

Mamie Lee Lacey

Mamie Lee Lacey, 88, of Billings, died Friday evening, Oct. 18, 2002.

Mamie was born on Aug. 10, 1914, in Crockett, Texas, a daughter of Lee Roy and Mary (Long) Westbrook. She received her education in Texas and on Oct. 10, 1949, married William "Bill" Lacey. Later that year, they moved to Billings, where Bill laid brick and Mamie worked as a housekeeper in various homes and offices throughout the city. She also managed a gift shop in downtown Billings for a few years.

Mamie considered her long life as a good one. She was most proud of her work with, and leadership of, many local women's organizations and their efforts to make Billings a good place for women.

Mrs. Lacey was preceded in death by her husband, two sisters and two brothers. Survivors include many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 23, at the Smith Downtown Chapel.

Daren Lachenmaier

BILLINGS GAZETTE
AUG 20 2002

Daren Lachenmaier, devoted son and beloved brother, passed away Saturday evening, Aug. 17, 2002, due to a drowning accident at Riverfront Park.

Daren was born on Nov. 13, 1960, to Raymond and Edna Hessler Lachenmaier in Billings. He attended school in Billings, graduating from BSHS in 1979. He worked for Kevin Schott, installing underground sprinkler systems, at the time of his death.

Daren truly enjoyed fishing and riding his Harley-Davidson motorcycle.

He is survived by his mother, Edna of Billings; brother Dick (Pat) of Des Moines, Iowa; and nephews Kris (Becky) of Spokane, Wash., and Dustyn (Jean) of Des Moines; brother Tim of Billings; and sister Karen (Todd) Young of Belgrade.

He was preceded in death by his father; and a sister, Sharon; and all four of his grandparents.



DAREN LACHENMAIER

We would like to offer sincere thanks to the brave young men and women who tirelessly fought to save Daren's life.

Cremation has taken place. Graveside services will be 1 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 21, at Sunset Memorial Gardens. Following the services, the family will receive friends at the family home.

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

Michelotti-Sawyers has charge of arrangements.

Donald E. Lackey

BILLINGS GAZETTE
NOV 28 2002

LEWISTOWN — Donald E. "Pete" Lackey, 83, of Lewistown, formerly of Roundup, died Tuesday, Nov. 26, 2002, at the Central Montana Nursing Home in Lewistown.

Cremation has taken place. A private service will be held at a later date. Wier Funeral Home of Roundup is in charge.

MAR 05 2002

Clark Lacock

HINSDALE — Clark Lacock, 39, of Hinsdale, died Sunday, March 3, 2002, at Deaconess Billings Clinic, of cancer.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, March 8, at Hinsdale High School Gymnasium. Burial will be in Hillview Cemetery in Hinsdale. Bell Mortuary of Glasgow is in charge.

Vernon C. Ladd

POWELL, Wyo. — Vernon C. Ladd, 82, died Monday, May 13, 2002, in Powell.

Visitation will be from 6 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, May 15, at Miratsky-Easton Funeral Home in Powell. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, May 16, at First United Methodist Church in Powell. Burial will follow in Crown Hill Cemetery.

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BILLINGS GAZETT

William 'Bill' Simon Ladvala

APR 03 2002

ROBERTS — William "Bill" Simon Ladvala, 86, of Roberts, died Sunday, March 31, 2002, of congestive heart failure. Bill was born on March 23, 1915, to Joel Ladvala and Senia Hunnako in Gile, Wis.

In 1918, the family moved to Red Lodge and later to Biwak, Minn., where Bill attended school until his sophomore year. He graduated from Red Lodge High School. In 1941, Bill joined the Air Force and spent most of his military career in California and Alaska working as a radio operator on a troop carrier.

On Dec. 21, 1946, Bill married Saima Kahila in Red Lodge. The couple moved to California, where Bill worked as a craftsman on a naval base. In 1948, they moved to Roberts and began a career in ranching.

Bill loved the mountains and being outdoors. His hobbies included ham radio operation, fishing, hunting, fly tying, hand sewing of leather, and was well known for his smoked fish. Bill was also a leader for many years for 4-H, helping in the horse, woodworking and dairy projects. Bill was a member of the American Legion, VFW and The Knights of Kaleva.

Bill is survived by his wife, Saima of Roberts; daughter Linda Ladvala of Roberts; sister May Nagel of Roberts; brother George (Barbara) Ladvala of Roberts; and numerous nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents; brothers Zeke, Abe and Tom; three sisters that died in infancy; and a daughter, Barbara.

A memorial service will be held Friday, April 5, at 1 p.m. at Dahl Funeral Chapel in Red Lodge. Cremation has taken place. A reception will follow services. Memorials may be made to The Roberts Community Fund, The Knights of Kaleva, or of one's choice. Dahl Funeral Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Eloise Mae LeFevre

Eloise Mae LeFevre, 67, of Billings, died Thursday, Oct. 10, 2002. She was born May 31, 1935, in Belfield, N.D., the daughter of Walter and Louise Olson.

Eloise and her family moved to Jamestown, N.D., where she met Jack LeFevre and they were married Dec. 27, 1954. Together they raised six children. After raising her children she

went to work selling shoes and enjoyed working with the public until her health problems arose. Eloise was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary and Knights of Columbus.



**ELOISE
LeFEVRE**

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jack; her parents; and her two brothers.

Survivors include her six children, Greg and his wife Becky, Doug, Teresa and her fiancée Tim, Gery, Linda, Natalie and her husband Paul; 11 grandchildren, whom she enjoyed and loved immensely; and her four sisters and their families.

A vigil service will be held at 6 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 15, at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary. Funeral Mass will be celebrated at noon on Wednesday, Oct. 16, at St. Patrick's Co-Cathedral with Rite of Committal in Holy Cross Cemetery.

**Clyde Davidson
LaFollette**

BURLINGTON, Wyo.

Clyde Davidson LaFollette, 71, died Saturday, Oct. 12, 2002, near Cody.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 17, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. Interment will follow in the Burlington Cemetery. Ballard Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Clyde Davidson LaFollette

BURLINGTON, Wyo. — Clyde Davidson LaFollette, 71, passed away on Saturday, Oct. 12, 2002, near Cody, as the result of a massive heart attack. He was enjoying what he liked most, helping, laughing and being with friends on a beautiful warm day filled with sunshine.

He was born in Burlington on Jan. 13, 1931, to parents Edward LaFollette and Ida May Davidson, who have preceded Clyde in death. He was a lifetime member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and was the fifth in this union, of a family of five brothers and three sisters. Brothers Lester, Johnny and Martin have preceded Clyde in death; and he is survived by Everette (Margaret) of Greybull and Bob (Cindy) of Williams, Ariz., Lovina Werbelow (Harry) of Cody, Afton Rapp (Carl) of Casper, and Anna Rapp (Albert) of Forsyth, Mont. He is survived by half-brother Bill Allen of Burlington, and preceded in death by half-brothers Alfred and Eugene.

Clyde left behind his best friend and companion, Jo Jean DeHony of Cody, since he became part of her family and they all loved him. From a previous marriage, Clyde had his family of three sons, John in Idaho,

Jim and Bill, both residing in Cody; one daughter, Patricia who preceded Clyde in death; one stepdaughter, Karla Stephen (Dave) of Cody; two grandsons, Jason and Nathan of Idaho; two granddaughters, Sarah DeBock of Powell and Patricia LaFollette of Cody; along with other granddaughters and grandsons.

Clyde had numerous nieces and nephews, whom he talked about and visited with as often as was possible. He truly enjoyed family and friends, and never failed to mention and remember all of his lifetime friends whom he worked with, was in service with or went to school with.

Clyde grew up and attended school in Burlington through high school, and after graduation, went into the Navy. Clyde joined the Navy on Feb. 19, 1952, in Butte, Mont., and served time in Korea Service, good conduct, and China Service, with the most significant duty assignment on the USS LSMR 412.

He loved his service duty, and many times spoke of how he would like to have stayed in the Navy. He was released from the Navy on Feb. 16, 1956, and returned home.

He worked for Singer Sewing Machine for several years, spent some time at the Five Sister

Lodge in Shell, and retired from Burlington Northern railroad, while living in Greybull. He then immediately turned to farming, cattle and horses in Burlington on the family home place and rental properties in several areas, never to lack for something to do.

Clyde was a happy, cheery and wonderful friend and person; he made friends instantly, and kept them.

He enjoyed the simple things in life, by just working around his home, checking on his cattle, making sure the fields were in good shape and plenty of food for his animals. He loved his horses and cows, and the little poodles he had with him constantly, riding horses, taking a drive, seeing new things, taking pictures, eating a nice meal, and loved to dance. He always insisted on dressing nice. A kind person with animals and people, he always found ways to help or do things for others.

He was a lifetime member of the Elks Lodge, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and a longtime member of the Eagles Lodge.

Funeral services were Thursday, Oct. 17, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints' Burlington Chapel. Interment was in the Burlington Cemetery.

Leonard LaFurge

Leonard LaFurge, 46, of Billings, died Monday, Feb. 25, 2002, at his home.

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

BILLINGS GAZETTE
FEB 27 2002

Gary LaFontaine

BILLINGS GAZETTE
JAN 09 2002

**D E E R
LODGE** - Gary
LaFontaine, 56,
of Deer Lodge,
passed away on
Friday, Jan. 4,
2002, at the
**E v e r g r e e n
Health Care
Center** from
complications
due to Lou
G e h r i g ' s



**MR.
LAFONTAINE**

Disease. He was born on May 12,
1945, in Hartford, Conn., the son
of Alfred and Anne (Chilone)
LaFontaine.

Gary was raised and educated
in Hartford. He graduated from
the University of Montana. Gary
married Ardyce Anne Johnson
and she preceded him in death.

Gary was an author of many
works on fly fishing. He owned a
publishing company in Helena,
which sold his fly patterns and
books through the mail. Gary was
given numerous awards in the
field of authorship for fly fishing,
including the "fly fisherman of
the year" award from Fly
Fisherman Magazine. He was a
member of Trout Unlimited.

Gary was also preceded in
death by his mother Anne; broth-
er Ron; and stepfather John. He is
survived by his daughter Heather
and son-in-law Patrick Ellison of
Missoula; his brother Jay

Gaudreau and his family of
Clinton; his father Alfred of
Hartford; along with his much
loved stepbrothers and sister; his
sister Debby Gray and family of
Jacksonville, Fla.; and many
many close friends and admirers
who will all miss him.

At Gary's request, no services
will be held. The family suggests
the memorials be made in Gary's
name to the Five Valley Land
Trust, Rock Creek Trust Project,
PO Box 8953, Missoula, MT
59807. Arrangements are under
the care and direction of Garden
City Funeral Home and
Crematory.

MAR 01 2002

Leonard 'Bill' LaFurge

Leonard "Bill" La Furge, age 46, of Billings, born Dec. 22, 1955, died of cancer, at home, Feb. 25, 2002. Bill was born to Glenn and



A r l e n e MR. LAFURGE
LaFurge in Billings. He was educated in Glendive and Billings. Bill worked construction as a laborer in Montana, Wyoming and Nevada.

His mother and grandparents preceded him in death. He is survived by his dad (Debbie), by sons, Michael and Jeffery; brothers Arlynn (Carla), Ron, and David (Diana); and step-brothers and sisters and numerous nieces and nephews. Bill enjoyed playing music and tinkering on electronics.

A private memorial will be held Saturday, March 2.

Edward R. "Ned" Laird

September 27, 1932 —

November 27, 2002

BILLINGS GAZETTE

NOV 29 2002

Edward R. "Ned" Laird went to be with the Lord on Nov. 27, 2002. He passed away peacefully, at his home, surrounded by the loving care of his family. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday, Dec. 2, at St. Pius X Church. There will be a prayer vigil at the church on Sunday, Dec. 1, at 7 p.m.



NED LAIRD

Ned was born in Butte, on Sept. 27, 1932, the son of Joseph and Laura Laird. He was raised in Butte and graduated from Butte Central in 1950. Ned then spent three years in the Marines. He was wounded while serving in Korea and was presented with two Purple Hearts along with several other medals.

Ned was married to Mary (Malia) on Aug. 7, 1954, in Butte. He graduated from Western Montana College in 1957 with a BS in education. His first teaching position was in Cut Bank as an English, history and PE teacher and a football and basketball coach. Ned moved his family to Billings in 1960, where he was the manager and eventual owner of the Billings Printing Co. In 1966,

he earned his MS in education from Eastern Montana College and joined School District #2 as a special education instructor. This began a 27-year career as a mainstay of the Billings Public Schools Special Education Department.

In addition to teaching, Ned also served the department as a coordinator of special education and work study, supervisor of secondary special education, director of special education at Rocky, and executive director of pupil services. Ned was selected Administrator of the Year by the Billings Education Association in 1985, and in 1990, the School of Education at Eastern Montana College honored him with the inaugural Dean's Award of Excellence. In the spring of 2002, Ned was honored by Western Montana College with the very first Chancellor's Meritorious Service Award for his contributions to education. He retired in 1993.

Ned will always be remembered for his great love for his family as well as his sense of humor, his generosity and desire to help others make this world a better place to live. He was an example of faith in action, and

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relatives and friends will never forget his kindness and compassion. It is truly amazing how many lives he touched in his stay on earth.

Ned was preceded in death by his parents and his brother Frank.

Survivors include his wife, Mary; sons, Ron and his wife, Teri, of Powell, Wyo., and Dan of San Jose, Calif.; grandson Toby of Billings; brother Jack and his wife, Kay, of Cape Cod, Mass.; sisters Mary Francis Jeske of Butte and Sister Eileen Marie of the Marycrest Convent in Monroe, N.Y.; and sister-in-law Andree Laird of Bigfork. His many nieces and nephews also brought him great joy throughout his life.

At Ned's request, this is how he would like to be remembered.

AFTERGLOW

I'd like the memory of me to be a happy one. I'd like to leave an afterglow of smiles when day is done. I'd like to leave an echo whispering softly down the way of happy times and laughing times and bright and sunny days. I'd like the tears of those who grieve to dry before the sun of happy memories that I leave behind when day is done.

—Author Unknown

Those wishing to donate memorials may do so to the Big Sky Hospice, the St. Pius X Building Fund or a charity of one's choice.

Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary has charge of arrangements.

Margaret Laird

EKALAKA — Margaret Laird, died Saturday, Oct. 5, 2002, at the Dahl Memorial Health.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 8, at the Ekalaka Bible Church. Burial will follow in the Beaverlodge Cemetery. Stevenson Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Marianne Laird

WIBAUX — Marianne Laird, 83, of Lake Geneva, Wis., died Tuesday, Aug. 6, 2002, at the Lake Geneva Manor Care Center.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 14 at the Silvernale-Silha Funeral Chapel in Wibaux. Interment will follow at the Wibaux Cemetery.

BILLINGS GAZETTE

AUG 12 2002

Betty E. Lake

APR 6 8 2002

POCATELLO, Idaho — Betty E. Lake, 73, of Pocatello, died Friday evening, April 5, 2002, at the University of Utah Medical Center in Salt Lake City.

She was born March 16, 1929 to William M. and Victoria Walker Garoutte. She graduated from Billings Senior High School. Betty married Willard "Bill" Lake July 2, 1957 in Billings. She worked for many years as a Medical and Surgical Ward Clerk for St. Anthony Hospital in Pocatello.

She enjoyed spending time with her family, which included her two Pekingese dogs. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Pocatello.

She is survived by her husband, Bill; two daughters, Barbara V. (L. Lynn) Miller of Las Cruces, N.M. and Vicki (Mike) Jacobsen of Bothell, Wash.; six grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and one sister, Mary Louise (Harold) Warner, of Billings.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Memorial services will be 11 a.m. Saturday, April 13, in the First United Methodist Church, Pocatello. The family will receive friends one hour prior to services in the church.

Memorials may be made in Betty's memory to the First United Methodist Church, 200 N. 15th Ave., Pocatello, Idaho 83201. Arrangements are under the direction of the Henderson-Cornelison Funeral Home, 431 N. 15th Ave., Pocatello.

Gladys O. Lake

MALTA — Gladys O. Lake, 90, of Malta, died Tuesday, Jan. 22, 2002, at the Phillips County Good Samaritan Center.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 25, at the Malta Lutheran Church. Burial will be in the Malta Cemetery. Adams Funeral Home of Malta is in charge.

BILLINGS GAZETTE

JAN 24 2002

JUL 26 2002**MICHAEL LAKE****Michael Allen Lake**

CLOQUET, Minn. — Michael Allen Lake, 43, of Cloquet, formerly of Billings, went peacefully to be with the Lord on Wednesday, July 24, 2002, with his family by his side.

He was born March 19, 1959, in Cloquet, to Kenneth and Alice (Olson) Lake. He grew up on a farm outside of Wright and was an avid hunter and fisherman. Mike graduated from Cromwell High School in 1977 and joined the U.S. Air Force. In 1981, upon leaving the Air Force, Mike lived in Helena, Mont., and attended school to be a jet engine mechanic. The week of Mike's graduation from college, he suffered a tragic accident which left him a quadriplegic.

For the past 19 years and one month, Mike has led a courageous life to live independently. The struggles and obstacles he faced with his handicap touched the lives of many, and the examples he

set with his uncomplaining attitude will not soon be forgotten. Mike had many wonderful caregivers and community members who have helped him in these efforts. Mike enjoyed trading on eBay and polishing agates.

Mike is survived by his parents, Kenny and Alice Lake of Wright; three sisters, Patti (Keith) Switzer of Wright, Cindy Lake of Dickinson, N.D., and Jill Koivisto of Wright; four nephews; three nieces; two great-nephews, many aunts, uncles, cousins and loving family members.

Visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Saturday, July 27, in Northland Funeral Home, 801 14th St. in Cloquet, and will continue from noon until the 1 p.m. funeral service, Sunday, July 28, in Bethany Lutheran Church in Cromwell. Military honors will be accorded by the Cloquet Combined Honor Guard. Burial will be in Wright Public Cemetery. Memorials are preferred to Bethany Lutheran Church, Cromwell. Arrangements entrusted to Northland Funeral Home, Cloquet. To sign the guest book and offer an online tribute, see northlandfuneralhome.com.

Roman E. Lala

MILES CITY — Roman E. Lala, 79, of Miles City, died Tuesday, Feb. 19, 2002, at his home.

Visitation will begin Friday, Feb. 22, at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City, with vigil services at 7 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 23, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Miles City. Rite of committal will follow in the family lot in the Custer County Cemetery.

BILLINGS GAZETTE

FEB 21 2002

MAR 10 2002**Pat Lamach**

SHERIDAN — Pat Lamach died at his home in Sheridan, Wyo., on Friday, March 1. He was 84. A memorial service will be held in his honor at the VA Hospital Chapel at Fort McKinsey at 2 p.m. on Monday, March 11.

Pat flew 50 missions as a top turret gunner on a B-17 bomber during WWII. He miraculously survived to live a full and fruitful life, and in retirement did countless hours of volunteer work at the Sheridan VA Hospital.

His wife, Mabel, preceded him in death.

Carl Clinton Lamb

BILLINGS GAZETTE

FEB 12 2002

Carl Clinton Lamb, age 75, was born June 1, 1926. He attended school in Billings and graduated from Billings Senior High and the University of Montana. Carl taught school in



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Sidney, Musselshell and at Billings Senior High. He worked as a ranger in Yellowstone National Park in the late '50s and in Mount McKinley, Carlsbad Caverns and other parks. He retired from the Park Service in the late '70s as manager of concessionaires for the five western states, including Alaska. After retiring, he was in real estate for a number of years.

Carl enjoyed skiing with a group of friends in Montana and recently the reunion with those friends. He had a great love of the outdoors and enjoyed long solitary hikes in remote areas and touring on his motorcycle. While in Alaska, Carl traveled by cross country skis and dog sled. Carl was always energetic, enthusiastic and so positive. He loved working in his workshop and even built his own home in Billings where he cared for his mother for many years. Carl had a great sense of humor. He was an

inspiration to us all.

Carl was devoted to his family and friends and helped all in so many ways. He was never judgmental and accepted each of us as we are. While we will miss him we celebrate his life and his enormous contribution to ours.

Survivors include a brother, Richard M. Lamb (Betty Jean) of Billings; nieces, Candace Christoferson (Bryan) of Billings, Sally Houghton (Henry) of Sedro Wooley, Wash., Louise Walker of Spokane, Wash., and Kathy Robertson (Dave) of Kalispell; a nephew, Michael Calder of Vashon Island, Wash.; many grandnieces and nephews; and his very good friends, Dick Anderson and George Moore of Seattle.

Services are pending.

Carl Clinton Lamb

6/1/25 to 2/6/02

BILLINGS GAZETTE

FEB 24 2002

Carl Clinton Lamb, of Seattle and formerly of Billings, died Feb. 6, 2002. Graveside service will be at Mountview Cemetery on Wednesday, Feb. 27 at 11 a.m. No flowers please. Memorials of your choice.

APR 19 2002**Kenneth Wayne Lamb****April 24, 1921 — April 7, 2002**

LA MESA, Calif. — Kenneth Wayne Lamb, 80, of La Mesa, died Sunday, April 7, 2002. He was born in Sundance, Wyo., and was employed by Shell Oil Co. for 30 years. Mr. Lamb served in the Army as a sergeant during World War II. He was a member of Mission Trails Golf Course.

Survivors include his wife, Frances Lowave Lamb; daughter, Bonnie Jean Garner; sons, James K. Lamb and Jerry W. Lamb; brothers, Jack Lamb of Billings and Marlin G. Lamb; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

No services were planned.

JAN 02 2002

Mildred Ellen Lamb

Mildred Lamb, 89, known as "Sue" to many of her friends, died at her home in Billings, Nov. 26, 2001.

She was born March 2, 1912, in Anita, Iowa. She moved to Montana in 1934. She and her husband, Bill, opened an upholstery business in Livingston, moving the operation, known for many years as Lamb's Upholstery, to Billings in the late '30s.

She was a longtime member of the Billings Garden Club and attended numerous state and national garden conventions. She often served as a judge and participant in floral competitions at the Montana State Fair.

Mrs. Lamb was a member of the First Congregational Church of Billings.

Mrs. Lamb was preceded in death by her husband; parents; three brothers and three sisters. She is survived by her brother, Roy Newman of Lyman, Iowa, as well as numerous nieces and nephews. Interment is at Noble Center Church, Lyman.

Contributions may be made in remembrance of Mrs. Lamb to Big Sky Hospice, PO Box 35033, Billings, MT 59107.

Mitchel Ray Lamb

BILLINGS GAZETTE

POWELL, Wyo. — Mitchel Ray Lamb, 28, died Monday, Aug. 12, 2002, in the Seattle area.

Rosary will be at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 15, at St. Barbara's Catholic Church in Powell. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, Aug. 16, at St. Barbara's Catholic Church. Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, at the church, and one hour prior to services Friday, at the church. Interment will follow in Crown Hill Cemetery. Miratsky-Easton Funeral Home of Powell is in charge.

AUG 14 2002

Doris Lambert

BILLINGS GAZETTE
FEB 14 2002

BAINVILLE — The funeral service for Doris Lambert will be Saturday afternoon, Feb. 16, at 3 p.m. in the Bainville School Auditorium. The Rev. Al Beyer will officiate and interment will be in the Bainville Cemetery.

Doris Sylvia (Hansen) Lambert was born Dec. 26, 1932, to Axel and Margerie (Johnsen) Hansen at the Good Samaritan Hospital in Williston, N.D. She passed away peacefully Feb. 12, 2002, at her home, after a long and courageous battle with lung cancer.

She attended schools in Culbertson, McCabe, the Harvey School, and graduated from Bainville High School in 1950.

She married Alfred (Smokey) Lambert on July 15, 1950 (pay-day), in Williston, N.D. Doris used to say, "Married in '50, a baby in '51, a baby in '52, a new car in '53, and a baby in '54."

Doris wore many hats throughout her 69 years. She was a good wife, a wonderful mother and "grandmother" to many. She cleaned houses for several people in the Bainville/Culbertson area, was a caretaker for Edna Swindle for a couple of years, ran the Bainville Cafe, was a Cub Scout den mother, and worked as a teacher's aide at the Bainville Public Schools. For many years,

she was treasurer for First English Lutheran Church, treasurer for Hall, Higgins, Olsor American Legion Auxiliary and treasurer for the Bainville Progressive.

Smokey and Doris bought Smokey's Beer Depot in February of 1972 and Doris continued to run the bar after Smokey passed away in June of 1986. She retired in July of 2000, and in November 2000, she found out she had lung cancer.

Doris enjoyed her grandchildren, nieces and nephews and their children very much. She loved family get-togethers! She enjoyed taking care of her yard, flowers and decorating Christmas balls. She enjoyed her dog Tuffy and never went anywhere without him.

Doris is survived by her children, a son, Lyle Lambert, his wife Mary and daughters, Leona and MiKayla; a daughter, Darlas (Lambert) Rogers and daughter, Nikki; and son, Daniel, all from Bainville, and Daniel's children, Derek and Danielle, from Williston, N.D.; one brother, Richard "Dick" Hansen and his wife Diane of Bainville; two sisters, Charlotte (Cherie) Fisher

of Bainville and Liana Peters and her husband Jan of Froid; sister-in-law, Avis Hansen of Sidney; two aunts, Edna Waller and Dorothy Hansen of Culbertson; many nieces, nephews and cousins; and her special friend and "adopted" daughter, Beckie Portra and her family of Bainville.

Doris was preceded in death by her husband, "Smokey"; parents, Axel and Margerie Hansen; grandson, Kent Lambert (Lyle's son); brother, Erling Hansen; brothers-in-law, Daniel Fisher, Clarence Lambert and Frank Lambert; sisters-in-law, Villa Moran and Rose Bushman; and foster daughter, MarcyKay Conners.

"Tuffy" was her pet companion in life and death.

Friends may call at Everson Funeral Home of Williston, Friday, Feb. 15, from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m., and Saturday, Feb. 16, at the Bainville School for the hour preceding the service.

Everson-Clayton Memorial Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

**Dorothea Adelia
Lambert**

BILLINGS GAZETTE
JAN 12 2002

LAVINA — Dorothea Adelia Lambert was born Jan. 11, 1911, to Noah and Frona Prolock Basinger at Orlando, Okla. The family moved to the Roundup area, where she attended school, in 1914. Adelia was married to Albert Lambert, Jan. 1, 1929. They homesteaded near Flatwillow and lived there several years before moving to Roundup and then to Lavina. Adelia resided in Lavina until entering the nursing home in Roundup, passed away Jan. 8, 2002.

Adelia is survived by two sons, Wesley (Lila) Lambert of Raynesford, Bob (Ann) Lambert of Laurel; two daughters, Avis Neitzel of Lavina and Aileen (Harry) Mattheis of Ryegate; two brothers, Vern (Marie), Sylvan (Daisy) Basinger; three sisters, Lorene (Emil) Zimmerman, Florence (Gus) Wacker, Roundup, and Betty (Ray) Hickey of Carthage, Texas; 14 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; and nine great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband Albert; her parents; two brothers, Alvin and Clifford; two sisters, Edith and Carol; a grandson, Kenneth Lambert; and three great-grandsons, Mathew and Kyle Lambert and Kristopher Mattheis.

Adelia was a homemaker and enjoyed her family. She was a tremendous example to her family.

Memorial services will be 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 12, at the Wier Funeral Chapel in Roundup. Interment to follow in the Roundup City Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Lavina Senior Center, Roundup Nursing Home or a charity of your choice.

Eliza Babe
Half Red Lambert

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE
SEP 17 2002

POPLAR — Eliza "Babe" Half Red Lambert went home to be with the Lord on Sept. 13, 2002, at the St. Vincent's Hospital in Billings.



**ELIZA
LAMBERT**

She was born on Aug. 15, 1947, in Poplar, to Loyal Lloyd Half Red and Eunice Feather Earring Half Red. Eliza graduated from Poplar High School in 1966. She then attended Bacone College, Muskogee, Okla., for one year and transferred to Cook Christian Training School in Tempe, Ariz. Eliza and William Lambert also both attended United Tribes Technical College in Bismarck, N.D., for Human Services Course to personal development course. She was currently employed with Tribal Health and enjoyed working there for 23 years.

On June 5, 1970, she was united in marriage with William Lambert in Poplar at the First Presbyterian Church. She was a lifelong member of the Lindsey Memorial Presbyterian Church. Born of this marriage were children: Willette Marie, William "Duta" Lambert Jr., Tonya Lee and Loyd Lewis.

Eliza was a kind and considerate person who, along with her husband William, was raising her special grandson, William Lambert III. She enjoyed collecting Elvis Presley memorabilia attending bingo, and spending time with her family and friends especially her children and grandson.

She was preceded in death by her father and mother Loyal Lloyd Half Red and Eunice Feather Earring Half Red; numerous aunts, uncles and nephews.

Eliza is survived by her sister, Sybil (Robert) Summers, with nieces and nephews, Melissa (William) Black Dog, Terri (Monty) Summers, Angela Summers, Robert Jr. and Ben Summers; her sister, Aurelia Bets His Medicine and her children; also aunts, Elsie King and family and Arleda Feather Earring; cousins, Monica LaRoque and girls, Brenda, Byron, Bruce Bauer, and Irene Bighorn, Trivian (Norman) Nault and family, Marva (Harry) Three Stars Jr., and boys, Lynette (Eugene) Boyd and boys, Dorrine, and Noble Drags Wolf, all of Poplar.

Survivors also include her mother-in-law Helen Lambert; brothers-in-law, Carl Lambert of Poplar, Edward (Dee) Lambert of Sioux Falls, S.D., Joseph (Marge) Lambert, Casper (Mary) Lambert also of Jerome, Idaho, and Robert Lambert of California; sisters-in-law Anna Lambert of Jerome, Idaho, and Carol (Nino) Contreras of Blackfoot, Idaho; and her good friend Iris Greybull for always being there for the family in their time of need.

Visitations will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 18, beginning at 3 p.m. at the Poplar Cultural Center with a prayer service at 7 p.m. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 19, at the Poplar Cultural Center with Rev. Enright Bighorn officiating. Interment will be in the Chelsea Cemetery. Clayton Memorial Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Esther M. Lambert

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BILLINGS GAZETTE

Esther Margaret (Bernhardt) Lambert, 79, of Billings, passed away Thursday, May 9, 2002. She was born Esther Baker on Oct. 20, 1922, in Wellington, Colo., daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (Brenning) Baker. Her father died when she was an infant. Later,



**ESTHER
LAMBERT**

her mother, two brothers and sister moved to Billings to be near her maternal grandparents. Her mother later married Henry Bernhardt and Esther took his name.

She attended schools in Custer and Billings and graduated from Billings Senior High School in 1941. She enrolled in the St. Vincent Hospital School of Nursing, graduated in 1945, and then served in the Army Nurse Corps.

