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**FEB 01 2002**

Our mother, **T h e l m a** Hamilton Maas, age 92, passed away Tuesday, Jan. 29, 2002, at St. John's Lutheran Home, only three days before her 93rd birthday.

**MRS. MAAS**

She was born on Feb. 1, 1909, in Beatrice, Neb., a daughter of Jerry Hamilton and Evelyn Weis Hamilton. The family moved to Forsyth in 1915, then purchased a ranch in Pineview in the Bull Mountains. Here, she attended the Pineview School through the eighth grade.

She was married to Henry W. Maas in Roundup on Aug. 14, 1923, a marriage which lasted 49 years. Our parents told many stories of those early years farming and ranching in the Bull Mountains — hardships in summer included heat, drought or hailstorms just before harvest. And winter's blizzards with deep snow, winds and bitter cold. All this was tempered by the good times — the Saturday night dances at the Pineview hall or at nearby schoolhouses, the children always sleeping on the blankets in the corners, midnight suppers and Sunday afternoon visits to or from neighbors.

Our parents moved to the Yellowstone Valley in the early 1930s and farmed irrigated land in the Shepherd vicinity. They moved into Billings later on, where our father worked in construction.

Mom and Dad enjoyed traveling and rarely passed up an opportunity to go somewhere, especially to California to visit their sons and their families.

After Dad's passing in 1972, our mother made many motor coach trips back and forth across the United States and Canada. She also enjoyed traveling on overnight trips with the Friendship Club of Atonement Lutheran Church of which she was a member for over 30 years. She moved into St. John's Lutheran Home in 1996 and was active until recently.

Mom was preceded in death by her parents; her husband Henry W. in 1972; a son, Ernie J. in 1993; a son, Henry D. in 2001; sons-in-law Garland Like in 1971, and Roland W. (Rowdy) Vail in 1997; daughter-in-law Dorothy Maas in 1998; and a grandson-in-law Mike Murphy in 1995. Surviving her are a brother, Richard Hamilton of Arvada,

Colo.; son George W. of Billings; daughters Anna Mae Like of Freeburg, Ill., and Dorothy L. Vail of Billings; daughters-in-law Catherine of Boise, Hazel of Salome, Ariz., and Geraldene of Billings; and all their families, which include 20 grandchildren, 44 great-grandchildren, eight great-great-grandchildren; and extended family in Colorado and on the East and West Coasts. Among these are two local granddaughters who have been most helpful, Gail Wichman and Charlene Murphy.

Visitations will begin Friday morning, Feb. 1, at the Smith Downtown Chapel. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 2, at the Atonement Lutheran Church, corner of Lake Elmo and Wicks. Interment will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens. Smith Downtown Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

## **John D. Machler**

**LEWISTOWN** — John D. Machler, 79, of the Beaver Creek area, died Friday, Sept. 20, 2002, at his home.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 26, at the First Presbyterian Church. Interment will be in Beaver Creek Cemetery. Creel Funeral Home of Lewistown is in charge.

## Viola 'Vi' Maciel

ELLENSBURG, Wash. — Viola (Klein) Bier Maciel, 81, died Thursday, Sept. 12, 2002, at Kittitas Valley Health & Rehab Center in Ellensburg.

She was born in Ashley, N.D., on March 30, 1921, one of three children of Christ and Emma (Junkert) Klein.

She made her home in Billings from 1956 until 1999, when she moved to Ellensburg. In Billings, she owned and operated a janitorial service until retirement a number of years ago.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a sister, Elsie Eckman; and two daughters, Donna Labaird Pearl and Judy Baird.

Survivors include four sons, Vernon (Marilou) Bier of Ellensburg, Duane (Betty) Bier of Baton Rouge, La., and Clancy (Sharon) and Glenn (Patty) Bier of Spokane; two daughters, Arlean (Lester) Atwood of Billings and Shirley Callihan of Spokane; sons-in-law, Gary Baird of Denver and Vern Pearl of Billings; 17 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; and one brother, Clarence (Delores) Klein of Billings.

Burial will be in Billings on Thursday, Sept. 19, with service at 11 a.m., at graveside, in Mountview Cemetery, 1704 Central Ave.

Arrangements by Affordable Funeral Care of Ellensburg.

# Elmer C. Mack

JUN 23 2002  
BILLINGS GAZETTE

Elmer C. Mack, 77, died at his home early Friday morning, June 21, 2002, with his family in Billings.



**ELMER MACK**

Elmer was born to Elmer and Mabel Mack on Feb. 16, 1925, in Dickinson, N.D. He owned Elmer's Sew and Vac for over 20 years. He enjoyed the people he met and loved his work. He also loved hunting, fishing, and going to the horse races until recently, due to his illness.

Elmer is survived by one sister, Jeanne (Ron) Mattson of Lewistown; five children Budelle (mark) Welander of Missoula, Jeff Mack of Billings, Jolee Sherry of Coudersport, Pa., Michelle (Shawn) Thiel of Billings and Stephanie (Nevada) Crimmins of Dickinson, N.D.; two step-children Barb (Wes) Berry and Doug McIsaac, both of Billings; 13 grandchildren and one great-grandchild; several nieces and nephews; and two ex-wives, Marlene Bagnell and Susie Mack. He was preceded in death by his mother and father, and a brother, Billy. He was loved by all and will be greatly missed. We cherish all the great memories he left with us.

Cremation has taken place at  
Cremation or Funeral Gallery,  
and burial will be in Dickinson. A  
celebration of Elmer's life will  
take place at a later date.

## **Marjory Mack**

**BOZEMAN** — Cancer claimed Marjory Lucille Mack on Wednesday, Aug. 28, 2002. She was born Sept. 6, 1918, the daughter of Morris and Clair Pilgrim in Absarokee.

She lived part of her youth on a homestead on Buck Creek in the hills above the Stillwater River. She graduated from the cobblestone Absarokee High School in 1939. She then moved to Michigan where she married C.A. Walters in 1939. They later divorced.

She moved back to Montana where she was employed in Billings. It was here she met and married Willard Mack. She was a good mother, a tidy homemaker, and helped Willard find success in his various enterprises. Through the years they lived in Billings, Bozeman and Sheridan, Wyo. In 2000, they again returned to live in Bozeman so they could be close to their grandchildren.

She is survived by her husband, Willard; their son, Rande Mack (and Karen) and their children, Leah and Riley of Manhattan; and their son, Gary Mack and his sons, Coleman (in the Marines) and Trent of Bozeman. She is also survived by her brother, Dr. Robert Pilgrim of Ramona, Calif., and several nieces and nephews.

She was a member of the Evangelical United Methodist Church in Billings. Cremation has taken place. A memorial service for family and close friends will take place at 2 p.m. on Friday, Sep 6, at the Dokken-Nelson Funeral Chapel in Bozeman. Memorial can be given in her name to the Bozeman Deaconess Hospice or the Rescue Mission on Billings.

## **Virginia Maxine Kage Madden**

Virginia Maxine Kage Madden, beloved mother, grandmother, sister and friend, passed from this life Sept. 3, 2002.

At the age of 40, Virginia overcame her first bout with colon cancer. Throughout the years, Virginia beat the odds and survived four more bouts with cancer and a hip replacement.

In her fierce determination to remain independent, Virginia succumbed to complications from a knee replacement surgery.

Virginia was born Sept. 12, 1926, in Rochester, Mich., to parents Maynard and Alice Kage. She graduated from Rochester High School in 1944.

Virginia married George Robert Madden on Sept. 3, 1949.

Four sons, Chuck, John, Ted and Phil arrived thereafter.

George and Virginia moved their family to Montana in 1970.

Virginia was a member of the Democratic Women's Committee and was actively involved in St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church.



**VIRGINIA  
MADDEN**

She was employed for many years by Drs. Harr and Rich as medical secretary. At the time of her death, she was employed a church secretary for St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church. Her coworkers and members of the church became an extended family for Virginia and were a great source of support and friendship during her struggles with health issues and the losses of her two sons.

Above all, her role as mother and grandmother gave her the most happiness. Holidays were filled with family gatherings at Grandma's house where Virginia orchestrated unforgettable barbecues, dinners and most memorable Christmas morning breakfasts. Cooking was a great pleasure for her and she was forever watching the cooking channel on TV. A favorite of the grandkids were her banana chocolate chip cookies.

Traveling, another source of enjoyment for Virginia, included trips to the Caribbean, Florida, a cruise on the Delta Queen, and most recently, a trip with her son Phil to visit family in Michigan.



She was preceded in death by both of her parents; and her beloved sons Chuck and John. Surviving are son Ted, his wife Carol and their children, Joshua, Jacob, Casey, Cassandra and Martin; son Phil, his wife Lou Ann and their children Jennifer, Curtis, Ryan and Benjamin; daughter-in-law Liz and her children Laura, Anne and John; daughter-in-law Jane and her children Kyle and Corey.

We can only speculate that there is much hugging, laughing and fishing going on as she is reunited with her sons Chuck and John. We will miss you Mom.

Vigil services will be 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 6, at St. Thomas Catholic Church. The Funeral Mass will be 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 7, at the Church. Rite of Committal will follow at Holy Cross Cemetery.

Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary has charge of arrangements.

## **Anna Madison**

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**JAN 31 2002**

SIDNEY — Anna Madison, 89, of Sidney, died Wednesday, Jan. 30, 2002, at the Sidney Health Center Extended Care Facility.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 2, at the Pella Lutheran Church. Burial will be in the Richland Memorial Park Cemetery. Fulkerson Funeral Home of Sidney is in charge.

## Charles Madison

BILLINGS GAZETTE

FEB 07 2002

SIDNEY — Charles "Tim" Madison, 75, of Sidney, died Sunday, Feb. 3, 2002, at the Sidney Health Center-Extended Care Facility.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 9, at the Petta Lutheran Church in Sidney. Interment will be in the Sunnyside Cemetery, Trotters, N.D. Fulkerson Funeral Home of Sidney is in charge.

**APR 09 2002****Delores Madsen**

**TERRY —** Delores Madsen, 81, of Terry, died Friday, April 5, 2002, at the Prairie Community Nursing Home in Terry.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, April 12, at the Prairie Community Nursing Home. Interment will be at a later date in Lewisville, Minn. Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home of Miles City is in charge.

## **Elver L. Madsen, 72**

**JUN 07 2002**

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**SAVAGE** — Funeral services for Elver L. Madsen, 72, of Savage, will be 10 a.m. Saturday, June 8, at First Lutheran Church of Savage, with Pastor Betty Mawbey officiating. Interment will be in the Riverview Cemetery, Savage, under the direction of Fulkerson Funeral Home of Sidney.

Elver was the past chief electrical inspector for the state of Montana and the owner and instructor of E.L.M. Code seminars.

Elver died Tuesday, June 4, 2002, in Savage.

## **Willow'Dawn Maez**

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**JUL - 5 2002**

**BUFFALO, Wyo.** — Graveside funeral services for Willow'Dawn Maez, 10-month-old Buffalo infant daughter of Christaina Maez, will be held Saturday, July 6, at 10 a.m., in Willow Grove Cemetery in Buffalo, with Pastor Tom Sauer officiating. Friends may donate in her memory to the Kaycee Ambulance Fund in care of the Adams Funeral Home.

## **Elsie Magers**

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**NOV 08 2002**

GLENDIVE — Elsie Magers, 61, of Glendive, died Thursday, Oct. 31, 2002, at the Deaconess Billings Clinic.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 7, at the Chapel of the Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home in Glendive. Interment will be in the Dawson County Cemetery in Glendive.

# Esther E. Magnuson

1913-2002

JUN 02 2002  
BILLINGS GAZETTE

Esther Elizabeth Magnuson was born June 25, 1913, and went to a glorious new life on Saturday, June 1, 2002.

Esther had an amazing and wonderful life.

The most important things in her life were her church, her friends and her family. She never had a harsh word to say about anybody



**ESTHER  
MAGNUSON**

or anything, unless it was politics. She always talked fondly about her days growing up in Helena, her life with her husband, Melvin E. Magnuson, who preceded her in death in 1967, and her yearly trips to Seattle with her only child, Ellen.

Shopping was the name of the game and those memories will never be forgotten. Esther always dressed to the "nines;" always had a smile and a twinkle in her eye. Tiny but mighty, she was the strongest and complete mother and friend that everyone wishes for. She traveled the world and talked about her years working at

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the Legislature in Helena and the Montana Board of Medical Examiners. Her heart never left Helena. Her dream was to see the new school become a reality at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Billings. Her faith will live on forever in the walls of her church and with her family.

Esther is preceded in death by her husband, Melvin E. Magnuson, and her parents. She is survived by her daughter, Ellen M. Robison and her beloved son-in-law, Ray; brothers Dr. Milton Coutu of Arizona and Ollie Coutu of Washington; her step-grandchildren, Heather and Steve Robison; and her special nieces and nephews.

By her request there will be no formal service, however, a celebration of her life will be at 10:15 a.m. on Sunday, June 9, during the regular service at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Billings. Cremation has taken place with inurnment at a later date in Helena. Memorials are requested to the St. Luke's Episcopal School Fund, 119 N. 33rd St., Billings, MT 59101. Arrangements were by Cremation or Funeral Gallery.

**APR 21 2002**

Ruth Magruder, 82, passed away in Billings on Friday, April 19, 2002, from complications of Multiple Myeloma. Ruth was born on April 5, 1920, in Ferron, Utah, to LaMont and Alta (Christensen) Caldwell, the third of three children. She attended schools in Ferron.



**RUTH  
MAGRUDER**

She married Sgt. Curtis E. Magruder in Salt Lake City on June 30, 1941. The couple moved to Billings in Sept. 1945. Ruth worked at J.C. Penney until her retirement.

Ruth was a loving wife, mother and grandmother. She enjoyed spending time with her family and watching her grandchildren and great-grandsons. She was often found with a little boy curled in her lap reading, "just one more book, please."

Ruth is survived by her husband of 61 years, Curt; two sons, Scott and Randy; two granddaughters, Barbara (Les) Huntington and Jessica Magruder; and three great-grandsons, Ryan, Dustin and Carson Huntington; her daughter-in-law, Sandy, and special niece, Pennye Caldwell Riley of Las Vegas, and many special friends.

Preceding Ruth in death were her parents; two brothers, Ray and Pat Caldwell; and sister, Aleta Caldwell.

Cremation has occurred and memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, April 23, at Smith West Chapel, 304 34th St. West.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society or the charity of one's choice.

## **Walter W. 'Bud' Mahaffey**

Walter W. "Bud" Mahaffey, 80, of Billings, passed away Saturday, Sept. 14, 2002, at the Eastern Montana Veterans Home



**WALTER  
MAHAFFEY**

in Glendive. He was born in Casper, Wyo., on Aug. 29, 1922, the son of Walter and Joanna Houteri Mahaffey. Bud grew up in Pinedale, Wyo., and helped his father with

Mahaffey Trucking. He served in the U.S. Air Force during WWII. He married Beverly A. Jensen and raised four children. Bud enjoyed fly fishing, camping and hunting. He loved his dogs, Muffin and Barney.

Survivors include his two sons, Terry (Laura) Mahaffey of Pinedale, Wyo., and Kelly (Zona) Mahaffey of Billings; a daughter, KayCee (Darcy) Bunnell of Billings; five grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and his longtime companion, Elizabeth Cross of Florida. He was preceded in death by a son, Patrick in 1977; and a daughter, Peggy Colleen in 1956; one brother and a sister.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial service will be 2 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 19, at the Galler at Eighth and St. John. Inurnment with military rites will follow at Mountview Cemetery. The family wishes to express special thanks to his caregivers: Je Deis, Allen Richards, Sara Phillips, Janet Bonogofsky and the staff at the Veterans Home in Glendive. Arrangements are by Cremation or Funeral Gallery.

**Jennie Bredwick  
Mahlum**

**JUN 25 2002**

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**BIG TIMBER** — Jennie Bredwick Mahlum, 93, of Big Timber, died Saturday, June 22, 2002, at Pioneer Medical Center, Big Timber.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Friday, June 28, at Big Timber Lutheran Church, with graveside committal following in Mountain View Cemetery. Lowry Funeral Home of Big Timber is in charge.

## Gwendolyn Gerda Mail

**POPLAR** — Gwendolyn Gerda Mail, 80, of Poplar, went home to reunite with her Creator on Sept. 28, 2002, at Sidney Health Center in Sidney.

She was born Jan. 16, 1922, in Poplar and was raised in



**Gwendolyn  
Mail**

Chelsea. She was the daughter of Honorable Judge David B. and Eliza No Breast Johnson. She was one of five children born to that union.

She attended Poplar Indian Boarding School, Poplar Public School and graduated from Poplar High School in May, 1942. She also attended Kinmen Business College in Spokane, Wash.

Mom enlisted into the U.S. Army (WAC) and (WAAC) in 1943 and was honorably discharged Sept. 22, 1945. She was stationed at Little Rock, Ark.

Gwen was united in marriage to Gordon Russell Mail on Jan. 3, 1946, in Poplar. They were married 32 years until March 8, 1978, when Dad passed on.

Five children were born to this union: Marilyn, Gar Russell, Wendell and Gordon Alan, and one very special child later on entered their lives who proudly carries on her name: Gwen Mail Clark.

Gwen lived most of her life in Poplar. In her early years of marriage, she and dad relocate to California several times until she decided it was time to "dig roots" and settle down and buy a house near Poplar.

She was a government employee for 29 years for the BIA, first in the realty department, then the majority of those years as a social worker.

She was a member of the American and Alaskan Indian Social Workers since 1972, a member of the Omaha Indian Celebration Organization, a proud and active member of American Legion Post #54 - Nathan Crazy Bull Post for 18 years. She held various positions as District #1 Commander 1980-1, Post Finance Officer for 5 years, Post Adjutant, 1st Vice Commander (3 times), 2nd Vice Commander. She was the first Montana State Director VIP of Women's Legionnaires Twenty & Four Honor Society. She was an ordained Elder in the Lindsey Memorial Church of Poplar since 1960 and also a lifetime member.

Mom loved God first above all other things, her children, grandchildren, find-a-word puzzles, headline news, rodeos, the L.A. Lakers, powwows, solitaire, The Price Is Right, reminiscing and music from the World War II era. She was a devoted mother who gave her all to her children up until the end. She had a heart of gold and we love her and will miss her dearly.

Survivors of Gwen are her children, Marilyn, Gary and Barb, Russell and Verdis, Wendell and Theresa, and Gordon Alan, and her namesake Gwen Mail Clark and husband John T. Clark; and adopted daughters Roseanne Grey Hawk and Vera "Skeezie" Big Talk; and many others who were spontaneously adopted; her most precious granddaughters, Ashta Clark, LeeMarie and Talon Jade Mail, Alexandra Lopez Mail, Patti Jo, Ciam, Julianne Mail, and Chelsea Iron Cloud; her shining star grandsons, Michael J. and Joshua T. Clark, Brian J. Mail, Wendell Jr., William and John David Mail, and Raymond Iron Cloud. She also leaves behind her baby sister Donna Chase and sister-in-law Lydia Johnson.

She was preceded in death by her husband, parents, sisters Evelyn and Cynthia, brothers Isadore Johnson and Robert Left Hand Thunder and two baby infants and by many other nieces, nephews, and relatives.

Church services will be held Thursday, Oct. 3, at 3 p.m. at Lindsey Memorial Church with wake and prayer services at 7 p.m. at the Poplar Cultural Center. Funeral services will be held Oct. 4, at 10 a.m. at the Poplar Cultural Center with interment in the Poplar City Cemetery. Clayton Memorial Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

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**Gertrude Mahan**

Gertrude Jones Sage Mahan, 84, of Billings, formerly of Broadus, died Monday, Oct. 28, 2002, at the Eagle Cliff Manor.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, Oct. 31, at the Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Broadus. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 1, at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home. Interment will follow in the family lot in the Valley View Cemetery in Broadus.

MAR 23 2002

## Elmer Malchoff

MILES CITY — Elmer L. Malchoff, 76, of Miles City, passed away March 18, 2002, in Miles City.

He was born Aug. 17, 1925, in Superior, Colo., a son of George and Katherine Varner Malchoff. He received his education in



**ELMER  
MALCHOFF**

Colorado, enlisted in the U.S. Army and later received his honorable discharge.

Elmer was married and later divorced.

He married Rilla Barker on Sept. 15, 1972, in Idaho

Falls, Idaho. The couple lived throughout the West, until settling in Miles City in 1995.

He enjoyed fishing and panning for gold.

His parents, two sisters, one brother and a grandson, preceded Elmer in death.

Survivors include his wife, Rilla of Miles City; his daughter, Darlene Malchoff of New Mexico; two stepdaughters, Darleen Stone and Eleanor Hafla of Miles City; 11 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren and nine great-great-great-grandchildren.

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Cremation has taken place in the Bullis-Graves Eastern Montana Crematory in Miles City. Family and friends will gather at 10:45 a.m. Saturday, March 30, at the Bullis-Graves Memorial Chapel and proceed to the Custer County Cemetery for a memorial graveside service at 11 a.m. Inurnment with military graveside rites will follow. Bullis-Graves Memorial Chapel of Miles City has been entrusted with the arrangements.

## **L. Doris Malcolm**

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**JUL 23 2002**

LIVINGSTON — L. Doris Malcolm, 80, of Livingston, died Sunday, July 21, 2002, at Livingston Memorial Hospital.

Funeral services will be at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, July 25, at Franzen-Davis Funeral Home in Livingston. Graveside committal and burial will follow in Shorthill Cemetery, south of Livingston.

## **Marvin Wayne Malcolm**

WARDEN, Wash. — Marvin Wayne Malcolm, 76, of Warden, formerly of Forsyth, Mont., died Nov. 18, 2001, in Salt Lake City.

Graveside services will be held 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 21, at the Forsyth Cemetery. Beal's Mortuary of Forsyth is in charge.

## **Warren Malcott**

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**AUG - 7 2002**

COLSTRIP — Warren Malcott, 80, of Colstrip, died Monday, Aug. 5, 2002, at the Holy Rosary Health Center in Miles City.

Visitation will be held Friday, Aug. 9, at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Forsyth, with a vigil service at 7 p.m. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 10, at St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church in Colstrip. private family interment will be held at a later date.

## **Arthur John Malisani**

**GREAT FALLS —** Arthur John Malisani, 63, of Great Falls, died Saturday, June 8, 2002, at a Great Falls hospital, due to heart failure.

Rosary will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 11, at Our Lady of Lourdes. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, at Schnider Funeral Home in Great Falls. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, June 12, at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church. Burial will be in Mount Olivet Cemetery.

**JUN 11 2002**

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

## Rebecca Lynn Mallary

Rebecca Lynn, our little angel, was born Feb. 2, 2002, with the tiny voices of her and her twin sister.

She passed away Feb. 13, 2002, at St. Vincent's Healthcare, surrounded by her loving family and friends.

The nurses and doctors at St. V's assured her short life was painless, happy and memorable.

Becca is survived by her loving parents, Carisa Lynn and Joshua Charles Daniel Mallary; her big brother, Skyler Lee Allan; and twin sister, Joleen Elizabeth. Other survivors include grandparents; great-grandparents; several aunts and uncles and cousins. She also leaves a host of loving friends.

The family would like to thank the entire staff of the neonatal intensive care unit at St. Vincent Healthcare.

Services to be held at Evangelical United Methodist Church at 345 Broadwater Ave., on Saturday, Feb. 16, at 1 p.m.

We love and miss you, our precious one.



**REBECCA  
MALLARY**

SEP 25 2002

## **William Joseph Malliot**

POWELL, Wyo. — William Joseph "Joe" Malliot, 64, of Powell, died Sunday, Sept. 22, 2002, at his home.

Graveside memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 28, in Crown Hill Cemetery. Bryant Funeral Home of Worland is in charge.

## Juanita E. Mallo

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

EAST HELENA — Juanita E. Mallo, 65, of East Helena, formerly of Livingston, died Monday, July 15, 2002, at her home, from lung cancer.

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Viewing will be from noon to 8 p.m. Wednesday, July 17, at Retz Funeral Home in Helena. Funeral service in celebration of her life will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, July 18, at Retz Funeral Home. Cremation will follow the service. Interment will be at 2 p.m. Friday, July 19, in Crown Hill Cemetery in Cut Bank.



## **Marlin A. Malnaa**

**MAY 20 2002**  
**BILLINGS GAZETT**

GLASGOW — Marlin A. Malnaa, 81, of Glasgow, passed away Wednesday, May 15, 2002, of natural causes at the Frances Mahon Deaconess Hospital.

He was born Dec. 28, 1920 in Crosby, N.D., to Victor and Alma (Throntveit) Malnaa.



**MARLIN  
MALNAA**

On April 5, 1948, he married Imogene (Emmy) Wirtzberger in Plentywood. Emmy passed away on Jan. 11, 1976. Marlin married Alma Jean Williams on Feb. 18, 1978, in Glasgow. Alma Jean passed away on Nov. 19, 1997.

For many years, Marlin was manager of the American Legion Club in Crosby. He also owned and operated the Mobil Oil Bulk Plant in Williston. In 1963, he moved to Glasgow, where he worked various sales jobs including Hanson-Mersen Motors. He was the Administrator of Valley View Nursing Home from 1970 until 1978. Marlin and Alma Jean owned and operated Turk's Tavern from 1978 until their retirement in 1992. He resided at Nemont Manor in Glasgow since 1998.

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Marlin was a World War II veteran, having served in the U.S. Army from 1942 to 1945. He served in the Panama Canal Zone, other Central American locations, as well as Europe. He was a lifetime member of the American Legion and a member of the Glasgow Elks. He enjoyed watching his grandchildren play sports and beating his kids and grandchildren at cards.

He is survived by one daughter, Cheri Anderson (Scott) of Williston; sons, Monte Malnaa (DeAnne) of Billings, Myron Malnaa (Lynne) of Glasgow, Rocky Malnaa and Rory Malnaa of Renton, Wash.; stepsons, Dick Williams (Bonnie) of Cody and Omie Williams (Stacie) of Northwood, N.D.; two sisters, Ardath Kihle (Norbert) of Columbus, N.D. and Delores Sitter (Leo) of Fargo; 14 grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

His parents, two brothers, one sister and one grandson, Kent, preceded him in death.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Monday, May 20, at the First Lutheran Church in Glasgow with Pastor Marty Mock and Pastor Mark Koonz officiating. Interment will be at the Highland Cemetery. Bell Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

## Mary T. Manderfeld

MAY 08 2002

BILLINGS GAZETTE

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Mary T. Manderfeld, 89, of Sheridan, died Saturday, May 4, 2002, at Memorial Hospital of Sheridan County.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, May 9, at Kane Funeral Home in Sheridan. Interment will be in the Sheridan Elks Cemetery.

## Helen Ethel Mang

**ROUNDUP** — Helen Ethel Mang, 79, of Roundup, passed away on Jan. 3, 2002, at the Deaconess Billings Clinic.

Helen Ethel Mang was born Jan. 22, 1922, in Thermopolis, Wyo., to Raymond C. and Verna Sessions Smith. Her entire life was spent in central Montana, except for 19 months in the armed services during World War II.

She was married March 9, 1940, to Charles H. Brown in Lewistown. They were later divorced.

On Feb. 14, 1958, she was married to M.C. "Pat" Mang in Roundup.

They resided on the ranch north of Roundup until 1992, when they moved to Roundup.

She is survived by two daughters, Sherry K. Brown (Gary Julian) and Gloria J. (Bob) Hagstrom; four grandchildren, Robbie (Monica) Hamilton, Lavina, Jennifer Hamilton, Aurora, Colo., Mike (KC) Hagstrom, Fort Morgan, Colo., and Michelle Hagstrom (Teri Poore), Milwaukee, Wis.; and four great-grandchildren, Tony Sanchez, Billings, Brian Hamilton, Bozeman, Taylor and Layne Hagstrom, Ft. Morgan. She is also survived by two sisters, Jean (Don) Kimmel of Roundup and Dianna (Ron) Miles of California; one brother of

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JAN 05 2002

Washington, Raymond (Charlene) Smith. Also survived by a beloved sister-in-law, Goldie Mang. She is also survived by several nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, Jan. 7, at Wier Funeral Home in Roundup.

## **Mickie R. Mangelsdorf**

MAY 28 2002

CODY, Wyo. — Mickie R. Mangelsdorf, 67, died Sunday, May 26, 2002, at Deaconess Billings Clinic.

Visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 29, at Ballard Funeral Home in Cody. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, May 30, at Riverside Cemetery.

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**Glen V. Mangus**

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**JUN 08 2002**

CODY, Wyo. — Glen Mangus, age 80, passed away Wednesday, June 5, 2002, at his home in Cody.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Monday, June 10, at the Wyoming Avenue Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Chapel. Memorials are suggested to the Glen Mangus Memorial Fund, c/o Shoshone First Bank, 1401 Sheridan, Ave., Cody, WY.

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**NOV 30 2002**

DUNN CENTER, N.D. — Byron G. Manke, 64, of Dunn Center, formerly of Baker, Mont., passed away early Friday morning, Nov. 29, 2002, at St. Joseph's Hospital and Health Center in Dickinson.

The son of Carl and Florence (Greger-son) Manke, Byron was born July 30, 1938, in St. Paul, Minn. In 1949, Byron and his family moved to Golva, then to Baker, where he attended school. Following high school, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served from 1955 to 1958.

Following his discharge from the service, Byron returned to Baker, where he worked in the oil fields, at Baker Furniture and operated the Phillips 66 Truck Stop. While in Baker, Byron married Bernice Huether, and they had a daughter, Kimberly, and a son, Jeremy.

Byron later moved to Killdeer, where he met and married Emogene Smith of Dunn Center, on July 29, 1994. Byron and Emogene made their home in Dunn Center.

Byron enjoyed tinkering with and restoring old cars, fishing and remodeling old houses. He was a



**BYRON  
MANKE**

very talented, hard-working man who could do almost anything he set his mind to. Until his health began to fail, he and his wife were remodeling houses in Dunn Center for rental property. Byron also served for four years on the Dunn Center city council.

Byron is survived by his wife Emogene; his daughter, Kimberly of Norfolk, Va.; his son, Jeremy of Williston; his grandchildren, Brandi, Derek and Jordan; his sister Carla (Don) Kingsley of Walla Walla, Wash.; his brother, Ken (Lee) of Billings; and his beloved Aunt Lee Peck of South Lake Tahoe, Calif.

Cremation has taken place. Ladbury Funeral Service of Dickinson is in charge. A graveside service will take place on Dec. 11, at 10 a.m. at the family plot in Taylor, N.D.

We will miss your jokes and gentle teasing. You will always be in our hearts. God speed.

**MAR 23 2002****Clarada Brookman  
Mann**

**WOLF POINT** — Clarada Brookman Mann, 85, of Wolf Point, died Thursday, March 21, 2002, at the Deaconess Billings Clinic.

Visitations will be from 1 to 8 p.m. Sunday, March 24, at the Clayton Memorial Chapel in Wolf Point. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, March 25, at the Clayton Memorial Chapel. Interment will be in Greenwood Cemetery.



**APR 17 2002**

## **Martha Mann**

**SIDNEY —** Martha Mann, 88, of Sidney, died Sunday, April 14, 2002, at the Sidney Health Center - Extended Care Facility.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, April 19, at the Fulkerson Funeral Home Memorial Chapel. Interment will be in the Sidney Cemetery.

MAR 16 2002

**Rose Cecelia Manning**

KALISPELL — Rose Cecelia Manning, 94, of Kalispell, died March 13, 2002, at her daughter's home.

Rosary services will be 7 p.m. Sunday, March 17, at Johnson Mortuary in Kalispell. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 11 a.m. Monday, March 18, at St. Matthew's Catholic Church. Burial will follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Visitation will be from 5 p.m. until the Rosary at 7 p.m. Sunday, at Johnson Mortuary.

## Kenneth H. Manning

BILLINGS GAZETTE

JAN 03 2002

KAYCEE, Wyo. — Kenneth Harold Manning, 75, of Kaycee, died Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2002, at the Johnson County Health Care Center in Buffalo.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Jan. 4, at the United Methodist Church in Kaycee. Burial will be in the Kaycee Cemetery. Adams Funeral Home of Buffalo is in charge.

## Lillian Dorothy Manry

JUN 16 2002

WILLIAMS GAZETTE

CHESTNUT — Lillian Dorothy Pearson Manry, 82, died Friday, June 14, 2002, at her daughter's home in North Bend, Ore.

Graveside services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, June 21, at the Sunset Hills Cemetery with a memorial service following at the Grand Avenue Christian Church. Dokken-Nelson Funeral Home of Bozeman is in charge.

## **H. Lyle Mansfield**

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**AUG - 8 2002**

JOPLIN — H. Lyle Mansfield, 76, of Joplin, died Monday, Aug. 5, 2002, at Liberty County Nursing Home in Chester, of cancer.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 8, at the Bethel Lutheran Church in Joplin. Burial will be in Joplin Cemetery. Rockman Funeral Chapel of Chester is in charge.

## Laurel 'Bud' Mantz

HELENA — Bud Mantz, formerly of Wilsall, died in Helena on Saturday, Oct. 19, 2002.

Laurel "Bud" Mantz, was born to Gustav and Millie (Thom) Mantz on Sept. 7, 1916 in Center, N.D. He married Anne Haag on Nov. 11, 1938. In early 1948, Anne and Bud moved with their two children, Jim and Dolly, to Wilsall, where they owned and operated a Texaco Service Station for 33 years. A third child, Sheila, was born after moving to Wilsall. They celebrated 56 years of marriage together before she died in 1994. Bud moved to Eagles Manor in Helena in 2000 to be near family.

He is survived by his children, James Mantz of Terry, DiAnne Mantz and her husband, Frank Pollard of Helena, Sheila (Roger) Marx of Newman Lake, Wash.; his brother, Robert Mantz of Great Falls; his sister, Hilda Ritter of Billings; a special sister-in-law, Irene Pflieger, of Center, N.D.; and grandchildren, Robyn Fisher, Mark Spooner, Gina Mannin, Lori Degel, Robert Mantz Ludwick, Kelli Mantz Hoffman, Paul Marx, Christa Wandowloski and Erika Wade; and 14 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by an infant daughter, Judith Anne Mantz, and his faithful puppy, "Missy."

Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 23, at St. Margaret's Catholic Church in Clyde Park, and burial will be in the family plot at Wilsall. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that those wishing to make a contribution send a memorial to the Lewis & Clark Humane Society, P.O. Box 4455, Helena, MT 59604. The family encourages any friend of Bud's to submit a short story or memory to be read at the services. Hagler-Anderson Funeral Home was entrusted with local arrangements.

## **Claudia L. Manz**

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**DEC 04 2002**

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Claudia L. Manz, 102, of Sheridan, died Thursday, Nov. 28, 2002, at Sheridan Manor.

Memorial services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 5, at First United Methodist Church. Interment of cremains will be in Sheridan Municipal Cemetery, Masonic Section. Champion Ferries Funeral Home of Sheridan is in charge.

