Martha Kero. Bob grew up on the family farm and attended the Fox School. Raised speaking the Finnish language, Bob had to take a brief course in English before starting grade school. He remained proud of his Finnish heritage throughout his life. A graduate of Red Lodge High School, Bob played basketball then and later on the independent area team. He greatly enjoyed the rivalry of playing various teams throughout the area.

On Sept. 13, 1958, he married LaVerne Luoma in Red Lodge. They ranched and farmed on the Kero family farm for the next 34 years, and they raised two sons. LaVerne died in July of 1993.

Bob was married to Anne Forsythe on May 20, 1995, at her family's ranch at Bozeman. They lived on the Kero farm until two weeks prior to his death, when they moved to their new home at Park City.

Bob served two terms as exalted ruler of the Beartooth Elks Lodge, and actively promoted the Youth Hoop Shoot and Elks scholarships. He was a member of the Knights of Kaleva and held various offices over the years. Active in the Festival of Nations since its inception, he served as emcee of the Finnish program for many years. He served on the Consolidated Ditch Cooney Dam Board for over 20 years, had served on the Fox School Board and was active in the 4-H program.

Survivors include his wife, Anne Kero of Park City; two sons, Gordon Kero of Astoria, Ore., and Alan Kero of Shelby; two step-daughters, Laurie and Allana of Bozeman; one stepson, Scott of Nashua; two granddaughters, Reanna Kero of Luther and Kassandra Kero of West Yellowstone; five step-grandchildren, Katie, Darby, Angela, Kyle and new baby, Caitlyn; three brothers-in-law, Raymond Luoma, Ronald (Darlene) Luoma, and Richard (Sandy) Luoma; and two loving mothers-in-law, Irma Luoma and Jane Forsythe.

He was preceded in death by his parents; first wife LaVerne; and father-in-law Arthur Luoma.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Sept. 13, in the Roberts United Methodist Church. Interment will be in the Roberts Cemetery, with Smith-Olcott Funeral Chapel of Red Lodge in charge of arrangements. Memorials may be given to the Kaleva LaVerne Kero Scholarship Fund, Elks National Foundation, or the Beartooth Elks Scholarship Fund;

John Kerr

EKALAKA — John Kerr, 58, of the Camp Crook and Ekalaka area, died Thursday, Dec. 5, 2002, at the Kerr Family Ranch, of a heart attack.

Visitation will be from 1 to 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8, at Stevenson Funeral Home in Ekalaka. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 9, at the Carter County High School. Burial will be in the Beaver Lodge Cemetery.

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John Victor Kerr

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EKALAKA — John Victor Kerr, age 58, of the Tie Creek Ekalaka area, passed away on Thursday, Dec. 5, 2002, at his home after a sudden heart attack.



JOHN KERR

John was born on Feb. 25, 1944, in Spearfish, S.D., the son of George and Susan (Harding) Kerr. He was raised in the Sheep Mountain area in Carter County where he attended country schools. He then attended Ekalaka High School.

John and Marion Olstad were united in marriage on Sept. 12, 1963, in Rapid City, S.D. Following their marriage, they worked on various ranches in the northwestern North Dakota and southeastern Montana areas before returning to the family homestead in the Sheep Mountain area in 1972. In 1993, they purchased the Lende Ranch in the Tie Creek area and have remained there ever since.

John was very active in the Carter County area, serving on the A.S.C. Committee for several years, the Carter County High School Board, chairman of the Carter County Weed Board, chairman of the Action for Eastern Montana, and has served as a

Carter County commissioner since 1995 where he was instrumental in the completion of the highway 323 project. John was also a member of the Carter County Chamber of Commerce, the Masonic Lodge, the Al Bedoc Shrine, the Sorrel Horse Patrol and was a 4-H leader for several years.

John enjoyed hunting and fishing, camping and boating, cooking, and watching football, especially the Broncos and Rams, and baseball. He loved being around his family and was very proud of his kids and grandkids.

John is survived by his wife, Marion of the family home; his son, Justin Kerr and his wife Shauna of Camp Crook, S.D.; his daughter, Shelly Grimes of Ekalaka; two grandchildren, Richard and Eva Marie Grimes of Ekalaka; a brother, Herb Kerr and his wife Linda of Ekalaka; two sisters, Alice Crabtree of Glenwood Springs, Colo., and Mary and her husband Everett Brewer of the Tie Creek area; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, and two brothers, Willard and Russell Cridland.

Visitation will be held from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 8, at the Stevenson Funeral Home in Ekalaka. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 9, at the Carter County High School Gymnasium in Ekalaka. Interment will follow in the family lot in the Beaverlodge Cemetery in Ekalaka. Stevenson Funeral Home of Ekalaka is in charge of the arrangements.

Should friends desire, memorials may be made to the Dahl Memorial Health Care Facility in Ekalaka or to the charity of one's choice.

Louis Grant Kershner

GILLETTE, Wyo. — Louis Grant Kershner, 70, of Gillette, died Tuesday, June 4, 2002, at Pioneer Manor Nursing Home.

No services will be held. Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home of Gillette is in charge.

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GILLETTE GAZETTE

JoAnn Elizabeth Kessler

BIG TIMBER — JoAnn Elizabeth Kessler passed away at her home in Big Timber on April 22, 2002, after a lengthy battle with multiple sclerosis. She was born in Laurel on Sept. 28, 1943, to John and Elizabeth Klein. JoAnn attended Laurel schools and went on to attend college at Eastern Montana in Billings, where she graduated with a degree in education.

She attended the United Airline Flight Attendant School in Chicago and flew for a period of approximately 11 months before marrying Gary Kessler in Cody, Wyo.

JoAnn was an avid Los Angeles Dodgers and Denver Broncos fan and a skilled and knowledgeable television Jeopardy player. The Dodgers and Broncos have lost a loyal fan and Jeopardy in the living room will never be the same without her.

JoAnn and her husband Gary have one son, John Gary Kessler, who resides in Las Vegas; and she was a stepmother to Vikki Holsted who resides in Paso Robles, Calif.

In addition to her husband, son and stepdaughter, her brother William Klein of Nine Mile Falls, Wash.; and her sister Carol Cirricione of Jackson, Calif., survives her.

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In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the charity of choice.

A memorial service will be held 2 p.m. Friday, April 26, at Smith Funeral Chapel in Laurel.

Pauline Kessler

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Pauline Kessler, 83, died June 18, 2002, at Valley Health Care Center. She was born on June 29, 1918, to Erwin and Arline Becker, in Butte, where her father was head draftsman for the Anaconda Mining Company. She graduated from Butte High School in 1937.

After living in Butte and in Ramsey, she moved to Billings in 1950. On New Year's Eve of 1954, she married Joe Kessler. For many years, she worked as a bookkeeper at Elliot's Furniture and often helped Joe with his recording business as they recorded school musicals,

Billings Symphony concerts and other musical groups in the region.



**PAULINE
KESSLER**

Pauline was active for most of her life in Rainbow Girls, Eastern Star and Daughters of the Nile. In 1990-91, she

served as queen of Bath Zabbia Temple #21 of Daughters of the Nile, traveling to national conventions and to chapters around the state in that capacity. She was also a longtime member of the American Business Women's Association, served as president of the local chapter, and was

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named its Woman of the Year in 1976. She was a parishioner at Pilgrim Congregational Church.

She enjoyed so many activities, among them playing bridge, going out to eat with her sister, Marion Colwell, and dear friend Irene Arnold, and attending Billings Symphony concerts and Little Theatre productions. Guests at her home were often taken by her African violets, as well as her delicious pasties and delicate schaum tortes.

Another of her great loves was traveling. With Joe, she went to Hawaii, Alaska, Germany and Italy, the last for a 10th Mountain Division reunion; after his death, she traveled to Singapore and to New Zealand and Australia.

Following hospitalization early in 2001, she has resided at Valley since March of 2001. Her family thanks the staff for its loving care.

Pauline is survived by her son, Walter Kirkpatrick of Memphis, Tenn.; grandsons Joshua and Timothy Kirkpatrick of Denver; a stepdaughter, Josephine "Josie" McIntosh of Billings; a stepson, Gary Kessler of Big Timber; as well as step-grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her daughter, Estelle Kirkpatrick Hannon, in 1985; her husband, Joe Kessler, in 1986; and her sister, Marion Colwell, in April of 2002.

Funeral services will be held 10 a.m. Saturday, June 22, at Smith's Downtown Chapel. Interment will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens. The family will greet friends 6 to 7 p.m. on Friday, June 21, at Smith's Downtown Chapel.

Memorials may be given to Shriners Hospitals or to the charity of one's choice.

Frank G. Kestner, Sr.

MAR 08 2002

On Tuesday, March 5, 2002, Frank G. Kestner, Sr. died peacefully at his home in Billings, at the age of 84.

Frank was born in Cleveland, Ohio, on Dec. 8, 1917, the young-



est son of Frank and Sophia (Turk) Kestner and brother to Bill, Leonard, Helen (George), Colette (Livingston) and Clarice (an Ursaline nun).

MR. KESTNER

He spent his early years playing sports and serving sodas while attending the Catholic schools there.

Frank served in the U.S. Army as a staff sergeant in Washington, D.C., from 1942 to 1945. His personal ideals of loyalty, honesty, ethics, honor, pride, tolerance and fair play guided him to success.

He married Mary E. McCann in 1942 and they had seven children: Frank G., Jr. (Peggy), John W., Joseph A., Margaret Mary "Peggy" (Ken) Roberts, Mary Ann, Thomas D. (Susan) and Michael P. Kestner.

Frank lived in Minneapolis and worked for the Federal Commodity Credit Union from 1950 to 1968, providing a warm

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shelter and hearty table for the family, praising the successes of his children and grandchildren and humbly accepting his own accomplishments.

Frank's grandchildren, the apples of his bright eyes, are Theodore N. (Amy), William A., Arthur C., and Luke M. (by Frank and Peggy) Kestner; John A., Natasha T.M., Sanjay M.J. (by Joseph and Therese) Kestner; Christian P. (Robin) Hur, Brian A. Hur and Elizabeth M. (by "Peggy" and Ken) Roberts; Mark T., David R., and Katie E. (by Thomas and Susan) Kestner.

As a building and electrical inspector for the cities of Cleveland and Eastlake, Ohio, from 1969 to 1999, Frank was a friend and uncle to his family and friends in Cleveland Heights, some of whom are Tony, George, Geneva Smith, Carl, Ethel and Buddy, who remember him as "a great man and a good guy who did a lot more for us than we did for him."

Frank was happy at his work, religiously believed in God's grace, enjoyed and danced to music, played piano and enjoyed thoroughbred horses. He enjoyed dining out and was a jovial companion.

Frank "cared." He was at times a Boy Scout leader, a Knights of Columbus member and single parent. He showed determination and greatness in meeting and overcoming the challenges he faced.

The treasure of love that Frank left us is a world that is a better place for his having been here.

A rosary vigil will be held for Frank at St. Pius X Catholic Church at 8 p.m. on Friday, March 8, and a funeral mass at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 9. Interment will be at Calvary Cemetery and a reception will follow. Dahl Funeral Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

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WOLF POINT, MONTANA

Everett and Eleanor Ketner

Everett Ketner, 78, of Wolf Point, died Friday, June 7, 2002, at Faith Lutheran Home in Wolf Point.

Eleanor Ketner, 76, of Wolf Point, died Sunday, June 9, 2002, at her home.

Joint visitation will be from 9 a.m. to noon, Wednesday, June 12, with a memorial service at 2 p.m. at Clayton Memorial Chapel. Interment will be at the Vida Cemetery. Clayton Memorial Chapel of Wolf Point is in charge of arrangements.

Everett Kettner

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BELLINGS GAZETTE

WOLF POINT — Everett Kettner, 78, of Wolf Point, died Friday, June 7, 2002, at Faith Lutheran Home in Wolf Point.

Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to noon, Monday, June 10, with a memorial service at 2 p.m. at Clayton Memorial Chapel in Wolf Point. Interment will be at the Vida Cemetery.

Wesley H. 'Hal' Keup

BILLINGS GAZETTE

MAR 26 2002

W. H. "Hal" Keup, 84, of Billings, passed away on Sunday afternoon, March 24, 2002, at Deaconess Hospital. Hal was born March 22, 1918, in Mt. Morris, Wis., a son to Otto and Lucile (Thompson) Keup.



WESLEY KEUP

Hal was raised and educated in Wisconsin. He attended the University of Wisconsin-Madison until 1938. Then Hal discovered a love for Montana and went to work for Kately and Keup in the oil fields near Cut Bank. Hal married Maxine D. Matzick in Cut Bank on July 26, 1940.

During World War II, Hal worked in the shipyards at Bremerton/Vancouver, Wash. Throughout his life, Hal lived in the Seattle area off and on. While there, Hal was one of the first hires at Boeing, he worked on the locks and did experimental work with hydrofoils. In Big Sandy, Hal established the Keup Drilling Company and drilled wells in the Big Sandy area and along the Hi-Line. Hal drilled test holes at the Berkeley Pit in Butte, Yellowtail Dam and many other areas in Montana. He retired in Billings to be near his family.

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Hal was a gentle, unpretentious man of integrity with a great sense of humor. He never stopped learning — he read constantly and widely — his intellect amazed everyone — he was always curious about the world. Hal was a lifelong advocate of maintaining clean water tables, one of our most precious resources.

Survivors include his four children, Kari Rinesmith of Wolf Point, Karyl Beattie of Helena, Kristeen Keup of Billings and Bill Keup of Aurora, Colo.; three sisters, Marie Anderson of Arizona, Lois (Nils) Dahlstrand and Doris Albrecht, both of Wisconsin; his grandchildren, Kelly, Sonya, Kyle, Bridget, Maja, Karmen and Aaron; and six great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held at Thursday, March 28, at 3:30 p.m. at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church. Cremation has taken place. Memorials may be made to the St. Stephen's Youth Group, 1241 Crawford Drive, Billings, MT 59102. Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

The family wishes to express their deepest gratitude to the Deaconess ER and ICU and especially to Hal's nurse, Andrea, for the tender care given to their Dad.

Rex Thorton Kibbe, Jr.

SCOBEEY — Rex Thorton Kibbe, Jr. was born Nov. 2, 1924, to Rex Thorton and Anna (McKibben) Kibbe in Poplar. He died at Daniels Memorial Hospital, Scobey, Aug. 12, 2002. He attended school in Poplar, and seventh and eighth grade in Lander, Wyo., returning to Poplar for high school and graduating in 1943.

He entered the Army in June 1943 and after basic training, attended South Dakota School of Mines, under the ASTP program until it was abandoned and he was sent to the east coast to join a regular unit and was shipped overseas on the Queen Mary to England. Rex landed on the Omaha Beach, France on July 27, 1944. He was captured on Sept. 6, 1944, and interned at Stalag VIIA at Moosburg, Germany, until liberated by General Patton's troops on April 29, 1945.

Rex married Cecelia Pearle Millhollin, Aug. 30, 1946, in Red Lodge.

He worked for JC Penney Company, Lander; Jack & Jill grocery store in Poplar, and opened the Jack and Jill store in Scobey in 1956 for Howard Lapke and in 1958, bought it, in partnership with Henry Sigglekow. The store was closed out in 1970 and Rex went to work for Howard Getchel at the Supervalve Store,

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where he remained until he retired in 1991.

Rex served on the Scobey City Council; was a member of the Methodist Church; holding Commander, VFW in Wyoming, Past Commander and long-term adjutant of the American Legion of Scobey; Past Master of Scobey Masonic Lodge #109; member of the Order of the Eastern Star, Riverside Chapter #84, Wolf Point Scobey Athletic Club and Scobey Golf Club. His association with members of the 80th Division, 317th Infantry, Company "L," was especially important to him.

Rex had a lifelong interest in sports, beginning with high school football in Poplar; loved golf, bowling, hunting, camping, fishing and lifted weights until age 76. He loved to watch the games here and watching the generations of "kids" go through the programs and had a close association with all the students, through the years.

He and his wife traveled extensively throughout much of the U.S. and western Canada, including three summers in Alaska with their pickup and trailer, and spent time with Bryce and Mervin Kirn and their families.

Rex was a "people" person and this last year while in Daniels Memorial Nursing Home was enjoyable for him because so many friends took time to stop by and visit even when he wasn't able to communicate except with his grin and wave.

Rex is survived by his wife, Cecelia; three sons, Tom (Debbie Nelson) of Boulder City, Nev., Bob (Cheryl Shoemaker) of Troy, Texas, Jim (Debby Steltzer) of Plentywood; and one daughter, Terry Sue (Glenn) Hagfeldt of Dayton, Wash. He is also survived by seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren: numerous nieces and nephews; one brother-in-law, Don Moller of Crystal Springs, Fla.; and a special cousin, Harold Kibbe of Des Moines, Iowa.

Rex was preceded in death by his parents; an infant sister Dorothy; his brother Raymond; and his sister Marie.

Masonic Rites were held Thursday evening, Aug. 15, at 7 p.m. at the Scobey Methodist Church. Presented by Scobey, Lodge #109 and assisted by Masons from Poplar, Wolf Point

and Plentywood. A memorial service was held Friday, Aug. 16, at 10 a.m. at the Methodist Church, Pastor Charles Kelly and Pastor Val Colenso officiating. Nancy Linnell and the Methodist Choir provided the music; Julie French (Rex's "Twiggy") sang two solos.

Pastor Kelly honored Rex by basing his homily on an article Rex wrote in 1960 "What My Religion Means to Me" for the Scobey Methodist Church's newsletter. Joe Metzger and Charles Cassidy, assisted by a nephew, Wade Mitchell, a current Sea Bee, folded the American Flag as Jim Buer read the significance of each fold.

Out of town family and friends included all of his children and their spouses; five of his grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren, Kermit and Arcalee Millhollin, Debra Harmon, Riki Cauling, and David Dempster, all of Lander, Wade Mitchell of San Diego, Calif., Lorraine Vogel, Laurel, Gary Schanck, Columbus, Harold Sethne, Larslan, Doris, Ervin and Debby Steltzer, Plentywood, Douglas and Clair Ann Steltzer, and Jamie Metzger, Minot, N.D.; Floyd and Jean Shoemaker, Richland, Wash.; and many friends from Poplar, Plentywood, Peerless and Glasgow.

Should friends desire, memorials may be made to a charity of their choice.

Esther May (Rowland) Kicker

MELSTONE — Esther May (Rowland) Kicker was born in Vernon Township, Trumbull County, Ohio, on Dec. 15, 1912, to David VanEmon and Cora Bell (Martin) Rowland. She passed away at Pioneer Manor Nursing Home in Gillette, Wyo., on Sept. 19, 2002, at the age of 89.

The Rowland family moved to a homestead five miles northeast of Sumatra, in March of 1913. Esther attended schools in and around Sumatra, graduating from Sumatra High School in 1931.

On March 17, 1932, she married Harold Kicker, also of Sumatra. They had four children.

Esther found much joy in doing sewing and needlework for her family and others. She spent many hours piecing and quilting, and in her later years, was surprised to find that she had the gift of painting. She also enjoyed reading. She loved life and lived it to the fullest. She was never happier than when she had the whole family gathered around her.



**ESTHER
KICKER**

Over the years, the Kicker family lived in several places: Joliet; in eastern Washington; Sand Springs; Alaska; British Columbia; the Musselshell area; and Melstone, though they always considered Melstone their home. Esther also had a home in St. George, Utah. They purchased this home the winter before Harold passed away and Esther loved to go there to the warmer climate for her winters. She made a special circle of friends in that area. The last eight years of her life, she lived with her daughter, Virginia, first in Ennis, and later in Gillette.

In 1962, Esther and Harold joined the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and she learned to love the Lord and serve Him in serving her family, friends and neighbors. She served in many different offices in the organizations of the church.

Esther is survived by one daughter, Virginia Henry of Gillette; two sons, Jim (Marge) Kicker of Shelby and Don (Lilah) Kicker of Melstone; two brothers, Bob Rowland of Red Lodge and Gordon Rowland of Joliet. She is also survived by 10 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1989; and a son, Bernard Keith, in 1950.

Viewing will be prior to service from 11:30 a.m. to 12 noon. Services will be in Melstone at the Community Center on Monday, Sept. 23, at 1 p.m., with burial in the Melstone Cemetery immediately following.

Memorials to: Melstone Senior Citizens.

Wier Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Hugo K. Kilian

CODY, Wyo. — Hugo K. Kilian, 69, died Sunday, Sept. 15, 2002, at the West Park Long-Term Care Center in Cody.

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

George A. Killenbeck

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MOSSYROCK, Wash. — George A. Killenbeck, 95, of Mossyrock, formerly of Scobey, Richland, and Poplar, Mont., died Wednesday, Oct. 30, 2002, at the Morton General Hospital, Long-term Care.

Graveside services were held Friday, Nov. 1. Brown Mortuary of Morton was in charge.

Mary B. Killorn

BOZEMAN — Mary B. Killorn, 86, formerly of Livingston, died Saturday morning, May 25, 2002, at Bozeman Deaconess Hospital.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, May 29, at Franzen-Davis Funeral Home. Graveside committal and burial will follow in the Mountain View Cemetery.

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Christopher James Killsontop

LAME DEER — Christopher James, our beloved son, went to be with Mabeo on Feb. 6, 2002, at Primary Children's Hospital in Salt Lake City, Utah. Christopher, "CJ," blessed our family with two wonderful years. He was our strong warrior. Christopher, with his splendid smile, friendly wave and good nature will be missed a great deal by his loving family, relatives and friends.



CHRISTOPHER

Wake services will be at great-grandmother Eva Bearchum's residence on Monday, Feb. 11, at 7 p.m., with funeral services at the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church on Tuesday, Feb. 12, at 11 a.m., followed by burial services at the Birney Cemetery.

Christopher James is preceded in death by paternal grandparents, Wendy Killsontop and Ward American Horse; paternal great-great-grandmother Lucille Fisher; great-grandmother Cynthia Fisher; maternal great-great-grandparents Willis and Annie Medicine Bull; great-grandparents Fred Medicine Bull, Sr., Burt Medicine Bull, Sr., Elva and Jasper Red Hat; maternal great-grandfather Anthony Brown; great-grandmother Josephine Harjo; grandfather Patrick J. Brown; grand-

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mother Lydia Eagle; and aunt Tanya Eagle.

Christopher James leaves behind his proud parents, Coolidge Allen Killsontop and Rolanda Marie Eagle; a big brother, Floyd James Killsontop of Billings; proud Godparents, Brian Lee Blackwolf and Briana Faye Blackwolf, both of Lame Deer.

On his mother's side, his loving family includes great-grandmother Eva Theresa Medicine Bull-Bearchum of Lame Deer; great-grandparents Wayne and Rosanne Headswift of Lame Deer; grandmother June Marie Jefferson of Ashland; grandfather Benjamin Eagle of Bullhead, S.D.; grandparents Angela (Brown) and Walter Blackwolf of Lame Deer; grandmothers Joan Brown of Wolf Point and Bertha "Bertie" Brown of Butte; grandfathers Frank Headswift of Colstrip and Langdon Headswift of Lame Deer; special uncles Anthony "Tony" Young, Hubert "Hubie" Blackwolf, Jr. of Lame Deer, and Michael and Tom Iron Shield, Jr. of Wolf Point; special aunts Renita Brown, Elisa "Starr" Jefferson, Mary Lou Jefferson of Lame Deer and Johanna Young of Wolf Point; special cousins Benny Blackwolf and Sianna Headswift of Lame Deer and Angele Theresa Young of Wolf Point; grandparents Ann (Delbert)

Littlebird, Stanley (LaDonna) Eagle, LaVerne (Mary Ann) Eagle, all of Ashland, Frank (Marilyn) Eagle of Bismarck, N.D., Theophil (Sharon) Eagle of McLaughlin, S.D., Bruce (Marie) Eagle and Susan Eagle of Bullhead, S.D.