In 1947, Esther married Robert Gene Lambert, a veteran of the Navy Air Corp. They lived in Palo Alto, Calif., until 1953, when they moved to Billings.

Esther worked at St. Vincent Healthcare for 33 years in various supervisory positions, including night supervisor/emergency

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room nurse, maternity, pediatrics, and later, the rehab dept.

After retirement Esther traveled extensively including taking many cruises. She also then had time to indulge her interests in gardening, sewing, genealogy and reading; she was an avid reader of non-fiction, especially Montana history and biographies. She had a great love of poetry.

Esther is survived by five of her seven children; Bonnie (Marshall Mayer and their son Gregg) of Helena; Nancy (Otis Moore and their son Jacob) of Seattle, Wash.; Kevin and his children, Robert, Dale and Angela of Billings; Kelly of Shawmut; Mary of Seattle; son-in-law, Robert Delgado and his children, Christina and Gregory, of Billings. She is also survived by her sister and brother-in-law, Elsie and Jack Yost; sister and brother-in-law, Hannah and Bob Haman, all of Billings; and brother Harold Baker of Custer, and Clara Watts of Arizona.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Gene (1994), her son, Gregg (1969) and her daughter, Beth (1996).

At her request, cremation has taken place. A private graveside service will be held at a later date.

Memorials to celebrate Esther's life may be made to Big Sky Hospice, Parmly Billings Library, or a charity of the donor's choice.

Taneya Tavonne Lame Woman

BILLINGS GAZETTE

MAR 28 2002

BIRNEY — Taneya Tavonne Lame Woman, infant daughter of Ernestine Little Mouth and Gaylon Lame Woman, died on Monday, March 25, 2002, at St. Vincent Healthcare in Billings.

She is a direct descendant of Chief Little Wolf, Wild Hog and Bobtailhorse.

Taneya's survivors include parents; great-great-grandparents, Nancy and Gilbert White Dirt and Llevando and Phyllis Fisher; great-grandparents, Rock and Carol Redcherries, Rachael Carroll, Frieda Smith and Effie Bear Chum; grandparents, Tim Lame Woman and Gail Tallwhiteman, Ernest and Dolly Little Mouth; several great-great-uncles and aunts; great-uncles and aunts, Alex and Cassandra Sandcrane, Charlie and Annie Messer; uncles, Preston Little Mouth, Earnest Little Mouth, Jr., Tim Lame Woman, Jr.; aunts, September, Darcy and Nancy Jean Little Mouth, Eva Lame Woman.

Funeral service for Taneya will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, March 28, at the Birney Catholic Church, under the direction of Rausch Funeral Home of the Northern Cheyenne Nation.

Emily LaMere

Emily LaMere, 78, of Billings, formerly of Great Falls, passed away Sunday, April 21, 2002, surrounded by family at her home in Billings. Emily was born on Feb. 13, 1924, in Beaver Creek, Mont.



EMILY LaMERE

Emily married George Falcon in 1940. They later divorced. She then married Thomas LaMere in 1958.

Emily loved being with her family, being a mother and grandmother. She enjoyed playing bingo and traveling.

Emily was a chambermaid, cook, nurses aid, community volunteer, personal care attendant, besides being a full-time mother to all her children. Her home was always open to everyone.

She is survived by her children, Charlotte LaMere, Ray LaMere, Carol LaMere, Annette Hoffman, Victoria LaMere and Gail LaMere, all of Billings, Curtis Falcon, Alfred Falcon, Susie Gross, Peggy Morsette, Eddie Falcon, Ann Geaudry, Tinker Belgarde, all of Great Falls, and Jack Striker of Rocky Boy; stepsons, Jerry,

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Pete and Ronny LaMere of Butte; her sister, Darlene of Kalispell; her brothers, Joe Shelby, Henry of Idaho, Alvin of California.

Emily has gone to become a guardian angel for 13 children; 34 grandchildren; 54 great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by both of her husbands; three grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; three sisters and two brothers.

We will miss her dearly. She was our gift from God and her inspiration will be with us always.

A vigil service will be 7 p.m. Thursday, April 25, at Croxford & Sons Mortuary in Great Falls. The funeral mass will be 10 a.m. Friday, April 26, at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church. The rite of committal will be at Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Great Falls.

Catherine R. Lamley

LEWISTOWN — Catherine R. Lamley, 91, died Sunday, Feb. 10, 2002, at Valle Vista Manor in Lewistown.

At her request, cremation has taken place and no services are planned. Creel Funeral Home is in charge.

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Marvin LeRoy LaMotte

BILLINGS GAZETTE
NOV 04 2002

Marvin LeRoy LaMotte, 70, of Billings passed away Saturday morning, Nov. 2, 2002, after a long illness. He was born June 11, 1932, the first of identical twins, on the family farm in the Duck Creek area to Arthur "Speed" and Marie (Helzer) LaMotte. As a young man Marvin and his twin brother, Melvin, boxed in the Golden Gloves.



**MARVIN
LAMOTTE**

Marvin graduated from Billings Senior High School in 1951 and shortly thereafter joined the U.S. Air Force. He was stationed in Korea and was honorably discharged in 1955.

In 1958, Marvin met and married his life long partner, Shirley Gartner. From this union two children were born, a daughter, Brenda (Mark) Nobles and a son, Jeff (Kathy) and grandson, Cody.

Marvin was employed at Mountain Bell for 33 years retiring in 1988.

His hobbies were bowling, hunting and fishing. He was a life member of the Huntley Trap Club. He was also a member of the Billings Trap Club and one of the oldest members of the Yellowstone Rifle Club. Many of

his family and friends will fondly remember all of the humorous hunting and fishing stories that he so loved to tell.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Phyllis; and his twin brother, Melvin.

He is survived by his wife, Shirley; his children and grandson; two sisters, Bernice Perry of Carmichael, Calif. and Marlene Lekse of Billings; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m., Wednesday, Nov. 6, at Pilgrim Congregational Church, 406 S. 36th St. Casket will be closed at church. Interment will be in Sunset Memorial Gardens. Memorials may be made to the Huntley Trap Club, P.O. Box 20862, Billings, MT 59104 or to the charity of one's choice.

Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

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Irene Lampi Dec. 14, 1921 – March 20, 2002

RED LODGE — Irene A. (Nikula) Lampi, 80, of Red Lodge, died peacefully at home on Wednesday, March 20, 2002. She was born on Dec. 14, 1921, in Red Lodge; the youngest of six daughters born to Kristian and Maria Nikula. She was raised outside of Roberts on the family farm, and graduated from Roberts schools.

On Oct. 1, 1940, she married Hugo D. Lampi. They resided and raised their four children in Red Lodge, a community she regarded as the best place on Earth.

Irene's passions in life were her family and friends, her flower garden, cooking, baking, sewing, crocheting, knitting, country music, dancing and crossword puzzles. She recently enjoyed her 20th annual bus trip with friends to Jackpot, Nev. She was extremely proud of her Finnish heritage, and had participated in Finnish programs and activities at the Festival of Nations for many years. She was renowned in the community for her Finn bread.



IRENE LAMPI

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Irene had held various offices and was an active member of the Eagles Auxiliary, was a lifetime member of the Ladies of Kaleva, and was active in the Red Lodge/Roberts Senior Citizens Center.

Mrs. Lampi was preceded in death by a daughter, Judi Lampi Rowe on Feb. 24, 1999; and her five sisters.

Survivors include her husband of 61 years, Hugo D. Lampi; two sons, Ray (Judy) Lampi and

Rohnn (Leslie) Lampi, all of Billings; one daughter, Donha (Rick) Beitel of Midland, Mich.; 12 grandchildren, Denise (Michael) Kok of Auburn, Wash., Dave Lampi of Billings, Janelle (Yoki) Valov of Spokane, Wash., Doug Durr of Mesa, Ariz., Dawna Rae (Gerald) Morton of Spokane, Bryan (Melissa) Beitel of Livingston, Daron Beitel of Novi, Mich., Kacy Beitel of Denver, and Eric, Lindsay, Jessica and Jordan Lampi, all of Billings; nine great-grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews; and dear friend, Bob Thompson.

Irene was a nurturing grandmother and great-grandmother who reveled in cooking and baking for her family, and never forgot a birthday.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Monday, March 25, in Smith-Olcott Funeral Chapel.

Interment will be in the Red Lodge Cemetery. Visitation will be from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday, March 24.

Memorials may be given to the Eagles Auxiliary, Ladies of Kaleva or the Red Lodge/Roberts Senior Citizens Center.

Ethel Louise Lancaster

BILLINGS GAZETTE

DEC 04 2002

BROADUS — Ethel Louise Lancaster, 75, of Broadus, died Monday, Dec. 2, 2002, at her home.

Visitation will be Wednesday, Dec. 4, at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Broadus. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 5, at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home. Interment will follow in the family lot in Valley View Cemetery in Broadus.

Helen M. Land

Helen M. Land, 90, of Billings, formerly of Joliet, passed away peacefully at her home. She was born in Sioux Rapids, Iowa, the daughter of Charles and Mabel Awe McLain.

Survivors include three daughters, Virginia Scott and Margo Land of Billings, Barbara (Merlin) Bagenstos of Columbus; two sons, Bill



HELEN LAND

(Jackie) Phillips of Gates, N.C., and Bruce H. (Bernice) Phillips of Greybull, Wyo.; 10 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren and eight great-great-grandchildren. Helen has been preceded in death by her husband Adolph; and grandson Bruce H. Phillips Jr.

A memorial gathering will be 10 a.m. Wednesday, July 3, at the Pathway Thru the Bible east of Joliet. Private inurnment will be at the Joliet Cemetery.

Arrangements are by Cremation or Funeral Gallery.

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Laurena Thelma Land

BILLINGS GAZETTE

POWELL, Wyo. — Laurena Thelma Land, 91, died Friday, July 26, 2002.

Visitation will be from 1 to 1:45 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 3, at **First Southern Baptist Church**, Powell. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, at First Southern Baptist Church. Burial will follow in Crown Hill Cemetery. Miratsky-Easton Funeral Home of Powell is in charge.

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Edith Lande
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At the age of 94 years young, Grandma passed away on Monday, May 13, 2002, surrounded by her family.

Grandma was born Sept. 12, 1907, in Pryor, the daughter of John Ledo and Nancy Anderson Ledo. She was the last generational legacy of the original Ledoux family. Her parents and siblings, Rose, Leonard and Bud (Florence and Gilbert died in infancy), all preceded her in death.



Grandma's school years were spent at Pryor, Crow Agency, Rapid City and Flandreau Indian schools. Grandma often reminisced about her childhood years and how she spent the days horseback riding in the hills above Pryor, and how the kids rode horseback behind the wagons to get their yearly supply of groceries. Grandma told of how Chief Plenty Coups, who lived across the road from their home in Pryor, would often sit with them at meals and how her mother would bead for him Cree-designed buckskin leather gloves. Plenty Coups would provide the family with a

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couple of chickens or a cow as payment. As a young girl, Grandma was pictured in a book illustration with an unknown missionary and Plenty Coups cooking over a campfire.

Grandma was an enrolled member of the Little Shell Band of Indians and passed down to her grandchildren many a story of her Chippewa/Cree heritage. She married Andrew Lawrence "Wick" Lande in July of 1925, and to this union, only one child was born, Rosemary.

Although Grandma worked some jobs outside of the home, the core of her entire life was family. She took on the task of helping her daughter raise four grandchildren upon the unexpected death of her son-in-law, George Simon, in 1966. Grandpa passed away in July of 1983, and mom immediately moved Grandma in with her for the remaining years of her life.

The grandkids affectionately called her "Grandma Turkey." She loved family gatherings, especially on birthdays and holidays, and preferred to cook at home versus eating out. She was a gifted cook, rarely using a recipe book, and no measuring devices. She made do with whatever was handy and came up with terrific meals. Her cinnamon rolls, pies and chokecherry jelly and syrups were a favorite. Having an occasional tailgate picnic outing on an afternoon in Pryor Gap, picking wildflowers, fishing for brookies

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and camping in the Pryor Mountains with her family were only some of Grandma's biggest enjoyments. She was the first to jump in the car for a Sunday joyride with her daughter or go on an extended road trip to see relatives. The only TV programs that interested her was "Wheel of Fortune" and the Discovery Channel. She bet against her grandsons in favor of the Atlanta Braves baseball team, and missed few softball games her granddaughters played in, often keeping her own scorecard to ensure the final scoreboard was accurate.

Grandma was extremely witty and could tell a joke with the best of them. She was strong-willed, protective of her family, free-spirited, and loved the simple things in life. She never owned a credit card and didn't understand the concept of outdoor hot tubs. When asked a question, she never beat around the bush with an answer. The maternal bonding shared between herself and her daughter is beyond words.

Those left behind to cherish her memory are her daughter, Rosemary Simon of Billings; four grandchildren, Sharon Limberhand, Jacquelyn Kelly, George "Larry" Simon and Nancy Bjelland (Andy), all of Billings; five great-grandchildren, Michael

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Petersen (Michelle) of Colstrip; Dennis J. Limberhand of Billings; Wade Kelly of Billings; Kimberly Kelly of Greeley, Colo.; and Jamie Lyn Bjelland of Billings; great-great-grandchildren, Beau Peterson of Colstrip; Cody, Deja, and Cheyenne Limberhand and Jacob and Justiss Kelly, all of Billings; sisters-in-law, Nora Vargas of Missoula and Joann Ledo of Frannie, Wyo. Grandma is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews and cousins from the Ledoux, Lande and Frost families.

The family would like to thank the entire staff at Aspen Meadows for their loving care and the many new friendships Grandma made during her extended stay.

Memorials can be made to the Friends of Chief Plenty Coups Advisory Council, PO Box 282, Pryor, MT 59066.

Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary is in charge of arrangements with funeral services scheduled for 10 a.m. on Thursday, May 16. Interment to follow in the Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Dan Freeman Landers

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WILSALL — Dan Freeman Landers, 75, died at his home Saturday, Nov. 30, 2002.

Graveside committal services and burial will take place 11 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 4, at the Wilsall Cemetery. Franzen-Davis Funeral Home in Livingston is in charge of arrangements.

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THREE FORKS — Earl C. Lane, 86, of Three Forks, passed away Monday, Nov. 18, 2002, one month shy of his 87th birthday.

He was born on the family ranch in Three Forks on Dec. 18, 1915, to Michael and Mary Grace Lane. He attended Lane School through eighth grade and graduated from Three Forks High School in 1933. Earl worked on the family ranch as a young man until 1936, when he began a 44-year career as a conductor for the Milwaukee Road.

In 1940, he married Adeline (Lonnie) Miluck and they began a long and happy life together, raising three children, Claudia, Gordon and Janice.

Earl loved his job with the Milwaukee, but he also loved Three Forks and he contributed greatly to the community. He served on the School Board and the Library Board, was president of the Headwaters Heritage Museum and a lifelong member of Holy Family Parish. He was instrumental in spearheading the formation of the cemetery district to maintain Fairview Cemetery and he worked tirelessly to raise money and interest in the founding of the Three Rivers Medical Clinic, later serving as a member of the board.

In his spare time, he enjoyed reading, fishing, gardening and researching family ancestry.

Most of all, he loved to spend time with his many friends and his family swapping stories about the railroad and local history and in 1996, he wrote and published a book about the Lane family. Earl will be fondly remembered as a loving husband, father, brother, grandfather and uncle and as a devoted friend to everyone. A passage in his book says it all.

“As time went by, I dreamt of good old days, and I woke up to the reality that the railroad was gone. I'm getting feeble and waiting for the last call. Whatever it might be, I don't want to go to heaven if they don't have trains.”

All Aboard, Earl! All Aboard!

Earl is survived by his loving wife of 62 years, Lonnie of Three Forks; two daughters, Claudia Boyd of Billings and Janice Cochrane (Jeff) of Billings; a son, Gordon Lane (Celina) of Hazel Crest, Ill.; a brother, Leo Lane (Flo) of Three Forks; nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. He had close relationships with many cousins, nephews, nieces and friends who were very important to him and made his life special. He was pre-

ceded in death by his parents; a brother, Gene of Three Forks; and two sisters, Opal of Big Timber and Inez of Worden.

A prayer vigil is scheduled for Thursday evening, Nov. 21, at 7 p.m., at K & L Mortuary, 103 First Ave. East in Three Forks. Funeral services will take place on Friday, Nov. 22, at 11 a.m., at Holy Family Parish, 104 E. Birch Street in Three Forks. Interment will follow at Fairview Cemetery in Three Forks.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Headwaters Heritage Museum, 202 S. Main, Three Forks, MT 59752 or the Holy Family Parish Altar Society, 104 E. Birch Street, Three Forks, MT 59752.

Helen Freeman-Lane

FORT COLLINS, Colo. — Helen Freeman-Lane, 92, of Fort Collins, formerly of Glendive, Mont., died Monday, Sept. 30, 2002, at the Spring Creek Nursing Home in Fort Collins, due to complications from a series of strokes.

A memorial service was held Saturday, Oct. 5, at the Unitarian Church in Fort Collins. Memorial services will also be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 12, at the United Methodist Church in Glendive. Interment will be in the Dawson County Cemetery. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Glendive is in charge.

Ruth (Fairchild-Hatveldt) Lane

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JAN 05 2002

Ruth (Fairchild-Hatveldt) Lane passed away Thursday, Jan. 3, 2002, after a three-week stay at St. Vincent Healthcare, at 94 years of age. She had been living at her duplex home for the last 15 years that was built for wheelchair use in mind.

In 1994, she had knee replacement and never walked since, but was comfortable in her newer home and was well taken care of by her family, Art and Lee and Linda, with the help of Treva Tesky.

Ruth was born at Jamestown, N.D., July 27, 1907. At the age of 2 years, her parents, Corliss and Minnie Fairchild, moved to Roundup in 1909 and became Roundup's first photographer. Ruth went to all 12 grades of school there. In 1925, they moved to Dillon, where she went to college. In 1929, she worked at Lake Lodge in Yellowstone Park. Between 1930 and 1935, she taught school in Sanders, Mont., and at Taft School in Billings.

In 1935, she met and married Terry Hatveldt. They had two sons, Bobby and Art. Bobby died



RUTH LANE

of polio in 1945 and one year later Terry died. In 1947, she met and married Harry Lane. They moved to Billings Bench (now Heights). They had 39 years together. He spray painted many of the farm west and east of Billings for 2 years.

They had some nice trips to Alaska, Hawaii, Panama, New York, New Zealand and southern Texas in the winter. Ruth drew Indian sketches of the items that were excavated from the Indian Caves southeast of Billings for Oscar Lewis in 1940. She was in various clubs and worked for the BLM.

Ruth had many hobbies and crafts, liked painting pictures and tinting old photos, knit, sew and was a great mother.

Survivors are Art and Lee Hatveldt of Billings, Linda and Darrell Holmquist of Nye, and she got to see and hold her first and only great-granddaughter 27 days ago, Kaiya Maree, born Dec. 7, 2001; and stepdaughter Jeanette Lane of Laurel.

Services will be held 1 p.m. Monday, Jan. 7, at Smith Downtown Chapel. Interment will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens. Viewing will be Sunday, Jan. 6, noon to 8 p.m. and prior to services on Monday.

Elizabeth Lavachek Lanegan

May 3, 1906 — July 2, 2002

Elizabeth was born May 3, 1906, at the family farm near Elgin, N.D., the 10th of 14 children of Bernard and Louisa Ulrich.

In 1927, she married Frank Lavachek and was mother to six children. Elizabeth and Frank separated in 1948 and she continued with her priority of raising her children.

She moved to Billings in 1966 and resided at St. John's Lutheran Home for four years until her death. She was a member of St. Thomas Catholic Church. Her strong faith was the source of her strength. She was an excellent cook, worked crossword puzzles daily and played cards often.

Elizabeth was preceded in death by her parents, Bernard and Louisa; and 12 siblings, Bernard, Louie, Bill, Albert, Anna, Frank, John, Joe, Ed and a baby sister and twins that died in infancy. Her firstborn daughter, Lucille, died at 13 months.

Elizabeth is survived by one brother, Tony; and five children, Dorothy (Dave) Schwartz, Perry, Ga., Maurice (Helen), Renton, Wash., Shirley (Le) Zeller, Miles City, Lyle (Mary), Minot, N.D., and Keith (Judy) of Billings. She also leaves 17 grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren; as well as dozens of nieces and nephews.

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She will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

Cremation has taken place. Rosary will be held on Sunday, July 7, 7 p.m., at St. Thomas Catholic Church, and the funeral mass will be at 10 a.m. Monday, July 8, also at the church. Burial will be at a later date at the family cemetery in New Leipzig, N.D.

Memorials, in lieu of flowers, may be made to St. John's Chapel Fund or a charity of one's choice.

JACK C. Lang

Jack C. Lang, 82, of Billings, passed away early Friday morning, Dec. 20, 2002, at St. Vincent's Healthcare.



JACK LANG

Jack was born in Minneapolis on May 12, 1920, a son of Raymond and Marian (Garvey) Lang. The family moved to Jamestown, N.D., in 1926, where Jack received his education and graduated from Jamestown High School class of 1938.

While in high school, Jack had worked at the Daly Funeral Home, and following his graduation, he attended the St. Louis College of Mortuary Science, graduating in 1939. In the fall of '39, he moved to Billings and began work at the Settergren Funeral Home. In 1940, he moved to Spokane, Wash., where he worked for the Hazen-Jaeger Funeral Home.

In 1942, Jack entered the U.S. Navy and served at Bremerton, Wash., Farragut, Idaho; and the Aleutian Islands, Alaska. On April 2, 1944, he married Myrtle "Punkie" Jones in Billings. Jack was discharged in 1945 and he and Punkie moved to San Diego, where he worked at Benbough's Mortuary until 1953, when he returned to Billings. While work-

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ing with Smith Funeral Chapels Jack started Lang's Cemetery Service and continued with his business until retirement. He was a member of the Scottish Rite, Rimrock Lodge 149, AF & A.M., the American Legion and VFW.

Survivors include his wife, Punkie; two daughters, Mrs. William "Kay" O'Donnell of Aberdeen, Wash., and Mrs. Steven "Carol" Zentmire of Lewistown; a son, Ray (Glenda) of Billings; two sisters, Mrs. Gordon "Charlotte" Flemister of Eugene, Ore., and Betty-Jane Lang of Beverly Hills, Calif.; and six grandchildren, Brian (Michelle) Lang, Jill (Waldy) Piotrowski, Nevin and Katy O'Donnell, and Laura and David Zentmire.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Monday, Dec. 23, at Mountview Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the charity of one's choice.

Treasure Langbell

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Treasure Langbell truly lived up to her name, as she was a marvelous TREASURE. Three days after celebrating her 94th birthday, Treasure went to be with her Heavenly Father, whom she had loved and served faithfully all of her years.



**MRS.
LANGBELL**

Their marriage was an inspiration for all who knew them.

In 1936, Del accepted a position as principal of the high school in Harlem, Mont., and it was here that their daughter Lorraine was born. During World War II, Treasure was called back into the classroom and taught for a number of years.

The Langbell family moved to Kalispell in 1951, when Del became superintendent of schools. Treasure never lost her love for her friends in Harlem, but she immediately became involved in her new community. She served as the head of many organizations, including president of Band Fans, Toastmistresses, Girl Scout Council, guardian of Jobs Daughters, mother advisor of Rainbow and worthy matron of Adah Chapter, Order of Eastern Star. Treasure especially cherished her PEO sisters as well as serving as the head of Methodist Women in the Flathead Valley District.

First and foremost, Treasure was a teacher, and in 1955, she became the first foreign language teacher in a Montana Elementary School District. She especially enjoyed working in the

She was born on Feb. 16, 1908, in Fargo, N.D., to Henrietta and Herman Kuehl. She was raised and attended school in Fargo, where she was the first woman to "letter" in debate at Fargo Central High School.

Treasure attended North Dakota State University, where she was an honor student and a member of the Kappa Delta Sorority. She earned her way through college selling hats in a local department store.

After graduating college in 1929, she remained for one year to teach French classes. The next year she accepted a position to teach English, French and drama at the high school in Overly, N.D., where she met and fell in love with Delmar Peter Langbell, who was principal and band director at the high school. Theirs was a romance that would last 62 years.

Opportunity Room for children with special needs.

In 1973, Treasure and Del retired and moved to Billings to be close to Lorraine and her husband, Stephen. Here, they became a part of the Rocky Mountain College community, where Del taught for eight semesters. During this time, and on up to 1996, when Del passed away, they traveled extensively, played a great deal of bridge, made many dear friends and enjoyed their church life.

Treasure became a member of the Daughters of the Nile, Friendship Chapter, Order of Eastern Star and served as president of the Social Order of Beauceant.

Even with all of her activities, Treasure's main focus and concern was her family. She loved to cook and her baked goods were legendary. She enjoyed people and her friendships knew no age barrier. And, she had a smile that could and did light up a room.

Treasure was preceded in death by her parents; a son, Peter John; and her husband, Del.

She is survived by her daughter, Lorraine Langbell Marsh; her son-in-law, Stephen Marsh; a brother, Herman Kuehl of Streator, Ill, his wife, Doris and their children.

May God hold you in perfect peace and love, Dear Mother.

In lieu of flowers, please send memorials to Grace United Methodist Church or Friendship Chapter, Order of Eastern Star.

A service of celebration will be held on Saturday, Feb. 23, at 11 a.m. in Grace United Methodist Church, 1935 Ave. B.

Smith West Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Blanche Kirwan Lange

**MAY 17 2002
BILLINGS GAZETT**

LIVINGSTON — Blanche Kirwan Lange, 80, of Livingston, died Wednesday, May 15, 2002, at Livingston Memorial Hospital, following a heart attack.

Visitation will be from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday, May 17, at Franzen-Davis Funeral Home in Livingston. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 18, at the Livingston Ward chapel of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Grave dedication and burial will follow in Mountain View Cemetery.

Richard G. Langford

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LIVINGSTON — Richard "Dick" Langford, 60, of Livingston, died Tuesday, Nov. 19, 2002, at his home.

Cremation has taken place at Franzen-Davis Funeral Home in Livingston. At his request, no services are planned.

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Helen J. Langston

HARLOWTON — Helen Johnson Langston, 84, passed away Monday, Nov. 4, 2002, at her home in Harlowton.

Helen was born Jan. 17, 1918, in Havre, the daughter of Daley and Mary Anne (Veasey) Johnson. Helen lived in Havre until she was three years old, at which time her mother passed away



**HELEN
LANGSTON**

and Helen went to live with her grandmother Johnson in Helena.

Her father, Daley, purchased a ranch near Melville where Helen was raised with her two brothers, Dave and Leigh. Helen attended grade school in Melville and graduated from Sweetgrass High School in Big Timber in 1936. After graduation she attended the University of Montana where she was on the rifle team.

Mother had a little coupe car she took to the University to go to school. Mom would come home some weekends and just get to Big Timber at Oie's Service Station and purchase just 50 cents worth of gas to get her to the ranch at Melville, where she could fill up (the price was better). After getting her 50 cents worth of gas at Oie's, the fellow asked her if she

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was wearing her car?

Helen married Jess E. Langston at Big Timber on Oct. 1, 1937. They have been married 65 years.

Mother was a small-framed lady of average height, but always seemed small to us. A year or so after they were married, she and Dad were trailing sheep from Melville to the Belt Mountains and it was cold. Mom had a large coat on and a leather pilot's cap that had ear flaps that tied under her chin. They stopped to eat at Mothers Cafe in Harlo, and the waitress wanted to know what Dad's little boy would like to eat. They always laughed at that.

In 1950, the family moved to Harlowton. Square dancing was the thing to do at that time, so they started square dancing. In 1953, Mom and Dad, Edgar and Shirley Langston, Dorothy and Linc Bakken and Noni and Floyd Mooney won the State Square Dancing Contest in Bozeman, and also won the following year.

Mom and Dad have two children, both living in Harlowton. Jess E. Langston, Jr., and a very special daughter, Patricia K. Langston, who cared for mom the past two years, which allowed her to remain at home. Thank good-

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ness for a daughter like Pat.

Other survivors include grandsons Mike Langston of Missoula, Jeff Burrington of Missoula, Lyle Burrington of Loveland, Colo., Jesse D. Langston of Dillon; a granddaughter Arrow Langston of Sheridan, Wyo.; four great-granddaughters and three great-grandsons; two cousins, Chuck Osborn of Billings and Dave Clark of Sturgis, S.D.

Mother is joined in heaven by her father, Daley Johnson; mother Mary (Veasey) Johnson; and stepmother Lillian Johnson.

She is survived by her husband Jess E. Langston; daughter Patricia K. Langston; and son Jess Langston, Jr., all of Harlowton; five grandchildren; four great-granddaughters and three great-grandsons; two brothers, Dave Johnson of Bozeman and Leigh Johnson of Kalispell.

Cremation has taken place and family services are planned at a later date and will be announced.

Memorials are suggested to your personal choice. Cremation or Funeral Gallery is in charge.

Josephine Larkin

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GILLETTE, Wyo. — Funeral services for Josephine Larkin, 81, will be at 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 16, at the Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home Chapel in Gillette.

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Gerald G. Larsen

Gerald G. Larsen was born April 8, 1924, in Laramie, Wyo., to Otto and Louise Larsen. The family moved to Green River, Wyo., in 1926. Gerald spent his school years in Green River.

As young man, he began as a machinist apprentice for the Union Pacific Railroad. He served in the Navy during WWII and the Korean War. After he returned to Green River to work on the railroad, his vacation and free time was spent running the rapids on the Green River, Colorado River and the Grand Canyon River. His name is on a monument in Expedition Park in Green River as one of the pioneer river runners.

He worked in Saudi Arabia for several years on the Arabian pipeline. From there, he worked on the Early Warning System in Greenland. He moved to Billings in 1968 and worked as a machinist until retirement.

He and good friend, Irene Messner, spent the next 30 years enjoying square dancing.

He was preceded in death by his parents; stepmother; two stepbrothers and stepsister. He will be missed by his sisters, Mary Alice of Mesa, Ariz., Edith of Grand Junction, Colo.; his younger brother Otto of

Columbia Falls; stepbrother Merle Evans; and good friend and dance partner, Irene Messner of Billings.

Cremation has taken place and interment will be in Green River at private family ceremony.

Peggy Lee Larsen

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CORONA, Calif. — Peggy Lee Larsen, 45, of Corona, formerly of Culbertson, died Wednesday, June 5, 2002, at her home.

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A memorial service was held Saturday, June 15, in Corona. A second memorial service will be at 10 a.m. Friday, June 21, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Culbertson. Fulkerson Funeral Home of Williston, N.D., is in charge.

Sven Aage Larsen

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Sven Aage Larsen passed away peacefully May 10, 2002 at home surrounded by his family. He fought a courageous year-long battle with ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease).