## **Edwin Marang**

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**AUG - 7 2002**

MILES CITY — Edwin "Pat" Marang, 67, of Miles City, died Saturday, Aug. 3, 2002, at Holy Rosary Extended Care.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 7, in the Custer County Cemetery. Friends and family will meet at the cemetery. Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home of Miles City is in charge.



## **Charles A. March**

**MALTA —** Charles A. March, 59, died Tuesday, July 9, 2002, at the Missouri River Manor, from prostate cancer.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Monday, July 15, at the Adams Memorial Chapel in Malta. Graveside services will be in the Malta Cemetery.

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**JUL 12 2002**

**DEC 29 2002**

**Alta A. Marker, of Billings, died Dec. 25, 2002, in Billings. She was 81.**

Born April 5, 1921, in St. Paul, Minn., she moved to Montana as an infant. She attended school in Lavina and Choteau.

Alta was preceded in death by her husband Robert Marker; her parents Bernt and Emma Alstad; her brother, Orlando Alstad; and two sisters, Muriel Hanni and Bernice Miller.

Alta worked for the Bureau of Land Management for 30 years

and was a member of the American Lutheran Church in Billings.

Alta is survived by her sister Evelyn Danioth of Renton, Wash. and numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be at Smith West Chapel, Monday, Dec. 30, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Tuesday, Dec. 31, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Memorial service will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 2, at Smith West Chapel, 304 34th Street West, Billings.

# Marvin D. Marker

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE  
DEC 28 2002

SIDNEY — Funeral services for Marvin D. Marker, 51, of Sidney, will be 10 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 31, at the Ebenezer Congregational Church with Pastor Charles\* "Bob" Meehan officiating. Interment will be in the Sidney Cemetery under the direction of Fulkerson Funeral Home of Sidney.

Marvin was born March 6, 1951, to Victor and Christina (Jaeger) Marker, in Sidney. Marvin was raised in the Ridgelawn area north of Sidney for the first eight years of his life. Then the family moved south of town, where he attended Rau School. He played football for and graduated from Sidney High School. Marvin farmed the family farm most of his life and raised cattle.

He was a member of the American Angus Association. He enjoyed hunting and golfing whenever he could spare the time. Marvin enjoyed socializing with his friends at various events. His laughter could always be picked out in a crowd.

Marvin died of a massive heart attack on the evening of Monday, Dec. 23, 2002, at his home in Sidney.

Marvin is survived by his father, Victor Marker of Sidney; brothers, Roger Marker of Sidney and Thomas (Karen) Marker of Redding, Calif.; and sister Donna

Timmerman of Billings; niece Vernetta (Monte) Torgerson of Sidney, Michelle Eddy of Billings and Becky (Chance) Gruwell of Redding; and nephews, Justin (Paula) Marker of Bismarck, N.D. and Brian (Heidi) Marker of Redding; as well as several great nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his mother, Christina Marker; grandparents, Jake and Katherine Marker and Joe and Mary Jaeger; and his sister-in-law, D'ette Marker.

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**Jean Fassett Markle**

GLASGOW — Jean Fassett Markle, 79, of Glasgow, died Friday, March 29, 2002, at her home.

A private memorial mass will be held at St. Raphael's Catholic Church at a later time. Interment will be in Highland Cemetery in Glasgow. Bell Mortuary of Glasgow is in charge.

**EKALAKA** — Magnus Andrew Markuson was born July 26, 1909, on the family ranch northwest of Ekalaka, the son of Norwegian Immigrants Ole and Christina Ohme Markuson. He attended various country grade schools near the ranch, and graduated from Carter County High School in 1927. He attended Montana State College in Bozeman in 1928, completing the one year ag short course. Upon completion of college, he returned to the family ranch.

His father passed away in 1931 and his mother in 1933. Because they had no wills, a judge divided the ranch between his sister Anna and him. All of this happened going into the Great Depression, and the tough times he endured in those years molded his character for the remainder of his life.

On Nov. 2, 1935, he married Olive Dean, and they shared over 53 years together until her death in 1989. He remained active in the ranching operation until 1998, when he retired at the age of 89.

He served as a Carter County Commissioner for 17 years. During that time he was instrumental in the renovation of Camp Needmore, and assisted in the maintenance of the facility for over 29 years. He was an avid fan of all sports and country music. He closely followed the daily news, keeping track of local, national and

world events. He was particularly interested, though not always amused, with the government process. He was a man of impeccable integrity and brute physical strength.

He is survived by three sons, Milton (Janice) Markuson of Ekalaka, Ronald (Marilee) of Glendive and Stanley (Nancy) of Miles City; his sister, Anna Meyer of Ekalaka; grandchildren, Karen Kreitel, Tyler, Carla, Amber, Pete, Megan Markuson; and granddaughter-in-law, Brenda Markuson; and great-grandchildren, Dana Kreitel, Tara, Jennifer and Amy Markuson. He is also survived by his brother- and sisters-in-law Leslie and Nellie Dean, Helen Dean and Patricia Freese. He is also survived by a longtime friend, Jack Heron, of Muleshoe, Texas. He was preceded in death by his parents; wife Olive; grandson Steve Markuson; and brothers-in-law Francis Freese, Chet Meyer and Rankin Dean.

Magnus Markuson, 93, of Ekalaka, passed away Wednesday, Nov. 6, 2002, at Dahl Memorial Health Care in Ekalaka.

Visitation: Friday, Nov. 8, from 11 a.m. until 8 p.m., at the Chapel of Stevenson Funeral Home.

Funeral services: Saturday, Nov. 9, at 11 a.m. at the Carter County High School Gymnasium.

Burial: Beaverlodge Cemetery in Ekalaka.

Stevenson Funeral Home of Baker & Ekalaka is in charge of the arrangements.

Memorials may be given to Dahl Memorial Nursing Home or Camp Needmore, both of Ekalaka.

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## Catherine R. 'Kay' Marlenee

**RED LODGE** — Catherine Ruth O'Brien Bruck Marlenee was born on July 7, 1908, in St. Paul, Minn., a daughter of George D. and Mary M. O'Brien. Mrs. Marlenee, known as "Kay" to her friends, died Wednesday, March 20, 2002, in Cedar Wood Villa. She was 93.

Kay attended schools and college in St. Paul and Minneapolis. In 1929, she married Fred Bruck, and they were parents of three sons. They moved to Billings in 1949.

In 1955, she married Kenneth Marlenee, and they resided in Billings until retiring to the Cooney Dam area. They enjoyed living on the lake property. After Kenneth's death in 1983, Kay moved to Red Lodge.

Mrs. Marlenee was a past matron and 50-year member of the Minneapolis Order of the Eastern Star, and also held membership in the Venus Chapter 32 of the OES of Red Lodge. She was past president and a five-year officer of the Benevolent and Patriotic Order

of Does of Red Lodge, and belonged to the women's fellowship of the Red Lodge Community Church, UCC. In



**CATHERINE  
MARLENEE**

earlier years, Kay enjoyed speed skating and fishing.

She is survived by her three sons and their wives, Bill (Wendy) Bruck of Webster, Wis., Dr. Tom (Mary) Bruck of Boise, Idaho, and David (Gaynell) Bruck of Helena; 10 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two sisters and one brother.

Memorial services are pending at Smith-Olcott Funeral Chapel in Red Lodge, and will be announced at a later date. Cremation has taken place. Memorials may be given to the Beartooth Hospital & Health Center, Box 590, Red Lodge, MT 59068.

APR 04 2002

## Henry L. Marman

GLENDIVE — Henry L. Marman, 77, of Glendive, died Friday, Dec. 21, 2001, at the Glendive Medical Center.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, April 5, at the Chapel of the Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home in Glendive. Interment will be in the Dawson County Cemetery in Glendive.



**Dorothy 'Dodie'  
Masosok**

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**JAN 17 2002**

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Dorothy M. "Dodie" Masosok, 89, died Tuesday, Jan. 8, 2002, at her home.

Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at Champion Ferries Funeral Home. Funeral Liturgy will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Holy Name Catholic Church.

## Frank S. Marr, Jr.

BILLINGS GAZETTE  
APR 24 2002

Frank S. Marr, Jr., of Billings, died April 22, 2002, at Eagle Cliff Manor.

Son of Frank S. and Ione Marr, Frank was born in Utica on April 8, 1919, and was raised in Lewistown. On Sept. 14, 1941, Frank S. Marr, Jr. and Anne M. Bublich were united in marriage in Stanford. They shared 50 years together. In that time, they enjoyed traveling around the world seeing many wonderful sights and sharing great memories.

Frank was in the U.S. Army and served in WWII, where he was wounded and returned to the States.

Frank is survived by three daughters, Honey A. Amadon, Mesa, Ariz., Sandy (Jim) Davis, Spokane, Wash., Frankie (Larry) Malmstrom, Billings; six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Frank was preceded in death by his parents; his wife Anne; and a sister, Betty Dowler. Cremation has taken place. A private family service will be held.

Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary has charge of arrangements.

## James B. Marr

BILLINGS GAZETTE  
DEC 11 2002

DENVER — James B. Marr, formerly of Billings, passed away peacefully at Porter Adventist Hospital on Friday, Nov. 22, 2002. He was 82 years old.

Jim was born in Electra, Texas, on Oct. 11, 1920,

and was raised in Oklahoma City, Okla. A WWII naval officer and graduate of the University of Oklahoma, he



was a petroleum engineer with Philips Petroleum Co., where he served in many assignments. After 34 years of service, he retired in 1965, and made his home in Englewood.

He is survived by his loving wife of 57 years, Elna; two sons, Michael of Billings and David of Montclair, Va.; a sister, Helen of Bridgeport, Texas; six grandchildren, Rob of Plentywood, Mont., Heather and Tiffany of Billings, Kristen, Sarah and Allyson of Montclair; and two great-grandsons, Jarett and Jaxson of Plentywood.

Cremation has occurred and the family has gathered for a reunion in his honor.

He was such an honorable man, highly respected, much loved, and will be greatly missed.

"When someone you love becomes a memory, the memory becomes a treasure."

## **Maria Marros**

BUFFALO, Wyo. — Maria Marros, 94, of Buffalo, died Monday, July 8, 2002, at her home.

A Trisagion Service will be at 7 p.m. Friday, July 12, at Adams Funeral Home in Buffalo. Visitation will be from 1 to 10 p.m. Friday, at Adams Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 13, at the St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Buffalo. Burial will be in Willow Grove Cemetery, with graveside services to follow the funeral.

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**JUL 10 2002**

## Ray G. Mars

Ray Mars, 73, of Billings, passed away on Sunday morning, Sept. 22, 2002, at St. Vincent Healthcare.

Ray was born in Fromberg on Nov. 7, 1928, a son to Pete and Veronica Mars. He graduated from Fromberg High School, served in the Korean Conflict where he received military honors, worked for the forest service and received his teaching degree from Eastern Montana College. With his deceased wife, Nellie Berckmoes Mars, he had two children, Rhonda and Gene. Ray married Ann Barker in 1971.

Ray taught in the English Department at Senior High for 30 years. During this time, he spent two years at the University of Arizona, where he received his masters degree.

In his retirement years, Ray taught for 15 years in School District 2's Homebound Program. Ray and Ann had recently returned from an adventure in New Mexico where they both taught. Ray enjoyed fishing, coastal trips to Oregon to visit family, gardening, reading and trying to beat his granddaughter, Erica, at card games.



**RAY MARS**

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Ray is survived by his wife Ann and her five children: Gar Barker, Joan Romine, Bill Barke, Susan Rowe and Tom Barke; his son, Gene Mars; his brother, Walt Mars; his sister, Lucille Butcher; 13 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Ray was preceded in death by his parents, his first wife, Nellie Mars; his daughter, Rhonda; his two brothers, Clem and Eugene and his two sisters, Ann Myers and June Murie.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial mass will be offered at 2 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 25, at St. Thomas the Apostle Church. Private family inurnment with military honors will be at Holy Cross Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Boys & Girls Club, 505 Orchard Lane, Billings, MT 59101.

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

## **Alvin Marsh**

NOV 07 2002

**PLENTYWOOD — Alvin Marsh, 93, died Monday, Nov. 4, 2002, at the Sheridan Memorial Nursing Home in Plentywood.**

**Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 9, at the United Methodist Church in Plentywood. Interment will be in Redstone Cemetery. Fulkerson Funeral Home of Plentywood is in charge.**

## Alan Marshall

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**FEB 07 2002**

Suddenly, as the result of a tragic accident, Alan Marshall, 46, of Billings, died Friday, Feb. 1, 2002. Alan was born July 12, 1955, in Glasgow, Scotland. He is survived by his wife of 18 years, **K a r e n Battersby**.



**MR.  
MARSHALL**

Alan will be sadly missed by all his family and friends. Services will be held at the Dahl Funeral Chapel in Billings, Monday, Feb. 11, at 11 a.m. All friends are respectfully invited.

Love is when being together for eternity isn't long enough.

## **Violet V. Marshall**

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

SACO -- Violet V. Marshall, 88, of Saco, died Monday, July 29, 2002, at Frances Mahon Deaconess Hospital in Glasgow.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Aug. 2, at Saco Lutheran Church. Interment will be in Grandview Cemetery in Saco. Bell Mortuary of Glasgow is in charge.

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## **Teresa Marston**

Teresa Marston (Branough) passed away June 28, 2002, at Aspen Meadows.

She was born on Skull Creek outside of Newcastle, Wyo., on June 6, 1916. She was the youngest of four surviving children born to Joseph and Mattie Jordan. She was preceded in birth by three siblings, Wyomia, John and Dan, in that order. Joe and Mattie divorced when Teresa was a very young child. As a result of this divorce, Teresa and Dan were placed in the orphanage at Alliance, Neb. The Catholic Church operated the orphanage. This event was a very important character-forming event in Mom's life. Just how important this event was became quite evident during the last several years of her life whenever she spoke of those sad times. Those that knew her best believe her intense love and appreciation of family stemmed from her understanding that you can lose those you love most in a single instant without causing or deserving that loss.

As a young child, Teresa spent the school year at the orphanage with the summer months being spent with a variety of ever-changing extended families. It was during this time of her life that she was able to spend time with her maternal grandparents, Grandma and Grandpa Hallisey. Some of Mom's most treasured memories are those times she

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was able to spend with her Grandma and Grandpa. Mom often said that the passing of her Grandma Hallisey was an event whose sadness she felt throughout her life.

As a young teenager, Mom came to live with her older sister, Wyomia and family at Powderville, Mont. It was during this time that she met handsome young cowboy by the name of Doug Marston, whose family resided nearby. Soon this friendship became a more seriously romantic relationship. However, at this time, Mom's father, Joe Jordan, asked her to come to the West Coast in order to keep house for him and her brother Dan. While this move would mean a probable end of her wishes for the future with her young cowboy, Mom left for the coast in order to take care of her dad and brother. The years on the coast passed quickly. Mom was back with her family again, taking care of her dad and brother Dan. Mom's oldest brother John and his family lived nearby. These

were happy times, times Mom always looked back on with fond remembrance. The war was looming on the horizon; brothers John and Dan found work in the shipyards or in other defense industries. Often, Mom would relate stories about having to cope with rationing, about having to follow blackout procedures and all the other concerns a country in total war had to contend with. Mom often said, "We were worried about how the war was going but we grew our own vegetables and raised our own meat. We had enough, and probably more than many families; most of all, we were together again."

Following the war, Mom met a young returning serviceman at a dance in Okanogan, Wash.. This man, Robert Terrell Jones, became the apple of Mom's eye and the young couple married soon thereafter. Robert was a heavy equipment operator and worked on a variety of post war construction projects as a dozer operator. Robert also "skinned cat" for various logging companies on the Olympic Peninsula. This marriage produced a son, Robert Michael, but was not destined to last. In 1952 the couple separated, divorcing soon after. Teresa returned to Montana with her son. Teresa arrived at Alzada, Mont., where she began to manage the Valley Inn Cafe for her sister, Wyomia Thorne. While working at the cafe, Teresa met and fell in love with Bill

Branough, who had a small ranch close to Alzada. As events unfolded, this meeting led to a marriage that lasted until Bill's passing at Missoula in September of 1969. While together, the family spent time in Ekalaka operating the New Life Cafe. Next, Bill and Teresa operated Albion



**TERESA  
MARSTON**

store/post office/bar. In 1955, Bill went to work on a gravel project with the state of Montana Highway Department. At that time, he discovered that he had a love for construction work and working with heavy equipment. For the next four years, the family moved throughout Montana, South Dakota and Wyoming, working whenever Summits Construction Company had an ongoing project. Spring, summer and early fall were spent on the job with Summits. After the earth hardened in October/November, the family moved back to Alzada, where Bill would find work for the winter. During the years with Summits, Teresa operated the company cook shack. She made breakfast, sack lunches and supper for all the unmarried men who had no one to cook for them. In 1959, the family moved to Ekalaka. Bill went to work for the Carter Co. Road Department

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*Teresa Marston*  
operating a road grader. Teresa went to work at the hospital cooking for the patients and staff. In 1960, the family moved from Ekalaka to Broadus, where Bill went to work with Powder River Co. road department. Teresa worked at the I.G.A. store, Christiansen's V-Store, as well as the school cafeteria. In 1966, we moved again to Missoula, where Bill found work with the Missoula street department. In February 1968, Bill was diagnosed with stomach cancer. He fought off the inevitable until September of 1969, when he passed away. Teresa continued to reside in Missoula until 1971, when she sold the family home and moved back to Broadus, so as to be near her family. Teresa often compared living in Missoula to living on the far side of the moon. "It's so far from everyone and I feel too closed in by the mountains." After arriving back in Broadus, Teresa worked at the high school before starting to work at the Big Sky Bar. Teresa worked for Bill Trusler at the Big Sky from 1972 until 1979. She then worked at the courthouse until her retirement in 1981.

In 1980, while Teresa and her sister Wyomia were passing through Hardin, following a weekend visit with her son, Mike, in Billings, they stopped off for a bite to eat at the Stockman's Cafe

in Hardin. While entering the cafe, Teresa literally ran into Doug Marston, the not so young but still handsome cowboy from those many years ago in Powderville. They sat down for a visit and soon were exchanging telephone numbers and addresses. One thing led to another and the result was their marriage in early 1981 at the Congregational Church on South 36th Street in Billings. What a happy day for them and everyone else who loved them so. The Marstons lived at their home in Broadus with both of them being retired. There was plenty of time for the garden, the yard, fishing, camping and visiting. With her marriage to Doug at long last, Teresa gained a brand new family as she came to know and dearly love: Doug's three children, Bim, Doug Jr., Sherry and their families. Doug and Teresa resided at their home in Broadus until November 1991, when they moved to Billings in order to live with Teresa's son Mike, just up the street from the church on 36th Street where they were married.

Chief among Teresa's reasons for moving were the concerns she felt for Doug's health. True enough, in early 1992, Doug had a heart attack, which he most likely would not have survived had he been still living in Broadus. However, with immediate care, which was available in Billings, Doug not only survived but was able to return home to Broadus, where they spent their last summer at their home. In early 1993, Doug experienced a second heart attack, which was even more of a close call than the first one. Once again, the prompt medical care available in Billings made the difference between life and death. Later that year, he underwent open-heart surgery at Deaconess Hospital in Billings. His stay at the hospital was very lengthy with numerous complications. Teresa spent nearly every waking hour with him from August through November when he could be discharged to Aspen Meadows T.L.C. unit. Teresa later said how glad she was for the care Doug was given at Aspen. Doug's health remained very delicate from then on. He experienced a stroke in the summer of 1994. Teresa was never more than a step away from him, from his discharge at Aspen in 1993 until his eventual passing at home in Billings in March of 1996. Teresa continued to reside with her son at the home on South 36th. They were able to take several trips together to Casper, Wyo., Jackson Hole,

Wyo., and Missouri. They spent nearly every weekend during the summer of 1997 fixing up her rental property in Broadus.

In 1998, Teresa's son underwent an open-heart procedure at Deaconess; Teresa once again became a 24/7 care provider until her son could return to work. Never once did she complain or falter in her efforts to provide the care which was needed.

Beginning in June 2001, it became evident that somehow, for some reason, Teresa was beginning to lose ground. A subsequent visit to Dr. Coon confirmed that something was indeed wrong. Further tests indicated that Teresa had a large advanced malignant ovarian tumor in the lower right part of her body. The prognosis was deemed fatal. Doctors recommended chemotherapy, surgery and then more chemo. Perhaps they said, she might have two years, if all went well. All did not go well as Teresa suffered a stroke four days after her first chemo session. After leaving the hospital in late August, Teresa moved to the same Aspen T.L.C. unit, which Doug had used for his convalescence in 1993. Teresa later transferred to the nursing home side of Aspen where she remained until her passing on June 28, 2002.

Teresa is survived by her half-sister Denveretta McPherson and husband Art of Casper, Wyo.; her niece Charlotte Tuttle, husband

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*Jessie Marston*

Bob and daughters, Robin, Mary Kay and Sally of Osotan, Wash.; Velma Thorne of Casper, Wyo.; Bob Thorne and family of Casper; Bill Thorne and family of Casper; Don Thorne, wife Sue and daughter Whitney of Casper; Lorie Klein and husband Kerry and family of Wright, Wyo.; Terry Miller and family of Gillette, Wyo.; Tracey Fruit, wife Peggy and family of Broadus; Troy Fruit, wife Mikel Jo and family of Ekalaka; Lee Fruit, wife Sonia of Broadus; Bim Marston, wife Jody; Nathan and Katie of Hardin; Doug Marston Jr. of Ekalaka; Sherry Jardee and husband Fats of Ekalaka, their son Ivan and family of Gillette, Wyo.; Jeanie Sneezeby and husband Marvin of Whitewood, S.D.; Billy Ray, Jody Gay, Susan Kay and Wesley Jay Davis and their families of California; her son Mike Branaugh of Billings.

Mom, you were a constant bright shining light to those that loved you so much. This last year was pretty rough but you left us in the same manner in which you loved us. You were always thinking of others, always doing your best to make things easier for others. Pleasant dreams, Mom.

A memorial service will be held 11 a.m. Saturday, July 13, at St. David's Catholic Church in Broadus. A luncheon will be served following the service. Dahl Funeral Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Mom, we know you'll give our love to those that have gone on before us, Grandpa Joe, Grandma Mattie; Wyomia and Charlie, John and Blanche, uncle Dan, Marie and Iola, Sherman and Fernie, Buster, Fern, Sister and Todd, Claire Fruit, Otto and Phyllis, Swede and Edith, Merle Flastad, Albert Phelps, Ernie Funk, Sherrell Farrell, Red Larson, Lawrence Arpan, Loren and Myrna Mae, and most especially Bill and Doug.

## **Vernie Mart**

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**DEC 08 2002**

JORDAN — Vernie Mart, 91, died on Saturday, Dec. 7, 2002, at the Garfield County Health Center.

Visitation will be from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Monday. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Tuesday at the VFW Hall. Burial will follow in the family lot at the Pioneer Cemetery. Stevenson and Sons Funeral Home of Jordan is in charge.

**Daniel Martell, Sr.**

**WOLF POINT** — Daniel "Tarzan" Martell, Sr., 81, died Tuesday, Oct. 29, 2002, of cancer.

Visitations will be from 1 to 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 3, at Clayton Memorial Chapel, with rosary at 7 p.m. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, Nov. 4, at Immaculate Conception Church in Wolf Point. Interment will be in the Ft. Kipp Cemetery in Brockton.

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## David Martell

MILES CITY — David Martell, 51, of Miles City, died Friday, Oct. 11, 2002 in Miles City.

Visitations will be from 1 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 16, at Clayton Memorial Chapel in Wolf Point, with a vigil service at 7 p.m. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 17, at the Immaculate Conception Church in Wolf Point. Interment will be in the Fort Kipp Cemetery.



## **Kelly Martell**

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**JUL 18 2002**

GILLETTE — Kelly Ellen Martell, 67, died Tuesday, July 16, 2002, at the Campbell County Memorial Hospital in Gillette.

Visitation will be from 3 to 7 p.m. Friday, July 19, at Stevenson -Wilson Funeral Home in Gillette. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 20, at St. Matthew's Catholic Church in Gillette. Burial will follow in the Gillette-Mt. Pisgah Cemetery.

## Alfred Martello

HARLOWTON — Alfred Martello, 87, passed away peacefully in his home on Friday, Feb. 1, 2002. Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 7, at the Federated Church Harlowton. Friends may call between 10 a.m. and 9 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 5, and Wednesday, Feb. 6, at Perkins Funeral Home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Federated Church or the local charity of your choice.

Fred was a loving husband, father and a loyal friend to all. He lived his entire life in Montana. He was born in Missoula on June 22, 1915. He attended Montana State College, where he studied chemistry. During his college days, he was a Montana Golden Gloves boxing champion. He arrived in Harlowton in 1940 to work for the state grain laboratory. Fred supervised the lab for more than 30 years until its closing. He completed the last seven years of his working career supervising the Cargill Grain Elevator.

Fred was rich in friends and his mischievous smile will be missed by all. During his lifetime, he was an active member of the community of Harlowton. He enjoyed working with young people, being a Scout leader, DeMolay advisor, Key Club advisor, and serving on the school board. He was a 50-year member

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of the Musselshell Lodge #69 AF & A.M., and longtime Kiwanis Club member. He was a member of the Federated Church and served on the board.

Fred is survived by his wife, Dovie, of 59-1/2 years; his son Monte and wife Shannon of Kansas City, Mo.; brothers, Angelo and wife Regis of Albuquerque, N.M., John and wife Jean of Kalispell, Joe and wife Jerrie of Battle Ground, Wash. He was preceded in death by brothers Edward Martello and Albert Martello.

In his later years, Fred had a passion for woodworking and is fondly remembered by many for his unique birdhouses, including a special award — "The Golden Hammer" — for best darn birdhouse builder in Montana.

## Robert H. Martens

LOVELL, Wyo. — Robert H. Martens, age 84, passed away late in the evening on Tuesday, Feb. 19, 2002, at his home, southwest of Lovell.

Robert was born on April 11, 1917, in a dugout on Sarpy Creek, in Montana. He lived in the Hysham, Pompeys Pillar, Custer, Huntley area during his growing-up years.

He married Helen Thatcher in Billings at the age of 21, in 1938. He worked for different farmers for a while and then moved to Illinois. While there, he worked spreading oil on highways and streets. He also worked at a strip coal mine. When Pearl Harbor was bombed late in 1941, they moved back to Montana because he thought he might be drafted and he wanted his wife to be where her folks were.

He went to work for a cattle ranch when he returned. He never was drafted because they needed him to help with the cattle for food for the army. He later rented a farm for four years in Billings. They then moved to Forsyth and rented a farm nine miles west of Forsyth for 10 years.

In 1960, he fulfilled his lifelong dream of owning a farm and bought the Little Valley Ranch, seven miles southwest of Lovell, where he lived and farmed until his death.

Robert was known for his

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honesty and fairness. He never knew a stranger and has a good rapport with his neighbors. He enjoyed teaching his sons how to farm and working with them. He was a very good family man and loved to have all his children, his brothers and their wives, sisters and their husbands and all his wife's family come visit. He loved to tell stories about his past, leaving everyone with a feeling of "Tell me more!"

Robert was preceded in death by his parents, Englebort and Louise Martens; two brothers, Art and Joe; two sisters, Helen Wetch and Alma Sleaford. He is survived by his wife, Helen; three sons and two daughter, Bob (Elsie), Bill and Ben, Nancy (Ned) Walker, all of Lovell, and June (Larry) Cox of Forsyth; grandchildren, Marty (Lucille) Cox, Billings, Rob (Marie), Queen Creek, Ariz., Anette (Mitch) Negro, Lovell, Roy (Monica), Milliken, Colo., Russ (Andrea) Martens, Vergennes, Vt., Ryan (Jessica) Martens, Mesa, Ariz., Tami and Jay Martens, Lovell, Deserre and Chuck Walker, Lovell; six great-grandchildren; and two brothers, Charles of Two Dot, Mont., and Gilbert of Rogers City, Mich.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, Feb. 23, at 2 p.m., at Haskell Funeral Home in Lovell. Interment will follow at the Lovell Cemetery.

# Diane Ardythe Martin

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Diane Ardythe Martin went home to be with her Lord on Nov. 19, 2002.

She was born March 29, 1935, in Long Beach, Calif. Diane was to live most of her life in the Los Angeles area with the love of her life, Dale Martin, whom she met while working for an



**DIANE  
MARTIN**

area defense contractor. Diane and Dale were married Sept. 14, 1957, in Las Vegas. Diane became a homemaker with the birth of their only child, Dale, Jr. Later in life, she held various merchandising positions before retiring to Billings with her husband in 1998. Diane was a member of Epsilon Sigma Alpha, a local community service organization in Billings. Most of all, Diane loved spending time with her family.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her only brother, Tom Wingert, of Oregon.

She is survived by her husband Dale; her son Dale, Jr. and his wife Dana, all of Billings; and her granddaughter, Brittany of Torrance, Calif.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Nov. 25, at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary. Private graveside services will follow at Yellowstone Valley

Memorial Park. Visitation will be 3 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 24, at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

You gave us so much and asked so little in return. You touched our lives in ways too numerous to count. We will love you always and you'll live on in our hearts until the day we're once again reunited.

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## **Dorothy Martin**

**FISHTAIL** — Dorothy Martin, 86, of Fishtail, died Sunday, Sept. 29, 2002, at Beartooth Manor in Columbus.

Smith Funeral Chapel-Columbus was in charge of cremation.

**JUL 25 2002**

**WOLF POINT** — Eugene Joseph Martin, 74, died Monday, July 22, 2002, at the family home east of Wolf Point. Gene was the first child born to the marriage of Albion Joseph Martin and Virginia Gieffels Martin on Nov. 15, 1927, in Great Falls. Gene was baptized April 8, 1928, at the Great Falls Methodist Episcopal Church.

**EUGENE  
MARTIN**

The new family homesteaded in the Canadian wilderness near Le Duc from the spring of 1928 until 1934, when the family moved to Helena, and on to Portland, Ore., pursuing a taxi cab business. In Portland, Gene first started working on saddles when a leather shop wanted too much to repair a back rigging. Al and Virginia moved their family to Wolf Point after World War II with Gene following in the only west-to-east immigrant rail car to unload in Wolf Point.

Gene enlisted in the U.S. Army and served in the Philippines, receiving an honorable discharge Oct. 28, 1947. He then returned to Wolf Point and opened the Saddlery, Feb. 1, 1948.

Gene married Loretta Katherine Stidolph on April 17, 1948. As a couple, they raised four children: Joanne of Bridger, Allen of the family home, Larry of Bozeman and Randy of Clatskanie, Ore. Together, they operated the largest continuous single-owner business in Wolf Point. Gene had just completed saddle #510. He was most proud of his custom-designed saddle he called the Martin special.

Gene was a member of the Wolf Point Roping Club, Wolf Point Saddle Club, Wolf Point Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture, Charo's, American Quarter Horse Association and was a judge of the Wolf Point Stampede queen contest. Gene's lifelong love of horses and cowboys was his main interest and filled his life with joy.

Survivors include his wife Loretta of the family home; his children; a brother Bill Martin of Orange County, Calif.; nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Visitations will be held on Friday, July 26, from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Clayton Memorial Chapel in Wolf Point. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, July 27, at the Wolf Point High School Auditorium, with Rev. Lowell Stidolph of LaGrande, Ore., officiating. Interment will be in Greenwood Cemetery with a luncheon to follow at the Sherman Motor Inn.



# George Martin Jr.

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George Martin Jr., 82, died Nov. 10, 2002, at St. Vincent Healthcare. He was born July 17, 1920, to George and Mary (Kaip) Martin, Sr. in Blue Grass, N.D. He attended country school there.



**GEORGE  
MARTIN**

Later, the family moved to Glen Ullin, N.D., where they opened the Martin's Bar.

On June 28, 1939, George was united in marriage to

Viola Donczick in Mandan,

N.D. Together, they had two children, George Eric and Linda Eve. George and Vi worked on Victory Ships in Van Port, Ore., during WWII. In 1949, they moved to Billings. George worked for Continental Oil from 1951 until his retirement in 1981.

Their greatest pleasure was mining for Yogo Sapphires at Sapphire Village near Utica. In his later years, George enjoyed driving rental cars for various agencies, attending Polka Festivals, playing accordion and visiting relatives, especially his six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

George is survived by his son, Eric (Diane) Martin of Great Falls; his daughter, Linda Sime of Rohnert Park, Calif.; his grand-

children, Brent Sime, Dr. Bryar (Kim) Martin, Jason (Nicole) Martin, Paula Sime, Robert (Bianca) Sime, Sara (Derek) Brown; his seven great-grandchildren; sisters Mary Kastner Anna Weiland and Louise Schultz; and his good friend Julia.

George was preceded in death by his wife; his parents; sister Helen Weiland; and brother Frank Martin.

We would like to express our thanks to the administration and staff of the Tenderest Assisted Living Facility who were exceptional in their care and loving service to George.

Visitation will be on Tuesday, Nov. 12, from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. at Dahl Funeral Chapel. A Rosary will be held 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 13, at Dahl Funeral Chapel, Billings. A Funeral Mass will be 11 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 14, at Holy Rosary Church, with committal at Holy Cross Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Big Sky Hospice, PO Box 35033, Billings, MT 59107.

## Helen L. Martin

LIVINGSTON GAZETTE  
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LIVINGSTON — Helen L. Martin, 86, of Livingston, died Friday, Jan. 4, 2002, at Livingston Health & Rehab Center.

Vigil will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 9, and Mass of the Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 10, both at St. Mary's Catholic Church. Graveside committal and burial will be in Mountain View Cemetery. Franzen-Davis Funeral Home of Livingston is in charge.

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**Larry L. Martin**

GREAT FALLS — Larry L. Martin, 62, of Great Falls, passed away at his home on Saturday, March 16, 2002. Larry was born in Carson City, Mich., on Oct. 21, 1939. He was a longtime Montana resident with a long and prosperous career in the trucking industry. His most recent employer was Missoula Freightliner. Larry loved his country and proudly served in the United States Navy aboard the USS Essex at the Bay of Pigs.

Larry was a wonderful, loving family man and will be so very greatly missed.

He is survived by his wife Jennial "Jenny" of Great Falls; four children and seven grandchildren, son, Layne Martin and his wife Wendy and their children MacKenzie and Logan of Billings; daughter Kari Jones, her husband Dan and their children Vanessa and Parker of Billings; daughter Michelle Craig and her husband Jason and their daughter Miranda of Mesa, Ariz.; stepdaughter Shelly Stark, her husband Lance and their children Rachael and Luke of Ronan; a sister Dixie Todd, her husband Tom and their children of Michigan; one aunt, Elaine Bragger of North Carolina.

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Larry's wife and family would like to thank the very thoughtful friends who so faithfully visited and called him during his illness. His friends and family meant so much to him.

Visitation will be held at Garden City Funeral Home in Missoula, on Friday, March 22, from 2 to 5 p.m. Services will be Saturday, March 23, at 12 noon, at Atonement Lutheran Church in Missoula, with a reception to follow at church. Memorials are suggested to Peace Hospice of Great Falls, 1101 26 S., Great Falls, MT 59405; or Bethel Youth/Habitat for Humanity, 1009 18th Ave. SW, Great Falls, MT 59404.