On his father's side, special uncles are Stacey (Cordelia) Fisher, Dornie (Johanna) American Horse, Floyd (Rhonda) American Horse, Bryce (Betty) Killson-top, Sheldon (Candace) American Horse, all of Lame Deer, Walter American Horse of Miles City, Daniel (Suzanna) American Horse of Colstrip; special aunts Carla Fisher, Renessa (Wesley, Sr.) Russette, Rilla American Horse, Rebecca (Victor) Costa, all of Lame Deer, and Carma (John) Chavez of Billings; great-great-grandmother Lucille White Hawk of Lame Deer; special cousins Pete, Joe and Chrissy Chavez, all of Billings, Terry, Susan, Brent and Kevin American Horse, all of Colstrip, Kamie, Tyler, Devin, Jamie, Meta "Faye-Faye," Jasmine, Doren, Shawn, Misty and Wesley, Jr., all of Lame Deer.

Honored grandparents are Charles and Marcelline Little Oldman, Vernon Sooktis, Geri Small, Arnie, Doris and Gregory Calf Boss Ribs, all of Lame Deer, Henrietta Mann of Bozeman, Erica Prussing of San Diego, Calif. and Martha Johnson of Provo, Utah.

Honored great-grandparents are John Russell, Jr., Thomasine Woodenlegs of Lame Deer, Don and Alberta Little of Riverton, Wyo.

Special doctors are Dr. Sharon Plotke of Sue Saint Marie, Wis., and Dr. Martha Burton of Lame Deer; therapist Vicki Andre and Andrea Kyte of ECI; physical therapist Mike K.; special nurses of Pediatrics at St. Vincent's Healthcare, Sharon, Mandy, Jennifer, Cheryl, and Jennifer Hurst.

"CJ," we all love you very much and we'll miss our Little Angel. You have blessed us with special memories of you.

Junior Lee Kimbrough, one of 20 children born to the late Rev. Elijah and Fannie (Carson) Kimbrough, on Feb. 9, 1925, in Arlington, Ala. God called him home Feb. 21, 2002, at 3:25 a.m., surround-



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KIMBROUGH :**

ed by his loving family. He was married to Juanita Kimbrough, who preceded him in death.

Junior L. Kimbrough enlisted in the armed forces in 1950.

He left to cherish his memory his sons, Clarence McGee (Elaine) of Milwaukee, Wis.; David Kimbrough Bryant of Detroit; daughters, Shirley Spencer of Chicago, Alnita Kimbrough of Flint, Mich.; Bernetta Garris of Chicago; Tameka Bracy (Jay), Karlita and Shante Terrell, all of Memphis, Tenn.; sisters, Annie Gray Garris of Mobile, Ala., Eunice Terry and Pauline Turner of Billings; a beloved mother, Mary Martin of Winona, Miss.; 12 grandchildren; great-grandchildren; and a host of loving nieces, nephews, cousins and many dear friends.

Memorial services will be Tuesday, Feb. 26, 2 p.m., at Smith Downtown Chapel. Other services and interment will be in Flint, Mich., on Friday, March 1, at 2 p.m.

Mary Pat 'Punky' Sanderson Kimmet

MAY 16 2002
BILLINGS GAZETTE

SHELBY — Mary Patricia "Punky" Sanderson Kimmet, age 64, of Shelby, passed away from complications from cancer, May 7, 2002, at Benefis East Medical Campus in Great Falls. Mary Pat was surrounded by her family at the time of her passing.

She was born Sept. 3, 1937, in Shelby, to Mayme and Pat Sanderson and married Michael Kimmet on March 15, 1975, in Cut Bank. She was raised in Oilmont and lived in Cut Bank, Miles City, Sunburst, Sweet Grass Hills, and was living in Shelby at the time of her death.

Survived by husband, Michael, Shelby; sons Tim and Tracy Gustafson, Carson City, Nev., Tom and Laurie Englehart, Citrus Heights, Calif., Pat Kimmet, Oceanside, Calif.; daughter-in-law Tamara Gustafson, Kalispell; sisters Margaret and Pete Duncan, Miles City, Jackie Spencer, Great Falls, Patty and Bill Raffety, Willow Creek; seven grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews; special friend Dawn Russell of Shelby; and friends across Montana and Canada.

Preceded in death by sister, Sandra Jean (Tookie) Sanderson; father, Pat Sanderson; mother, Mayme Sanderson; brother, Michael Sanderson; and son, Gary

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Gustafson.

Graduating as class valedictorian of Ollmont High School in 1955, she worked in the banking industry on the Hi-Line and at KSEN until moving to the Sweet Grass Hills in 1975. Mary Pat was an advocate of and active leader of all levels of Boy Scouts in the Northern Montana area. She was a coach and mom to many players in the CAN-AM Legion baseball, and member of the Duplicate Bridge Club of Shelby for many years.

In lieu of flowers, please contribute to your local Boys and Girls Scouts of America, Shelby Senior Center or the Rheumatoid Arthritis Foundation.

Our mom, sister, wife and friend enjoyed life, family and friends. Punky enjoyed listening to and telling stories about life, especially fishing, scouting, baseball, pets and family events. Life continues on through Mary Pat's eyes and, as a final wish, her corneas have been donated.

Cremation has taken place. Her ashes will be buried in Mountain View Cemetery, Shelby, in late June. An announcement will be made for the date of the memorial service, tentative date of June 28. Whitted Funeral Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Frieda Kindsfather

LAUREL — Frieda Kindsfather, 86, of Laurel, our loving mom and grandmother, went to be with her Lord and Savior, on Sunday, Sept. 1, 2002, due to an apparent heart attack.

She was born July 20, 1916, to Fred and Anna Oblander in Ballantine.

In 1938 she was united in marriage to Henry Kindsfather. He preceded her in death in 1984. Henry and Frieda farmed in Billings, Clyde Park and then moved to Laurel in 1956 and farmed west of Laurel. They were life-long members of the Congregational Church.

Mom enjoyed crocheting, crafts and working with her flowers. She had a heart full of love which she shared with her family, friends and, most of all, her grandchildren and great grandchildren.



**FRIEDA
KINDSFATHER**

She was preceded in death by her parents, four brothers and one sister and great-granddaughter Jodi Lee.

Frieda is survived by one sister Amelia Reiter.

She is also survived by three sons, Tom (Donna) of Spanaway, Wash., Gary (Jackie) of Laurel, Ron of Billings; three daughters, Donna (Ron) Walter, Judy (Dick) Franks, Bonnie (Carl) Wallila, all of Laurel; 16 grandchildren, Nick, Daryl and Kim of Washington, Rhonda, Blain, Brad and Brian of Laurel, Laurie, Brenda, Shawna, Greg, Wes and Erica of Billings, Chrisdean of Phoenix, Andrea of Tucson, Nichol of Missoula; 16 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

We love you and miss you and one day we will be reunited.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 5, at First Congregational Church, 506 S. W. 5th, Laurel, MT. Interment will be in the Laurel Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to a charity of your choice.

Smith Funeral Chapel-Laurel was in charge of arrangements.

Mary E. Kindzerski

MAY 15 2002

SCOBEEY — Mary E. Kindzerski, 94, died Sunday, May 12, 2002, at the Daniels Memorial Nursing Home.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, May 16, at the Waller Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will be in the Scobey Cemetery.

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POPLAR — Esther King, 82, of Poplar, died on May 8, 2002, at the Northeast Montana Health Services Facility in Poplar.

Esther was born Feb. 13, 1920, in Poplar, the daughter of James and Dora Yellow Owl. She grew up in Poplar and attended school and boarding school there. In her younger years, she helped her dad with his team of horses, going to various farms to help farm in the area. She also worked as a waitress in Poplar. Esther moved to Wolf Point in 1963 and lived in Wolf Point until her illness, when she returned to Poplar. She entered the nursing home in 1981.

She married Edward Morris King on Oct. 24, 1966, in Scobey, and he preceded her in death in 1982. She was a homemaker and loved to sew and visit with friends. She also loved to tell jokes and make people laugh. She enjoyed growing plants in her home and outside.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Edward; three sons, Emil, Edward and Delmar; one daughter, Laverdure; and four brothers and three sisters.

Survivors include three sons, Richard Yellow Owl of Poplar, and Pat Laverdure and James Laverdure, both of Wolf Point; four daughters, Marie Clark of Wolf Point, June Shy Face of Poplar, Deloris A. Red Eagle

at 2 p.m. at the Clayton Memorial Chapel in Wolf Point. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 11, at the Clayton Memorial Chapel, with Pastor Danny Lindsay officiating. Interment will be in King Memorial Cemetery in Wolf Point.

Poplar and Karen Laverdure of Wolf Point. She raised Shelly Porras of Wolf Point. She also leaves two sisters, Winona Weinberger of Poplar and Margaret Jane Stevenson of Glendive. Visitations will be held on Friday, May 10, from 9 a.m.

Lila Lavonne King

Lila (Larson) King, 75, of 626 S. 38th St., died Oct. 15, 2002, at St. Vincent Healthcare.

A daughter of Oscar and Julia (Kraft) Larson, she was born at La Moure, N.D., on Nov. 8, 1926. She married James King on July 9, 1949, at La Moure.

She is preceded in death by her sister, Alta; and her brother, Edward. She is survived by her husband, James of Billings; a son, Richard and his wife Patti of Fairbanks, Alaska; a daughter, Diane Burgard and her husband Lanny of Gardiner; a granddaughter, Jessica Burgard, a student at University of Illinois; a sister, Iva Anderson and husband Harvey of Verona, N.D.; a special niece, Karen Taverna of Fargo, N.D.; and numerous nephews, nieces and cousins.

A memorial service will be at 4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 18, at the King of Glory Lutheran Church, 4125 Grand Ave. Arrangements were by Cremation or Funeral Gallery.

Skylar Dakota King

PELLINGS GAZETTE

DEC 18 2002

CODY, Wyo. — Skylar Dakota King, age 5 months, passed away at West Park Hospital in Cody, on Sunday morning, Dec. 15, 2002.

She was born at the Powell Hospital on a sunny day, Tuesday, July 9, 2002, to Laura Lee King and Dustin Creed. She was a special needs baby, suffering from heart and bowel defects. Throughout her short life she was able to touch a lot of caregivers, family and friends with her big blue bright eyes, wonderful smile and her interest in watching the things around her.

She was laughing and smiling at 8 weeks of age, and affected all that came in contact with her. Her favorite books were those written by Mattie J.T. Stepanek, which her mother read to her every night. She loved to give kisses and the family called her their "Precious Moments doll."

"She was a fighter, a champion for her short 5 months of life — Momma's Little Angel!"

She is survived by her mother, Laura Lee King of Cody; her father, Dusty Creed of Cody; grandparents, LaVonne King of Omaha, Neb., Lee King and wife JoAnne of Mississippi, and Dorothy Creed of Deaver; great-grandparents I.J. and Lola Frank of Powell and Nanna Rayle of Deaver; aunts and uncles, Brad King of Fremont, Neb., Ryan King and wife Mel of Denver, Erica

Washington of Omaha, Neb., Diana Ballinger and husband Pat of Deaver; great-aunts and uncles, Ronn Frank of Fort Collins, Colo., and Carol Hart of Denver; special cousin, Nick Frank of Powell; special friends, Marcie Ray, Trudy Pomeroy and Art Munoz; and numerous other family members.

She was preceded in death by her grandfather Donnie Creed.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday evening, Dec. 18, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Miratsky-Easton Funeral Home, Powell. Mass of the Angels will be celebrated on Thursday, Dec. 19, 1 p.m., at St. Barbara's Catholic Church, Powell, with Father Carl Beavers and Father Peter Johnson officiating. Burial will follow in Crown Hill Cemetery, Powell.

Miratsky-Easton Funeral Home, Powell, is in charge.

Don B. Kingery

BILLINGS GAZETTE
APRIL 28, 2002

HELENA — Don B. Kingery passed away April 25 at the Big Sky Home in Helena.

Don was born May 22, 1918, in Central Park, Mont., to Grace and Michael Kingery. He grew up in the Moise Valley in Western Montana, graduating from Charlo High in 1936. He received his teaching credentials from Western in Dillon and



DON KINGERY

taught in Charlo for three years before being drafted into the Army Air Corps in WWII. Following four years in the service, Don took a teaching and coaching position in Poplar in 1947. In 1955 he became superintendent and head coach for Wibaux and in 1957 moved his family to Sydney where he was high school principal and later superintendent for 11 years. Don retired in 1980 with his wife, Alma. The next year, they built a home in Settler's Cove on Lake Hauser in Helena, living there until the summer of 2000 when they moved to the Waterford.

During his 39 years as an educator, Don earned his bachelors and masters degrees from the University of Montana in Missoula and fulfilled his academic requirements for Ph.D from

the University of California, Berkeley. He graduated with honors from each of these programs. During Don's 12 years coaching high school basketball, baseball, track and football, he amassed 23 divisional/district titles and one state basketball championship. He was a Shriner, Lion, Mason, Elk and served as president and Divisional Lieutenant Governor for Kiwanis. Throughout his adult life, Don was an avid fisherman, hunter and enjoyed a passion for all sports. He was also an accomplished artist. Don leaves a legacy of deep love for his family and an intense desire to help others, particularly the youth of our communities. His belief in the merits of education was unwavering.

Don leaves behind his wife of 64 years, Alma, formerly from Charlo, Mont. Also surviving are his daughter, Sharon, and son-in-law Jerry Ostrem of Helena; and son Don Kingery and Shirley of San Diego, Calif. He has two grandsons, Todd Kingery and wife Kristy of Talkeetna, Alaska, and Chad Kingery of Great Falls, as well as two great-grandsons.

Viewing is at Retz Funeral Home in Helena from 1 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, April 28 and one hour prior to funeral services, which will be held at 10 a.m. on Monday, April 29 at Covenant Methodist Church. Interment will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Colin V. Kingfisher

JUN 13 2002

BILLINGS GAZETTE

TUCSON, Ariz. — Our Big Brother was born to Charles and Grace (Rowland) Kingfisher on Oct. 12, 1945, in Crow Agency (Mont.) Hospital. He passed away on June 7, 2002, of cardiac arrest in Tucson.

Colin grew up in Busby, Mont., and attended schools at St. Labre and Busby, and truck driver training at Cheyenne, Wyo. He later moved to the coast and married Beth Holzman. They had a daughter, Shevona Colina Holzman in April of 1977. They divorced in 1979. He later had a son, Sky, who was born Aug. 23, 1980. In 1988, his second son, Akura, was born to him and Skybird of New Hampshire. His last daughter, Rose, was born June 10, 1994, her mother is Karen Voetz of San Geronimo, Calif.

Colin loved to travel and made many friends from the San Juan Islands of the Washington coast to the big island of Hawaii. He said if anyone should ask, his address is I-5 or Highway 101. He often returned home to Busby and the res. to check on family.

His wake will be held Thursday evening at his sister Maxine's home in Busby. Being a member of the Native American Church, a simple service will be held before burial at the Busby Cemetery on Friday morning, June 14. Colin's casket bearers are

Hey, Bro, everyone will miss you forever. Love, your sisters and the rest of your relatives.

Rausch Funeral Home of the Northern Cheyenne Nation is handling arrangements.

Sean Douglas Fields, Charles Gus Fields, Sky Kingfisher, Oliver Glenn, Jr., Franklin James Spang and Donovan Taylor. Honorary casket bearers are all his friends from the coast and the big island of Hawaii.

Kermit Kings

JUN 19 2002

BILLINGS GAZETTE

MILES CITY — Kermit Gene "Sam" Kings, 66, of Miles City, died Monday, June 17, 2002, at his home.

Visitation will begin Thursday, June 20, at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, June 21, at Stevenson & Sons. Interment will follow in the Eastern Montana State Veteran Cemetery in Miles City.

Delores Kingsbury

LEWISTOWN — Delores Kingsbury, 70, died Friday, Feb. 8, 2002, at the Central Montana Medical Center.

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

BILLINGS GAZETTE

FEB 12 2002

Robert G. Kingsley

EKALAKA — Robert G. Kingsley, 89, of Ekalaka, died Sunday, Oct. 27, 2002, at Dahl Memorial Healthcare in Ekalaka.

Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 31, at Stevenson Funeral Home Chapel in Ekalaka. Burial will follow in Beaverlodge Cemetery. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to service time, Thursday, at the Chapel.

Vernon Curtis Kinn

Vernon Curtis Kinn, Sr., 76, joined the Lord on Oct. 12, 2002, after a courageous battle with cancer.

He was at home, surrounded by loved ones. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather and friend to many.

Vernon was born July 30, 1926, in Cooperstown, N.D., the son of Raynard and Florence Kinn. He grew up in the Hannaford and Walum, N.D., area, and moved to the Billings area in the late '50s.

While growing up, he enjoyed chariot and horse racing. He also loved all outdoor recreation activities.

At the age of 14, he started driving truck with his father for his father's business.

He continued his career with Getter Trucking, Dyce Trucking, Koss Trucking, followed by both Corcoran Trucking companies. With well over 6m miles logged, he never had a chargeable accident.

His parents and two sisters, Minerva Brurud and Mildred Miller, preceded him in death. He is survived by his loving wife Paula; and sons, Vernon (Diane) of Shepherd, Keith (Debbie) of Napa, Idaho, David of Portland, Ore., Grant (Roxie) of Parker, Colo., Jack (Alta) Gallagher of Billings, Randy (Sheri) Gallagher of Laurel; and daughter Karen (Carl) Korell of Billings; 26 grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Beloved father, husband and friend, we love you. You will be missed by all who were close to you. "Walk slowly down that lonely road and we will follow you."

In lieu of flowers, donations may be given to Big Sky Hospice or the American Cancer Society. Services will be held at Atonement Lutheran Church on Wednesday, Oct. 16, at 2 p.m., with burial at Sunset Memorial Gardens.



**VERNON
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Sylvia Kinnamon

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE
DEC 30 2002

RED LODGE — Sylvia Kinnamon, 88, of Red Lodge, died peacefully on Dec. 28, 2002, at St. John's Lutheran Home, where she has resided for the past four months.

She was born on Sept. 22, 1914, in Washoe, Mont. On Dec. 19, 1959, she married Harold Kinnamon, who passed away in 1990 in Red Lodge.

She is survived by her daughter, Shelley Behm (Pat) and grandson, Hayden; sisters, Wilma Ratte (Paul) of Billings and Gertrude Carlton of Everett, Wash.

Cremation has taken place with a private interment of the ashes at Terrace Gardens Cemetery to follow. No service is planned.

Clarence Kinney, Jr.

BILLINGS GAZETTE
NOV 20 2002

LEWISTOWN — Clarence Richard "Rich" Kinney, Jr., 44, of Lewistown, died Saturday, Nov. 16, 2002, at his home.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 21, at the Cloyd Funeral Home Chapel in Lewistown. Inurnment will follow in the Lewistown City Cemetery. Cremation has taken place.

Karl Nolan Kinney

MILES CITY — Karl Nolan Kinney, 34, of Miles City died Sunday, Oct. 13, 2002, from injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident.

Mr. Kinney was born March 18, 1968. He was a loving husband and father.

His survivors include his wife, Rebecca Ferrell Kinney, and his children, daughters Kylee and Karlee of Miles City and Tanesha of Kansas; his step-son, Douglas Earl of Miles City; his parents, Bill and Karla Walter of Park City; and his grandparents, Maynard and Arlene Skager.

Survivors also include his sister, Theresa Petit, and her husband, Dan, of Bridger; his brothers, Kevin Kinney, and his wife, Alita, and Michael Walter of Park City; and several nieces, nephews, aunts and uncles.

Private family services will be held at a later time.

In lieu of flowers, a fund has been set up for his children at First Interstate Bank of Miles City.

Edward Jess Kinsey

GLENDIVE — Edward Jess Kinsey, 75, of Glendive, died Saturday, May 11, 2002, at the Deaconess Billings Clinic.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, May 17, at the Chapel of the Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home in Glendive. Interment will follow in the Dawson Memorial Cemetery in Glendive.

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BILLINGS GAZETTE

John Kippenhan

BILLINGS GAZETTE
FEB 17 2002

LEWISTOWN — John Kippenhan, 77, died Friday, Feb. 15, 2002, in the Central Montana Skilled Nursing Center of natural causes.

At his request no services will be held and cremation has taken place. Cloyd Funeral Home is in charge.



GRACE KIRCH

Grace H. Kirch

Grace H. Kirch, 98, passed away on Wednesday afternoon, Nov. 20, 2002. She was born on Jan. 31, 1904, in Villisca, Iowa, to Edwin Morgan and Mary Ellen (McCulloch) Horton. In 1909, her father died of typhoid fever. In 1910, a decision was made to move to Montana. Grace's mother, with her four boys and four girls ranging in age from six months to 15 years, decided to accompany her parents, Peter and Margaret McCulloch and her brother to Montana. They arrived in March, 1910. Another uncle accompanied an emigrant car that was loaded with all of the families' worldly possessions.

Her mother filed on a 40 acre homestead on the Huntley Project as did her grandparents.

Grace attended schools in the Worden area and graduated from Central High (now known as Huntley Project High School) in 1922. She attended Polytechnic (now Rocky Mountain College) and Eastern Montana College,

where she received her BS degree in education. Grace spent 23 years teaching in various elementary schools in Montana and 10 years in the school system in Powell, Wyo.

Grace married Jack Kirch in 1923, and they had one daughter, Mary Ellen. Grace was preceded in death by her parents, four brothers, three sisters and her husband, who died in 1963.

She is survived by her daughter, Mary Ellen Moore of Billings; her granddaughter, Donna (John) Halpin of Hudson, Ohio; her grandson, John (Carol) Moore of Pocatello, Idaho; a great-grandson, Brett Kreuzmann of Fairfield, Ohio; a great-granddaughter, Shaunna (Brent) Loveland and their two sons Braden and Trevyn of Burbank, Wash.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m., Tuesday, at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary. Interment will follow at the Custer Battlefield National Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Big Sky Hospice, PO Box 35033, Billings, MT 59107, or to the charity of one's choice.

Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

NOV 24 2002

George Eggen Kirk

BILLINGS GAZETTE

DEC 03 2002

WHITEFISH — George Eggen Kirk of Whitefish, formerly of Billings, passed away on Nov. 26, 2002, in the home of Roger and Marne Kirk in Bozeman.



GEORGE KIRK

He was born in Billings, July 23, 1922, the youngest child of Thomas and Emma Eggen.

Kirk. He was educated in the Billings schools, graduating from Senior High School in 1941, after which he took a postgraduate course for one year in Aviation Mechanics offered by the Billings schools. During his school years, he played clarinet in the Rotary Boys Band and the high school orchestra and was a member of Demolay for Boys. He enjoyed sports and played football for the Billings Senior Brones. He worked for Boeing Aircraft Co. in Seattle for one year before enlisting in the U.S. Navy in 1942. In World War II, he served in the South Pacific for 16 months and was honorably discharged with the rank of Aviation Mechanic 1st Class at the end of the war in 1945.

In 1945, he married his high school sweetheart, Eloise R. Foster, and the two completed their education at Montana State College in Bozeman, she in music and he in

mechanical engineering. While in college, their first son, John Foster Kirk was born.

During his college years, George was a member of the Engineering Society and SAE Fraternity. He also played first clarinet in the college orchestra for four years. In 1965, George also attended a summer executive training session at Cornell University in Ithaca, N.Y.