He was born July 12, 1929 in Junction City, Ore. to Marius and Kirstine Larsen. Sven's father took a call to Nathanall Lutheran Church in Dagmar in 1930. In 1936, the



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family moved to Denmark where Sven's father was a Lutheran minister in Als, Denmark for 25 years. Sven's formative years in Denmark were during the Nazi occupation during WWII.

At the young age of 19, Sven came back to the United States, settling in Genora, N.D. Sven was employed with the Farmers Union for seven years as a mechanic. He joined two of his sisters in Los Angeles in 1956, where he went to work at Chevrolet Agency. In these golden years in Los Angeles, a mechanic could become friends with the movie stars. Among Sven's new found friends were Mickey Rooney, Fred Mac-

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Murray and Johnny Weismiller, who was a scuba diving buddy for Sven and friends.

Sven met Inga, the love of his life, and they were married on Dec. 9, 1956. To this happy union they were blessed with two wonderful children, Thor and Lynn. Sven moved the family to Billings in 1969, where he and Henry Erickson started Dana Motors. Henry died of cancer in 1986 and Bob Morgan became Sven's partner. Dana Motors is a life-time accomplishment of Sven's. Sven strived for customer satisfaction. His employees were loved by him like his family. Many employees of Dana Motors have worked there over 25 years. This has led to an establishment in which customers can rely upon for quality service. He was fond of hiring Vietnam veterans.

He was a charter member of the Westend Rotary Club. He was well known for his activities with the Sons of Norway and the Bright and Beautiful. He was also an associate member of the American Legion.

Dad was an active generous, non-critical person. Two major passions were the annual hunting trip enjoyed by Sven and his buddies, as well as regular cruises and trips back to Iceland and Denmark enjoyed with his wife "Snooky." You were always truly loved and will be missed every day. We love you Sven, Dad,

Morsie. You are the #1 Snork King.

Sven leaves behind his loving wife, Inga; son, Thor; daughter, Lynn; son-in-law, Russ; grandson, Bryce; granddaughter, Samantha Kirstine; and sisters, Esther, Eva and Nora.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Wednesday, May 15, at the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd at the corner of 24th St. West and Lewis Ave. Cremation

will follow.

Memorials may be made to Yellowstone River Parks Association, 2825 3rd Ave. N., Billings, MT 59101; American Legion Honor Guard, 1540 Broadwater Ave., Billings, MT 59102 or Sons of Norway Tree Memorial, P.O. Box 22564, Billings, MT 59104.

Smith's West Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

**(Myrus) Baxter
Larson - Attorney**

(August 16, 1918 - May 1, 2002)

ANACORTES, Wash. — Baxter Larson died May 1, 2002, in Anacortes, due to natural causes. He was born Aug. 16, 1918, in Cut Bank, Mont., son of Myrus B. Larson, a grain dealer and elevator operator, and Revel R. Worley, a teacher. The family lived in various Montana communities before Baxter graduated in 1936 from Wibaux County High School,



**BAXTER
LARSON**

where he earned letters in football, basketball, and track. (At a statewide high school track meet, he set a running record that was finally broken by his son, Myrus.) He attended the

University of Minnesota before transferring to the University of Montana, where he earned a law degree in 1941.

On Sept. 12, 1939, he married Camilla P. Dahl of Wibaux, who died March 16, 2001. Much of their first years together focused on rearing and educating two sons: Myrus B. Larson, Jr., (born 1943) who died April 12, 1965, while a senior at Dartmouth

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College, and surviving son Stephen C. Larson (born 1947) of Anacortes, who graduated from Dartmouth in 1969 and pursues a career as a grain broker following a family tradition. Other survivors include grandsons James M. Larson of Phoenix, and Scott D. Larson of Reston, Va.; a brother, Richard K. Larson of Keller, Texas; and, nieces, Gretta Hoss, of Keller and Katie King, of Thornton, Colo.

After admittance to the Montana Bar in 1941, Mr. Larson took a position as an attorney with the Lowndes Maury and Al Shone law offices in Butte, while his spouse, an experienced legal assistant, concurrently served that firm. In 1943, Baxter entered the United States Army, serving first as an infantry officer and subsequently with the U.S. Far East Military Command in Tokyo as a judge advocate officer for war crimes tribunals.

A lifelong Montanan, Mr. Larson's personal life and public career were linked to the state's development. In 1946, Baxter settled in Helena, when Attorney General Victor Bottomly appointed him as a prosecutorial assistant. In 1950, Gov. John Bonner appointed him to head the state's Industrial Accident Commission. In 1981, Gov. Ted Schwinden appointed Baxter chairman of the state Highway Commission.

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For a brief period, Baxter maintained a private practice in Helena. Attracted by opportunities afforded by Williston Basin oil discoveries, in 1953 he established a law firm in Wolf Point. Through the ensuing four decades, the Larson family took an active role in community affairs, especially in support of educational programs, while Baxter participated in business and civic undertakings. Both he and Camilla consistently involved themselves in Democratic Party political activities. They were members of the Shriners, Order of the Eastern Star and Elks. An avid student of history, Baxter accumulated a voluminous personal library and was a member of the Montana Historical Society from its inception. To begin retirement in 1985, the Larsons settled in Billings, but maintained contacts with their many friends throughout the state.

No services have been scheduled. Remembrances should be made to the Pierre Wibaux Museum, Wibaux MT 59353, or to the Montana Historical Society, PO Box 201201, Helena MT 59601.

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Carol M. Larson

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JORDAN — Carol M. Larson, 68, of Jordan, died Wednesday, April 24, 2002, at her home.

Visitation will be from 1 to 6 p.m. Sunday, April 28, at the VFW Hall in Jordan. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday, April 29, at the VFW Hall in Jordan. Interment will follow in the family lot in the Pioneer Cemetery in Jordan. Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home of Jordan is in charge.

Margaret R. Larson

Margaret R. Larson was born Dec. 23, 1916, to Benjamin and Mary Stewart in Billings, the youngest of six children. Margaret attended schools in Billings and graduated from Billings High School, then attended the University of Montana and Eastern Montana Normal School, now MSU-Billings.

She taught at Shiloh School before marrying Walter E. Larson on May 25, 1938. She was a housewife, raised two boys and enjoyed raising flowers and doing needle work.

She and Walter lived in Billings until Walter's retirement in 1971. They then built a home in Joliet, where she enjoyed her flower garden. In 1991, they returned to live in Billings.

Margaret was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Walter; and by a brother, Leslie; and sisters Helen, Isabelle, Dorothy and Jean. She is survived by two sons, Walt, Jr., and his wife Joan of Loomis, Calif., and C. Ben of Billings; two grandsons, Barry (Karen) Larson of Loomis and Andy (Amy) Larson of San Diego, Calif.; and two great-



**MARGARET
LARSON**

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grandchildren, Kendall and Brad Larson of Loomis.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 20, 2002, at St Andrew Presbyterian Church. Interment will follow at Mountview Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to St Andrew Presbyterian Church, 180 24th St. W., Billings, MT 59102.

Marjorie Leona Larson

BIG TIMBER — Marjorie Leona Larson, 67, died Wednesday, Jan. 9, 2002, at Pioneer Medical Center in Big Timber.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, Jan. 14, at Lowry Funeral Home in Big Timber. Interment will be in Mountain View Cemetery in Big Timber.

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Stephanie Lynn Fergus Larson

Stephanie Lynn Fergus Larson, daughter of Jim and Helen Fergus, was born in Cody, Wyo., on Oct. 16, 1957.

Stephanie passed away Monday, Feb. 18, 2002, at her home at St. John's Lutheran Home, after an extended illness.

Stephanie's daughter, Amanda Larson, was her greatest joy. Stephanie's passions included her horses, dogs, cats, gardening and crocheting. She was a devoted mother, daughter, sister and friend. Stephanie was preceded in death by her maternal and paternal grandparents and husband, Michael Bernhard.

She is survived by her daughter, Amanda; her parents, Jim and Helen Fergus; her siblings, Roger (Paula) Nixon, Dennis (Rody) Fergus, Nancy (Dennis) DeLaitre; and many cherished aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

The family wishes to thank the wonderful friends, staff and administration at St. John's Lutheran Home for their devoted care and friendship to Stephanie.



**STEPHANIE
LARSON**

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Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, Fe. 22, at First Congregational United Church of Christ, 310 N. 27th. Interment will be at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Memorials may be made to St. John's Lutheran Home, 3940 Rimrock Road, Billings, MT 59102 or First Congregational United Church of Christ, 310 N. 27th, Billings, MT 59101.

Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

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Vera Marqurite Lasich

CODY, Wyo. — Vera Marqurite Lasich, 88, died Monday, April 15, 2002, at West Park Long Term Care Center in Cody.

Cremation has taken place. A private family memorial service will be held. Ballard Funeral Home of Cody is in charge.

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John Frank Latka

GLENDIVE — John Frank Latka, 82, of Glendive, died Saturday, March 2, 2002, at the Glendive Medical Center.

Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Friday, March 8, at the Chapel of the Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home in Glendive. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 9, at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Glendive. Rite of Committal will be in the Dawson Memorial Cemetery in Glendive.

John Latta

John Russell Latta died of cancer at his home on Saturday, June 1, 2002. John was born Nov. 23,



1909, on a Kansas farm two miles east of Holton, to Ruth (Tudor) and Edward Clinton Latta. He attended the first eight grades in a one-room school

house with a pot-bellied stove and graduated from Holton High School in the spring of 1927. John then enrolled at Kansas State University in September of 1928.

Working his way through college, John graduated with a degree in agriculture from KSU in May of 1934. During college he worked at many jobs including part-time at the agronomy farm and part-time testing soils at KSU's soils lab. He belonged to Alpha Zeta, a scholastic fraternity for honorary agricultural students.

After graduation, John worked at various jobs, including teaching at KSU, mapping the Navajo Indian Reservation for the Conservation Service at Gallup, N.M., and working as a field man for Great Western Sugar.

John was briefly married to Margaret Scilly in 1936. A son,

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Bob, was born to this union.

John joined the U.S. Army in February of 1945 and served at Tacloban, Leyte, in the Asian Theater. After the end of WWII, John returned to Great Western Sugar Co. at Brighton, Colo.

John married Mary Kathleen Trucano at Golden, Colo., on Sept. 26, 1946. In February of 1947, John began work at the Garden City Co., where he served as agricultural superintendent for 12 years. Continuing his career with sugar companies, John briefly joined Holly Sugar Co. at Swink, Colo.

In November 1959, John made a career change and moved to Billings as a sales representative for Spencer Chemical Co. Later, Spencer was purchased by the Gulf Oil Co. As a sales representative for these companies, he sold agricultural chemicals and traveled throughout Montana, Wyoming, and the Canadian provinces of Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba.

Retiring from Gulf Oil in 1974, John continued working part-time selling Conklin products for 10 years.

Active in civic organizations in Kansas and Montana, John assumed head leadership positions with VFW, American Legion, Rotary Club, and the Elks. He was richly rewarded by his association with the First Presbyterian Church in Billings during his final years and was very grateful to fellow church

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member Bill Young for his weekly visits.

John is preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Mary Lou; and his brother, Bob, who was killed in the Korean Conflict.

He is survived by his beloved wife and caretaker, Kay, of Billings; his children, Robert Latta of Fayette, Mo., Barbara Benish (James) of Helena, Cecille Frank (Jeff) of Waterford, Conn., James Latta (Candace Ireland) of Hailey, Idaho, and Mark Latta (Christine) of Portland, Ore.; a sister, Helen, of Topeka, Kan.; and grandchildren, Lynda, LouAnn, Seth, Karl, Matthew, Clare, Trevor, Elizabeth, Abbie, and Erin. He is also survived by nephews Larry Latta (Jill) of St. Joseph, Mo., Steve Latta (Sue) of Louisville, Ky., David Latta of Kansas City, Mo., and numerous relatives from his wife's family. John was especially blessed to have Becky Madison as an aide, caretaker, and friend during his last years.

John was a person of great physical stature. This, coupled with his affinity for verbal language and special delight in anecdotal tales and spirited debate, often gave him an air of being larger than life. His command of idiom and detail lent his full and finely told remembrances a robust liveliness that will live on in his family's memories.

Visitation will be 10 a.m. to 2

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p.m. on Monday at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary. Memorial services will be 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, at the First Presbyterian Church.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Big Sky Hospice, the Elks Scholarship Fund, the First Presbyterian Church, or a charity of choice.

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Lloyd John Latuseck

Lloyd John Latuseck, age 44, died suddenly on March 29, 2002, of an apparent heart attack. Services were held April 2, at Grace United Methodist Church, with Rev. Gary Treglown officiating.

Lloyd is survived by his mother and stepfather, Jean and Art Rozell; five brothers, Casey (Lori) Latuseck, Randy (Julie) Latuseck, Alan (Toni) Archer, all of Idaho, Charlie Archer and Scot Rozell of Billings; and sister Cindy (Rick) Copel of Iowa; 10 nephews and nieces; several aunts and uncles; and many good friends.

He was preceded in death by his father; two brothers; both grandmothers and grandfathers; and cousin Jim Roth.

Jacob James Lauer

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BILLINGS GAZETTE

GILLETTE, Wyo. — Jacob James "Jim" Lauer, 70, of Gillette, died Thursday, June 20, 2002, at the Campbell County Memorial Hospital, of prostate cancer.

Visitation will be from 4 to 7 p.m. Sunday, June 23, at Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home Chapel in Gillette, with a rosary service at 7 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 11 a.m. Monday, June 24, at St. Matthew's Catholic Church. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, June 26, at the Greenwood Cemetery in Sidney, Neb.

Roger Lee Laughery

Roger Lee Laughery passed away unexpectedly at St. Vincent Healthcare on Friday, April 26, 2002. Roger was born Feb. 27, 1955, in Harlowton. He was the youngest of five children born to Helen and LeRoy Laughery.

Roger spent his childhood years in the Clarks Fork Valley and Melstone. He graduated in 1973 from Joliet High School.

Roger enjoyed the outdoors, horses and all kinds of animals.

He graduated from the College of Coiffure Arts in 1980 and worked as a beautician for several years and later worked at Rands, making hats for many years. He was always willing to lend a helping hand to anyone or provide a home for stray animals. Roger was always the life of the party and provided his family with many hours of fun and laughter.

Roger moved to Phoenix in 1994 and managed a Western store and worked for Bank One. Two years ago, Roger returned to Montana and was working for Merrill and Virginia Lee in Roundup at the time of his death.

He is survived by his father and step-mother, LeRoy and Fern



**ROGER
LAUGHERY**

BILLINGS GAZETTE

April 28, 2002

Laughery of Billings; sisters, Lois (Gene) Millhouse of Billings and Leona "Tootie" Bascom and her husband Garth of Roundup; brothers, Lloyd of Whitehall and Levi (Julie) of Laurel, and numerous nieces, nephews, aunts and uncles. Roger was preceded in death by his mother, grandparents and great-grandparents.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m., Wednesday, May 1, at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary. Cremation has taken place. Memorials may be made to Help for Homeless Pets, PO Box 1282, Billings, MT 59103-1282 or to the charity of one's choice.

Meta Marie Leach

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

DEC 28 2002

Meta Marie Leach passed away Thursday, Dec. 26, 2002, at Valley Health Care.

Born April 14, 1918, in Nazareth, Texas, to the late Edward and Anna Marie Stark McCormick. Meta was a homemaker, PTA president, band parent, and 1,000+ hour hospital volunteer. She traveled all over the



United States, Mexico, Canada and Guam with her late husband, Lt. Cmdr. Thomas Grover Leach, MSC, USN (ret.) She was a devoted wife and mother, loved RV

META LEACH camping, crafts, painting, needlework, and being a snowbird.

She leaves behind two daughters, Mary Linda Leach of Billings and Amy Marie Schultz and her husband Mark Walden Schultz of Tempe, Ariz.; two grandchildren, Wesley Thomas Bagley and Frieda Rae Jones; one great-granddaughter, Adriyanna Marie; a sister-in-law, Ruby Marie Pope Leach of Murphy, N.C.; two grown nephews, Wayne Leach of Miami, and Norman Leach of Houston, and their families; a sister-in-law, Christine Hudgins of Stephenville, Texas; and a sister-in-law, Ava Nell

Chambers and her family of Fort Worth, Texas.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lt. Cmdr. Thomas Grover Leach, MSC, USN (ret.), on March 5, 1999, and her younger brother, Gerald Patrick Hudgins.

We hope you are happy now with T.G. and we will miss you both very much. When we look at the Ponderosas on the Rims, we will remember how much the place up on High Trail Road was loved by both of you.

Cremation will take place at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary and Crematory. Burial will take place at Arlington National Cemetery for Cmdr. and Mrs. Thomas G. Leach with full military honors. The family has requested no memorial service. In lieu of flowers, please remember her with donations in her name to your favorite charity.

James Robert 'Jamie' LeBrun

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James Robert "Jamie" LeBrun died as the result of an automobile accident on Sunday evening, Dec. 15, 2002. Jamie was born on June 6, 1974, in Billings, to Bob and Dianna LeBrun.



**JAMIE
LeBRUN**

He was raised on a ranch on Grove Creek near Fishtail. He attended elementary and high school in Absarokee and graduated in May of 1992. He graduated from MSU-Billings in May of 2000 with a degree in business administration and finance. Jamie just recently started work as a loan officer at the United Bank in Absarokee, and he and his family were really looking forward to moving there to be a part of the community.

Jamie married Heather Dawn Bell in Sheridan, Wyo., on Dec. 21, 1996. Their son, Tyler James, was born Nov. 7, 2001. He adored them both.

Besides his wife and son, he is survived by his father and mother; brothers, Andy (Vickie) of Great Falls and Ben (Andrea) of Miles City; nieces, Jackie and Miranda LeBrun; and nephew Colten; grandparents, Lee

Charles and Rose Goddard of Columbus; grandmother, Dolores Willingham of Las Vegas; and numerous uncles, aunts and cousins. He is also survived by his father-in-law, Jim Bell of Custer; and mother-in-law, Beverly Bell of Sheridan, Wyo.

In addition to the time that he enjoyed spending with his family, Jamie enjoyed many hobbies. Some of them included football, horseback riding, hunting, fishing, tanning hides, woodworking and tinkering in general.

Jamie was a very kind, caring person. He was only with us for a short time, yet he touched the hearts of everyone who knew him. Jamie always had a smile and kind words to say. Although his son will probably not be able to remember him, Tyler will know him through the memories of his family and friends, and we will remember Jamie through Tyler.

The celebration of Jamie's life will be at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Absarokee at 2 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 19. He will be buried in the Rosebud Cemetery at Absarokee.

A memorial has been set up for Jamie's son at the United States National Bank, PO Box 910, Red Lodge, MT 59068.

He will be forever missed and loved.

Henry Lee

PLENTYWOOD — Henry Lee, 86, died Wednesday, July 31, 2002, at Sheridan Memorial Hospital in Plentywood.

Funeral services are pending at St. John's Lutheran Church. Interment will be in St. John's Cemetery. Fulkerson Funeral Home of Plentywood is in charge.

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Frank Leenknecht

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On Friday, July 12, 2002, a loving husband, wonderful father and awesome grandfather left this world to go to a better place. Frank J. Leenknecht, was



**FRANK
LEENKNECHT**

born on Dec. 22, 1932, the only son of the late Maurice and Rachel (Van Steeland) Leenknecht in Shepherd. While attending school in Shepherd, he worked hard on the family farm.

In February 1953, he enlisted in the Army and returned home that summer to marry the love of his life, Shirley Villani, on Aug. 8, 1953. He continued his service in the Army and returned to Billings in 1956. Frank worked for MacIntyre Motors and then worked for the City of Billings Utility Department for over 30 years. After his retirement, he worked for Engineering Inc.

Frank also joined the Navy Reserve and later served in the Seebies, retiring in 1987. After his second retirement, Frank and Shirley purchased a motor home and traveled many places. Travel and camping became Frank's new passion.

Frank and Shirley loved to square dance and belonged to the Star Allemanders, Star Dusters, Challengers and Magic City Twirlers. With his passion for square dancing and encouragement from Shirley, he became a square dance caller and started his own club, Checkerboard Squares. During this time, he and Shirley were very active with the Yellowstone Square Dance Council and traveled many places and made many friends.

Frank was a "Jack of all trades" and "master of all tasks." He shared this ability with his children, grandchildren, friends and neighbors.

He enjoyed children and young people. He believed in supporting all kids. He was a Little League coach and umpire and Cub Scout Leader. An avid fisherman, he enjoyed fishing and camping with his grandsons. He also enjoyed woodworking and golfing.

His memberships included the Loyal Order of the Moose and Knights of Columbus.

Frank is survived by his wife of nearly 49 years, Shirley; children, daughter Tina Marie (Dave) Keller, their children, Hunter and Dexter; son Tony (Cindy) Leenknecht, their children Tanner and Tucker; and son Nick Leenknecht and his children Josh and Luke. He is also survived by his sister Virginia Wemple and numerous nieces, nephews and aunts.

The family requests memorials in Frank's memory be made to the American Diabetes Association, Catholic Social Services or 4-H Foundation.

His wonderful personality and smile will always be remembered.

Your family loves you and we know you are now in heaven saying, "Lets Square Up."

Vigil services will be 7 p.m. Friday, July 19, at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary. Funeral Mass will be 10 a.m. Saturday, July 20, at St. Pius X Church. Interment with military honors will be at Yellowstone Valley Memorial Park.

Jordena Delaney Rose Left Hand

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On Thursday, June 27, 2002, God took our little angel, Jordena Delaney Rose Left Hand, home to be with Him. She was born to Maxine Left Hand and Dewey Bright Wings in Billings.

She is survived by her twin sister, Jordan Dylana Rae; her maternal grandparents, Melanie Left Hand; paternal grandparents, Henry and Garnett Bright Wings III; great-grandparents Gladys LaForge, Lawrence and Bertha Old Bull, Sr., Greeley Bear Ground and Doris Gets Down, Henry (Daisy) Bright Wings, Jr., Lois (Jerome) White Hip.

Jordena was a fifth-generation grandchild to Alex LaForge, Sr. (a descendent of Enemy Hunter), and a great-grandchild of Mary Bright Wings, Cordelia and Pius Real Bird; aunts, Salisha, Quinn and Sarina Old Bull, Janet and Heather Bright Wings; uncles, Justin Bright Wings, Matthew Bright Wings, Warren Gets Down; grandparents, Les (Lesley) Left Hand, Tyler Left Hand, Valerie (Vince) Horse Chief, Sophia (Max) Dawes, Lawrence (Charlene) Old Bull, Jr., Veronica (Heywood) Big Day, and Reva Gardner; many aunts, uncles and cousins; and the families of the Left Hand, LaForge, Old Bull,

Gardner, Bright Wings, Alden, Bear Ground, Gets Down, Plenty Hawk, Bull Shows, Big Day, Covers Up, Flat Mouth, Bends, Bull Tail, Sun Goes Slow, Not Afraid, Blaine, White Hip, White Clay and Lincoln.

Grandfather, Nathan Old Dwarf; great-grandfather, Melvin Left Hand; great-great-grandparents Maxine LaForge and Henry Bright Wings, Sr., preceded her in death.

"Goodbye my precious angel. God gave you to me for a little while. I will see you in heaven. I love you." Love, Mom.

A graveside service will be 10 a.m. on Monday, July 1, at the Lodge Grass Cemetery. Dahl Funeral Chapel in Hardin is in charge of the arrangements.

Thomas P. 'Tommy' Leggett

NOV 12 2002

WOLF POINT — Thomas P. "Tommy" Leggett, 39, of Wolf Point, died Nov. 10, 2002, as a result of an accident while working on a vehicle.

Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 13, at Clayton Memorial Chapel, with a vigil at 7 p.m. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 14, at the Wolf Point High School Auditorium. Interment will be in Greenwood Cemetery.

ALBERT LaVe, Jr.

MAY 09 2002

BILLINGS GAZETTE

Albert LaVe, Jr., 57, passed away at home, May 5, 2002. He was born July 8, 1944, son of Albert LaVe, Sr. and Lydia Almanza LaVe. Albert was raised in East Los Angeles until he moved to Billings in 1975. Albert worked with his brother Danny as a painter, and also butchering and upholstering were his trades. Albert enjoyed riding his bike all over Billings and visiting family and friends.



ALBERT LaVe

Survivors include his mother, Lydia Almanza LaVe; and brother, Danny LaVe of the family home; three sons, Danny Eric of California, Robert James and Phillip James of Billings; one daughter, Esther (Twiggy) LaVe of Cleveland, Ohio; and 10 grandchildren. He is also survived by his ex-wife, Lucy Morse; and special friend, Mary Lou Amador and many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews. Albert is preceded in death by his father, Albert LaVe, Sr.; his uncles and grandparents.

* Junior, you will always be a part of us, and in our hearts and thoughts forever. We love you. Uncle Dave, Davey, Veronica,

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Bobbie and Sharon

* Junior, we all know how hard you tried to do the right thing. You were kind, compassionate and a caring man. We also know how much you loved our family and how proud you were of your boys. You had a hard and difficult life, but I know God has accepted you in his graces and you're in a better place and you're happy. Because of this, I won't mourn you, but instead, I'll be happy for you because I know you're blessed, forgiven and happy. We'll all miss you. Wayne

* Through the good times and bad times, Dad, we'll never forget you. God Be With You. We love you. Robert, Phillip and Mom

* Junior, I know you loved us both in your own way. Me on the outside of your heart and Lucy on the inside. Always know your love from us in our way was true. You're in a better place now. Until we meet again. We'll both miss you. Love Mary Lou and Lucy

* Uncle Junior, You made us laugh and you made us cry and we'll always love you and miss you. God be with you. Love Rosalee, Chris and Summer

Memorial services will be held 10 a.m. Friday, May 10, at Our Lady of Guadalupe, with interment of cremains to follow. Mountview Cemetery.

Daniel Charles Lavigne

MAY 19 2002
BILLINGS GAZETTE

RAPELJE — Daniel Charles Lavigne, 52, of Rapelje died Monday, May 13, 2002, at his residence in Rapelje.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, May 21. Cremation has taken place. Cremation or Funeral Gallery is in charge.

Anna B. Lawrence

JUN 07 2002

BILLINGS GAZETTE

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Anna B. Lawrence, 87, of Sheridan, died Wednesday, June 5, 2002, at the Sheridan Memorial Hospital.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, June 10, at the Sheridan Municipal Cemetery. Kane Funeral Home of Sheridan is in charge.

Brenton C. Leavitt

BILLINGS GAZETTE

MAR 12 2002

GREYBULL, Wyo. — Brenton C. Leavitt, age 85, died on Saturday, March 9, 2002, at the Bonnie Bluejacket Memorial Nursing Home between Greybull and Basin, after a short illness.

Mr. Leavitt was born on Oct. 28, 1916, in Portland, Ore., to Brenton D. and Elizabeth Ann (Copman) Leavitt. He returned to the family ranch on Beaver Creek shortly after birth. The family ranch was homesteaded by his grandfather, Wolfgang Robert Copman, in the 1880s. In 1925, the Leavitt family moved from their ranch into Greybull.

He attended school in Greybull, graduating from Greybull High School in 1934. He then attended the University of Wyoming in Laramie, from which he graduated in 1940.

He entered the U.S. Army in March 1942. He received weather service education at Chanute Field in Illinois and Brooks Field in Texas. He served overseas in England, Africa, Morocco, Sicily, Libya and Italy. He returned to the United States and was discharged in September 1945.

Mr. Leavitt taught school for one year in Wheatland. He worked in Cheyenne for the office of the State Examiners and in 1948, went to Kansas City, where he was a bank examiner for the Federal Reserve Bank of

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Kansas City. In 1950, he transferred to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System in Washington, D.C. There, he worked in the division of Bank Supervision and Regulation. During the time spent in Washington, he attended and graduated from the Graduate School of Banking at Rutgers University.

He held various official positions and when he retired in 1977, he was director of the Division of Bank Supervision and Regulation. After retiring from the Federal Reserve, he moved to Botswana in southern Africa, where he served as governor of the Central Bank of Botswana for four years.

Following his return to the United States, he lived in Arizona for a short time before returning to Greybull in 1982. He was elected to the Board of the First Wyoming Bank Corporation, where he served as director and advisor for 10 years.

He married Ruby Roxene Everetts in 1947 in Sheridan. She passed away March 15, 1982, in Sun City, Ariz. On April 18, 1989, he married Marion Hankins in Greybull, where they continued to make their home. She passed away Aug. 23, 2001.

He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Greybull, the Midway Golf Club, the Eagles Aerie #3086 in Basin, the Masonic Lodge and the Shriners of Kalif Temple.

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Mr. Leavitt was preceded in death by his two wives, his parents and his brother, Richard W. Leavitt.

He is survived by two stepdaughters, Gerry Rhodes of Liberty, Mo., and Jeanne Hankins of Durham, N.C.; three step-grandchildren; several step-great-grandchildren; two nephews, Richard W. Leavitt, Jr. of Cheyenne and Dr. David R. Everetts of Greenwood, Ind.; one niece, Elizabeth J. Leavitt of Greybull; and several great-nieces and great-nephews.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, March 15, 10 a.m., at the First Presbyterian Church at Greybull, with Rev. George Pasek and Rev. Peter Johnson officiating. Cremation will follow.

Visitations will be held on Thursday, March 14, from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Atwood Family Chapel in Greybull.

A memorial fund has been established at the First Interstate Bank of Commerce, 601 Greybull Avenue, Greybull, WY 82426, with proceeds to go towards the Greybull Public Library, or to a charity of your choice.

Atwood Family Funeral Directors, Inc. are in charge of arrangements.

Dale Clyde LeBrun

MAY 22 2002
BILLINGS GAZETTE

LAUREL — Dale Clyde LeBrun, 49, of Laurel, passed away on Monday, May 20, 2002.



DALE LeBRUN

Dale was born the son of Bernard and Hazel LeBrun in Billings on April 29, 1953. Dale was taught building construction from his dad and worked with his father and brothers as LeBrun Construction for several years. In 1986, he went to work for Fisher Construction in Billings, where he was presently a project supervisor. Dale loved the construction business and took pride in his work. In 1991, he received "Craftsman of the Year" from the Billings Architectural Association.

He was recently elected vice president of Beartooth View Estates subdivision near Laurel. His hobbies included fishing, camping, boating and hunting.

Dale married Penny Fleck in 1971. Between them, they had two sons. On April 21, 1984, Dale married Brenda L. Kohl. They have two daughters.

Dale is survived by his wife, Brenda; sons, Christopher and Kurtis; daughters, Ashley and

He loved his family very much and will be greatly missed by all of us. "Dad, daddy, we will always love and miss you. You are in our hearts until we meet again."

Funeral services will be held 10 a.m. Friday, May 24, at St. John's Lutheran Church, with interment to follow in the Laurel Cemetery. Visitation will be 1 to 8 p.m. Thursday, May 23, at Smith Funeral Chapel-Laurel.