# **Mamie Robertson Martin**

**BILLINGS GAZETTE  
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DEAVER, Wyo. — Mamie Robertson Martin, 89, of Deaver, died Sunday, Feb. 24, 2002, at the Powell Hospital.

Viewing will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, March 1, at Haskell Funeral Home in Lovell. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 2, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Cowley. Burial will be in the Greybull Cemetery.

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**Margaret C. Martin**

SIoux FALLS, S.D. — Margaret C. Martin, 83, formerly of Canton, S.D., passed away on Dec. 28, 2002, at Prince of Peace in Sioux Falls, S.D. She was born on March 10, 1919 in Lavina and married James D. Martin on June 1, 1941. He died Feb. 20, 1987. Margaret retired from the U.S. Postal Service in Canton and moved to Billings in the fall of 1986.

She is survived by one daughter, Jean Kerr, Hanahan, S.C.; and three sons, James D. and Harriet, Milton, Wash., Patrick J. and Linda, Sioux Falls, S.D., and Dennis W. and Andrea, S. Sioux City, Neb.; 11 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren; three sisters; two brothers and two sisters-in-law.

She was preceded in death by her husband and two sisters.

Funeral services will be 1 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 31, at the Smith West Chapel, 304 34th St. W. Interment will follow at Terrace Gardens Cemetery.

# Marjorie Helen Martin

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**AUG 30 2002**

**THERMOPOLIS, Wyo. —** Marjorie Helen Martin, 70, died Tuesday, Aug. 27, 2002, at St. Vincent Healthcare in Billings.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 4, at the St. Paul Lutheran Church. Burial will be 3:30 p.m. in the Cody Riverside Cemetery.

Mortimore Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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**Michael G. 'Yeti' Martin**

WORDEN — On July 29, 1960, in Deer Lodge, Tom and Pauline Martin finally got their boy.

Mike passed away while on an annual snowmobiling trip with friends and loved ones on Feb. 16, 2002. Mike graduated from Huntley Project Schools. Before and after graduation, Mike worked highway construction for various companies from 1977 to the present, where he was employed as a highway construction superintendent with JTL, Inc.

In 1991, Mike married Vila Montgomery. From this union came the light of his life, his son, Scott Martin. Mike was a hard-working, fun-loving man, who was a big brother to many and a friend and helper to even more. Mike first met his fiancée, Linda, in high school. Twenty-three years later, love brought these two nice people together.

Michael is survived by the light and loves of his life, his son Scott Martin of Dillon; fiancée, Linda Varela of Worden, and

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her two children, Jance and Elicia Varela of Billings; his parents, Tom and Pauline Martin of Worden; sisters Ruth Conroe (David) of Las Cruces, N.M., Cherie Freeman (Wayne) of Ogden, Utah, and Patrice Becker and David Rich of Ballantine; many nieces, nephews, family members and friends.

"Yeti," you will be sorely missed by your family and many friends. We know you will always watch over the lights and loves of your life, your son Scott, and your wonderful lady, Linda.

Visitation will be held at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary from 2 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 19, until 4 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 21, with cremation to follow. Memorial services will be held 4 p.m. Friday, Feb. 22, at the Huntley Project Elementary School Gym in Worden.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Mike Martin memorial fund established at Stockman Bank, PO Box 249, Worden, MT, 59088, with benefits going to the Park County Search and Rescue and Cody Search and Rescue; or the charity of one's choice.

Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary has charge of arrangements.



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## **Pamela Rice Martin**

SEMINOLE, Fla. — Pamela Rice Martin, 40, formerly of Billings, passed away April 7, 2002.

Pamela liked traveling and cooking. She loved her dog Pepper.

Pamela is survived by her husband, Thomas Rice; one sister, Mary Ann Johnson; brother Roland Martin; and mother Carrie Martin. She was preceded in death by her father.

Services will be held at a later date.

## Scott Martin

BILLINGS GAZETTE

NOV 18 2002

RED LODGE — Scott "Scotty" Martin, 32, of Red Lodge, died Sunday, Nov. 17, 2002, at Deaconess Billings Clinic, of complications following surgery.

Family services will be held at a later date. Smith-Olcott Funeral Chapel is in charge.

## **Vonda Martin**

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**JUL - 7 2002**

**MILES CITY —** Vonda Rae Martin, 37, formerly of Wolf Point, died Thursday, July 4, 2002.

Visitation will be from noon until 8 p.m. on Monday, July 8, with a prayer service at 7 p.m. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. on Tuesday with interment in Greenwood Cemetery. Clayton Memorial Chapel is in charge.

# **William F. 'Buster' Martin**

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

COLUMBUS — William F. "Buster" Martin passed away quietly in his sleep on Dec. 3, 2002. Buster resided in Fishtail prior to living at Beartooth Manor.

He will be sorely missed and was loved and respected by his sons, daughters-in-law, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Buster lived a good life of 92 years.

## Arthur Martinez

Arthur Martinez, 64, of Billings, formerly of Lovell, Wyo., died Saturday, Oct. 12, 2002, at Billings Deaconess Clinic in Billings, following a lengthy illness.

Arthur was born Sept. 10, 1938, in Lovell, the son of Francisco and Juana (Velasquez) Martinez. He was raised and educated in Lovell, where he played for the Bulldog football team and graduated from Lovell High School in 1957. He became a member of the Lovell National Guard and also worked construction, which he had done since he was 15 years old, working for several different construction companies. He was a hard worker and loved his work. As a testimony to his hard work, he left behind the roads of Montana and Wyoming. It is difficult to travel on any road in these two states that Art did not assist in the construction of.

On Feb. 18, 1989, Arthur was united in marriage to Emerietta (Hanson) in Rapid City, S.D. The couple moved to Billings, where they have made their home for the last 13 years.

Throughout the years, Arthur enjoyed various different activities. He had always been an active gardener growing up and his love of growing roses and tending to his vegetable garden brought him great joy. He was a very generous man and loved to share the "crop" from his garden with his many friends and members of his family. Arthur was a very social person. He also was an excellent cook, which was wonderful for the many visitors that stopped by to say hello to Art and Emerietta. Art loved to prepare wonderful stews and dishes to enjoy while visiting and reminiscing.

Since 1996, Arthur fought a valiant battle with various health issues resulting from diabetes. Although he struggled daily, he always had the energy and time to help others that needed him. He was always optimistic and showed unbelievable inner strength, strong will and exceptional character. He was a good man who will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Survivors include his beloved wife, Emerietta of Billings, step-daughter, Marnie Johnson of Stillwater, Minn.; stepson, Martin Hulbert of Powell, Wyo.; six grandchildren, Kyle, Justin and Gregory of Stillwater, Minn., and Mercedes, Austin and Lexus of Billings; five brothers and two sisters, Raymond (Dorothy) of California, Frank, Jr. (Judy) of Great Falls, Rudy (Rhonda) of Haywarden, Iowa, Jesse (Juanita) of Lovell, Manuel (Virginia) of Powell, Rita Cobos (Ben) and Rose Cantrell (Jerry), all of Lakewood, Colo., and his sister-in-law, Pat of Colorado Springs, Colo.; several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and great-nieces and nephews. He is also survived by individuals who were dear to his heart and very special in his life.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Eva Martinez; a brother, John Martinez; a brother-in-law, John R. Jolley; and two nephews, Sheldon and Steve Cobos.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 16, in the Lovell LDS Church. Interment will be in the Lovell Cemetery. Haskell Funeral Home of Lovell is in charge of arrangements.

## **Albert Martini**

**HILLINGS GAZETTE**

**NOV 05 2002**

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Albert Martini, 83, of Sheridan, died Oct. 30, 2002, at his home.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 5, at Champion Ferries Funeral Home in Sheridan. Burial will be in the Elk's Section of the Sheridan Municipal Cemetery.

**Ardis Jean Martini****November 4, 1936 —****September 12, 2002**

**WILLISTON, N.D.** — Ardis Jean Martini, 65 of Williston, peacefully passed away Thursday, Sept. 12, 2002, in Billings Deaconess Clinic with her family by her side, following a courageous battle with cancer.

The Celebration of Life Service will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 17, at First Lutheran Church in Williston.

The Rev. Jeff Krogstad will officiate and interment will be in the Round Prairie Cemetery, west of Williston.

Ardis Jean (Olson) Martini was born on Nov. 4, 1936, to Arvid and Minda (Hexom) Olson in Williston. She graduated from Williston High School in 1954. She was married to Elden Martini on July 2, 1956, and they were together for 29 years. She was also married to Frank Cosindas of Tustin, Calif.

**ARDIS  
MARTINI**

Ardis was a classy and unique woman. Through her deep belief in GOD, she loved, cared for and influenced every life she touched. She loved to give parties for family and friends and with her terrific sense of humor always made us laugh. She had a gift of giving and pleasing other people. She loved her family and adored her grandchildren. Her passion to travel all over gave her much joy. A special thanks to all who prayed for her and helped her in any way through her walk through life.

She leaves to cherish her memories, a daughter, Lori (Martini) Akers and her husband Michael, and their children, Cleary and Cole, of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Brent and his wife Tricia of Mesa, Ariz.; son Toni Martini of Sidney, Mont.; her parents, along with a twin sister Marlis Cote' and her husband Dallas of Palm Desert, Calif.; sisters Carole Amb, of Portland, N.D., Ann Arnsen and her husband Donald of Williston; and one brother, Roger Arvid Olson and his wife Helen of rural Williston; a brother-in-law James Gwaltney of Huntington Beach, Calif.; several nieces and nephews, cousins, aunts, uncles, and many, many loving friends.



She is preceded in death by her former husband Elden Martin; sister Connie Gwaltney; and brother-in-law Carl Amb.

Visitation is on Monday, Sept. 16, from 9 a.m. until 7 p.m.; Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, and one hour preceding the service time. Everson Funeral Home of Williston is in charge of the arrangements.

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**Mary Elizabeth Slayton  
Martinsen**

HARDIN — Mary Elizabeth Slayton Martinsen, loving wife, mother, teacher and friend, passed away Wednesday evening, April 3, 2002, at her home in Hardin.

She was born Oct. 26, 1920, in Virginia, Minn., the daughter of John Albert and Eunice Dennis Slayton. She was raised with

**MARY  
MARTINSEN**

her younger brother Jack on the family ranch west of Lavina, completing her secondary education in Ryegate. She graduated from Montana State College University in 1942 with a degree in education. She continued her avid support of the Bobcats as an alumni for the next 60 years.

On March 15, 1947, she married Roy Martinsen of Butte in Bozeman. They lived in Missoula and Shawmut before moving to the St. Xavier and the Hardin area. Here, she put down her roots and raised their children, and for 50 years, touched the community in many ways.

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Mary loved Montana and the western life: hunting, camping, fishing, boating and rodeos were just a few of her favorites. As a physical education teacher and coach at Hardin High School for 29 years, she was rewarded many times over by her students, fellow teachers and the community. She was a mom that led 4-H clubs, drove kids all over the state of Montana to basketball and football games, wrestling matches, track meets and, of course, rodeos. She enthusiastically continued the support of all her grandchildren and rarely missed an event.

Mary and Roy loved to travel and they visited many of our great states, besides taking a number of memorable cruises and fishing trips to Canada. After retiring from teaching, the world of antique shows kept her and Roy busy, along with her new love of quilting. She will always be remembered for her beautiful smile, vivacious energy and positive will to accomplish whatever she set her mind to, as well as her love of all people, her horses, dogs and many cats.

She was active in the Undercover Gals Quilt Guild, ADK, Eastern Star, the Montana State University Alumni Association and the Big Horn County Historical Museum.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents, Bert and Eunice; and her brother, Jack.

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She is survived by her husband, Roy; daughter, Susan Turner and her husband Don of Cave Creek, Ariz., and Flathead Lake; daughter, Kathy McDowell of Alder; son, Roy Michael Martinsen of Columbia Falls; daughter, Patti Holland and her husband Tom of Dillon; and (special daughter) Georgia Lee Forney and husband, Larry Dorn and their children, Kelby and Bryant of Hardin. The light of her life, her grandchildren; Matt Maierle and his wife Shawn of Portland, Ore., Robert Turner and his wife Erin of Denver, Stephen Turner of Spokane, Wash., Travis McDowell of Bozeman, Troy McDowell of USN, Jamie McDowell of Missoula, Daniel Martinsen of Bozeman, Gabriel Martinsen of Columbia Falls, Becci Snowden of Missoula, Mandi Holland of Fort Collins, Colo., Tyler Holland of Bozeman and Jordan Holland of Alva, Okla.; two great-grandchildren, Darrin and Brea Ann of Missoula.

Funeral services will be held 10:30 a.m. Monday, April 8, at the First Congregational Church. Interment will follow in the Hardin Fairview Cemetery. Bullis Mortuary has been entrusted with the arrangements.

# Bruce Martinson

**THE BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**SEP 26 2002**

Bruce W. "Papa" Martinson, 56, of Billings, passed away on Sunday evening, Sept. 22, 2002, at Billings Health & Rehabilitation Center due to complications from Alzheimer's.

Bruce was born on Feb. 18, 1946, in Miles City, a son to Walter and Beth Ann Martinson. At a young age, his family moved to Billings, where he was raised and educated. Bruce attended Fratt School and Billings Central High and Billings West High School.



**BRUCE  
MARTINSON**

Bruce married the love of his life and his high school sweetheart, Vicki Mueller on Feb. 18, 1963, in Idaho Falls,

Idaho. From this marriage, four children were born.

Bruce worked for the Convoy Company for 23 years. In 1993, Bruce's lifelong dream of driving truck came true when he began hauling cars. He had to retire in 1996 due to ill health.

He was a very loving and compassionate person. He was always there to lend a helping hand. Bruce's grandkids always brought joy and a twinkle to his eye.

He is survived by his wife, Vicki; his son, Jeff (Bev) of Great Falls; his daughters, Lori (Glen) Smith and Wendy Jolley of Billings; his mother, Betty Martinson of Billings; his brother, Jerris of Billings; his sisters, Donna (Russ) Neuheardt and Debbie (Greg) Turner, both of Billings and Vicki (Michael) Spelman of Seattle; and six grandchildren, Courtney Martinson, Ryan and Emily Smith, Amber, Hannah and Hailey Jolley.

Bruce was preceded in death by his father, Walt; and his son, Bryan.

Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 26, at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary. Cremation will follow. Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association-Research Fund, 1230 N. 30th St., Suite 200, Billings, MT 59101.

The family would like to give a special "thanks" to the caretakers in the special care unit at Billings Health and Rehabilitation Center.

"We love you and miss you — you will be forever in our hearts."

# Vernon C. Martinson

BILLINGS GAZETTE

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Vernon C. Martinson passed away peacefully Aug. 4, 2002, of cancer, to be with the Lord. He was born July 8, 1929, on the farm near Dagmar, to William "Bill" and Nettie (Kveseth) Martinson.

He was educated in a country school and graduated from Medicine Lake High School.



**VERNON  
MARTINSON**

He married Doris Bergh, to whom three children were born. He loved to farm, fly his airplane, work on engines and old cars, and he loved to golf. He was a drywaller for fifty years and was also a homebuilder.

Survivors include his wife of 47 years, Doris (Bergh) Martinson; and their three children, Wynn (Joanne) (Vincent, Philip and Jonathan) of Huntley, Rhea Powell of Billings (Terry Powell of Biddle) (Jillian) and Matthew (Lenita) (Luke and Dane) of Billings; his two sons from a previous marriage, Michael (Candace) (Eric and

Riana) of Washington and Jeff (Carrie) (Nicolette) of Billings (Melissa) of Oregon; brothers, Clayton and Dwight of Billings, Norman (Carmon) of Florida and Dick (Betty) of Forsyth; and sisters, Wanda (Dutch) Vosburg of Washington and Dorothy (Carl) Rickard of Virginia.

Vern left us with wisdom, kindness, work ethic and lots of great memories. And, Dad, thanks for making the dream come true.

A memorial service will be held on Thursday, Aug. 8, at 10:30 a.m.

Memorials can be made to Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Shepherd, MT 59079; or to Big Sky Hospice, PO Box 35033, Billings, MT 59107.

## **Ruth Maschera**

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

SAVAGE — Ruth Maschera, 82, died Friday morning, July 26, 2002, at her home.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Wednesday, July 31, at the First Lutheran Church. Interment will be at 2 p.m. in the Dawson Memorial Cemetery in Glendive. Fulkerson Funeral Home of Sidney is in charge of arrangements.

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**SAVAGE** — Funeral services for Ruth Maschera, 82, of Savage, are at 10 a.m. Wednesday, July 31, at the First Lutheran Church in Savage, with Pastors Betty Mawbey, David Huskamp and Scott Hedegaard officiating. Interment will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, July 31, in the Dawson Memorial Cemetery, Glendive, under the direction of Fulker-son Funeral Home of Sidney. Memorials can be made to the Ruth Maschera Teachers Scholarship Fund or of your choice.



**RUTH  
MASCHERA**

Ruth was born on July 11, 1920, in Enid, the daughter of William and Alice (Clapper) Phares. She grew up and attended schools in Enid and Lambert, graduating from Lambert High School in 1938. After graduation, Ruth attended the Eastern Billings Normal School for two years and received her teaching diploma. She taught at the Mount Pleasant School, southeast of Richey. Ruth was united in marriage on Oct. 20, 1940, to Alvie Maschera, in Sidney. After the marriage, they lived in Lambert and Ruth taught at the Boje School. They moved to

Vancouver, Wash., where her husband worked in the shipyards. In the fall of 1942, they moved to Glendive. In 1944, they leased a farm in Dawson County from the State. In March 1951, they moved to Savage when her husband received a civil service job. While raising her children, Ruth continued her teaching career by substituting. She was a substitute mail carrier and an Avon representative. In 1966, Ruth began teaching full-time in Savage. While pursuing a higher degree in special education, she took classes several summers at Eastern Montana College in Billings. She retired in 1981 after teaching 18 years; eight were spent teaching special education. After retirement, they remained in Savage. Her husband, Alvie, died in July of 1991, and Ruth continued to live in Savage. In May of 2002, Ruth moved into The Lodge at Lone Tree Creek.

Ruth enjoyed scrapbooking, watching birds, ceramics, cooking, baking, canning, crafts, keeping up with Savage High School sports and quilting with the women of the church. Ruth loved people, had a big heart, and her generosity



knew no boundaries. She gave endlessly to her church, family, town of Savage, friends and charities. She was honored in 1987 as "Senior Citizen of the Year of Richland County" and "Outstanding Member of the Year" by the State of MT Rural Letter Carriers' Auxiliary. Ruth was a lifetime member of the MT Senior Citizens' Association, The National Education Association and Rural Letter Carriers' Auxiliary. She enjoyed being a member of the Savage First Lutheran Church, holding many offices and teaching Sunday and Bible School. She was a member of Delta Kappa Gamma "Theta Chapter," the Savage Booster Club, Council on Aging, AARP, Richland County Homemakers' Club, Richland County 4-H Club, Farmers' Union, Parent-Teachers' Organization, Richland County Library Board, MT Reading Council, Savage Education Association, and ALCW of Savage. Ruth and her husband also taught the 55 Alive Program.

Ruth passed away at The Lodge in Sidney, Friday morning, July 26, 2002, shortly after being diagnosed with multiple myeloma cancer.

Surviving her are her son, Richard (Mary Lou) Maschera of Atlanta, Ga.; three daughters, JoAnne (Elmer) Christensen, and Patti (Bob) Schwenke of Sidney and Emagene (Chuck) Quinnell of Savage; four brothers, Wilbert

Phares of Columbus, wayne (June) Phares, Ralph (Lawana) Phares, and Daryl (Wilma) Phares of Vancouver, Wash.; a sister, Amanda O'Reilly of Lockeford, Calif.; a brother-in-law, Val Pfau of Glendive; a sister-in-law, Bertha Phares of Vancouver; 11 grandchildren, Vicki (Dave) Criswell, Cheryl (Clay) Moran, Greg (Susan) Christensen, Brian (Erikka) (Maschera) Pierce, Lyn (Maschera) Pierce, Richard A. Maschera, Jr., Robert "Bobby" (Jeanne) Schwenke, Jr., Tami (Randy) Larson, Angela Schwenke, April Quinnell, Wayne Quinnell; 18 great-grandchildren, Crystal Moran, Cody Moran, Lacey Norby, Kyle Moran, Caitlyn Moran, Colton Moran, Colin Moran, Shayla Christensen, Jordan Christensen, Parker Christensen, Dairick Pierce, Lindsey Pierce, Darien Pierce, Brianna Pierce, Ryan Schwenke, Tyler Larson, Braxten Larson, Dani Marie Larson; and her cat, KeKe.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband Alvie; brothers, Orville Ray and Art Phares; sister, Louise Perry; sisters-in-law, Lena Pfau, Hazel Phares and Emma Maschera; and brothers-in-law, Orville O'Reilly and Ber Perry.

# David Charles Masolo

# BELLINGS GAZETTE

## FEB 12 2002

TOWNSEND — David Charles Masolo, 36, of Townsend, died Saturday, Feb. 9, 2002, after a five-month battle with cancer.

David was born Jan. 5, 1966 in Helena, at St. John's Hospital to Bob and Gay Ann Masolo of Townsend.



**MR. MASOLO**

He married Pamela Michele

C. DeBaca on Oct. 17, 1992, in Bernalillo, N.M. They shared many loves and same interests in their short time together.

They moved to Townsend in 1998, where they wanted a family to enjoy the companionship of grandparents.

The birth of his son, Leandro Robert on March 16, 1999, was one of David's most treasured moments.

David was a 1984 graduate of Broadwater County High School, where he was Salutatorian for his class. He attended Boy's State, served as a Senate Page, was a member of the National Honor Society, received the Presidential Award, served as a class officer and lettered in one of his favorite sports, football, for four years. He enjoyed the Montana Junior Rodeo Circuit, where he often won all-around honors.

He attended Montana State

University his freshman year and transferred to Gonzaga University his sophomore year, graduating in May 1989, in accounting, Magna Cum Laude.

He passed the CPA exam after graduating and went to work for Ernst-Young Accounting firm in Seattle for one year. He determined this was not something he wanted to spend the rest of his life doing.

He went to Albuquerque, N.M., to visit his aunt and uncle, finding the love of his life, wife Pamela, and started his own business called Montana Construction, which he ran for seven years. When he moved to Townsend, he was employed at Townsend Seeds.

David was known for his sense of humor and quick wit, often impersonating friends or celebrities. He loved calling his friends and relatives and "feeding them a line." He always had deep compassion toward the "underdog" and was very kindhearted. He loved animals, especially his dog "Yellow Dog" and cat "Fish."

His hobbies were downhill skiing, team roping, farming, drives in the country, enjoying the outdoors and being with his

amily.

He is survived by his wife Pamela; son Leandro; parents; grandmother Wilma Masolo; sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Elizabeth and Martin Molina; and brother-in-law Paul C. DeBaca of New Mexico; aunts and uncles Larry and Louise Sullivan, Peter and Shelia Sullivan, Mary Pat Sullivan and Armen Dermen, Terry and Marvin Love, John and Carol Masolo and Phyllis and Ray Price; many cousins and friends.

His beloved grandparents, Charlie Masolo and Dan and Marie Sullivan; and cousin Mike Sullivan were at the Gates of Heaven to greet David.

A vigil will be held at Holy Cross Catholic Church at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 13. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 14, at Holy Cross Catholic Church. Graveside committal will follow at the Holy Cross Cemetery. Services are under the direction of Connors Funeral Home.

Memorials may be directed to David Masolo Memorial Fund at State Bank of Townsend or American Federal Savings in Townsend.

A special thank you to the St. Peter's nurses, doctors, and staff for being so loving to David and his family.

Life is short and we have never too much time for gladdening the hearts of those who are traveling the journey with us.

Thank you, David. May you always walk hand in hand with other angels. There is nothing in this world that will ever change our love for you.

## **Helen L. Mason**

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**DEC 23 2002**

**LEWISTOWN —** Helen L. Mason, 86, died Saturday, Dec. 21, 2002, at the Central Montana Skilled Nursing Center.

Memorial services will be 2 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 26, at the Creel Funeral Chapel. A Private family inurnment will be held at a later date.

## Alta 'Mae' Masse

ABSAROKEE — We wish to say farewell to Alta "Mae" Masse, wife, mother, grandmother, friend and "sweetheart." Mom left this veil of tears to be with our Lord on March 10, 2002.



She was born in Red Lodge, Dec. 4, 1928, to Earl and Mary **MRS. MASSE** Hendrickson Mus. She graduated from Red Lodge High School in 1946. Mae flew for North American Airlines out of Kansas City, Mo. She later went to work for National Cash Register in New York City and enjoyed a very successful career that lasted seven years, after which time she came back to Montana to care for her mother.

She went to work for Farmers Home Administration until her marriage to Peter F. Masse, Feb. 7, 1959. Mae's life was filled with the joy of raising her four children with Pete on their ranch in Absarokee. She loved gathering with family and friends and took great pride in her Italian background.

She worked for the Stillwater Community Hospital and Home Health Care, where she loved tak-

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ing care of the elderly and made it her mission to give them love, care and dignity in their final days. Mom's last days were in the very hospital where she had once worked. The nursing staff and doctors gave Mom the same care she once gave others and for that, we are truly grateful. Mom was devoted to our Lord and she taught her family the importance of faith, patience and perseverance. There are no words to express our gratitude, Mom, except to say we love you and will miss you so very much.

Mae is survived by her husband Pete; her three daughters, Kelly (Ron) Copeland, Alice (Steve) Mohror, Margaret (Tom) Geary; and her son Peter; her four grandchildren, Hugh, Ellen, Samuel and Kevin; her brothers, Vincent Mus and Raymond Mus. She was preceded in death by her parents; her sister Wanda and sister-in-law Lo Mus.

A Rosary and Mass will be held Thursday, March 14, at 7 p.m. at St. Michael's Church in Absarokee, with funeral services at 11 a.m. Friday, March 15. A luncheon will follow. Memorials may be made to a charity of one's choice.

## G. Leon Masser

BILLINGS GAZETTE

JAN 23 2002

Leon Masser passed away Jan. 21, 2002, in Billings.

Leon was born March 11, 1918, in Frederick, Md., one of eight children of George and Jennie Masser. He was raised and educated in Frederick. He moved to Montana in 1944. In 1946, he married Gladys Gaver and they resided in Laurel; she preceded him in death. Leon later married Roberta Ericksen and moved to Billings. He was a driver for Northern Tank in Billings from 1951 until his retirement in June 1982.

Leon enjoyed fishing and camping. He was a kind and caring person with a wonderful sense of humor and love of life. He will be greatly missed.

Leon is survived by his wife Roberta; three sisters, Mildred Rice of Sarasota, Fla., Bessie Witmer and Naomi Ropp, both of Frederick; and one brother, Robert Masser of Harpers Ferry, W.Va.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 25, at Atonement Lutheran Church, 407 Wicks Lane. Memorials may be given to Atonement Lutheran Church.

# Austin Kade Mastel

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BILLINGS GAZETTE  
JAN 14 2002

Baby Austin Kade Mastel will be greatly missed by all who loved him. He brought us so much joy and happiness. We adored him and all of his funny faces.



**AUSTIN**

Austin is survived by mom and dad, Angela Lehmann and Brian Mastel of Billings; his grandparents, Robert and Marilyn Lehmann and Bill and Marcie Hardy; his uncles, Robbie and Shonn; his aunts, Alicia and Christina; his little cousin, Makayla; and many great aunts and uncles and great grandma's.

Funeral service will be 1 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 15, 2002 at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary. Interment will follow at Yellowstone Valley Memorial Park.

We are going to miss your beautiful blue eyes, your smiling face, and your unique personality that you had already developed. We will always love you and you will be forever in our hearts. You will never be forgotten.

Perfection

"You are more perfect than I could have hoped.

More beautiful than I could have dreamed,

more precious than I could have imagined...

... I love you more than I could have known."



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**Joseph P. Mathern**

Joseph P. Mathern, 89, of Billings passed away Thursday evening, April 11, 2002, at St. Vincent's Health-care.

Joe was born on Feb. 28, 1913, in Napoleon, N.D., a son of Cecilius and Elizabeth (Kuntz) Mathern. As a baby he moved with his family to a homestead near Ingomar and received his education at the Acorn Flats school. Following his schooling, Joe began working as a sheep herder for various ranches in the area.

Joe was 28 when he was inducted into the Army in 1942, serving overseas during WWII. On June 9, 1945, just 20 days before being discharged from the Army, he married Othelka Kramer and following his discharge they made their home in Billings where Joe worked as a maintenance engineer for the Conoco Refinery, the Post Office, and both hospitals as well as helping with construction work in the Billings area.



**JOSEPH  
MATHERN**

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After his retirement, Joe and Othelia loved to fish or go dancing. He was a good electronic repairman and helped many members of his family and friends when TVs and clocks stopped working. Mr. Mathern is survived by four sisters, Eva Schanz of Billings, Anna Henriksen of Logan, Utah, Rose Hanson of Fairbanks, Ala., and Emma Koch of Bridger; three brothers, Pius of Riverton, Wyo., Frank of Lewistown, and Daniel of Fairfield; a stepdaughter, Eloise Walter of Lewistown; two step-grandchildren, Jerry Walter of Billings and Linda Walter of Denver, as well as numerous nieces and nephews. Joe was preceded in death by his parents and wife, a brother, John, and a sister, Mary.

Visitations will begin Monday afternoon at the Smith West Chapel, 304 34th St. W. A Funeral Mass will be held at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, April 17, at Little Flower Catholic Church with military honors and Rite of Committal to follow at Mountview Cemetery. Smith West Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

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## Betty Mathew

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Betty Mathew, 83, of Sheridan, died Wednesday, Sept. 11, 2002, at Memorial Hospital of Sheridan County.

Viewing will be from 4 to 6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 15, at Champion Ferries Funeral Home in Sheridan. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Monday, Sept. 16, at First Presbyterian Church. A reception will follow at 11 a.m. Interment will be at 2 p.m. Monday, in the Big Horn Battlefield National Cemetery in Crow Agency, Mont.

# M. Erling Mathiason

JUN 05 2002  
BILLINGS GAZETTE

TERRY — M. Erling Mathiason, age 89, of Terry, formerly of Mildred, passed away Sunday, June 2, 2002, at the Prairie Community Nursing Home in Terry.

Erling was born in Norway on March 30, 1913, the son of Oscar and Gemma (Andreassen) Mathiason. He moved with his mother at a very early age to Mildred, where



**M. ERLING  
MATHIASON**

his father was. He attended schools and graduated from high school in Mildred in 1932. He also took a mechanical short course in Bozeman. During the Depression, he worked for a while in Bozeman and worked in North Dakota, but always returned to his home in Mildred. After the Depression, he worked as a surveyor mapping the surrounding area. He bought a farm in Mildred in 1951. Erling married Annette Pesman on Dec. 31, 1958 in Miles City. They have farmed in Mildred ever since.

Erling was a member of the Mildred Community Church and the Fallon Evangelical Church. He loved the Lord and was active in both churches. Much of his

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contribution was the work he did with his hands. He was also a member of the Masons.

Erling enjoyed playing basketball and farming with horses in his younger years. Throughout his life, he loved to be around cattle and farming. He also enjoyed the puzzle and creativity of designing, building, and fixing things. Erling enjoyed traveling and made many trips to Texas visiting family. In the past few years, the highlight of his day was the time spent with his granddaughter, Jessica. He also enjoyed visiting with folks about area history and playing cards at the Senior Citizens Center.

Erling is survived by two daughters, Karen Stockett and her husband Lee of Mildred, Lynne Mathiason of Clarendon, Texas; a granddaughter, Jessica; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife Annette in 1992; and a brother Adolph.

Visitation will be held Wednesday, June 5, from 1 to 6 p.m. in the chapel in Terry. Funeral services will be held Thursday, June 6, at 10:30 a.m. at the Mildred Community Church in Mildred. Interment will follow in the family lot in the Mildred Cemetery. Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home of Terry is in charge of the arrangements.

Should friends desire, memorials may be made to the charity of one's choice.

# Lois Mathison

MAY 05 2002  
BILLINGS GAZETTE

MILES CITY — Lois Mathison, age 84, died suddenly on Friday, May 3, 2002, while doing what she loved; working in the garden.

Lois was born Oct. 16, 1917, to Edna and George Hagler in Zenda, Kan. The family moved to Savage, where she graduated from high school and met



**LOIS  
MATHISON**

and married Matt Mathison on April 4, 1937, in Glendive. They farmed in Kinsey for 27 years. Lois moved to Miles City after Matt's death, where she has since resided.

Lois is survived by her six children and their spouses, Marvin and Kay of Lewistown, Marlene and Toby of Billings, Jim and Gayle of Kinsey, Penny and Don of Montecito, Calif., Brent and Jenny of Spokane, Wash., and Brenda and Dino of Seattle.

Lois was blessed with 12 grandchildren, Michael (Tobias) and Andy (Tammy) Mathison, Jeff and Michelle Lawson, Rob (fiancé Mary Regan), Kirk and Kristin Mathison, Katie Nulty, Matt and Christine Mathison, and Scott and Nicolas Johnson; two

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great-grandchildren, Kevin and Kelli Mathison. She is also survived by two sisters, Alice Prigan of Savage and Betty Lapp of Terry, and her special longtime friend, Bette Kale. She was preceded in death by her husband, Matt, and two brothers, Leonard and Bobbie Hagler.

Visitation will begin at 1 p.m., Tuesday, May 7, in the Chapel in Miles City. Funeral Services will be held Wednesday, May 8, at the First Lutheran Church, 512 South Cale, in Miles City. Interment will follow in the Custer County Cemetery. A luncheon will be held following interment at the church. All friends are welcome. Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home of Miles City is in charge of the arrangements.

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

## Nellie Matovich

JUN 23 2002

WILLIAMS GAZETTE

Nellie Matovich, 89, of Billings, formerly of Columbus, passed away on Thursday, June 20, 2002, at St. John's Lutheran Home.

Nellie was born on April 26, 1913, in Bowen, Colo., a daughter to Rudolph and Mary (Slak) Cvelbar. She was raised and educated in Montana, graduating from high school in Klein. In 1934, Nellie then went on to Western Montana College in Dillon, where she received her Teacher's Certificate. She taught in schools in Flatwillow, near Winnett, Brusett School near Jordan, and Lower Whitebird School near Columbus, and the school in Fishtail.

In 1941, Nellie married John Matovich. Following her marriage, she continued to teach and further her education. She graduated from Eastern Montana College with her Bachelor of Education degree. Nellie taught in Columbus from 1956 until the early 1970's. Following her retirement, she continued to live near Columbus.

Nellie loved flower gardening and bird watching. She was a private and caring person, who took great joy in her property on the Stillwater River and cherished the simple life.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. John's Lutheran Home, Shrine Crippled Children's Hospital, or to the charity of one's choice.

Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary is in charge of arrangements

Nellie is survived by her son, John Matovich and his wife, Katy of Malta; and her daughter, Helen Jacobson and her husband, Roger, of Billings. She is also survived by five grandchildren.

A private family memorial service will be held. Cremation has taken place.