Shortly after graduation in 1950, George started his engineering career at Boeing Aircraft Co. in Seattle, where their daughter, Barbara Anne Kirk was born. At the end of a year, his yearning for family and friends drew him back to his beloved Montana, where he worked briefly for Motor Power Equipment Co. as a sales engineer. In 1952, he was hired by Carter Oil and Refining Co. (now Exxon-Mobile) in Billings, where he eventually joined the management team. There, he developed the first centralized computer control center for refinery operations. Son, Roger Sherwood Kirk, was born in 1952. During his 27 years in Billings, he was a member of the Billings Engineering Society and was given the "Outstanding Engineer of the Year" Award. He was also a member of the Billings Chamber of

Commerce, the Masonic Lodge No. 113, the First Congregational Church, a Cub Scout Master and president of the Billings Symphony Board of Trustees.

In January of 1980, George was assigned to the Exxon Liquefied Natural Gas Refinery in Libya, North Africa, where he and Eloise lived until 1982. The U.S. government required evacuation of all Americans at that time which resulted in his transfer to the Exxon Middle East Offices in New York City for five months. In October of 1982, George was assigned to the Exxon Refinery in Sakai, Japan where he served as assistant manager. During their time overseas, George and Eloise traveled extensively in Europe, Asia and the Middle East. The Kirks' children and grandchildren were privileged to visit them in Japan and Libya.

George divorced in 1985, after which he married Katsuko Imanishi in Kobe, Japan. They returned to the U.S. and spent the rest of his retirement years in Whitefish, where he enjoyed boating and skiing and was a member of S.C.O.R.E.

George always enjoyed the outdoors, spending many happy times at the Kirk family cabin in Red Lodge and sharing fishing, hunting, and skiing weekends with his children. He was a generous and kind father and will be greatly missed by his family.

Preceding him in death were

his parents; a sister, Edna Bell (Robert H.) of Billings; and a brother, Thomas (Marion), now in Seattle. He is survived by his widow, Katsuko Kirk of Whitefish; and his children, John Kirk (Janny) and grandson David of Billings; Barbara Ann Kirk (Ivan Long) of Roberts and grandsons Sean Lineback (Tammy) and great-granddaughter Autumn of Billings and Kirk Lineback of Billings; Roger Kirk (Marne) and granddaughter Hannah Johnson and grandson Phillip Kirk of Bozeman; and Xavier Colin (Odile), a French foreign exchange son from 1968 and daughter Eugenie and son Stanislas and son Leopold of Annemasse, France. Several nieces and nephews also mourn his loss. His last days were spent in the home of his son Roger Kirk with his children and grandchildren at his side.

A private service for immediate family is planned. Memorials may be made to Bozeman Hospice or the charity of one's choice.

Robert E. Kirk

JOLIET — Robert E. Kirk, 59, of Joliet, formerly of Townsend, died Tuesday, April 30, 2002, at Deaconess Billings Clinic.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 4, at the United Methodist Church in Townsend. Cremation has taken place at Cremation or Funeral Gallery in Billings.

Jesse J. Kirm, Sr.

BILLINGS GAZETTE

JAN 22 2002

POPLAR — Jesse J. Kirm, Sr., 75, of Poplar, died Saturday, Jan. 19, 2002, in Bismarck, N.D.

Visitations will be from 2 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 22, at the Clayton Memorial Chapel in Poplar. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 23, at the Poplar Cultural Center. Interment will be in the Poplar City Cemetery.

Wilbur Kirsch

JUN 03 2002
BILLINGS GAZETTE

Wilbur Kirsch passed away June 2, 2002. He was born Sept. 11, 1920 in Billings to Andrew and Anna Kirsch. He grew up and attended school in Laurel. He joined the Army in July 1940 and received three bronze battle stars for participation in the Papua, New Guinea, and Southern



**WILBUR
KIRSCH**

Philippine campaigns. He was honorably discharged in June 1945.

Wilbur married Irene Zeiler on Jan. 18, 1948. They had one daughter, Katherine.

Wilbur began working for the Northern Pacific Railroad in 1945. He worked there as a carman for 36 years, retiring in 1981. In May of 1985, Wilbur and Irene moved to Billings, where they have since resided.

Wilbur loved to fish. He and Irene enjoyed taking their motor home to Canyon Ferry for several days at a time. He always had "big fish" stories to tell when they came home. Wilbur took great pride in their yard. He enjoyed taking care of the lawn which was always groomed to perfection.

In addition to his wife, Irene,

The family extends their thanks to the staff of the TLC Unit at Aspen Meadows.

Services will be 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, June 5, at Smith West Chapel, 304 34th St. W. Interment to follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens. Memorials may be sent to the American Cancer Society.

Wilbur is survived by their daughter, Kathy (Dennis) Stedman; granddaughters, Rebecca Stedman, and Melissa (Kevin) Costin; great-grandchildren, Kaiden and McKenna Costin; and numerous nieces and nephews. Wilbur was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Helen.

KISS — Elizabeth Kiss, 78,
of Bozeman, passed away
Sunday. Memorial Service 11
a.m. Thursday at Holy Rosa,
Catholic Church. (1/2)

THE RILLINGS GAZETTE
DEC 30 2002

Barbara Kitchel

MAY 08 2002
BILLINGS GAZETTE

GILLETTE, Wyo. — Barbara Kitchel, 43, of Gillette, formerly of Anaconda, Mont., died Thursday, May 2, 2002, at Campbell County Memorial Hospital, of an apparent heart attack.

A scripture service was held Tuesday, May 7, at Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home in Gillette. A Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, May 9, at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Anaconda. A vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 8, at the Anaconda Chapel of KT Riddle Funeral Home. Rite of committal will follow in Mount Olivet Cemetery in Anaconda. Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home of Gillette was in charge of Wyoming arrangements.

Gerhard B. "Gary" Kjera, 90, of Billings, passed away Friday morning, Dec. 20, 2002, at the St. John's Lutheran Home.

Gary was born on April 2, 1912, in Cyrus, Minn., the seventh of 11 children born to Andrew and Christine Kjera.

Gary came to Montana in 1934 where he worked on a ranch near Chinook and later began to do carpentry work in Great Falls.

In 1939, Gary was drafted into the Army Air Corp., and discharged in 1941, then joined the U.S. Navy. Following his discharge, he moved to Billings, where he installed cabinetry for Northwest Fixture. He worked in construction until his retirement and was a Gold Card member of the Carpenters Union. He was the site supervisor at both the Western Security Bank and the new Post Office in Billings. Gary's concern for detail was frustrating to some, but appreciated by many.

Gary's second love was antique cars, of which he rebuilt several of them. He was a member of the antique car club. He loved to square dance and also played the drums in a number of

**GARY KJERA**

local bands.

On June 6, 1953, Gary married Elnora Jensen. Following her death in 1997, Gary married Marian Jones in 1998.

Gary was a charter member of the Atonement Lutheran Church here in Billings, where he also donated a lot of his craftsman abilities.

Gary was preceded in death by his parents, all his brothers and sisters, and his first wife. Survivors include his wife, Marian, and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Visitations will begin Thursday morning, Dec. 26, at the Smith Downtown Chapel. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 27, at the Atonement Lutheran Church, with interment to follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

In lieu of flowers, memorial may be given to Atonement Lutheran Church or charity of their choice.

MAR 24 2002

Eugene J. Klarich

Eugene "Gene" Klarich, 86, of Red Lodge died Monday, March 18, 2002, at Deaconess Billings Clinic. A survivor of numerous surgeries, Gene had a high regard for health care professionals who extended his life considerably and made it possible for him to live independently until of late.

**EUGENE
KLARICH**

He was born Sep. 14, 1915, in Butte, the son of Croatian immigrants, Ignac "John" and Rose (Rozalija Marinich) Klarich. He graduated from Carbon County High School in 1934. Before entering the service at age 26, he worked on the Beartooth Highway project and in the grocery business.

Gene entered the U.S. Army on Feb. 14, 1942, and served with the 92nd Chemical Mortar Battalion in the European Theater. His tour of duty included battles in Normandy, Northern France and Rhineland, and he received the Bronze Star for his actions. He was honorably discharged on Sep. 18, 1945, as a Technical Sergeant.

He returned home to Red Lodge where he met and married

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Gilda Mlekush. Shortly thereafter, they settled in Billings, where they raised three sons; Diane, David and Dean. They dissolved their marriage in 1964. A few years later, Gene married Gertrude Sciles of Billings.

Gene frequently remarked, "I was lucky to have been married to two such wonderful ladies." Both preceded him in death.

Gene began working for the State of Montana in 1946 as an interviewer with Job Service and retired thirty years later. As one strongly impacted by the Depression Era, he found much satisfaction in helping people to find suitable employment.

Eugene enjoyed his retirement, and in recent years, socializing and playing pinocle at the Red Lodge Senior Citizen's Center. He lived frugally, yet gave generously to his loved ones. He delivered Meals on Wheels when he lived in Billings, and continued the practice until recently in Red Lodge. Also, he regularly visited shut-in friends at nursing homes. Gene, always the "people person," had a great memory for names and was always good for a joke or two - often having to do with old age and its limitations. He stayed abreast of current events, especially those of a political nature, and always exercised his right to vote. Dad will be greatly missed.

Gene was also preceded in death by his parents; sisters Eva Holzberger and Frances Hansen;

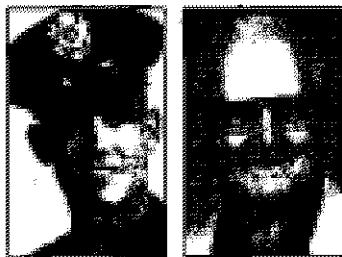
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stepdaughter Charlotte Thomas and grandson, Justin.

Gene is survived by his sons; Duane (Jan) of Havre, David (Elizabeth) and Dean (Julie) of Billings; stepchildren, Gene (Vivian) Scoles of Florence, and Beatie (Jack) Dick of Oak Harbor, Wash.; granddaughters, Mia Keller of Kalispell, Carissa Klarich of Billings, Tina Miller of Lake Stevens, Wash., DeeAnna Miller of Blaine, Wash., Kim Lund of Lolo and Charlene Brewington of Shepherd; grandsons Steve Klarich of Renton, Wash. and Jimmy Scoles of Helena.

Graveside memorial services will be held 11 a.m., Saturday, March 30, at the Red Lodge Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials in Gene's name may be made to Meals on Wheels, PO Box 20895, Billings, MT 59104. Arrangements by Cremation or Funeral Gallery.

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MAR 11 2002**MR. KLAUS****Earl R. 'Si' Klaus**

Earl R. "Si" Klaus, 81, of Billings, passed away on Thursday, March 7, 2002 at Deaconess Billings Clinic after a brief illness.

Earl was born on Feb. 7, 1921 in Wichita, Kan., a son to William C. And Ellen (Loshbough) Klaus. He was raised and educated in Kansas. Earl served in WWII with the US Army, where he received the purple heart and a bronze star. Following his honorable discharge, Earl started working for Carter Oil Co., which later became Exxon, retiring after 35 years of service in 1982.

Earl married the love of his life, Ellen Fisher in 1951 in Tulsa, Okla.

Survivors include his wife of 50 years, Ellen; two sons, Bill Klaus of Mesa, Ariz. and Bob Klaus and his wife Pat of Encinitas, Calif.; two daughters, Rae Jean Monroe and her hus-

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band Marty of Mahtomedi, Minn. and Linda Johnson and her husband Mark of Billings; a sister, Kathleen Tucker of Wichita, Kan.; four grandchildren, Nicholas Monroe, Natasha Monroe, Andrew Johnson and Brian Klaus; and many nieces and nephews.

A funeral mass will be offered at 11 a.m., Tuesday, at St. Bernard's Parish. Cremation will follow the mass. A private family inurnment with military honors will be later during the summer. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to a charity of one's choice.

Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

"EL WHICHO, GRANDPA"

Donna Mae Klein

JUN 10 2002

SENTINEL BUTTE, N.D. — Donna Mae Klein, 68, of Sentinel Butte, died Friday, June 7, 2002, at the Fallon County Medical Complex in Baker, Mont.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, June 13, at the Evangelical Church in Beach, N.D., with burial in the Sentinel Butte Cemetery. Silvernale-Silba Funeral Home of Beach is in charge.

Elmer Klein

MAY 23 2002

BILLINGS GAZETTE

Elmer Klein, 84, died Monday evening, May 20, 2002, at the Deaconess Billings Clinic, of natural causes.

Elmer was born north of Carson, N.D., on April 16, 1918, the second son and the fifth child of Gottfred and Lydia (Steinley) Klein. His



ELMER KLEIN

father passed away in November 1919 when Elmer was 19 months old. He moved with his mother and stepfather, David A. Miller, to Colorado, Wyo., and later to Billings. In 1925, the family moved again to the Sidney-Fairview area, where he attended school and worked in the local sugar beet fields.

On Nov. 29, 1940, Elmer and Irene Schmitt were married in Glendive. In 1948, they moved to Fairview and started farming on the Dr. Beagle farm and in 1951 they moved to the Hardy farm. In 1958, Elmer and Irene purchased the Larson farm located on the Cracker Box Route, 13 miles south of Glendive, where they farmed and raised their family for the next 20 years. In 1978 they retired; sold their farm, which was Elmer's pride and joy and moved to Billings.

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While in Fairview, Elmer was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church; in Glendive he was a member Our Savior Lutheran Church, and in Billings was a member of Mount Olive Lutheran Church.

Elmer was a hardworking farmer who grew excellent crops. In retirement, he devoted many hours working on his lawn, growing flowers and vegetables.

Elmer is survived by his daughter Joan Balback and son-in-law Marvin of Butte; and twin daughters Jean Drommond of Kuna, Idaho, June Perry of Glendive; Elmer's sisters, Mrs. Morris Scheafer of Billings, Mrs. Dave Seader of Hardin; five grandsons, David and Brian Rang of Quincy, Wash., Marvin L. Balback of Kirkland, Wash., Philip Perry of San Diego, Jeffery Drommond of Kuna, Idaho; and one granddaughter, Shelley Jo Balback of Salt Lake City; and five great-grandsons and two great-granddaughters.

Elmer was preceded in death by his wife, Irene; and his eldest daughter Betty Rang Konishi; his parents; and stepfather David A. Miller; a brother Leonard Klein; two sisters Alvina Bieber, and Martha Heil.

The family will greet friends at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary, Monday evening, May 27, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Funeral services will be held at the Mount Olive

Lutheran Church, Tuesday, May 28, at 1 p.m. Burial will be at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary in Billings has charge of arrangements.

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

Gayland E. Klein

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Gayland E. Klein, 53, died Tuesday, Nov. 5, 2002, in the VA Medical Center.

Memorial service will be 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 12, from the chapel of the VA Medical Center. Champion Ferris Funeral Home is in charge.

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Lidya 'Lela' Klein

BILLINGS GAZETTE

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RED LODGE
— Lidya "Lela"
Klein, 98, of Red
Lodge, formerly
of McCook,
Neb., passed
a w a y
W e d n e s d a y
evening, Jan. 16,
2002, in Cedar
Wood Villa.



MRS. KLEIN

Lela was
born on Jan. 22, 1903, in McCook,
a daughter of Conrad and Marie
Amen Bauer. She was one of 14
children — 11 girls and three boys.
When she was young, her family
moved to Colorado, where they
farmed.

On Feb. 11, 1924, Lela married
Samuel Klein in Iliff, Colo. They
settled in McCook. Mrs. Klein
was a great cook and baker, and
she loved spending time with her
grandchildren. Mr. Klein died in
1975.

Survivors include one son,
Gaylen (JoAnn) Klein of Red
Lodge; one daughter, Jeanette
(Bob) Esteb of Sugar Land, Texas;
two sisters, Emma Shirley of Fort
Collins, Colo., and Palma Bettale
of Broomfield, Colo.; six grand-
children, seven great-grandchil-
dren, and two great-great-grand-
children.

Memorial services and inter-
ment will take place at a later date
in McCook. Smith-Olcott Funeral
Chapel of Red Lodge is in charge
of cremation arrangements.
Memorials may be directed to the
charity of one's choice.

**Dorothy M.
Kleinschmidt**

**BILLINGS GAZETTE
FEB 10 2002**

WORLAND, Wyo. — Dorothy M. Kleinschmidt, 80, died Friday, Feb. 8, 2002.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at United Methodist Church with burial in Riverview Memorial Gardens Cemetery. Veile Mortuary is in charge.

Raola W. Klepich

SEATTLE — Raola W. Klepich, 95, of Seattle, formerly of Red Lodge, Mont., passed away on Thursday, Nov. 21, 2002, in Seattle.

Raola Amalia Wertanen was born on Dec. 17, 1906, in Red Lodge, a daughter of Kristian and Amalia Luoma Wertanen. She attended Red Lodge schools, was employed in Red Lodge, and worked many summers at the Old Faithful Inn in Yellowstone Park.

On Oct. 7, 1933, she married John G. Klepich, and they moved to Chicago, where he was employed. While in Chicago, Rae worked for the Illinois Central Railroad Hospital. In 1939, they returned to Red Lodge to establish a permanent home and family.

From 1958 to 1976, Rae joined her husband in his career as an overseas highway contractor. They lived several years in Saigon, South Vietnam; Kakrapar, Gujarat State of India; and Jember, Indonesia. Between each overseas contract, Rae and her family returned to their home in Red Lodge. Rae's travels took her across the United States and

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throughout much of the world. She was especially proud to have traveled to Finland, her country of heritage. In recent years, Raola resided with her daughter and family in Seattle.

Raola was preceded in death by her husband in 1985; her brother, Arne Wertanen; and by her five sisters, Wilma Nivala, Martha Houtonen, Elma Martin, Laina Fluke and Elsa Erck.

Survivors include her daughter, Karen Klepich Carpenter and son-in-law Douglas Carpenter, Sr. of Seattle; one granddaughter, Johna Rae (Bob) McAfoos of Seattle; one grandson, Douglas (Rhonda) Carpenter of Red Lodge; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 29, in Smith-Olcott Funeral Chapel. Interment will be in the Red Lodge Cemetery. Visitation will be from 2 to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 27, and after 9 a.m. Friday.

Memorials may be given to the Beartooth Hospital Long Term Care Unit, Box 590, Red Lodge, MT 59068, or to the charity of choice.



**RAOLA
KLEPICH**

Elisabeth Kiewer

BILLINGS GAZETTE

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GLASGOW —Elisabeth Kiewer, 83, of Glasgow, formerly of Wolf Point and Lustre, died Saturday, Aug. 3, 2002, at the Valley View Nursing Home in Glasgow.

Visitation will be from noon to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 6, at Clayton Memorial Chapel in Wolf Point. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 7, at the Lustre Mennonite Brethren Church. Interment will be in the Bethel Lustre Cemetery.

Dorothy M. Kline

CASPER, Wyo. — Dorothy Mae Kline, 87, died Wednesday, Oct. 23, 2002, at Casper. A daughter of Arthur and Nettie Kline, she was born at Polytechnic, the present campus of Rocky Mountain College, where her father was an early registrar and mathematics professor.

Married in 1935 to Billings businessman Ralph R. Woodley, they enjoyed their family of six children before he died unexpectedly in 1962. She later married Thomas V. O'Connor, who died in 1978.

Although she considered herself as primarily a housewife, Dorothy worked for a number of years as a histology technician at St. Vincent's Hospital. As a member of the Guild at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, PEO, Edna Hedges Chapter of Eastern Star, American Legion Auxiliary and the St. Vincent's Hospital Pink Ladies, she remained active in community activities until declining health in recent years curtailed her participation.

In addition to her parents and husbands, Dorothy was preceded in death by her daughter, Marcia Trainer; son, Philip Woodley; a brother, William; and a sister, Margaret. Surviving children are Dr. Donald R. Woodley of Huntsville, Ala., Judith Alper of Oakland, Calif., Richard Woodley at Sacramento, Calif., and Linda Oftedal of Casper; and stepchildren, Patricia Ungaretti of Anaconda, Cathy Maggart of Lebanon, Tenn., Janis Pederson and Peggy Hanstrom of Billings. Her sister, Rhea Langworthy, residing at Buffalo, and Betty Waddingham Powers, Billings, also survive, as do 14 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

Dorothy Kline will be honored with a graveside memorial service at 11 a.m. on Monday, Nov. 11, at Mountview Cemetery. Those wishing to give memorials may do so to The Guild of St. Luke's Episcopal Church or Cottey College, a women's college at Nevada, MO 64722 (www.cottey.edu).

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Justin P. Kline

COLUMBUS — Justin P. Kline, 19, of Columbus, died in a tragic snowmobile accident on March 14, 2002, outside of Cooke City.

He was born March 2, 1983, in Billings, the son of Greg and Kathie Kline. He grew up on Flaherty Flat outside of Columbus, where he enjoyed the outdoors and playing sports, especially baseball.

**JUSTIN KLINE**

Justin graduated from Columbus High School in 2001 and went on to college at Dawson Community College in Glendive with a baseball scholarship. While in high school, he actively participated in golf, baseball, football and weightlifting.

Justin's greatest passion in life was his family, friends, and playing baseball. He died doing what he loved, being outside with good friends, feeling the wind against his face.

He was dearly loved by his mother Kathie; brother Ty (Molly) and nephew Logan Harding; grandmother Margaret Lind; grandparents Dr. John and Verna Barnett; uncle Bill and Deb Lind; aunt Christee and Dave

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Ballan; uncles Kerry and Mark Wanner; and aunt Roxanna and Jack Mitchell.

He was preceded in death by his father, Greg Kline; grandfathers, Phil Kline and Chet Lind; and great-grandparents, George and Elizabeth Bangert.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials or donations may be made at Valley Federal Credit Union for a memorial to be made in Justin's name. Memorial services will be held 3 p.m. Tuesday, March 19, at the Columbus High School Gymnasium.

Raymond Leroy Kline

BILLINGS GAZETTE

Raymond Leroy Kline was born to Lydia Walker and Raymond Kline on June 20, 1932, in Hardin. After suffering a massive heart attack, Ray went to join his Heavenly Father on Feb. 28, 2002.



MR. KLINE

As a young man, Ray served his country in the United States Army during the Korean War. He worked for the Milwaukee Road and later the Burlington Northern railroad as a station agent/telegrapher. He then retired from the Burlington Northern after 37 years of service.

Ray was preceded in death by his father, mother and stepmother, Dorothy; brothers, Dennis, Kenneth and Jim; one grandson, Matthew Olsen; and one granddaughter, Jenny Olson.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Lou; daughters, Melody (Earl) Cunnington of Brady, Judy (Bob) Olsen of Sidney, Neb., and Lydia Kline of Billings; sons Jerry (Tracy) of Monroe, Wash., Rick (Tammy) of Billings and Greg of Seattle. Other survivors include a sister, Dorothy Bangert of Belfry; brother Ronald Kline of California; 12 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Cremation has taken place at Ray's request, with ashes to be spread among the Hysham hills. Memorial services for Raymond Kline will be held Saturday, March 2, at 1 p.m. at the Monad LDS Church, 33595 Monad Road in Billings.

MAR 01 2002

Cecelia H. Klofstad

PLENTYWOOD—Cecelia H. Klofstad, 89, died Friday, Aug. 30, 2002, at the Sheridan Memorial Nursing Home.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 3, at the Plentywood Lutheran Church with burial at the Plentywood Cemetery. Fulkerson Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Faye (Laird) Kloster

TACOMA, Wash. — Faye (Laird) Kloster, 80, formerly of Bearcreek and Washoe, Mont., died Sept. 8, 2002, in Tacoma.

She was born May 22, 1922, in Clinton, Ind.