Jessica, mother and stepfather, Hazel and Curt Simenson; sisters, Vickie (Marty) Davis, Laura (Jim) Fry; brothers, Bruce (Dawn) LeBrun, Larry (Peggy) LeBrun and one grandson, Sage Dale LeBrun; many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father.

Nancy LeClair

Nancy LeClair died peacefully in Billings Deaconess Hospital on Feb. 14, 2002. She was surrounded by her family and many prayers for her well-being.



MRS. LECLAIR

She attended grade school and East Junior High before graduating from Whitehall High in 1977. Very outgoing, Nancy participated in cheerleading, pep club, yearbook and newspaper, and was a member of the National Honor Society and Who's Who Among American High School Students. Following high school, she attended Great Falls Community College and dedicated the remainder of her life to her three beautiful children.

Nancy will always be remembered for her ability to create a loving home, her compassion, her willingness to help others and her outstanding home-cooked meals. She will be greatly missed. She was preceded in death by her father, Dale Neumann; brother, Dale Neumann; and grandparents, Florence and Joseph Harrington, all of Butte.

She is survived by her loving husband, Dana LeClair of Billings; sons, Chad Walker of Great Falls and Seth LeClair of Billings;

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daughter, Jordan LeClair of Billings; mother, Sandra Harrington (Ken Baze) of Butte; siblings, Margie (Joe) Thomas of Butte, Diane (Rick) Patera of Bozeman, Dave (Patty) Neumann of Elko, Nev., Dan (Jaclynn) Neumann of Butte and Sandy Neumann of Butte; mother-in-law Shirley LeClair of Billings; sister-in-law, Barb LeClair of Billings; brothers-in-law, Doug LeClair of Billings, Jerry (Tani) LeClair of Scottsdale, Ariz., Mike LeClair of Auburn, Wash., Paul LeClair of Billings, Daniel (Shara Nava) LeClair and Melissa LeClair, both of Billings. Also surviving are aunts, Marlene (Arthur) Dick and Helen (Gar) Hall, both of Butte, Rene (Terri) Ryan of Hollister, Calif.; uncle, Msgr. Joseph Harrington of Helena; and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

Those who wish to pay their respects may attend a funeral service 3 p.m. Monday, Feb. 18, at the Smith West Chapel, 304 34th St. West. Interment will follow at Terrace Gardens Cemetery. An unscheduled memorial service will be held in Butte and will be published at a later date.

Sarah Ledesma

Sarah Ledesma, 77, of Billings passed away Friday morning, Feb. 1, 2002, at Deaconess Billings Clinic following a short illness.

She was born May 14, 1924, in Worden, the daughter of Pedro and Soledad (Victoria) Rodriguez. She was raised in the Worden area and attended school there.



**MRS.
LEDESMA**

She moved to the Los Angeles area of 30 years where she worked in several Mexican Restaurants. She returned to Billings in 1983 where she opened and ran the El Burrito Cafeteria until the time of her death.

She attended Faith Chapel and Our Lady of Guadalupe. She was a member of the Billings Chamber of Commerce.

Survivors include her husband, Antonio "Tony" Ledesma; her son Daniel Ledesma; her step-daughter Christy Ledesma, all of Billings; 11 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren; brothers Henry Rodriguez of California, David Rodriguez of Evergreen, Colo., Big Henry (Sally) Rodriguez of Silesia; sisters, Margaret (Michael) Gatica of California and Rosie (Dennis) Elhers of Billings, and numerous

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nieces and nephews.

"Family, relatives and friends My last breath does not say good bye. My love for you is truly timeless. I leave myself to your memory with love. I leave my thoughts, my laughter, and my dreams to you, who I have treasured beyond gold and precious gems. I gave you what no thief can steal, the memories of our time together; the tender love-filled moments, the success we have shared and hard times that brought us closer together, and the roads we have walked side by side. All I take with me as I leave is your love and the millions of memories of all that we have shared. So I truly enter my new life a millionaire. Fear not and grieve but awhile. Then go on and live life to the fullest. You whom I have loved so much, my roots and yours are forever intertwined."

Memorial funeral mass will be 1 p.m. Monday, Feb. 4, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church. Interment of her ashes will be at the Pleasantview Cemetery in Ballantine. Memorials to Our Lady of Guadalupe Church.

Joan Ledo

MAY 25 2002

BILLINGS GAZETTE

FRANNIE, Wyo. — Joan Ledo, 91, died Wednesday, May 22, 2002, at her daughter's home in Frannie.

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

Martin Alexander LeFevre

BILLINGS GAZETTE
JAN 01 2002

LIVINGSTON — Martin Alexander "Fifi" LeFevre, 80, of Livingston, died Sunday, Dec. 30, 2001, at Deaconess Billings Clinic.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 2, at Franzen-Davis Funeral Home in Livingston. Graveside committal and burial will follow in Mountain View Cemetery.

Earl J. Legg

BILLINGS GAZETTE

FEB 15 2002

MALTA — Earl J. Legg, 75, of Malta, died Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2002, at the Phillips County Hospital in Malta, from complications of cancer.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 16, at Malta Lutheran Church. Burial will follow in the Malta Cemetery. Adams Funeral Home of Malta is in charge.

John G. Legoski

MAY 23 2002

BILLINGS GAZETTE

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — John G. Legoski, 72, of Sheridan, died Monday, May 20, 2002, at the VA Medical Center in Sheridan.

No services are scheduled. Champion Ferries Funeral Home of Sheridan is in charge.

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**Mildred V. 'Mickey'
Lehman**

Mildred V. "Mickey" Lehman, 84, of Billings, passed away Tuesday, March 19, 2002, at the Billings Deaconess Clinic.

Mildred was born March 16, 1918, in Custer, the daughter of Henry and Clara (Gunter) Kunkel. She was raised in that area until the age of 12, when her family moved to Billings. She graduated from Billings Senior High in 1936.

She married Solomon Lehman, Jan. 17, 1937 in Billings. They farmed in Lockwood, Park City and Bridger, where she lived until 1998 when she moved to Billings. Solomon passed away in 1992.

Mildred worked at various local jobs in Bridger and retired from the Bridger Post Office. She was a 4-H Leader for 25 years, was a member of the St. Paul's Lutheran Church and an active member of the ladies group, and a member of the Nu-Art Club.

Mildred enjoyed gardening, flowers and arranging flowers. She loved the outdoors and was an avid photographer. She loved to can, cook, bake and do handi-crafts and won many ribbons at the Billings, Red Lodge and Powell Fairs for her entries.

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Bingo and dancing were her favorite pastimes. She was a great artist and painted in both oil and water colors and also she did many crafts.

Survivors include her son Larry Lehman of Billings; and two daughters, Coro (Beverly) LeVan of Surrey, B.C., and Carol Baker of Marysville, Wash.; six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren; numerous sisters- and brothers-in-law.

Besides her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents and her brother, Edward Kunkel.

Memorial service will be 11 p.m. Thursday, March 21, at Smith Downtown Chapel. Interment will be at 2 p.m. at the Bridger Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials to the Special K Ranch, Columbus, MT 59019, or the Montana Heart Association, or the charity of your choice.

George A. Lehti

BILLINGS GAZETTE
FEB 14 2002

ROSEBUD — George A. Lehti, 90, of Rosebud, passed away peacefully on Feb. 12, 2002, at the Rosebud Health Care Center in Forsyth.

George was born July 5, 1911, in Minneapolis, the son of Frank and Hilma Tarka Lehti. George left home in Minneapolis at the age of 14, heading out west. He made it all the way to the west coast on his own by the time he was 15 years old. George made it back as far as Forsyth two years later on his way back east, where he settled. George had a love of horses and rode with Bob Seward, who outfitted for CBC. Around 1940, George purchased the family farm in the Cartersville area, where he farmed with his son, Kurt, until he retired.

George was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers and one sister. He is survived by his two sons, Kurt (Kathleen) Lehti of Rosebud, Eric (Nancy) Lehti of Olathe, Kan.; his daughter Nancy Lehti of Clarkdale, Ariz.; five step-grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial services will be held 10 a.m. Friday, Feb. 15, at the Assembly of God Church in Forsyth. Beals Mortuary of Forsyth is assisting the family with these arrangements.

William Maxwell Leibee

BUFFALO, Wyo. — William Maxwell Leibee, 86, of Buffalo, died Friday, April 26, 2002, at the Amie Holt Care Center.

Service will be 10 a.m. Tuesday, April 30, at Adams Funeral Home chapel in Buffalo. Burial will be in the Willow Grove Cemetery.

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Heronimus Leibel

MALTA — Heronimus "Ronnie" Leibel, 87, died Tuesday, March 5, 2002, at the Phillips County Good Samaritan Center in Malta.

Mass of the Resurrection will be 11 a.m. Friday, March 8, at St. Mary's Catholic Church. Burial will be in the Malta Cemetery. Adams Funeral Home of Malta is in charge.

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Stefanie Leibel

MALTA — Stefanie Leibel, 77, of Malta, died Monday, March 11, 2002, at the Phillips County Hospital.

Mass of the Resurrection will be at 11 a.m. Friday, March 15, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Malta. Burial will be in the Malta Cemetery. Adams Funeral Home of Malta is in charge.

DEC 25 2002

CONRAD — Ruby A. Leivestad, 81, passed away Monday, Dec. 23, 2002, at the Pondera Medical Center in Conrad, of natural causes.

A funeral service will be held Saturday, Dec. 28, at 10 a.m., at the Golden West Lutheran Church, 22 miles east of Conrad, with Pastor Peter Erickson officiating. A service will be held at the Zion Lutheran Church in Glendive at 10 a.m. on Monday, Dec. 30, with Lay Pastor Avis Anderson officiating. Ruby will be laid to rest next to her husband in the Dawson Memorial Gardens in Glendive, following the service in Glendive. The Pondera Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Ruby was born Feb. 24, 1921, to Melvin and Gena (Stordahl) Fladstol on the family farm east of Conrad. She attended the country school and graduated from Conrad High School in 1939. She went to Spokane and attended Western Lutheran Bible Institute, where she met George Leivestad. On July 11, 1942, they married at the Golden West Lutheran Church. The couple started farming in the Savage area in 1942. They soon moved to Glendive, where they farmed, operated a fertilizer business and raised nine children. George preceded her in death in 1975. In 1979 Ruby moved to Conrad. She

enjoyed making hand-stitched Hardanger pieces, and loved the company that would drop in and visit. Throughout her life, her faith in Jesus Christ was her guide and the way she lived her life was an inspiration to all who knew her.

Ruby is preceded in death by her parents; her husband; an infant daughter, Eileen (1949); a son, Vernon (1994); her infant twin brothers, Baby Fladstol who died at birth (1924) and Earl (1927); and a sister, Jane Hjernstad (1989).

Survivors include her children, David (Deanna) Leivestad of Plymouth, Minn., Kenneth (Donna) Leivestad of Colorado Springs, Colo., Randi (Dean) Hochhalter of Dickinson, N.D., Philip (Sharon) Leivestad of Eden Prairie, Minn., Elaine Forrester of Lacey, Wash., Robert Leivestad of Conrad and Eric (Jenny) Leivestad of Chaska, Minn.; a brother, Maurice (Opal) Fladstol of Conrad; a sister, Grace Hewitt of Havre; 14 grandchildren and one great-grandchild; numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorials are suggested to the Golden West Lutheran Church or to the charity of choice in Ruby's memory.

Kenneth Lekvold

BILLINGS GAZETTE

JAN 05 2002

SCOBEEY — Kenneth Lekvold, 67, died Thursday, Jan. 3, 2002, at Daniels Memorial Hospital in Scobey, after a long illness.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, Jan. 7, at the Scobey Lutheran Church. Cremation will follow the funeral. Waller Funeral Home of Scobey is in charge.

Roy Lemons

Roy Lemons, born Aug. 20, 1943, in Pasco, Wash., passed away Thursday, Dec. 12, 2002, at St. Vincent Healthcare in the company of people who cared for him.

Roy entered Residential Support Services Norris Court group home, now Stillwater group home, in April, 1981. Roy attended BTI



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and BAP before entering in the RSS retirement program.

Roy has left behind people special to him including staff and peers of the Stillwater group home who cared for him deeply. Roy will be greatly missed by all those who knew and loved him.

Memorials may be made to Stillwater group home in care of RSS, 1300 Ave. C., Ste. 1350, Billings, MT 59102.

Memorial services will be 1p.m., Tuesday, at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary.

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DEC 15 2002

Regina Langfitt

Regina Lind Langfitt, 78, of Billings, formerly of St. Xavier, passed away Thursday, Oct. 24, 2002, in the Billings Deaconess Medical Center.

She was born March 8, 1924, in Strasburg, N.D., a daughter of August and Elizabeth Schwahn Volk. She grew up and graduated from high school in Strasburg.



**REGINA
LANGFITT**

Regina married John Grinsteiner in 1942. They had two sons, John and Robert. The couple later divorced. Regina married Carl Lind and they farmed in the St. Xavier area for 32 years until they divorced. Regina married Ed Langfitt and they retired to Sierra Vista, Ariz. She moved back to Billings to be near her family following his death.

She was a motivated person who worked for a local dentist, the ASCS office and later for the Big Horn County Assessors office, retiring in 1976 for health reasons.

Regina enjoyed knitting, crocheting, embroidery work and

always managed to have a "Green Thumb." Her house was "like a jungle." However, the joy of her life was her family.

Her husband Ed; son Bob Grinsteiner; and two brothers, Martin and Aloys Volk preceded Regina in death.

Survivors include her son, John (Betty) Grinsteiner of Custer; two sisters, Marge Power of Hardin and Betty Summerfield of Billings; three brothers, Bill Volk of Washington, Bob Volk of Nevada and Mike Volk of Arizona; her grandchildren, Kellie (Rick) Christianson, John (Sandy) Grinsteiner, Bobbie (Lee) Smith and Bill (Janelle) Grinsteiner; as well as her seven great-grandchildren, Amanda, Jessica, Matthew, Sara, Robbie, Shaina and Trey.

Rosary will be recited 5 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 31, in the Bullis Funeral Chapel. Funeral Mass will be celebrated 11 a.m. Friday, Nov. 1, in the St. Joseph Catholic Church. Interment will follow 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 American Heart Association.

Eula Lenhard

**MAY 02 2002
BILLINGS GAZETTE**

HARDIN — Eula Iza (Bird) Lenhard, 88, died Sunday, April 28, 2002, in the Big Horn County Memorial Hospital, after a stroke.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, May 2, at the First Baptist Church. Interment will follow in the Fairview Cemetery. Bullis Mortuary of Hardin is in charge.

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Robert Adolph Lenhardt, 77, passed away Sunday, Feb. 24, 2002, at the Parkview Care Center, from complications arising from viral pneumonia. He was born on April 25, 1924, to Adolph E. and Emma (Scheidt) Lenhardt, was baptized and confirmed his Christian faith at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, and was a longtime member of American Lutheran Church.



**MR.
LENHARDT**

Robert and his late wife, Elsa Mae (Teigen) raised their family and farmed west of Billings for 52 years. Robert was a strong role model for his children, nephews and nieces, a reliable and trustworthy neighbor, and an active advocate for farmers and ranchers statewide. Born in the family home at 72nd Street West, Robert learned to speak German from his Russian-German parents and grandparents. He attended Elder Grove School, Lincoln High School and the newly opened Billings (Senior) High School. He loved sharing stories of his early years — riding horses to school, playing games and sports with his many cousins, and farming with

his father and grandfather.

After high school, Robert developed a love for the game of baseball and played on several local fast-pitch softball teams. With Robert as catcher, brother Ed as shortstop and Ray Strecker as pitcher, their team played in several state tournaments. He was very proud of being inducted into the Billings Fast-pitch Hall of Fame.

In February 1950, Robert saw a beautiful woman in a red dress at a dance at the YWCA, and asked a friend to introduce him. They began a courtship that night which continued throughout their lives. Robert and Elsa were married on July 30, 1950.

A trip to the Montana Legislature with his father-in-law in the 1950s prompted a lifelong interest in politics. Robert enjoyed political debate, with young and old alike, and was always eager to discuss current events. He had a deep and abiding love for the land, this country and the freedoms he enjoyed as an American. In many ways, his life was defined by the service he provided his family, his community and country.

His life of service began as a member and later a leader of the

Hesper Hustlers 4-H Club. Later, he served as President of the Yellowstone County Farm Bureau, Board Member of the Mountain West Farm Bureau Insurance Company and State Director for the Montana Farm Bureau Federation. He was an active member of the American Lutheran Church, where he served as president of the church council. He was chairman of the Yellowstone County Air Pollution Control Board and was appointed to several terms on the Yellowstone County Planning Board and the Yellowstone County Zoning Commission. He held several offices in the Yellowstone County Republican Central Committee and was a Reagan delegate to the Republican National Convention in 1980. After retirement, Gov. Stan Stephens appointed him to serve on the Montana Tax Reform Committee.

Robert was also a member of Billings Lodge #113 A.F. & A.M., the Billings Scottish Rite, Friendship Chapter OES and the Al Bedoo Shrine Temple.

Survivors include daughter Lorraine and husband Nestor Newman, and children Allida Mae and Erik Nestor, of Bellingham, Wash.; daughter Janice and husband Dennis Rehberg, and children A. Jackson, Katie Teigen and Elsie Patricia, of Billings and Washington, D.C. and son Allan

of the family home west of Billings. He is also survived by his brother Ed and wife Muriel Lenhardt; his sister Marjorie and husband Bill Lackman, all of Billings; and many much loved nephews and nieces. He was preceded in death by his wife, parents and sister Marion.

Memorials may be made to the American Lutheran Church, 5 Lewis Avenue, Billings, MT 59101, or the Rural Ministry Endowment Fund, c/o Gerry Rafferty, Luther Seminary, 2481 Como Ave., St. Paul, MN 55108.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday March 1, at the American Lutheran Church. The family wishes to thank the wonderful doctors and nurses at Billings Deaconess Hospital who were so comforting during Robert's last hospital stay, and most especially the WONDERFUL skilled nursing staff and caring aids at Parkview Care Center whose tender care made Robert's last days so peaceful.

Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary has charge of arrangements.

John 'Jay' Martin LaNier II

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LAUREL — John "Jay" Martin LaNier II passed away early Friday, July 19, 2002, at Valley Nursing Home. He was 82.

Jay was born Sept. 20, 1919 in Houston, Texas to John Martin LaNier I and Lillie (Burtshell) LaNier.

Jay was an electrician for various construction sites throughout the western United States. In his later career, he worked for many companies as a master electrician in Billings and the surrounding area. He married Helen (Laughlin) LaNier in April 18, 1970.

After retiring, he moved to Roundup area where he enjoyed the country life. He spent many an hour riding over the 30 Mile Ranch with family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his brother, Leslie LaNier; and his grandson, David Butterfield.

He is survived by William (Virginia) LaNier, Deer Park, Texas; Maureen (Bill) Johnson, Orem, Utah; Glenda Wagner, Billings; Beverly (Ed) Siemers, Helena; Kathy Christison, Cour d'Alene, Idaho; John Martin (Theresa) LaNier III, Missoula; Marsha (Rob) Lowe, Billings; Mike LaNier, Valerie (Jon)

Carroll, Santa Maria, Calif.; Lorie Beckett, Boonesville, Ark.; Teena LaNier, Billings; and stepchildren, Peggy Johnson, Great Falls, Dianne (Mark) Wood, Oklahoma City, Okla.; 32 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren.

Funeral services are 1 p.m. Tuesday, July 23, at the LDS Church, 504 W. 11th St. in Laurel. Burial will follow in the Laurel Cemetery.

Gael Larr

FORT SMITH — Gael T. Larr, 49, of Fort Smith, passed away Wednesday, Oct. 16, 2002, at the Big Horn County Memorial Hospital, after a short illness.

He was born Feb. 7, 1953, in Allegan, Mich., to Mary Lois and Clarence Larr. He married Ann Laura Camrud on Aug. 18, 1979.

Gael lived every moment of his life to the fullest. He truly enjoyed life.

He was always there to help his friends and family.

He was tough and macho on the outside, but for those who really knew him, he was a big teddy bear. He gave the best bear hugs! Children were naturally attracted to him and he loved to play with them and tease them. Gael enjoyed people and all his special girls.

Gael was an outfitter and guide on the Big Horn River for 18 years. He loved being a guide. Some of the people who started out as clients have ended up as his closest friends.

He had many hobbies. He was an excellent craftsman. He loved building log homes with his friend, Salvin. Gael loved to work around the house, building furniture and remodeling.

Recently, he spent many hours on the road enjoying the Harley. He also spent time biking, cross-country skiing, and watching his favorite hockey team, the Colorado Avalanche.

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His father, Clarence "Bud" Larr and a precious unborn daughter, Meagan Ann Marie Larr, preceded him in death.

Survivors include his wife of 23 years, Ann Larr of Fort Smith; his mother, Mary Lois Larr of Holland, Mich.; two sisters, Sara Scheuermann of Holland, Mich., and Lisa Larr (Mike) Ross of Billings; one brother, Kevin (Eileen) Larr of Grand Rapids, Mich.; father and mother-in-law, Ivan and Jo Camrud of Moorhead, Minn.; brother-in-law, Mark Camrud of Farmington, N.M.; sister-in-law, Jolinda (Tom)

Michels of Moorhead, Minn.; nephews and nieces, Christopher and Karly Scheuermann of Holland, Peter and Heidi Larr of Grand Rapids, Mich., Angie (Peter) Cullen of Moorhead, Minn., Allison (Travis) Smith of Moorhead, Scott and Ednah Michels of Moorhead; great niece and nephew, Emma and Owen Cullen; and many dear and special friends.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial services will be held 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 20, at the Afterbay Access near Fort Smith. Bullis Mortuary of Hardin has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Should friends desire, memorial contributions could be sent to the Big Horn County Memorial Hospital Foundation or Fort Smith Library.



GAIL LARR

Josie Larsh

PLENTYWOOD — Josie Larsh, 87, died Friday morning Oct. 25, at the Sheridan Memorial Nursing Home.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 29, at the Plentywood Lutheran Church. Fulkerson Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

John Austin Larson

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — John Austin Larson, 90, of Sheridan, died Friday, Oct. 4, 2002, at his home.

Memorial services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 8, at Trinity Lutheran Church. Interment of cremains will be in the Shelton Memorial Cemetery, Shelton, Wash. Champion Ferries Funeral Home of Sheridan is in charge.

Martha M. Laubach

LIVINGSTON — Martha M. Laubach, 97, of Livingston, died Monday, Oct. 14, 2002, at Livingston Health and Rehab Center.

Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. Friday, Oct. 18, at Redeemer Lutheran Church.

Graveside committal and burial will follow at Park View Garden Cemetery, south of Livingston. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 18, and from 9 a.m. to noon on Friday, at Franzen-Davis Funeral Home in Livingston.

Waldo Leach

BILLINGS GAZETTE

JUL 30 2002

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Waldo “Irish” Leach, 87, of Sheridan, died Friday, July 26, 2002, at Westview Health Care Center.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, July 30, at the Sheridan Municipal Cemetery. Champion Ferries Funeral Home of Sheridan is in charge.

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Lila Ione LeBrun was born March 10, 1928, in Waterloo, Iowa, the daughter of Rose M. Schwenkner and Orlando F. Oliphant.



LILA LeBRUN

She attended school at St. Labre Mission, where she had no trouble making friends. Lila spent her childhood in Broadus and Ashland. She loved the hills and the people who lived around her. Lila and Julian J. LeBrun were married in Billings on April 24, 1946. They had four children: John K. LeBrun, Steve M. LeBrun, Wade A. LeBrun and Julie R. (James) Bender. Also surviving is her sister, Delores Willingham of Las Vegas; and her four grandchildren, Jamie, Patrick, Derec and Jennifer. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, who died in Miles City, March 13, 1987; and stepbrothers, Buck Lee and Robert Lee.

Lila was a good mother to her children and a friend to her children's friends. In fact, many also called her mom. Nobody would leave her table hungry or mad; everyone was welcome. Lila worked hard her whole life making sure her children had the

things they needed. She also passed down to her children the art of cooking and working the land. She not only taught how to take from the land, but how to replenish it. She would tell stories of her and her sister (her best friend) when they were little, stories of riding the range playing "Skinny Bed Roll." Like the old rounders that came by needing a place to stay. You see her mother and father would not let you go away hungry. That's the way it was during the Depression and hard times. She was also taught to share and how to make a little go a long way.

Lila loved animals, especially horses. She made it possible for her children to live in a place where they could have the same.

A graveside service will be held 10 a.m. Monday, July 22, at Mountview Cemetery. Viewing will be at Smith's Downtown Chapel, starting Saturday evening, July 20.

Esther Lebsack

LIVINGSTON — Esther (Weideman) Lebsack, 89, of Livingston, died Thursday, Oct. 24, 2002, at Livingston Health & Rehab Center.

Funeral services will be at 1:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 1, at Franzen-Davis Funeral Home in Livingston. Graveside committal and interment will follow in Mountain View Cemetery.

Evelyn Leona Clark Lee

SCOBEE — Evelyn Leona Clark Lee, 81, formerly of Wolf Point, died Sunday, Sept. 22, 2002, at the Daniels Memorial Nursing Home of Scobey.

Visitation will be from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 26, at the Clayton Memorial Chapel in Wolf Point. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Sept. 27, at the Clayton Memorial Chapel. Interment will be in Greenwood Cemetery.

Clyde F. Lehman

BILLINGS GAZETTE

JUL 1 - 2002

Forsyth - Clyde F. Lehman, 80, of Forsyth, died Sunday, June 30, 2002, at the Rosebud Health Care Center in Forsyth.

Vigil services will be 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 2, at the Beals Mortuary Chapel in Forsyth. Funeral Mass will be celebrated 11 a.m. Wednesday, July 3, at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church with interment to follow in the Forsyth Catholic Cemetery. Beals Mortuary of Forsyth is in charge of arrangements.

Clyde F. Lehman

BILLINGS GAZETTE

JUL - 2 2002

FORSYTH — Clyde F.

Lehman, 80, of Forsyth, passed away surrounded by his family on June 30, 2002, at the Rosebud Health Care Center, following a courageous battle with cancer.



**CLYDE
LEHMAN**

Clyde was born Feb. 26, 1922, in Roscoe, S.D., the son of George and Christina Linkenmeyer Lehman. He spent his youth and attended schools in Mandan, N.D. Clyde entered the U.S. Army in 1941, serving stateside during WWII. Following his honorable discharge, Clyde was a surveyor for the State of Montana Road Department for two years. On March 1, 1949, Clyde went to work for the Northern Pacific Railroad, working out of Forsyth.

On Feb. 18, 1950, Clyde married Kathryn (Katy) Stricker in Fromberg. They continued to live in Forsyth, where they raised their family of six children. Clyde was active in his early years in Forsyth by playing baseball and softball and later volunteering his time in the summer as an umpire. During his life, Clyde loved golfing, bowling, playing cards and spending time with his children

and grandchildren. Clyde retired in 1987 from the Burlington Northern Railroad after 38 years of service as a conductor. Following Katy's death in 1999, Clyde continued to live in Forsyth, by staying active, including winning the Forsyth Country Club Golf Championship many different years over a period of four decades.

Clyde was a member of the Forsyth Country Club, Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Forsyth Lions Club, and was active with the Forsyth Bowling Leagues and the Golf Leagues. Clyde was well known for his sense of humor and laughter, always having a deck of cards ready, and a saying for everything.

He is survived by his six children, Janeen (Steve) McFarland of Billings, Betty (Brian) Rolston of Forsyth, Karen Luhman of Molt, George (Jaqi) Lehman of Glendive, Laurie (Bill) Neumiller of Colstrip, James Lehman of Billings; 16 grandchildren, DeDe, Niki and husband Burke, Bradley, Blaine, Shane, Zane, Lex, Dane, Laine, Jeremy, Jayme, George, Jr., Jon, Kayla, Kodi and Kendal; his great-grandchild, Brander; one brother, Earl of Atlanta, Ga.; four sisters, Bernice Hagen of Lake Oswego, Ore., Faith Johnson of Kirkland, Wash., Ruth Leingang of Tacoma, Wash., and Jean Herrick of Bothell, Wash.; as well as numerous nieces and nephews. Clyde was preceded in death by his wife Katy.

Vigil services will be held 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 2, at the Beals Mortuary Chapel in Forsyth. Funeral Mass will be celebrated 11 a.m. Wednesday, July 3, at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, with interment to follow in the Forsyth Catholic Cemetery, with military graveside honors. Beals Mortuary of Forsyth is assisting the family with these arrangements.

Memorials may be made to the Clyde Lehman Scholarship Fund, PO Box 509, Forsyth, MT 59327.

John George Leis

BUFFALO, Wyo. — John "Blackie" Leis, 68, died Friday afternoon, Oct. 25, 2002.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Visitation will be held on Monday from 1 p.m. until 10 p.m., and again on Tuesday from 8 a.m. until 9:30 a.m. Interment will be in Willow Grove Cemetery. Adams Funeral Home is in charge.

Lars N. Leivestad

Lars N. Leivestad, 88, of Billings, passed away Friday, Aug. 30, 2002, at Deaconess Billings Clinic.

The son of Iver and Gertrude Leivestad, Lars was born Sept. 28, 1913, in Savage, and grew up on the family farm.

Lars married Marie Unger in Sidney on April 20, 1943. They farmed at Savage until moving to Billings in 1966, when he retired due to his health.

He enjoyed Sunday drives, visiting with family, working jigsaw and crossword puzzles and read his Bible every day. He especially enjoyed gardening. This summer he was happy to have a new riding lawnmower. It was his first time on a tractor since 1965.

Survivors include his wife Marie of Billings; four children, Julia Brown (Ronald) of Cartwright, N.D., Helen Conradson (Cliff) of Glendive, Jerry Leivestad (Mary Lee) of Loveland, Colo., and Loraine Sabol (Jim) of Laurel, 16 grandchildren, and 22 great-grandchildren.



**LARS
LEIVESTAD**

He was preceded in death by his son, Elvin, in 1973; a grand daughter, Cheryl Conradson; his parents; three sisters, Carrie Gunhild, and Lenora; and four brothers, Leonard, Nels, George and Edward.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Sunday, at Yellowstone Lutheran Brethren Church. Graveside services will be 2 p.m., Tuesday at Riverview Cemetery, Savage.

Memorials may be made to Yellowstone Lutheran Brethren Church.

'Shorty'

OCT 8 2002

LEWISTOWN — Donald E. Lemmon, 67, of Lewistown, died Sunday afternoon, Oct. 6, 2002, in the Central Montana Skilled Nursing Center, of natural causes.

He was born Jan. 15, 1935, in Judith Gap, the son of Leo and Etta (Brewington) Lemmon. He received his schooling in Judith Gap and Moore schools. He worked on ranches in the central Montana area until entering the U.S. Air Force in 1954. He served overseas in the Korean War and then returned to Montana following his discharge in 1958. He worked in the sawmill on the South Fork of the Bell Mountains. In 1960, he began working road construction, retiring from Hilde Construction in 1990. He has continued to live in Lewistown until the time of his death.