## **Bill R. Matthews**

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**AUG 22 2002**

LEWISTOWN — Bill R. Matthews, 41, of Lewistown, died Wednesday, Aug. 21, 2002, at St. Vincent Healthcare in Billings.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday in the Cloyd Chapel with burial in the Central Montana Memorial Gardens.

**DEC 19 2002**

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Leah F. Mathews, 75, of Billings died Tuesday morning, Dec. 10, 2002, at Horizon Hospice



**LEAH  
MATHEWS**

Home in her daughter's loving arms. She finally lost her courageous battle with emphysema.

She was born on Jan. 31, 1927, in Chesterfield, Idaho. She has two sisters, Jeannie (Fritz)

Linder of Glendale, Ariz., and Dorothy (Karl) Schulz of Jackson Hole, Wyo.

She moved to Billings in 1960 and in 1966, she and her husband James F. Mathews started Big Sky Tire Supply. They were divorced after 30 years of marriage. They remained good friends and spent holidays with their daughter and her family. She still worked at Big Sky Tire until she had to retire because of her illness.

She leaves behind a lot of friends and loved ones, her daughter Tammi Mathews Craig, son-in-law Bart S. Craig, and the love of her life, her loving grandson Zachary "Zach" James Craig.

She was a very talented woman, she had many hobbies and she mastered them all. She didn't get to finish her last project, a quilt for her grandson.

She loved life and enjoyed it to the end.

She may be gone from this earth, but will always live in our hearts.

Cremation has taken place at Cremation or Funeral Gallery, and at her request, there will be no services. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Horizon Hospice Home, 1019 Neptune, Billings, MT 59105, because of the loving care she received, or to the Humane Society at 4902 Helfrick Road, Billings, MT 59101, because of her great love of animals.

## Bertha A. Mathison

**GLENDIVE** — Bertha A. Mathison, age 83, of Glendive, passed away on Saturday, Oct. 12, 2002, at the Glendive Medical Center Extended Care Facility.



**BERTHA  
 MATHISON**

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 16, at the Zion Lutheran Church, with Pastor Paul Everett and Lay Pastoral Associate Avis Anderson officiating. Interment will be in the Dawson Memorial Cemetery. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Glendive is entrusted with arrangements.

Bertha was born on Aug. 29, 1919, in Glendive, the daughter of Bert and Anna (Globstad) Ekland. She was raised and educated in Dawson County, and had attended Golden Valley School in rural Dawson County. She graduated from Dawson County High School with the class of 1936. Following her graduation, Bertha worked for Montana-Dakota Utilities as a clerk and bookkeeper. She married Alvin Mathison on Easter Sunday, April 5, 1942, at the Zion Lutheran Church in Glendive.

Bertha had made her home in Glendive her entire life and was an active member of Zion Lutheran Church and the Zion Lutheran Church Women and Dorcas Circle. She enjoyed crocheting, knitting and spending time at their cabin at Rock Creek.

Bertha was preceded in death by two brothers, Ed in 2000, and Haakon in 1991.

Survivors include her husband, Alvin Mathison, of Glendive; her son, Don Mathison and his wife Bernie of Northglenn, Colo.; her daughter, Judi Chase and her husband Mike of Makanda, Ill.; her son, Scott Mathison and his wife Melissa of Campbell, Calif.; six grandchildren, Susan Mathison, Dale Mathison, Dar Mathison and his wife Alicia, Cassie Mathison, Sammy Mathison and Cody Mathison.

Memorials are suggested to the Zion Lutheran Church, 401 Riverview Ave., Glendive, MT 59330.

**FEB 09 2002**

Plaude Mattox passed away on Feb. 6, 2002, in Billings. She was born Nov. 11, 1905, in Pendleton, Ore., to Lafe and Sarah (Wimpy) Hamilton. At the age of 8, her family moved to Hardin, where she received her education. In 1919, they moved to Sioux Pass and Grey Blanket area near Lodge Grass.

Plaude married Walt Eggart and they were later divorced. In 1936, she married Overt (Jack) Mattox and they lived in the Lodge Grass area until 1955, when they moved to Hardin. Jack passed away in 1968. Plaude devoted her time to her grandchildren. In 1984, she moved with her grandson, Jim Cody and family, to Nevada, returning home to Montana in September of 2001.

She loved to cook for her family and crochet afghans. She was a lifetime member of Eastern Star.

Plaude is survived by her two daughters, Betty (Billie) Farrant of Rochester, Wash., and Jackie (Alvin) Suko of Billings; eight grandchildren, William (Carol) Farrant of Annapolis Md., Wayne (Judy) Farrant and Alice Farrant of Rochester, Wash., Jim (Johnanna) Cody of Tonapah, Nev., Kevin (Paula) Cody of Laurel, Cindy Duncan of Billings, Gayle (Ken) Kuck of Windsor, Colo., and Kimberly (Oscar) Correa of Loveland, Colo.; 16 great-grandchildren. Beckv

Jeffries, Kyle and Aaron Farrant, Sarah Corbit, Sheridan, Alicia, Crystie, Sarah and Kate Cody, Alvin, David and Brandi Duncan, Brittney and Jack Kuck, and Sheldon and Chad Correa, five great-great-grandchildren, Dianne and Kristyanna Duncan, Isaac Corbit, Elizabeth and Olivia Jeffries; five step-great-great-grandchildren, Ryan, Cheyenne, Casey, Jessica, Kirstyn, Keith, Kimberly, Kaitlyn and Mikaela; one niece, Lois (Howard) Wagner; a great-niece and numerous nephews.

Cremation has taken place in the Bullis Eastern Montana Crematory. Memorial funeral services will be held 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 9, in the Bullis Funeral Chapel. Private inurnment will follow at a later date. Bullis Mortuary of Hardin has been entrusted with the arrangements.

**APR 03 2002****Lester Mauch**

SIDNEY — Lester Mauch, 70, of Sidney, died Tuesday, April 2, 2002, at his home.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, April 5, at the Faith Alliance Church of Sidney. Interment will be in the Sidney Cemetery. Fulkerson Funeral Home of Sidney is in charge.

# Irma Jane Mauger

JUN 20 2002

Irma Jane Mauger passed away at the age of 78 on June 18, 2002, in Billings.

Jane was born in Hannibal, Mo., on Jan. 8, 1924, the youngest of three children. She married Albert Hicks on April 19, 1942,



**IRMA  
MAUGER**

and lived in St. Louis, Mo. Two children were born here, Sandra and Warren. Albert died of cancer in 1954.

Jane met Wallace Mauger and they married on May 17, 1957, in the

Idaho Falls Temple. While residing in West Yellowstone, two more children, Gary and Patricia, were born. After a short time in Billings, they moved to Belgrade, where they raised their family for 28 years. They moved back to Billings in 1991.

She worked as a supervisor at Dana Corporation. Jane also served her church in various capacities. She was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Her home was always open to friends and family. She was a devoted wife and mother and enjoyed her family immensely.

15 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, June 20, at 11 a.m., at the Monad LDS Ward in Billings. Interment will be held in Sugar City Cemetery in Idaho at 10 a.m. Friday, June 21.

Smith's West Funeral Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

She is predeceased by her mother, Ruth Martin; father, Lester Martin; and oldest sister, Ruth Arlene Martin Donnelly. Jane is survived by her husband, Wallace Mauger; sister, Lois May Martin Warner; and her four children and their spouses; Sandra (Larry) Jacobsen, Warren (Vicki) Mauger, Gary (Jaynie) Mauger, Patricia (Gary) Fletcher; also by

## Lee Henry Maves

**CIRCLE** — Lee Henry Maves died in a one vehicle rollover on Sunday evening, Sept. 15, 2002, near Circle.

Lee was born in the McCone County Hospital on May 29, 1971, to Charles and the late Sally Maves of Circle. He attended Circle High School and received his diploma in May of 1989. Lee was currently employed at



**LEE MAVES**

E i s s i n g e r  
Equipment as  
their warranty  
administrator.  
He was a member  
of the Circle  
Rifle Club and  
helped in teaching  
the safe handling  
of  
firearms to

younger members.

Lee was an avid reader and his computer was his book. If a subject interested him, he would research all he could and then do it, from making his own beer to his current project with hydroponics.

This caring man was a loving son, brother, father and friend. His presence will be missed by all of those he left behind.

Survivors include Jolie Moon, his longtime companion; two daughters, Shannon Moon and Jamie Maves of the family home in Circle; his father, Charles Maves of Circle; two brothers, Jay Maves of Circle and Ray (Sue) Maves of Forsyth; one sister, Lesa Tew of Glendive; one niece, Stacy Tew of Circle; and two nephews, Travis Tew of Baker and Devon Maves of Forsyth.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 20, at the First Lutheran Church in Circle, with Pastor Susan Tidwell of Sidney and Pastor David Aaseng of Circle officiating. Sonja Meissner will be the vocalist and Nancy Hilstad as organist. Special music will include, "Just One More Day" and "Eye of the Sparrow." Honorary pallbearers are all of you he called a friend.

Inurnment will be in the Circle Riverview Cemetery with Clayton Memorial Chapel in charge of arrangements.

## **Ryan Paul Maxie**

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MALTA — Ryan Paul Maxie, 25, died Saturday, Nov. 23, 2002 near Big Sky.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 27, at the Malta Lutheran Church with Military Honors following the service. Adams Funeral Home and Hi-Line Cemetery are in charge of arrangements.



## Cecilia May

MILES CITY — Cecilia May, 94, of Miles City, died Wednesday, Jan. 2, 2002, at the Holy Rosary Health Center in Miles City.

Visitation will begin at 1 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 6, at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, Jan. 7, at the First Presbyterian Church in Miles City. Interment will follow in the family lot in Custer County Cemetery.

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## Eda B. May

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## BILLINGS GAZETTE

Eda Barker May of Billings passed on June 6, 2002, at Eagle Cliff Manor.

She was born on Sept. 7, 1918 in Sheridan, Wyo., the youngest of 11 children of William Jarret Barker and Floy Pearl Davis Barker.



**EDA MAY**

Eda married Murl R. May in Red Lodge. She was the first woman school bus driver in Billings. She was a professional cook, opening the dining room at the new Lake Hills Golf Club and running the kitchens at Central Catholic High School and the County Nursing Home.

Eda graduated from High School in Red Lodge, and Beauty School in Billings.

She is survived by her four boys, Phillip M. May of Great Falls, Michael R. May of Sheridan, Wyo., Terry F. May of Billings and Tim B. May of Junction City, Ore.; six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

The family would like to express special thanks to the staff of Eagle Cliff Manor for their loving care of Eda.

Cremation has taken place at Smith Funeral Chapel. There will only be family services, at her request. Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association, Mont. Div., 2812 First Ave. N., Billings, MT 59101.

## **Ernest C. May**

**LAUREL** — Ernest C. May, 82, of Laurel, died Saturday, Sept. 14, 2002, at St. Vincent Healthcare in Billings, of acute myelogenous leukemia.

Cremation has taken place. His remains will be inurned at Lincoln Memorial Park, Lincoln, Neb. At his request, no formal services will be held. Lincoln Memorial Funeral Home of Lincoln is in charge.

# Karen Lozon May

BILLINGS GAZETTE

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On Sunday, June 30, 2002, Karen Marie May, 41, went up to heaven to join her brother Evan.

She is missed and loved by her parents, Art and Clisty Lozon; her children, Robert, Angela and Melissa Cravens; her grandson, Isiah



**KAREN MAY**

Goes Ahead; her sister, Clisty Burckhard; brothers Arthur, Michael and Larry Lozon.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, July 3, at St. Bernard's Church.

# Thomas Otto May

HAYDEN, Idaho — A memorial service for Thomas Otto May, presented by his family, will be held in his honor on November 16, 2002.



**THOMAS MAY**

Tom's love for his family, the gospel and the great outdoors was apparent to all who knew him. With tears welling up in his eyes, Tom always spoke with great pride and joy of the achievements of his children. With musical and creative talent in the families of both Tom and his wife, Leah, the opportunities to brag about their five children never feigned.

Receiving a hug from Tom is etched in the memories of all who had the opportunity—and there were many for he was a hugger. Recalling his power and strength, all learned to “brace” themselves when Tom held out his arms to offer his warmth.

An avid fly-fisherman always seizes the opportunity to cast his line and to this principle, Tom was no exception. Living in Montana for 19 years, he found joy and satisfaction in the Beartooth and Absaroka Mountain streams and lakes. To save money years ago, Tom decided to learn how to tie his own flies. Creating a hobby sec-

# BILLINGS GAZETTE

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and only to making them dance on the water, Tom's flies are each an intricate piece of art.

Tom had a strong testimony of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. A devout member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Tom was called to serve many positions in the various wards where he was a member. Be it a teacher, leader, missionary or chorister, Tom accepted his callings with duty and grace. His favorite calling and the one he will be remembered most for was conducting the congregational hymns. His love of music and his animated nature would shine through as he raised his arms to lead the congregation. The beautiful harmonies and words would bring tears to his eyes as he sang the songs of the Lord.

Tom loved to sing in groups and sang with many Barbershop choruses and other choral organizations.

He also played the trombone and loved to “boogie” at the piano. At a very young age his father taught him how to read chords. Tom's ability to make up accompaniments to virtually any piece made him the life of many family gatherings.

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Tom was born on July 28, 1941 in Jackson Hole, Wyoming to Leland W. and Lola M. Lunbeck. They moved to the Coeur d'Alene area in June of 1952. Tom graduated from Coeur d'Alene High School in 1959. He married his high school sweetheart, Loel (Leah) Fairchild, on June 21, 1963 in the Idaho Falls Temple of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. They brought their first son, Charles David into the world while they lived in Moscow, Idaho, as Tom finished his degree in Mechanical Engineering. After graduating Cum Laude in 1965, the small family moved to Anacortes, Washington. Catherine Grace was born. After just a couple years, they moved to Concord, California, where he worked for the next almost nine years. In those nine years, Tom and Leah had three more children: Jeanette Luise, Douglas James, and Richard Joseph. Tom was given a job opportunity, which took their family to Edmonton, Alberta, Canada for three years. One more job change took the May family to Billings, Montana. When the children were all grown, Tom and Leah moved to Ferndale, Washington for a short period of time. After retiring, Tom and Leah decided to make a full circle and move back to the Coeur d'Alene area, settling in Hayden Lake to be close to Tom's beloved mountains and

fishing spots.

Tom went fly-fishing on the 12th of October 2002, near Libby, Montana. October was his favorite month to fish and the beautiful Libby area was his favorite place to fish. It was a wonderful, crisp autumn day; the Kootenai River was crystal clear, reflecting the colorful fall foliage; the air was teeming with flies and Tom would have embraced it all. This trip became his last, as he drowned that day.

Leaving a hole in their hearts in the shape of a beloved Brother, Uncle, Father, and Grandfather (Papa), Thomas Otto May is survived by his wife Leah and his five children and their spouses: Chuck and Judy May, of Billings, MT; Cathy and Jace Lemmon of Sultan, WA; Jeanette Fairchild of Hayden Lake, ID; Doug and Angel May of Billings, MT; and Rich and Jennifer May of Richfield, MN. He also has eight grandchildren: Greta, Brandon, Nicolette, Arik, Joshua, Natalie, Terry and Isaak. Tom's brothers and sisters include Leola and Leon Esplin of Shelley, ID; Jim and Nancy May of Silver City, NM; Anita and Noel Lytle of Santa Rosa, CA; Cathy Reed and Lonnie Gray of Boise, ID; Wilma and Garn Wilde of Hayden, ID; and Joseph D. May of Hayden, ID.

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THOMAS OTTO MAY

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Tom is preceded in death by his parents and an infant brother William David May.

Tom's memorial service will be held at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Hayden 2nd Ward chapel located at Honeyruckle and Maple in Hayden. The service will begin at 10:00 AM.

The family requests that any memorial donations be made to the David Thompson Search and Rescue, 313 Montana Ave., Libby, MT 59923, or to Alzheimer's Research Fund.

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## Doris Maycock

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Doris V. Maycock, 89, of Sheridan, Wyoming, died Sunday, Sept. 8, 2002, at the Memorial Hospital in Sheridan.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 14, at the Mount Pisgah Cemetery shelter in Gillette. Visitation will be held one hour prior to services at the cemetery shelter. Interment will be in Mount Pisgah Cemetery. Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home of Gillette is in charge.



## **Kathryn 'Katie' Maynard**

**Kathryn "Katie" Maynard, 75, of Billings, passed away Monday, Sept. 30, 2002, at her home.**

The daughter of Clell and Dee Wynns, Katie was born July 4, 1927, in Hobart, Okla. She grew up in Marlow, Okla., and graduated from Marlow High School in 1946.

She moved to Billings in 1957 and worked at Skaggs Drug where she met her husband Pres. She married Robert Preston Maynard in Billings in 1968. He preceded her in death in 1999.

Survivors include four stepchildren, James Maynard and his wife Mary of Auburn, Wash., Robert Maynard of Missoula, Sharon Borracci and her husband John of St. Paul, Minn., and Linda Rainey and her husband John of Dallas; three sisters, Ruby Jones of Marlow, Okla., Joyce McMenemy of Billings, and Pat Hill of Hollywood, Md.; 14 grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.



**KATIE  
MAYNARD**

She was preceded in death by her daughter Barbara Pidno in 1988 and a brother Jack J.W. Wynns.

Graveside services will be 11 a.m. Monday, Oct. 7, at Mountview Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Rocky Mountain Cancer Center.

Michelotti-Sawyers has charge of arrangements.

# Marjorie Maynard

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JAN 10 2002

Marjorie Maynard went to the Lord Tuesday, Jan. 8, 2002.

Born April 15, 1919, in Billings, Marjorie was the oldest daughter of James and Lillian Maynard. She was often the caregiver for her younger siblings.



**MARJORIE  
MAYNARD**

Of her six sisters and two brothers, she is survived by Ruth Chandler of Santa Clara, Calif.; Esther Stewart of Billings; Gwen Bedell of El Paso, Texas; Betty Torgrimson of Puyallup, Wash.; Hank Maynard of Earp, Calif.; and Frankie Upton of El Segundo, Calif..

Marjorie spent her life in Billings and enjoyed her many nieces and nephews — especially when they sang to her. She enjoyed the many visits from her family, especially Gwen and George Bedell from Texas and Frankie and Dick Upton from California. She was cared for in her later years by her sister Esther. Marjorie passed through the portal of eternity at Eagle Cliff Manor with Esther at her side.

Funeral services will be at 1:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 14, at Smith Downtown Chapel, Monday, Jan. 14, at 1:30 p.m. Interment will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

## **Robert Meccage**

**MAY 19 2002.**

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

SAN ANTONIO, Texas — Robert Meccage, 45, formerly of Helena, died Friday, May 17, 2002.

Services will be at 11 a.m. on Monday, May 20, at Trinity University Chapel in San Antonio. Porter Loring Mortuary North is in charge.

## **Charles Douglas Mead**

THERMOPOLIS, Wyo. — Charles Douglas "Chuck" Mead, 41, died Wednesday, Dec. 18, 2002, in an oilfield accident.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 23, at the First Baptist Church in Thermopolis. Burial will follow in Monument Hill Cemetery. Mortimore Funeral Home of Thermopolis is in charge.

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**DEC 21 2002**

## **L.M. Mead, Jr.**

BASIN, Wyo. — L.M. "Junior" Mead, 67, of Basin, died Tuesday, Sept. 24, 2002, at his home.

A memorial service will be at 10 a.m. Friday, Sept. 27, at the Basin Fine Arts Building. Cremation has taken place. Atwood Family Funeral Directors, Inc. of Basin are in charge.

# Clarence James Medicine Top, Sr.

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**MR. MEDICINE TOP**

**BIRNEY** — Clarence James Medicine Top, Sr., 91, Northern Cheyenne hereditary chief, passed away Tuesday, March 12, 2002, in Birney.

Mo'ohno'Keoo'este (Elk Stands Alone) was born Oct. 10, 1910, in Birney, a son of John and Ida Little Old Man Medicine Top. He grew up and received his education in Birney and the St. Labre Mission Indian School. Following his education, he lived and worked in the Birney area as a ranch hand and carpenter.

Clarence married Agnes Tall Whiteman on April 10, 1943, in

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Birney. The couple made their home in Birney. Mrs. Medicine Top died in 1989.

He was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and the Catholic Church. During his younger days, he loved to work with horses and participate in traditional warrior dances. During his older days, he tanned hides, made drums and traditional hand games.

His daughter, Josephine; six sons, Patrick, Daniel, Chester, Mickey, John and Logan Medicine Top; four sisters and four brothers preceded Clarence in death.

Survivors include three daughters, Stella (Marvin) Decorah of Wisconsin, Marygrace Medicine Top of Utah and Elizabeth (Joseph) Medicine Top of Birney; three sons, Adam (Connie) Medicine Top of Wyoming, Emmett and Joseph Medicine Top of Birney; two adopted sons, Alden Brady of South Dakota and Jesse (Amy) Jaure of Busby; 45 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Wake services will be held 7 p.m. Friday, March 15, at the family residence in Birney. Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Saturday, March 16, in the Birney Community Hall. Interment will follow in the Birney Cemetery. Bullis Mortuary of Hardin has been entrusted with the arrangements.

# Paul Joseph Mefford

SAN DIEGO — Paul Joseph Mefford, age 22, passed away at Scripps La Jolla Hospital in San Diego, on Sunday, July 14, 2002.

He was born on May 3, 1980, in Powell, Wyo., to Gary and Debbie (Dozah) Mefford. He attended the Powell schools, graduating from Powell High School with the class of 1998. At the time of his death, he was a third year student at San Diego State University in the graphic arts department. He was employed at a popular Brazilian Pub as a bartender.

"Paul was a leader, competitor and natural athlete. He loved to play football, baseball and basketball. He also enjoyed 'showing off' the beauty of Wyoming and Sunlight Basin to all of his California friends. Paul's last day was spent doing what he loved; hanging out on the beach with his friends and playing his guitar. He will be greatly missed by his family and his many friends in Powell and San Diego."

He is survived by his parents Gary and Debbie Mefford of Powell; sister Cassidy Mefford of Santa Barbara; grandmother Pat Dozah and grandfather Ray Mefford, both of Powell; aunts, Denise Dozah of Casper, Wyo., Linda (Mefford) Jones and husband Ken of Blaine, Wash.,

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Melanie (Mefford) Burt and husband Dave of Billings; cousins, Kendi Jones, Brandi Jones, Ryan Burt and Justin Burt. He was preceded in death by his grandfather Gene Dozah and grandmother Rose Mefford.

Memorial services will be held on Monday, July 22, 11 a.m., at Union Presbyterian Church, Powell, with Rev. William Hassler officiating.

Should friends desire, memorials might be made to: The Paul Mefford Memorial Fund, c/o Shoshone First Bank, 102 E. Second St., Powell, WY 82435.

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



## Angela 'Angie' Mehl

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DEC 29 2002

MINOT, N.D. — Angie "Angie" Mehl, 29, of Minot, formerly of Plentywood, Mont., died Thursday, Dec. 26, 2002, at her home, following a severe asthmatic attack.

Funeral services for Angela will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 31, at the First Congregational Church in Plentywood. Interment will be in Plentywood Memorial Cemetery. Fulkerson Funeral Home of Plentywood is in charge.

**Edna Mehl**

APR 13 2002

PLENTYWOOD — Funeral services for Edna Mehl will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, April 15. Pastor David C. Curtright will officiate at the service at Plentywood Lutheran Church;

**EDNA MEHL**

interment will be in Redstone Cemetery. Edna died Monday evening at Sheridan Memorial Nursing Home; she was 90.

Edna was born Dec. 14, 1911, at the farm home of her parents, Kristian and Georgina (Jensen) Nikolaisen, in the Archer community west of Plentywood. She grew up there and married George Mehl July 16, 1932, at her parents' farm. They lived in Plentywood, where George and their sons operated Mehl Welding Service, and Edna worked as a nurses aide at Sheridan Memorial until she retired. She was always cheerful, and always had the coffee pot on and a plate of fresh home baked cookies. Visitors were always welcome. Edna was an avid quilter, an excellent seamstress, did knitting and crocheting; but

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her real love was puttering in her yard with her flowers. She liked to tease. Early one spring she put artificial flowers in the snow in the planters by her front window and got a big charge out of people's reactions! She read constantly (Danielle Steele was a favorite) played golf, bowled, and never missed Tuesday and Thursday night bingo at the Elks and Vet's clubs. She was active in the Senior Citizen's Center, loved sharing ideas from her large collection of cookbooks and boxes of clipped recipes; games and cards with her friends and grandchildren, crossword puzzles. Edna was always busy with something! As her health declined, she had several shorter visits to the hospital and nursing home, then entered the nursing home last May after a brief stay at LaCasa Personal Care in Plentywood.

Survivors include a son and two daughters, Gerald of Plentywood, Fay and her husband DeWayne Linder of Flaxville, and Fern and her husband Don Watkins of Brooklyn, Mich.; and a brother, Arne Nikolaisen and his wife Evalyn of Plentywood. Edna is also survived by nine grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, George, on June 19, 1991; a son, Jon, on June 11, 1994,

and two brothers, Vernon Nikolaisen, Feb. 22, 1967, and Jens Nikolaisen Nov. 30, 1987.

Fulkerson Funeral Home of Plentywood has charge of arrangements.

## **Marjorie Meier**

CODY, Wyo. — Marjorie Meier, 80, died Sunday, April 28, 2002, at her home.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, May 3, at Ballard Funeral Home in Cody. Interment will follow in Riverside Cemetery.

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# Mary Lou Meier

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MILES CITY — Mary Lou Meier, 62, of Miles City, died Friday, June 21, 2002, at her home.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, June 25, at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City.

**APR 03 2002****Dorothy Meisel**

**MILES CITY —** Dorothy "Dottie" Hager Ellsworth Meisel, 73, of Miles City, died March 29, 2002, at the Holy Rosary Health Center in Miles City.

Visitation will begin Wednesday, April 3, at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City. Funeral Mass will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, April 4, at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Miles City. Rite of committal interment will follow in the Custer County Cemetery.

**MAR 10 2002****Harold (Zib) Wesley  
Meissner**

Harold (Zib) Wesley Meissner, 77, of Circle, passed away on March 8, 2002, at the McCone Health Center from cancer.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m., Monday, March 11 at the Clayton Memorial Chapel. Services will be at First Lutheran Church of Circle at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, March 12. Interment will be in the Riverview Veterans Cemetery. Clayton Memorial Chapel is in charge.

## **Emerson O. Melbourne**

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**FEB 01 2002**

**WOLF POINT — Emerson O. Melbourne, 38, died Wednesday, Jan. 30, 2002, at the Northeast Montana Health Services Facility in Wolf Point.**

**Visitation will be from 2 to 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 1, at the Clayton Memorial Chapel in Wolf Point, with a prayer service at 6:30 p.m. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 2, at the Clayton Memorial Chapel. Interment will be in the Chicken Hill Cemetery near Wolf Point. A dinner will be held following graveside services at the Wolf Point Community Hall.**



## Hettie Melby

PLENTYWOOD — Hettie Melby, 93, of Plentywood, died Sunday, Dec. 30, 2001, at Mercy Medical Center in Williston, N.D.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 5, at Coalridge Mennonite Church. Interment will be in the Coalridge Mennonite Cemetery. Fulkerson Funeral Home of Plentywood is in charge.

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**Robert Leander  
'Bob' Melin**

**MAY 19 2002  
BILLINGS GAZETTE**

PARADISE VALLEY —  
Robert Leander "Bob" Melin, 77,  
died at the Livingston Memorial  
Hospital late Friday evening, May  
17, 2002.

Funeral services will be 1:30  
p.m. Tuesday, May 21, at the  
Holbrook United Methodist  
Church. Graveside committal  
and interment will follow in  
Shorthill Cemetery. Franzen-  
Davis Funeral Home is in charge.

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## Juliana 'Julia' Melle

**OUTLOOK** — Funeral services for Juliana "Julia" Melle will be 10 a.m. Tuesday, March 19. Father Benjamin Lobo will celebrate the funeral liturgy at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Plentywood; interment will be in Outlook Cemetery. A public Vigil Rite will be 7 p.m. Monday at Fulkerson Memorial Chapel in Plentywood. Mrs. Melle, 91, died Friday evening, March 15, 2002, at Sheridan Memorial Hospital in Plentywood.



**MRS. MELLE**

Juliana was born Aug. 26, 1910, at Estevan, Saskatchewan, the second of 12 children of Jacob and Rosa (Fenrich) Erath. The family moved to Outlook, where Julia grew up. She married Clarence Grove in about 1929; they later divorced. Julia was always hard-working; she loved cooking and baking (memories of her cabbage rolls, dumplings, and soft gingerbread cookies will bring smiles to many people!) and sewing — she was a skilled seamstress, and made clothes for her family and "specials" for friends and neighbors. She married Peter Melle

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Jan. 5, 1954; they have made their home in the Outlook community since. Julia was a member of the Raymond Community Club, the St. Boniface Catholic Church and Altar Society. She always enjoyed gardening and crafts and made many special floral arrangements for family and friends; and in the 1970's she took up painting, freely giving her artwork to others. She and Pete enjoyed traveling, driving to Washington, California, and Arizona to visit family and spend the winters. Always outgoing and cheerful, her bubbling personality and bright smile would fill any room. Julia was exceptionally perceptive about people's needs and invariably did thoughtful things to help anyone she could. In failing health for about five years, she and her family were thankful for the care she received from LaCasa Personal Care and Sheridan Memorial Hospital and Nursing Home in Plentywood.

Julia is survived by her husband, Pete, of Outlook; and two of her three children, Jim Grove and his wife Dorothy live in Helena; and Rita Breshears and her husband Belvard live in Puyallup, Wash. Her family and especially her nine grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren, were the center of her life. Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by her daughter, Joan Pedersen, on May 30, 1999; and by four

brothers and a sister: Jake, Frank, John, and Louis Ereth; and Clara Melle. She is also survived by three brothers: Tony Ereth, of Lewistown; Joe Ereth, of Mesa, Ariz.; and Art Ereth, of Outlook; and three sisters: Frances Melle, of Mesa; Emma Olson, of Scobey; and Sally Alastra, of Enumclaw, Wash.

Fulkerson Funeral Home of Plentywood has charge of arrangements.

## FREDRIK C. MELLGREN

## BILLINGS GAZETTE

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Fredrik C. Mellgren, 59, passed away Tuesday Aug. 20, 2002, at home surrounded by family and friends.

Fred was born Dec. 27, 1942, in Billings to Kristian and Marjorie

(Stepper)

Mellgren. He spent his childhood years in Ingomar and Fromberg, and graduated from Fromberg High school in 1961. Fred enlisted in the U.S. Air Force and was stationed at



**FREDRIK  
MELLGREN**

Beale Air Force Base in California. It was there that he met the love of his life Dee Anne Davis, and they were married on June 15, 1963. Shortly after their marriage, Fred was involved in an accident while in the service that left him paralyzed for life. Anyone who ever met Fred knew that he was an amazing man and accomplished more in his wheelchair than most people do on two feet.

After spending a year at Long Beach VA Hospital, Fred and Dee Anne returned home to Montana, where Fred graduated from Rocky Mountain College. They then moved to Missoula where Fred attended the University of Montana and received his mas-

ter's degree. Fred worked for the U.S. Forest Service for eight years. He and friend Bob Curnow established Cher-Dee Distributing in Missoula and then bought Subaru of Billings.

About a year later, Fred started Mellgren Accounting Services in his home until his death.

Fred thoroughly enjoyed his business because of the incredible friendships that he developed with his tax clients. Summers were spent at his cabin on Flathead Lake with his family and friends for 34 years. Fred enjoyed boating, fishing, hunting, riding snowmobiles, racing remote controlled speedboats and flying remote controlled airplanes, which he built and flew at the Billings Flying Mustangs flying field.

He is survived by his loving and supportive wife Dee Anne; his daughter Piper Wood and grandson Cameron; his daughter Kirsti and her soul mate Terry Glasgow; his mother Marjorie Mellgren, his brother Hank Mellgren (and his wife Valerie), all of Billings, and several nieces and nephews. He is also survived by Larry Stricker (and his wife Nema) of Vernal, Utah, who was as close to him as any brother could ever be. Fred wanted to express his appreciation for all the friends who touched his life, especially Jim Wise, Bob Curnow and Bob Hanson, for 35 years of being there whenever he needed them.

Cremation has taken place at Cremation or Funeral Gallery. Memorial services will be held at Messiah Lutheran Church, 2929 Colton Blvd., Billings, on Saturday, Aug. 24, at 2 p.m. Memorials may be made to Big Sky Hospice, P.O. Box 35033, Billings, MT 59107, Rocky Mountain College, Department of Business, 1511 Poly Drive, Billings, MT 59102, or to the charity of one's choice.

Daddy, we will miss you terribly, and cannot even begin to say how blessed we were to be picked by you and mom to be a part of your lives. We know that you will be watching over us from your Heaven on the Lake.

## Esther Lenore Melnik

ROUNDUP — Esther Lenore Melnik, 84, passed away peacefully on Sept. 30, 2002, at the Roundup Memorial Nursing Home in Roundup, where she had resided with her husband Bill.

Esther was born to Gusta and Olaf Langsather on May 24, 1918, in Roundup. She attended Roundup schools and graduated from Roundup High School. After graduation, Esther worked in Helena and Butte. On Aug. 4, 1943, she married William Melnik, who was in the Army and stationed in Butte. After the war, they moved to Roundup and resided there until her death.

Esther was preceded in death by her parents and all her siblings, brothers John, Rudy, Alvin, Nels and Oscar Langsather, and her sister Gladys Wolf. Survivors include her husband William Melnik; and her two children, William A. Melnik and his wife Dorine, and Sandy M. Lanning and her husband David. She also is survived by two granddaughters: Orainda Lue Higgins and her husband Philip, great-granddaughter Ehlana, Marlene Esther Curtis and her husband Jesse; and many nephews and nieces.

Esther will be deeply missed by her family and friends. She was devoted to her family. She especially enjoyed cooking and baking Norwegian and Ukrainian foods that she loved to share with her friends and neighbors. Esther loved the outdoors: hunting deer and antelope and fishing with her husband, Bill. She also enjoyed many activities with her friends while being a longtime member of the Roundup Ridge Riders Saddle Club.

Esther was a lifelong member of the Zion Lutheran Church in Roundup. Funeral services will be held there at 1 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 7. Visitation will be from 5 to 9 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 6, at Wier Funeral Chapel. Memorials may be made to the Roundup Memorial Hospital and Nursing Home or the Zion Lutheran Church. Wier Funeral Home of Roundup is in charge of arrangements.

**Because Esther's daughter-in-law has some severe health problems, the family asks that cologne, perfume, or scented body lotion not be worn by those who attend the memorial service or church luncheon after the service.**

Cards may be mailed to Mr. Bill Melnik, Jr., 721 N. Fifth, Miles City, MT, 59301.

# Roslyn Wolf Black Mendoza

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JUL 29 2002

Roslyn Gladys Wolf Black Mendoza, 49, of Billings, formerly of Lame Deer, passed away Saturday morning, July 27, 2002 in the Billings Parkview Care Center.