Her husband, Jack Kloster, preceded her in death. She is survived by a son, John Kloster; his

wife, Marie; and three grandchildren, Adam, Adrienne and Corey of Tacoma; a sister, Jane (Laird) Biestek of Dearborn, Mich., and four nieces.

A memorial service was held at Gaffney Funeral Home with interment at Mountain View Cemetery in Tacoma.

Marvin Kluksdahl

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BILLINGS GAZETTE

Marvin Kluksdahl, 78, passed away in Billings, May 27, 2002.

Marvin, son of Ole and Anna Kluksdahl, was born Dec. 19, 1923, in Buffalo, S.D.

He graduated from Buffalo High School. Marvin entered the U.S. Navy in 1942 and was honorably discharged in 1945. After his discharge, he graduated from Black Hills State University. Later, he earned his master's degree from Northern Arizona University. Marvin worked on various construction projects in Alaska from 1956 until his retirement.

He is survived by his sister Amy Kluksdahl of Florida; brother Gordon and sister-in-law Donna, of Powell, Wyo.; also numerous nieces and nephews.

Cremation has taken place. Interment of ashes will take place at Fort Meade National Cemetery in Sturgis, S.D., at a later date.

Memorials can be made to Al Bedoo Shriners Temple, PO Box 20673 Billings, MT 59104.

Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary and Crematory is in charge of arrangements.

Alice June Case Klundt

Alice was born to St. Paul Case and Cecelia Cashen on June 4, 1926, at the Cashen Homestead on the Crow Indian Reservation. She was the seventh child of 17 siblings.

She married Wilmer Klundt on Aug. 12, 1942, in Billings, where they remained until his death in 1985, from this union they had five children: Wilmer Klundt Jr., Jerry Klundt, Albert Klundt, Claudia Stenberg and Shellie Hoke.

She leaves behind her son Jerry and daughter Claudia Stenberg; sisters Gert Caufield, Betty Spomer, Ora Payton, Ethel Sheme, Thelma Louie, Arlene Harper and Jolene Not Afraid; brothers Floyd and Marvin Case and George Cain.

She was preceded in death by her husband Wilmer, sons, Wilmer Klundt Jr. and Albert Klundt; and daughter Shellie Klundt Hoke. Alice also leaves behind 14 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren, all of which she enjoyed playing games and cards with. She will be greatly missed by everyone whose life she touched.



ALICE KLUNDT

MISSOULA GAZETTE

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Viewing will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 24, at Cremation or Funeral Gallery. Funeral services will be held 2 p.m. Monday, Nov. 25, at Cremation or Funeral Gallery, with interment following at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

SEP 15 2002

Del Reese Klundt

HELENA — Del Reese Klundt, 39, died Monday, Sept. 9, 2002, due to a truck rollover outside Helena.

Cremation will be held at Helena Funeral Chapel. Memorial service will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 14, at the Canyon Ferry Road Baptist Church.

Roger Dale Klundt

BILLINGS GAZETTE

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Roger Dale Klundt, 44, of Billings, passed away Saturday, Dec. 29, 2001, at Deaconess Billings Clinic. He was born Jan. 22, 1957, in Billings. He has lived in Billings with his foster mother, Sharon Desjarlais, the last 28 years.

Survivors include his mother, Lydia Klundt of Billings; two brothers, Bernie of Red Lodge and Donald of Billings; one sister, Melody Hopkins of Billings; and foster brothers, Chris, John, Jeff and Justin, all of Billings.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial service will be 4 p.m. Friday, Jan. 4, at Billings Training Industries, 604 19th St. West. Memorials may be made to BTL Arrangements were made by Cremation or Funeral Gallery.

Hester Louise Knack

As a shaft of sunlight illuminated the hallway, Hester Louise Knack, 89, passed away peacefully at St. John's Lutheran Home, Sept. 28, 2002.

Hester Louise Knack was born in New Lexington, Ohio, on Nov. 14, 1912, to Edward W. McCreedy and Mary Chappelle McCreedy. Hester led a varied and interesting life. While employed as "Rosie the Riveter," during World War II, Hester suffered an appendicitis attack in the cone of a military plane. The young orderly who attended her at the hospital was to become her future husband, Richard Otto Knack. After their marriage, the couple moved to Detroit, Mich., where Hester worked for Hudson Motors, General Motors Corp., and later at hospitals in the Detroit area.

Upon retirement at age 68, Hester became one of the first senior citizens to be selected as a radio dispatcher for the newly established Police Mini Station in Detroit.

For over 50 years, Hester was soloist and choir member of several churches. In Ohio, she was an active member of the Etud Society.

To be near her son and family Hester relocated to Montana in 1985. For the past eight years Hester not only resided at St. John's, but embraced it as a true home because of the loving care and nurturing social environment.

Hester is survived by her only child, Paul R. Knack, his wife Peg Schmitz Knack and grandson Jake R. Knack of Billings. She was preceded in death by her parents and husband.

The family wishes to thank the many St. John's volunteers who sat vigil during Hester's final journey.

A celebration of life service will be at 4 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 1, at the Alberta Bair Chapel in St. John's Lutheran Home. Memorial donations may be made to St. John's Lutheran Ministries, Billings.

Arrangements were by Cremation or Funeral Gallery.

MAR 01 2002**Gerald A. Knapkewicz**

BEACH, N.D. — Gerald Albert Knapkewicz, 53, of Beach, died Tuesday, Feb. 26, 2002, in Beach.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 2, at St. John The Baptist Catholic Church in Beach. Interment will follow at St. John's Cemetery in Beach. Silvernale-Silba Funeral Home of Beach is in charge.

Leslie R. Knapp

POWELL, Wyo. — Leslie R. "Hank" Knapp, 74, of Powell, died Wednesday, May 1, 2002, at his home.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, May 8, at the First Baptist Church in Powell. Ballard Funeral Home of Cody is in charge.

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BILLINGS GAZETTE

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MISSOULA — Amelia, cherished mother, beloved grandmother, passed quietly from her family on Thursday, July 18, 2002. She was surrounded by the love of her family.

Mom was born on Dec. 13, 1911, to Henry and Anna Amen in Billings. Though she was 90 years old, her children often had to remind her to slow down.

Mom and Dad, John, were married in March of 1935. Their marriage brought forth five daughters, Shirley Palmer, Virginia Thibodeau, Alice Gillies, of Milltown, Diane Daubert of Missoula, and Judy Deda of Florence. In December of 1994, the passing of Dad ended nearly 60 years of marriage. Our beloved Shirley joined Dad two short years later.

"Big Grandma" kept very busy the last few years with 11 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren and seven great-great-grandchildren, with another one expected soon. Grandma had many nieces and nephews who were always remembered and talked about fondly.

The holidays were special to Mom because at those times of the year, she would gather her family around like a mother hen and her chicks. We all have and share such wonderful memories of those times.

Mom lived on in her home of 46 years, gardening, keeping house and taking care of us. She took pride in her age and her abilities. Family and friends marveled at her energy and stamina.

Cherished and loved, everyone will miss her warm, caring and generous spirit.

We will be celebrating Mom's life in a memorial service at 11 a.m. on Monday, July 22, at Sunset Memorial Funeral Home.

Mom loved flowers. She would appreciate the kindness of beautiful flowers. She also loved children and would appreciate, in lieu of flowers, a donation be made in her name to Camp Mak-A-Dream, P.O. Box 1450, Missoula, MT 59806, or to a charity of the donor's choice.

Edith E. Knerr

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BILLINGS GAZETTE

LEWISTON — Edith E. Knerr, 75, died Friday afternoon, May 17, 2002, at her residence following a battle with cancer.

Memorial services will be 2 p.m. at the Creel Funeral Chapel on Wednesday, May 22. Cremation has taken place. Creel Funeral Home is in charge.

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James P. Knerr

HILGER — James P. Knerr, 45, of Hilger, died Friday, Sept. 13, 2002, at St. Vincent Healthcare in Billings, of natural causes.

Graveside memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 17, at the Hilger Cemetery. Cremation has taken place. Creel Funeral Home of Lewistown is in charge.

Ines O. Knight

BUFFALO, Wyo. — Ines Knight, 100, of Buffalo, died Monday, Sept. 30, 2002, at the Amie Holt Care Center.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Oct. 4, at the Adams Funeral Home Chapel in Buffalo. Visitation will be from 1 to 10 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 3, and from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Friday, at Adams Funeral Home. Burial will be in Willow Grove Cemetery, with graveside rites to follow the funeral.

Iyone Pansy Knight

GLENDIVE — Iyone Pansy Knight, 74, of Glendive, died Wednesday, Oct. 23, 2002, at Blainmont Human Services Center.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, Oct. 28, at the Dawson County Cemetery. ~~Silverdale-Silba~~ Silba Funeral Home of Glendive is in charge.

Misty Lee Knight

BILLINGS GAZETTE
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Our precious angel, Misty Lee Knight, passed away in her sleep, July 20, 2002. She was 27. Misty brought great joy to those who loved and cared for her.

Misty is survived by her mother, Elizabeth Connaghan; father Nicholas D. Knight; sister Nicole Knight; grandmother Virginia Knight; grandfather Dean Knight; four uncles, Edward Stiles, J. Michael Stiles, David Knight and Timothy Knight; an aunt Camille Trudeau; and several cousins.

A memorial service for family and friends will be held at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary on Thursday, July 25, at 10 a.m.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, memorials for Misty be sent to Rocky Mountain Bank to be used by Billings Training Industries and STEP.

Misty we love you angel baby,
Now she can walk
Now she can dance
Now she can sing
Now she can say I love you.

DEC 01 2002**Ronald Knipfer**

BAKER — Ronald Knipfer, 60, died Friday, Nov. 29, 2002, at the Knipfer Family Ranch, southeast of Baker.

Visitation will be held from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Monday. Prayer service will be held at 7 p.m. on Monday as well. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 3, in the Ekalaka Bible Church, with burial in the Beaverlodge Cemetery. Stevenson Funeral Home of Baker and Ekalaka is in charge.

Kinzetta Knopp

WELLINGS GAZETTE

FEB 14 2002

BEACH, N.D. — Kinzetta Camella "Faye" Knopp, 74, of Sentinel Butte, died Saturday, Feb. 9, 2002, in Wibaux, Mont.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 16, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Golva. A Vigil will be at 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 15, at the church. Interment will follow services at the Alpha Cemetery south of Golva. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Beach is in charge.

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SIDNEY — Wayne E. Knote passed away Nov. 18, 2002.

He was born at York, N.D., June 7, 1919, to Orville B. and Nora (Domer) Knote. He attended Twin Lake School #2, south of York, through the eighth grade. He then graduated from the Baker, N.D., High School in 1937. In the fall of 1938, Wayne joined the Civilian Conservation Corps and worked in camps at the International Peace Gardens in North Dakota, the Bureau of Reclamation at Yuma, Ariz., and U.S. Grazing Service Camp at Milford, Utah, through March of 1940.

While working in Northeastern Arkansas, Wayne met Christine Harris and learned the Gospel of Christ and was baptized into the Lord's church in July 1940. Wayne and Christine were married at Biggers, Ark., on Aug. 21, 1940. Following their wedding, they moved to Maddock, N.D., and after a year of farming, Wayne began working for Farmers' Union Oil Co. in Hazelton. Later, he became the manager of the Sterling, N.D., Farmers' Union.

He was drafted into the U.S. Army in December of 1944 during World War II. Wayne served in the Pacific Theatre of conflict under General Douglas MacArthur's command, in the Philippine Islands, and in the army of Occupation in Tokyo, Japan,

until his honorable discharge on March 28, 1946, as a Staff Sergeant. He was awarded the Good Conduct Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Service Medal and the Philippine Liberation Medal.

Returning to Bismarck, he worked for Farmers' Union for a few months, then moved to Medina, N.D., in the fall of 1946, where he was the manager of the newly former Farmers' Union Co-op for five years. In the fall of 1951, Wayne had the opportunity to begin training with the Farmers' Union Accounting Services. In November of 1954, Wayne was promoted as an independent auditor in the accounting services of the Farmers' Union Co-ops of Eastern Montana. Wayne and Christine have made their home in Sidney since that time.

In 1955, Wayne was influential in beginning the Church of Christ in Sidney. Over the years, he developed a strong relationship with Churches of Christ all over the nation to maintain financial support for evangelists.

Wayne was a founding board member of the Cedar Foundation, which was formed in the early '80s to provide financial support for

Western Christian College of Weyburn, Saskatchewan, Canada. Wayne's greatest interest and love has been his family, the word of God, the Church and the spreading of the gospel. He also had a special love for country music, poetry, reading, songwriting, politics and current events, baseball and McDonald's.

Wayne is survived by his wife of 62 years, Christine; son Darrel and wife Linday of Chadron, Neb.; and daughters Lois and husband John Ratliff, Linda and husband Lester Keller, and Marietta and husband Lloyd Keller, all of Sidney; and Nancy and husband Glen MacDonald of Hillsboro, Texas; 17 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; two brothers, Donald and wife Jeanette of Billings and Gerald and wife Helen of Great Falls; three sisters, Noreen Miller of Centralia, Wash., Dolores and husband Ove Bergan of Everett, Wash., Norma and husband Jim Swanson of Fargo, N.D.; also many cousins, nephews, nieces and beloved friends of the community and Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and his brother-in-law, Chet Miller.

Funeral services will be held at the Sidney Church of Christ at 2 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 22. The services will be officiated by Richard Egger, Darrel Knote and Glen MacDonald. Casket bearers are his grandsons, Dohn Ratliff, Rol-

Ratliff, Thomas Knote, Wayne W. Knote, Matthew Keller, Luke Keller, Chaz Keller, Edgar Keller, Andy Keller and Nathan MacDonald. Honorary casket bearers are all Wayne's family, friends and neighbors.

Burial will take place at Richland Memorial Park, under the direction of Fulkerson Funeral Home of Sidney.

Wayne Knote will be greatly missed, but his spirit and legacy will live forever!

Genevieve Walks Knows The Ground

ST. XAVIER — Genevieve Walks Knows The Ground, 46, of St. Xavier, went to be with all her loved ones who went before her, Sunday, Dec. 15, 2002, at the Billings Deaconess Hospital.

Ishusshiwia, "Plume Woman," a name given to her by her late great-uncle, Martin He Does It, was born Nov. 30, 1956, in Crow Agency, a daughter of Charles and Annie He Does It Walks. She grew up and received her education in Montana and Oklahoma. She worked as a certified nurses' aide.

Genevieve was a member of the St. Xavier Catholic Church, Native American Church, Big Horn District Hand Game Team, Greasy Mouth Clan and a Child of Big Lodge Clan.

She married Bryan Knows the Ground, Sr. on Nov. 9, 1979, in Billings, and the couple made their home in St. Xavier.

Her father, Charles Walks; husband Bryan Knows the Ground, Sr.; seven brothers and sisters; and all her maternal and paternal aunts and uncles preceded her in death.

Genevieve was a tender and loving person whose sense of humor was appreciated. She will be remembered as a generous person who treasured the love and talents of her children and grandchildren. She was always

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willing to assist a family member or friend.

She leaves a void in the heart of her mother, Annie Walks; her children, Rosie, Allen, Bryan "Babe" Knows Ground and Baby Lace Hill; a special friend, Dennis Madill; her adopted sons, Everett Walks, Karl Big Hair, Allison Bouyer, Conrad Stands and Karl Spotted; her adopted daughters, Kathy Walks, Vera and Alfredine Crooked Arm, Sarah (Clyde) Red Woman, Jennifer (Bruce) White, Jr., Stella Walks, Sharon Roehl and Mavis Covers Up; her sisters, Mary (Vincent) Crooked Arm, Irma Jane Moccasin, Mary Lucy Little Light, Brenda, Vera, Raphelle and Virginia He Does It, Helen Old Coyote, Rhoda Bright Wings, Roselyn Yellowmule, Stella Not Afraid



**GENEVIEVE
KNOWS THE
GROUND**

and Susie Walks Over Ice; her brothers; Crawford Reed, Floyd and Alfred (Roberta) Walks; her grandmothers, Francis and Ruth Back Bone. She was also known as "Kaala Mori"

by her many grandkids, Isaura, Je'shia, Taylor, Cameron, Tyril, DeAndre, Jonah Dale, Honor, Pride, Paris, Bryan (Handsome), III, Stacey, Wayne, Timothy, Shanna, Delvin, Charles, Adella, Rae, Vincent, Bloomingdale, Arianna, Whitney, Kaitan, Kati, III, Marshae, Myers, Jr., Varian, Varina, Georgette, Tamara, Woody Joe, Daniel, Danielle, Leo, Nia, Sonny, Katelyn and Erin, and her great-grandson, Thomas Wyatt.

She is also survived by the He Does It, Walks, Hill, Reed, Huggs, Little Owl, Takes the Gun, Left Hand, Alden, Back Bone and Bends families.

With tearful eyes and broken hearts we watched her fade away. Although we loved her dearly it would be selfish to make her stay. A golden heart stopped beating, hard working hands now laid to rest; God broke our hearts to prove to us he only takes the best.

Rosary will be recited 4 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 18, at the Bullis Funeral Chapel. Funeral Mass will be celebrated 10 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 19, at the St. Xavier Catholic Church. Interment will follow in the St. Xavier Cemetery. Bullis Mortuary has been entrusted with the arrangements.

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Ken Knudson

SACO — Ken Knudson, 82, of Saco passed away on Friday, April 12, 2002, at the Frances Mahon Deaconess Hospital in Glasgow of natural causes.



**KEN
KNUDSON**

Born on the homestead 18 miles south of Saco, to parents, George and Margaret (McEachen) Knudson, Ken attended the Bowdoin, Harb and Pippin schools, and graduated from Saco High School. On Dec. 31, 1943, Ken married Jane Fetterman in Saco. He farmed and raised cattle with his parents and brothers, George (Bud) and Ray in the Saco area until 1974. He was active in the Independent Order of Oddfellows for 53 years and served as Grand Master of Montana in 1983. Ken also served on term as a member of the School Board and was on the Primary and General Election Boards for many years. He was talented in mechanics, carpentry, and woodworking, and enjoyed following local high school sports.

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Kim was preceded in death by his parents George and Margaret, his brothers Ray and Freddie, a sister, Mary, and a son, Max, who died in the service of his country in 1966.

Survivors include his wife of 58 years, Jane (Fetterman) Knudson of Saco; daughters, Mary Sue and (Rick) Sudduth of Saco and their son, Richey, and (Kris) Sudduth and grandchildren Tony, Matt, and Kayla Sudduth, all of Saco, Connie and Jim Schultz of Fort Peck, and their son, C.J., and (Sabrina) Schultz of Albuquerque, N.M., and daughter Jalyza Schultz of Jamestown, N.D.; Laurinda and (Oscar) Miller and their daughter, Janice, of Billings, a brother, "Bud" Knudson and (Denee) of Saco, a sister-in-law, Glenn, of Saco, a brother-in-law, John, and (Ardeith) Fetterman of Saco, and numerous nieces, nephews, and their families.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, April 17, at the Saco Methodist Church with interment in Grandview Cemetery. Bell Mortuary of Glasgow is in charge of the arrangements.

Lyle Douglas Knudson

WOLF POINT — Lyle Douglas Knudson died Jan. 13, 2002, at the VA Nursing Home in Miles City.

Lyle was born on April 23, 1927, in Peerless, the son of Earl and Josephine (Braaten) Knudson. The midwife never got over how well he survived his two-pound birth weight. The oldest of 10 children, he grew up in Peerless and enlisted in the Navy while still in high school. He was always very proud of serving his country.

Lyle and Myrtle Rossing were married in Fort Peck, on Feb. 4, 1950. Ten years and five children later, they moved from Scobey to Wolf Point where their sixth child was born. They owned and operated Lyle's Conoco through the 1960s.

Myrtle preceded him in death July 23, 1972. On April 27, 1974, Lyle married Lorene Roberts in Billings and they remained in Wolf Point. Lyle retired from the State Highway Department and Lorene preceded him in death on Dec. 27, 1998.

Lyle had a grin that was infectious. He always had a good story and loved hearing them, too. His sense of humor always entertained and he had passions for playing cards, dancing and sports. He was a member of the Elks Club in Wolf Point and the Lutheran Church.

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The past three and a half years were spent in the VA Nursing Home in Miles City where he was very happy. Lyle's children and grandchildren meant everything to him. He was loved and will be sadly missed by us now.

Survivors include three sons: Ron Knudson of Havre, Steve Knudson of Wolf Point and Rex Knudson of Helena; three daughters, Arlene Neumiller of Wolf Point, Debra Davies of Chinook and Shari Knudson of Nye; stepson, Jim Roberts of Wyoming; stepdaughters, Kathy Roberts-Green of Wolf Point and Kristy Kimball of Miles City; 10 grandchildren; 11 step-grandchildren; one great-grandson; sisters, Betty Linqvist of Scobey, Lois Kaatz and Sandra Kessler, both of Billings, Bonnie Beck of Arvada, Colo., and Karen Haugerud of Pappillion, Neb.; brothers, Bill Knudson of Bakersfield, Calif., Alan Knudson of Wolf Point and Dave Knudson of Billings.

Lyle was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Myrtle, his wife Lorene and one sister Dolly.

A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, Jan. 18, at the Clayton Memorial Chapel in Wolf Point officiated by the Elks

officers. Interment will be held in Greenwood Cemetery in Wolf Point. Memorials may be made to the Elks Club in Wolf Point or the charity of your choice.

Lillian H. Knutson

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POWELL, Wyo. — Lillian H. Knutson, 93, died Sunday, Nov. 24, 2002, at the Powell Nursing Home.

Memorial services will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 27, at Hope Lutheran Church. Miratsky-Easton Funeral Home of Powell is in charge.

Rosella C. Kobelin

CODY, Wyo. — Rosella C. Kobelin, 94, died Sunday, May 12, 2002, at West Park Long Term Care Center in Cody.

Cremation has taken place. At her request, no services are planned. Ballard Funeral Home of Cody is in charge.

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Rosella C. Kobelin

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BILLINGS GAZETTE

CODY, Wyo. — Rosella C. Kobelin passed away on May 12, 2002, at the West Park Long Term Care Center in Cody.

Rosella was born in Appleton, Minn., to Albert and Clara Kohlman. She married Leo H. Hudson of Sidney, Mont., in 1929. Leo passed away in 1945 and Rosella moved to Billings in 1950 to be closer to her two daughters.

She married Guy Kobelin in 1955 and moved to Cody, where Guy was employed by Marathon Oil Co.

Rosella was preceded in death by her husband, Guy; one son; one grandson; three brothers and five sisters. She is survived by two daughters, Jacquelyn Hudson Ballou and Darlene Hudson Lalicker, both of Cody; one sister and one brother, both of Seattle; four grandsons and four great-grandchildren.

Rosella was a member of the Methodist Church of Cody and a charter member of the Willing Workers.

Cremation has taken place.

William G. Kobelt

A beautiful tenor voice joined the Lord's choir on Feb. 20, 2002, when William George Kobelt left his earthly life behind and was called to meet the Lord. Having brought music and the love of the Lord to many lives, he will be greatly missed.

Born in Butte on Dec. 7, 1908, and known by some as "Willie" and by others as "Billy," or as he often called himself, "just plain Bill," he was the youngest of four children. Spending most of his early life in Butte, he worked a short time in the copper mines and also delivered milk. Times were difficult and jobs were scarce, however, in 1936, Bill began working as a warehouseman for Standard Oil in Billings, where he worked until he retired in 1972. Even after his retirement, he continued to meet with his previous coworkers for noontime card games!