He is survived by one son, Gary of Columbus; two daughters, Tammy Woods and Pamela Jo Ellekson, both of Lewistown; two brothers, Jake of Lewistown and Steve of Garneill; one sister, Pauline Harrison of Lewistown; seven grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Graveside memorial services for Donald E. Lemmon will be Friday, Oct. 11, at 11 a.m., in the Judith Gap Cemetery. Cremation has taken place, at his request. The Cloyd Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Jessica Marie Lennon

LOVELL, Wyo. — Jessica Marie Lennon, 16, died Monday, Oct. 7, 2002, due to injuries sustained in an auto accident.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Friday, Oct. 11, in the Cowley LDS Chapel. Burial will be in the Cowley Cemetery. Haskell Funeral Home of Lovell is in charge.

Lee (Leland) Leonard

BILLINGS GAZETTE

Lee (Leland) Leonard passed away peacefully on June 26, 2002, at the age of 61.

He was predeceased by his father, Elmer M. Leonard, and his beloved mother, Mina K. Leonard. Lee is survived by his sister, Marilyn, and his uncle, Max Konan, of Billings.

Though his journey was a difficult one, those who cared for him will remember him with tenderness and affection.

A memorial service will be 1 p.m. Wednesday, July 3, at Smith's Downtown Chapel, 120 N. 26th St. Friends are invited to join his family for a reception following the service at the St. Vincent de Paul reception rooms at 2610 Montana Ave.

"May God bless you and guard you. May the light of God shine upon you, and may He be gracious to you. May the presence of God be with you and give you peace."

Book of Numbers, Chapter 6, Verses 24-26.

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Raymond L. Leonard

JUN 30 2002

BILLINGS GAZETTE

GILLETTE, Wyo. —

Raymond L. "Oley" Leonard, 61, died Thursday, June 27, 2002, at the Campbell County Memorial Hospital of natural causes.

Visitation will be from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. on Monday. Services will be at 1 p.m. on Monday, July 1, at the funeral home. Burial will follow at the New Haven Cemetery near Hulett, Wyo. Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home is in charge.

Velda G. Leonard

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Velda G. Leonard, 97, died Thursday, May 9, 2002, at Memorial Hospital in Sheridan County.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Tuesday, May 14, at First Christian Church. Interment will be in the Sheridan Masonic Cemetery. Kane Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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BILLINGS GAZETT

Harold Ler

BILLINGS GAZETTE
FEB 01 2002

SAVAGE — Harold Ler, 82, of Savage, died Thursday, Jan. 31, 2002, at the Sidney Health Center.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, Feb. 4, at the Sidney Lutheran Brethren Church. Interment will be in the Riverview Cemetery in Savage. Fulkerson Funeral Home of Sidney is in charge.

Robert L. Lessor

BILLINGS GAZETTE

Robert L. Lessor, 62, of Billings, died Wednesday, Aug. 14, 2002, at his home.

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Cremation is planned. No local services are scheduled. Smith Downtown Chapel is in charge.

Marjorie Lestar

MAY 23 2002

BILLINGS GAZETTE

BAKER — Marjorie Lestar, 65, of Baker, died Wednesday, May 22, 2002, at the Fallon Medical Complex in Baker.

Visitation will be from 1 to 9 p.m. Thursday, May 23, at the Chapel of Stevenson Funeral Home in Baker. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, May 24, at Stevenson Funeral Home. Graveside services will be in Custer County Cemetery.

Bertha 'Ruth' Lester

BILLINGS GAZETTE

FEB 27 2002

SIDNEY — Bertha "Ruth" Lester, 75, of Sidney, formerly of Libby, died Monday, Feb. 25, 2002, at the Sidney Health Center - Extended Care Facility.

Memorial services will be at 3 p.m. Friday, March 1, at the Zion Lutheran Church of Fairview. Cremation has taken place. Fulkerson Funeral Home of Sidney is in charge.

**Stanley Aloysius
Lester Jr.**

**BILLINGS GAZETT
DEC 25 2002**

POPLAR — Stanley Aloysius Lester Jr., 63, of Poplar, died Saturday, Dec. 21, 2002, at the Deaconess Billings Clinic.

Visitations will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 26, at the Clayton Memorial Chapel in Wolf Point. Visitations will be held from 3 to 7 p.m. Thursday, at the Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in Poplar, with a vigil service at 7 p.m.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, Dec. 27, at the Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church. Interment will be in St. Ann's Cemetery.

FEB 10 2002**Margaret Leuenberger**

WOLF POINT — Margaret Leuenberger, 90, of Wolf Point and Vida, died Thursday, Feb. 7, 2002, at Faith Lutheran Nursing Home.

Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday at Clayton Memorial Chapel. Services are at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Clayton Memorial Chapel. Burial is in the Vida Cemetery.

Louise Pospisil Leuthold

BILLINGS GAZETTE

AUG 1 / 2002

Louise Pospisil Leuthold passed away Aug. 14, 2002, at her home, Grand Park Expressions in Billings.

Mrs. Leuthold was born March 29, 1909, at Lost Springs, Kan., daughter of John J. and Josephine Pospisil. In 1910, the family migrated in two railroad cars to Fergus County in Montana. She attended rural schools, graduated from Moore High School and interned in a nursing program at Columbus Hospital in Great Falls. She attended Billings Normal School, which was the forerunner to MSU-Billings. She then taught in rural schools for several years in Fergus and Stillwater Counties.

On May 27, 1933, she married Albert E. Leuthold, who preceded her in death. She was the mother of four children. In her younger days she was very active in the Methodist Church, Republican Party, Eastern Star, Intermountain Children's Home and many other similar organizations. She had a life long interest in the welfare of youth and a dedicated concern for the ill and



**LOUISE
LEUTHOLD**

unfortunate. She loved to read work with plants and flowers and travel. Louise and Albert toured in or visited all 50 states, Canada, Mexico, the Caribbean Islands, seven countries of South America and 17 countries on a round-the-world trip. In 1985, Louise and granddaughter Shanna visited China and Hong Kong. During their wonderful life together, Louise and Albert also had the pleasure of living in seventeen different homes ranging from coastal communities in California to the great plains of eastern Montana.

Louise Leuthold was preceded in death by her parents; three brothers, Albert, William and Lou Pospisil; two sisters, Cecelia Wagner and Agnes Hess and her son Eddie Bert Leuthold. She is survived by two sons, Kenneth (Janie) Leuthold and Stephen Leuthold; one daughter Betty (Paul) Whiting and daughter-in-law Donna

Leuthold; eight grandchildren, Steven (Mary) Leuthold, Lisa (Randall) Koble, Rick (Cindy) Leuthold, Jeff (Ingeri) Leuthold, Heather Arin Waddell (John Heyneman), Shanna (Sean) Shelby, Christopher Leuthold and Randi Jo Leuthold; 13 great-grandchildren, Niles, Julia, Shawn, Caleb, Katie, Lindsay, Jessica, Keaton, Parker, Chloe, Quinn and Arlee; one sister, Frances Karney of Olympia, Wash., and many nieces, nephews and friends.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be held at Grace Methodist Church at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 18. A reception will follow at 925 Burlington Avenue. Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary and Crematory is entrusted with funeral arrangements. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to the Intermountain Children's Home, 500 South Lamborne, Helena, MT, 59601 or a charity of one's choice.

Muriel Ann Levang

BILLINGS GAZETTE

FEB 22 2002

SCOBEEY — Muriel Ann Levang, 52, died Thursday, Feb. 21, 2002, at Daniels Memorial Hospital.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, Feb. 25, at the Scobey Lutheran Church. Burial will be in the Scobey Cemetery. Waller Funeral Home of Scobey is in charge.

Grace A. Lewellen

BELLINGS GAZETTE

FEB 15 2002

LEWISTOWN — Grace A. (Greene) Lewellen, 87, died Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2002, at the Villa at Valle Vista.

Visitation will be from 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 17, at the Creel Funeral Chapel in Lewistown. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday, Feb. 18, at the Lewistown United Methodist Church. The casket will be open from 9 to 10 a.m. Monday, before services at the church. Burial will be in Central Montana Memorial Gardens.

Z. H. 'Red' Lewellen

MOBRIDGE, S.D. — Funeral services for Z. H. (Red) Lewellen, age 73, of Mobridge, S.D. will be 2 p.m. Monday, Oct. 7, at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Mobridge. Rt. Rev. Creighton L. Robertson and The Very Rev. Les Campbell of St. James Episcopal Church will officiate. Burial will be in the Greenwood Cemetery in Mobridge. Visitation will be for one hour prior to the services at the church on Monday. Mr. Lewellen passed away Oct. 2, 2002 at the Mobridge Regional Hospital in Mobridge.

He is survived by his wife Billie of Mobridge, S.D.; one son Patrick (Nancy) Lewellen of Spearfish; daughters, Marne (Brian) Bickel of Trail City, S.D., and Shelly Lewellen of Tucson; grandchildren, Holly and Clayton Bickel; sisters, Marabelle O'Dell of Billings, Eileen (Tony) Hruska of Billings, Maxine (Joe) Crees of Hobson, Sandra (Dale) Bodeker of Lewistown; brothers Bill (Melody) Lewellen of Midland, Texas and Ron Lewellen of Glendive; and step-sister, Hazel (Jay) Brunkow of Imperial, Calif.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Charles; and one sister, Roberta.

Clayton Arnold Lewis

BILLINGS GAZETTE

FEB 21 2002

Clayton Arnold Lewis was a humble and courageous man. He passed away peacefully on Feb. 19, 2002, at his home in Billings.

Clayton was born Nov. 25, 1926, in Roundup. He was the sixth child of Victor and Lepa (Girardin) Lewis. He was raised on the family ranch north of Lavina and graduated from Lavina High School in 1948.

As a child, Clayton was severely injured in a fall from a horse-drawn wagon. Even though his limbs were weak and crippled, his determination was strong. He was an inspiration to all who knew him. Clayton lived and worked on the family ranch all of his life until he retired and moved to Billings in 1991. He was an outstanding horseshoe player and won many tournament trophies in the 1960s and 1970s. He loved to play cards and spent much time during his retirement playing cards with friends.

Clayton was preceded in death by his parents; his brother, Jack; and his sister, Eleanor. He is survived by three brothers, Bill (Dorothy) of Lewistown, Dave (Gunda) of Grass Range and Edgar (Anna) of Lavina; a sister, Helen, of Wayzata, Minn.; a brother-in-law, Walter Newton of Huntley; and a sister-in-law, Freida Lewis of Billings. He is also survived by 17 nieces and nephews who admired him great

Memorial services will be 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 23, at Smith Downtown Chapel. Cremation has taken place. Memorials to the Shrine Crippled Children's Hospital, PO Box 20673, Billings, MT 59104, or charity of one's choice.

Helen M. Lewis

BILLINGS GAZET

JAN 23 2002

CODY, Wyo. — Helen M. Lewis, 97, died Monday, Jan. 21, 2002, at the West Park Long Term Care Center.

Visitation will be from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 24, at Ballard Funeral Home in Cody. Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Jan. 25, at the funeral home.

Juanita Lewis

BILLINGS GAZETTE

AUG 15 2002

MILES CITY — Juanita Lewis, age 84, of Miles City, passed away Monday, Aug. 12, 2002, at the St. Vincent Healthcare in Billings.

Visitation will be held Thursday, Aug. 15, in the chapel in Miles City. Funeral services will be at **1:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 16**, in the chapel of Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City. Interment will follow in the family lot in the Custer County Cemetery.

SEP 05 2002

Minnie Ley

POWELL, Wyo. — Minnie Ley, 84, died Monday, Sept. 2, 2002, at the Heartland Assisted Living Complex.

Visitation will be from 9 a.m. until time of services on Saturday, Sept. 7, at Hope Lutheran Church. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, at Hope Lutheran Church. Interment will follow in Crown Hill Cemetery. Miratsky-Easton Funeral Home of Powell is in charge.

Charlotte 'Josie' Lien

BILLINGS GAZETTE

JUL 21 2002

CULBERTSON — Charlotte Josephine "Josie" Lien died at her home on Thursday, July 18, 2002.

Visitation will be held from 2 to 7 p.m., with a family service at 7 p.m. on Monday, July 22. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, July 23, at the Bethel Free Lutheran Church. Interment will be in the Zion Lutheran Cemetery. Everson-Clayton Chapel is in charge.

Charlotte Josephine 'Josie' Lien

BILLINGS GAZETTE
JUL 23 2002

CULBERTSON — Charlotte Josephine "Josie" Lien went home to be with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on July 18, 2002, in Culbertson.

Josie was born in Parshall, N.D., on Feb. 8, 1916, to Oscar and Bertha (Lauridsen) Qualley. In 1918, they homesteaded north of Brockton. Josie came with her mother and brother Orville by Model T Ford and her



**CHARLOTTE
LIEN**

father came with their cattle and belongings on the immigrant car. Josie was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith. She attended the Buchanan School by walking and riding horseback. She later worked for various farm families in the area until 1937, when she married Carl Dahlberg in Wolf Point. They farmed in the Brockton area where she was active in Our Savior's Lutheran Church. She taught Sunday School for many, many years and served as Sunday School Superintendent. She also served in various offices within the WMF. Josie loved to sing and lis-

ten to the old church hymns. She sang in the choir and also sang in duets for many occasions.

Two daughters, Joyce and Jane, were born to Josie and Carl. Carl passed away in Mesa, Ariz. where they were spending the winter, in 1952.

She married Alvin O. Lien on Nov. 17, 1954, in Brockton. They farmed and ranched in the Brockton area until retiring to Culbertson. After moving to Culbertson, they joined the Bethel Free Lutheran Church. Josie loved to read and to travel. Her family was very important to her and she loved spending time with them. She was the sunshine of our lives and will always have a special place in our hearts. We will miss her dearly.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her first husband Carl.

Survivors include her husband, Alvin, of Culbertson; two daughters, Joyce (Don) Anderson of Missoula and Jane (Allen)

Evenson of Glasgow; three grandchildren, Lane (Susan) Anderson, Jay (Jennifer) Anderson and Jade (Judy) Evenson; and five great grandchildren. She is also survived by one sister, Bernice (Jule) Kozak of Culbertson; three brothers, Orville (Gladys) Qualley of N. Brockton, Raymond (Olive) Qualley and Lowell (Vi) Qualley, both of Sidney; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held at Everson-Clayton Chapel in Culbertson on Monday, July 22, from 2 till 7 p.m. with a family service at 7 p.m. Funeral services will be at the Bethel Free Lutheran Church in Culbertson on Tuesday, July 23, at 10 a.m. with Pastor Bruce Vallevik officiating. Interment will be in Zion Lutheran Cemetery north of Brockton. Everson-Clayton Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Lucile 'Lucy' Carol Lien

FROID — Lucile "Lucy" Carol Lien passed away on Thursday, May 16, 2002, at St. Vincent Healthcare in Billings.

Lucile was born March 1, 1920, to Millie and Amos Tunison in Froid. Her mother died in childbirth and she was adopted by Martin and Alma Scott. She was raised on the farm one mile north



LUCILE LIEN

of Froid and graduated from Froid Public Schools. After attending a year of college at Dillon, Lucile was married to Alf Odell Lien. They raised six children and were married 34 years.

After many years of hard work on the farm, they moved into Froid. She cooked at the school and later went to work for Jim O'Toole at the Mint Bar. She retired after 16 years and built many friendships in that time.

Lucile, "Grandma LuLu," loved her family and grandchildren very much and taught them card games and they loved her "sour cream twists." Some of her favorite hobbies were writing letters, crochet-

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ing, playing cards with her dear friends and watching TV. A phone call from Lucy just to say "hi" or tell a joke was a welcomed voice.

Lucile was a member of the Froid Lutheran Church and Ruth-Lydia Circle.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband Alf Lien; two sons, Richard and Odell Lien; also her son-in-law Lonny Davidson.

Surviving children include Ed (Cammy) Lien of Sidney; daughters, Lorna (Lee) Vannatta of Froid, Penny (Pat) Picard of Froid and Lauria Davidson of Billings. Grandma LuLu has 17 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren. She is also survived by a sister, Vieva Rogers of Markesan, Wis.; and two sisters-in-law, Luella Tunison of Markesan, and Lucille Lien of Glasgow.

Visitation will be held on Sunday, May 19, from 2 to 7 p.m. at the Froid Lutheran Church and Monday, May 20 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Visitations will be held from noon until 2 p.m. at the Froid High School Gym, with funeral services at 2 p.m., with Rev. K. Troy Ley of Froid officiating. Interment will be in the Froid South Cemetery. Everson-Clayton Memorial Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Hilda Lilienthal

BILLINGS GAZETTE

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MILES CITY — Hilda Lilienthal, 88, of Miles City, died Thursday, July 4, 2002, at the Holy Rosary Extended Care in Miles City.

Visitation will be Monday, July 8, at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, July 9, at Stevenson & Sons. Interment will follow in the family lot in the Custer County Cemetery.

Clarence Raymond Lindell

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WYLIE, Texas — Clarence Raymond Lindell was born May 28, 1932, in Billings, and passed away Nov. 2, 2002. He was 70 years of age.

At the age of 18, he joined the U.S. Navy for four years, serving three years in Korea under combat conditions. Later, he would return to military service in the U.S. Air Force. Windy, as everyone called him, retired from the Air Force in 1984. He retired from the U.S. Postal Service in 1989.

In 1990, Windy and his wife, Agnes, moved to Wylie, Texas. He worked for the Wylie Independent School district until 1997, at which time he was diagnosed with congestive heart failure.

Windy always lent a helping hand to his friends and neighbors; and was a very caring and loving husband, father and grandfather.

He is survived by his wife of 34 years, Agnes; three sons; three daughters; and 10 grandchildren.

He gave us so much in life and now he gives us wonderful memories in death.

Services will be 10 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 7, at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary, Billings.

Don Lindell

GLASGOW — Don Lindell, 65, of Glasgow, died Monday, Oct. 14, 2002, at his home, north-east of Glasgow.

Vigil services will be at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 17, at St. Raphael's Catholic Church. Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, Oct. 18, at St. Raphael's Catholic Church. Burial will be in Highland Cemetery. Bell Mortuary of Glasgow is in charge.

Thomas Jay Lindell

SCOTTSBLUFF, Neb.

Thomas Jay Lindell, 40, formerly of Billings, died Sunday, Jan. 13, 2002 at his home.

A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Friday at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Scottsbluff. Cremation has taken place. Dugan-Kramer Funeral Chapel is in charge.

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Rose Lindeman

Rose Lindeman passed away at her home on Sept. 23, 2002, in the presence of her family.

Rose was born in Manhaven, N.D., Oct. 5, 1909. She married Edward Lindeman in 1930. They made their home in Golden Valley, N.D., until 1948, when they moved to Billings.

She is survived by many friends and relatives, and six children: Viola Welch, Eleanore (Bob) Aukshun, Deloris Siemsen, Henry Lindeman, Eileen Tallerico and Debbra (Dave) Brookshire.

Rose had 21 grandchildren, 30 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband Edward; brothers John, Andrew, Rhienhold and Otto Specht; two sisters, Frieda Tinnis and Minnie Heimback; a granddaughter, Sandy Siemsen; a daughter-in-law, Anita Lindeman; and four sons-in-law, Jack Welch, Connie Siemsen, Albert Donnes and Albert Tallerico.



**ROSE
LINDEMAN**

Rose was a person who lived and enjoyed doing for others. Her family and friends always came first. She was a wonderful cook and always had room at her table for others. She was always eager to baby-sit her grandchildren and loved to visit them in her later years.

Mother! We all love you and there will always be a void in our hearts, but we know where you are and may God bless you and keep you till we meet again.

Mude bin ich, geh' zur ruh',
Schliesse meine Augen zu;
Vater lass die Augen dein
Über meinem Bette sein.

The family would like to extend a special thanks to her grandson Jason, her constant companion and caregiver of 18 years and to the wonderful people at Big Sky Hospice, who provided the tender loving care to our dear mother.

Funeral service will be 2 p.m. Friday, Sept. 27, at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 709 Newman Lane. Interment will be in Sunset Memorial Gardens. Memorials to the Big Sky Hospice, PO Box 35033, Billings, 59104; Christ the King Lutheran Church, 709 Newman Lane; or the charity of your choice.

Florence Lindquist

NEWS GAZETTE

JUL 25 2002

PLENTYWOOD — Florence Lindquist, 83, of Plentywood, died Tuesday, July 23, 2002, at Sheridan Memorial Hospital, after a stroke which occurred Saturday, July 20.

Memorial services will be at 1 p.m. Friday, July 26, at Fulkerson Memorial Chapel in Plentywood. Interment of cremated remains will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 27, at Dawson County Cemetery in Glendive.

James E. 'Jim' Lindquist

**G R E A T
FALLS** — James E. "Jim" Lindquist, 57, of Great Falls, died Tuesday, Jan. 22, 2002, at his home, of a heart attack.



**MR.
LINDQUIST**

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, Jan. 28, at Poplar Cemetery. Visitation will be from noon to 5 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 26, at Schnider Funeral Home in Great Falls.

He is survived by his wife, JoAnn Swanson of Great Falls; daughter, Stephani Ritter and husband Jeremy of Great Falls; sisters, Linda Ericson of Billings and Jean Martin of Great Falls; and one grandchild, Ryan.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Eric and Elna Lindquist.

Memorials may be made to the Disabled Veterans Association.

James Lindquist was born Aug. 1, 1944, in Missoula. The family moved to Poplar, where Jim received his education, graduating from Poplar High School. He attended Northern Montana College in Havre, earning his bachelor's degree in education.

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Jim joined the U.S. Marine Corps, July 18, 1969, as a first lieutenant. Following his discharge in 1972, he returned to Havre. Jim then returned to school, receiving his master's degree in industrial arts. He taught for one year at Havre High School, then began working for Elenberg Exploration in Havre, moving with the company to Casper, Wyo., and completed 20 years of service. He retired in 1992 and eventually moved to Great Falls to join his family and friends.

Bendinie Leola Lingle

BILLINGS GAZETTE

FEB 05 2002

CIRCLE — Bendinie Leola "Bennie" Lingle, 76, died on Feb. 3, 2002, at the McCone County Health Center in Circle.

A gathering will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 5, at the Senior Citizen Center in Circle. At her request, cremation has taken place and a private burial will be held at a later date. Clayton Funeral Home of Circle is in charge.

Thomas Drake Lingle

JUN 15 2002
BILLINGS GAZETTE

POPLAR — Thomas Drake Lingle was born on Feb. 7, 2001, at the Wolf Point Hospital. God called His little angel home on June 11, 2002, in Poplar.

Thomas enjoyed many things. He enjoyed the love of his many grandparents, aunts and uncles. His favorite pastime was dancing in front of the television to his favorite sing-along cartoons. Thomas filled many hearts with his hugs and kisses. His smile was as contagious as his laugh. Thomas loved to tease, especially his grandpa Leland.

Survivors include his parents, Tim and Amber Lingle; sister Chantelle Rose Lingle of Poplar; grandparents Leland and Doris Spotted Bird of Brockton, Donald White Bear of Fort Kipp, Josephine Black Dog, Carole Spotted Bird, Viola Spotted Bird, all of Brockton, Catherine Spotted Bird and Irene Eagle Boy of Poplar. He also leaves his uncles and aunts who loved him: Paul White Bear of Great Falls, Charles Youpee of Poplar, Bernard Youpee of Brockton, Myron Spotted Bird of Denver, Lelanda Kae (Bear) Roberts of Ada, Okla., Gina (Kim) Boyd of Ada, Myra GrayHawk, Kori Good Bird, Larissa Spotted Bird, Valerie (Darrell) Todd, all of Brockton, William and Troy Fast

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Horse, both of Poplar, Donette Rising Sun, Carol Jean Bemer, Marlin and Maynard White Bear of all Fort Kipp, Tobias Lingle and Tawny Bevel, both of Casper, Wyo. He is also survived by numerous other cousins and relatives.

Thomas was preceded in death by his maternal grandmother, Melvene White Bear; paternal grandparents Thomas and Cora Lingle; maternal grandmother Keva Ramsey; uncle Merlin Curtis Youpee; and grandfather Gary Drum.

Thomas, we will miss you so much and you will remain in our hearts forever.

A wake will be held starting on Friday, June 14, at the Brockton Cultural Center at 3 p.m. Services will be held Saturday, June 15, at 10 a.m. at the Brockton Cultural Center, with Rev. Enright Bighorn of Poplar officiating. Interment will be in the Ft. Kipp Cemetery. Clayton Memorial Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Jennie E. Link

LEWISTOWN — Jennie E. (Wright) Link, 91, died Wednesday, Aug. 14, 2002, at the Central Montana Skilled Nursing Center.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 17, at the Creel Funeral Home Chapel in Lewistown. Burial will be in the Lewistown City Cemetery.

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Orpha Link

BILLINGS GAZETTE

AUG 30 2002

EMBLEM, Wyo. — Orpha Link, 88, of Emblem, died Tuesday, Aug. 27, 2002, at the Powell Nursing Home.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at the Zion Lutheran Church in Emblem. Haskell Funeral Home in Lovell is in charge.

Lillian M. Linnell

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BILLINGS GAZETTE

SUNBURST — Lillian M. Linnell, age 77, of Sunburst, died Wednesday, May 8, 2002, at the Marias Medical Center in Shelby, due to natural causes. Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Saturday, May 11, at the Sunburst Methodist Church, with burial to follow in Sunburst Cemetery. Visitation was Friday, May 10, at the Whitted Funeral Chapel in Shelby.

Lillian was born Feb. 20, 1925, to William and Mary Alice (Coyne) Chase in Anthon, Iowa. She was raised in Lethbridge and later, the family moved to Sunburst where she graduated from Sunburst High School. She moved to Washington and Arizona for a few years, eventually returning to Sunburst, where she met and married Melvin Howard Linnell on Nov. 12, 1949, in Shelby.

They lived in Sunburst, where they owned and operated Linnell's Texaco. In addition to doing the books at the station, Lillian was a devout and loving mother and homemaker. After Melvin's passing in 1991, the station was sold and Lillian retired. She moved to the Marias Heritage Center in April of 2001.

Lillian was a member of the Sunburst Methodist Church and was active in the Girl Scouts for 15 years. She enjoyed bowling, fish-

ing, reading, cross stitching, painting, flowers and genealogy. She is survived by sons Melvin Gail (Ginny) Linnell of Rumson, N.J., and Roger (Sharon) Linnell of Ridgefield, Wash.; daughter Susan (Bill) Cunningham of Billings; daughter-in-law Nancy Linnell of Sunburst; and sisters Audrey Bergman of Arizona City,

Ariz., Mary Murphy of Vancouver, Wash., and Evelyn Danner of Denver. Eight grandchildren, Khris, Becky, Laura, Jennifer, Bruce, Christine, Chase and Cera, also survive Lillian.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband Melvin; and sons David and Allen.

Barbara Linse

BIG TIMBER — Barbara Imogene Jensen Linse, 86, of Big Timber, died Thursday, Nov. 21, 2002, at the Pioneer Medical Center.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 26, at the Big Timber Lutheran Church. Interment will be in the Mountain View Cemetery. Lowry Funeral Home of Big Timber is in charge.

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Jeanette Betty Lion Shows

BILLINGS GAZETTE

JAN 18 2002

LODGE GRASS — Spiritual beauty that has stood the test. Your presence

was a gift, and we were truly blessed to have known someone such as you. Wise, honest, giving, kind and true. We

will miss your wisdom and your beautiful smile. But,

we know we'll see you again, in a little while. With great courage, you set your course and with quiet grace you

began your journey, to Heaven's holy place.

Jeanette Lion Shows, 66, Baaluuchishitchish, "A Good Tanner," went home to be with the Lord after a short, but courageous battle with cancer.

Reverently and peacefully, she took her leave of this world, on Wednesday, Jan. 16, 2002, at the Deaconess Medical Center in Billings. Born the daughter of James and Neola Agnes Gardner Lion Shows, on April 18, 1935, in Pryor, she grew up and attended school in the Pryor area. Jeanette was a member of the Big Lodge



**JEANETTE
LION SHOWS**

Clan and a child of the Whistling Water Clan. She was a traditional Crow woman who respected the cultural values of the Crow people, and because of cultural values, she participated in many aspects of the Crow's way of life.

Fortunately, Jeanette was well versed in Crow history and the legends of the Crow people. Her wealth of knowledge was desired from the many wonderful storytellers she grew up among. One such great storyteller was her father, Jim Lion Shows.

As a great-granddaughter of Mountain Lion That Shows, Jeanette was a close relative of Chief Plenty Coups. She was also related to four of the scouts who participated in the Battle of the Little Big Horn, and to one other by marriage.

A devoutly religious woman, the Bible was Jeanette's constant companion. She loved the Lord and lived a God-fearing life. She was a member of Our Lady of Loretto Catholic Church in Lodge Grass, but respected and thought highly of all religions.

Jeanette was a talented and gifted beader whose beautiful beadwork reflected her artistic gift. It gave her great pleasure to give articles of beadwork to those she held dear.

Her world revolved around her family. When her mother was ill, Jeanette devoted her entire life to the care of her mother and when her mother was gone, she took her younger brother and sisters as her own children. Taking care of her family was of extreme importance to Jeanette, and when her father was disabled from a series of strokes, Jeanette became her father's principle caretaker.

Though Jeanette's earthly treasures were few, her crown was full of jewels in heaven.

As a young woman, Jeanette was married to Frederick Turns Back, but was later divorced. She would spend the remainder of her life as the matriarch of the Lion Shows' family.

Jeanette was preceded in death by her parents; one sister, Genevieve Lion Shows; and two brothers, Chris and Michael Lion Shows. She is survived by two sisters, Birdie and Lanile Lion Shows, one brother Thomas (Alice) Lion Shows; seven special grandchildren, Michael (Misty) Lee Rodriguez, Robin, Destiny, Louie, Tomie, Ottie and John Lion Shows. She is also survived by two great-grandchildren, Michaela and Hailie Rodriguez; two uncles, Heywood (Mary Lee) Big Day and Gus Gardner. She is also survived by members of the Wallace, Gardner, Rockabove, Redstar and Goes Ahead families.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. (Matthew 5:8)

Rosary will be celebrated 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 20, in the Bullis Funeral Chapel. Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Monday, Jan. 21, at Our Lady of Loretto Catholic Church, Lodge Grass. Interment will be in the Lodge Grass Cemetery. Bullis Mortuary of Hardin has been entrusted with the arrangements.

George William List

CODY, Wyo. — George William List, 80, died Thursday, Oct. 31, 2002, at the West Park Hospital in Cody.