She was born Aug. 21, 1952 in Birney, a daughter of James Wolf Black and Cora Hollowbreast. She received her education in Busby and the Catholic School, before completing high school in Oklahoma. She later attended secretarial college in Dallas, Texas for two years. Roslyn worked as a legal secretary in Lame Deer and as a laborer for the Ashland Sawmill.

Roslyn was married and later divorced. She loved to socialize with her family and friends, however, the greatest joy in her life were her grandchildren.

Her mother, Cora and a brother, Kenneth Wolf Black preceded Roslyn in death. Survivors include her father, James Wolf Black of Busby; three daughters, Philinga (Chad) Anderson of Ashland, Marsha Rowland of South Dakota and Sharona Wolf



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Black of Washington; five sons Jesse Mendoza of Ashland, John Mendoza of Idaho, Joshua Wolf Black of Deer Lodge, Reuben Black Horse of Busby and Isaac Black Horse of Shepherd; five sisters, Jamie (Tex) Jawort and Daisy Rowland of Billings, Edith (Henry) Jefferson, Anna (Douglas) Limberhand and Gloria Wolf Black of Busby; four brothers, Clyde Wolf Black of Busby, Wesley Wolf Black of Wyoming, George Medicine Top of Billings and Cedric Rowland of Idaho; four adopted brothers, Emmett Medicine Top of Birney, Robert Yellow Fox, Sr. of Lame Deer, Adam Medicine Top and Alden Brady of Wyoming; three adopted sisters, Stella Medicine Top of Wisconsin, Elizabeth and Mary Grace Medicine Top of Birney and seven grandchildren.

Wake services will be 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 30, in the Lame Deer Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church social room. Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Wednesday, July 31, in the Church. Interment will follow in the Birney Cemetery. Bullis Mortuary of Hardin has been entrusted with the arrangements.



# Lois Marie Mengel

BOZEMAN GAZETTE

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BOZEMAN — Lois Marie (Kottke) Mengel went home to be with her Lord on Thursday, Oct. 31, 2002.

Lois was born Oct. 3, 1926, in Waseca, Minn. In 1947, she enrolled in Northwestern Bible School where she met and married her husband, Lester L. Mengel, in 1948. She and her husband spent many years in the West while he pastored churches in Glasgow, Lima, Wheatland, Wyo., Cody, Wyo., and Brainerd, Minn. They moved to Bozeman in 1971.

Lois is predeceased by her parents and one brother.

She is survived by her husband, Lester L. Mengel, two daughters, three grandchildren, two sisters and two brothers.

Visitation with the family will be from 2 to 4 p.m. at Dokken-Nelson Funeral Service Sunday, Nov. 3. A funeral service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Monday, Nov. 4, at Kirkwood Baptist Church. Graveside services will follow at Sunset Hill Cemetery.

## Helen Merideth

JUN 20 2002  
BILLINGS GAZETTE

GLASGOW — Helen "Dee" Merideth, 70, of Glasgow, died Tuesday, June 18, 2002, at Valley View Nursing Home in Glasgow.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, June 21, at Bell Mortuary Chapel in Glasgow. Burial will be in Nashua City Cemetery.

## Bernhard Merkel

May 6, 1917 — May 5, 2002

BOZEMAN — Bernhard Merkel passed away May 5, one day short of his 85th birthday, at Mountain View Care Center.

He was active in the Local Carpenter's Union in southern Montana as a business agent and later became the international representative of the Carpenter's Union. This position was held until his retirement in the summer of 1982.

Barney is survived by his wife Pat and his sister Dorothy Burkart of Bozeman; sons Larry, (Rita) Merkel of Bozeman and Patrick Merkel of (Kay) Merkel of Stockton, Calif.; daughter Anne Marie (Ken) Thompson of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; and many grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to: Habitat for Humanity of the Gallatin Valley, PO Box 174, Bozeman, MT 59771-0174.

Funeral Mass will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, May 9, at Holy Rosary Catholic Church. Private interment.

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## Delores Merkel

Our beloved mother, Delores Merkel, passed away on Monday, May 27, 2002, at St. John's Lutheran Home. She was 76.

Mom was born in Wessington Springs, S.D., on May 14, 1926, to Olive and Ed Mundfrom. She received her education at Gann



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Valley, S.D., and later graduated in Pierre, S.D.

Mom then moved to Bismarck, N.D., where she worked as a telephone operator.

There, she met our dad, Albert Merkel. They were married

from 1954 until 1999, when Dad passed away. Most of their years together were spent in Great Falls, where Mom raised her son and two daughters.

A more kind and gentle woman has never graced this earth. Although her life was an ordeal of struggles with her health, she never complained. She enjoyed crocheting, reading, bingo, playing cards, listening to classic country music and eating peppermint candy.

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She is survived by her son, Al (Renaë) Merkel; daughters Sandy (Bryan) Meyers and Donna (Fred) Charette, all of Billings; four grandchildren, Jason and Lindsey Meyers, and Holly and Kirby Charette. She is also survived by her sister Donna DeJong of Sioux Falls, S.D. She was preceded in death by both parents and her husband Albert.

Mom's family would like to thank all the staff at St. John's for giving her compassionate care over the past two years. You have all been such a blessing to us, and we will not forget your good work and kind words. We would also like to thank all of Mom's sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, and nieces who kept in contact with her, and sent cards and letters to keep up her spirits.

A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 1, in the Alberta Bair Room at St. John's Lutheran Home. Memorials may be made to St. John's Foundation, Ocee Johnson Chapel Fund, 3940 Rimrock Road, Billings, MT 59102. Arrangements by Cremation or Funeral Gallery.

# Sylvia Merrifield

MAY 05 2002  
BILLINGS GAZETTE

PULLUP, Wash. — Our loving mother, Sylvia Merrifield of Puallup, formerly of Billings, passed away at her daughter Patricia's home in Houston, Texas, on Sunday, April 28, 2002.

She was born in Bearcreek on Sept. 6, 1909, to U.S. and Nellie Mae Tucker. Her dad hauled ice from Rock Creek in Red Lodge to Bearcreek for the miners and their families. Later they moved to Roundup. They also lived in Tacoma, Wash., for a short time. There was no high school there, so she lived with a family in Roundup and graduated in 1928. Sylvia then moved back to her parents' home.

While chopping wood one day, a handsome young cowboy rode by and offered to help. He courted her and on Nov. 6, 1932, they rode together on one horse to Red Lodge and were married in the Methodist Church. They were together for 69 years, until his death on Nov. 10, 2001. Our dad was buried in Tacoma, Wash., National Cemetery.

Mother was a busy lady raising seven children in Billings. Our dad was a gentle guy who left all the discipline up to mother. She always knew where her children were at all times. You could say, "she

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could make a silk purse out of a sow's ear."

She loved her yard and could name any plant that grew, but most of all she loved her roses. She would get so angry because her daughter, Linda, grew bigger bushes with bigger roses than she could. When she took up painting she lived in Nehalem, Ore., and fell in love with the ocean and painted many pictures of it. She also wrote poetry in high school.

Here is one of her happier ones;  
Just a Smile  
It takes a little effort  
To give a pleasant smile.  
Little deeds are counted  
And you'll find them all  
worthwhile.

It gives a pleasant feeling  
To lift a weary load.  
And give a pleasant greeting  
Where bitter thoughts are  
sewed.

It seems that life is sweeter  
Where the truest smile that  
gives  
The sunshine of its meaning  
In love that always lives.

Sylvia was preceded in death by her grandson, Phil, and husband, Vere. Surviving are her seven children, Collen Cantrell (Bill) of Billings, Bernard (Cienet) of Kent,

their family throughout their lives. This lives on in all of us. They both will truly be missed. Thank you, Mother and Dad.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Thursday, May 9, at the Smith Funeral Chapel-Columbus, 35 N. Diamond St. Interment of the urn will follow at Mountainview Cemetery in Columbus.

Wash., Patricia Heauser of Houston, Joanne Treffy (Larry) of Spokane, Wash., Linda Duris (Al) of Puallup, Doug of Portland, Ore., and Wally of Milwaukee, Ore.; 19 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Our parents gave us a great legacy to do the best with our lives that we could do, never say "can't" and finish what we

## Ardon E. Merrill

CASPER, Wyo. — Ardon E. Merrill, age 81, of Casper, went to be with the Lord on May 5, 2002.

Ardon was born the son of Elmer and Ethel Nina Carey Merrill on Oct. 26, 1920, in Leon, Iowa. The family moved to a farm near Pine Bluffs, Wyo., when he was 15. He married Shirley Phillips in 1941 and she died in 1967. They had one daughter, Nina Lee (Mrs. Leo) Hammond of Billings. He had three grandchildren, JoAnn (Mrs. Tom) Moore of Cody, James Ardon of Vancouver, Wash., and Brenda (Mrs. Ken) Schultz of Billings. He had seven great-grandchildren.

He married Ruth Toman in 1967 in Casper and helped raise her three children, Tom, Sandee and Jerry. They gave him four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

A Celebration of Life service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, May 10, at Calvary Chapel, 1415 First Ave. N., Billings.

Should friends desire, memorial contributions may be made to The Gideon's Intl., 2817 Second Ave. N., Billings, 59101.



## **Roy Alvin Merrill**

BILLINGS GAZETTE

APR 23 2002

CLEARFIELD, Utah — Roy Merrill, 66, of Clearfield, formerly of Buffalo, Wyo., died April 12, 2002, at the Ogden, Utah Regional Hospital.

Cremation has taken place. Adams Funeral Home of Buffalo is in charge of local arrangements.

## Margaret Messerly

**THE BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**DEC 27 2002**

MALTA — Margaret Ann (Shields) Messerly, 90, died Wednesday, Dec. 25, 2002, at Northern Montana Hospital in Havre.

Funeral mass will be at 11 a.m. Monday, Dec. 30, at Saint Mary's Catholic Church. Rosary will be at 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 29, at Saint Mary's Catholic Church. Burial will follow in the Malta Cemetery. Edwards Funeral Home of Chinook is in charge.

**Parker Lynn Messerly** BILLINGS GAZETTE

FORT BELKNAP — Parker Lynn Messerly, 22, died Friday, Aug. 16, 2002.

**AUG 19 2002**

Wake services will be at 5 p.m. Monday, Aug. 19, at the Red Whip Community Center. Funeral services will be at 12 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 20 at the Red Whip Community Center with burial in the Gives Family Cemetery. Adams Funeral Home of Malta is in charge of arrangements.

# Joanne Messinger

BILLINGS GAZETTE

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PLENTYWOOD — Barbara Joanne Lindsay Messinger, 76, of Encinitas, Calif., formerly of Plentywood, died Tuesday, Dec. 17, 2002, at Scripps Encinitas Hospital.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 23, at Fulkerson Memorial Chapel in Plentywood. Interment will be in Plentywood Memorial Cemetery.

## **Sandy Metcalf**

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**FEB 01 2002**

Sandy Metcalf, 54, of Billings, died Jan. 19, 2002, in the Deaconess Billings Clinic.

Her survivors are her husband, Les Metcalf; son Glen Metcalf; and granddaughter, Marie Metcalf, all of Billings.

There will be a reception at 128 Jefferson St. between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 2.

Cremation and Funeral Gallery handled cremation arrangements.

## Helen A. Metier

MAY 26 2002  
DELANOE GAZETTE

BOZEMAN — Helen A. Metier, 84, of Bozeman, passed away May 23, 2002. She was born August 11, 1917, in Wilsall to John and Retsina (Vinnigland) Arthun.

Helen grew up in Ringling and graduated from high school there. She then went to college for two years in Dillon and two years at



**HELEN  
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the University of Montana in Missoula. After college, she taught school at the Antelope School out of Wilsall, Two Dot, and Loweth. She married Walton Metier and they traveled all over

the U.S. during World War II. They raised their family in Wilsall. She was a ranch wife. Due to Helen's cooking, they never had trouble finding hands for the ranch. The trouble was getting them to back to work after the meal was done. They retired to Bozeman where she lived until her death.

Helen was a member of the Dorcas Society, American Legion Auxiliary, Wilsall Vets Auxiliary, and the Order of Easter Star in Wilsall. She enjoyed gardening, was a wonderful cook, loved to dance and play cards, and was a

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great candy maker.

Helen loved her husband, her family, her grandchildren, her great-grandchildren and her practical jokes. She also had great joy in feeding everyone's dogs, cats and all the birds.

She is survived by her husband, Walt Metier of Bozeman; daughter Gail Schuyler of Billings; son Herb Metier of Bozeman; and her sister, Volga Doig. She was preceded in death by her daughter, Terry Hertzler; grandson Nolan Thiesen; brothers John Arthun, Jr., Curtis Arthun and Herb Arthun; sisters Gladys Williams and an infant sister; and her parents, John and Retsina Arthun.

Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 28, at Dahl Funeral Chapel. A funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, at American Lutheran Church in Livingston (4th & Lewis). Interment to follow at Mountainview Cemetery in Livingston.

Memorials may be made in Helen's name to the Humane Society of Gallatin Valley, P.O. Box 11390, Bozeman, MT 59719.

## **Cecilia and Orval Meyer**

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BUTTE — Liturgy of the resurrection for Cecilia and Orval Meyer will be celebrated Tuesday, July 16, in Little Flower Catholic Church. Interment will be in Holy Cross Cemetery.

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# Cecelia Meyer

BUTTE — Cecelia Meyer went to be with our Lord on June 15, 2002. She was born in Mott, N.D., on April 4, 1915, to Jacob and Martha (Messer) Pfaff. She received her education in North Dakota.

Cecelia enjoyed baking, playing cards, crocheting, gardening and crafts. Cecelia's love for her family was evident in all that she did for them. She loved spending time making them delicious German dishes. After her stroke left her paralyzed and unable to speak, she spread happiness to others with her beautiful smile and the tight squeeze she'd extend when holding your hand.

She taught us all many lessons, perhaps that greatest being that love means standing by someone in both the good and bad times. She will be dearly missed. Fly like an eagle, Grandma.

She married Gottlieb Meyer in 1936. He preceded her in death in 1958; and her son Orval, in July of 1999. The family moved to Billings in 1949, and Cecelia moved to Butte in 1986.

She is survived by her daughters and sons-in-law, Elvera and Jim Burgess, Butte, Loyola and Dick McMahan, Sutherlin, Ore.; grandsons Kurt Burgess, Oakland, Calif., Kelly Burgess, Butte, David Magilke, Portland, Ore., Shawn Magilke, San Francisco, Calif., Douglas

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Magilke, Portland, Ore.; two granddaughters, Sandy Burgess Brown and husband Robert, Great Falls, Marie Westmoreland, Oklahoma; two great-grandchildren, Bryanna and Jakob Brown, Great Falls.

Memorials may be made to Our Lady of the Rockies, St. John the Evangelist Church or to a charity of the donor's choice.

According to her wishes, cremation has taken place. Liturgy of the resurrection will be cele-

brated in Little Flower Catholic Church, Billings, on Tuesday, July 16, at 10 a.m. Interment will be in Holy Cross Cemetery in Billings, along with her son Orval.

**Elizabeth 'Carp-i' Meyer**

ANACONDA — Elizabeth "Carp-i" Meyer was born April 9, 1920, and passed away peacefully Sept. 7, 2002, at St. Patrick's Hospital in Missoula. She was born in Anaconda to Hannah (Thomas) and Harry Carter. She attended school in Anaconda, graduating in 1938 from Anaconda High School. She received a Music Scholarship to Whitworth College in Spokane, Wash., but was unable to complete her education due to the loss of her father in December of 1938. She returned to Anaconda, where Daly Bank of Anaconda employed her for seven years.

While working at the bank, she met a man by the name of Carl Meyer who stole her from city life and turned her into a country girl. Carl and Carp-i married in 1946 and moved to the Meyer Ranch in the Deer Lodge Valley. To this union of 53 years, five children were born. The ranch was sold in 1973, but 20 acres (including the former site of many Elks Club picnics) was retained and Carp-i was living there at the time of her death with faithful dog, Mork, and cats, Gracey and Nosey.



**ELIZABETH  
MEYER**

Carp-i was a beautiful lady. This was apparent in her being crowned the "Winter Carnival Snowqueen" of 1938 and being the whimsy of many a gentleman's eye. More important than her physical beauty was her inner beauty as a loving and caring mother grandmother neighbors and friend. Carp-i possessed many admirable characteristics but one of her greatest was her lovable nature. If you met Carp-i once, you not only loved her but also were a friend for life. She had a heart of gold and passion for giving of herself in life. She was known for her capacity to love, her willingness to forgive and her desire to put a smile on others' faces. She maintained these qualities until her last breath. Her cherished love, wit, humor, gullibility and simplicity are greatly evident in her children and grandchildren. Her children are proud of these traits and will treasure their importance in future generations. A dear friend of Carp-i's stated that the passing of Carp-i Meyer was "the end of an era."

Her husband Carl in 1999; her sister Margaret Anderson; and her parents preceded Carp-i in death. She survived by her five children, daughters Carlyn Saunders and her husband Tom of Butte, Linda Ivankovich and her husband Danny of Anaconda, Virginia Fischer and her husband Mike of Manhattan, Allison Streeter and her husband Jay of Ryegate; and son Carter Meyer and his wife Mary of Missoula. Carp-i's grandchildren are Shane and Brett Ivankovich, Bryce and Tazlyn Fischer, Carl and Cassie Meyer, and Morgan and Trenton Streeter. She also leaves behind several nephews and their families and numerous cousins.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 12, at the First Presbyterian Church, 319 Main Street, in Anaconda. Cremation has taken place, with cremains to be interred at Mount Moriah Cemetery in Butte, at 4 p.m. Family prefers memorial to the Bagdad Shrine Temple Transportation Fund, 314 West Park, Butte, MT 59701, or to the First Presbyterian Church, 319 Main Street, Anaconda, MT 59711.

## Jean L. Meyer

**HARLOWTON** — Jean L. Meyer, 71, of Harlowton, passed away peacefully at her home, Sept. 29, 2002, losing her second courageous fight with cancer.

Jean was born May 18, 1931, in Harlowton, the daughter of A.C. and Marion Anderson.

She graduated from the Harlowton schools and worked at several jobs over a 20 year-period: Continental National Bank, director of the Draft Board, secretary at Mid-Montana Title, and deputy assessor for Wheatland County.

On June 3, 1951, she married her husband Dwain.

She is survived by her husband and three children, daughters, Judy (Bill) Albrecht, Kathy (Russ Bueker) Meyer; son, Dwain A. (Penny) Meyer; and grandsons Justin and Tyler Meyer; brother A.C. "Bud" Anderson, Jr., of Minnesota; and sister Nona Smith of Harlowton.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Her hobbies were sewing crossword puzzles, and beautiful stained glass artwork, and she loved to travel. Cremation has taken place.

Memorial services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 3, at Perkins Funeral Home. Interment will be held at County Cemetery, followed by reception luncheon at the Youth Center.

We love you, Mom and Grammy.

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**Rhoda Meyers**

GLENDIVE  
— Rhoda Meyers, age 83, of Glendive, passed away on Saturday, March 2, 2002, at the Glendive Medical Center.



Funeral services will be **MRS. MEYERS** held at 2 p.m. Friday, March 8, at Zion Lutheran Church in Glendive, with Pastor Paul Everett and Lay Pastoral Associate Avis Anderson officiating. Interment will be in the Dawson County Cemetery. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Glendive is entrusted with arrangements.

Rhoda was born on March 15, 1918, at the family home in Tampico, Mont., the daughter of Bernhardt Oscar and Anna (Liljedahl) Boreson. She received her education at the rural Buggy Creek School and graduated from Glasgow High School with the class of 1935. Following her graduation from high school, she attended college in Havre for a short time before moving to Baltimore, Md., where she worked for the Social Security Administration.

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She then returned to Montana and was united in marriage to Wilbur "Sandy" Meyers on Dec. 29, 1938, at the First Lutheran Church in Glasgow. Rhoda and Sandy made their home in Wheeler, Mont., until moving in March of 1940 to Glendive where they had made their home since. Rhoda graduated from Dawson Community College in 1967. She worked for the Dawson County superintendent of schools and later as a book keeper for GTA Feeds until her retirement in 1978.

Rhoda was a member of the Women of the Moose, the Dorcas Circle at Zion Lutheran Church, the So Nu Homemakers Club of Glendive, and was a 50 year member of the Rebekah Lodge. She enjoyed being with her family, playing cards, doing handiwork and attending county fairs.

Rhoda was preceded in death by her husband, Wilbur "Sandy" Meyers; her daughter, Margaret; two granddaughters, Gailenne and Shilo; her parents, Bernhardt and Anna; three brothers, Edward, Palmer and Bernard; one sister, Agnes; and one great-grandson, Theodore.

Survivors include three daughters, Dorothy Albrecht and her husband Dwight of Fort Morgan, Colo., Deborah Meissner and her husband Thomas of Lewistown and Marcia Ketcham and her hus-

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band Garey of Fort Worth, Texas; two sons, Donald Meyers of Laurel and Terrance Meyers and his wife Norma of Glendive; her son-in-law, Ray Zimdars of Bloomfield, Mont.; two sisters, Ardelle Pazderic of Great Falls and Wilma Bosh and her husband Dale of Glasgow; her very special sister-in-law, Bernice Barrett and her husband Duane of Glasgow; her brother-in-law, Harold Meyers of Stillwater, Minn.; her sister-in-law, Elizabeth Boreson of Forest Grove, Ore.; her grandchildren, Willa Jo Bain, Mary Volk, Ty Zimdars, Barbara Parrish, Michael Albrecht, Julia Smith, Christine Kartevold, Natalie Meyers, Caroline Meyers, Reid Meyers, Brandon Meyers, Jessica Meissner, Bradley Meissner, Brian Ketcham, Kevin Ketcham and Kayla Ketcham; 17 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

## Zella E. Meyers

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BILLINGS GAZET

Zella E. Meyers, 67, died Monday, May 20, 2002, from complications of Alzheimer's.

The daughter of Adriene and Dora Grubs, Zella was born on Dec. 10, 1934, in Park City.

Zella married Henry A. Meyers on Dec. 14, 1953, in Laurel.

Zella enjoyed working with flowers, golfing, going for walks, cross-stitching, going out to lunch with her friends and taking care of her home.

Survivors include three sons, Richard and his wife Shirley of Billings, Dan and his wife Rita of Keller, Texas, Scott and his wife Elsa of Springerville, Ariz.; a daughter, Sydne Meyers of Tucson, Ariz.; a sister, Harriet Bare and her husband Charles of Columbus.; a brother, Calvin Grubs and his wife Marlene of Columbus; six grandchildren, Adrienne, Ryan, Haley, Victor, Lindsay and Christopher.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, May 28, at the Methodist Church in Park City. Interment will be in the Park City Cemetery.



## Dorothea Cline Meyhaus

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APRIL 28, 2002

Dorothea Cline Meyhaus, 93, of Billings passed away Saturday, April 27, 2002, at St. Vincent Healthcare.

The daughter of Martin and Fannie Cline, Dorothea was born Oct. 14, 1908, in Quimby, Iowa, and was raised around Sioux City, Iowa. After graduating from business college, Dorothea worked as a secretary for the railroad. Following her marriage to John Meyhaus they operated an accounting service in Fresno, Calif., for many years. After John's death Dorothea continued working for Midland Construction as a secretary and managed an apartment building.

In 1992 Dorothea moved to Billings and had resided at South Forty for eight years, where she had made many friends. Dorothea was currently residing at Aspen Meadows.

She was preceded in death by her husband John; sister, Vernice McPhail; brother, Max Cline; and nephews, Douglas and Bill McPhail.

Survivors include three nephews, Robert and Malcolm McPhail of Billings; and John Brooks of Pasadena, Calif.; and two nieces, Nancy Youds of Sioux City, Iowa and Janette White of Omaha, Neb.

Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary has charge of cremation.

## Cecilia Meznarich

**ROUNDUP** — Cecilia Stefanich Meznarich, 94, of Roundup, passed away on Sept. 22, 2002, at the Horizon Hospice Home in Billings.

She was born to Charles and Agnes (Metully) Stefanich on Nov. 13, 1907, in Chestnut (Gallatin County), Mont., the oldest of 10 children.

The family homesteaded northwest of Roundup near the Little Snowy Mountains. When Ceal began Roundup High School, she worked and lived with the Staunton family until she graduated in 1928. In 1929, she married Charlie Meznarich. Two children were born to Ceal and Charlie: son Chuck and daughter Darlene.

Her life revolved around working, volunteering and participating in many organizations: Women of the Moose, Rebekah's, Women's Club, Postal Supervisors Auxiliary, St. Benedict's Altar Society, Golden Thimble, Food Bank, Meals on Wheels, Quilting, Museum Guide and Sky Watch for the Civil Air Patrol. She made herself available for those who asked. Many young people may remember her cooking at the A & W when her cousin Joe Vranish needed help.

Her hobbies were braiding wool rugs, crocheting afghan and playing cards with the Joll: Twelve.

After retiring from the Miners and Merchants Bank she also spent many hours fishing with Charlie.

She is preceded in death by her husband Charlie; son Chuck; two brothers, Charles and Frank Stefanich; one sister Agnes Nesheim; two nieces and one nephew.

Survivors include daughter Darlene; six sisters, Frances Mitchell and Josephine Humphreville of Oklahoma, Ella Chades of California, Lucy Kennedy and Margaret Robson, both of Billings, and Pat Dodds of Great Falls; five grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Mass of the Christian Burial will be celebrated 10 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 26, at St. Benedict's Catholic Church. Interment to take place at the Roundup City Cemetery. Memorial (in lieu of floral contributions) may be made to Horizon Hospice Home, 1019 Neptune, Billings, MT 59105.

Wier Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

# Donna Mae Michaelis

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Donna Mae Michaelis, 71, of Billings, passed away Monday, June 24, 2002, at the Deaconess Hospital.

She was born Oct. 3, 1930, in Billings, the daughter of Melvin and Emma (Trump) Davey. She was raised on Arrow Creek, south of Pompeys Pillar. She attended



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schools on the Huntley Project. Following her schooling, she worked on the dryland until her marriage to Harry Michaelis, May 12, 1950. They made their home in Billings and Donna devoted her life to caring for her family and her pets.

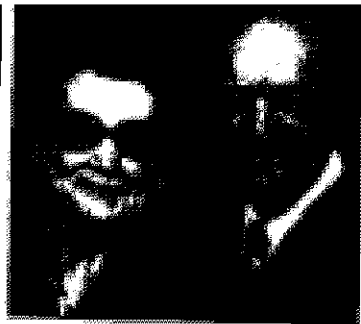
She was fondly called by her grandchildren, "Grandma Patches," after her cat at that time. Donna loved to garden and raised flowers. She also liked to write letters. Her favorite cat of many years, "Shadow," will be laid to rest with her.

Being a cancer survivor for 15 years, Donna worked in the Tracheotomy Support Group helping others.

Survivors include her daughter, Debbie (Tom) Dorsey; and son Denny (Diana) Michaelis,

Memorial services will be 9 a.m. Friday, June 28, at Smith West Chapel. Interment of her ashes will be in Pleasantview Cemetery in Ballantine. Memorials may be made to the Humane Society, 491 N. 31st, Billings, 59101, or the Pompey's Pillar Rock Foundation.

both of Billings; grandsons, Travis and Tommy Dorsey and Devin and Dustin Michaelis; one great-grandchild, Tavyan; her sister, Phyllis Lindeen of Pompey's Pillar; and her brother, LeRoy (Marge) Davey of Powell, Wyo.; numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband Harry and brother Bob Davey.



**IRENE MICHELICIC**

## **Irene E. Michelcic**

**RED LODGE** - Irene E. Michelcic, 84, a lifelong resident of Red Lodge, went to be with the Lord and her husband, Leo, on Friday, Nov. 22, 2002, in Beartooth Hospital Long Term Care Unit.

Irene was born in Red Lodge on April 26, 1918, a daughter of Thomas and Ida Kallio. She was raised and educated in Red Lodge and graduated from Carbon County High School.

On April 10, 1941, Irene married Leo Michelcic in Red Lodge. They made their home here where they raised their two children. Her life centered on her family, home and her friends. Preparing Sunday dinners was a special event for Irene.

She was preceded in death by her husband on Jan. 2, 1991, her brother Nelo, and her sister Senia Kallio, who was her close friend throughout her life.

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Survivors include one daughter, Judy (Paul) Reid of Billings; one son, John (Janie) Michelcic of Red Lodge; five grandchildren, Cathy (Sam) Artzis of Kettle Falls, Wash., Andre (Shaun) Cox of Billings, Rus (Mignon) Michelcic of Red Lodge, Paula (Neal) Rioux of Belfry, and Sara (Michael) Dunn of Laramie, Wyo.; 13 great-grandchildren, Emily, Dominic, Olivia and Sam Artzis, Caitlin, Winston and Christy Cox, Steven Roat, MacKenzie, Shelbi Jo and Maycie Michelcic, and Jessica and Kalee Rioux; and four nieces.

Visitation will be from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 24, in Smith-Olcott Funeral Chapel. Cremation will follow. Memorial services will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 27, in Smith-Olcott Chapel. Interment will be in the Red Lodge Cemetery.

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

DEC 17 2002

**Peter B. Mickolio**

VIDA — Peter B. "Pe"  
Mickolio, 89, of Vida, d  
Saturday, Dec. 14, 2002, at  
daughter's home in Glendive.

Visitations will be from 9  
a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec.  
19, at the Clayton Memorial  
Chapel in Wolf Point, with a  
vigil service at 7 p.m.

Funeral services will be at 11  
a.m. Friday, Dec. 20, at St. Ann's  
Catholic Church in Vida. Burial  
will follow at the Holy  
Eucharist Cemetery.

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**Kenneth John  
Mihalovich**

HARLOWTON — Kenneth John Mihalovich, 75, of Harlowton, passed away early Monday morning, April 8, 2002, at the Wheatland Memorial Hospital.

Ken was born Dec. 26, 1926, in Roundup, the son of Paul John and Wilma Maxine (Summers) Mihalovich. Ken was always proud of his Croatian/Irish/English and Missouriian ancestry. Ken attended primary and secondary school in Roundup. Ken was an outstanding athlete during his high school years. In 1945, during his senior year of school, he entered the U.S. Army. He served with the 82nd Airborne as a paratrooper until his discharge in October of 1946. On June 6, 1948, Ken married Betty Meyer of Princeton, Ill., in Roundup.

Ken or K.J. as he was known to his fellow rails, worked for the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific (Milwaukee Road) Railroad from 1946 until its closure in 1982. He then worked for the Burlington Northern Railroad until his retirement in 1986. K.J. truly enjoyed being a railroader, starting his career as a switchman in Roundup on local coal trains under the supervision of Ed Hamm and P. Nutz Rice and retiring as a conductor in freight train

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service. Ken also enjoyed hunting, fly fishing, and later in life, walleye fishing from his boat.

Ken loved his family and enjoyed visiting his children and grandchildren in his later years. He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Betty of Harlowton; his brother, Leroy K. (Beverly) Mihalovich; and his sister-in-law Ann Mihalovich; his three children, Ken (Dee) of Cave Creek, Ariz., Diane (Roger) Slezak of Port Orchard, Wash., and Robert (Jennifer) of Crockett, Calif.; grandchildren Paxton, Paul, Andy, Ken, Jennifer, Jessica, Justin, Sabine, Konnor and great-grandchild Zakri. He was preceded in death by his parents; his brother, Paul Mihalovich; and his sister and brother-in-law, Donna and Fran Stang.

A memorial service will be held for family and friends on Friday, April 12, 2 p.m., at the Federated Church in Harlowton. A private family burial will take place at the Wheatland County Cemetery. Should friends desire, memorials may be made to the Wheatland County Veterans Memorial Wall or a charity of their choice.

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## Alberta Mikesell

LIVINGSTON — Alberta Mikesell, 90, died Thursday, Oct. 3, 2002, at the Livingston Health and Rehabilitation Center after a long illness.

Cremation has taken place at Franzen-Davis Crematory. Combined memorial services for Alberta and her son Gary, who preceded her in death, will be held next spring.



**LAUREL** — In loving memory of Norman Orlando Mikkelson, husband and father, who passed away at home near Laurel, on Oct. 1, 2002. He fought death as stubbornly as he lived life.

Norman, "Mike," "Jarg," was born Sept. 29, 1914, in Montour, Iowa, the son of Norwegian immigrant Tom O. Mikkelson and Rachel Tvedt Mikkelson. He graduated from the Montour Public High School in 1932 and from Iowa State Teachers College in Cedar Falls in 1936.

He taught in Rowley, Iowa, where he met Veva Buchanan, the principal and music teacher. They married in 1939, moved to Superior, Wyo., where he was a coach and teacher; their daughter Patty was born there. They moved to Glenrock, Wyo., where he was superintendent of schools. During their 13 years in Glenrock, he earned a master's degree from the University of Wyoming, and daughter Susan was born there. In 1959, the family moved to Thermopolis, Wyo.

After retiring in 1970, Mike and Veva lived briefly in Medicine Bow, Wyo., then in Callaway, Neb., where they enjoyed many years of "farming" their small acreage. In a return to the mountains, they landed south of Laurel, where Mike said they could see the Beartooth Mountains and enjoy "R&R."

Mike was inducted into the Wyoming Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 1985. As a 60-year Lions Club member, he served as district governor in Nebraska and was named the Melvin Jones Fellow for Humanitarian Services by the Lions Club International in 1998. An avid sportsman, Mike enjoyed the great outdoors. He especially loved to fish, and he and Veva spent many fishing vacations in Alaska and North Dakota.

He is survived by his wife, Veva; daughters, Patty and Susan and son-in-law Tom Clark; four grandsons, John, Geoff and Mike Chalmers and Forrest Clark; and five great-grandchildren.

The family wants to thank all of his friends from Glenrock, Thermopolis, Superior, Calloway and Laurel, and especially Big Sky Hospice for their love and support.

Memorials in Mike's name may be made to Big Sky Hospice, PO Box 35033, Billings, MT 59107, or Strand Lutheran Church, 103 Second Avenue Dunbar, Marshalltown, IA 50158.

Memorial services will be held at Strand Lutheran Church in Dunbar, Oct. 5, at 10:30 a.m.

Memorial services in Laurel will be held on Oct. 17, at 2 p.m., at Our Savior's Lutheran Church.

## Bernice Anne Milam

BELLINGS GAZETTE  
NOV 05 2002

**BIGFORK** — Bernice Anne Milam, age 73, passed away Nov. 3, 2002, after a courageous battle with lung disease.

She graduated from Bozeman High School and in 1950, received a bachelor of science degree in Accounting from Montana State College (University). On March 17, 1949, she married Paul N. Milam in Bozeman. Paul survives her at the family home in Bigfork. Paul and Bernice lived in York, Neb., and Kalispell, where her husband was in the greenhouse business. In 1955, they moved to Eureka, at which time her husband began his teaching career. In 1957, they moved to Bigfork, where her husband was a teacher, coach and principal of Bigfork High School. Since 1961, her family has been involved in the sheep and cattle ranching business in southern Garfield County in Eastern Montana.