In 1945, Bill married Gladys Bernice Becker. From 1945 until 1958, he also played the banjo and sang in a dance band, "The Mountaineers." He enjoyed playing tennis, bowling, and later in his life, was known to throw a mean horseshoe. He was an



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active member in his church Trinity Lutheran, and sang in the choir for more than 60 years. Over the years, he also was a soloist at numerous funerals and weddings. Indeed, performing was one of his passions, and he was always at his best when on stage, playing the banjo in the Billings Banjo Band, or singing in the Billings Barbershop Chorus and quartets. He was invited to join, and truly loved, the "Buckaroosters," a diverse group of barbershop singers who came from around the country to meet in Absarokee for a week every August. More recently, he performed with "Billy and the Kids" from the Billings chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society. His rendition of "Sheik of Arabi" was a favorite act and it was featured in many barbershop shows and other singing engagements. His special song for his wife, the love of his life, Gladys, was "Because of You" and he sang it to her often throughout the years, including on their 50th wedding anniversary.

Preceded in death by his parents; sisters Jennifer and Bertha;

brother Karl; and son Kenneth George Kobelt, he leaves behind his wife, Gladys, of 57 years; daughters Willene Gray (Robert) of Missoula, and Shiela Tatro of Lakewood, Colo.; son Darrell Eugene Kobelt (Edna) of Billings; 15 grandchildren, numerous great-grandchildren and three nieces.

Funeral service will be 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 26, at Trinity Lutheran Church, 537 Grand Ave. Interment will be in Sunset Memorial Gardens. Memorials can be made to Trinity Lutheran Church. Smith's Downtown Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Alvin 'Al' Leroy Kober

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BILLINGS MONTANA

Al Kober, 59, of Billings, died unexpectedly at his home of a heart attack on Friday June 14, 2002. He served in the U.S. Navy for nine years and had worked for Pierce Packing where he pursued the love of his life, driving truck. After suffering a back injury, he then drove Taxi. He later became a dispatcher for TSI in Billings. With his gift of gab, he touched many people.

Al was born April 15, 1943, in Billings and was the oldest son of Rienhold and Eleanor Axtell Kober. He was married to Helen Gardner Kober and later divorced. They had one son, Jeff Kober, who resides in Mississippi with his wife, Heather, and two children, Payton and Ethan. Other survivors include his mother, Eleanor; his brother, Ron (Donna) Kober of Billings; and a sister, Patricia (Jess) Herman of Broadview. Al was loved by his nieces and nephews for his quick wit and teasing. He was preceded in death by his father, Rienhold; a brother, James; and both sets of grandparents.

Cremation has been held. Memorial will be 10 a.m. Tuesday, June 18, at Cremation or Funeral Gallery, 8th & St. Johns. Inurnment will follow at

Absaroka Beartooth Columbarium in the Gallery. The family requests no flowers and memorials may be made to the charity of choice.

Emma Marie Kober

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On the morning of Dec. 26, 2002, our mom went to be with her Savior to live in eternal happiness.

The youngest of six children, Emma Marie Kober was born on Aug. 16, 1929, to Anna (Kumm) and Louis Kyriss, Sr., in Butte, Neb. Her family soon moved to a farm west of Billings, where Emma grew up and attended Elder Grove School.



EMMA KOBER

While working at the General Custer Hotel in downtown Billings, Emma met Albert Gerald Kober. She had seen him several times at church, admiring him in his Navy uniform, and unbeknownst to her, she had caught his eye also. He swept her off her feet and they were married six weeks later on July 1, 1949.

Emma devoted her life to her husband and their seven children. Together, Emma and Albert raised their kids in a Christian home where morality, patriotism and a solid work ethic were a part of daily life. She worked hard at being the best mom that she could be, often having to be both mom and dad while Dad was serving overseas. Mom kept house to perfection and excelled

in cooking, cross-stitch, quilting and rocking babies. She was an adamant Scrabble player and seldom lost. She had an incredibly strong faith in Jesus Christ, whom she drew her strength from every day. She was proud of each one of her other kids and we are proud that she was our mother.

Emma is survived by her children Lois (Larry) Stevens of Omak, Wash., Rosalinda (Ken) Klein, Jonathan D. (Diane) Kober, Althea (Bill) Farley, Paul Kober, all of Billings, Angela (Douglas) Thompson of Park City; her 11 grandchildren, James Zarate of Omak, Bryan Morehouse of Torrington, Wyo., James Morehouse of Boise, Idaho, Sean Kober, Taryn, Aaron and Lisa Klein, Miranda and Marisa Farley, all of Billings, Richard and Krista Thompson of Park City, and great-granddaughter Tyra Klein of Billings. She is also survived by her good friend, Lester Stevens of Okanogan, Wash.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her siblings, Christina Boehme, Ann Bern, Fred, Richard and Louis Jr.; her husband; and her daughter, Deborah Morehouse, who was born on Mom's birthday in 1952.

Services will be held at 12 noon, Tuesday, Dec. 31, at Trinity Lutheran Church at 545 Grand Avenue, with interment at Sunset Memorial Gardens. Memorials may be made to Trinity Lutheran Church or to the charity of one's choice.

Mom, we love you so much. Give Dad and Debbie a kiss from us. We look forward to the day we will be reunited in Christ. See you at the Trumpet Call

Henry Kober

LOVELL, Wyo. — Henry Kober, 82, died Saturday, Oct. 5, 2002, at New Horizons Care Center in Lovell.

Cremation has taken place. Graveside inurnment services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 12, at the Park City (Mont.) Cemetery. Haskell Funeral Home of Lovell is in charge of arrangements.

Mark Kobielski

WYARNO, Wyo. — Mark Kobielski, 16, of Wynno, passed away on Sunday, June 9, 2002.

Mark was born on May 28, 1986, to George and Lorraine Kobielski in Sheridan, Wyo. He was raised on the family ranch southeast of Sheridan, where he enjoyed riding motorcycles, four-wheelers, and horses. He attended Sheridan High School, where he was a member of the Sheridan FFA and Ag Mechanics Team. Mark hunted anything from snakes to elk and enjoyed wrestling calves at all the neighborhood brandings. He spent many evenings watching old John Wayne movies, reading Louis L'Amour, and battling Red Alert on the computer. Please remember Mark for all his mischievous deeds and shenanigans. His next job fit him to a tee; the guys on the Mullinax irrigation crew were just as ornery as he was, and he even got in a few pranks pulled on Shaun. Mark looked forward to Sunday dinners at Matka's and golfing with Nana and Grandpa.

Mark was preceded in death by his grandfather George Kobielski. He is survived by his parents, George and Lorraine Kobielski of Sheridan; his brother Shaun of Sheridan; his grandmother Lucille Kobielski of Sheridan; his grandparents Bill and Valerie Miller of Sheridan; and many aunts, uncles and

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The family has requested that memorials be made in Mark's name to the Mark Kobielski Scholarship fund to benefit the Sheridan FFA program in care of Delphine Toner, First Interstate Bank, PO Box 2007, Sheridan, WY 82801.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, June 12, in the Sheridan Junior High School Auditorium, with the Reverend David Duprey officiating. Kane Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

Frank Joseph Kocab

KINGMAN, Ariz. — Frank Joseph Kocab was born to Frank Joseph Kocab and Mary Catherine Rauch on May 25, 1925, in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Mr. Kocab, formerly of Roundup, Mont., passed away only 10 days after being diagnosed with cancer, in his home in Kingman, on April 25, 2002.

On July 1, 1947, he married Betty Marie Jackson. Together, they had six children. He was preceded in death by son Sandy Kocab of Billings, in 1988.

Survived and tremendously missed by wife Betty of Kingman; sons Rick Kocab of Deming, N.M., Dan and John Kocab of Billings; and daughters Beth Harrelson, also of Billings, and Joanne Borell of Wilson, Kan. He was also the proud grandfather of 19 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Mr. Kocab served in the U.S. Navy during WWII, stationed in Africa for three years. He worked for the Dan Dee potato chip company in Pittsburgh and eventually became an owner-operator of a delivery route until 1975. In late 1975, he and his family left Pittsburgh and began a successful business as owner of motels in New Mexico, Florida and Kansas for the remainder of his career.

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He retired to Roundup in 1987 to be closer to some of his children who had made their homes in Billings.

Mr. Kocab loved playing and coaching baseball with his sons. He also enjoyed golfing and was one of the original wrestling fans. He took care and pride in the Christmas village he built every year to please his children when they were young. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus (Roundup) and an active member in the Catholic Church in each place that he lived. He was a loving father and an honorable, hard-working man.

Viewing will be at Smith's Downtown Chapel, Wednesday, May 1, at 5 p.m. Funeral mass at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, 2210 Colton Boulevard, Thursday, May 2, at 10 a.m. Interment will be at Terrace Gardens Cemetery, 304 34th St. West.

Amy Lois Koch

Amy Lois Koch, of Billings, passed away Thursday morning, Oct. 3, 2002, at St. Vincent hospital.

Amy was born on March 11, 1909, in Wausau, Neb., to Melville C.

and Clara J. Roberts. She came with her parents to homestead in Dawson County in the spring of 1910. She attended school in Circle, moving to Billings in 1926 and graduated from Billings Senior High in 1927.

On Sept. 24, 1927, she married Harry Koch. They farmed west of Billings, side by side, until 1955.

She was a faithful member of the First Congregational Church of Billings and belonged to the Mayflower Circle. Mom took great pride in her handiwork, providing many crocheted and knitted items for the mitten tree at the Congregational Church and for Billings Head Start students.



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She is survived by her sons and their wives, Dale and Lisha and Jerry and Bobbie, all of Billings; a daughter, Judy Graham of Dayton, Wash.; eight grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. As a great grandmother, she was lovingly and uniquely addressed as G.G.

Amy was preceded in death by her husband in 1983 and a sister, Elva Hampton.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 7, at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary. Interment will be in Mountview Cemetery. Memorials may be made to St. John's Lutheran Home, 3940 Rimrock Road, Billings, MT 59102 or to First Congregational United Church of Christ, 310 N. 27th, Billings, MT 59101.

Erville H. Koch

LIVINGSTON — Erville H. Koch, 87, of Livingston, died at Livingston Health and Rehab Center late Friday evening, Oct. 18, 2002. Cremation has taken place at Franzen-Davis Crematory. At his request, no services are planned.

Sister Herman Joseph Koch

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LEAVENWORTH, Kan. — Sister Herman Joseph Koch, 93, formerly of Billings, Mont., died Aug. 26 at Ross Hall, Mother House.

Vigil is at 7 p.m. Wednesday in Annunciation Chapel of the Sisters of Charity Mother House. Mass of Resurrection will be at 11 a.m. Thursday in Annunciation Chapel with burial in Mount Olivet Cemetery on the Mother House grounds.

Peggy Koch

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PIERRE, S.D. — Peggy Koch, 39, formerly of Ekalaka, Mont.; died Wednesday, Aug. 28, 2002, in Pierre.

Visitation is from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday at Isburg-Hofmeister Funeral Chapel. Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Faith Lutheran Church with burial in Riverside Cemetery.

George Koffler

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GLENDIVE — George Koffler, 78, of Glendive, died Monday, April 22, 2002, at Deaconess Billings Clinic, of heart disease.

A vigil service will be at 6:30 p.m. Friday, April 26, at the Chapel of the Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home in Glendive. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 27, at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Glendive. Rite of Committal will be in the Dawson Memorial Cemetery in Glendive.

Gerald Robert Kohlmyer

SHORELINE, Wash. — Gerald Robert Kohlmyer, age 72, passed away Feb. 24, 2002.

Gerald was born Oct. 6, 1929, in Forsyth, Mont. He attended school in Forsyth until moving to California with his parents, Arthur and Bessie Kohlmyer. After graduating from high school in Ventura, Calif., he attended college at Eastern Montana University, Billings, and Denver University. He became a certified public accountant in 1976 and worked for the State of Washington until his retirement.

Gerald lived gracefully with kidney dialysis for 13 years. He was a loving grandfather and father who patiently taught his grandchildren to play checkers and who passed on his love of woodworking to his children. For 50 years, he was a devoted husband and best friend to his wife Bonnie. Together they shared laughter, travel and love

of family.

He is survived by his wife Bonnie Kohlmyer of Shoreline; daughter Brenda Kohlmyer of Shoreline; son and daughter-in-law Steven G. and Leigh Ann Kohlmyer of Waukesha, Wis.; grandchildren William G. Cox and Nicholas J. Cox; sisters Zella Schenk of Roundup, Mont., and Ruby J. Cook of Forsyth; brother-in-law James Schantz of Forsyth; also survived by numerous nieces and nephews. Gerald was preceded in death by his parents Arthur and Bessie Kohlmyer, brother Leon Kohlmyer and sister Mildred Schantz, all of Forsyth.

Memorial services will be held Friday, March 1, at 2 p.m. in the chapel of Evergreen Washelli Funeral Home, 11111 Aurora Ave. N., Seattle. Memorials are suggested to Scribner Kidney Center; c/o NW Kidney Center Foundation; PO Box 3000; Seattle, WA 98114.

Ethel A. Kolb

HYSHAM — Ethel A. Kolb, 80, of Hysham, died Saturday, Aug. 17, 2002, at her home.

Visitation will be from 1 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 21, at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Forsyth. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 22, at the Hysham Presbyterian Church. Burial will be at a later date.

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HYSHAM — Ethel A. Kolb, age 80, of Hysham, passed away on Saturday, Aug. 17, 2002, at her home, following a long illness.

Ethel was born on Dec. 5, 1921, in Myers, the daughter of Walter and Kathryn (Bauer) Schmidt. She grew up and attended school in Hysham and later continued her education in business school.

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Following the completion of business school, Ethel returned to Hysham, where she was employed by the ASCS office and the REA electrical company until her retirement. On Feb. 20, 1949, Ethel and Clarence "Bud" Kolb were united in marriage in Hysham. To this union, they were blessed with four children, Virginia, Ronald, Dennis, and James. Together, Ethel and Bud raised their children on the farm originally homesteaded by Bud's parents.

She enjoyed gardening, cooking and painting. Ethel also helped Action for Eastern Montana distribute commodities through out the community, as well as freely giving her garden produce to friends in the area. She would always help those who

needed to do business around town. Ethel especially enjoyed her family and grandchildren and was loved and will be missed by all of them.

Ethel is survived by her husband of 53 years, Bud; one daughter, Virginia "Ginni" Kolb of Denver, and her family, Mitchell, Sailor and Nicole (Leroy Peterson); three sons, Ronald Kolb, Dennis Kolb and his wife and family, Wendy, A.J. and Matthew, all of Hysham, James "Jake" Kolb and his wife and family, Julia, Jennifer, Andru and Bailey Ann of Boise, Idaho; and three great grandchildren, Breanna, Shelby and Shad. She is also survived by three sisters, Delores Mead and her husband Mel of Worland, Wyo., Bernice Moerkerke and her husband Morris of Bridger and Dorothy Page of Billings; as well as several nieces and nephews.

Ethel was preceded in death by her parents; one brother, Walter; and her sister Kathryn.

Funeral services will be on Thursday, Aug. 22, at 10 a.m. at the Hysham Presbyterian Church. Burial will be at a later date. Visitation will be on Wednesday, Aug. 21, from 1 until 7 p.m. at the chapel of Stevenson and Sons Funeral Home in Forsyth.

Memorials may be made to the Foundation for Sleep Disorders, PO Box 37000, Billings, MT 59107-7000, or the Cardiac Rehab, PO Box 37000, Billings, MT 59107-7000, or a charity of one's choice.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Forsyth.

Joe Kolczak

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Joe Kolczak, 53, passed away suddenly Thursday, Oct. 24, 2002, after a short battle with pneumonia.

Joe was born on Dec. 8, 1948 in Malta, the son of Kenneth Kolczak and Lillian Downs. He was raised on his grandfather's ranch near Landusky. He attended grade school in Landusky and Kremlin. He went to high school in Arlington Heights, Ill. After graduation, he returned to Montana and was a member of the Montana National Guard in Malta. He married Sandi Sandvick in 1975. They were later divorced. For most of his life, he was a truck driver. Up to the time of his death, he was employed by Raymond Corcoran Trucking. Joe enjoyed horseshoes, fishing and watching TV and movies.

Joe is survived by one son, Kenny of Billings; one sister, Dixie Lee Stratton of Tacoma, Wash.; four step-children, Tim (Angela) Hasler of Malta, Tony (Donna) Hasler of Billings, Leila Payer of Wagner, S.D., and Chad Hasler of Billings; eight step-grandchildren; uncles, Doug Kolczak of Seattle and Keith (Tuffy) and Fran Kolczak of Billings; special cousins, Betty (Wade) Hasler of Malta and Connie (Chuck) Zanto of Malta; and numerous other cousins and special friends.

Joe was preceded in death by his father, Kenneth and grandparents.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 29, at Cremation of Funeral Gallery. Graveside services will follow at Landusky Cemetery. Lunch to follow immediately after.

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Dariusz Kolski, 62, of Billings died Thursday, April 11, 2002, at Deaconess Billings Clinic.

Cremation has taken place and a memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, April 16. Cremation or Funeral Gallery is in charge.

Edith M. 'EDee' Komarek

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LEWISTOWN — Edith M. "EDee" Komarek, 74, of Mobridge, died Saturday night, at her home, of natural causes. She was born Feb. 13, 1928, in Oaks, N.D., the daughter of Walter J. and Etta Mae Buttke. She received her education in Pocatello, Idaho. She then completed beautician school in Great Falls where she worked as a beautician and then moved to Lewistown and worked at the Leader.

On July 27, 1949, she was united in marriage to George W. Komarek in Lewistown, and lived on the ranch near Roy. In 1957, they opened the Lazy KX Bar at Mobridge and in 1958, they moved to Mobridge, continuing to operate the ranch. He preceded her in death in 1997; she continued to live at Mobridge until the time of her death.

If you've dropped by even once at the Lazy KX Bar, chances are you've been there a hundred times after that. Maybe it's because EDee and her one-of-a-kind establishment have been there for 46 years; maybe it's because there is something infectious about legendary Montanans and a gift for storytelling.

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EDee, proprietor of the Lazy KX Bar, left this world and her somewhat famous outpost in the Missouri Breaks on Saturday, June 8, 2002. It was gloriously rain-filled day; ironically, the kind of day that central Montana ranchers like EDee lived for. She died peacefully, at the age of 74, in her home, listening to the sounds of a warm rain. We should all be so fortunate.

She is survived by one sister, Mildred Paul of Pocatello; one sister-in-law, Lula Buttke of Las Vegas, N.M.; several nieces and nephews, including Melvin Allen Weasa of Mesquite, Nev., Judith A. Weasa of Hobson and Arnold Duncan of Roy.

Funeral services for Edith M. Komarek will be Friday, June 14, at 2 p.m. in the Cloyd Chapel, with interment to follow in the Lewistown City Cemetery. The Cloyd Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Friends may make memorials to the Roy Ambulance Fund or the charity of their choice and they may be left at the Cloyd Funeral Home.

Helen Kombol

KANNAPOLIS, N.C. — Helen Annette Lund Kombol, 76, passed away Saturday, Feb. 16, 2002, at the NorthEast Medical Center in Concord, N.C., after a brief illness.

Helen was born Oct. 22, 1925 to Jesse and Ella Lund in Racine, Wis. She grew up in Racine and graduated from Washington Park High School in 1943. In 1950, she married Frank Kombol in Billings and made her home in the Roundup area for the next 49 years. In 1999, she moved to Kannapolis to be near her son and his family.

Helen had worked as a proof-reader for Western Printing in Racine for six years before she married. For 23 years, she was secretary of the Musselshell Valley Chamber of Commerce in Roundup, where she helped plan many of the Fourth of July Rodeos. She loved singing, socializing and knitting. She sang with local groups and sang solos at events in Roundup and had been active in the VFW, the American Legion and the Calvary Episcopal Church.

Her husband, Frank, preceded her in death in 1991. Helen is survived by her son, Anthony (Tony) Kombol and his wife, Phyllis, of Kannapolis; her daughter, Susan Smith and her husband, Christopher, of California; grandson Thomas and granddaughter Katherine; sisters, Marguerite Otto of Wisconsin and Beatrice Hartough of Florida; and her brother, Vilas (Bud) Lund of

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Wisconsin.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 19, at the Lady's Funeral Home Chapel in Kannapolis with the Rev. Fred Hoffman officiating.

She will be missed by her family and friends. Condolences may be sent to the family online at ladysfuneralhome.com/obituaries.htm.

Helen L. Kombol

KANNAPOLIS, N.C. — Helen L. Kombol, 77, formerly of Roundup, died several months ago in North Carolina. A memorial service will be at 10 a.m. on Monday at the Cavalry Episcopal Church in Roundup. Interment will take place at the Kombol Ranch north of Roundup.

MAR 0 1 2002**Althea Koolen**

Althea Koolen was born in Lincoln, Neb., on Jan. 13, 1915, the only child of Conrad and Lillian Scheidt. Her family was active in the small Lutheran

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church nearby, where she developed a strong and abiding faith that sustained her throughout her life. She also developed a childhood crush on the church pastor's handsome son, Marty Koolen, which also lasted a lifetime. Although Marty was 10 years older than Althea, he waited for her until she finished college at the University of Nebraska, and they were married on a hot summer day in 1936. It was probably the happiest day of her life, and later Althea loved to recall the memories of her 13 bridesmaids, the church full of family and friends, and how the candles wilted in the heat (114 degrees in the shade) on that sweltering August afternoon. That marriage bore four children, and Althea devoted her life to being the best wife and mother anyone could have.

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As their family grew, Althea and Marty lived in small towns in Colorado and Nebraska, where Marty was a high school teacher and coach, until WWII, when they moved to Sioux Falls, S.D., where Marty taught radio at the air base. After the War, they returned to Lincoln, where Marty began his career as a pharmaceutical salesman and Althea made a home for her family. After years on the prairie of Nebraska, they were excited to be transferred to the Rocky Mountains of Colorado (Fort Collins) in 1957 and then to the Big Sky Country of Montana in 1959.

In Billings, they were instrumental in forming Children's Village, a program for developmentally disabled children. Althea was active in the alumnae chapter of her college sorority, Kappa Delta, as well as in PEO. She was active in her church, serving as deacon at First Presbyterian, and she enjoyed working at the Hart Albin department store until it closed, where she met and worked with many good friends. Most of all, she loved her family, and dedicated herself to providing a warm and loving home of comfort, security and the aroma of cookies and pies baking in the oven. She and Marty loved Montana and enjoyed taking Sunday drives

on the open road and trips to the scenic country of this beautiful state.

After Marty died in 1977, Althea continued to make a home for their special daughter, Christy, and she and Christy were able to remain together even when it became necessary to move to St. Johns Lutheran Home in 1997. Until then, Althea enjoyed her many friends and activities, tending her flowers and playing bridge in her bridge club (even though she hardly ever got "good cards").

Althea Koolen passed away peacefully on Feb. 25, 2002. Her purpose in life was to do good and bring joy to others. She never said an unkind word about anyone, and she always had a smile for everyone, even to the end. Most important to her were her family and friends, and she was a friend to all. She was grateful for her many blessings, including her special daughter Christy and the wonderful folks at St. Johns, who have given them both such loving care.

She is survived by her sons, Marty, Jr. (Jacquie) of Fremont, Neb., and Kent of Billings; her daughter, Gretchen Wagner (Al) of Billings; and, of course, Christy; as well as her six grandchildren and one great-

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grandchild. Her kind and loving spirit and her radiant smile will be missed.

A memorial service will be held at the First Presbyterian Church this Friday, March 1, at 10 a.m. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials to the Yellowstone Association for Retarded Citizens, 602 18th St. W.