Services will be 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 5, at the Cody Bible Church. Ballard Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

WYOMING GAZETTE

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Mark B. Listerud, MD

WOLF POINT — Dr. Mark B. Listerud died early in the morning of April 20, 2002, at the age of 77. He had been suffering from the longterm consequences of diabetes, and had been unable to walk for some time prior to his death. Despite physical limitations, he maintained a steady optimism throughout his protracted illness, and was a source of strength to his loved ones in death as he was in life.

He was born on Nov. 19, 1924, in Wolf Point, Roosevelt County, to Grace and Morris Listerud, who christened him Marcus Boyd and raised him and his brother Don in the middle of the "dust bowl" of the Great Depression. He showed athletic prowess in high school, where his accurate outside shot, in combination with the fast-break style of play popular on the Fort Peck Indian reservation, contributed to winning the state basketball championship. Upon graduating, despite the family being without the means to send him, he entered the University of Montana with the intention of working his way through college to fulfill a boyhood dream of becoming a doctor.

His studies were cut short after one year by the start of World War II. He served as sonar technician on the destroyer USS Lyman, which saw action in the Pacific theater. It was during this time

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that he received word of a swimming accident in the Missouri River which had rendered his only brother Don a quadriplegic at the age of 18. In the following years, his brother's condition would make Mark Listerud acutely aware of the special difficulties of medical practice in rural areas.

Returning from the war, Mark Listerud entered the University of Minnesota on the GI Bill. He graduated magna cum laude with a BS in chemistry, and then, four years later, an M.D. He was a lifelong believer in equal opportunity, and led a boycott which opened his medical school fraternity to Jewish and Japanese students, the first in the nation.

He completed a surgical residency in Seattle at the University of Washington under Professor Harkins, a prominent expert in gastrointestinal surgery. Although routine now, specialty training was unusual at that time, and as chief surgical resident, he was offered the opportunity to begin an academic career in medicine. But Mark Listerud obtained further training beyond that required for general surgery, in order to

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prepare for practice in rural Montana. He became self-sufficient in the routine procedures of radiology, obstetrics, orthopedics and urology, and did research in surgical procedures which made him proficient at the autopsy table. "The urologists wouldn't teach me the trans-urethrales," he would sometimes chuckle.

Despite a rigorous clinical schedule, he found time to woo and win a nurse, Sarah "Sally" Mooney; they were married May 27, 1954, in her hometown of Auburn, Wash., near Seattle.

He also found time to do a little fishing with his fellow surgical resident and lifelong friend, Dr. Robert DeVito. He returned to his home town of Wolf Point in 1958 with a small family and more on the way. He located two local army-trained anesthetists, Lee Mahlum and Angie Loendorf, and persuaded his wife's sister,

Cecelia Mooney, a trained surgical nurse, to join his staff. With their help, he established a successful surgical practice in Wolf Point, and served as a surgical consultant on hospital staffs from Glasgow to Culbertson and Plentywood to Circle.

Mark Listerud enjoyed active membership in several profes-

sional organizations. He served as president of the Montana Medical Association in 1968-69 and later as alternate delegate and then full delegate to the American Medical Association House of Delegates, remaining on the MMA Executive Committee for 18 years. Within the AMA, he served as a chairman of the Paige Devey Club, as chairman of the Rocky Mountain Caucus for two years, and as a member of the AMA Finance Committee for two years. He was a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons and a Fellow of the Royal Society of Medicine.

He also served on the Board of Directors of Blue Shield of Montana, and as a president of the Montana State Health Coordinating Council. Despite being a lifelong Republican, he crossed party lines to support the candidacy of his grade-school chum, Ted Schwinden, for governor of Montana, both locally and through the MMA's Political Action Committee.

Throughout his career, he actively supported access to education in the medical professions. He supported several local nurses both financially and with educational supervision in obtaining further training as nurse practitioners. Through the MMA, he supported the founding of the WAMI program, which enables the youth of Montana to obtain medical degrees at the University of Washington, and served on the



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admissions committee of the University of Washington Medical School. He also hosted visiting medical students from the University of Washington, Yale and the University of North Dakota, to provide them with exposure to rural medicine.

Mark Listerud is survived by his wife of 48 years, Sally; and by an aunt on his mother's side, Geneveive Trotter, now in her 97th year. He was predeceased by twin daughters, Mary and Cecelia, who died at birth; and by his son, Mark Donald. He is survived by five children, John, Matthew, Ann, Sarah and Richard, and by seven grandchildren.

The family welcomes the public to attend a wake held at the family home on Thursday, April 25, from 4 to 9 p.m., where light refreshments will be served. The funeral service will be held on Friday, April 26, at 10 a.m., in the Wolf Point High School Auditorium, followed by interment at the Greenwood Cemetery. Rev. Fr. Steve Zabrocki will officiate. A reception will be held afterwards by invitation.

"I slept and dreamt that
life was joy;

I awoke and saw that
life was work;

I worked and found that
work was joy."

Rabindranath Tagore

George Andrew Little

SHEPHERD — George Andrew Little, 79, of Shepherd, passed away in Billings, April 13, 2002. He was born in Green County, Ark., Feb. 3, 1923, to George Augustus Little and Maud Catherine Thurmond Little.

He attended Green County School to the seventh grade. Left home at age 14 to hobo around the country. When WWII began, he was living in San Juan County, Utah, working part-time on a ranch, prospecting and hunting. In June of 1942, he left for San Pedro, Calif., and there joined the U.S. Merchant Marines. He sailed on 12 different ships and visited 30 countries. On Jan. 18, 1946, he signed off his last voyage at Norfolk, Va.

July 10, 1944, he married Madelaine "Madge" Berkett at Elkton, Md. They made their home in New York City until the war's end. In February of 1946, they moved to California and lived there several months while deciding where to make their permanent home. The choice was made and they moved to Montana, purchased a small ranch on South Meadow Creek near McAllister. Times were tough, so they left the small ranch and worked for wages on a number of

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ranches in the upper Madison Valley. In November of 1953, they moved to Butte. There, George worked as a hardrock miner for the Anaconda Mining Co. until January 1959. In March of 1959, they leased and later purchased another ranch on Meadow Creek near McAllister. In 1980, after a good life on the ranch, and due to health reasons, the ranch was sold and George and Madge moved to Willow Creek.

The decision to move to Shepherd to be closer to their daughter, grandchildren and great-grandchildren was made in 1997. It was a big move, but the time spent during their final years was pleasant. Being near the children is what kept George going so long.

At various times, George belonged to the National Maritime Union; Butte Miner's Union #1; Montana Farmer's Union; National Farmer's Organization; Fraternal Order of Eagles-Aerie 664, Virginia City; Association for American Indian Affairs and International Order of Mangy and Degraded Alley Cats, Headquarters at 10th St. and Bottle Alley, Colon, Panama, and always in good standing.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 57 years; his parents; seven brothers and two sisters. He is survived by his daughter, Shirley Arlene Little of Shepherd; two grandsons, Carl (Lloyd) Parker and their

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and children, Tyler and Aimee Parker of Shepherd, and Andrea (Jeremy) Simon and two children, Faith and Hannah of Burwell, Neb., and Ty S. (Cathy) Parker of Laurel; one brother, Frank E. (Polly) Little of Aurora, Ill., and numerous nieces and nephews.

His greatest pleasures in life were his family and the enjoyment of all things wild, flora and fauna, along the streams and in the mountains and everywhere in between. His motto was: Be

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Truthful, Honest, Fair and Helpful.

There are not enough words to express how much this man will be missed. There was no better teacher as a husband, parent, grandparent or great-grandparent, friend or otherwise. The hole he has left behind will never be filled.

Cremation has taken place and there will be no memorial. The family asks that memorials be sent to the Jeff Harnish Foundation, PO Box 30158, Billings, MT 59107, or the Chase Hawks Memorial Assoc., PO Box 31333, Billings, MT 59107.

As a final request, he asked that the poem "IF" by Rudyard Kipling be included.

If you can keep your head
while all about you

Are losing theirs, and blaming
all on you

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If you can trust yourself when
all men doubt you,

But make allowance for their
doubting too

If you can wait and not be tired
by waiting

Or being lied about, don't deal
in lies

Or being hated, don't give way
to hating

And yet don't look too good, or
talk too wise

If you can dream, and not
make your dreams your master

If you can think, and not make
thoughts your aim

If you can meet with triumph
and disaster

And treat those two impostors
just the same

If you can bear to hear the
truth you've spoken

Twisted by knaves to make a
trap for fools

Or watch the things you gave
your life to, broken

And stoop and build them up
with worn out tools

If you can make a heap of all
your winnings

And risk it on one turn of pitch
and toss

And lose, and start again at
your beginnings

And never breathe a word
about your loss

If you can force your heart and
nerve and sinew

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To serve your turn long after
they are gone

To hold on, when there is
nothing in you

Except the will, which says to
them, hold on

If you can talk with crowds,
and keep your virtue

Or walk with kings, nor lose
the common touch

If neither foes, nor loving
friends, can hurt you

If all men count with you, but
none too much

If you can fill the unforgiving
minute

With sixty seconds worth of
distance run

Yours is the Earth, and every-
thing that's in it

And, which is more, you will
be a MAN, my son

Goodbye, you are loved and
missed.

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Delbert Littlebird Sr.

ASHLAND — A beautiful spirit and loving heart entered the spirit to be with Ma'neo when Delbert A. Littlebird Sr., age 60, of Ashland, passed away on Oct. 8, 2002, in the St. Vincent Healthcare in Billings, following a year-long battle with cancer.

Delbert was born on Feb. 18, 1942, the son of James Littlebird and Elaine Red Breath. He grew up and attended schools in the Busby and St. Labre area. Delbert later acquired his high school diploma in May of 1985.

Delbert worked at St. Labre for 25 years, starting in 1970, where he began in the administration, later transferring to the janitorial position and finally settling in at the carpenter shop, where he worked until his retirement in 1995.

On Sept. 21, 1965, Delbert was united in marriage to Judith Ann Eagle in McIntosh, S.D. Delbert loved many things in his life, including traveling, powwows, singing and sweats. His greatest love was for his Cheyenne people and their health. The achievement he was the most proud of was his involvement in having



**DELBERT
LITTLEBIRD**

the new L.H.S. building built to provide medical care to those in need. He saw this project from a dream to a reality. The hard work behind the scenes was what kept him striving for that goal.

He made time for his friends, always had a word or two for them, a joke, to share or a handshake to extend, as well as something to teach. Delbert was always open to new things that passed his way. He also enjoyed doing puzzles during the winter months. We love you very much dad and we will miss you.

Delbert is survived by his wife of 37 years, Judith of Ashland; and his 12 children, Elaine (James) of Missoula, Shannon (Lana) of Billings, Annissa (Sam) of Busby, Delbert Jr. (Anita), Helena (Tracy), Jonie, Shandel, Delmarie, all of Ashland, Selwyn of Lame Deer, Gilda of St. Charles, Idaho, and Lenora of Columbus, Mo. He is also survived by his adopted daughter, Bonnie Sisseton, South Dakota; adopted sons, Eldon Antelope,

Mike Bryant of Virginia, Robert Sanky of Oklahoma, William Lone Bear of Deadwood, S.D., and Bryan Roberts of Lame Deer; 19 grandchildren, two great-grandchildren; three brothers, Vance, Geofredo (Jackie) and Lloyd (June) Littlebird; four sisters Clarice Wallowing Bull, Lois Magpie, Genevieve Seminole and Clarice (Norman) Cox. Other survivors include two special aunts Wanda Yellow Hair and Lena Gray as well as his good friends, Daniel Foote and Rick Wolfname and also several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his mother, Elaine Red Breath; father, James Littlebird; and his stepfather, "Smokey" Seminole.

Funeral services will be on Monday, Oct. 14, at 11 a.m. at the Ashland Public School in Ashland. Burial will be at the family residence near Ashland. A wake will be on Sunday, Oct. 13, at 7 p.m. at the Ashland Public School in Ashland. Stevenson and Sons Funeral Home of Forsyth is in charge of the arrangements.

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Harriet Hilda Mexican-Cheyenne King-Littlebird

LAME DEER — Maheo' called our loving sister, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, great-great-grandmother, friend to reunite her with loved ones who have passed on before her. She came into this world on June 24, 1919, and was called home on March 31, 2002. She was born in Lame Deer, the daughter of Ernest Mexican-Cheyenne King, and Mary Issues King.

Harriet was a woman with many talents. She attended Lame Deer School, Busby Boarding School, Busby, and went on to attend Haskell Indian School, Lawrence, Kan. After her schooling, she began her life with Max Hiwalker, Sr., in an arranged ceremonial traditional Indian wedding. Early in her marriage, she was widowed. In 1945, she married the late James Littlebird.

She held many positions throughout her lifetime, beginning in her high school years as a candy striper for the BIA Hospital in Lame Deer. She was a welder for the shipyards

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in San Bruno, Calif., during World War II. She was employed with the General Custer Hotel in Billings, as a cook for the Birney Day School in Birney, as a cook for the Busby Boarding School in Busby, she was an assistant CAP Director with programs such as WIC, assisted with Food Voucher's, Community Health Representatives and delivering meals to elders.

In 1968, Harriet and James attended the University of Montana, where she received a certificate in Child Care, after which, she opened her own Daycare. Working with Operation Mainstream to employ the underemployed worker. As the Director of the Senior Citizen Program, she utilized Green Thumb workers. She then worked with the Police Department as a Director of the Children's Shelter.

She recently retired from the Senior Companion Program. In 1992, she received the senior citizen of the year award from the Governor of Montana. In 1998, she received an honorary Associates Arts degree from Chief Dull Knife Memorial College.

She was a descendent of the Cheyenne Chief Black Kettle. She is also a descendent of sisters "yellow paint woman and red dress woman," who were

among the survivors of the famous Ft. Robinson breakout. She was a War Bonnet dancer and was a Sun Dance Priestess. As a ceremonial woman, she often participated in fasting at Bear Butte. As an instructor for the ceremonial fasting at Bear Butte, she took care of her daughters, Clarice, Melissa, Michelene, granddaughter Kenzie Rae, adopted granddaughter, Geri Small, adopted sister Carol Rinehart and as

she lovingly called her "girls" — Johanna Redbird, Rosalie Brady, Karen Locher, Vicki Seminole, Hilda Moss, Theresa Moss, Ceclia Fire Thunder, Henrietta Tsotigh, Clara Harris, Carmen Gonzales, Jackie Littlebird, and the many others she cared for.

Often she spoke of her days as a famous movie star after playing a small role in the movie, "Pow-wow Hiway" with well-known actors A. Martinez and Gary Farmer. She also often spoke of her nephew Sen. Ben Night Horse Campbell. She shared many stories with her family about her years growing up. She always accepted the responsibility of prayers for anyone who asked her. Her humor, kindness, wisdom and unconditional love touched many lives of her family, relatives and friends who came to know

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her. Grandma Harriet was especially proud of her many grandchildren, great-grandchildren and her great-great grandchild, Angelica Hiwalker, who she referred to as "Angel." In the past year she lovingly referred to her grandson Geofredo (Fred) Littlebird as her butler, for the cooking and companionship he kindly offered his grandma.

She is survived by her sisters, Annie Joyce Littlebird, Kathlene (Fred) Bellymule, Sr.; stepsister Betty Jo (Mark) Bird-Huntsalong, all of Lame Deer; adopted sister, Carol (Dixie) Rinehart of Montrose, Colo.; stepbrothers, Hubert (Marie) Bearchum of Ashland, Vann (Anna) Ryan, Lame Deer; sons Max (Mildred) Hiwalker, Jr., Harold "Vance" Littlebird, Geofredo (Jackie) Littlebird, Sr.; stepsons Lloyd (June) Littlebird, all of Lame Deer, Delbert (Judith) Littlebird of Ashland; her daughter Clarice (Kenney) Wallowing Bull, Sr. of Ethete, Wyo.; her special grandchildren who she raised as her own, Melissa Whitewolf, Michelene Bearcomesout of Lame Deer, and Micheal Bearcomesout, Jr. of Billings; special nephews, Daniel Foote, Sr., and Glenn (Lillian) Littlebird, Sr. of Lame Deer; and the many children she has raised throughout her life. Also, 22 grandchildren, 47 great-grandchildren and one

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. on Friday, April 5, at the Boys & Girls Club in Lame Deer. Wake services will be at 9 p.m. on Thursday, April 4, at the Boys & Girls Club. Fred Rausch is in charge of funeral arrangements.

great-great-grandchild.

She is preceded in death by her husband James Littlebird; parents Ernest and Mary King; sisters, Victoria Bighhead, Ruth Tallbull; her brother Rudolph King, Sr.; daughters Ernestine Whitewolf, Iris Littlebird; and sons Gerald Lee and James Littlebird, Jr.

Robert C. Littlehead

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OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla. — Robert C. Littlehead, of Oklahoma City, formerly of Lame Deer, Mont.

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Wake service will be at 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 29, at the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Lame Deer. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 30, at the church. Burial will be in the Lame Deer Cemetery. Rausch Funeral Home of the Northern Cheyenne Nation is in charge.

Bironne Little Light

WYOLA — Bironne Lee Little Light, 18, of Wyola, died of injuries sustained in a one-car rollover accident three miles south of Lodge Grass early Saturday morning Nov. 30, 2002.

Xiasaalaachish "Wellknown Man" was born Feb. 9, 1984 in Billings, a son of Johnny Stewart and Drew Ann Little Light. He grew up in the Wyola area and attended schools in Wyola, Lodge Grass and the Chemawa Indian School in Oregon, where he graduated in 2002. While at Lodge Grass High School, he participated in football and basketball and was editor of the Lodge Grass High School Newsletter. At Chemawa, he excelled in writing stories. He held aspirations to join the military and to later become an architect. In his spare time, he enjoyed fishing, hunting, horseback riding, training horses, working on the family ranch and mostly spending time with his son.

His grandparents, Walter M. and Meta Stewart, Richard and Mildred Little Light and Ruth Tobacco preceded Bironne in death.



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Survivors include his parents, Johnny and Drew Ann Stewart of Wyola; his son, Icezada Little Light of Wyola; a brother, Donald Stewart of Wyola; a sister, Makisha Blacksmith of Billings; his nephew, Josiah Xavier Stewart; his grandparents, Fern and Andrew Little Light, Alvin and Pamela Little Light and Ronald and Dorcella Little Light; his special grandmothers, Carol (Sarge) Howe, LaVonne (Sid) Fitzpatrick, Connie Little Light and Valencia Crooked Arm; his great grandfather, Ed Little Light; his special friends, Olanda Crooked Arm and Letonne Iron; and members of his extended family including the Crooked Arm, Tobacco, Pickett, Stewart, Hunts Arrow, Ina and Belinda Eagle families.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Tuesday Dec. 3, in the Lodge Grass First Crow Indian Baptist Church. Interment will follow in the Lodge Grass Cemetery. Bullis Mortuary of Hardin has been entrusted with the arrangements.

John Bernard Little Nest, Jr.

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LODGE GRASS — John B. Little Nest, Jr. 32, of Lodge Grass, went to be with his Lord and Savior on Sept. 27, 2002 in the Deaconess Billings Clinic following a short illness.

He was born May 11, 1970 in Crow Agency, a son of John Little Nest, Sr. and Wilma Backbone. He was raised by William (Kay) Bends, Bonnie Little Nest, Marcelline and Dexter Falls Down, Sr. He grew up and received his education in Lodge Grass and while in school participated in basketball. He enjoyed fishing and hunting and was actively involved in the Crow cultural ways.

John was a member of the Catholic Church, Greasy Mouth Clan and a child of the Greasy Mouth Clan. He was a kind and gentle loving person, who was always ready to lend a helping hand. He was greatly loved and will be missed by all.

His father, John B. Little Nest, Sr. preceded him in death.

Survivors include his parents, Wilma and Garryowen Stewart of Lodge Grass; four daughters, Mortisha Little Nest of Hardin, Dara, Dana and Keisha Little Nest of Poplar; three sons, Richard Little Nest of Crow Agency, Christopher and Tristen Little

Nest of Spokane; his sisters, Gwen (Terrance) Covers Up, Tanya (Solon) Moccasin, Tiffany and Roberta Falls Down of Lodge Grass, Doren Bulltail of New Mexico, Margaret (Clinton) Stops of Crow Agency, Rebecca Anderson of Hardin and Hannah Little Nest of Wyoming; his brothers, Gary (Carrie) Gardner, Harold and Donald Old Bull, John Joseph Little Nest, Dexter (Jasmine) Falls Down, Jr. of Lodge Grass, Chesco (Sarah) Little Nest of Billings, Curtis Falls Down of Dunmore and Tyrone Bravo of Washington; his grandmothers, Frances Bends, Ruth Alden, Laura He Does It and Clara (Joseph) Bull Tail; his grandfather, Frank Back Bone; his adopted brothers, Benjamin (Teatta) Bear Below, Pete (Cedar) Left Hand, Les (Garilyn) Nomee, Dee (Loretta) Nomee, Thomas Walks and Anthony (Alma) Davis; his adopted sisters, Jeanette (Mandale) Spotted Horse, Lucrecia Little Nest, Marcelline Little Nest; his

aunts, Gladys Bear Below, Agnes (Anthony) Left Hand, Helen Old Coyote, Brenda He Does It, Jolena (Darrell) Pretty Weasel, Cora (Alfred) Teeth, Ruth (Stanley) Bell Rock, Sharolyn (Chester) Nomee, Shirley (William) Stewart, Nadine (Dean) Dawes. Donna (Danny) Brien, Noreen (Jacob) Big Hair, Arlene (Robert) Fitch, Francine (Dave) Camden, Clara Nomee, Ellie Rides Horse, Jennifer (James) Medicine Horse; his uncles, Clayton (Rebecca) Falls Down, John M. Little Nest, Ronald (Georgine) Falls Down, Marvin (Gwen) Falls Down, Sr., William (Pamela) Backbone, Golet (Dessie) Little Nest, Frank Backbone, Jr. and Thomas Stewart. He is also survived by many friends, nieces and nephews; as well as the Well Known, Jack Rabbit, Bouyer, Stewart, Alden, Backbone, He Does It, Bull Tail, Left Hand, Blood Man, Tobacco, Picket and Bad Bear families.

Rosary will be recited 4 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 1 in the Bullis Funeral Chapel. Funeral Mass will be celebrated 10 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 2 in the Lodge Grass Our Lady of Loretto Catholic Church. Interment will follow in the Lodge Grass Cemetery. Bullis Mortuary of Hardin has been entrusted with the arrangements.

**John Bernard
Little Nest, Jr.**

LODGE GRASS — John B. Little Nest, Jr., 32, of Lodge Grass, is also survived by his adopted mother, Georgine Little Nest of Lodge Grass; his sister, Rhonda Anderson; and his brother, Robert Brien.

DeAllen Little Owl

CROW AGENCY — DeAllen G. Little Owl, 18, died in an auto accident 13 miles south of Hardin on Route 313, Dec. 1, 2002.

He was born May 14, 1984, in Hardin, a son of Larry Little Owl, Jr. and Georgianna Old Elk. He

grew up in the Crow Agency area and attended schools in Hardin and St. Labre. DeAllen enjoyed playing basketball with his many friends. He also enjoyed the outdoors most, especially working with his grandfather, Larry, Sr.

DeAllen was a member of the Pentecostal Church, Big Lodge Clan and a child of the Big Lodge Clan.

His great-great-grandmother, Mabel Pretty on Top; his two aunts, Roberta Old Elk and Fairalee Williamson; and his three cousins, Todd and Baby Alan Old Elk and Jazmin Morning preceded DeAllen in death.

Survivors include his mother, Georgianna Old Elk of Crow Agency; his father, Larry Little Owl, Jr. of Crow Agency; five brothers, Levi (Tammy) Old Elk of Hardin, Waylon Hill of Lodge Grass, Larny (Heather) Stewart, John Fighter and Larry S. Little



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Owl, III of Crow Agency; three sisters, Valerie Hill of Billings, Jonny Jo Little Owl and Jessica Little Owl of Crow Agency; his grandparents, George (Diane) Old Elk, Jr. of Lodge Grass, Garlon and Pansy Williamson, Linda and Larry Little Owl of Crow Agency; and his great-grandmothers, Henrietta Pretty on Top of Lodge Grass and Evelyn Old Elk of Crow Agency.

DeAllen, you will be missed, but your memory, smile and thoughtful ways will never be forgotten. You are truly loved.

Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 5, in the Crow Agency Multi-Purpose Building. Interment will follow in the Crow Agency Cemetery.

Bullis Mortuary of Hardin has been entrusted with the arrangements.

MAR 24 2002**Horace John
Littlesun, Sr.**

Horace John Littlesun Sr., 79, of Busby, passed away Thursday, March 21, 2002, at St. Vincent Healthcare.

Vekesehenahkohe (Bird Bear) was born Sept. 27, 1922, in Birney, a son of Charles Littlesun and Bessie Fishwoman. He was adopted at a young age by James and Augusta Littlewhiteman. He received his education in Busby while growing up in the Rosebud Creek area.

**HORACE
LITTLESUN,
SR.**

After his schooling, Horace entered the U.S. Army, served in WWII, and later received his honorable discharge.

Horace married Agnes Russell, and was later divorced. He worked as a custodian for the Busby School, retiring in 1985. He was affectionately known as the "Mayor of Busby." During his younger years he enjoyed rodeos, and as he grew older, he enjoyed watching his grandchildren participate in sports.

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His parents and several siblings preceded Horace in death.

Survivors include six daughters; Dyann (Dale) Phipps of Gillette, Wyo., Renita (Elmer) Ogle, Rebecca Little sun (Abè), Alice Little sun (Robert), Betsy (Duane) Swank and Katrina Little sun of Busby; two sons, Horace (Jermaine) Little sun, Jr. and Merlin (Jeri) Little sun of Lame Deer; an adopted sister, Mac Hamilton of Idaho; an adopted brother, David Little white man, Sr. of Billings; 27 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Wake services will be held at 7 p.m., Sunday, March 24, at the Little sun family residence in Busby. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m., Monday, March 25, in the Busby White River Mennonite Church. Interment will follow in the Russell Family Cemetery. Bullis Mortuary of Hardin has been entrusted with the arrangements.

**Jarrold Preston
Littlewhiteman**

LAME DEER — Jarrold Preston Littlewhiteman, infant son of Verliit and Melberta (Eggleman) Littlewhiteman, was born and died on Sunday at the family home in Lame Deer.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. at the White River Mennonite Church in Busby. Burial will be in the Busby Cemetery. Rausch Funeral Home of the Northern Cheyenne Nation is in charge of the funeral arrangements.

Jarrold Preston Littlewhiteman

LAME DEER. — Jarrod Preston Littlewhiteman passed away in his home on Sunday, Sept. 1, 2002. Our infant son was born four months premature. He is survived by his parents, Verlin and Melberta Littlewhiteman, Sr., of Lame Deer; sisters Esther and Ashley Littlewhiteman; brothers Elijah Eagleman, Verlin Littlewhiteman, Jr., and Spencer Littlewhiteman survive Jarrod.

Also surviving him are grandparents Ann Gallaspy of Scott Mills, Ore., and Delberta Eagleman of Lame Deer; uncles Thomas (Susan) Littlewhiteman, Jr., of Busby, Dennis (Felicia) Littlewhiteman of Poplar; and Cody Eagleman of Poplar; aunts Faith (Jason) Birdtail of Ft. Belknap, Clarice (Marvin) Woodenlegs of Lame Deer, and Delvene Eagleman of Lame Deer. Jarrod has many relatives and cousins, too numerous to further mention.

Jarrold is preceded in death by his great-grandparents Robert (Mary) Redwoman; grandparents Thomas (Esther) Littlewhiteman, Melvin Eagleman, Sr., and Uncle John Littlewhiteman.

"Baby son, the world was going too fast for us and the creator was not ready to let you go. When the time is right, Maheo will give us another chance. You are very special to us and we will see you again. We can't say that we will miss you because no word can express how much it feels for us to experience your loss, but to wait and hope for one day your return. So, our baby son, go back to the spirit world and wait until Mommy and Daddy will see you again."

The funeral was held Thursday, Sept. 5. There will be a feast held at the Mennonite in Busby on Sept. 7, in honor of our son, Jarrod.

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BUSBY — Gilbert Littlewolf, 72, lifetime Busby resident, passed away Thursday, Aug. 29, 2002, in the Deaconess Billings Clinic.



**GILBERT
LITTLEWOLF**

Ma"taa"ohnee'estse, Stands in Timber was born March 19, 1930, in Busby, a son of Robert and Mae One Bear Littlewolf. He was the great-grandson of the Northern Cheyenne Chief La-ban Littlewolf. He grew up and received his education in Busby.

Gilbert married Marie Big Back on May 23, 1950, in Hardin and the couple made their home in Busby.

He worked for the Busby Store for seven years, was a dormitory aide for the Bureau of Indian Affairs for 28 years and a maintenance man for the Busby School for 15 years.

Gilbert was the current Busby District representative to the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council serving several terms. He was a hereditary chief, member of the Chief's Society and a Sun Dance priest, who participated in Sun Dances.

His parents and a sister Esther preceded Gilbert in death.

Survivors include his wife, Marie of Busby; three daughters, Doris and her husband Willie Sequi, Sr., Esther and her husband Roy Charette and Donna Littlewolf (Lance Littlebird) of Busby; his son, Emanuel Littlewolf of Missoula; an adopted daughter, Roxann Miller of South Dakota; two sisters, Eva King and Claudine Littlewolf of Busby; his brother, George Littlewolf, Sr. of Lame Deer; he raised two granddaughters as his own, Michelle Littlewolf (Ken Wallowing Bull, Jr.) and Gina Littlewolf (Dave Millegan); his grandchildren, Sharon Grinsell, Roberta Sequi (Melvin Strange Owl) Willie Sequi Jr. (Tamara Spang), Shawn Wolfname, Anthony Wolfname, Jr., James Wolfname, Shannon Wolfname (Emiliano Yepa III), Ciciley Wolfname (Joseph Williams), Tristin Wolfname, Corinna Littlecoyote (Jason Heavyrunner-Charlo), Gilbert Dean Littlewolf, Andre Brady and Tracey

Littlewolf; his great grandchildren, Jacklyn and Kendal Craig, Brandon and Jimmy Tushka III, Keriba, Kayla and Eli Grinsell, Jeniqua, Shanyel, Asia and Melvin Strange Owl, Jr., Tyreston Sequi, Camaron Wolfname, DreAnna Brady, Emanuel, Nathaniel and Emiliano Yepa IV.

Wake services will be held 7 p.m. Monday in the Busby Mennonite Church.

Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Tuesday in the Lane Deer Boys and Girls Club. Interment will follow in the Littlewolf Family Cemetery near Busby. Bullis Mortuary of Hardin has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Eugene B. Litton

CODY, Wyo. — Eugene B. Litton, 64, died Tuesday, Feb. 26, 2002, at West Park Hospital.

Memorial service will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, March 6, at the Christian and Missionary Alliance Church. Ballard Funeral Home of Cody is in charge.