Bernice is survived by a son, Craig R. Milam and his wife Michelle A. of Frenchtown; another son, Gary N. and his wife Reene' of Bozeman; a brother, Sivert O. Mysse of Ingomar; and her grandsons, Russell and Bradley Milam of Bozeman. She was preceded in death by her parents Sivert O. and Bertha Mysse; brother Merton Mysse; sister Marie Staw; and grandson Christopher Milam.

"Miss Me — But Let Me Go"

When I come to the end of the road, and the sun has set for me want no rites in a gloom-filled room. Why cry for a soul set free

Miss me a little, but not too long and not with your head bowed low. Remember the love that we once shared: Miss me — but let me go.

For this is a journey we all must take, and each must go alone. It's all a part of the Master's plan, a step on the road to home.

When you are lonely and sick at heart, go to the friends we know. And bury your sorrows in doing good deeds. Miss me — but let me go. Author Unknown.

Private family services are planned at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials may be made to the MSU Foundation, 1501 S. 11th Ave., PO Box 172750, Bozeman, MT 59717-2750.

Bigfork Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## **Alberta Iris Miller**

LLANO, Texas — Alberta Iris Miller, 87, of Llano, formerly of Billings, died Sept. 26, 2002, in Llano.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 28, at Six Mile Cemetery in Llano. Waldrope-Hatfield-Hawthorne Funeral Homes, Inc. of Llano is in charge.

MAR 23 2002

## Arthur Miller

Arthur Miller, 82, of Billings, passed away Thursday morning, March 21, 2002. Art was born in Billings at the family home, 122 Clark Ave., on May 8, 1919, a son to Leslie and Harriet Miller. At an early age, he moved with his family to Minneapolis.

Art was raised and educated in Minneapolis. He graduated from Lawrenceville High School in Princeton, N.J., and also from from Dunwoody Academy in Minneapolis. Art served with the U.S. Navy during World War II.



**ARTHUR  
MILLER**

Following his honorable discharge, Art returned to Billings, where he became associated with Sweetheart Bakery and Candy Co.

Art married the love of his life, Joann Foltz, in Billings on Aug. 13, 1949. Following their marriage, Art and Joann continued to live in Billings, where they raised their two children.

Art was a past board member of the Flaming Arrow Boy Scouts and Red Lodge Mountain. Art was a past member of the Yellowstone Kiwanis Club and the Ashlar Masonic Lodge. He

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also served as a past volunteer of the Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch.

Art was preceded in death by his parents; his brother, Rowley Miller; and his sister, Martha Howard. Art is survived by his wife, Joann; his daughter, Wynn (Dave) Ford; his son, Britt R. (Becky) Miller; his sister, Janet (Vincent) Carpenter; and his four grandchildren, Parker Ford, Braden Ford, Wiley B. Miller and Jeremy A. Miller.

A private family memorial service will be held. Cremation has taken place. Inurnment will be in Yellowstone Valley Memorial Park. Memorials may be made to Big Sky Hospice, 123 S. 27th, Billings, MT 59101, Boy's and Girl's Club, 505 Orchard Lane, Billings, MT 59101, or Beartooth Hospital and Health Center, 600 W. 21, Red Lodge, MT 59068.

Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

**Barbara L. Miller**

**MALTA**— Barbara L. Miller, 86, died Tuesday, Sept. 3, 2002, at the Phillips County Good Samaritan Center in Malta of natural causes.

Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. Friday, Sept. 6, at the Adams Memorial Chapel in Malta. Burial will follow in the Malta Cemetery.

## Brady Allen Miller

BILLINGS GAZETTE  
NOV 14 2002

GILLETTE, Wyo. — Brady Allen Miller was born and died at 7:25 a.m. on Nov. 12, 2002, at Campbell County Memorial Hospital.

Brady is survived by his mother, Roxanne Miller; four brothers, Bryan, Brandon, Brett and Bradley Miller; two sisters, Brittany and Brooke Miller; and his grandparents, Lee and Judy Rennicks, all of Gillette.

Brady is preceded in death by his sister, Bryanna Miller.

Family graveside services will be held on Friday, Nov. 15, at 12:30 p.m. Pastor Gordon Harper of Vineyard Christian Fellowship will officiate.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home.



## **Carl Miller**

**MAY 06 2002**  
**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

SCOBEEY — Carl Miller, 76, died Saturday, May 4, 2002, at the Daniels Memorial Nursing Home.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Tuesday, May 7, at the Scobey Lutheran Church. Interment will be at a later date. Waller Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

## Dale Lee Miller II

BILLINGS GAZETTE

CODY, Wyo. — Dale Lee "Dick" Miller II, 50, died Thursday, Aug. 8, 2002, at West Park Hospital, as the result of injuries received in an automobile accident.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 13, at the Cody United Methodist Church. Interment will follow in Riverside Cemetery. Ballard Funeral Home of Cody is in charge.

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## **Eleanor Margaret Miller**

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**  
**FEB 25 2002**

POWELL, Wyo. — Eleanor Margaret Miller, 85, died Saturday, Feb. 23, 2002, at the Powell Hospital.

Visitation will be Tuesday evening from 7 to 8 p.m. at Miratsky-Easton Funeral Home. Funeral Services will be 2 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 27, at Union Presbyterian Church in Powell. Burial will follow in Crown Hill Cemetery.

**Flossie P. Miller**

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WILSALL — Flossie P. Miller, 94, of Wilsall, died Monday, Aug. 5, 2002, at her home.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 8, at Franzen-Davis Funeral Home in Livingston. Graveside committal and burial will follow in Wilsall Cemetery.

## **Frank Miller**

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**JUL 18 2002**

**MALTA — Frank Miller, 85, of Malta, died Monday, July 15, 2002, at the Phillips County Hospital.**

**Memorial services will be 11 a.m. Friday, July 19, at the Adams Memorial Chapel in Malta. Interment of ashes will be in the Malta Cemetery.**

## Harold Miller

FORSYTH — Harold Miller, 75 of Forsyth, died Friday, Jan. 4, 2002, at the Rosebud Health Care Center in Forsyth.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday, Jan. 7, at the Beals Mortuary Chapel in Forsyth. Interment will follow on the family ranch.

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## Harold Miller

Harold Miller, 67, of Billings passed away June 6, 2002, at the Deaconess Hospital.

Harold was born Feb. 19, 1935, in Keeline, Wyo., the son of Harry and Minola (Grammer) Miller. He was raised in Keeline and graduated from Lusk (Wyo.) High School in 1956. He then joined the U.S. Army, where he served two years prior to his discharge in June of 1958.



**HAROLD  
MILLER**

He moved to Casper, Wyo., where he worked for Empire Sand & Gravel and moved with the company to Billings. He later went to work for St. John's Lutheran Home in maintenance. He retired in 1997 after 27 years.

Harold enjoyed playing cards and was an avid history buff, studying the U.S. presidents, among many other historical events.

Harold is survived by his siblings, Wyona (Doc) Scott of Farmington, N.M., Charles Miller of Fremont, Neb., Leo Miller of Colorado, John Miller of Lusk, Daniel Miller of Phoenix, Ariz., Arnold Miller of Ballantine, Marvin Miller of Lusk, Dick Miller of Worden; numerous

nieces and nephews. Harold was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Bob and Harry Miller, and a sister, Caroline.

Memorial services will be 3:30 p.m. Thursday, June 13, at St. John's Lutheran Home. Cremation has taken place. Smith Downtown Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

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## Irene Miller

**BUTTE** — Irene Miller, loving mother and grandmother, passed away Wednesday morning, Oct. 2, 2002, in St. James Healthcare. She was born in Iron Mountain, Mich., on July 1, 1930. She was raised by her aunt and uncle, Seth and Irene Soderberg. She received her education in Kirkland, Wash., and Girls Central.

Irene worked as a clerk for Buttrey's and Skaggs after her daughters were in school. She was the director of the Senior Citizens' Diner's Club for many years.

She enjoyed golf, bingo, her volunteer work and spending time with her family. She was a volunteer for Our Lady of the Rockies, a strong supporter of the Butte Food Bank. She was accomplished in cross-stitch work and other handwork. She was best known for her sweet disposition and kindness to everyone.

She married Harry Miller in Butte on Nov. 26, 1949. He passed away in 1994. She was also preceded in death by her granddaughter Madison Endy; her aunt and uncle, Seth and Irene Soderberg; and by her aunt, Marguerite Brisbin.

She is survived by her daughters and sons-in-law, Saree Couture, Billings, Sandy and Roger Petersen, Scottsdale, Ariz., Susan Eide, Valdez, Alaska, Shari and Bill Endy, Billings; grandchildren, Matthew and Michael Petersen, Heather and Todd Eide, Jessi and Jase Couture, Brandon, Colter and Brooke Endy; also survived by her many neighbors and friends who were so supportive after Harry's death and during her illness.

Her remains are in Wayrynen-Richards Funeral Home in Butte, where prayers will be recited Saturday morning, Oct. 5, at 9:30 a.m., proceeding to St. John the Evangelist Church, where Liturgy of the Resurrection will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Interment will be in Holy Cross Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Our Lady of the Rockies or to a charity of the donor's choice.



## **Jimpsie Miller**

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**  
**NOV 30 2002**

SIDNEY — Jimpsie Miller, 98, died Tuesday, Nov. 26, 2002, at the Sidney Health Center-Extended Care Facility.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, Dec. 2, at the Fulkerson Funeral Home Memorial Chapel in Sidney. Interment will be in the Sidney Cemetery.

## John Miller

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GLENDIVE — John Miller, 87, of Glendive, died Friday, Dec. 13, 2002, at the Glendive Medical Center.

A vigil service will be at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15, at the Chapel of the Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home in Glendive. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. Monday, Dec. 16, at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Rite of committal will be in the Dawson Memorial Cemetery.

## John F. Miller

FORSYTH — John F. Miller, 80, of Forsyth, formerly of Darby, passed away Saturday July 6, 2002, at the Rosebud Health Care Center in Forsyth.

John was born Aug. 28, 1921, in Anthony, Kan., the son of John and Nora Mae Moring Miller. He spent his youth and attended schools in Anthony. Following his schooling, John began his work as a carpenter.

On April 21, 1942, John enlisted in the U.S. Army, serving in Europe and Africa during WWII. Following his honorable discharge on Nov. 16, 1945, John resumed working as a carpenter, working with Bechtel all over the United States.

On June 29, 1968, John married Donna Bradshaw in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. They lived in California, Oregon, Washington and in 1979, moved to Colstrip, where John was the general foreman for the construction of the power plants. Following his retirement in 1984, John and Donna moved to Deer Lake, Wash., and later to Darby. He moved to Forsyth in November of 2001, where he has lived since.

John was a member of the Carpenters Unions of Northern California, Idaho, Washington and Montana. He

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JOHN MILLER

loved fishing, cards, cribbage and visiting with people. John was a person who would never forget a face or a joke, and could tell jokes all day long without repeating one.

He is survived by his children, Sherry (Mark) Noel of Colstrip, Rob (Joannie) Alban of Henderson, Nev., Lonnie (Triana) Miller of Lewiston, Idaho, Jonnie Miller of California, Connie Simpson of Idaho, and Glenna (Vern) Roessler of Darby; brothers and sisters, Andy (Ruth) Miller of Kansas, Sam (Delores) Miller of Kansas, Sue Lytle of Florida, Bethal (Morris) Free of Georgia, Hope Crow of Kansas and Gladys (BJ) Brown of Georgia; grandchildren, Carly Rae and Samantha Miller, Mike and Matt Noel, Donnie and Kim Cotterell, Amy, Jessie and Caleb Williams, Rachel, Chrystal and Joevetta Simpson, and seven great-grandchildren.

Cremation has taken place and services are planned for a later date. Beals Mortuary of Forsyth is assisting the family with these arrangements.

# Jonathan Richard Miller

BILLINGS GAZETTE

AUG 27 2002

POWELL, Wyo. — Memorial services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 29, at First United Methodist Church in Powell for Jonathan Richard Miller, 20, of

Denver, Colo., formerly of Powell, who died Thursday, Aug. 22, from injuries sustained in an automobile accident. He was born in Modesto, Calif., on Dec. 9, 1981, and lived his first 10



**JONATHAN  
MILLER**

years in Oakdale, Calif., prior to moving to Powell with his family. Jonathan spent his formative years in Powell and graduated from Powell High School in 2000. He attended Northwest College and the University of Wyoming at Laramie prior to transferring last year to the Lamont School of Music at Denver University on a music scholarship.

Jonathan loved baseball and played Little League, Babe Ruth and American Legion baseball in Powell. He was a starting pitcher for the 2000 Wyoming American Legion state championship team.

He also had a passion for music and played saxophone, bassoon, piano and keyboard. He performed in numerous groups,

beginning in middle school and high school and continuing into college. These include Northwest College Jazz Band and University of Wyoming Jazz Band and Orchestra, and he was the first chair bassoonist in the Lamont School of Music Orchestra and Symphony.

He also had a great love of the outdoors, was an avid snowboarder and loved camping, fishing and hunting. Jonathan had a zest for life and was truly a free spirit. On a recent canoe trip last summer, Jonathan, his father, future father-in-law and several close friends retraced 110 miles of the Lewis and Clark Trail on the Upper Missouri River in northern Montana. Just a month ago, he traveled to Port Townsend, Wash., on Puget Sound with his fiancée, Joanna, and her parents, Dave and Bev Whittle of Powell, and spent several days sailing on a 46-foot sailboat.

He was able to put his artistic talents to work doing custom woodworking while employed this past year at Helix Construction in Denver.

He enjoyed people, friends and was very close to his family. He and fiancée, Joanna, were also very fond of their miniature border collie, Bella.

Survivors include his parents, Rich and Jane Miller of Powell; his fiancée, Joanna Whittle of Denver; his sister, Elizabeth of Powell, currently attending Minnesota State University at Mankato; his sister, Darcy of Modesto, Calif.; his brother, Eric of Modesto; his paternal grandmother, Berniece Miller of Powell; his maternal grandmother, Joan Broadbent of Red Lodge, Mont.; his grandfather, LeRoy Solomon in Nevada; his great-grandmother, Goodie Nelms of Modesto; his aunts and uncles, Laura Keene of Powell, Craig Davis of Council, Idaho, Don and Ronna Corsini of Woodstock, Ga., Ray and Oy Miller of Davis, Calif., and Dana and Marla Solomon of Manteca, Calif.; and his cousins, Matthew Solomon of Nacogdoches, Texas, Heather Solomon of Manteca, Calif., Kevin Corsini of Woodstock, Ga., Ken Corsini of Roswell, Ga., and Katie Reid of Carrollton, Ga.

Memorials may be made to the Jonathan Miller Memorial Music Scholarship at Northwest College in Powell.

The Rev. Ron Kapalka will officiate at memorial services at the Methodist Church, 137 W. Second St., Powell.

## June Helen Miller

BILLINGS GAZETTE

JUL 15 2002

SIDNEY — June Helen Miller, 75, died Thursday, July 11, 2002, at the St. Vincent Healthcare in Billings.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Wednesday, July 17, at the Faith Alliance Church. Interment will be in the Sidney Cemetery. Fulkerson Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

## **Karen M. Miller**

**BILLINGS GAZETT**  
**NOV 28 2002**

PLENTYWOOD — Karen M. Miller, 81, of Plentywood, died Monday, Nov. 25, 2002.

A funeral will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 30, at the Plentywood Lutheran Church. Burial will be in the Plentywood Cemetery. Fulkerson Funeral Home of Plentywood is in charge.



## **Marie E. Miller**

**WELLINGS GAZETTE**

**FEB 20 2002**

MUSCLE SHOALS, Ala. — Marie E. Miller, 79, formerly of the Frannie/Deaver, Wyo., area, died Monday, Feb. 18, 2002, at Helen Keller Hospital in Muscle Shoals.

Graveside services will be at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 23, at the Deaver Cemetery. Miratsky-Easton Funeral Home of Powell, Wyo. is in charge.

## Marshall F. Miller, Jr.

BEACH, N.D. — Marshall F.

Miller Jr., "Bud," age 89, passed away at his home in Beach, on Feb. 10, 2002, of an apparent heart attack.

Funeral services will be held on Monday, Feb. 18, at 10 a.m., at the United Community Church in Beach. Interment will follow at the Beach Cemetery. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Beach is entrusted with arrangements. Memorials are suggested to the American Diabetes Association, PO Box 2411, Great Falls, MT 59403 or charity of the donor's choice.

Bud was born on June 29, 1912, in Beach, and was a well-known native son, having attended school and lived and worked in the community his entire life. Following his graduation from Beach High School, he attended college in Fargo for a period before enlisting in the Army. Upon his discharge, he returned to establish a grocery store in Sentinel Butte. He later rejoined his father in the family grocery business, which evolved to be his life's work. He married Mary E. Stoddard of Sentinel Butte in 1936. They were married



**MR. MILLER**

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for 47 years until her death in February of 1983.

Bud enjoyed people and life to the fullest. Through his many years in the grocery business, his membership on the Board of the North Dakota Grocer Association, his catering business, his travels throughout the states to attend jazz festivals, he nurtured a network of extended family and developed a large group of friends in more towns than one could count. Bud was known for his sense of humor, his excellent cooking, his eye for antiques, his stylish attire including his trademark derby, his generosity and his love of music. He took great joy in sharing a laugh and conversation with his friends. Bud took great pride in the community of Beach and the surrounding area. He was especially proud to be able to help organize the first all-school reunion for which he prepared his largest catered meal ever. Bud developed many of his friendships through his catering business. From the humble beginnings of providing meals for the Lions Club meetings, he built the business to an antique filled dining room and kitchen. Operating from there he was

able to help his many friends celebrate their weddings, anniversaries, brandings, trail rides, reunions and other special events throughout the area.

Bud was a member of the Masonic Lodge #88, Shriners, American Legion, Fraternal Order of Elks, Mayflower Society, Beach Volunteer Fire Department, and a fun-loving local group called the XGI Drill Team.

Bud was preceded in death by his parents, Marshall F. and Olive M. Miller; his wife, Mary E. (Stoddard) Miller; his sister, Marjorie Olson; and brother, Rex Miller. He is survived by two sisters, Barbara Cameron of Beach and Betty Dickerson and her husband Dick of Lady Lake, Fla.; two brothers, Donald (Musty) and his wife Alma Miller and Bruce Miller all of Beach; 19 nieces and nephews throughout the U.S.; and many cousins and friends.

## Mary Elizabeth Miller

JUN 14 2002

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

LEWISTOWN — Mary Elizabeth (Fah) Miller, 90, of Hilger, died Tuesday, June 11, 2002, at the Central Montana Skilled Nursing Center.

A vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Sunday, June 16, at St. Leo's Catholic Church. Funeral liturgy will be at 10 a.m. Monday, June 17, at St. Leo's Catholic Church. Interment will be in Central Montana Memorial Gardens. Creel Funeral Home of Lewistown is in charge.

# Samuel R. 'Sam' Miller BILLINGS GAZETTE

AUG 22 2002

CHEYENNE, Wyo. — Samuel R. "Sam" Miller, 42, of Cheyenne and formerly of Sheridan, died Tuesday, Aug. 13, 2002, while on a camping and fishing trip near Kaycee.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at First Baptist Church in Sheridan. Champion Ferries Funeral Home in Sheridan is in charge.

## Viola Miller

Our mother, Viola Miller, died on April 22, 2002. She will be greatly missed. She was born March 30, 1911, at Medina, N.D., to Carolina nee Hummel and Jacob Kerner.

Viola was preceded in death by her husband, Lloyd; her son, Marvin; sisters, Virginia and Edna; and brothers, Roland and Donald.

She is survived by her children, Patsy Miller, Carol (Jim) Mankin, Merle Miller; her sister and brothers, Laura Bender, Arthur (Margaret) Kerner, Naomi Ervine, Della Henry, Jacob (Enid) Kerner and Thelma (Loyd) Gunkel. Also surviving are five granddaughters, Jamie (Ken) Wagner of Forks, Wash., Connie (Todd) Nelson of Billings, Trish (Mark) Conrad of Sheridan, Wyo., Misook Miller of Billings, Lisa Dingwall of Prospect, Conn.; one great-granddaughter, Rainbow Miller; three great-grandsons, Zachary Dingwall, Zachery Wagner and Mark Wagner; and three great-great-granddaughters, Samantha Shepherd, Zowie Shepherd and Passion Shepherd; also several nieces and nephews and special people dear to her heart.

Graveside services will be held 11 a.m. Friday, April 26, at Mountview Cemetery. Friends

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and family can meet at Smith's Downtown Chapel at 10:30 a.m. and go in procession to the cemetery.

## William Earle Miller

**LODGE GRASS** — William Earle Miller, 92, of Lodge Grass, passed away Friday, Sept. 27, 2002, at the Heritage Acres Nursing Home in Hardin.

He was born Oct. 21, 1909, in TenSleep, Wyo., the son of William and Laura Brown Miller. He attended grade school in Wyoming and graduated from Lodge Grass High School in 1928. He later attended the Edison Electrical School, the National Radio Institute and the Radio Technical Institute.

His talents were often used in assisting neighbors and friends with electrical and radio repairs. He was a skilled craftsman who built his own home and assisted in the remodeling of many other houses on the ranch.

Earle and his parents moved to the family ranch on Lodge Grass Creek in 1918, and he lived there his entire life. He and Mayme Keller were married on Sept. 22, 1934. Mrs. Miller died in 1999.



**WILLIAM  
MILLER**

He was a director of the Lodge Grass Rural Electrical Association from 1972 through 1992. He was very active in the Masonic orders, was a lifetime member of all the Masonic organizations including St. John's Lodge 92 AF and AM, of which he was a 50 year member; member of the Al Bedoo Shrine, Big Horn Shrine Club and the Kart Patrol. In his spare time, he enjoyed oil painting, woodworking and reading.

Survivors include his two daughters, Laura Ruth (Chuck) McGlothlin of Park City and Marian Miller of Billings; his son, Bill (Mary) Miller of Lodge Grass; seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Funeral services with Masonic Rites will be held at 10 a.m., Tuesday, in the Bullis Funeral Chapel. Entombment will be held at 2 p.m. in the Billings Mausoleum. Bullis Mortuary of Hardin has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Should friends desire, memorial contributions may be made to the Shrine Transportation Fund or the Big Horn Historical Museum.

## **William L. Miller**

WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS

— William L. "Bill" Miller, 81, died Friday, Feb. 1, 2002.

Memorial services will be at 3 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 5, at the Twichel Funeral Home Chapel in White Sulphur Springs. Private interment will be held at Mayn Cemetery.

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## **Jim Milligan**

**NYE** — Jim Milligan, of Nye, died Wednesday, Sept. 11, 2002, at St. John's Lutheran Home.

James Godfrey Milligan was born Feb. 6, 1919, in New York City, the son of



**JIM MILLIGAN**

L. Stewart Milligan and Elizabeth Emma Stanley Milligan.

Jim spent a year and a half in his mother's native England when he was about 10. He

was graduated from Dwight Morrow High School in Englewood, N.J., in 1937.

He worked as a copy boy for the New York Herald Tribune and attended New York University for three years. He joined the U.S. Navy in 1942 and served on an aircraft carrier in the Pacific Theater. After his discharge, he worked for the Chicago Sun-Times. While in Chicago, he married Andree St. Germaine. They moved to Montana, where Jim worked for Job Service until retiring.

Andree died in 1979.

Jim's father died in 1926; his mother died in 1966. A brother Stewart Stanley Milligan, his only sibling, drowned in the Atlantic Ocean while in military service in World War II.

Jim is survived by his two children, Michele Elizabeth Koch of Fort Collins, Colo., and James Stewart Milligan of Billings.

Jim will be remembered by his many friends for his wit and sense of humor, his 200-watt smile, and his love of the beautiful Stillwater Valley.

A memorial service will be held at the Fishtail Community Center (Hanna Building) at 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 21.

Memorials may be made to the Stillwater Protective Association, Box 106, Absarokee MT 59001; or the Northern Plains Resource Council, 2401 Montana Ave., Billings MT 59101.

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### BOZEMAN

Emma Matilda Million, 89, of Bozeman, passed away Monday, Dec. 16, 2002, at Gallatin Nursing Home. Emma was the 15th of 16 children born to Frederick and Martha Hergert in Preemption, Ill., March 23, 1913. Soon after her birth, Emma's family moved to Royal, Neb., where she was raised. She graduated from high school in Royal in 1930. Following high school, Emma remained in Royal, and in 1933, she married William J. Million.



**EMMA  
MILLION**

William and Emma had two children before moving the family to a ranch outside Roberts in 1940. Emma remained in the Roberts area until moving to Bozeman in January 2002.

Emma spent her life as a mother and housewife. She loved the outdoors, where she would garden and tend flowers, as well as life on a ranch. Emma also enjoyed bowling and playing bridge with her friends. She was further known for her knitting, as a Sweepstakes winner several times, at the Bozeman Winter Fair. Emma's interests also included writing poetry, which

she shared with and is collected by her family.

Emma is survived by her daughter, Sharon (Gene) Hockett of Bozeman; brother-in-law, Roy Million of Roberts; sister-in-law, Leona Mattison of Orchard, Neb.; daughter-in-law, Karen Million of Roberts; grandchildren, Susan (Barry) Mills of Atlanta, Robin (John) Hein of Helena, Kim (Raul) Cortes of Fairfield, Calif., Sherrill King of Bozeman, Lisa (Richard) Bradley, Shelly (Dale) Heil, both of Billings, Tracy (Chris) Dull of Bozeman, and Lance Million of Roberts; 12 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; all her siblings; husband William Million; and son Merle Million.

Cremation has taken place and a memorial service will be held Saturday, Dec. 22, at Dahl Funeral Chapel in Red Lodge.

Memorials may be made to the Roberts United Methodist Church, PO Box 242, Roberts, MT 59070.

**APR 16 2002****Bill L. Mills, Sr.**

Bill L. Mills Sr., 61, of Billings, passed away Friday, April 12, 2002.

Bill was born Feb. 18, 1941, in Dickinson, Texas, to Lowell and Bessie Mills. Bill was raised in De Ridder, La. Bill married Alice Tharp in Worland, Wyo., and moved to

**BILL MILLS**

Baytown, Texas; where he worked for Sunbeam Bakery. Bill worked for various grocery stores while living in Texas. He also owned and operated three fried chicken to go places and TOTE-A-Bag convenience store. In 1981, Bill moved his family to Billings and has resided here since.

Bill and Alice had two children, Billy L. Mills Jr. and Kimberly J. Mills. Later in life, they adopted three children, Brenda, Katherine and Jessica.

Bill was an ordained Deacon and a Mason. Bill was preceded in death by his parents, Lowell and Bessie; a brother, Lowell Jr.; and a daughter, Kimberly. Surviving him are his wife Alice; son, Billy Jr., wife Kristy; daughters, Brenda, Katherine and Jessica; one brother, Bob Mills, wife Doris, all of Billings.

A memorial service will be held at Trinity Baptist Church, 1145 Nutter, at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, April 16. A reception following at the church. Memorials may be made to local MADD Organization or of one's own choice.

## Donald Roy Mills

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TEN SLEEP, Wyo. — Donald Roy (PED) Mills, 71, of Ten Sleep, died Monday, July 29, 2002, in Gillette.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Aug. 2, at Ten Sleep United Methodist Church. Burial will be in the Ten Sleep Cemetery. Veile Mortuary of Worland is in charge.

## Gordon G. Mills, Sr.

HURRICANE, Utah — Services are pending and cremation has taken place for Hurricane resident Gordon Mills, Sr., who died in his home on Sept. 4, 2002. The youngest of 10 children, he was born on Dec. 15, 1919, to Samuel Mills and Effie Gray Mills in Mossy Rock, Wash.

At a young age, he traveled to Montana, working different jobs in construction and ranch work until going to work for the Northern Pacific Railroad in 1944. On Nov. 9, 1940, he married Delores Adell Perkins and together they had a daughter, Billie Jean, and son, Gordon Mills, Jr. The family lived in several Montana and Wyoming cities until his retirement from the Burlington Northern railroad in 1974 as a locomotive engineer.



**GORDON  
MILLS**

He ran rock shops in Livingston, Mont., and Sheridan, Wyo. After closing the shops, the two traveled until his wife's death in 1983. In 1985, he married Maxine Raymond Toombs in Townsend, Mont. They resided in Townsend until moving to Washington, Utah, in 1994. Hurricane Hills was their home until Maxine's passing in July 2001.

Gordon loved to travel, and was passionate about rocks, making many beautiful pieces of jewelry. He loved animals, especially dogs. Gordon had a tremendous sense of humor and one of his favorite things was to talk. He was known and loved by many.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Earl, Lenny, Samuel Jr., Howard and Wade; sisters, Ethel, Alma, Gladys and Laura; his first and second wives; his daughter; one grandson, Jeff Taft. Survivors include son, Gordon Mills, Jr., of Guernsey, Wyo.; grandchildren, Clint Lorash, Rhonda Sloan, Lance Robson, Melissa Bailey, Maggie Mills, Aaron Mills and Tyler Mills.

## William R. 'Caleb' Mills

William R. "Caleb" Mills, 85, of Billings, passed away on Feb. 24, 2002, from complications of heart failure, after a brief stay at Billings Health and Rehabilitation Center.



**MR. MILLS**

He was born Nov. 23, 1916, at Red Lodge, the son of Caleb R. and Emma (Wanha) Mills. As a young man, he served in the CCC, and worked on local ranches until 1930, when he

started working for Karl George at Absarokee. There he met and married Ardilla Bennet on Dec. 3, 1937; they moved to Billings in 1942.

Mr. Mills had a lifelong love of automobiles, especially anything Ford. He restored several antique Fords. He was always generous in sharing his talents and knowledge.

He worked for Charbonneau Motors when he was called to duty for World War II. He served in Italy with the U.S. Army 10th Mountain Division and was awarded the Combat Infantry Badge for the battle on Mt. Belvedere.

After World War II, Mr. Mills worked for Archie Cochrane Motors and continued to serve in

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the Army Reserve. In 1953, he began full time with the Montana National Guard, where he became shop chief at OMS6 in Billings, retiring as CW4 in 1976 with 32 years of military service.

Since retiring, William and Ardilla traveled to Europe, throughout the U.S. and Western Canada. They became "sun birds" and spent winters at Apache Junction, Ariz., where he loved the warm winter weather and visiting with friends.

Mr. Mills loved crossword puzzles, was a wonderful storyteller, recently writing out many of his favorites, and Robert Service poetry, which he often recited for family. He had a ready smile and great sense of humor and kind and gentle nature. He especially loved spending time at his beloved cabin at Red Lodge and never missed a Fourth of July Parade.

William was a longtime member of the Evangelical United Methodist Church and the 10th Mountain Division Veterans Group.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sisters, Ruth Eckhard, Mary McCracken, Rachel Gardner, Henrietta Pelton; and

granddaughter, Julie Dreeszen.

He leaves behind his wife, Ardilla, of 64 years; and the children of whom he was always so proud, Caleb Ray (Delsye) Mills, Carson City, Nev., Nancy (Bill) Brennan, Laurel, and Patty (Doug) Dreeszen, Ballantine; and grandchildren, Shawn Brennan, Kathee Jessee, Teri Roth, Janet Mills, Cindy Conard, Caleb Mills and Kari Wegner; and 10 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, March 1, at the Evangelical United Methodist Church at Fourth Street West and Broadwater Ave. Cremation has taken place, with graveside services at a later date. Smith's Downtown Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

Memorials can be made to the Evangelical United Church, 345 Broadwater, Billings, 59101, or the charity of one's choice.

## **William Milton**

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M.

William "Bill" Milton, 61, formerly of Malta, Mont., died Sunday, April 21, 2002, of a heart attack.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service was held on April 24 in Albuquerque.



## Sherry C. Miner

Sherry C. Miner, 58, of 2409 Cook Ave., Billings, died Tuesday, July 23, 2002, at a Great Falls hospital, of colon cancer.

A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Friday, July 26, at First United Methodist Church in Billings. Cremation has taken place.

Sherry is survived by her parents, Ruby and Walter Irion of Great Falls; daughters Lisa (Chris Pogson) Miner of Binghamton, N.Y., and Angie (B.J.) Paulson of Missoula; her brothers, Gary (Jana) Bauer of Bozeman and Dave (Ellen) Irion of Issaquah, Wash., and four grandchildren, Nicholas and Emily Pogson, Hunter and Caden Paulson.

Memorials are suggested to the Alpha Chapter of Alpha Delta Kappa Scholarship Fund, 3516 Terry Ave., Billings, MT 59102.

Sherry Bauer was born Nov. 11, 1943, in Great Falls. She attended Great Falls High School and graduated in 1961. She graduated from University of Montana in 1966, and received a master's degree in education from Eastern Montana College.

Sherry taught for 30 years, starting in Great Falls and Helena.

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For over 20 years, Sherry taught in Billings at Rimrock and Boulder Elementary Schools. She loved to teach her first graders to read.

In 1987, she received the Golden Apple Award. In 2002, she received the Montana PTA Educator of the Year Award. She was a member of the Alpha Chapter of the Alpha Delta Kappa Sorority.

She enjoyed talking on the phone to her grandchildren, shopping with her friends and doing the Sunday crossword puzzle.

## **Helen Minnich**

GILLETTE, Wyo. — Helen Minnich, 91, of Gillette, died Friday, May 24, 2002, at the Pioneer Manor in Gillette.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, May 29, at the Upton Community Center in Upton. Interment followed at the Greenwood Cemetery in Upton. Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home of Gillette was in charge.

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## **Ruby C. Minnick**

LIVINGSTON — Ruby C. Minnick, 64, of Livingston, died Monday, May 20, 2002, at Deaconess Billings Clinic.

Cremation has taken place at Franzen-Davis Funeral Home & Crematory in Livingston. Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, May 23, at the Seventh-day Adventist Church, on Highway 89, south of Livingston.

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## Geno J. Minnie

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MELSTONE — Geno J. Minnie, 88, of Melstone, passed away on Monday, Jan. 14, 2002, at the Roundup Memorial Nursing Home.

Geno Minnie was born in Klein, Mont., on Dec. 16, 1913, to Fred and Pia Minnie. He attended country school and Klein High School and married Dorothy Colburn in August 1937. He worked on ranches until he moved to his own ranch in 1940, retiring in 1975 due to poor health.

Geno had served on the Melstone School Board, board of directors on the Musselshell Melstone Canal, board of directors of the Montana Bank of Roundup and was a commissioner of Musselshell County and a member of Faith Lutheran Church of Melstone.

Geno loved ranching, sports, especially camping and fishing.

Survivors are his wife Dorothy of Melstone, adopted son Steve, sister-in law Doris Potts of Park City, numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. Preceding him in death were his parents, step-father, a brother Albert, sister-in-law Delores.

Visitation will be 5 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 16, at the Wier Funeral Chapel. Funeral services are 2 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 17, at the Faith Lutheran Church in Melstone. Interment will follow at the Melstone Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Faith Lutheran Church in Melstone or charity of your choice.

## **ANNE MINOW**

OLIVE — Anne Minow, 84, of Olive, died Sunday, Nov. 17, 2002, at the Deaconess Billings Clinic.