JUL 23 2002

H. Eugene "Gene" Korber, age 80, died Saturday, July 20, 2002, at his home.

Gene was born March 20, 1922, in Kechi, Kan., the son of Albert and Myrtle Korber. He lived in Wichita, Kan., until moving to Custer in 1938. Gene graduated from Custer High School in 1940. He farmed with his father in Custer until 1946, when he moved to Billings and became a Deputy Sheriff.

**GENE KORBER**

Gene married Helen Workman on April 4, 1947, in Columbus. He joined the Billings Police Department on Nov. 1, 1947, and retired as Captain on Nov. 30, 1967. He then worked for the State Board of Pardons as a Parole and Probation Officer. When he retired on March 1, 1984, he was Supervisor of the Eastern Montana Region for the department.

Gene served several years as a member of the Governor's Crime Commission in the reconstructing of the Criminal Justice System in the 1970s. He served on the Board of Directors of Alpha House, now called Alternatives, Inc., and worked in getting it established.

Gene served as Administrator of the Women's Prison when it was established in Billings in a private home while he was with the Board of Pardons. For several years, he was a board member of District VII, Human Resource Development Council.

Gene was a charter member of Rimrock Lodge #149, AF & AM and was an Honorary Past Master; he held the Honorary 33rd Degree of Scottish Rite Masonry and was Past Venerable Master; a member of the Greeters, Provost Guard and Hospital Corp. of the Al Bedoo Shrine; a Demolay Legion of Honor; served on the Rainbow Board and was awarded the Grand Cross of Colors; Past Patron of Billings Friendship Chapter #124, OES and was Past Grand Patron of the Montana Order of Eastern Star and was a member of the Retired Police Officers Association. Gene served as coach for Little League Baseball and Babe Ruth League. He also helped coach on Little Guy Football.

Gene is survived by his wife Helen; son Randy Korber (Cathy Paul) of Missoula; sister Mary (Rick) Stillman of Richfield, Minn.; granddaughters Kelly Korber and Liz Korber of Missoula; a great-grandson, Riley Booth; cousin Glenn Korber of Billings; nephew Dan Korber of Pasco, Wash.; and other "Korber Cousins"; numerous nieces and nephews and a host of friends.

Funeral Services and Eastern Star Rites will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday July 24, at Smith's West Chapel, 304 34th Street West. Interment with Masonic Rites will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens. A luncheon will follow at the Billings Masonic Center, 1101 Broadwater Ave. Memorials may be made to Scottish Rite Cancer Van, Al Bedoo Shrine Transportation Fund or Big Sky Hospice.

ARTIST William Korell

Arnold William Korell, 78, of Billings, passed away Friday morning, Nov. 29, 2002, at the Aspen View Retirement Residence.

Arnold was born in Lovell, Wyo., on March 18, 1924, a son to Jake and Rosie (Schmidt) Korell. He was raised and educated in Lovell.



ARNOLD
KORELL

Following his graduation from Lovell High School, he served in the U.S. Army during WWII. He was with the 5th Armored Division and served in the European Theater. Arnold received the EAMF Theater Ribbon, four Bronze Stars, a Good Conduct Medal and the Victory Medal for WWII.

Following his honorable discharge from the Army, Arnold married Doreen Fisk on Aug. 1, 1946, in Lovell. Arnold and Doreen lived in Lovell, where he worked for the Ohio Oil Co. in Byron, Wyo. He returned to the U.S. Army to serve in the Korean Conflict 300th Armored Division and received the Korean Service Medal with 2 Bronze Stars, the United Nations Service Medal and a Distinguished Unit Citation.

Following his honorable dis-

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charge in 1952, Arnold and Doreen moved to Billings, where he started working for the Exxon Refinery as a processor. He retired in April, 1985.

Arnold loved to tinker in his garage, and there wasn't a tool he didn't have. He was very mechanically inclined and could fix anything. In his younger years, he was an avid bowler, fisherman, hunter, and enjoyed camping with his family.

Survivors include his sister, Beata Warnhoff of Powell, Wyo.; children, Terrill (Velma) Korell of Grass Valley, Calif., Arneen Korell of Billings and Renee (Tim) Wilson of Houston, Texas; his grandchildren, Rachael, Josselyn and Chelsea Korell, Stephanie (Josh) Howell, Kevin and Erica Jarussi, Alyssa, Jake and Olivia Wilson; his great-granddaughter, Olivia Howell; numerous nieces and nephews; and his special companion, his dog Nokka, who was the light of his life.

Arnold was preceded in death by his wife, Doreen, on Jan. 6, 1997.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 5, at Mount

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Olive Lutheran Church.
Cremation will follow services.
Memorials may be made to the
American Diabetes Association,
2525 Sixth Ave. N., Billings, MT
59101; the Montana Talking Book
Library, PO Box 201800, Helena,
MT 59620-1800; or to the charity
of one's choice.

Michelotti-Sawyers is in
charge of arrangements.

Ruby Korich

Aug. 7, 1921 - Feb. 11, 2002

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Born a "coal miner's daughter" to George and Monda Korich, Ruby grew up in Roundup until her graduation from Roundup High. Beauty school brought her to Billings, where she was a beauty shop operator for many years.

Ruby was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Eli, George, Pete and Louie; and sisters, Annie Cucak and Millie Loners. Ruby is survived by a sister, Mary Pederson of Billings; and a brother Mike (Shonny) of Las Vegas.

Ruby met and was enjoyed by hundreds of her friends at Tiny's Tavern over the years. She lost her dear friend and companion Norman Hettland in 2000. Ruby enjoyed feeding her wild birds, loved kids and her many friends. Ruby will be missed and fondly remembered by many. A special thanks to the staff at St. V's Healthcare for the care extended to Ruby, and to Jean, Janet and Helen for being there for Ruby until her journey's end.

In memory of Ruby, friends will gather at Tiny's Tavern at 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 24.

Cremation has taken place.

Impie S. Korin

LEWISTOWN — Impie S. Korin, 99, died Tuesday, Feb. 19, 2002, at the Central Montana Skilled Nursing Center.

A graveside service will be at 1 p.m. Monday, Feb. 25, at the Highland Cemetery in Great Falls. Greel Funeral Home of Lewistown is in charge.

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Celia M. Korpela

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COLUMBUS — Celia M. Korpela, 92, of Columbus, passed away Tuesday, June 4, 2002, at Beartooth Manor.

Celia was born on Nov. 29, 1909, in Red Lodge, the youngest daughter of Gabriel and Hilma Syvajarvi Luoma. It was in 1909 that her parents homesteaded on Shane Ridge along Joe Hill Creek. On Dec. 21, 1929, she married Walter Korpela, who preceded her in death on Sept. 19, 1980.

Survivors include their only child, Gilbert Korpela, of Hesston, Kan., and his wife Vonda; grandson Mark and his wife Janet, their children Keegan and Claire of Sheridan, Wyo.; granddaughter Martha of Raleigh, N.C.; grandson Ned and his wife Danni-Lynn, their children Owen, Quinn and Aidan of Geneva, Ill.; numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Ted Luoma; and two sisters, Vera (Waino) Joki and Phyllis (John) Mikkola.

Celia and Walter bought and farmed her parents homestead, making it her home for over 50 years. She enjoyed living on the homestead until she retired from farming due to her husband's ill health. After Walter's death, she remained an active league bowler for many years. She belonged to

to return.
Celia's family would like to express their appreciation for the excellent care she received at Beartooth Manor.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to Stillwater Rebekah Lodge #125 or Columbus Senior Citizens.

Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, June 24, at Smith Funeral Chapel-Columbus.

the Rebekah Lodge in Columbus and had duties in the Stillwater County Farmers Union. She participated in helping write some history regarding the early families that homesteaded and lived at the headwaters of Joe Hill Creek, Shane Creek and Whitebird Creek. In January of 1999 she became a victim of temporal arteritis, an auto immune disease that caused total blindness, with a prognosis of her eyesight never

Harriett Beachum Korth

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Harriett B. Korth, 90, of Auburn, N.Y., passed away on Aug. 7, 2002, at St. Vincent Healthcare. She was the widow of the late Louis E. Korth. Harriett resided in Auburn until December 1975, when she moved to Winter Haven, Fla. In 1997, she moved to Billings to be near her son Stuart.

She is survived by her sons, Neil E. Korth (Kathy) of Bremerton, Wash., and Stuart A. Korth (Gloria) of Laurel; her grandchildren, Marilyn A. Korth of Syracuse, N.Y., William E. Korth of Auburn, N.Y., and Joseph A. Korth of the USAF, stationed in Idaho.

Cremation has taken place. At her request, no service is planned. Memorials may be sent to the American Heart Association. The family would like to thank the staff at Aspen Meadows Nursing Home for the loving care and friendship she received.

Anna Koski

RED LODGE — Anna Koski, 86, of Red Lodge, died Sunday, March 17, 2002, at Cedar Wood Villa.

Visitation will be from 1 to 5 p.m. Wednesday, at Smith-Olcott Funeral Chapel in Red Lodge. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, March 21, at Smith-Olcott Funeral Chapel. Interment will be in the Red Lodge Cemetery.

James Franklin Kost

DOWNERS GROVE, Ill. — James Franklin "Jim" Kost, 58, of Downers Grove, formerly of Basin, Wyo., died Sunday, Sept. 29, 2002, in Chicago.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, Oct. 4, at the First Baptist Church in Basin. Burial will follow at the Mount View Cemetery in Basin. A reception will follow at the family home on Orchard Bench Road. Atwood Family Funeral Directors, Inc., of Basin, are in charge.

Margaret Pauline Kostell

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Margaret Pauline Kostell, 92, of Portland, Ore., passed away at Legacy Mount Hood Hospital on Nov. 27, 2001, of natural causes.

"Margie" as she liked to be called, was born Dec. 23, 1908, in Klein, Mont., to Francesca and John Kostelic. Her parents died before the age of 40, leaving eight children and Margie, age 9. Margie lived with her sister, Evangline, and husband, Frank Pogachar, until she graduated from high school.

She entered nurses training in Great Falls and upon graduation worked as a Registered Nurse for 50 years, practicing in Great Falls and Billings. She eventually became a Private Duty Nurse and then retired in 1986. She had many friends.

Margie divorced after 17 years of marriage. Her interests included politics, current events, writing, baking, and crocheting. She was predeceased by her parents, two brothers, and six sisters. She is survived by many nieces and nephews. Margie's final request was to be cremated and her ashes scattered over a mountain in Montana. No services were planned. The family suggests memorials to the Alzheimer's Foundation and The Multiple Sclerosis Association.

Anna Kountz

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TERRY — Anna Kountz, 88, died June 22, 2002, at the Prairie County Nursing Home.

Visitation will begin on Friday, July 5, at the Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Terry. Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Saturday, July 6. Private burial will take place on the family ranch.

Olive Kovach

MALTA — Olive Kovach, age 90, died Tuesday, Sept. 3, 2002, at the Phillips County Good Samaritan Retirement Center, of natural causes.



**OLIVE
KOVACH**

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 7, at the Malta Lutheran Church, with burial to follow at the Malta Cemetery. Adams Funeral Home of Malta is in charge of arrangements.

Olive was born on Oct. 26, 1911, near Trinidad, Colo., to Samuel and Kate (Dilly) Link. She was the youngest of seven children. In 1922, the family moved from a farm in Missouri that was plush with fruit gardens and walnut groves to a dry land farm north of Dodson that her father had traded for sight unseen. She attended school in Missouri until the age of 11 and then attended Valley View School north of Dodson.

She enjoyed being with her family and her friends.

She also liked to cook, bake, read, play cards, cribbage, crossword puzzles and crocheting. She gave away many afghans and quilts to family and also donated some to the Malta Hospital fundraiser and Malta Lutheran Church bazaars. She was a member of the Malta Lutheran Church.

Survivors include a daughter, Lila Licht of Malta; two sons, Arlen (Agnes) Kovach of Billings and Leon Kovach of Malta. Also surviving are sisters-in-law, Evelyn Link of Malta and Clara Matlosz of Great Falls; grandchildren, Gerald, Denise, Rene', Roxanne, Karen, Darrell, Lane, Arlene, Lila Jo, Keila, Holly, Kim, Cory and Jody; and numerous great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her son, Darrell in 1977; husband, John in 1989; a special granddaughter, Rhonda (Kovach) Perry in July 2001, sister-in-law, Barbara (Kovach) Miller, Sept. 3, 2002; two brothers, Hubert Link and Bert Link; and four sisters, Beatrice, Viola, Dannie and Winifred.

Olive was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She was such an example and inspiration to all of her family. She will be deeply missed. The last six years, she has been a resident of the Good Samaritan Nursing Home. Olive had excellent care from some very special, caring nurses, doctors and other staff, including ambulance and van personnel. So many of you have touched our lives.

Memorials may be given to the Malta Lutheran Church, Good Samaritan Nursing Home, or to the Phillips County Medical Center.

Ellen (Strong) Kowis

FORSYTH — Ellen Elizabeth (Strong) Kowis, 83, of Forsyth, died Wednesday, Sept. 25, 2002, in Forsyth.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 28, at the Beals Mortuary Chapel in Forsyth. Cremation has taken place. Interment of the urn will follow in the Forsyth Cemetery.

Emma Lonisc Koza

LEWISTOWN — Emma Lonisc Koza, 88, died Friday, Sept. 6, 2002.

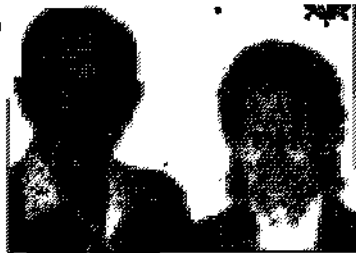
Funeral Services will be held at 1 p.m. on Wednesday at the Cloyd Chapel, with interment to follow in the Lewistown City Cemetery. The Cloyd Funeral Home is in charge.

Julius Kozak

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CULBERTSON — Julius Kozak, 89, died Thursday, Nov. 21, 2002, at Roosevelt Memorial Hospital in Culbertson.

A funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Monday, Nov. 25, at Bethel Free Lutheran Church in Culbertson. Burial will be in Zion Cemetery, northwest of Brockton. Fulkerson Funeral Home of Plentywood is in charge.



FRIEDA and MARTIN KRAFT

Frieda R. Kraft

Frieda R. Kraft, 85, of Billings, passed away Saturday, Nov. 23, 2002. Frieda was born Feb. 11, 1917, in Hazen, N.D., to John and Regina Keierleber. After moving to Montana with her family, Frieda met and married her life partner, Martin Kraft, on April 16th of 1938. They farmed for several years in St. Xavier before moving to Billings in 1948. Martin preceded her in death in 1987.

Martin and Frieda had three wonderful children: Eddy "Sonny" Kraft and his wife Sue of Missoula; Robert Kraft and his wife Kathy of Gillette; and Betty "Snook" Strever and her husband Carter of Billings.

Frieda has 16 grandchildren: Rick, Teri and Rod of Billings; Randey of California; Dawn, Lori and Traci of Billings; Greg of Nevada; Danise of Wyoming; Mark of Utah; Mark, Mike, Wally and Dea of Washington; Jeff of Billings and Jamie of Missouri; as well as 31 great-grandchildren.

Frieda was happiest when sur-

rounded by her family and friends. She loved taking care of us all, as well as gardening, sewing, visiting over coffee, coloring with the grandchildren and showing off her collection of animated stuffed animals. She was the true Matriarch of our family.

Grandma/Mom,

You will be sorely missed in our lives. There will never be a day that we don't remember you or the things that you did for us and taught us. The things that seemed little to you meant more than you ever knew. Most of us are who we are because of your influence in our lives. We hope that you are resting now and visiting with Grandpa. We know that the past few years have been hard on you but thank you for being there for us and giving us a little more time with you. Thank you for "being you" and for all that you did for us! We love you.

The Kids

Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 27, at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary, with interment in Sunset Memorial Gardens.

William Arthur Kraft

June 20, 1918 — August 14, 2002

Bill Kraft was born June 20, 1918, in Billings, to Arthur William Kraft and Louise Gripman Kraft, and passed away at his home Wednesday, Aug. 14, 2002. He attended schools in Absarokee and Ryegate while his parents were working in the school districts. Mr. Kraft attended college at Billings



**WILLIAM
KRAFT**

Polytechnic (now Rocky Mountain College) and McPhail's School of Music in Minneapolis.

He married Evelyn Adams of Billings in September of 1939. The Krafts resided in Laurel, Livingston, Helena and Billings. Mr. Kraft retired in 1979 from the Burlington Northern Railroad. He was a member of Rimrock Lodge Masonic order and Al Bedoo Shrine for over 50 years, assisting in the organization of the Chanters Group, with whom he sang. He served in Iran and Tehran during World War II and was honorably discharged from the U.S. Army in November of 1945.

Bill is survived by his wife of 63 years, Evelyn; and three daughters, Karen Murphy and husband Lee of Hamilton, Miriam Rowley

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of Columbus and Margot Hagstrom of Billings. Also, nine grandchildren. Kelly Bruce of Stevensville, Rocky Rowley of Victor, Wendy Melvin of Missoula, Brad Rowley of Seattle. Michael Murphy, Josh Hagstrom and Heidi Schrock, all of Billings, Mark Murphy of Great Falls and Todd Murphy of Helena. He is also survived by 13 great-grandchildren.

He enjoyed music all of his life, instilling a love of music in his family. He received much pleasure golfing with friends and spending hours at the family's Stillwater River cabin.

Bill was a loving husband, father and grandfather. He was first and always a kind and gentle man. He will be missed by many. We love you, Dad.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 17, at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary, with interment in Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Memorials may be made to Al Bedoo Shrine Children's Hospital Transportation Fund, PO Box 20673, Billings, MT 59104, or Big Sky Hospice, PO Box 35033, Billings, MT 59107.

Raymond Vernon Kragness

MESA, Ariz.
— Mr. Raymond
V e r n o n
Kragness passed
away on Feb. 22,
2002, at the Mi
Casa Nursing
Center in Mesa,
due to congestive
heart failure.
He was 84 years
old.



**MR.
Kragness**

Ray was
born on May 18, 1917, in Douglas,
N.D., the son of Andrew and Anna
Kragness. He completed his
schooling in 1935 and then worked
for the CCC program at Kenmare,
N.D. Following that experience,
he and a friend caught a freight
train at Minot, N.D., and proceeded
to Kalispell, Mont., where Ray
worked at a service station and
grocery store at West Glacier,
Mont., from 1937 to 1941.

In the spring of 1941, Ray
found himself at the Navy Ship
Yards in Bremerton, Wash.,
where he applied the welding
skills which he had learned in
Helena, Mont. While in Helena,
he met his wife-to-be, Mary
Fouhy, who was working for the
State of Montana Water Board.
They were married in Bremerton
on June 26, 1942.

In the summer of 1945, Ray and
Mary moved to Billings where he
took a position with Carter Oil Co.

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as a welder and machinist. He
retired in 1973.

Ray was an active member of
the Ashlar Lodge for 50 years. He
was a member of the Scottish Rite
for 34 years, and as a Shriner, he
belonged to the Camel Herders.
He also enjoyed a membership
with the Elks Lodge and the El
Zaribah Shrine Temple in Mesa.
While in Billings, he was a mem-
ber of the Lutheran Church of the
Good Shepherd with his family.

After retirement, Ray and
Mary bought a home in Hamilton,
Mont., and they spent many
happy years between homes in
Hamilton, Hope, Idaho, and Mesa.

Ray enjoyed his many fishing
and camping trips and had a deep
respect for nature. He also
enjoyed trading stories and could
always be found at a neighbors'
enjoying a laugh and a good gab
session. For many years, he was a
wonderful caregiver to his wife
Mary, who had suffered a stroke.
He made sure she received the
best medical attention and per-
formed the many domestic duties
that she was unable to do. They
celebrated their 50th wedding
anniversary in 1992 — just months
before Mary's death.

Later in life, a new friend came into Ray's life, giving him hope and support and we certainly thank Doris Wade for her wisdom and her strength. Ray's last years were most enjoyable thanks to her company and the new friends and places that they both enjoyed.

Ray is survived by a son, Ray of Littleton, Colo.; and a daughter, Marilyn (Max) Lenington of Billings; as well as four grandchildren and one great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; his brother Lyman; and his sister Sylvia.

Cremation has taken place and a memorial will be held at a future date. Memorials can be made to the Shrine Burn Hospital in Salt Lake City or the St. John's Ocee Johnson Chapel and Endowment Fund in Billings.

Lydia Kramlick

Lydia Kramlick, 89, of Billings, passed away early Tuesday morning, July 2, 2002, at Western Manor.

Lydia was born on March 8, 1913, in Plevna, a daughter of Frederick and Louise (Heiser) Allerdings. She was raised on the family farm and received her education at a rural school near Plevna. It was also there that she met Edwin Kramlick and they were married on Feb. 27, 1938. Together, they worked the farm and raised their children until the mid-1950s, when they moved into Baker. In 1960 the Kramlicks moved to Billings, where Lydia provided childcare for many families in the community. Both she and her husband were active members of the Pilgrim Congregational Church.

Lydia is survived by a son, Milton V. Kramlick and his wife Barbara; a daughter, Verdell Schroeder and her husband Fred, both of Billings; a brother, Maurice Allerdings of Plevna; two sisters, Annie Rath and Amelia Rath, both of Baker; six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

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Visitations may be made from 5 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday, July 3, at the Smith Downtown Chapel and prior to the service on Friday at the church. The funeral service will be at 10 a.m. on Friday, July 5, at the Pilgrim Congregational Church, with interment to follow at the Terrace Gardens Cemetery. Smith Downtown Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

JoAnne M. Krank

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JoAnne M. Krank, 64, of Billings, passed away Monday, Aug. 5, 2002, at St. Vincent Healthcare.

She was born June 26, 1938, in Billings, the daughter of George and Mary (Ruff) Zier. She was raised and educated in Billings, graduating from Billings Senior High. She married George Krank, Aug. 18, 1959, in Red Lodge.



**JOANNE
KRANK**

She worked 20 years as a nurse aide at St. Vincent's. She retired in 1978, due to ill health. She helped her best friend, Aggie Stenger, with her catering at the Rod and Gun Club, and others.

JoAnne enjoyed gardening, sewing, playing Skip Bo with her two special aunts, Clara Reiter and Lydia Papka. 13 and International Rummy.

She was a member of Little Flower Catholic Church.

Survivors include her children, Deborah (Howard) Kiel of Laurel, Pernell "Fritz" (Mary) Krank, Anna (Scott) Huck and Allan Krank, all of Billings; her nine grandchildren, who were the apples of her eye, Michael, Andrew, Matthew, Kayla, Hunter, Joey, Hevin, and her two step-grandchildren, Chris and Sara; two sisters, Barbara Zier of Billings and Betty Sparling of Great Falls.

She was preceded in death by her parents, George and Mary Zier; and her husband, George Krank.

Vigil service will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 8, at Little Flower Catholic Church. Funeral Mass will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, Aug. 9, at Little Flower Catholic Church. Interment will be at Sunset Memorial Gardens. Memorials may be made to the Children's Hospital, 1056 East 19th Ave., Denver, CO 80218.

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Sister M. Madeleva Krank

MANKATO, Minn. — Funeral services for Sister M. Madeleva Krank were held on Wednesday, Dec. 4. She died Friday, Nov. 29, 2002, at Good Counsel Convent in Mankato, Minn.

Sister M. Madeleva was born Jan. 1, 1921, in Dickinson, N.D., to John M. and Eleanor Gress Krank. For more than 40 years she taught in elementary schools, including the New England and Dickinson, N.D., areas.