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Jason Livingston

MILES CITY — Jason Livingston, 36, died Saturday June 29, 2002, in his home.

Visitation will begin on Tuesday, July 2, at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home. Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Wednesday, July 3, at the Trinity Lutheran Church. Internment will follow at a later date in the Absorkee Cemetery.

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Bobbi Jo Loberg

BILLINGS GAZETTE

NOV 16 2002

WOLF POINT — Bobbi Jo Loberg, 22, of Wolf Point, died Wednesday, Nov. 13, 2002.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 16, at Clayton Memorial Chapel in Wolf Point. Interment will be in the Greenwood Cemetery.

Willard V. Loberg

CODY, Wyo. — Willard V. Loberg, 72, died Thursday, June 27, 2002, at the West Park Long Term Care Center in Cody.

Visitation will be from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday, June 28, at Ballard Funeral Home in Cody. Graveside services will be at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, June 29, at the Riverside Cemetery.

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BALLARD FUNERAL HOME

Florence J. Loeffler

BILLINGS GAZETTE

Florence J. Loeffler, 95, of Billings and former Livingston resident, died Friday morning, Aug. 23, 2002, at St. John's Lutheran Nursing Home.

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Visitation will be from 1 to 5 p.m. on Monday and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesday. Graveside committal and burial will be 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 27, at Mountain View Cemetery. Franzen-Davis Funeral Home is in charge.

Ervin 'Pete' Theodore Loegering

December 4, 1915 — May 23, 2002

POPLAR — Pete Loegering died on May 23, 2002, at the Northeast Montana Health Services Facility in Poplar.

Pete was born in Long Prairie,

Minn., to John
and Olive

(Krueger)

Loegering. He

was raised in

Barnsville and

Browerville,

Minn. He

attended a coun-

try school and a

Catholic school

in Browerville

through the

fifth grade, after which time he helped his family on the farm.

He joined the CGC camp in

1935 and was in the camp for one

year. He then met Rosella "Sally"

Stephan and they married on

Sept. 28, 1940, in Long Prairie.

Together, they had a dairy farm

outside of Long Prairie. Their

first son, Del, was born in 1943,

and they moved to a farm near

Browerville where their second

son, Dick, was born in 1945.

In 1947, Pete went to Alaska to

look for work. Unable to find

work, he moved his wife and fam-

ily to Poplar in 1948, where he



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went to work for Fred Clark. Later, they bought a farm of their own north of Poplar. Pete was a police officer in Poplar during the winter of 1950. In 1955, Pete started Poplar's first garbage collection route. Their first daughter Tana was born in 1956 and their second daughter Lori was born in 1959.

Pete and Sally started Loegering's Repair in 1962, which Pete, Sally and Del ran until 1998, when Pete retired at the age of 83. He spent a few retirement years hunting, fishing and spending time with his family.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters; one brother; a son, Del; and a granddaughter, DeAnna.

He is survived by his wife Sally of Poplar; a son Dick (Sharie) Loegering of Lovell, Wyo.; two daughters, Tana (Bob) Atkinson of Poplar and Lori Loegering of Billings; a brother, Larry of Billings; and nine grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

A vigil service will be held at 7 p.m. on Monday, May 27, at the Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in Poplar. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, May 28, at the Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church with Fr. Michael Scheider officiating. Interment will be in the Poplar City Cemetery. Clayton Memorial Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

JAN 12 2002

Lucille Ann Loendorf

WOLF POINT — Lucille Ann Loendorf, age 82, of Wolf Point, died Jan. 10, 2002, at the NE Montana Health Services Facility/Trinity Hospital in Wolf Point, of natural causes.

She was born on the homestead in Vida on Nov. 10, 1919, to Edward and Helen Schillinger. She grew up and attended school in Vida and then attended high school in Wolf Point. She married Leonard Loendorf on Oct. 7, 1944, in the Vida Catholic Church. She was a housewife and homemaker. She loved to cook, bake, she loved animals and especially loved children.

Lucille was the organist for many years at the Vida Catholic Church and was a member of the Wolf Point Catholic Daughters, the Vida Altar Society, Royal Neighbors of America and the Vida Homemakers.

She was preceded in death by her husband (of almost 50 years) in 1993. She had been a resident at the Harada House of Wolf Point for the past seven years.

She is survived by three sons, Ron (and Lisa) Loendorf of Valier, Gene (and Debbie)

Loendorf of Wolf Point and Marvin (and Leni) Loendorf of Wolf Point; five daughters, Connie (and Mark) Clements of Littleton, Colo., Janice Dietz of Billings, JoAnn (and Don) Lekvold of Scobey, Patsy (and Bill) Novack of Butte and Eileen (and Larry) Hesper of Wolf Point; a brother, Kenneth Schillinger of Circle; and one sister, Evelyn Neufield of Lewiston, Idaho; and 19 grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband and one brother, Walter Schillinger.

Funeral services will be Monday, Jan. 14, at 10 a.m., at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Wolf Point. Visitations will be at the Clayton Memorial Chapel, Sunday, from noon till 6 p.m., with a vigil service at 5 p.m. Interment will be in the Vida Cemetery. Rev. Fr. Steve Zabrocki officiating services. Clayton Memorial Chapel in charge of arrangements.

At the family's request, memorial contributions may be made in Lucille's Memory to: Harada House, Box 3030, Wolf Point, MT 59201.

Mary F. Lofing

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LAVINA — Mary Frances Lofing, loving wife, mother and grandmother, passed away at the Roundup Memorial Nursing Home on Aug. 2, 2002.

She was born in Laurel on Jan. 6, 1926, to Maude and Alfred Ranger.

She is survived by her husband of 35 years, Fred Lofing; her five children, Paulette (Bryson) Warner, Judith Gap, Starla (Guy) Rollison, Laurel, Larry (Loretta) Wight, of Phoenix, Don Wight of Prescott, Ariz., and Sandy (Charlie) Egge of Lavina; her two stepchildren, Sandy (Steve) Hunter and Dennis Lofing, Hermiston, Ore.; one brother, Don (June) Ranger of Billings; 18 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be 10 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 6, at the Wier Funeral Chapel.

Herman Lofing

BILLINGS GAZETTE

JUL 10 2002

COLUMBUS — Herman Lofing, 79, of Columbus, passed away after a short illness, on Monday, July 8, 2002, at St. Vincent Healthcare in Billings.

He was born to Conrad and Elizabeth (Busch) Lofing on Aug. 4, 1922, and grew up on a farm southeast of Park City, later moving to a farm on Flaberty Flat near Columbus.

Herman married Virginia Colgrove in 1945 and spent most of his early married life ranching on Hensley Creek in the Columbus area, moving into Columbus in 1959. Together, they raised four children.

He married Margaret (Peg) Wilson in 1976 (who preceded him in death) and ranched at Carbon Acres east of Columbus. He married Margaret Heifrin in 1980 (who also preceded him in death) and retired to his present home east of Columbus in 1982.

Herman enjoyed pets, raising his garden and flowers, and most of all, his family. He will be remembered for sharing his garden with friends and family and the pride he took in his family barbecues.

His parents, six brothers and two sisters preceded him in death. He is survived by five sisters, Lydia (Maier), Mollie (Eisenman), Donna (Staab), Johanna (Myers) and Rosaline Lofing; and one

brother, Fred Lofing. He is also survived by his four children, Larry Lofing of Clearwater, Fla., Diane (Rick) Braley, Linda (Edwin) Hagberg and Kathy Stabnow, all of Columbus; along with six grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces, nephews, and many friends. Herman will be dearly missed by his family and friends.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, July 12, at Smith Funeral Chapel-Columbus. Cremation has taken place. Committal will be in Mountainview Cemetery. Memorials, in lieu of flowers, may be made to Special K Ranch or the charity of one's choice.

Russel Eugene Logan

BELFIELD, N.D. — Russel Eugene Logan, 91, of Belfield, died Friday, Oct. 11, 2002, at St. Joseph's Hospital in Dickinson.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 13, at the Logan Cemetery at Fryburg.

Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Beach is in charge of arrangements.

MAR 31 2002**Astrid E. Lohof**

LINCOLN CITY, Ore. — Astrid E. Lohof, 72, of Lincoln City, died Tuesday, March 26, 2002, at the Newport Rehab, of natural causes.

She was born July 11, 1929, in Denver. She graduated from South High School in Denver. She moved to Seattle after high school, then to Cody, Wyo., for many years, where she was employed as a legal secretary. She moved to Lincoln City in 1993. She married Alfred Lohof on Feb. 16, 1952, in Seattle.

She is survived by her husband, Alfred Lohof of Lincoln City; two sons, Rodney Lohof of Salem, Ore., and Robert Lohof of Seattle; a daughter, Deborah Blodgett of Nixa, Mo.; two sisters, Charlotte Morrison of Denver and Margaret Gookin of Lovell, Wyo.; and three grandchildren.

Memorial services will be at a later date.

Astrid E. Lohof

Memorial services for Astrid E. Lohof, formerly of Cody, Wyo., will be at 11 a.m. Monday, June 10, at First English Lutheran Church at 1243 N. 31st St. in Billings.

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Alene Lohrenz

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DEC 11 2002

POWELL, Wyo. — Alene Lohrenz, 68, died Monday, Dec. 9, 2002, at St. Vincent Healthcare in Billings.

Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 12, at Miratsky-Easton Funeral Home in Powell. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 13, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Powell. Burial will follow in Crown Hill Cemetery in Powell.

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Edna Lohrenz

CODY, Wyo. — Edna Lohrenz, age 87, of Cody, died Friday, April 12, 2002, at the home of her daughter, Judy (Mrs. Forrest Hoge), of Adrian, Mich.



**EDNA
LOHRENZ**

In addition to her daughter, she is survived by her grandchildren, Bill Hoge of Lavonia, Mich., Ron Hoge of Traverse City, Mich., and Rebecca (Mrs. Chris Vahle) of Madison, Wis.; and a great-grandson, Billy Hoge. A memorial service will be held at the Cody United Methodist Church, Monday, May 6, at 11 a.m.

Memorial contributions in Edna's name may be given to Intermountain Children's Home, 500 South Lamborn, Helena, MT 59601, or to the charity of your choice.

Harvey A. Lohrenz

BILLINGS GAZETTE


DEC 04 2002

POWELL, Wyo. — Harvey A. Lohrenz, 76, of Powell, died Monday, Dec. 2, 2002, at the Powell Hospital.


Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 5, at the First United Methodist Church in Powell. Burial will follow in Crown Hill Cemetery. Haskell Funeral Home of Lovell is in charge.

MAR 10 2002

Bernice C. Long



Bernice C. Long 74, of Billings passed away Sunday, March 3, 2002, at her home.



The daughter of Ernest and Elsie Todd, Bernice was born Feb. 25, 1928, in Helper, Utah. She married George Long in Sept., 1946, at Shove Chapel, Colorado College in Colorado Springs. They settled in Broomfield, Colo., where they raised their family. After George's retirement, they moved to the Flathead Lake area in 1974 and to Billings in 1980.

MRS. LONG

Bernice had worked as a

beautician, florist and healer. Always interested in politics, she had served as co-chair for the Colorado State Republican Party and had been involved in many campaigns. She enjoyed gardening and had been a test gardener for Jackson Perkins. She belonged to several garden clubs and had worked to landscape parks and the library in Broomfield. A writer and author, she also enjoyed collecting minerals, cooking and counseling others.

Survivors include her husband, George of

Billings; two daughters, Rebecca Burt of Great Falls, Joyce Kenyon of Corona, Calif.; and son, Robin Long of Belgrade; four grandchildren, Erin, Jared, Justin and Sasha; a step-grandson, Michael; great-grandchild, Kelsey; step-great-grandchildren Whitney and Taylor; a sister, Shirley Cruse; stepsister, Dolores Leukins; and cousin, Gloria McCutchen.

Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary has charge of cremation.

Bernice has requested that there be no memorials,

Dorothy K. Long

Dorothy Kathryn Long, 85, of Billings passed away Saturday, Oct. 26, 2002 at St. Vincent Healthcare. She was born Dec. 2, 1916 in Bangor, Iowa, the daughter of Clarion L. and Vera Gladys Bacon Winslow. She came from Iowa to Boise Valley, Idaho in 1928 and has lived in Billings since 1959 and was a homemaker all her life.

Survivors include daughter, Myrna (Louis) Holoubek of Bozeman; son, Larry (Sharon) Long of Spokane, Wash.; grandchildren, Greg Holoubek of Bozeman, Doug Holoubek of Kansas City, Mo., Ronda Huston of Spokane, Janet Boling of Aurora, Colo., Camie Vicroy of Portland, Ore., Paula Long and Pam Link of North Bend, Wash. and Brandi Long of Spokane; nine great-grandchildren; one sister, Marilyn Corcelius of Ashton, Idaho; and two brothers, Max Winslow of Wenatchee, Wash. and Dwight Winslow of Austin, Texas.

Graveside committal will be 11 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 30, at Mountview Cemetery. Cremation or Funeral Gallery is in charge of arrangements.

Jessie Long Jaw

Jessie Limpy Long Jaw, (Xamol) Lance Woman, 79, beloved mother, grandmother and friend, passed away July 6, 2002, at Deaconess Hospital. She had been a resident at Eagle Cliff Manor Nursing Home for the past year.

Jessie was the only surviving member of her family and has now gone on home to be with her Lord. Jessie was the great-great-granddaughter of Chief Dull Knife and also is the last Contrary Warrior. She was born Nov. 15, 1922, in Busby, to Hattie Kills Back and Ben Limpy, and was raised in the old Indian traditional ways.

Jessie married Elmer Long Jaw in 1942, and they had three children. Jessie was the rock of her family and was a caring and giving person who will be remembered for her generosity and humorous ways.

Her hobbies were heading and making quilts and watching TV. She enjoyed visiting with her family and friends.

Survivors include her three children, son, Benjamin Long Jaw (Beverly M.) of Billings, daughters, Nancy Long Jaw (David C.R.) of Billings and Barbara Long Jaw (Ray W.) of Kennewick, Wash.; two adopted daughters, Cheryl Limpy and Jackie Tang; 21 grandchildren; 22

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great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Her parents, husband, sisters, brothers and three grandchildren preceded Jessie in death.

MY GREATEST GIFT
I HAVE FELT COOL HANDS
ON MY FEVERISH BROW,
A GIFT I CALL UNDER-
STANDING...

I HAVE SEEN TEARS SHED
FOR BOTH MY HAPPINESS
AND PAIN,

A GIFT I CALL CARING...
I HAVE FELT A HELPFUL
FORCE IN TIMES OF NEED,



A GIFT I
CALL
PRAYER...
I HAVE
BEEN PAR-
DONED FOR
MY WRONGS,
A GIFT I
CALL FOR-
GIVENESS...
I HAVE
BEEN CHER-
ISHED DESPITE MY FLAWS,

**JESSIE
LONG JAW**

A GIFT I CALL UNDER-
STANDING..

I HAVE BEEN TAUGHT
ABOUT LOVE,

A GIFT I CALL GOD..

I HAVE BEEN GIVEN
THESE BLESSINGS BY MY
GREATEST TREASURE,

A GIFT I CALL MOTHER..

MOTHER, YOU ARE AT
PEACE AND IN NO MORE
PAIN. YOU HAVE GONE ON
TO BE WITH YOUR FAMILY
WHO PRECEDED YOU. WE
WILL MISS YOU GREATLY
AND WILL ALWAYS BE IN
OUR HEARTS, WE WILL SEE
YOU AGAIN SOMEDAY. LOVE
FROM ALL OF US.

Funeral services will be held
11 a.m. Thursday, July 11, at the
Busby Mennonite Church, with
Pastor Willis Busnitz officiating.
Burial will follow in the Busby
Cemetery. Feast will follow after
the interment at the church.
Bullis Mortuary of Hardin has
been entrusted with the arrange-
ments.

Whitman A. Longley

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FORSYTH — Whitman A. Longley, 92, of the Forsyth area, died peacefully in his sleep Tuesday May 7, 2002, at his home west of Forsyth.

Whit was born July 15, 1909 on the family homestead west of Forsyth, the son of Joseph and Mollie Anderson Longley. He spent his youth on the family ranch, attending schools in Forsyth where he graduated from Forsyth High School in 1928. Whit spent his summers during his school years working on the FUF horse ranch. Following his education, Whit worked as a cowboy in the Forsyth area his entire life.

On July 13, 1985, Whit married Elsie Gray Armstrong in Forsyth. They continued to live on the Longley place where Whit enjoyed his retirement by working in the garden, hunting and fishing. Whit became a member of the Forsyth Presbyterian Church in 1925 and has been a member for 77 years.

He is survived by his wife, Elsie of Forsyth; his step-son, Harry (Cathy) Armstrong of Belgrade; his step-daughter, Judy (Harold) Millage of Salida, Colo.; six step-grandchildren, Johnnie Armstrong, Anna Stine, Gregg Dennison, Julie Johnson, Mathew Armstrong, Elizabeth Armstrong; five great step-grandchildren, Morgan Johnson, Lily Dennison, Jordan,

Stine, McKenna Stine, Spencer Stine; and two cousins, Mignon Tadsen and Louise Fleming.

Memorial Services will be 2 p.m. Tuesday, May 14, at the Beals Mortuary Chapel in Forsyth. Cremation has taken place and interment of the urn will follow the services on the family lot in the Forsyth Cemetery. Beals Mortuary of Forsyth is assisting the family with these arrangements.

Edgar Loomis

BILLINGS GAZETTE

DEC 12 2002

JORDAN — Edgar Loomis, 91, of Jordan, died Wednesday, Dec. 11, 2002, at the Garfield County Health Center in Jordan.

Visitation will be from 1 to 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13, at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Jordan. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 14, at the Fairview Hall in Brusett. Interment will follow in the family lot in the Hearts of Peace Cemetery in Brusett.

Jesse Lopez

JUN 19 2002

MILES CITY — Jesse Lopez, 65, of Miles City, formerly of Hysham, died Sunday, June 16, 2002, at his home.

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Rosary will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, June 20, at the Beals Mortuary Chapel in Forsyth. Funeral Mass will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. Interment will follow in the Forsyth Veterans Cemetery.

Mandy Lopez

Mandy Gardipee Lopez, born Nov. 3, 1969, in Great Falls, to Raul Lopez and Marlene Gardipee, passed away Oct. 15, 2002, in Billings.

Mandy loved all her brothers and sisters: Felicia Garcia, Fort Collins, Colo., Francina Lopez, Missoula, Priscilla Lopez, Smithfield, N.C., Camelia Lopez, Austin, Texas, Delilah Lopez,



**MANDY
LOPEZ**

Fort Collins, Colo., Amy Gonzalez, Fort Collins, Raul Lopez, III, Valerino, Fort Collins, Lucy of Fort Collins; sons, Michael and Raul and Donald (Maria) of Billings, Ian of Fort Collins; daughters, Winnona, Michelle, of Great Falls; nieces and nephews, Francina Lynn Lopez (a.k.a. Beanie) of Billings, Santana, Erik, Nika, Navarone of Billings, Geronimo Crazy Horse Lopez of Missoula, Blanca Ray of Great Falls, Vanessa, Montana Ferda, Miles, Trenton, Karrisa, all of Four Oaks, N.C., Maddie of Fort Collins, Jose of Austin, Texas, Max, Daisy and Paulina of Fort Collins, Andy of Lyons, Colo., LaMont Cruz and Princess of Smithfield, N.C.

She grew up in Great Falls, Texas and California.

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Mandy loved to travel. She could never stay put in one place for long.

Mandy made many friends along the way. She was a great storyteller and was an adventurous person. She loved to swim in the ocean and loved to travel with her mother. She had an outgoing personality and love to laugh and joke.

She will be deeply missed by all her family and friends.

Her heart was broken when she lost her brother, Geronimo. May they be reunited once again.

We love you, Mandy. XXOO

We will miss you deeply, and forever in our hearts.

She was preceded in death by her brother, Geronimo Crazy Horse Lopez; and her daughter, Rose Martinez.

Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary, 1001 Alderson Ave., is in charge of arrangements.

Vigil and viewing will be at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 18, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church on the South Side. Friends are welcome to attend. Mass will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 19, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church. Burial will follow at 11:30 a.m.

I'm Free

Don't grieve for me now I'm
free

I'm following the path God
laid for me

I took His hand when I heard
Him call

I turned my back and left it all

I could not stay another day

To laugh, to love, to work or
play

Tasks left undone must stay
that way

I found that peace at the close
of the day

If my parting has left a void

Then fill it with remembered
joy

A friendship shared, a laugh, a
kiss

Ah yes, these things I too will
miss

Be not burdened with times of
sorrow

I wish you the sunshine of
tomorrow

My life's been full, I savored
much

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

Perhaps my time seemed all
too brief

Don't lengthen it now with
undue grief

Lift up your heart and share it
with me

God wanted me now, He set
me free.

Nicholas Lopez

MCMINNVILLE, Ore. — N.A. "Nick" Lopez, age 83, passed away Feb. 2, 2002, in McMinnville where he moved to live near family.

He was born April 7, 1918, in Pocatello, Idaho, to Sam and Rose Sevino Lopez. He attended grade school and high school in Livingston, Mont., where he was active in sports.



MR. LOPEZ

Mr. Lopez served in the Army from 1941-1945 and attained the rank of Master Sergeant. After the war he returned to Livingston. He was a banker for 43 years in banks in Livingston, Helena and Miles City. He retired as Senior Vice President after 27 years at the First Bank Miles City, where he was very active in professional and civic organizations. He moved to Billings after retirement and enjoyed fishing and golf. After the death of his wife of 49 years, Evelyn, he moved to McMinnville.

Survivors include his daughter Janice Krumenacker and her husband, Nick, McMinnville; sisters: Kay Gibson, Salt Lake City, Mary Larango, Missoula, Carmie Proffitt, Livingston, Betty Ratliff, Billings, Thelma Schramm, Issaquah, Wash., Jenny Weber, Livingston; brother, John Lopez,

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Livingston; granddaughter, Nicole (Toby) Smith, McMinnville; great-grandson, Tyler Smith, McMinnville; three step-grandchildren and two step-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Libby Ingraham; a second sister in infancy.

Funeral services will be held at a later date. Macy & Son Funeral Directors of McMinnville is in charge of the arrangements.

Barbara Louise Losleben

BILLINGS GAZETTE

NOV 05 2002

KALISPELL — Barbara Louise Losleben passed from this earth on Oct. 20, 2002, following a brief illness.

Born April 19, 1930, in Minot, N.D., to Leah and James T. Harrison, Barbara lived her early years in Glasgow and Malta. She married her true love, Roman J. Losleben, on Oct. 27, 1950, in Malta. She dreamed of being a wonderful wife and mother. Her mission was accomplished. Together with Romie, they built the family business, the Valley Drug for 40 years, while also during that time owned and operated her own store, the Sew Inn, moving to Kalispell during their retirement. Romie and Barb traveled throughout the world together, sharing their adventures. Barb held deep pride in her rainbow family and knew her dreams were complete with each additional grandchild. Frequently a volunteer at food banks, she was a Secret Santa to innumerable families, relishing the joy of anonymous giving. Her legacy lives in us all.

Bobby Lou loved life and all that goes with it. She lived hers with laughter, joy and emotion. She did and said as she wished. Family was her most valued treasure.

Barb is joined in heaven by her mother and father, Leah and

Chief Justice James T. Harrison; sister Beverly Hould; and grandson Bradley Losleben. She is survived by her husband, Roman Losleben of Kalispell; daughters, Debra Fleming of Seattle, Joan Hall, Vancouver, Wash.; sons Jim Losleben of Bigfork, Rick Losleben. Vaughn and Tom Losleben, Polson. She also leaves 18 fabulous grandchildren, would you care to see photos? Her love, generosity, truthfulness and wonderful sense of humor will remain in our hearts as we forever celebrate the gift of her life.

Memorials can be sent in her name to Shodair Hospital in Helena, or the Shriner's Crippled Children's Hospital in Spokane, Wash.

Ruth Marjorie Love

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Ruth Marjorie Love, six-year resident at St. John's Lutheran Home, died Aug. 27, 2002.

The daughter of Edward and Nora Faris, she was born Jan. 11, 1904, in Medaryville, Ind. The family of six moved to Benchland in 1909. She graduated from Moccasin in 1921 and attended Dillon Normal for two years. She taught at Maiden and Giltedge (both are now abandoned gold mining towns near Lewistown).

Ruth married Frank C. Koefeldt, a Montana Power electrician, in 1925. They lived in Great Falls where four children were born. Frank died in 1937. She prepared hot lunches at Lower Sun River Elementary School for 14 years and, for several summers, she cooked at children's summer camps.

She married Lloyd A. Love in 1947. He was a retired rancher and a carpenter. He died in 1987.

Ruth lived most of her years in Great Falls, moving to Chelan, Wash., for an eight-year period. She has lived in Billings since 1996.

Ruth enjoyed sewing clothes, making quilts, dancing, reading, TV news, croquet, berry picking and milking our cow. She was always very careful with her appearance. Being widowed before Social Security and raising four very young children was a heavy burden for her. She was helpful to neighbors, a faithful Catholic and a good mother.

She was preceded in death by her parents, four brothers, four sisters and two grandsons. She is survived by two sisters, Mabel Walker of Great Falls and Lois Tucker of Grants Pass, Ore.; a brother, Don Faris of Great Falls; two sons, Vincent and Cleo Koefeldt of Laurel and Frank and June Koefeldt of Rancho Murieta, Calif., and two daughters, Bernice and Bob Grieb of Entiat, Wash., and Jeane Koefeldt of Billings. There are also 17 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be at 9 a.m. Thursday at St. Thomas Church. Her remains will be interred in Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Great Falls at a later date.

Fern Ruth Lovec

GREAT FALLS — Fern Ruth Lovec, 85, died Feb. 12, 2002, at Missouri River Manor in Great Falls of natural causes.

Fern was born June 19, 1916, in Mill Iron, Mont., to Willis and Mary Johnson. On her 18th birthday, she married Rudy Lovec in Baker. Together, they ranched in the Mill Iron area for a number of years.

They later owned and operated a hotel in DeSmet, S.D. They returned to Ekalaka to raise their family.

Fern was a hard worker with many talents, from owning a variety store, managing a restaurant and owning and operating her own dairy delivery service. Fern's hobbies and loves were many, but making quilts was her passion. She made numerous quilts, with most of them going to friends and relatives as loving gifts. Fern was a lifelong member of St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church in Ekalaka, where she was active in many roles.

In 1978, Fern and Rudy moved to Billings where she lived until moving to Great Falls in 2000. Fern opened her home to many friends and relatives, with drop-in supper guests always welcome.



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Survivors include two sons, Ted and wife Bess of Billings, Jan and wife Paula of Great Falls; a brother, Bill of Kent, Wash.; 10 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. Fern was preceded in death by her beloved husband Rudy; sons Jack and Dennis; and her sister Mary.

Vigil will be held Friday, Feb. 15, at 7:30 p.m. at the Stevenson Chapel in Ekalaka. Funeral Mass will be Saturday, Feb. 16, at 11 a.m. at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church with interment at IOOF Cemetery in Ekalaka. Memorials may be made to St. Joan of Arc Church in Ekalaka, your local Hospice organization or the organization of your choice.

Joseph Lovac

BILLINGS GAZETTE
FEB 23 2002

MILES CITY — Joseph Lovac, 87, of Miles City, died Thursday, Feb. 21, 2002, at the Friendship Villa Care Center in Miles City.

Visitation will begin Tuesday, Feb. 26, at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City, with vigil services at 6 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 27, at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Rite of committal will follow in the family lot in the Calvary Cemetery.

James Loveridge

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James Loveridge took the Lord's hand, Friday, Feb. 22, 2002, and followed him into heaven to be greeted by his most beloved wife, Margery. Jim was 91.

Born on Feb. 19, 1911, in Marmarth, N.D., to James Franklin and Lula Mae Morris Loveridge, his family moved to Cleveland with his mother and older brother Morris. Jim's never-ending spirit drove him to succeed scholastically and athletically in high school at Cleveland East Tech and into college at the University of Akron, Ohio. During his time in junior high, Jim began his love affair with Margery Tring. The two were married on Sept. 8, 1928, while in college.

Eight years later, the couple moved to Billings with their first-born son James. Later adding two more children, Martha and William. After arriving in Billings, Jim began his long career with Gamble Robinson in the warehouse. Over the next 40 years, he worked his way to general manager. Jim was terribly proud of his affiliation with Gamble Robinson and the hundreds of people he worked with over the years.

During his tenure at the wholesale food distributor, Jim was called upon to serve his country during WWII. Having

proudly and graciously served his country, he returned home to his three children and wife in 1945 after the war had concluded.

Following the tragic loss of Margery, Jim's faith never faltered. He later found love and companionship again with Verona Slotta of Cody, Wyo., who soon died thereafter and later married Janet Mullen, who also passed.

Jim's love for ballroom dancing made him a constant at the American Legion, Elks Club and Senior Citizen Center. Jim was also very proud of his involvement over the years at West Side Baptist Church.

Preceding him in death were his parents; brother, Morris; a great-grandson and two nephews. Jim is survived by his three children, James H. Loveridge of Billings, Martha Stroud of Billings and William Loveridge of Sunnyside, Wash.; and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, a great-great-grandson; nieces and nephews.

Jim's family would also like to extend our deepest thanks to the staff at Valley Nursing Home for their love, kindness and wonderful care given to Jim during his

stay.

Memorial services will be held at the West Side Baptist Church on Wednesday, Feb. 27, at 1 p.m., with the burial being held at Sunset Memorial Gardens. In lieu of flowers, the family requests a donation to the charity of your choice in memory of Jim.

Michelotti-Sawyers has charge of arrangements.

William G. Loveridge

SUNNYSIDE, Wash. — William G. Loveridge joined the Lord, Sept. 3, 2002, after a lengthy illness. Bill passed away in Sunnyside, with many of his loved ones at his side.

Born on June 17, 1936, in Billings, to James and Margery. Bill is survived by his brother, Jim; and his sister, Martha Stroud.

Bill was an exceptional athlete while attending Billings Senior High School. After graduation, Bill became a proud member of the United States Marine Corps. Upon his discharge from the service, Bill was involved in a devastating auto accident, nearly killing him. After a year in a full body cast, Bill was told by doctors he would never conduct a normal life.



**WILLIAM
LOVERIDGE**

However, his undying spirit proved ever more vigilant when Bill took a job with Credit Service Company and worked feverishly until he purchased the business from his mentor, Norm McGinty. During his stint as owner of Credit Service, Bill started Checkrite and Credit Accounts Reporting Service. His incredible compassion and sense of fairness with people in collections made him a role model for

other agents and agencies throughout the Northwest.

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After selling off his three companies, Bill purchased the Blue Cat Restaurant and Bar in Huntley, Mont., touching many lives and making many friends during his semi-retirement.