Visitation will be held Thursday, Nov. 21, at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City, with a prayer service at 6 p.m. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 22, at Stevenson & Sons. Interment will follow in the family lot in the Custer County Cemetery.

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## **Violet Virginia Minske**

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**AUG 17 2002**

CODY, Wyo. — Violet Virginia Minske, 73, died Friday, Aug. 16, 2002, at the West Park Hospital in Cody, of cancer.

A memorial service will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday, Aug. 19, at Ballard Funeral Home in Cody. Interment of cremains will follow in Riverside Cemetery.

# Catherine Misomelius

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HYATTVILLE, Wyo. — Catherine "Katie" Misomelius, 83, died Friday, Nov. 8, at Worland Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center.

Funeral Service will be held at 2 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 11, at the Hyattville School Gymnasium. Burial will follow at the Hyattville Cemetery. Veile Mortuary of Worland is in charge.

## **George C. Mitchell**

GILLETTE, Wyo. — George C. Mitchell, 67, of Gillette, died Sunday, Feb. 10, 2002, at his home, of cancer.

Graveside services and burial will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 13, at the Elks Cemetery in Sheridan. Kane Funeral Home of Sheridan is in charge.

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## JOHN 'JACK' MITCHELL

John "Jack" Mitchell, age 76, died Jan. 19, 2002, at his home. Jack was born to John and Helen Mitchell, Feb. 28, 1925, in Los Angeles. He attended elementary and high school in Butte, along with college at Montana Tech and Notre Dame.



**MR.  
MITCHELL**

Jack enlisted in the US Marine Corp and served in World War II and the Korean War. Jack returned home after the war and went into business with his father as J.C. Mitchell Construction. Along with the Dahl Funeral Chapel, they built many buildings around Montana and Wyoming.

Jack was most happy being a sales person; starting in insurance, paint and then onto chemicals. He had traveled over one million miles encompassing Montana, Wyoming, Idaho, North Dakota and Washington without an accident. He had a few flat tires but more speeding tickets, mostly on Friday night when in a hurry to arrive back home.

In Billings, he met and married Lois Stroppel. He acquired an instant family of eight children. His daughter, Jacqueline

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Cecilia (J.C.) was born on June 12, 1990.

His sales and management of Mon-Dak Chemical spanned 19 years, retiring in 1996. During those years he was proud to have been elected to The Montana Textile Service Association.

His most featured traits were his blue eyes and silver hair which dubbed him the nickname of the "Silver Fox."

Jack enjoyed music, along with singing and for a brief time professionally. His singing and joke telling, along with his enthusiasm of sports, will be shared and enjoyed by all.

Survivors include his wife, Lois; daughter, J.C. Mitchell; step-children, Steve Stroppel (Nevada), Sherry (Bron) Herrod, (Oregon), Fred (Shari) Stroppel (Nevada), Teresa (Jim) Staab (Wyoming), Marcia (Eddie) Baggs (Texas), Lori (Joe) Salveson (Wyoming), Tammy Martens (Montana), Rodney (Sheri) Stroppel (Washington); grandchildren, Ciara Gorman, Courtney Tryan, Richard Kirkness, Christopher and Nathan Herrod, Nikki Stroppel, Eric Stabb, Maci and Erin Baggs, Lanae and Danny Salveson,

Tyson Stroppel, Anthony and Brent Stroppel; adopted grandson, Von (Buffy) Stroppel and four great-grandchildren.

Vigil will be 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 23 at Dahl Chapel. Funeral services will be 12 noon on Thursday, Jan 24, at St. Patrick's Co-Cathedral. A Reception to follow at the Play-Inn (in the Heights).

Memorials may be made to Big Sky Hospice.

## LOUISE MITCHELL

**LIBBY** — Louise E. Mitchell, 76, a lifetime resident of the Kootenai Valley, died Sunday evening, Nov. 17, 2002, at her home in Libby.

She was born at Warland, Mont., on Dec. 29, 1925, to Neal F. Beasley and Estella Saunders Beasley. She was raised and educated in the Libby area and had remained here where she had raised her family.

For many years, she had managed and operated Blue Mountain Phone and Answering Service in Libby. She and her late husband Manuel "Mitch" Mitchell had owned and operated the Home Bar in Troy; following his death in 1978, she continued to operate the business until selling it a short time later. She worked at the VFW Club in Libby until her retirement.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; a sister, Norma Beardsley; and a brother, Ron Beasley; and a grandson, Ricky Stapley in 1998.

Survivors include a son, Larry Chapman of White Salmon, Wash.; daughters, Gayle Pales of Missoula, Joan Olson of Sidney, Renee Stapley of Troy and Sue Chance of Houston; a twin brother, Louis "Swede" Beasley of Medford, Ore.; and brothers George Beasley and Bob Beasley, both of Libby; sisters Generia

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Stutsman of Libby and Ethel Lamorie of Portland, Ore.; 10 grandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren.

Services will be Saturday, Nov. 23, at 10:30 a.m., at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home Chapel. Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 22, at the Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to St. John Lutheran Hospice or the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 1548.

# Loyce M. Mitchell

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Loyce M. Mitchell, 91, long-time Billings resident, passed away at home on June 25, 2002.

Born in Keokuk Falls, Okla., on May 18, 1911, he moved to Billings with his family when he was a year old. Loyce not only lived here, but participated in the town's business, fraternal



**LOYCE  
MITCHELL**

and social life. Loyce had a vivid memory of not only the "big" important events in Billings over the past 90 years, but he also remembered and often shared the trivial occurrences and the stories of the characters who played a part in the events which shaped the early citizens and history of Billings.

Loyce attended Billings schools and owned and operated the Mitchell Dental Laboratory. He was a certified dental technician and a lifetime member of the National Dental Laboratory Association. He was also an active life member of the Billings Elks Club, serving as chairman of the board of trustees for over 25 years. He helped institute the Billings Elks Memorial Fund, one of his greatest accomplishments. Loyce

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was also a member of Ashlar Lodge #29, AF & AM, the Billings Scottish Rite Bodies, Al Bedoo Shrine Temple (a member of the Provost Guard) and the Royal Order of Jesters. Loyce was also a past member of the Billings Rotary Club.

He was preceded in death by his parents, William F. and Meade Craven Mitchell; two brothers, Clifford and Clyde; his wife of 57 years, Dorothy, in 1993; and beloved granddaughter Barbara in 1997. Loyce is survived by his daughters, Merridy Barnhart (Ben) of Billings, Susan Adamson (John) of Puyallup, Wash.; granddaughter Michelle Heeb (Steve); great-grandson Mitchell Heeb, all of Puyallup; special friend and companion, Barbara Adams Genest of Billings; as well as many close friends and associates.

A memorial service will be held at the Downtown Smith Funeral Chapel on Friday, June 28, at 11 a.m., with a luncheon reception at the Elks Club Lower Level (enter on the lower south side) at noon.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Billings Elks Memorial Fund, PO Box 20302, Billings, MT 59104-0302; the Scottish Rite Speech Clinic, 514 14th St. West, 59102; Al Bedoo Hospital Transportation Fund, PO

Box 20673, 59104; or to a special charity of your choice. The family wishes to thank the Professional Nursing Pool and the Hospice nurses for their support and care.

**SEP 8 2002**

**Richard B. Mitchell**

ST. CLOUD, Minn. — Richard Mitchell, 69, formerly of Billings, died Friday, Sept. 6, 2002, at the St. Joseph Medical Center in Brainerd.

Services will be 7 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 9, at the funeral home chapel. Miller-Carlin Funeral Home is in charge.

**Ruby Pearl (Miller)  
Mitchell**

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Ruby Pearl (Miller) Mitchell went to be with the Lord on Monday, Nov. 25, 2002.

She was born Jan. 2, 1917, in Klein, to James M. and Mary Ellen Miller. Ruby grew up in Roundup and married Rudy C. Kinney. They later divorced and she married Raymond "Bud" Mitchell. They resided in Savage until Bud's death in 1976.

Ruby moved to Miles City with her son, Butch. After living there for several years, she and Butch moved to Billings. Ruby recently resided at Eagle Cliff Manor. She was very fond of the staff and friends she made there.

Ruby enjoyed gardening, rock hunting and fishing with her son. She also liked to spend time with her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a son, Lauren; her sisters, Ellen Arges and Ethel Burns; and three brothers, Johnny Miller, Nathan Miller, and Lauren Miller. Survivors include her son, Rudy "Butch" Kinney; a daughter, Marlene Kinney Peterson; two granddaughters, Heidi Steffans Brodston and Eve Steffans Allen; two grandsons, Matthew Steffans and Rob Steffans; numerous other grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and a sister, Sylvia Harmon.

Visitations may be made Monday morning, Dec. 2, at the Smith Downtown Chapel. Friends and family will gather at 1 p.m. on Monday, at the Riverside Cemetery, for graveside services. Smith Downtown Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

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**Peggy Lou Mitchke**

HELENA —  
 Peggy Lou  
 Mitchke, 91,  
 longtime Helena  
 resident, passed  
 gently into  
 Heaven on  
 Friday, March  
 22, 2002, at the  
 Cooney  
 Convalescent  
 Home. Peggy



**PEGGY  
 MITCHKE**

Lou resided there since suffering a  
 stroke in March of 2001.

Born on Dec. 31, 1910, in  
 Bonners Ferry, Idaho, to Edward  
 M. and Emma Rose Petrie  
 Morton, she attended grammar  
 school in Northern Idaho and  
 Western Montana and her first  
 year of high school in Troy. Peggy  
 Lou graduated as valedictorian of  
 Glasgow High School in 1929. The  
 late Eldon B. Schuster, later  
 Roman Catholic bishop of Great  
 Falls, was salutatorian and  
 remained a lifelong friend. She  
 went on to complete a 24-month  
 course in business and commerce  
 at North Dakota Business College  
 in Fargo in just 12 months.  
 Following graduation from  
 Business College, she worked as a  
 bookkeeper in a wholesale gro-

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cery in Glasgow and for her parents in their laundry in Red Lodge.

In June of 1934, while riding a bus to Yellowstone National Park to work for the summer in the laundry at Old Faithful Inn, Peggy Lou met Milton Curtis Mitchke ... they were engaged by the Fourth of July! They were married on a cold, snowy Sunday morning, Sept. 23, 1934, in Red Lodge. Immediately following a wedding breakfast at her parents' home, Milton and Peggy Lou traveled to Helena, where Milton began employment with the U.S. Post Office the next day.

Milt and Peg raised four children, Eddy, Mickey, Jerry and Margie, in addition to foster children Joe Yerman and Bill Rodgers. Her family was everything to her, second only to her faith.

Peg told Milt when they first started dating that she "loved to dance more than eat"! So he learned to dance and they danced together so beautifully that dance bands would often strike up one of their favorite songs as soon as they walked into the room and they would dance onto the floor. They belonged to several dance clubs through the years, quitting only when Milt broke his heel early in their retirement.

In 1950, Peggy Lou resumed her career as a bookkeeper. She was employed by Capital Motors, Knapp Service, and finally Neill

...ING THE WITH HER retirement in 1973, when Milton also retired from the Postal Service as assistant postmaster. During her career years, she belonged to and held offices in several organizations, including the Credit Women's Breakfast Club, the Postal Auxiliary and the Elks' Ladies Auxiliary.

After retirement, Milt and Peg traveled extensively and were very active in the Helena Senior Citizens Club. They were charter members of the Pioneer Club and she was its longtime treasurer. They were also members of the Rocky Mountain Development Council and the AARP. Peggy Lou led exercise classes for many years at the Senior Center and for many more years they used her cassette tape to continue the exercise classes. To say that Peg liked to play cards would be an understatement. She loved playing

cards as much as she loved to dance! She belonged to a bridge club for over 30 years. She went on to play duplicate bridge, even attending Bridge Camp at Fairmont Hot Springs each June and a late summer bridge gathering in Red Lodge for several years. She genuinely loved her time spent participating in all the activities at the Senior Center, especially teaching and coordinating the pinochle and bridge games for years. A faithful member of St. Helena Cathedral Parish since

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1934, Peg was involved in numerous parish activities through the years, including being a Eucharistic minister, helping with mailings, and counting the collection. She was a member of a women's Bible study group for 40 years, where she formed lifelong friendships. Her faith in God was foremost in her life.

Peggy Lou was preceded in death by her husband Milton on April 23, 1988; and by her parents. She is survived by her sons Ed and wife Millie of Bigfork, Mick and wife Annette of Pinetop, Ariz., Jerry and wife Kit of Helena; and daughter Margie and husband Storm Oakland of Billings; foster son Joe and wife Lori Yerman of Milwaukee, Ore.; her sister Goldie and husband Chet Pitcher of Medicine Bow, Wyo., and their daughters Donna Pitcher and Chris and husband Bill Ross both of Denver (and their children); 13 grandchildren (Ed Mitchke, Renee Howe, Kathleen Waldon, Bernadette Carrasco, Debra Urban, Anne Marie Sims, Michael Mitchke, Danny Mitchke, Barbara Sechrist, Curt Mitchke, Mark Mitchke, Ann Mitchke and Storr Oakland); and 22 great-grandchildren. She is also survived by sister-in-law Vivian Hull of Helena; and brother-in-law Tom and wife Dilly Mitschke of Bremerton, Wash.; several nieces and nephews, including David and wife Annie Hull of Helena; and

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numerous cousins — as well as many friends, including the Loose Widows card group, the Bridge Camp group, the Senior Citizen card players, the Survivor's group and her Spring Hollow neighbors.

We are very grateful to and thank all those who lovingly cared for Mom at the Cooney Home. We especially thank her wonderful neighbors and friends — including Dorothy Harkins, Marguerite Dean and Lois Buchanan — for their kindness and love through the years.

Peggy Lou was PASSIONATE about life! She was a renowned cook, an accomplished seamstress, had a beautiful contralto voice and was generous with her time and talents. She loved doing things for her family, her church and her friends. She'll be missed by all who knew her.

"Dear Mom,

We know you are at peace in Heaven, dancing with Dad, reunited with your parents, and rejoicing in your Lord. Please hold a place for us 'til we meet again!"

A vigil service will be at the Retz Funeral Home at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 2. Mass of Christian Burial will be at St. Helena Cathedral at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, April 3. The family requests memorials to St. Helena Cathedral Parish 530 Ewing,

Helena, MT 59601, the Helena Senior Center, the Good Samaritan Store, 1388 N. Hannaford, Helena, MT 59601 or God's Love Mission, 533 N. Main, Helena, MT 59601. Retz Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

**FEB 06 2002**

**COLUMBUS** — Jack Albert Mizer, age 79, passed away Feb. 2, 2002, at the Stillwater Community Hospital in Columbus.

Jack was born March 25, 1922, in Denver, to Frank and Vera Mizer. He graduated from the University of Denver and was a World War II veteran, serving in the U.S. Army. He retired in 1980 from the pharmaceutical industry. On May 17, 1952, he married Agnes Marshall Fawcett in Billings, where they lived until 1956, then moved to Bellevue, Wash., where they lived until May 2001, when they moved to Meadowlark Assisted Living in Columbus.

Jack's greatest joys in life were fishing, hunting and spending time with friends enjoying the "great outdoors" at their "mountain retreat" at Goldbar, Wash.

He is survived by his wife, "Ag"; a sister, Frances Hadley; a niece, Mary Jo Hadley; and his "special niece," Margaret "Peg" Mizer, all of Denver; two stepsons, Clifford W. Fawcett of Honolulu, and Jack Fawcett of Absarokee. He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Bob; a sister, Mary.

Honoring Jack's request, cremation has taken place. A private memorial service will be held at a later date. Memorials may be made to the Immanuel Lutheran Church, Absarokee.

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## Jim Mock

James Ivan Mock, 78, of Billings passed away at his home Saturday evening, May 18, 2002.

Jim was born June 9, 1923, in Twin Falls, Idaho. He rode the ranges in Nevada until he



**JIM MOCK**

met and married Barbara Jean Hagen in 1948 and moved to Billings to start his family. Here, he became a master carpenter, avid bowler and fisherman. Recently he had been discovered as a folk artist.

Jim was loved by all that knew him. He is survived by his children, Rick Mock and Angie Blubaugh, five grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and three dogs.

A celebration of Jim's life will be at his favorite hangout, Sunset Bowl, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, May 25. Smith Downtown Chapel is in charge of arrangements and cremation.

## Ruby May Modes

BILLINGS GAZETTE  
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Ruby May (Rowland) Modes, 82, passed away Wednesday, Jan. 2, 2002, at Deaconess Billings Clinic, of heart failure.

Ruby was born on Dec. 30, 1919, in Artesia, N.M., the second of eight children of Ivy and Arthur Rowland. She was raised in Artesia until 1940, when she moved to Santa Monica, Calif. It was there she met and married William R. Modes, her beloved husband of 61 years. For the next 30 years, they lived in the Los Angeles area, where they raised three children. Ruby and Bill arrived in Billings in 1976, to serve as minister of the Unity Church of Christianity.

Ruby enjoyed all types of arts and crafts, but her love was sewing. She rarely traveled without at least one sewing machine packed in her bags.

Ruby is survived by her husband, Bill; her sons, Larry in Texas, Ron in California and Jerry in Colorado; and her sisters, Marjorie, Dorothy and Ruth. Ruby has six grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 5, at the Unity Church of Christianity, 9 14th St. West in Billings.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be sent to the Unity Church of Christianity.

**MAR 31 2002****Myrtle Irene Moe**

WIBAUX — Myrtle Irene Moe, 86, of Wibaux, formerly of Beach, N.D., died Wednesday, March 27, 2002, in Wibaux.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, April 3, in the chapel of the Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home in Beach. Interment will be at the Beach City Cemetery at a later date.



# Willard J. Moffet

BILLINGS GAZETTE

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MOSCOW, Idaho — Willard J. Moffet, 85, passed away Wednesday, April 10, 2002, in Moscow.



**WILLARD  
MOFFET**

A longtime resident of Billings, Willard had moved to live with his son, Bill, after the death of his wife, Audrey, in 1998.

Mr. Moffet was born April 10, 1917, in Mitchell, S.D.,

to Harvey and Therasa (Joer) Moffet. As a young boy, he moved with his family to Livingston, Mont. Later, Willard moved to Billings, joined the Army and served from January 1942 through November 1945. He was stationed in Bakersfield, Calif., and Germany.

Willard married Audrey Irene Nelson on Sept. 14, 1947, in Livingston. They celebrated 50 years of marriage together in 1997. They had four children, Bill (Kathy) Moffet of Moscow, Dean Moffet of Denver, Nicki Logan of Billings and Cara (Dennis) Sacry of Whitehall, Mont.

After discharge from the Army, Mr. Moffet returned to Billings. He worked for Smith's Funeral Home, Yellow Cab and eventually owned and operated

his own roofing and siding business, Midland Construction. Willard was a member of the American Legion Post 4, Elks Lodge #394, and the Billings Saddle Club. He enjoyed horses, 4th of July campouts and participating in the annual March of Dimes horseback ride, which he did from 1968-1983.

Mr. Moffet was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; two sisters, Marcella and Betty; five brothers, Harvey, Lloyd, Merle, Orville and twin brother Willis.

He is survived by children Bill, Dean, Nicki, Cara and Deanna (Ray) Anderson of Kelseyville, Calif.; seven grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

The family plans a graveside memorial service at a later date, with burial of the ashes at Sunset Memorial Cemetery in Billings.

Memorial contributions can be made to Willard Moffet Fund, March of Dimes, 643 Grand Ave., Billings, MT 59101.

SIDNEY — Funeral services for Melvin "Mel" Mohl, age 63, of Sidney, will be held at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, May 21, at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Sidney. Visitation will be on Monday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Burial will be in the Sidney Cemetery under the direction of the Fulkerson Funeral Home.

Melvin Duane Mohl peacefully left this earth on May 17, 2002, at his home in Sidney. He was born to Peter and Anna Mohl on Feb. 15, 1939, in Halliday, N.D.

Melvin moved to Sidney in 1957, where he met and married his best friend and wife, Louella Breitling, in 1962. They had two children, Laurie and Michael. Melvin worked in the automotive field as a mechanic and parts man since 1957. He was a hard-working man, working for Gem City Motors, Hedahls, and retiring in September of 2001 from Larson Motors in Sidney. He was a caring, giving man who was always willing to lend a hand whenever anyone asked. His hobbies included spending time with the family, watching old western movies, doing yard work, keeping his bird feeder full for all the birds, rabbits, pheasants and squirrels that lived in the back yard, "baby sitting" his children's dogs, Sam, Zach and Ben, and playing with his best

Halliday, N.D.; brothers Edwin Mohl of Halliday, Peter Mohl of Linden, Calif., and Norman Mohl of Bismarck, N.D.; two step-sisters, three step-brothers and numerous nieces and nephews.

Melvin was preceded in death by his parents; brothers Ray, Arthur, Wilbert, Harold and Richard. He was also preceded by his nephew, Lynn Mohl.

buddy, Brady, his own dog, Melvin was an active member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Sidney.

Melvin was a kind, gentle man who will be deeply missed by his family, friends, and anyone who was blessed to know him. Surviving him are his wife, Louella, of Sidney; daughter Laurie of Billings; son Michael of Sidney; sister Elsie Steffen of

# Katherine Benner Mohr

# BILLINGS GAZETTE

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PARK CITY — Katherine Benner Mohr, 100, of Park City, passed away Aug. 7, 2002, at Evergreen Laurel Health and Rehabilitation Center.

She was born at Walter, Russia, Nov. 10, 1901, a daughter of William and Anna Katherine Klippert Benner, Sr. When Katherine was 2, she and her parents entered the United States through Ellis Island. The family settled in Lincoln, Neb., and then moved to Park City in 1908.



**KATHERINE  
MOHR**

She attended Park City Schools and Billings Business College and then worked for Hart-Albin Co.

She married John Mohr, Jr., Sept. 18, 1927, in Park City. The couple farmed west of Park City until they retired and moved into Park City. Katherine has resided at Evergreen Laurel for the past two and a half years.

She was a devoted mother and grandmother and a lifelong member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church and was a long time member of LWML.

Survivors include four children, John W. (Betty) Mohr of Park City, Mary Ann (Duane) Guenther of Laurel, Martin (Kathy) Mohr of Park City, Harold (Sharon) Mohr of Laurel; 15 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren; one sister, Amelia Benner of Billings.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two sons; two brothers, Jacob Benner and William Benner, Jr.; and a sister, Margaret Sitzman.

Services will be 10 a.m. Monday, Aug. 12, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Park City. Interment will be in Park City Cemetery.

Memorials are suggested to: St. Paul's Lutheran Church Building Fund or The Lutheran Hour.

Smith Funeral Chapel-Laurel was in charge of arrangements.

## James N. Moline

ROLLINGS GAZETTE  
JAN 12 2002

**CIRCLE** — James Nelson Moline, 87, of Circle, passed away Thursday morning, Jan. 10, 2002, at the McCone County Health Center of congestive heart failure. Mr. Moline, son of James P. and Sophia Guldborg Moline, was born Oct. 29, 1914, on his father's homestead seven miles southwest of Brockway. He attended Brockway schools and graduated from Brockway High School in 1932. He lived his entire life in the Circle/Brockway area.

James married Bertha Ueland on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 26, 1942. They farmed and ranched near Brockway. In 1985, they moved to Circle, but remained active in the family business. Bertha preceded him in death by nine months.

Mr. Moline was a member of the Circle Masonic Lodge, Order of Easter Star, Shriners and the Brockway Community Church. He was a school board member for 25 years, a 4-H leader, McCone County Fair board member for 16 years, a founding board member of the McCone Nursing Home Corporation and an area trustee for Yellowstone Boys' and Girls' Ranch. He was active in the Brockway Commercial Club, especially in the production of the annual Dairy Day rodeo. He enjoyed going to livestock sales, rodeos and dances

and was particularly interested in horses.

He is survived by sons, Richard and wife Julie Moline of Sheridan, Wyo.; Charles and wife Darlene Moline of Brockway; and daughter Donna and husband James Ostby of Froid; eight grandchildren, Conrad Moline and wife Sara of Brockway, Christina Anderson and husband Eric of Pocatello, Idaho, Natalie Haugen and husband Rob of Sheridan, Wyo., Danya Lapp and husband Shannon of Rapid City, S.D., Amy Ostby-Larvie and husband Earl of Cocoa, Fla., Dustin Moline of Sheridan, Melodi Anderson and husband Travis of Sheridan, and Darby Idland and husband Erick of Circle; great-grandsons Jonathan Hart, Nicholas Anderson and James Haugen; great-granddaughter Sidnee Anderson; and numerous cousins.

Others preceding him in death were his parents; his sister Marian Moline of Great Falls; an infant granddaughter; and great-granddaughter, Amber Hart.

Visitation will be held Sunday, Jan. 13, from 2 to 8 p.m., at the Clayton Memorial Chapel in Circle. Funeral services will be Monday, Jan. 14, at 1 p.m., at United Christian Church, with Pastor David Aaseng of Circle officiating. Interment will be in the Brockway Cemetery. Clayton Memorial Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

## Olga M. Mollerstuen

Olga M. Mollerstuen, 86, passed away March 23, 2002, at St. John's Lutheran Home in Billings.

Olga was born Feb. 18, 1916, in Cayuga, N.D., the fifth of 13 children born to Ole and Marie Moen. Shortly after her birth, her family moved to a farm near Lambert, Mont., where



**OLGA  
MOLLERSTUEN**

she lived until she left with her older brothers to work at Fort Peck during the construction of the dam. She was a beautician there and continued in that profession for many years.

In 1947, she married Elvin Mollerstuen in Billings. A few years after their marriage, they began building homes together in the Billings Heights. They worked as true partners in business and all aspects of their personal life. In the 1960s, they began developing subdivisions with Ken Hollar. Their first venture into land development was the purchase of the property on which Atonement Lutheran Church today resides. Olga was instrumental in getting the church established on the land

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and she, along with Elvin, helped it grow to serve those living in the Heights. The partnership's final development was the section of land now known as Kimberly Heights.

Olga is preceded in death by her husband, Elvin; six brothers, including Gilman, Arnold, Roy and Oscar Moen; and four sisters, Mabel, Leila, Signa and Evelyn. She is survived by her daughter, Karen, of Denver and son, James, of Billings; her sister, Esther Smith, of Forsyth; and her brother, Carl, of Glendive.

Services for Olga Mollerstuen will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, March 27, at American Lutheran Church. Interment will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens. Visitation will begin Tuesday morning at Smith Downtown Chapel. Memorials may be made to St. John's Lutheran Home or the American Lutheran Church in Billings.

## Sue Taylor Mollison

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Sue Taylor Mollison was born June 11, 1938, in Billings, to Edward and Pearl Yocum (Taylor). She grew up in Billings and graduated from Billings Central High School in



**SUE MOLLISON**

1956. She moved to Bismarck, N.D., and lived there until her retirement in August, 2000. She attended Rocky Mountain College and graduated from the University of Mary with a degree in English.

For the 15 years before her retirement, she was employed by the Federal Judicial System. She spent most of her adult life active in Republican politics. She was a member of Republican Women, N.D. Republican Party, N.D. Mental Health Association, the Billings Class of '56 Birthday Club and Billings High School Class of '56 Reunion Committee.

She moved back to Billings in August 2000. This was her favorite place in the world and she was surrounded by her many dear lifetime friends, especially her birthday club buddies. She delighted family with all her artis-

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tic talents. She was an avid gardener and she loved a great joke. Her computer was her lifeline and she kept herself connected to everyone via email. The gifts from her hands leave us with lasting memories and treasure's from her.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Edward Yocum and Pearl Hoiness; stepfather Clarence Hoiness; and sister Nancy Schickli.

She is survived by three daughters, Victoria (Daniel) Woodward and their children, Laura, Erin and Kimberly Woodward, all of Madison, Wis.; Deborah (Craig) Davis and their children, Anne and Margaret Davis, all of Grand Forks, N.D.; Susan (Dean) Goebel and their children, Tessa and Jared Goebel, all of Grand Junction, Colo.; and one son, John (Sue) Mollison and their children, Curtis and Abigail Mollison, all of Sioux Falls.

Memorials can be made to the Margaret Rigby Class of '56 Memorial Scholarship Fund, 2807 Shirley, Billings, MT 59102.

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**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

## **Dale Cutler Moncur**

**COLSTRIP — Dale Cutler Moncur, 79, died Friday morning, June 21, 2002, in his home.**

**Funeral services will be 1 p.m. Tuesday, June 25, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Colstrip. Graveside services will be 11 a.m. Wednesday, June 26 at the Lovell Cemetery in Lovell, Wyo. Beals Mortuary of Forsyth is in charge of arrangements in Colstrip. Haskell Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements in Lovell.**

**MAR 12 2002****Alice Elizabeth Monier**

**YPSLANTI, Mich. — Alice Elizabeth Monier, 82, of Ypsilanti, died Saturday, March 9, 2002, at the Hartland of Ann Arbor Care Facility.**

**Visitation will begin at 1 p.m. Sunday, March 17, at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City. Graveside services will be at 12 noon in the family lot in the Custer County Cemetery. Friends and family will meet at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home at 11:30 a.m. to proceed to the cemetery.**

## **Clayton Montclair, Sr.**

POPLAR — Clayton Raymond Montclair, Sr., 47, died Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2002, at Deaconess Billings Clinic following a brief illness.

Wake services will be at 7 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 17. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. on Monday, Nov. 18, at the Poplar Cultural Center. Burial will be in the Poplar City Cemetery. Bell Mortuary of Glasgow is in charge.

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## **Richard L. Montclair**

**JUN 20 2002**

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

POPLAR — Richard L. "Pac-Man" Montclair, 19, died June 18, 2002.

Wake services will be at 7 p.m. Sunday, June 23, at the Culture Center in Poplar. The funeral will be at 2 p.m. Monday, June 24, at the Culture Center in Poplar. Burial will be in the Poplar City Cemetery. Clayton Memorial Chapel is in charge.

# Josephine S. Montgomery

MAY 12 2002  
BILLINGS GAZETTE

CODY, Wyo. — Josephine S. Montgomery passed into God's hands at 1 a.m. on May 9, 2002, at her daughter Jody's house with her beloved and devoted husband, Edward, by her side.

She was born Josephine Rosa Salvo in Belmont, Mass., on April 12, 1925. There, she attended Simmons College when she was not cutting class to watch the Red Sox in nearby Fenway Park. Josephine majored in chemistry and foreign languages and upon graduation moved to San Francisco to work for Shell Oil as a foreign patent researcher. In San Francisco, she met her husband, Edward, when she went on a blind date orchestrated by a mutual friend. Often over the years she recollected that first meeting with her "handsome marine, Major Montgomery." Thereafter, as an adopted Marine, Josephine was fondly known as "Gunner" Salvo. Within months Josephine and Edward agreed to marry. On Oct. 17, 1953, in a small service on Treasure



**JOSEPHINE  
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Island, San Francisco Bay, they formalized their passion for each other. Immediately after, Ed and Josie traveled to her hometown and enjoyed a second reception with the multitude of relatives from Josie's extended family.

They settled in Washington D.C., and then to a farm called the Rocking M in Hillsboro, Va., where they remained until 1990. At the farm, they raised their three children, Adair Montgomery Reeve, Ross Stuart Montgomery and Jody Montgomery Vannoy. Josie created and maintained a joyful and healthy home environment for her family. During those years, she kept frequent contact with her parents, Frances Grace Bonanno and Rosario Salvo, as well as her dear brother, Johnny. In 1990 she and Ed moved to both Wellington, Fla. and Cody, dividing their time between the two residences. Wherever she was, her attention was deeply attached to her three children and her four grandchildren.

Josie had a secure and abiding faith and relationship with our God the Father, His Son Jesus and the Holy Spirit. She innately sought to improve her conscious contact with God, asking only for knowledge of His will and the power to carry that out. Josie is survived by her husband, Ed, and her three children, Adair, Ross and Jody, and her grandchildren, Andrew Boyce and Madeleine

A church service will be at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, May 14, at Christ Episcopal Church. A memorial service will also be at 10 a.m. at the Cross Five Ranch on Wednesday, May 15, with interment at the Valley Cemetery immediately following. To share our remembrances, we will return to the Cross Five for brunch after the graveside services. All friends of the family are welcome.

Grace Reeve, and Emma Francesca and Hanna Scout Vannoy, all of whom she treasured and all of whom treasured her.

Josephine was remarkable in her ability to forgive, to look for the virtue in others and to ignore the flaws. Others sense in the light of her eyes and the warm smile on her face, that she truly loved others. In turn, she was truly loved by those who met her.

# Lillian E. Montgomery

# BILLINGS GAZETTE

# FEB 11 2002

Lillian E. Montgomery, 82, of Billings and formerly of Laurel, passed away early Sunday morning, Feb. 10, 2002.

Lillian was born in Tuttle, N.D., a daughter of Christian and Pauline (Leno) Schuler. She was raised and educated in Tuttle, later moving on to Bismarck. It was here that she met Roy E. Montgomery and on Aug. 8, 1942, they were married in Glendive.

When Roy was discharged from the Army, they moved to Centralia, Wash., where they lived for eight years before moving on to Belle Fourche, later to Sidney and in the late 1950's settling in Billings. Lillian worked at Scheel's, Hart-Albins and Gibson's Discount. When Roy retired in 1979, he and Lillian moved to Laurel where in 1985, they built a new home.

Survivors include her husband, Roy; a son, Richard and his wife, Patricia of Williston; a daughter, Connie K. of Austin; three grandchildren, Jason Montgomery, Tracy (Jared) Brudwick and Carolyn Montgomery; two brothers, Harold (Dee) and Albert (Gladys) Schuler; three sisters, Betty Schuler, Clara (Gerald) Mertz and Elsie (Don) Fuhrmann; three sisters-in-law, Matilda Schuler, Noni Morasko and Carole Wikman; and two brothers-in-law. Had Montgomery and

Lyle Hetletved. Her parents, two brothers, Rev. Herbert Schuler and Chris Schuler and a sister, Agnes Hetletved preceded Lillian in death.

A memorial service will be 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 12, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Laurel. Cremation has taken place. Smith Downtown Chapel of Billings is in charge of arrangements.



## Marcelyn Montgomery

## BILLINGS GAZETTE

LEWISTOWN — Marcelyn Rose (Colver) Montgomery, 76, died Tuesday, Aug. 6, 2002, at a care facility in Moore.

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A memorial service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 10, at Creel Funeral Home Chapel in Lewistown. Cremation has taken place. Inurnment will be in the Lewistown City Cemetery.

## **Doris Arlene Moody**

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Doris Arlene Moody, 65, of Sheridan, died Friday, April 19, 2002, at her home, due to complications from breast cancer.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday, April 24, at Champion Ferries Funeral Home in Sheridan. Private family interment of cremains will be in the Sheridan Municipal Cemetery at a later date.