She is survived by her brother, James Krank of Otis Orchards, Wash.; and two sisters, Cecelia Jirges of Billings and Rita Lovin of Bismark, N.D.

Edwin Krausz

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Edwin Krausz, 92, of Billings, died Thursday, Feb. 7, 2002, at the Evergreen Nursing Home in Billings.

Visitation will begin at 1 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 10, at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Monday, Feb. 11, at Stevenson & Sons. Interment will follow in the family lot in the Custer County Cemetery.

Ruth Ellen Kreiger

Ruth Ellen Kreiger was born Oct. 10, 1922, to Ruth and Lee Keller in Wellington, Colo. She moved with her family to the Lodge Grass area in the late 1920s. She married Lawrence Kreiger on July 19, 1938, and lived in Lodge Grass until they moved to Washington in 1946. They moved back to Lodge Grass in 1954 before settling in Billings in 1962.

In their 63 years of marriage they had three children, Holly (Wes) Wagenaar, Larry (Carole) Kreiger and Linda Yarlott. She died of kidney failure on Aug. 31, 2002, surrounded by family at her home that she shared with her daughter, Linda.

She and Lawrence loved gardening, fishing, bird-watching and cooking. She shared the love of her Lord with her family and many friends and enjoyed having them around her.



**RUTH
KREIGER**

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lawrence; grandson, Wade Wagenaar; son-in-law David Yarlott, and her sister, brother, and parents. Survivor include her three children and nine grandchildren, Rae (Dr. Ace) Walker; Dr. Robb (Vicki Wagenaar; Tami (Terry Sinnema; Heidi Kreiger; Kur (Lisa) Kreiger; Nicole Kreiger Frank (Toni) Yarlott, Becky (Mike) Padilla; Sara Yarlott; 12 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Special thanks to Dr. Kim and the staff at DCI, Inc., for the loving care given to Mom these past ten years.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 4, at St. Pius Catholic Church, 18th St. W. and Broadwater Ave. Memorials may be made to Dialysis Clinic, Inc., 2411 Village Lane, Billings, MT 59102.

You lived your life on Earth preparing for this final journey. We'll miss you, Mom and Gram. We know you're living in joyous reunion with our Lord.

Charles D. "Dan" Kreiner

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Charles Daniel "Dan" Kreiner died peacefully late Thursday, June 20, 2002, at the Beartooth Manor in Columbus. He was sur-



**CHARLES
KREINER**

rounded by his grandchildren, children and his wife of 60 years, Helen Kreiner.

Dan was born the son of Edward and Margaret Kreiner on July 19, 1916, in Brown City, Mich., the sixth

of eight children. Five of his siblings have preceded him in death; his brothers Carl, Jim, Jack and Bill, and his sister Helen. His sister, Kay McArty lives in Billings, and his brother, Pat, lives in New Mexico.

Dan married Helen Agnes Panko in 1941. They had six children, 16 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. Except for nine years in Joliet, they have resided in Billings for the past 60 years. Dan served as a fireman at #4 station until his heart attack in 1959, after which time he became the printer at St. Vincent Healthcare for 11 years.

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Dan served his country well. He served four years in the Marines and at the outset of WWII, he enlisted for an additional hitch in the U.S. Navy.

Dan is survived by his wife, Helen; sons Bob (Marilyn) and Ed (Kathi); daughters Mary Lindbo, Theresa (Stu) McDonald and Helen Holmes.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his son, Dan; and his son-in-law, Daryl Holmes.

Dan will most be remembered for his religious devotion, his sense of humor, his love for his family and his generosity and compassion for others.

The family wishes to thank the nurses and staff of Beartooth Manor for their excellent care and the dignity and respect shown to Dan during his brief stay at their facilities.

A rosary will be recited at 7 p.m. on Monday at St. Pius X Catholic Church. A funeral mass will be offered at 11 a.m., Tuesday, at St. Pius X Catholic Church. The casket is closed. Private family interment will be Holy Cross Cemetery. Memorials may be sent to the Montana Rescue Mission, 2822 Minnesota Ave., Billings, MT 59101, or to the charity of one's choice.

Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.



JOAN KREJCI

Joan A. Krejci

Joan A. Krejci, age 82, went to be with her Lord and Savior surrounded by her loving family at her home on Wednesday evening, Nov. 13, 2002. We would like to thank the staff of St. Vincent's for their compassionate care during our mother's hospitalization and Big Sky Hospice for enabling the family to have her at home in the last hours of her life.

Joan was the fifth of six children born to Louis and Clara (Tautges) Ma-yer on June 1, 1920. She grew up in Havre where she graduated from St. Jude's Catholic School and Sacred Heart Catholic School of Nursing. Joan was very proud of her heritage as her grandfather, John Mayer, was instrumental with James J. Hill in bringing the railroads to Montana on their way to the West Coast.

Joan married Ervin Krejci of Rudyard, on March 28, 1942, in Seattle, Wash. After his honorable discharge from the Army, they made their homes in Havre, Trinidad, Colo., Bozeman,

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Minneapolis, Minn., and Sidne before settling in Billings in 1964. Joan returned to nursing at a Sidney Memorial Hospital, and in Billings at Deaconess Billing Clinic, Western Manor and Valley Nursing Homes. Joan was known as a kind and compassionate person to her friends and patients, but especially to her children and grandchildren. Her hobbies were flower gardening, bowling, card playing and reading.

Joan was a charter member of St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic church in Billings, and a member of St. Rose of Lima Circle and Catholic Daughters of America, both in Sidney and Billings.

She was preceded in death by her husband and infant son; her parents; three brothers, Clarence, Francis and Walter; her sister Evelyn Nystrom; and son-in-law, Orlin Hansen. Survivors are her son, Richard Krejci of Billings; daughter Darlene Stochl of Billings and granddaughter Nikki Stochl of Seattle; daughter Judythe Hansen of Sidney; grandson Jeffrey (Tracie) Hansen and great-grandsons Taylor and Connor of Glen Rose, Texas; granddaughter Lorel (Tom)

Masse and great-granddaughters Kayla and Vanessa of Sidney; grandson Gregory (Cheryl) Hansen and great-grandsons Andrew and Matthew of Sidney; and brother Tom Mayer of Scottsdale, Ariz.

A Rosary will be recited at 7p.m., Sunday, at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary. Funeral mass will be offered at 10 a.m., Monday, at St. Thomas the Apostle Church. Visitation to follow the services in Billings at Holland and Bonine Mortuary in Havre, on Tuesday. Interment will be held at 10 a.m., Thursday, at Calvary Cemetery in Havre.

Memorials may be made to the St. Vincent Foundation, 1106 N. 30th, Billings, MT 59101 or to St. Thomas the Apostle Church, 2210 Colton Blvd., Billings, MT 59102.

"Mom you will remain in our hearts and minds forever. We Love You."

Myrtle Armilda Krenik

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GREAT FALLS — Myrtle Armilda (Johnson) Krenik, 89, died Aug. 22, 2002, of natural causes at a Great Falls hospital.

She was born July 19, 1913, in Manchester. She grew up and attended schools in the Great Falls area, graduating from Great Falls High School. In 1942, she married Frank Krenik in Great Falls; he died in 1986. She was a homemaker who enjoyed knitting and quilting. She also enjoyed crafts, reading, drawing and painting and loved music and playing the piano.

Survivors include two sons, Ray Dean (Melody) Krenik of Colstrip and Dale Lee Krenik of Fargo, N.D.; a sister, Arleen (Dean) Pickering of Great Falls; two grandchildren, Wendy Krenik of Colstrip and Ray Dean (Teri) Krenik Jr. of Missoula; and four great-grandchildren, Brandy, Desirae Ann, Misty K. and Tanaya Lee.

Besides her husband, she was also preceded in death by two brothers, Harlan and Vernon Johnson, and, in 1993, by a granddaughter, Holly Ann Krenik.

Visitation is from noon to 5 p.m. Sunday and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday at Chapel of Chimes Funeral Home.

Services will be at 2:30 p.m. Monday at First Church of the Nazarene with burial in the Manchester Cemetery.

Melvin Kreycik

BASIN, Wyo. — Melvin Kreycik, 50, died Sunday, Jan. 6, 2002, at the Wyoming Retirement Center in Basin.

Graveside funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, Jan. 11, at the Mount View Cemetery in Basin. Atwood Family Funeral Directors, Inc., of Basin, are in charge.

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Jerry Frank Krezelok

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Jerry Frank Krezelok, "Big K," "Kraz," 56, of Sheridan, died Wednesday, April 30, 2002.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 4, at Kane Funeral Home in Sheridan.

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Marlene Mae Kriskovich

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ANACONDA — Marlene Mae was born July 4, 1933, to John and Mary Malyevac in Butte. The oldest of five children, she graduated from Butte High School in 1951, and was the lead double flag twirler in the twirling corps. She worked for the Montana Power Company and then for 23 years at Anaconda Community Hospital, retiring in 1993 for health reasons.

She married Ron Kriskovich, Aug. 9, 1958, in Sacred Heart Church in Butte, and together they raised five wonderful children. She spent her years traveling with her loving husband to visit their children and grandchildren.



MARLENE KRISKOVICH

Marlene was a very special person and unselfish with her kindness and generosity. She was Ron's lifelong friend and partner. Her children

and grandchildren meant the world to her. She will be missed deeply by family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, grandparents, three uncles, four aunts, father-in-law and brother-in-law.

Surviving family members include husband of 44 years,

Ron; daughters and sons-in-law Kathy and Ed Aders, Billings, Kim and Leo Morgan, Woodbridge, Va., Karen and Rob Eamon, Meridian, Idaho; sons and daughters-in-law Joe and Tracy Kriskovich, Tracy, Calif., and Jim and Ellen Kriskovich, Richland, Wash.; grandchildren, Kyler and Katie Eamon, Tanner and Nikki Kriskovich, Jeff and Greg Aders, Scotty and Steffi Morgan, Ryan and expected brother/sister (due in April) Kriskovich; sisters and brothers-in-law, Helen and John Nelson, Butte, Joyce and Leo Pierce, Las Vegas; and Beverly and Jack Hihnala, Helena; brother and sister-in-law, John and Marlene Malyevac, Butte; mother-in-law, Pauline Anderson, Anaconda.

The memorial service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Monday, Dec. 30, at Holy Family Catholic Church, with Father John Murray presiding.

There will be no wake or visitation and Marlene's family will receive friends at a luncheon after the memorial service. Memorials may be made to The Holy Family Catholic Church Memorial Tree in her name. The

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American Heart Association,
The American Stroke
Association or American
Diabetes Association. Arrange-
ments are by the Longfellow
Funeral Home of Anaconda.

Joseph 'Pete' Kristy

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SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Joseph "Pete" Kristy, 93, died Dec. 23, 2002, at Sheridan Manor.

Memorial services are planned for this summer. Champion Ferries Funeral Home is in charge.

Veryl D. Kroeger

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LIVINGSTON — Veryl D. Kroeger, 86, of Livingston, died at Evergreen Bozeman Health and Rehabilitation Center on Friday morning, May 24, 2002.

Cremation has taken place at Franzen-Davis Crematory in Livingston. Family committal services and burial of the cremated remains will take place at a later date in Mountain View Cemetery. Franzen-Davis Funeral Home is in charge.

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Robert L. Krogness

Robert L. Krogness passed away on Oct. 30, 2002, at Deaconess Billings Clinic, after a short illness.

Robert was born, raised and educated in Glendive. He joined the military in 1948 and completed Army airborne training at Fort Benning, Ga. He was transferred to the Army Reserves in 1950. That same year he married Barbara Goff. Bob was honorably discharged in 1953.

Bob worked as a blackjack dealer for several years, owned a bar and later was a very successful salesman. He retired in 1999 in Mesa, Ariz., and moved back to Montana last year.

Robert was preceded in death by his father, Lewis; mother, Ethel; and brothers, Amond, Edward and Clifton. He is survived by his daughters, Shelly Kemp and Shane Phillips; a son, Edward Krogness; a stepson, Michael Cogburn; and several grandchildren and cousins.



ROBERT KROGNESS

We loved him tremendously and he will be greatly missed. Rest in Peace, Bob.

Visitations will begin Saturday, Nov. 2, at the Smith Downtown Chapel in Billings. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 4, at the Smith Downtown Chapel. Friends and family will gather at the Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home in Glendive at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 5, to process to the Dawson County Cemetery for a graveside service at 1 p.m. with military honors.

Ed Kroll

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LAUREL — Ed Kroll, 79, of Laurel, passed away Thursday, Dec. 26, 2002, at Deaconess Billings Clinic.

Ed was born at Dickinson, N.D., a son of Joseph and Catherine (Herauf) Kroll.

He attended school in Fromberg and served in the U.S. Navy during WWII. Ed was married to Dolly Moore at Little Flower Catholic Church in Billings on Nov. 23, 1946.



ED KROLL

He worked as a carman for Northern Pacific and Burlington Northern railroads until retiring in 1983 after 32 years of service.

He was very interested in his family and enjoyed watching all sports that they were involved in. He enjoyed family gatherings, playing cards, yard work and gardening.

He was preceded in death by his parents and siblings, Paul Kroll, Anna Peters, Tony Kroll, Frank Kroll, Elizabeth Sticka, Margaret Kroll, Rose Rumfelt and Dorothy Schneider.

Ed is survived by his wife, Dolly; three children and their families, Bonnie (Corky) LaBrie of Malta and their children, Cory (Monica) LaBrie and Tom LaBrie; Gloria (John) Coombs of

Laurel and their children, Rhonda (Clint) Shovar and Kevin Coombs; Duane (Nita) Kroll of Laurel and their children, Brian (Jo) Kroll and Kelly (Wade) Reynolds; three great-grandchildren, Zach, Marissa and Jacob. Also surviving are three siblings, Barbara Dietz of Edgar, Leonard Kroll of Billings and Jack Kroll of Laurel.

A vigil service will be held 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 29, at Smith Funeral Chapel-Laurel. Funeral Mass will be celebrated 10 a.m. Monday, Dec. 30, at St. Anthony Catholic Church, with Rite of Committal in Laurel Cemetery. Visitation will begin at 5 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Memorials: St. Anthony Catholic Church or charity of one's choice.

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FORSYTH — Merle Krueger, 96, of Forsyth, died Wednesday, Feb. 20, 2002, at the Rosebud Health Care Center in Forsyth.

Merle was born Nov. 30, 1905, on the family homestead near Delphia, Mont., the son of Gayhart and Clara Wood Krueger. At an early age, he moved with his family to Roundup, where they engaged in various businesses, later buying a steam engine, doing custom work, plowing, threshing and lumbering. Being big and strong, Merle was kept out of school part of the year in order to haul water for the steam engine.

**MR. KRUEGER**

Around 1926 or 1927, Merle moved to Wyoming, staying only a year before moving to the Hammond Valley near Forsyth, where he bought a farm. He continued to live on that farm for the rest of his life until entering the Rosebud Health Care Center Nursing Home.

On June 6, 1934, Merle married Minnie McCain in Forsyth. While making their home on the farm, they raised their five children, Arthur, Hugh, Rosalie, Pearl and Claude. In his early years Merle enjoyed hunting and trapping. He

later was a ditch rider for the Hammond irrigation district for many years. Merle also served on the Hammond School Board, as well as being a member of the Hiram Lodge, AF & A.M. No. 52 of Forsyth.

He is survived by his wife Minnie of Forsyth; three sons, Arthur (Virginia) of Pendleton, Ore., Hugh (Vicki) of Jewett, Texas, and Claude (Nina) of Forsyth; two daughters, Rosalie (Craig) Steinbach of Forsyth, Pearl (Ed) Hein of Forsyth; 12 grandchildren, Donna Krueger Rupp, Keith Krueger, Vera McPherson, Allen Krueger, John Moos, Dirk Moos, Daren Moos, Todd Moos, Larry Hein, Kimberly Hein, Karla Clapper, Tracy Krueger; 13 great-grandchildren; his brother Otto (Babe) Krueger of Forsyth; as well as numerous nephews.

Funeral services will be held 10 a.m. Monday, Feb. 25, at the Beals Mortuary Chapel, with interment to follow in the Forsyth Cemetery. Beals Mortuary of Forsyth is assisting the family with these arrangements.

"If tears could build a stairway, and memories a lane, I'd

walk right up to heaven and bring you home again. We think of you in silence and often speak your name, but all we have are memories and your picture in a frame. It broke our hearts to lose you, but you did not go alone, for part of us went with you when God called you home."

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Willard L. Krueger

LILLIAN, Ala. — Willard L. Krueger passed away Sept. 10, 2002. He was born on Dec. 29, 1917, in Sleepy Eye, Minn., the son of the late Louis E. and Lena J. Krueger. He retired in 1972 from active service in the United States government.

He is survived by his wife, Lois of Lillian, Ala.; son, Jeryl and wife Debbie of Little Rock, Ark.; daughter, Jaylene and her husband Raymond Brown of Lillian; his sister, Emmie Lou and husband Dean A. Naylor of Billings; four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

John Krug

LAUREL — John Krug, 83, of Laurel, went to be with our Lord on Sunday, April 21, 2002, at Deaconess Billings Clinic.

John was born June 13, 1918, at Hardin, to John Jacob and Mary Elizabeth Maier Krug.

As a young boy, his family moved to the Laurel area, where they farmed and later ran the

Krug Bothers Sand and Gravel business. On Feb. 21, 1953, he married Mary Michael in Laurel. There they made their home and raised their three daughters.



JOHN KRUG

Survivors

include his wife of 49 years, Mary of the family home; Connie (Ron) Clayton and children, John, Kelly and Eric of Idaho Falls, Idaho, Carole (Todd) Marsh and children, Derek, Mikaela and Jordan of Rapelje, Cathy (Ray) Sanderson and children, Carrie and Kacie of Laurel; five sisters, Annie Nielson, Elizabeth McLaughlin, Esther Krug, Lydia Frank and Martha Kohl; four brothers, George, Henry, Adam and William Krug.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters, Molly and Mary; two brothers, Alec and Jacob.

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Funeral services will be held 10 a.m. Thursday, April 25, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Laurel, with interment in Laurel Cemetery. Visitation will be Wednesday from 1 to 8 p.m. at Smith Funeral Chapel-Laurel. Donations may be made to St. John's Lutheran Church of Charity of one's choice.

Maude B. Kruger

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CODY, Wyo. — Maude B. Kruger, 92, died Sunday, June 23, 2002, at West Park Hospital in Cody.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday, June 28, at First United Methodist Church of Cody. Interment will follow in Riverside Cemetery. Ballard Funeral Home of Cody is in charge.

Roland Kruger

BAKER — Roland "Blackie" Kruger, 71, of Baker, died Monday, Sept. 16, 2002, at the Fort Meade Veteran's Hospital in Sturgis, S.D.

Services are pending. Stevenson Funeral Home of Baker is in charge.

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Arthur L. Krumheuer

MESQUITE, Nev. — Arthur L. Krumheuer, 83, died Saturday, March 30, 2002, in Nevada of natural causes.

Graveside services for Arthur will be at 1 p.m. on Monday, April 8, in the Lewiston City Cemetery. The Cloyd Funeral Home of Lewiston is in charge.

Anthony Edwin Kucera

ILLINOIS GAZETTE

RED LODGE — Anthony Edwin Kucera, much beloved brother, uncle, cousin, friend, storyteller, world traveler, and generous gentle man, passed away in his sleep from natural causes Sunday morning, March 3, 2002, at his home outside Red Lodge.

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Tony, a native of Laurel, was born June 1, 1940, to Edwin and Ellen Kucera. He grew up in Laurel, attending Laurel Grade School and Laurel High School. After graduating from high school, Tony matriculated at the University of Montana in Missoula, where he completed a degree in Accounting. During his senior year in college, Tony completed all the testing and other requirements for certification as a Certified Public Accountant. He was one of the youngest people to ever receive his CPA certification in the state of Montana.

After completing his degree, Tony took employment with the Boeing Corp. in Seattle. After working at Boeing, Tony was employed by Thomas Paine Corporation until the closure of their contract at Glasgow Air Force Base. Tony was contacted by a number of corporations seeking to employ him and he elected to go with

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the Avco Corporation in their international operation in Saudi Arabia.

Except for short periods of employment with companies in the United States, Tony spent over 25 years in Saudi Arabia working for Avco, which later became the Saudi Avco Corp. After his retirement in 1994, Tony did consulting work in Boston until he finally retired to his home on Rock Creek outside Red Lodge, where he has lived, enjoying life with his dogs, until his death. Tony's home was always open to any and all visitors whom enjoyed his great generosity and warm friendship.

Tony is survived by his sister Kathy (Kucera) Kracaw, her husband Mike Kracaw, and nieces and nephews. Nephews include Kurt and wife Kristin Kracaw and their children, Zack, and Kassie; Peter and wife Josephine Kracaw and their children, Alicia, April, Joshua. Nieces include Jennifer Kracaw, Sarah (Kracaw), Mueller and husband, Leon Mueller, and their children, Abby and Molly. Tony came from a close extended Irish family and will be sorely missed by his aunt, Margaret Hirschfelt and close cousins, Beverly Jane (Lockwood) Cromwell, Sharon Leanne (Hirschfelt) Tanous, Terry and

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wife Barbara Hirschfelt, Jennifer (Hirschfelt) and husband Randy Strending, and Tim and wife Kathleen Lockwood, and all their children.

Wonderful family get-togethers were enjoyed at Tony's home with this extended family. In addition to the extended family, Tony will also be sorely missed by some very special friends, Wally and Claudia Miller, Joyce Barrett and Don Wolff, and Linda Shaw.

Tony was preceded in death by his mother, Ellen (Reardon) Kucera, and father Edwin Kucera.

Tony was a long time member of the BPOE and Laurel Rod and Gun Club. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be made to the American Diabetes Association in Billings or the Laurel Rod and Gun Club.

Memorial service will be 11 a.m. Monday, March 11, at St. Anthony Catholic Church in Laurel. Smith Funeral Chapel-Laurel was in charge of arrangements.

Vernon Kuck

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BILLINGS GAZETTE

WINDSOR, Colo. — Vernon W. Kuck, 69, of Windsor, Colorado, formerly of Hardin, died at his home surrounded by his family on May 2, 2002.



**VERNON
KUCK**

He was born Jan. 15, 1933 in Gackle, N.D., a son of John and Esther Zillmer Kuck. He received his education in Hardin and Red Lodge.

Following his education, he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force and later received his Honorable Discharge.

Vernon married Sharon Sharpe on March 24, 1956 in Hardin. He enrolled and graduated from Eugene Bible College in 1968. The family moved to Windsor, Colo. in 1990 and he worked as a custodian for the Poudre School District, retiring in 2000.

He attended the Life Center Foursquare Church of Fort Collins. In his spare time, he enjoyed tinkering with cars, fishing and hunting.

His parents, a brother, James and a daughter, Karen preceded Vernon in death.

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Survivors include his wife, Sharon; four sons, Kenneth (Gayle) Kuck of Windsor, David (Diane) Kuck of Billings, Paul Kuck of Texas and Steven (Stacey) Kuck of Ft. Collins; his daughter, Marianne Kuck of Ft. Collins; his six grandchildren, Darren, Dustin, Danessa, Brittney, Jack and Brianna; three brothers, Edwin (Clara), Ervin (Gigi) and Frank (Eileen) Kuck; his sisters, Lorraine (Bill) Meisch and Violet Devous; as well as numerous nieces, nephews and many friends through the West.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Tuesday, May 7, in the Hardin Church of the Open Bible. Interment with military graveside rites will be in the Hardin Fairview Cemetery. Bullis Mortuary of Hardin has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Should friends desire, memorial contributions may be made to the Hospice of Weld County, Colo. and may be left at the Funeral Home. Memorial Funeral Services will be 6 p.m. Saturday, May 11, in the River Foursquare Church in Ft. Collins.