Bill's other loves were his kids, his tomato plants (which he would check before he came in the house after work), his friends, being involved in Little League baseball, fishing the Yellowstone outside of Livingston, Mont., amongst other things. Bill spent his last six years in Sunnyside, enjoying and being cared for by his friends Al and Ricki Tebaldi, with whom the family owes a debt of gratitude for their tremendous love, caregiving and compassion during Bill's last years.

Bill is survived by his sister, Martha Stroud; brother, James; his children, William of Connecticut, James of Colorado, Charles and his wife Paula of Billings, Julie of Billings, Patricia of New York; and four grandchildren.

He will be missed by all.

A celebration of Bill's life will be held on Sept. 6, at 12 noon at St. Patrick's Co-Cathedral, located at 215 N. 31st, Billings. Interment will be in Sunset Memorial Gardens. Family will greet friends from 6 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 5, at Smith's Downtown Chapel.

Violet Lowery

THE MALTA GAZETTE

NOV 21 2002

MALTA — Violet Sorenson Lowery, 85, of Malta, died Wednesday, Nov. 20, 2002, at her home, of natural causes.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, Nov. 25, at the Adams Funeral Home Memorial Chapel in Malta. Interment will be in the Malta Cemetery.

Ore Henry Lubbers

MALTA — Ore Henry Lubbers, 83, of the Harb Community, south of Malta, died Saturday, May 25, 2002, at the Phillips County Good Samaritan Center in Malta.

At his request, no services will be held. Cremation has taken place. Adams Funeral Home/Hi-Line Crematory of Malta are in charge.

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Jasmine Lucas

BILLINGS GAZETTE

JUL 25 2002

BUFFALO, Wyo. — Jasmine Lucas, 93, of Buffalo, died Monday, July 22, 2002, at Johnson County Health Care Center.

Visitation will be from 1 to 10 p.m. Thursday, July 25, at Adams Funeral Home Chapel in Buffalo. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, July 26, at St. Luke's Episcopal Church. Burial will be in Willow Grove Cemetery.

John W. 'Jack' Lucas :

WILSALL — John W. "Jack" Lucas passed away Thursday, Aug. 29, 2002, at the home of his daughter Sharon in Lakeville, N.Y.

Jack was born Nov. 1, 1926, in Missoula, the son of John W. and Mabel Hereim Lucas. He attended grade school at the Tip Top School on the Lucas Ranch east of Ringling and high school in Bozeman. He later joined the U.S. Army and served in Korea. Following his military service, he returned to the family ranch.

He married Dorothy Short on April 16, 1954, in Bozeman. After the death of his father, he purchased a ranch at Sixteen. They sold the ranch in 1978 and moved to Wilsall where he spent the rest of his life in semi-retirement.

Survivors include his wife Dorothy of Wilsall; son and daughter-in-law, Mike and Pam Lucas of Billings; daughters and sons-in-law, Jackie and Mike Bergan of Helena, Sharon and Keith Cavalier of Lakeville, N.Y.; grandchildren, Regina and John Woody and Toni Lucas and Will Lucas, all of Billings, Zachary and Sondra Bergan of Minot N.D., Seth Bergan of Helena and Lucas Cavalier of Lakeville; great-grandchildren, Jared and Morgan Woody of Billings; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Dick and Lorraine Lucas of Safford, Ariz., and Chuck and Marion Lucas of Ringling, along with numerous nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death were his parents, and his grandparents, John and Mary Lucas and Martin and Rande Hereim.

Graveside services will be held at the Wilsall Cemetery on Friday, Sept. 6, at 11 a.m. Coffee will follow at Wilsall Senior Citizen's Center. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to the Wilsall Senior Citizen's Center or charity of your choice.

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Richard Lucero

Richard Lucero passed away Saturday, Sept. 28, 2002. He was a loving and devoted son, husband, father, grandfather and friend.

Richard married Evelyn Best and together they made their home in Billings for over 61 years. Richard and Evelyn are survived by their eight children, Gwen Conner (Francis), Sandra Lucero, Evelyn Jenkins (David), Richard Lucero, Jr. (Betty), Felice Nero (Larry), Michele Howard, Chandler Lucero (Robin), and Michael Lucero.



**RICHARD
LUCERO**

Richard supported his family as a beet worker, a special deputy for the Billings Sheriff's Department, and as the first Spanish ironworker and welder in Montana. He was also an all-around handyman.

Richard was a family oriented man, very active in his children's lives and school activities. He helped out in the community by taking in homeless people and orphaned children. Richard was the scoutmaster for the first minority Boy Scout troop, Troop 99. He was an inspiration and an excellent role model for many of the neighborhood children and families.

Richard was a devoted Jehovah's Witness and inculcated the truth to his eight children and many grandchildren. He loved the outdoors, animals, visiting and relating his many stories, and reading the Bible. He will be greatly missed by his loving family, friends, his faithful dog Paco and his cat, Te, Te, Te, Te.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 5, at the Jehovah's Witness Kingdom Hall at 405 S. 36th St. West. Cremation has taken place. Smith Downtown Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

LEWISTOWN — Robert E. "Bob" Lucht, 77, died Saturday, Sept. 28, 2002, at the Central Montana Medical Center, of natural causes.

Robert was born April 30, 1925, at Saco, to Emil and Cathryn (Blue) Lucht. He graduated from Saco High School and attended Montana State College in Bozeman. He entered the U.S. Navy on June 12, 1943, serving in both the European and Pacific Theaters as a machinist's mate 2nd class. He was honorably discharged on March 3, 1946.

On June 15, 1948, in Saco, he was united in marriage to Anna Mae Nitz. She preceded him in death in 1994.

In his early years, he worked in Malta for Elmer Feigel and Christy Christensen. He later owned and operated Murphy's Bar and Stine's Nite Club for over 20 years.

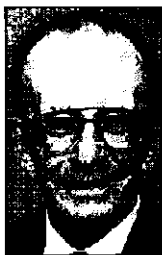
For years, Bob played trumpet in the Stardusters, a dance band based in Malta. Their music was enjoyed throughout the Hi-Line area for many years.

Bob was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church, sang with the Lewistown Barbershop Singing Group, and served as chaplain of the Lewistown VFW Club.

He enjoyed spending time with his children and grandchildren, camping, crossword puz-

zles, coffee with his best buddies and watching sports on TV (especially the Atlanta Braves).

Survivors include three daughters, Bonnie (Robin) McMullen of Whitewater, Laura (Ken) Bergren of Lewistown, Bobbie (Roger) Beyer of Laurel and one son, Gordan (Susan) Lucht



**ROBERT
LUCHT**

of Jamestown, N.D. In addition he is survived by two sisters, Margaret (Ray) Herigstad of Glendive, Dorothy (Bill) Helm of Miles City; one brother, Archie Lucht of Great Falls; eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by his parents and his wife, Anna Mae.

Funeral services for Robert B. Lucht will be at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Lewistown on Thursday, Oct. 3, at 10 a.m. Committal with military honors by the Malta VFW and the American Legion will be at the Malta Cemetery at 3 p.m. Thursday.

Memorials may be made to the VFW; Council on Aging; or St. Paul Lutheran Church. Cree Funeral Home of Lewistown is in charge of arrangements.

Claribel L. Lucier

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LEWISTOWN — Claribel L. "Belle" Lucier, 93, of Lewistown, died Thursday, Aug. 8, 2002, at the Central Montana Medical Center.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Aug. 16, at Cloyd Funeral Home Chapel in Lewistown. Cremation has taken place.

Ann F. Ludwick

CODY, Wyo. — Ann F. Ludwick, 54, of Cody, died Wednesday, June 12, 2002, at her home.

A vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Thursday, June 13, at the Church of St. Anthony in Cody. Mass of the Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. Friday, June 14, at the Church of St. Anthony. Interment will follow in the Riverside Cemetery in Cody. Ballard Funeral Home of Cody is in charge.

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Donald O. Lueck

MAY 07 2002
BILLINGS GAZETTE

Donald O. Lueck, age 80, went to be with the Lord on May 5, 2002.



DONALD LUECK

Donald was born the son of Henry A. Lueck and Ruby Grace (Baker) Lueck on June 7, 1921, in Silesia. The family moved to Almena, Wis., when he was 2 years old. The family farmed in this area until 1937 and moved to Blackduck, Minn., after his father passed away. Don graduated from Blackduck High School.

He farmed in Blackduck area until he was drafted into the army in 1944. He was stationed at Ft. Snelling, Minn. After receiving an honorable discharge, he moved to Billings and was employed at Thompson Dairy. He married Gloria Joyce Meierding on June 27, 1948, at Shepherd. In 1966, he began work as a clerk in District Court, retiring in 1986.

He enjoyed working with wood and made many small bird-houses for decorations in house-plants. He gave these to everyone who visited. He loved gardening and working in his flower beds. His hobbies included camping, fishing and playing pinochle. He loved to tease the grandchildren

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and make them laugh. He was a special "Papa Don" to them.

Survivors include his wife, Gloria; two sons, Rick Lueck of Columbus and Calvin Lueck of Billings; his daughter, Tamera Smarz of Columbus; seven grandchildren, Cody, Lacey, Lindsey Lueck, Barry and Travis Barker of Columbus, and Chad and Kori Lueck of Billings; two brothers, Raymond of Pacific, Wash., and Martin of Billings; a sister, Margaret Krueger of New Richland, Minn.; and adoptive daughters, Elaine Shipley and Janice Roberts of Billings; as well as numerous nieces, nephews and many friends.

He was a member of Central Christian Church.

Funeral services will be held at Central Christian Church, 1221 16th St. West, Billings, at 10 a.m. Friday, May 10. Interment with military rites will be held at Sunset Memorial Gardens Mausoleum. Smith Downtown Chapel has been entrusted with arrangements.

Should friends desire, memorial contributions may be made to Central Christian Church, the Diabetes Association or the charity of choice.

Frank A. Lukenbach

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LAUREL

Frank A. Lukenbach passed away unexpectedly on Feb. 5, 2002. He was born in Roberts on Jan. 15, 1938. He lived and farmed at Roberts for 20 years. On Jan. 20, 1964, he



**MR.
LUKENBACH**

married Lillian Richardson. Together, they raised four children. During the last 15 years, he has worked for Gene Klamert at Klamert Railroad Salvage as a shop foreman and mechanic.

He is survived by his wife, Lillian; his mother, Nancy; his oldest son, James and wife, Angelene; his daughter, Nancy and husband, Ron and grandchildren, Miranda and Jacob; his son Stacey and wife, Barb and granddaughter, Amber; and his youngest son, Rodney. He is also survived by his sisters, Shirley and husband, Joe Roll, and Karen and husband, Ray Roll; and his brother, Victor; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his dad, Clifford, and sister, Vivian.

He will always be remembered as a loving husband, father, grandfather and a good friend to all he knew.

Visitation will be 4 to 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 8, at Smith Funeral Chapel-Laurel. Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 9, at Smith Funeral Chapel-Laurel, followed by cremation.

Margaret E. Lukich

SPOKANE, Wash.

Margaret E. (Korinko) "Peggy" Lukich, age 76, entered into rest on Wednesday, Oct. 16, 2002. She was born on Oct. 20, 1925, in Washoe Mont. She was raised and attended schools in Bearcreek and Red Lodge Mont. She was a member of Northwood Presbyterian Church. Peggy worked several years as a sales clerk for Crescent Department Store in Spokane.

She is survived by John Lukich, her husband of 56 years at the home; two sons, Tom Lukich and wife Sharon of Mead, Wash., and Cliff Lukich and wife Lyn of Spokane; a daughter, Randi Lukich of Kennewick, Wash.; seven grandchildren, Mike Lukich, Shelly and Bill Schumacher, Lori and Charlie Hess, Kelly Lukich, Tracy Verrette, Joel and Robin Verrette and Katie Verrette; six great-grandchildren, C.J. Hess, Riley Hess, Caden Hess, Gentry Schumacher, Justin Schumacher and Jonah Verrette; two sisters, Helen Pollari of Big Timber, Mont., and Susan Podgorski of Butte, Mont.; numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her father, Mike Korinko; mother Susie Doran; stepfather John Doran; and brother John Korinko.

Visitation was held from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 17, and from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 18. Funeral Services were held at 11 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 19 at Riplinger Funeral Home. Interment to follow at Holy Cross Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Ogden Hall, 2825 W. Dean, Spokane, WA 99201. Riplinger Funeral Home, 4305 N. Division, Spokane, WA, is in charge of arrangements.

Barbara Jane Lumpkin

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NOV 27 2002

ROUNDUP — Barbara Jane Lumpkin, 65, passed away Nov. 25, 2002, during a fire in her home.

She was born Oct. 31, 1937, in Carl Junction, Mo., to Charles and Lotus Roney. She moved to Roundup in the summer of 1989.

Barb is survived by her daughters, Rhonda (Mike) Noriega of Clarksville, Tenn., Shelly DiTonno of Roundup and Candy (Scott) Miller of Hamilton; one son, Ronnie Thornburg of California; four granddaughters, Sara Noriega of Tennessee, Melanie and Jolene Thornburg of California and Brittany DiTonno of Roundup; three grandsons, Joey DiTonno of Billings, Aaron DiTonno of Roundup and Matthew Miller of Hamilton; three brothers and one sister, all of California. She will be sorely missed.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, Nov. 30, at 11 a.m., at Wier Funeral Home in Roundup.

Ray Lundby

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

SEP 29 2002

MILES CITY — Raymond Albert Lundby, age 62, of Miles City, passed away on Thursday, Sept. 26, 2002, at St. Vincent Healthcare in Billings.

Every firefighter knows that one small ember has the potential to settle into the undergrowth, quietly glowing, and gain strength and speed, until it can no longer be contained.

Ray was a humble man, glowing with goodness, reaching out, spreading the spark of his humor, the warmth of his smile, and the fire of his friendship to all he met. While the ember has been extinguished, his warmth continues to spread.

Ray was born on Feb. 12, 1940, in Miles City to Greta (Minnich) and Raymond George Lundby. He attended schools in Miles City and graduated from Custer County High School in 1958. On Feb. 11, 1961, Ray and Helen Fulton were married and made their home in Miles City. Just before his 22nd birthday, on Feb. 8, 1962, Ray joined the Army, where he served in Germany until his honorable discharge, on Jan. 31, 1965.



RAY LUNDBY

After his return home, Ray worked for NAPA, Motor Service, Custer Motors and became a part-time firefighter. On March 1, 1971, Ray went to work full time as a firefighter and mechanic. In 1986, he took the job as the Department of State Lands rural fire coordinator. The accomplishment of which he was most proud was the formation of the County Assist Team, which was formed to coordinate large fire fighting efforts.

Ray enjoyed many outdoor activities. Above all, he valued family, cherishing every moment spent with them, playing with his grandchildren and hunting and fishing with his sons.

Ray is survived by his loving wife of 41 years, Helen, of Miles City; two sons, Quinn and his wife, Susan Lundby of Billings, and Cameron and his wife, Karen Lundby of Miles City; his daughter, Rosalie Lundby of Broadus; two brothers, Christian Lundby of Miles City, and Harlan Lundby of Billings; his sister, Maureen Secrest of Crow Agency; and seven grandchildren, all whom adored him. He was preceded in death by his grandparents and his parents, Greta and Raymond Lundby.

Visitation will be from 5 to 9 p.m., Tuesday, with the family receiving friends at Stevenson and Sons Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday at the First Lutheran Church in Miles City. Interment will follow in the family lot at the Custer county Cemetery. Stevenson and Sons Funeral Home of Miles City is in charge of the arrangements.

Should friends desire, memorials may be made to the Ray Lundby Scholarship Fund, c/o Stevenson and Sons Funeral Home, 1717 Main St., Miles City, MT 59301, or the charity of one's choice.

Ruth A. Lundby

JUN 05 2002

BILLINGS GAZETTE

MITCHELL, Neb. — Ruth A. Lundby, 86, of Billings, passed away Monday morning, June 3, 2002, at the Mitchell Care Center.



**RUTH
LUNDBY**

Ruth was born Dec. 20, 1914, in Rock Springs, Mont., the daughter of Gustav Johan Strom and Amelia Ann

Hartley Strom. She spent her early years in Winnipeg, Canada, where she was a champion ice skater, and in Rock Springs, where she graduated high school with awards in home economics.

In 1940, she met and married Harold A. Lundby, her husband of 56 years. They spent the years of World War II in California, where Harold was a machinist in a defense plant. After the war, they returned to Billings, where they spent most of their lives. Harold was a master mechanic for Great Western Sugar and that job took the family to Nebraska for several years. Montana was always home and they returned to Lockwood, where they eventually retired.

Ruth was a homemaker, worked at Hart Albin, volun-

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reered for the American Red Cross and was a Gray Lady at the Billings hospitals and at the Mitchell Nebraska Care Center. Ruth and Harold made many friends and were very active at the Lockwood Evangelical Church.

Following Harold's death in 1997, Ruth moved to St. John's Retirement Home, and then to Mitchell to be close to her daughter.

Ruth was preceded in death by her parents; stepmother; husband; brother, Donald H. Strom; sister, Peggy Lash; and stepbrother, Grant Butcher.

Survivors include her daughter, Marlene (Robert) Harsh of Bayard; son, Albert (Skip) Lundby of Whitefish, Mont.; grandchildren, Marie Ann Klundt and Pamela (Kevin Ahl) Cyr; great-grandchildren, Amber and Kristina Klundt and Meghan Mayo.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, June 6, at Smith West Chapel. Interment will be at Sunset Memorials Gardens. Smith West Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Ronald Wayne Lundquist

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GRANTS PASS, Ore. — Ronald Wayne Lundquist, 67, formerly of Montana, died Tuesday, Oct. 29, 2002, at Three Rivers Community Hospital in Grants Pass.

He was born April 24, 1935, and grew up in Billings. He received a bachelor's degree and a master's degree from the business school of the University of Montana. He received his Ph.D. from the University of Oregon and was a professor of marketing and management at Montana State University, Eastern Montana College and for the California State University system.

He retired as a colonel from the National Guard after 30 years of service and moved to Grants Pass in 1993.

Lundquist was a member of Sigma Chi, the Order of the Elks, the Order of the Moose, the Retired Officers Association and the American Legion. Memorial contributions may be made to the Sigma Chi Building Foundation, c/o Dan Cederburg, PO Box 8234, Missoula, MT 59807.

He is survived by his daughter, Laura Lundquist of Missoula; and his wife of eight years, Joann O'Bryan of Grants Pass. His brother, Frank Lundquist of Billings, died before him.

Bonnie Colleen Luraas

FORSYTH — Bonnie Colleen Luraas, 62, of Forsyth, died Thursday, Oct. 3, 2002, at the Holy Rosary Health Center in Miles City, of cancer.

Family graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 10, in the Hillside Cemetery in Cascade. Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home of Miles City is in charge.

Cynthia Lushine

CASPER, Wyo. — Cynthia "Cindy" Lushine, 47, died Tuesday, July 23, 2002, at the Wyoming Medical Center in Casper following an extended illness.

Visitation will be from 2 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, from 2 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, and again at 10 a.m. on Thursday. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Aug. 1, at the First Assembly of God Church. Burial will follow at Mount Pisgah Cemetery. Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home of Gillette is in charge.

WYOMING GAZETTE

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Theodore Lutgen

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BILLINGS GAZETTE

HELENA -- Theodore Lutgen, 53, of Helena died as a result of a farming accident, Tuesday, May 14, 2002.

He was born June 4, 1948, in Billings, to Leonard and Marie Lutgen. He enjoyed a fruitful life blessed by God. He spent his early years

growing up on a farm near Wheat Basin. He graduated valedictorian of his high school class in Rapelje. As an adult, he received a college degree from MSU (Bozeman) in ag. business and economics.



THEODORE
LUTGEN

On Sept. 19, 1970, he married Mary Ouren in Townsend. After college, he entered the marine reserves and transferred to the Montana National Guard (Public Information Detachment). His occupational endeavors started at Columbia Paints Inc., then worked at the PCA and Federal Land Bank in Conrad, went on to become the branch manager at Great Falls Federal Savings Bank in Conrad, and worked for the Printers, before becoming self employed as a real estate investor and farmer in Townsend and Helena.

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He enjoyed involvement in several organizations and ministries including: 4-H, AA, was chair of the Catholic Charismatic conference, and was involved in the ministries of "Make a Joyful Noise," healing ministries, Power of the Word at the Cathedral, participated in Cursillo and ultreyas, and also music ministries at Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church.

He found relaxation in farming, music, skiing, golf, Broadway shows in Spokane, playing cards, and would never miss an opportunity to pray with those in need.

Survivors include his wife Mary, Helena; daughter Wendy (son-in-law Mike) Connelly, Bismarck, N.D.; three sons: Justin, Helena, Shawn and Kevin, Littleton, Colo.; three sisters: Marilyn Klein, Billings, Carol (brother-in-law Dick) Christiansen, Park City, and Helen (brother-in-law Ralph) Blee, Huntley; his father and mother-in-law Oscar and Marie Ouren; as well as other extended family too many to mention.

He was preceded by his daughter Michelle; parents Leonard and Marie Lutgen; brother-in-law Jim Klein; and brother-in-law Spencer Ouren.

Visitation will begin at noon on Thursday, May 16, at Hagler Anderson Funeral Home located on 650 Logan St., in Helena. Vigil will be Friday, May 17, at 7 p.m.

Services will be on Saturday May 18, at Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church, with Father Dan Shea officiating.

The Family suggests memorials to: Right to Life, American Diabetes Association and the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

Wilson K. 'Bill' Lythgoe

SACRAMENTO, Calif.

Wilson K. "Bill" Lythgoe spent nearly three decades as a reporter at The Sacramento Bee covering two completely different beats — the Legislature and outdoor life.

Mr. Lythgoe, who produced a weekly column about fishing and hunting as well as writing about Capitol shenanigans, died Tuesday, Jan. 22, 2002, of cancer. He was 84.

In 1953, after stints at newspapers in Denver, Salt Lake City and Honolulu, he came to The Bee, where he worked as a reporter and columnist until his retirement in 1981.

"He was open ... (and) direct. ... His handshake was his bond," said longtime friend Jerry Harrell, a former reporter for the Associated Press.

Wilson King Lythgoe was born in Cowley, Wyo., youngest son of Eliza and Thomas Lythgoe, and was reared on the family's ranch.

After graduating from Cowley High School in 1936, he enrolled at the University of Wyoming, where he met and married fellow student Thelma Lucretia Bealey.

He dropped out before graduating and went to work as a reporter for the old Republican-Boomerang, a daily newspaper in Laramie, home of the University of Wyoming.

His reporting and writing skills came into play during World War

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II, when he served in the Marine Corps. For much of his time in the service, he was assigned to Camp Pendleton, a Marine base outside Oceanside, where he worked in the public information office.

Returning to civilian life in 1946, he again took up newspapering. He was working in Salt Lake City in 1950 when the Korean War broke out and he was called back to active duty.

He was sent to Camp Pendleton and again assigned to the base public information office. He was discharged six months later and again resumed his career in journalism.

Mr. Lythgoe was an avid outdoorsman who supplemented his income by freelancing for Sunset magazine, Outdoor Life, Western Outdoor News and Fishing and Hunting News.

Although he had a family of his own, he found time "to be a surrogate grandfather to our kids ... as well as a mentor in outdoor and life skills," said Harrell.

His wife Thelma preceded him in death in 1990.

Steve Capps, a reporter for 25 years who is now a spokesman for California state parks, said he learned much about the outdoors from his friend.

Survivors include sons, Fred Lythgoe of Sacramento and Jesse Lythgoe of Costa Mesa; daughter Beverly Breedveld of Bakersfield; and four grandchildren; sister, Irene Lythgoe Belue of Billings; and brother, John K. Black of Lovell, Wyo.

Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 30, in Cowley Cemetery.

APR 10 2002**Benedict T. Lynch**

BEACH, N.D. — Benedict T. "Ben" Lynch, 52, of Las Vegas, formerly of Beach, died March 30, 2002, at the Nathan Adelson Hospice in Las Vegas, of cancer.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, April 15, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Beach. Interment will follow at the Beach City Cemetery. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Beach is in charge.

Charles W. Lynch

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

DEC 23 2002

GLASGOW — Charles W. Lynch, 69, died Friday, Dec. 20, 2002 at the Deaconess Billings Clinic.

Services will be 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 23, at the First Methodist Church. Burial will be in the Highland Cemetery. Bell Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

Christopher E. Lynch

HARDIN — Christopher E. Lynch, 36, of Hardin, formerly of Kalispell, died Monday, Oct. 21, 2002, near Hardin.

He was born March 30, 1966, in Butte, a son of Edward and Darlene Christy Lynch. At an early age, he moved with his parents to Kalispell where he grew up and attended school, graduating from Flathead High School in 1984. While in school, he excelled in speech, drama and choir, winning a trip to Washington, D.C., for his exceptional speaking talents. He later continued his education at MSU-Billings and the University of Montana.

Chris was a certified electrician and a 10-year member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 73 of Spokane, Wash. He was a traveling electrician, providing electrical services throughout the West and Northwestern United States. He currently owned and operated Cater Electric in Hardin.



CHRISTOPHER LYNCH

He often touched the lives and made many friends along his way. He always had a kind word and smile for everyone. Chris was married and later divorced. He was a devoted and loving father to his children, as well as a loving and caring son, brother and grandson. He loved to be in nature fishing and golfing. He was a lifelong Christian and a member of the Catholic Church.

Survivors include his son, Nathan, and his daughter, Jennifer of Butte; his parents, Pete and Darlene Lynch of Vancouver, Wash.; two sisters, Shali Parkman of Washington and Beth Gannon of Colorado; his grandmother, Gertrude Christy of Butte; numerous aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews; his long time friends Dean and Jonna Atkins; members of the Atkins family; and his loyal and trusting dog, Nubbs.

Funeral services will be held 1 p.m., Tuesday, at the Buffalo Hills Funeral Home in Kalispell. Interment will follow in the Glacier Memorial Park Cemetery. Memorial funeral services will be held at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 30, in the Bullis Funeral Chapel in Hardin. Bullis Mortuary of Hardin has been entrusted with the arrangements. Should friends desire, memorial contributions may be made to the Chris Lynch Memorial Fund, c/o Little Horn Bank, Hardin, MT 59034.

David Jon Lynch

BILLINGS GAZETTE

JAN 27 2002

David Jon Lynch, age 16, died tragically in an auto accident on Thursday, Jan. 24, 2002. He was born on April 23, 1985, to Robyn and Charlie Lynch. David was a Junior at Shepherd High School and a wonderful asset to his school. David was very mechanically gifted and had a real passion for making things go. He was a kind and sensitive boy.



DAVID LYNCH

Survivors include his parents, a sister Kristin, a brother Terry, one grandmother from Minnesota, many aunts, uncles, and cousins and many, many friends from the United States and Australia.

David was a gentle person who loved his family and being with his friends. We will miss you, David!

A vigil service will be held at 7 p.m., Monday, Jan. 28, and a funeral mass will be offered at 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 29, at St. Bernards Parish. Rite of Committal will be at the Shepherd District Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Shepherd High School Shop Equipment Fund, in care of Bruce

Reminich, P.O. Box 8, Shepherd, MT 59079 or to the local charity of one's choice.

Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

Joseph Earnest Lynde

GILLETTE, Wyo. — Joseph Earnest Lynde, "Timber Jack Joe," 91, died Tuesday Aug. 20, 2002, of a heart attack in Lovell.

Memorial services will be at 4 p.m. Wednesday at the Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home Chapel in Gillette.

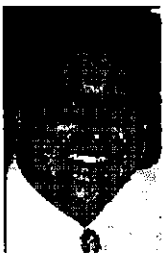
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Christopher K. 'Stophie' Lyon

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JAN 11 2002

Christopher R. "Stophie" Lyon died peacefully in his sleep on Jan. 7, 2002.



MR. LYON

Stophie was born on Aug. 29, 1956, in Idaho Falls, Idaho, to Joseph and Eugenia Lyon.

He was raised and educated in Idaho Falls and in 1977, began his career with Jake's Restaurant.

In 1979, Stophie moved to Billings and continued his work with Jake's until his retirement in 1999. He started as a bartender and worked his way to management. He was well known in the restaurant business as the "premier" bartender in town and has trained many of the industry's finest. Stophie was the backbone of the libations department of downtown Billings. He always greeted you with a smile, a handshake or a hug, and he ALWAYS knew your name.

Stophie was a member of the Red Baron Airplane Racing Team. Airplanes — and striving to attend as many air shows as he could, golf and skiing were some of his many passions in life. He was a man of great integrity, generosity and kindness. Stophie

would give the shirt off his back to anyone who needed it.

He came to know Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in the latter part of his life. Stophie is now in a better place with the Lord; God rest his soul. We love you and miss you. Cheers!!

Stophie was preceded in death by his parents. A sister, Elizabeth Rives Lyon of Ontario, Ore.; an aunt, Edna Rives of Idaho Falls; and many friends survive him.

A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 14, at the Smith Downtown Chapel. Cremation has taken place. Smith Downtown Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Joyce Annette Norman Lyons

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MR. & MRS. LYONS

LAYTON, Utah — Joyce Norman Lyons, age 65, passed away Feb. 16, 2002, after a courageous battle with non-smoker's lung cancer.

She was born Nov. 17, 1936, in Glendive, Mont., to Percy and Lillian Norman.

Joyce, in her early years, lived in Seattle, and then San Francisco. In San Francisco, she worked for a well-known architectural firm as an administrative assistant for 25 years. She was an avid rock hound and photographer. She was a member of the S.F. Gem & Mineral Club where she held many positions. She married Ron Lyons in 1981 in San Francisco, and moved to Cleveland, Ohio; LaFollette, Tenn.; and then Wichita, Kan. Most recently, she resided in Utah.

Joyce's sweet spirit and love was felt by all. Her positive outlook and Christian faith comfort-

ed and cheered all who knew her.

She is survived by her husband Ron; two stepchildren, David and Julie Lyons, Rochester, N.Y.; her brother, Gordon Norman and wife Marilyn, San Ramon, Calif.; Aunt Jean Norman, Seattle; and nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by her parents, Percy and Lillian Norman; and her brother Jack Norman.

Funeral services will be held at 12 noon Friday, Feb. 22, at the Washington Heights Baptist Church, 1770 East 6200 South, Ogden. Family and friends may call Friday at 11 a.m. at the church. Interment in the Oakwood Cemetery, Penfield, N.Y.

Send condolences to the family at www.myers-mortuary.com or call Myers Mortuary at (801) 544-0994.

JUL 27 2002**Mary Rose Lyons**

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Mary Rose Lyons, 88, died Thursday, July 25, 2002.

Vigil services will be at 7 p.m. Sunday, July 28, at Champion Ferries Funeral Home in Sheridan. Funeral liturgy will be at 10 a.m. Monday, July 29, at Holy Name Catholic Church. Interment will be in the Sheridan Municipal Cemetery.