Mozelle H. Kuehn

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BILLINGS GAZETTE

COLUMBUS — Mozelle H. Kuehn, a longtime resident of Columbus, died peacefully in the company of her immediate family, Tuesday, May 14, 2002. She had been in residence and care at the Beartooth Manor, Columbus, since 1997.

Mozelle was born in Estelline, S.D., on Dec. 31, 1911, to Hollace and Hannah Kennedy. She was raised on a farm in the Estelline area and graduated from Estelline High School in



**MOZELLE
KUEHN**

1930. She attended South Dakota State University in Brookings before marrying Willis C. Kuehn on Dec. 9, 1932. Willis and Mozelle moved to Sidney in 1936 and finally settled in Columbus in 1945. She worked for the Stillwater County Assessors Office and Dr. C.H. Swanson as his assistant until retiring in 1976. Mozelle was very active in the community, serving as a Cub Scout Den Mother, Band Mother and numerous volunteer positions to support her children and grandchildren's activities. She was a member of the Columbus Community Congregational Church, which was a significant

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part of her life. She held many office positions in the church, served on numerous committees and participated in Women's Fellowship activities, Sunday school and any initiative to improve the church. Mozelle was a dedicated member of the Stillwater Rebekah Lodge #125 and served in all chairs of the lodge. In 1970, she was conferred with the Decoration of Chivalry after 22 years of dedicated service to the Rebekah organization.

Mozelle was dedicated to her family and their well being. She especially enjoyed family gatherings, camping trips in the mountains, attending her children and grandchildren's activities and visiting her many friends and relatives in all parts of the country. She had unending energy and spirit in anything she set her mind to.

Her husband Willis, parents, and brother James Kennedy, preceded Mozelle in death. She is survived by her three sons, Curtis, Casey and his wife Mary, Bill and his wife Sue; nine grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

A special thanks is extended to the entire staff of Beartooth Manor for the professional, sincere and loving care they provided mom the last several years.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, May 17, at the Columbus Community Congregational

Church. Interment will be at the Columbus Mountainview Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Columbus Community Congregational Church memorial fund or Project Hope, PO Box 1443, Columbus, MT 59019.

Eldon E. Kuhns

Eldon E. Kuhns was born in Milford, Neb., on June 4, 1933, to Elbert E. and Sylvia Danner Kuhns. He died after a long and courageous battle with cancer on Oct. 9, 2002.

Eldon is survived by his wife of 47 years, JoAnn (Sinn); daughter Christine Kuhns Goodnow;

granddaughter Margot Goodnow; two sisters, Joan Wood of San Diego and Susan O'Bright of Benwood, W.Va. He is also survived by many nieces, nephews and family members who loved him

for his contagious enthusiasm for life. His jovial nature and signature "One Liners" reflect a couple of his many gifts.

Eldon had a thirst for knowledge and began his education at Stauffer School District 73, a one-room country school. After completing eight years at Stauffer, he went on to Milford High School and graduated valedictorian in 1951. He earned his BS degree in business administration at Kent State University in Kent, Ohio, attended Midland College in Fremont, Neb., and Cleveland Marshall Law School in Cleveland.



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He began his career in 1958 as a tax manager for Price Waterhouse & Company of Cleveland. Eldon went on to hold the position of controller of Pioneer Western Corp. in Clearwater, Fla., from June 1967 to January 1969. At the Village Bank of Aurora, Ohio, from February 1970 to August 1972, he was an organizer, director and CEO. He was also an organizer and director of Western Reserve Savings and Loan in Aurora from March 1973 to October of 1976.

In June of 1973, Eldon & Associates acquired a group of banks in Montana which later became known as Montana Bancsystem, Inc. He served as the President and CEO of this banking group from 1973 to 1986.

Upon his retirement from banking, he began a farming operation in Milford, Neb. This, in addition to his family and many friends, remained the love of his life. In honor of his remarkable life and his heartfelt compassion for children with terminal illness, the family requests that memorials be made to the Make A Wish Foundation, PO Box 52488, Phoenix, AZ 85072-2435.

A celebration of life service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Monday, Oct. 14, at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary. Interment will be held at Blue Mound Cemetery in Milford, Neb., on Saturday, Oct. 19.

Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

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Katherine Kukes

Katherine Kukes, 91, of Billings, passed away June 8, 2002, at the Eagle Cliff Manor nursing home.

Katherine was born July 19, 1910, in Bozeman, the daughter of Henry and Marie (Haar) Kukes.

She moved with the family to Billings, Dore, N.D., and Sidney. She received her schooling in Dore and Sidney.

She moved to Portland, Ore., in 1940, where she worked for the Sheraton, Benson and Hilton hotels until her retirement.

Katherine enjoyed gardening and needlework.

Katherine is survived by her siblings, Mary Kukes, Elizabeth Adler, Emma Fulton of Billings, John Kukes and wife Pearl of Hardin; numerous nieces and nephews.

Katherine was preceded in death by her parents, Henry and Marie Kukes; brothers Henry, Andrew, Jack, George and William; sister Lydia (Kukes) Knack.

Cremation has taken place.

No services are planned.

Stanley Kukla

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BILLINGS GAZETTE

Stanley Kukla, 84, of Billings, died Friday, June 7, 2002, at Western Manor.

The son of Leon and Stella Kukla, Stanley was born July 5, 1917, in Wibaux. He had worked at Billings Brick and Masonry.

Stanley enjoyed walking in downtown Billings and had several regular stops he made each day.

Survivors include his brother, Ollie Kukla of Cody, Wyo.; three nieces, Sydne Heiderma (Jack) of Pryor, Merry Lee Roberts (Gary) of Billings and Connie Roll (Gary) of Billings; and a nephew, Gerald Kukla of Billings.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and brothers, Frank and Alfred.

Cremation has taken place. At Stanley's request, no services are planned.

Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary has charge of arrangements.

Jessica Marie Kukuchka

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POWELL, Wyo. — Jessica Marie Kukuchka, age 5 months, passed away Thursday, Dec. 27, 2001, at her home in Powell.

Jessica was born July 12, 2001, in Billings, the daughter of Albert and Sara Powers Kukuchka.

We thank you for the time that you gave her to us.

We know that she is at peace in your arms.

We know that she is watching over us with her smiles and happy ways.

We know that she will guide our steps in days to come.

We know she will help us through the hard times and the happy times.

Survivors include her parents; two brothers, Kenyon R. and Matthew J.; a sister, Crystal D.; her maternal grandparents, Marie Burton of Joliet and Jim Powers of Sheridan, Wyo.; her paternal grandparents, Albert, Sr. and Judy Kukuchka of Powell, and Deloris Kukuchka of Sheridan, Wyo.; her maternal great-grandmother, Gladys Ervin of Florida; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Funeral services are scheduled for 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 5, at Ballard Funeral Home in Cody, with interment to follow in Riverside Cemetery. In lieu of

flowers, the family suggests memorials be made to the Jessica Kukuchka Fund, c/o Tony Helm, 601 East Parmalee #11, Buffalo, WY 82834.

The family asks those attending the funeral service wear bright colored clothing.

Arnold Kukus

SIDNEY — Arnold "Arnie" Kukus, 71, of Sidney, died Saturday, July 13, 2002, at the family home.

Memorial services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, July 18, at the Sidney Moose Lodge. Cremation has taken place. Fulkerson Funeral Home of Sidney is in charge.

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He is survived by his three daughters, Lois Miller of Park City, Myrna (John) Greene of Missoula and Bonnie (Art) Healy of Billings. He had nine grand-children, Jamie and Joe (Nacoma) Greene, Lonnie (Dina) and Doug Miller, Peggy (Pat) Zetner and Yvonne (Sandon) Pauley and Candida Healy and Army (Chuck) Sprague and Aaron (Amanda) Healy; II great-grandchildren; four sisters, Anna (Pete) Baker, Rosie Michael, Martha King and Irene (Phillip) Michael; two brothers, Bill (Jessie) Kukes and Herman (Carol) Kukes; and two sisters-in-law, Carol Kukes and Jean (Doc) McLane.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jacob and Katharina Kukes; a sister Maria Schreiner; and a brother, Donald Kukes.

Funeral services will be held 2 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 9, at Smith Funeral Chapel in Laurel, with interment in Laurel Cemetery.

J. George Kukes

LAUREL — J. George Kukes passed away on Oct. 3, 2002, and is reunited with his wife Mary. George was born on November 3,



J. GEORGE KUKES

the son of Jacob and Katharina Kukes. He was the third child, eldest son of a family of nine. He was united in marriage to Mary Baird on Nov. 25, 1945. They had three daughters. He spent his whole life in the Yellowstone Valley, farming around Laurel and Custer. In 1972, he and Mary moved back to Billings where he worked for Rush Implement and then Crown Parts. He loved to play the guitar and entertained at the various nursing homes in the area.

Caroline Lucille Kunkle

MAY 30 2002

BILLINGS GAZETTE

GREYBULL, Wyo. — Caroline Lucille Kunkle, 86, of Greybull, died Tuesday, May 28, 2002, at the Wyoming Retirement Center in Basin.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, June 5, at the First Presbyterian Church. Burial of cremains will follow at Hillside Cemetery in Greybull. Atwood Family Funeral Directors, Inc. are in charge.

Leroy Eugene Kunkle

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GREYBULL, Wyo. — Lee E. Kunkle, 86, died Dec. 22, 2002, at Deaconess Billings Clinic.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 4, at First Presbyterian Church. A private family burial will be held at a later time. Cremation has taken place. Atwood Family Funeral Directors Inc. is in charge.

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Kim Pauline Milligan Kunkler

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Kim Pauline Milligan Kunkler passed away at the age of 44 on Friday, Dec. 6, 2002.

Kim was born on Jan. 28, 1958, in Kimball, Neb., the daughter of Travis and Eileen Milligan. She was raised mostly in the Wyoming and Montana areas. She attended Billings Senior High School.



KIM KUNKLER

She married for the first time at a young age and produced one child from that marriage, Chantel Marie Kunkler. She met and married Wayne Kunkler on April 20, 1978. They had three loving daughters: Jessica, Karin and Kristine Kunkler.

Kim was a very vivacious person who was always the center of joy and laughter in any situation. She enjoyed a great many things, such as arts and crafts, piano, opera and chatting with her friends and family. She and Wayne also enjoyed the outdoors, often going camping and hiking or just for picnics.

Kim was also a wonderful mother who loved to teach and share her knowledge with her children. She will be missed fondly.

Kim is survived by her brother,

Chuck Milligan of Golden, Colo.; sisters, Kathy Hitt of Sheridan, Wyo., and Shari Milligan of Billings. Also surviving are her daughters, Jessica, Karin and Kristine Kunkler of Billings, and Chantel Kunkler of Sacramento, Calif.; grandsons, Derek Stites of Sacramento, Calif., and Trynt Sanders of Billings; and one granddaughter, Nydia Emma Hyde of Billings.

Kim was preceded in death by her husband, Wayne Kunkler; and her parents, Eileen and Travis Milligan.

Cremation has taken place at Smith's Crematory. A memorial service will be held at Smith's Downtown Chapel, 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14.

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Chaela Janice Kuntz

Chaela Janice Kuntz was born March 5, 2002, in Denver. She passed away March 6, 2002.

Chaela is the infant daughter of Travis and Jacinda Kuntz of Billings.

She is also survived by her grandparents, Denise White of Centerhill, Fla, Duane and Patsy White of Circle, and Harvey and Patsy Kuntz of Billings; great-grandparents, Carol Grubbs of Centerhill, Fla., Sam and Milly White of Cascade, and Monica Kuntz of Circle; aunts and uncles, Ty White of Hawaii, Tara White of Grand Forks, N.D., Dusty White of Circle, and John Kuntz, Jennifer Kuntz and Amber Kuntz, all of Billings.

Our little Angel ...

You will be in our hearts forever.

We love you.

Mom & Dad

Memorial will be held Tuesday, March 12, at the Riverview Cemetery in Circle at 10 a.m. Luncheon to follow at the St. Francis Xavier Church in Circle.

Theresa F. Kuntz

Theresa F. Kuntz "Terry," 71, left us to be with the Lord on Jan. 20, 2002.



MRS. KUNTZ

Terry was born on May 1, 1930, on her parents' farm in St. Phillips, Mont., and was part of a family of eight brothers and sisters. Her parents were John Paul Kunda and Dominika (Della) Lorbiecki Kunda, who raised dairy cattle and hogs. Her childhood years on the farm sparked her pastime of collecting ornamental pigs of all sorts and sizes.

Terry attended Sacred Heart High School in the Wibaux area and, in May 1951, graduated as a registered nurse from the Presentation School of Nursing, Holy Rosary unit, in Miles City. She then began her lifelong devotion to doing what she loved best — nursing and caring for others.

She married Omar "Joe" Dhulster in October 1951 and had her first child, a daughter, Christine "Chris." Mr. Dhulster died of polio in 1953.

On Sept. 28, 1957, nearly 45 years ago, she married Simon "Sam" Kuntz in Miles City. The

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couple added four children to their family: Alan, Sherry, Brian and Tamara "Tami." Shortly after marrying Sam, the couple made their home in Hardin.

Terry went to work at the Big Horn County Memorial Hospital in Hardin and cared for members of that community over the years. Her devotion to caring for others never waned over her 45 years as a nurse. She dedicated her precious time to managing a nursing staff as director of nurses, caring for the elderly and sharing her heart with the ill as an in-home health care nurse. She knew the value of making those nearing death comfortable in their final days, as she herself experienced at the end of her life at the Horizon Hospice Home in Billings.

Her passions in life were hugging her grandchildren, loving her family, nursing, gardening, canning, baking and making fried chicken. She also loved bowling and golfing with Sam and her cherished friends. She was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Hardin, of St. Bernard's Catholic Church in Billings, and of the women's

uxiliary of the VFW.

She is survived by her husband, Sam, and all of her children, Chris Aaby and her husband Bill of Billings; Alan Kuntz and his wife Pam of Billings; Sherry Purdy of Superior, Colo.; Brian Kuntz of Hardin; and Tami Erickson and her husband Greg of San Diego, Calif. Also surviving are her grandchildren, Kristi Aaby of Houston, Texas; Jaime Lamp and her husband Stuart of Westminster, Colo.; Trevor Stephens and Lacey Kuntz of Billings; and Madison Purdy; and her great-grandchildren, Grace and Molly Lamp. She was preceded in death by her sister, Marie Buck, and her brother, Lawrence Kunda, and is survived by her other siblings, Joe Kunda, Dominic Kunda, Charlie Kunda, Frances Elmer, Delores Steiner and Pauline Kenneway.

A vigil will be held at the Cremation or Funeral Gallery, located at 29 Eighth Street West, Billings, at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 24. A mass will be celebrated at St. Bernard's Catholic Church, located at 226 Wicks Lane, Billings, at 10 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 25, with a luncheon immediately following. In lieu of flowers, the family will welcome donations to the Big Sky Hospice, 123 South 27th, Billings, MT 59101.

God saw you getting tired
And a cure was not to be;
So He put his arms around
you
And whispered, "Come with
Me"
With tearful eyes we
watched you suffer
And saw you fade away.
Although we loved you dearly
ly
We could not make you stay
A golden heart stopped beating
ing
Hard working hands at rest.
God broke our hearts to
prove to us,
He only takes the best!

Andrew 'Andy' Kurns

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LEWISTOWN — Andrew "Andy" Kurns, 83, died Monday, Aug. 26, 2002, at Valle Vista Nursing Home from Alzheimer's disease.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Christian and Missionary Alliance Church with burial in the family plot of the Lewistown City Cemetery. Creel Funeral Home is in charge.

Grace E. Kuta

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SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Grace E. Kuta, 75, of Sheridan, died Friday, May 3, 2002, at her home.

Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, May 9, at Kane Funeral Home in Sheridan. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, May 10, at Kane Funeral Home. Interment will be in Sheridan Municipal Cemetery.

David Eugene Kutch

David Eugene Kutch, 56, of Billings, died Friday, Aug. 16, 2002, at St. Vincent Healthcare.

Cremation is planned. No local services are scheduled. Interment of urn will be in California. Smith Downtown Chapel is in charge of local arrangements.

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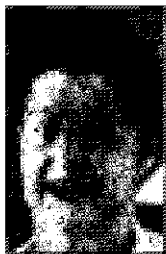
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SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Joseph Kumalaa, Jr., 89, of Sheridan, formerly of Hawaii, died Monday, May 27, 2002, at Sheridan Manor.

Memorial services will be held at a later date in Hawaii. Champion Ferries Funeral Home of Sheridan is in charge.

Pauline Y. Kuykendall, 64, of Billings, died Friday, Dec. 20, 2002, at St. Vincent Healthcare.

The daughter of Joseph and Irmal Huddleston, Pauline was born Oct. 27, 1938, in Springfield, Ill. Her father was an Army Chaplain so the family traveled throughout the world.



**PAULINE
KUYKENDALL**

Pauline married Rev. W. Beecher Kuykendall in California on April 11, 1957. As a pastor's wife and helpmate in ministry she spent much of her time in compassionate ministry.

A Member of Sigma Kappa Phi, she was a graduate of Carroll College with a degree in Music Education. She had been active in teaching for over 20 years, most recently as a substitute for School District 2 and other area schools. While living in Helena she played violin for the Helena Symphony.

Pauline was a member of Trinity Church of the Nazarene where she was church organist and taught Sunday school. Her favorite scripture passage was Jeremiah 33:3.

Survivors include her husband, Rev. Beecher Kuykendall of Billings; four children. Deborah

Kuykendall of Seattle, Wash., Stephen Kuykendall of Boise, Idaho, Melody Keen of Las Vegas, Nev., and Cindy Yarbrow of Grand Forks, N.D.; eight grandchildren, Bethany, Cathy and Stephanie Kuykendall, Genna and Kayla Keen, Laura Woods, and DJ and Skylar Yarbrow; and a brother Robert Huddleston of Weaverville, Calif.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Gene.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 5, at Trinity Church of the Nazarene.

As Pauline was the recipient of a kidney transplant, the family requests that in lieu of flowers, memorials may be made the Coalition on Donation, 1100 Boulders Parkway, Richmond, VA, 23225-8770.

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Charge of arrangements.

Oscar Kvaalen

LAMBERT — Funeral services for Oscar Kvaalen, 81, of Lambert, will be 2 p.m., Tuesday, April 16, 2002, at the First Lutheran Church in Lambert, with Pastor Mark and Maryann Morgenstern officiating. Interment with military honors provided by the V.F.W. Post #4099 of Sidney will be in the Lambert Cemetery, under the direction of Fulkerson Funeral Home of Sidney.



**OSCAR
KVAALEN**

Oscar Seigel Kvaalen was born January 1, 1921, to parents, Osten and Esther (Arnston) Kvaalen, in Lambert. He grew up on the farm south of Lambert. The dirty thirties were a reality to the farm kids in the Lambert area. Oscar often talked of school activities—playing basketball in the school basement gym, trips on the "goose" or over mud and/or deep snow in Profs old car. Also, the winter rabbit hunts and moonlight sled trips the whole team would go on. Mrs. Kvaalen often made the midnight breakfast! Oscar graduated from Lambert High School. He then

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work to attend Concordia College and then on to University of Montana, graduating with a BA. Oscar enlisted in the U.S. Navy on April 29, 1942, and served during the WWII in the South Pacific Theater aboard the U.S.S. Ron Du Lac. While in the United States Navy, Oscar was a radar officer. He was honorably discharged on June 27, 1946, and returned to the Lambert area. He later did conservation work with the USDA and served 20 years as a Representative in the Montana Legislature.

Oscar was united in marriage to Ruth Johnson on March 5, 1960, in Sidney. They lived on the farm south of Lambert and raised two children. Their son, Jon, and wife, Arny, operate an organic farm at Lambert. Their daughter, Kimbeth (Libby), and husband, Rob Knotts live on the original Kwaslen homestead. Libby is a wildlife biologist. Oscar and Ruth enjoy their two grandchildren, Olivia and Lars.

Oscar entered Sidney Health Center Extended Care Facility in August, 2001. He particularly enjoyed woodworking and participated in the craft and arts program. Oscar was a regular volunteer with the church in the area. He was a member of the church in the area.

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Oscar was a very private man and he enjoyed reading factual books, especially history. Although a very busy man on the farm and fulfilling his responsibilities as a politician, Oscar always had time for company, especially children. He and Ruth would take them out for horseback rides into the badlands of Burns Creek.

Oscar died on Thursday, April 11, 2002, at the Sidney Health Center Extended Care Facility.

Surviving him are his wife, Ruth Kvaalen of Lambert; a son, Jon, and wife, Amy Kvaalen, of Lambert; a daughter, Elizabeth (Libby), and husband, Rob Knotts, of S. Lambert; two grandchildren, Olivia and Lars; a brother, Arne, and wife, Ruth Kvaalen of West Lafayette, Ind.; and two sisters, Gena, and husband, Oliver Carlson, of St. Paul, Minn., and Joyce and husband, Harley Carlson, of Rochester, Minn.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and grandson, Ostein Johnson Kvaalen.

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Earl Benjamin Kwallek

DAYTON, Wyo. — Earl "Bud" Benjamin Kwallek, 78, of Dayton, died Wednesday, April 3, 2002, at his home.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 6, at Dayton Municipal Cemetery. Kane Funeral Home of Sheridan is in charge.

Aarstein Kydland

SPOKANE, Wash. — Aarstein Kydland, 54, of Spokane, died Nov. 2, 2002, at the Spokane Veterans Hospital.

Mr. Kydland was born in Sandnes, Norway, April 26, 1948, to Torger and Torbjorg (Byrkjedal) Kydland. He was married to Jeri Faulkner in 1979, and they were divorced in June 1989. He married Geneva Thompson, April 8, 2002, in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

Mr. Kydland immigrated from Norway with his parents and older brother in March of 1949 and settled in Glendive, Mont. He graduated from Dawson County High School in 1966. He served in the U.S. Army from 1968 to 1970, serving one year in Vietnam, receiving a Meritorious Service Medal in April 1970. Mr. Kydland moved to Spokane in 1973, and worked as a carpenter on Expo '74.

He started his own construction business (Willow Ridge Construction) in 1975, went to Alaska in 1976 and worked construction there for a year, then returned to Spokane in 1977 and continued his business of framing and building custom homes in Spokane and Seattle until his death. He was a member of the Homebuilders Association.

Mr. Kydland was a wonderful husband and a loving and caring father, son, brother and friend. He

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was a big man with an even bigger heart and was always the first to help family and friends. He loved his work, traveling, fishing and boating, like a true Viking. His humor and kindness will be greatly missed by all who loved him.

He was preceded in death by his father in March 1992.

Survivors include his wife, Geneva of Spokane; his mother, Torbjorg Kydland of Glendive; a daughter, Andrea Kydland of Spokane; a son, Chad Kydland of Athol, Idaho; brother, Anton (Kathy) Kydland of Billings, Mont.; four sisters, Evelyn (Doug) Peterson, Corvallis, Mont., MaryAnn (Dick) Clingingsmith, Glendive, Nancy Ankenbrandt, Kizer, Ore., and Brenda (Lorne) Morris, Los Gatos, Calif.; also numerous aunts, uncles and cousins in Norway.

Services for Mr. Kydland will be Nov. 16, at 2 p.m., in Fairmount Memorial Park in Spokane, with Rev. Dave Stuenkel officiating.

Memorials are suggested to Dawson Community College Foundation for facility expansion.