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**Hilda C. Moody**

**POWELL, Wyo. — Hilda C. Moody, 96, died Wednesday, April 10, 2002, at the Powell Nursing Home.**

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

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## Cecil Rex Moore

MAY 29 2002  
BILLINGS GAZETTE

POWELL, Wyo. — Cecil Rex Moore, age 85, passed away at the Powell Nursing Home on Monday evening, May 27, 2002. He was born on Jan. 5, 1917, in Julian, Neb., to Walter Herbert and Maude Louise (Cummings) Moore. The family moved to Powell in 1930. "Rex" graduated from Powell High School. On March 16, 1936, he and Ruth Elizabeth Vawter were married in Red Lodge, Mont.

He joined the U.S. Navy and served aboard a Jeep carrier in the Pacific during WWL He was honorably discharged in 1945. He was employed with AT&T and Western Union as a maintenance employee. He enjoyed fishing, playing bridge, hunting, dancing, and loved music. He was a member of the VFW, American Legion and the Elks Club.

His wife Ruth of the family home; a son, Ken and wife Diana of Anchorage, Alaska; a brother, Jack Moore and wife Victoria of Richland, Wash.; four grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren survive him. His parents and a brother, Herbert Dean Moore, preceded him in death.

Per his wishes, cremation has taken place and memorial services will be held at a later date. Should friends desire, memorials might be made to the Rocky Mountain

Cancer Center, Billings, Mont., or  
to the Powell Nursing Home.  
Miratsky-Easton Funeral  
Home, Powell, is in charge of these  
arrangements.

# Gary Richard Moore

BILLINGS GAZETTE

Gary Richard Moore passed away peacefully after a courageous battle with cancer early Sunday morning, March 3, 2002, at his home, with family by his side.

Gary was born on Sept. 11, 1941, in Billings to C.O. "Buss" and Ellen Moore. He was raised and educated in Billings and married Beverly J. Grafel on May 23, 1964, in Billings.

Gary was drafted in 1963 into the U.S. Army and was stationed in Germany, where his bride joined him. They traveled extensively throughout Europe. Upon his discharge, they returned to Billings where they lived and raised their family.

Gary worked for the Yellowstone County surveyor's office prior to entering the military and after his discharge. He then worked for Mueller Engineering. During this time, he also served as a reserve deputy with the Yellowstone County Sheriff's Department, where he eventually became a full-time Deputy. A few years later, he became a deputy sheriff for Rosebud County. Gary was dedicated to the duty of law enforcement, however, the love for his family drew him back into the engineering field where he resumed employment with

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Mueller Engineering, now known as Engineering, Inc. Gary continued to work for Engineering, Inc. until he passed away.

Gary was a very family oriented person. He was a loving father, husband and loyal friend. He could often be spotted working on "special" projects in his garage or getting ready for one of his many fishing/camping trips with his family. He was active in the lives of his children, serving as a Little League baseball coach and league president, avid supporter of his children's local swim club, often traveling hundreds of miles for meets over the years. He could be seen at all the sporting events his children participated in throughout their high school years. He served actively with the Billings Senior High School Booster Club even after his children had graduated.

He is survived by his loving wife, Bev, of 38 years; and his four children, Michael and wife Sherry of Billings, Robert and wife Jennifer of Billings, Bret and wife Connie of Honolulu, Hawaii, Lisa and her husband David of Billings. Gary had five grandchildren that he absolutely adored: Alisa ("I love you, Papa"), Logan, Parker, Heather and Cody.

A celebration of his life will be held on Thursday, March 7, at 11 a.m. at First United Methodist Church in Billings. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to Big Sky Hospice or the Ronald McDonald House of Billings. Michelotti-Sawyers has charge of arrangements.

### Joanne Lee Stripp Moore

May 16, 1926 — Sept. 22, 2002

MIDLAND, Mich. — Joanne Lee Stripp Moore was the youngest of five children born to Albert (Doc) and Montana (Tschudy) Stripp of 301 Clark Ave. in Billings.

She was predeceased by brothers Bert and Jim; survived by sisters Georgia (Rowe) and Jean (Zepp), both of Sun City, Ariz.

Joanne was married to William G. Moore in 1948, moved to Midland and divorced in 1975.

She left a strong sense of irreverence to seven daughters (Carol, who died in 1983; Tana, Barbara, Janet, Anne, Jamie and Christie) and eight grandchildren (Derek, Carrie, Kate, Molly, Sally, Maggie, Holly and Noah).

She was an avid sportswoman (fishing, hunting, golf, bowling),

prolific knitter and marathon Scrabble player.

Employers in Michigan included the Republican Party and the State Police.

She retained her acerbic wit after a severely disabling stroke in 1998. While bedridden, she repeatedly confronted death and stared him down; began learning to use a laptop computer; and was winning her last Scrabble match when it was time to put the board away.

Final inquiry: "Do we just keep laughing until it's over?"

Final observation: "I'm afraid to fall asleep. I might miss something."

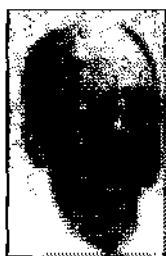
Memorial donations may be made to the Montana Wildlife Federation, PO Box 1175, Helena, MT 59624.

# Lewis Moore, Jr.

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BILLINGS GAZETTE

**GLENDIVE** — Lewis Wiles Moore, Jr., 52, died Tuesday, May 28, 2002, at his home in Glendive. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church on Monday, June 3, with Father John Naumann officiating. Interment will follow in the Dawson County Cemetery. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Glendive is entrusted with the arrangements.



**LEWIS  
MOORE, JR.**

Born on Sept. 9, 1949, in Glendive, the son of Lewis and **M a r y** (Kindsfater) Moore, Lew lived most of his life in Glendive. He was the owner of the Rose Theater and a former

teacher at Dawson Community College.

Lew earned his bachelor's degree at the University of Montana and his master's in classical languages at the University of Washington. He enjoyed playing bridge, taking walks, listening to music, studying world history and Latin, reading and doing crossword puzzles. He was a member of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, Glendive Elks 1324 Lodge, and Glendive

cousins. He was preceded in death by his mother, Mary Moore.

Contributions may be sent to the Mary Moore Scholarship Fund, Dawson Community College, Box 421, Glendive, MT 59330, or St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, Box 871, Glendive, MT 59330.

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Mr. Moore is survived by his father, Lewis W. Moore, Sr., of Bigfork; one brother, Mark Joseph Moore of Bigfork; one sister, Elizabeth Lee and her husband Wayne Hackney of Beaumont, Calif.; two nephews, Lewis Hackney and Dustin Hackney; one uncle; and two



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## Lindy Moore

LIVINGSTON — On Monday, March 25, 2002, Livingston resident Lindy Moore left this world

as peacefully as she lived it.

Lindy was born Dec. 16, 1949, the oldest of four children born to Claude and Dorothy Moore. Lindy was a very spiritual and



**LINDY MOORE**

strong woman and it was that spirituality and strength that she carried with her until the very end. Lindy was battling scleroderma and lost her battle with this disease while undergoing a research study. Before participating in the study, Lindy wrote these words in her journal, "My resolve is firm ... I have a genuine need to give back and to help others. I am not afraid."

Lindy's greatest support came from her husband, Barry Burns. She was never shy in her expression of love for him and always talked about how well her "Big Bear" was taking care of her.

Lindy was preceded in death by her parents, Claude and Dorothy Moore. Her memory lives on in the hearts of her brothers, Willard and his wife Julie of Ronan, Tommy and his wife Connie of Columbia

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Falls; her sister Becky Berge of Billings; and her aunt and uncle, Louise and Red Monical and family of Billings.

Lindy's nieces and nephews were the light of her life. She was always there to support them, whether it was a graduation, wedding, concert, ball game or demo derby. They are Jeff, Ryon and Amber Moore of Columbia Falls, Jeri and Bill Moore of Ronan, Layne Berge and Kristen Mavencamp of Billings. Lindy also leaves behind an extended family of friends and "critters" who will miss her dearly.

Cremation has taken place. A celebration of Lindy's life and spirit will be held in Livingston at a future date. Fly on, Free Bird.

# Lois R. Moore

# BILLINGS GAZETTE

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Lois R. Moore, 89, of Sheridan, died Tuesday, Aug. 13, 2002, in Sheridan Manor.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 21, at Champion Ferries Funeral Home in Sheridan.

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## **Lyle E. Moore**

**LEWISTOWN —** Lyle E. Moore, 91, of Lewistown, died Thursday, Sept. 5, 2002, at Valle Vista Manor.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 7, in the Central Montana Memorial Gardens. Cloyd Funeral Home of Lewistown is in charge.

# Mesha Sophia Moore

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## BILLINGS GAZETTE

Mesha was born on April 1, of this year. In the short time she was with us, she captivated our hearts and filled our home with joy. Mesha wrapped us around her tiny fingers with nothing but whimpers, gurgles and an unforgettable smile. She taught us how to be thankful, and how to love each other. Mesha died quietly in her sleep during the early hours of Saturday, June 15, 2002.



**MESHA  
MOORE**

Mesha had the perfect life. She was born into a sinful world, but never experienced the pain of its effect. She was born and died in complete innocence. She was nurtured, provided for and greatly loved. Our hearts are broken, but thankful that God trusted us with such a beautiful life. Our hopes rest in our loving Savior, who's holding her now, comfortably nestled against his chest.

Mesha is survived by her father and mother, Terrell and Brooke (Sayer) Moore; her brother, Shad; maternal grandparents, Dan and Jan Sayer; paternal grandparents; Geri and Jim

friends; Dane Jenson, Sarah Starr, Josh Strong and Laura Downer.

Dear Mesha, thank you for choosing us for your family. All our love... Mommy, Daddy and Shadrach.

Graveside services will be held at 3 p.m. on Thursday, June 20, at the Terrace Gardens Cemetery. No public visitations are planned. Smith Downtown Chapel is in charge.

Marley; great-grandparents; Frosty Sayer, Keith and Delofis Berry, Ernie and Myrna Chavez; Gene and Patti Marley; her uncles, Josh Sayer, and Curtis and his wife, Shannon Sayer; an aunt and her husband, Angie and Tim Love; four cousins, Kara, Caitlin, Aaron and Jordan; and other extended family. Mesha is joined by family; Deha Chavez, Terrell Moore Sr., Lois Sayer, and

# **Mona Rae Moore**

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Mona Rae Moore, 46, of Sheridan, died Tuesday, Nov. 5, 2002, at her home, of cancer.

Rosary services will be at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 7, at Kane Funeral Home in Sheridan. Mass of the Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. Friday, Nov. 8, at Holy Name Catholic Church. Interment will be in the Sheridan Elks Cemetery.

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# Pearl J. Moore

BILLINGS GAZETTE

**BIG TIMBER** — Pearl J. Moore passed away Wednesday, April 17, 2002, at the Pioneer Medical Center.

She was born May 1, 1911, on the Sisseton-Wahpeton Indian Reservation in North Dakota where her Norwegian parents,



Ole Herman **PEARL MOORE** Nelson and Hedvig Lydia Nelson, homesteaded in 1888.

Pearl was valedictorian of her high school in 1929 in Havana, N.D. She began her college education in 1930 at the State Normal College in Ellendale, N.D. Pearl taught for 18 years in rural schools in North Dakota and Montana. Her students were from various ethnic groups, including Hutterites and Native Americans.

In 1936, she married the late Walter J. Moore. They had two children and lived in Mandan and Bismarck, N.D. In 1962, they moved to Lewistown. Pearl and Walter were divorced in 1970.

Pearl received her Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education from Eastern Montana College at the age of 61 and returned to Big Timber in 1972 to make her permanent home.

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She was a member of Big Timber Lutheran Church, Dorcas Circle, Trio Club, Wilitgro Garden Club, Star Links, Sons of Norway, Retired Teachers, and American Association of University Women. Pearl was chosen the 1997 Big Timber Senior Citizen of the Year.

Pearl is survived by her children, Dr. Margaret Gorman of Fraser, Mich., and Sherwood and Juanita Moore of East Missoula; her grandchildren, Angela and Keith Steffke of Michigan, Libby and Frank Raab of Illinois, Garrick Moore, Ericka and Brian Hughes and Grant Moore of Montana; her great-grandchildren, Elise Louise Steffke, Martin Walter Steffke, Ashley Brianna Hughes, Cameron John Hughes, Bryce Phillip Raab, Koen Gorman Raab; and numerous friends and relatives.

Funeral services are scheduled for 2 p.m. Saturday, April 20, at Big Timber Lutheran Church. Graveside committal services will follow at Mountain View Cemetery. Lowry Funeral Home is pleased to assist the family with the arrangements.



## **Robert E. 'Bob' Moore**

Robert E. "Bob" Moore, 67, of Billings, passed away peacefully, Monday morning, Dec. 23, 2002, at Horizon Hospice House.

Bob is survived by his daughter, Rebecca LaSorte and grandson Michael Kennedy of Wilmington, Del.; mother, Edna Moore of Billings; and brother Willard Moore of Columbus.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial services are planned in January at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary.

Memorials may be made to Horizon Hospice House.

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# Terryn Allie Moore

## BILLINGS GAZETTE

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WHITEWATER — Terryn Allie Moore, 1 year, died Thursday, Aug. 15, 2002, at the Phillips County Hospital, after being hit by a pickup in Whitewater.



### TERRYN MOORE

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Monday,

Aug. 19, at the Whitewater High School Gymnasium, with burial in the Forks Cemetery. Adams Funeral Home of Malta is in charge of arrangements.

Survivors include his parents, Sean and Mandy Moore; brother, Thyus A. Moore; sister, Tatum A. Moore, all of Whitewater; maternal grandparents, Allie and Sue Olsen of Whitewater; paternal grandparents, Terry and Jacque Moore of Mayville, N.D.; maternal great-grandparents, Milton and Marjorie Olsen of Whitewater and Clarice Stahl of Saco; paternal great-grandparents, Inez Moore of Cando, N.D., Duane and Norma Barker of Devils Lake, N.D.; numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was preceded in death by great-grandfathers, Carl Stahl and Karl Moore.

Terryn was born on May 22, 2001, at Glasgow, the son of Sean T. and Mandy M. (Olsen) Moore. He was raised in Whitewater.

## Everett G. Moorman

Everett G. Moorman, 71, passed away at his home on Monday, Oct. 14, 2002, from congestive heart failure and the complications of diabetes.

Everett was born to Everett W. and Mollie (Schreiner) Moorman in Laurel, on March 14, 1931.



**EVERETT  
MOORMAN**

He attended school in Laurel and served in the Marine Corps from 1949 to 1952, serving on the front lines with the tank battalion in Korea beginning with the first UN counteroffensive in February 1951 and throughout the second Korean winter of 1952.

Everett married Jody Spencer in September 1952, and they had a daughter, Kathei and a son, Guy. He married JoAnn Greer in 1957, and they had a daughter, Laura. In 1960, he married Phyllis White and they, too, had a daughter, Shelley.

He worked in tire sales and later in automobile sales for a number of years until he was forced to retire in 1985 due to ill health.

Everett is survived by his wife, Phyllis; daughters Kathei McMullen of Enfield, Conn., Laura Hoff of Bakersfield, Calif., and Shelley Nelson of White Sulphur Springs; as well as six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; his sister Loraine Greeno of Park City; brother Wayne C. Moorman of Fromberg; and his mother, Mollie Moorman of Laurel. His father, Everett W. Moorman; and his son, Guy Moorman Bowman, preceded him in death.

Cremation has taken place and a memorial service will be at Cremation or Funeral Gallery, Monday, Oct. 21, at 10 a.m. Memorials may be made to the charity of choice.

## Virginia Macey Morales

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**BALLANTINE** — Virginia Macey "Peanut" Morales, of Ballantine, left us to be with God on April 5, 2002. Virginia came into our lives on the morning of March 27, 2002, in St. Vincent's Hospital in Billings.

She was the beloved daughter of Ariana Morales. Virginia brought smiles to all who knew her and they will cherish the precious time they had with her. She will be greatly missed. Virginia's family is lucky because now they have a beautiful guardian angel to watch over them.

She is survived by her mother, Ariana Morales of Ballantine; her grandparents, Walley and Remedios Morales of Ballantine and Frances Morales of Billings; three uncles, John (Chris) Morales of Billings, Nash Morales of Ballantine and Frank Morales of Kuwait; her aunt, Ann (Harvey) Hugs of Miles City; along with numerous cousins. Virginia was preceded in death by her great-grandparents, Gonzalo and Carmen Morales; and an aunt, Cynthia Morales.

We love you and know that you're in our hearts now and forever.

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Thank you, for the gift of  
you.

You gave us hope by just  
being you!

After the hurting and healing  
are through,

We'll treasure most of all,  
the gift of you.

A Funeral Mass will be held  
at 10 a.m. on Thursday, April 11,  
at St. Cyril and Methodius  
Catholic Church in Ballantine,  
with Rite of Committal to fol-  
low at Pleasantview Cemetery.

Smith Downtown Chapel of  
Billings is in charge of local  
arrangements.

# Walley 'Lupe' Morales

**BELLINGS GAZETTE**

**NOV 28 2002**

**BALLANTINE** — Walley 'Lupe' Morales, 65, of Ballantine, passed away early Monday morning, Nov. 25, 2002, at St. Vincent Healthcare.

Lupe was born on Dec. 15, 1936, a son of Gonzalez and Carmen (Victoria) Morales. He was raised and educated in the Project and in February of 1954 enlisted in the U.S. Navy.



**LUPE  
MORALES**

Following his discharge from the service, Lupe returned to Montana and began farming in the Hysham area. In 1960, he married Frances Pena and to that union six children were born.

Lupe worked at various farms and ranches in the Project over the next 30 years, with the last 20 years spent with J.B. Gerson and Company.

On July 3, 1987, he married Remedios Sarmiento. Lupe loved being outdoors working, playing with his dogs, and being near his family.

Survivors include his wife, Remedios; five children, Frank Morales, John (Chris) Morales, Annie Hugs, Nash Morales and Ariana Morales; three stepchildren, Sylvia (John) Keele, Delia (Bob) Keele and Calistro Colunga;

13 brothers and sisters, Stany (Delta) Morales, Adelene Halverson, Paula Schieno, Abby Quanback, Gons (Doria) Morales, Cere Morales, Julio (Robbie) Morales, Emily (Gary) Akins, Carmon (Lloyd) Medina, Julie (Terry) Brown, Jim Morales, Liz Marr and Linda (Charlie) Logan; 10 grandchildren; 12 step-grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews and adopted grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; one daughter, Cynthia Ann; and one granddaughter, Virginia Macey.

A vigil service will be held at 7 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 29, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. The funeral mass will be at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 30, at Our Lady of Guadalupe, with cremation to follow. Smith Downtown Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

# Edna E. Moran

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BILLINGS GAZETTE

COLUMBUS — Edna E. Moran passed away Tuesday, May 14, 2002, in Columbus, at the age of 92. She was born Nov. 7, 1909, in Antelope County, Neb., to Albert and Edith Armstrong. She was the eldest of 12 children. At the age of 3, she came with her family to Laurel. She graduated from Laurel High School in 1926.



**EDNA MORAN**

In 1942, she went to work on the Ford Brown Ranch north of Reed Point. She remained there for 36 years.

Her grandchildren spent time with her helping with chores. She loved caring for the animals, especially the race horses. When Ford passed away in 1978, Edna moved to Columbus to be near her daughter.

Edna was a member of the Evangelical Church of North America. She was a 4-H leader for many years, belonged to the Reed Point Homemakers Club and attended Women's Week in Bozeman. She loved to sew, crochet, do crafts and work crossword puzzles. Mother found great pleasure in her garden and flowers.

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Edna was known as "Cookie" by all those who knew her from the ranch. Family members knew her as Aunt "Puddy" or "Pud." She was loved by all who knew her and was always there to lend a helping hand.

She is survived by son Jerry (Marge) Moran of Laurel and daughter Margie (Al) Wegner of Columbus. Two sisters and one brother remain, Eva and Lou Armstrong of Laurel and Doris Smith of Columbia Falls; 10 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; seven brothers; one sister; a son, Commander Thomas A. Moran; and a great-granddaughter.

Graveside services will be held 10 a.m. Friday, May 17, in the Laurel Cemetery. Smith Funeral Chapel-Laurel is in charge of arrangements. No visitation.



## Musetta G. Moran

Musetta G. Moran, 93, passed away Monday, Sept. 2, 2002, at Valley Health Care Center in Billings. She was the oldest of four children born in Glendive, on Jan. 12, 1909, to Walter Lloyd and Emma Josephine (Lease) Hatch.



**MUSETTA  
MORAN**

The family lived on a homestead near Bloomfield. She attended a country school until high school. Musetta and her sister "batched" during their high school years in Richey, graduating in 1927. During the summer between Musetta's junior and senior years of high school and the summer following graduation, she attended college in Miles City. This qualified her to be an elementary teacher.

That fall she started teaching in a country school in Eastern Montana where she met Leonard L. Mosser. They were married in 1928. Three daughters were born to this union: Alice, Jo Anne and Mary. They later divorced. Musetta married Elmer C. Moran in 1944. With this marriage, she became the stepmother of six children: Jeanne, Malcolm (Neil), Daniel, David, Virginia and Donald (Rick). A son, Dennis, was born in 1949. Musetta and E.C. raised 10 children in Stanford.

When she married E.C. (an economic botanist), she became involved in his forestry seeds and crude botanical drugs business. Because of their business, Musetta and her husband traveled extensively throughout the Western United States collecting, buying and selling seeds. After WWII, the business developed into an international concern, selling and purchasing seeds in Europe and Asia. The location of Stanford had nothing to do with this worldwide business; it was just a good place to live and raise children.

Her husband, E.C. Moran died in 1982. Musetta continued to reside in Stanford until 1987 when she moved to Billings.

Musetta enjoyed traveling and visiting her family. She celebrated her 88th birthday in Perth, Australia, while visiting her son, Dennis, and his wife, Nancy. When 90, she fell and broke an ankle and while recuperating at the nursing home, she fell again, breaking a leg. From then until her death, she continued to reside at Valley Health Care Center in Billings.

While living in Stanford, she was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, Presbyterian Women's Club, Pythian Sisters, Stanford Women's Club and Home Demonstration Club. Other interests included reading, knitting, crocheting, sewing and attending ball games and other school activities when her children were involved. She was never too busy to help others and there were numerous times when there were more than 10 children under the Moran roof.

Musetta is survived by her daughter, Alice Williamson and husband Axel of Florence, Ore., and their sons, Gary (Margaret) of Aptos, Calif., Gale (Angie) of San Ramona, Calif., and Scott of Florence, Ore.; daughter, Jo Anne Eschler of Helena and her daughter, Heidi (Jim) Danicich of Seattle; daughter, Mary Merten of Billings; son, Dennis Moran

Wynny, of Perth, Australia; stepdaughters, Jeanne Moran of Chewelah, Wash., and Virginia Ballinger (Merlin) of Powell Wyo.; stepson, David of Phoenix stepdaughters-in-law, Pilar (Donald/Rick) of LaManga, Spain and Caroline (Daniel) of Phoenix her sister, Viola McDonald of O'Fallon, Mo.; 12 step-granddaughters; four step-grandsons; numerous great- and step-great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews

She was preceded in death by her husband, E.C. Moran; sister, Alice Halstead; brother, Ambrose Hatch; stepsons, Malcolm (Neil), Daniel, and Donald (Rick) Moran; sons-in-law, Jack Merten and L. Edward Escher; step-daughter-in-law, Lorraine (Malcolm/Neil); a great grandson and a step-great-granddaughter.

At her request, Musetta's remains will be scattered in the Little Belt Mountains near Stanford with her late husband's at which time a memorial service will be held.

A special thank you to the staff at Valley Health Care Center and Big Sky Hospice. Memorials may be made to Big Sky Hospice, PO Box 35033, Billings, MT 59107

Arrangements were made by Cremation or Funeral Gallery and Cremation Society of Montana in Billings.

## **Nora E. Moran**

**WOLF POINT** — Our mother and grandmother, Nora E. Moran, went to be with our Lord on Sept. 9, 2002, at Faith Lutheran Home in Wolf Point.

She was born on Nov. 23, 1922, in Bisbee, N.D., to Robert and Mary (Vandal) Azure. She was raised and attended schools in Belcourt, N.D., moving to Wolf Point in 1950.

On March 25, 1978, she married Reuben Moran in Wolf Point.

She was preceded in death by her husband Reuben; a daughter Doreen; and a son, Boniface Clayton Moran.

Nora, a 50-year resident of Wolf Point, was a member of Catholic Daughters and St. Theresa's of Immaculate Conception Church. She enjoyed her family, friends, playing bingo, cards, and especially loved her church.



**NORA  
MORAN**

Survivors include Richard (Judy) Poitra of Mukilteo, Wash., Julius (Pam) Poitra of Billings, Mark (Karen) Moran of Laurel, Robert (Glenda) Moran of Laurel, Elise (Steve) Eggebrecht of Vida, Gary (Agnes) Moran, Patrick (Sherry) Poitra, Ruby (Sam) Bauer and Jerry Moran, all of Wolf Point; 20 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitations will be held from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 11, with Rosary at 7 p.m. at the Clayton Memorial Chapel in Wolf Point. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 12, at the Immaculate Conception Church in Wolf Point, with Rev. Fr. Steve Zabrocki officiating. Interment will be Greenwood Cemetery.

# Rev. Patrick Moran

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NAPERVILLE, Ill. — Rev.

Patrick Moran died after a lengthy illness on Wednesday, March 13, 2002, in Naperville. Mass of Christian Burial will take place there at St. Margaret Mary Church at 11



REV. MORAN

a.m. on Monday, March 18. Friedrich-Jones Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Father Moran was born on Oct. 23, 1915, in Dun Laoghaire, Ireland, to Christopher Moran and Annie Tuite Moran. He moved to Chicago in 1927, where he attended St. Sabina Elementary School and then St. Ignatius College Preparatory School. After studies at Loyola University and St. Thomas Seminary in Denver, he was ordained as a priest for the Diocese of Great Falls-Billings on April 10, 1943, in Burlington, Iowa. He was assigned to serve at St. Leo Parish and School in Lewistown.

In 1945, Father Moran was assigned to St. Ann Cathedral in Great Falls, and in 1950 he became pastor of Blessed Sacrament Church in Black Eagle. When the plans were completed for Great Falls Central Catholic

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High School, which was a combination of St. Mary's Institute, St. Thomas High School and the High School of the Ursuline Academy. Father Moran was given the office of principal of the new institution, discharging his duties faithfully for three years.

In August 1953, he was assigned as pastor of the newly erected parish of Sacred Heart in Terry. In December 1956, he became pastor of St. Benedict Church in Roundup. He moved to St. Mary Church and School in Livingston in July 1961, and as pastor, conducted the construction of a new school, church and rectory. In July 1974, he was transferred to St. Pius X Church in Billings.

In 1975, Father Moran was granted a leave of absence from diocesan service to work at the Sacred Heart School of Theology in Hales Corners, Wis. He remained at this seminary until his retirement in 1981. He then took up residence at St. Philip the Apostle Church in Addison, until 1985, when he moved to St. John Vianney Villa in Naperville. He spent his retirement years in helping out at many parishes throughout the Diocese of Joliet, with frequent visits to Montana.

# Myrna Amanda Mord

BILLINGS GAZETTE

MALTA — Myrna Amanda Mord, 44, died Tuesday, July 30, 2002, at the Phillips County Good Samaritan Center, after a lengthy illness.

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Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 3, at the Adams Memorial Chapel in Malta. Interment will be at 3 p.m. Saturday, at the Turner Cemetery at Turner.

**MAR 16 2002****Jack H. Morehouse**

GLASGOW — Jack H. Morehouse, 70, of Glasgow, died Wednesday, March 13, 2002, at his home in Colorado Springs, Colo., of cancer.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, March 18, at First United Methodist Church in Glasgow. Burial will be in Highland Cemetery in Glasgow. Bell Mortuary of Glasgow is in charge.

# **Donald Richard Morgan**

Donald Richard Morgan, 62, died Monday, Aug. 12, 2002, at the Billings Health and Rehabilitation.

Cremation has taken place. At his request, no services will be held.

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

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## **Gary Lee Morgan**

**SHERIDAN, Wyo.** — Gary Lee Morgan, 50, of Sheridan, died Sunday, March 3, 2002, at his home.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service was held Friday, March 8, at the VA Medical Center Chapel. Kane Funeral Home of Sheridan is in charge.

## **Keith A. Morgan**

**Keith A. Morgan, 72, of Billings, passed away on Sept. 11, 2002.**



**KEITH  
MORGAN**

He was born Aug. 21, 1930, the son of Howard and Annabelle Way Morgan in Erie, Pa.

Keith served in the armed forces overseas in Germany

from 1948 to 1954. He was the brother of Virginia Maynard, Dorothy Koenne, Phyllis Williams, Russell, Delbert, Paul, Ronald and Miles and Jack Morgan.

He is survived by his wife, Ethel J. Wertz Morgan; and his children, Rosie Frickle, Harold Hart, Kenny Hart, Helen Frickle, Mitchell Hart, Trudy Wahl and Cindy Morgan. He is survived by many nieces, nephews, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his son, the late Robert Joe Morgan.

Keith was a truck driver for Presquo Tech Inc. in Erie for 20 years, then moved to Billings 23 years ago. He worked at Eastern Montana College for 16 years before retiring to country living in Lockwood.

Private family viewing will be held prior to cremation.

Memorial services will be held Thursday, Sept. 19, at Lockwood Evangelical Church, 1413 Rosebud Lane, Billings, MT 59101, at 1:30 p.m.

## Marian H. Morgan

ST. REGIS — Marian H. Morgan, of St. Regis, died suddenly of natural causes, July 10, 2002, at home.

Marian Hope Sombar was born on Dec. 23, 1913. She grew up in Kline and attended school at Roundup and Bozeman, where she graduated from high school. She married James E. Morgan of Bozeman, June 23, 1933. They recently celebrated their 69th wedding anniversary. They resided in Bozeman until moving to Billings in 1948, where they lived until moving to St. Regis in 1987. Marian worked for the GSA motorpool Billings, retiring after 18 years.

Marian had many interests in life and especially enjoyed her family, friends, flowers, birds, reading, puzzles, and her late beloved dog, Daisy. She was a sweet and caring wife, mother, grandmother and friend. She will be greatly missed.

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Survivors include her husband James E. Morgan of St. Regis; her children, Barbara (John) Duerrwaechter of Billings and James "Mike" Morgan of St. Regis; grandchildren Jeff (Laura) Duerrwaechter of Mary Esther, Fla., Stacy (Tim) Holloway of Billings; and five great-grandchildren.

Cremation has taken place at Malletta Funeral home in Missoula. No services were performed.

# Earl Lewis Morhous

# BILLINGS GAZETTE

# FEB 03 2002

It was "love at first sight" for the Yellowstone Park Guide from New York, and the first-time Montana tourist from France. Robert E. Morhous and Josephine A. LeBlond were married in 1913, and moved to Billings.



**MR.  
MORHOUS**

Four years later, on May 5, 1917, Josephine gave birth to a son, Earl Lewis Morhous, who was my father.

The early passing of Josephine and the beginning of the Depression were difficult times for Robert and Earl; when friends offered free lodging on the Crow Indian Reservation, they gratefully accepted. There began a life of horses and teepees, Indian warriors and rolling hills, outdoor plumbing and kerosene lighting; comforters covered in snow, blown in through late night open windows. They ate churned butter, dusty vegetables and bartered venison. These experiences gave young Earl a sense of self sufficiency and an early maturity.

Returning to Billings in his early teens, Earl narrowly escaped a near fatal kidnapping — at the hands of two men seeking to cash in on his father's new

position as Treasurer of the Carpenters' Local Union. At Billings High School, Earl was a standout in cross-country and football — no mean accomplishment for a skinny, 5' 7", 137 lb. teenager. In Dad's opinion, however, his greatest achievement in high school was learning and then teaching everyone the latest dance craze every year. While at school, Dad was to meet his best friend, Chuck Day, whose father was a high elected official in the government of Mexico. Their lasting friendship resulted in a lifetime love of Mexico and the cultures of South American. School vacations were thereafter spent venturing into the wilds of Mexico and the Yucatan Peninsula, encountering banditos while traveling with Federales, sunning on empty Acapulco beaches, exploring newly rediscovered Toltec and Mayan ruins and acquiring a native fluency in Spanish.

Upon graduation, Dad set out, Richard Halliburton style, to explore the world. He traveled by tramp steamer to Honolulu, hitchhiked across the United States to sail to Cuba, and cooked

at the legendary Brown Derby Restaurant of Hollywood during its heyday. He planned to return eventually to Mexico City and study to become an architect. But World War II intervened.

A civilian job as a quality control inspector of B-17 bombers and a fascination of flying, led dad to enlist in the U.S. Air Force. Stationed in Yankton, S.D., for training as a navigator, he met and married Virginia Ruth Arneson.

Subsequent service led to postings on Gibraltar and in Arabia, and his air wing was awarded a "Presidential Unit Citation" for its efforts. Following work in Arabia after the war as a carpenter, dad resettled in Billings. There he established a successful construction company. "With the advent of the 'Eisenhower Depression,'" he was to say later, "an ill wind did indeed blow me some good." The result was a 30-year career as an agent for Bankers Life and Casualty Company, a job that gave him the chance to do what he loved best: helping others.

Pop found great enjoyment in sharing stories with strangers over a cup of coffee, listening to their lives and dreams, experiences and needs. With Bankers, he could do this every day — and also make a good living. He had found his "perfect calling."

After Mother's death in 1993, Dad began to pursue his final

dream, the exploration of America's Southwest. A 70-year passion for driving and travel meshed with the wonders of the Badlands, Louis L'Amour and the Anasazi. His twilight years were indeed full.

Earl is survived by his son, Richard, and partner, Rosemary, with whom he happily became reacquainted after a fifty years apart. From a mutual love of dancing in their youth blossomed a second life together, one of affection, companionship and laughter.

Before his passing — Dec. 7, 2001 — in Bullhead City, Ariz., Dad had requested that any remembrances be made to your favorite charity, and that no local services be held. We will miss him dearly.

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**Bina Moriconi**

PLENTYWOOD — Bina Moriconi, 104, died Saturday, April 13, 2002, at Sheridan Memorial Nursing Home in Plentywood.

Funeral services and liturgy will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, April 18, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Plentywood. Interment will be in the Plentywood Cemetery. Fulkerson Funeral Home of Plentywood is in charge.

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BELLINGHAM GAZETTE



**VICTOR MORNING, SR.**

## **Victor Morning, Sr.**

LODGE GRASS — Victor Thomas "Tuffy" Morning, Sr., 75, of Lodge Grass, went home to be with our Lord and to unite with loved ones that have gone before, on Saturday, June 22, 2002. Our Dad was a member of the Peigan Clan and a child of the Peigan Clan.

IISAXCHILAAKE-Hawk Child was born Dec. 14, 1926 to Paul and Nancy Hoops Morning in Crow Agency. He received his early education in Crow Agency and later received a degree as a Counselor in Salt Lake City.

Victor married Leona Little Light on March 14, 1954, in Hardin and they made their home in the Lodge Grass area. Dad worked as a ranch hand, which came naturally to him, because of his love for horses and cattle. He worked for ranches throughout the Lodge Grass valley. After receiving his counselor credentials, Dad worked for several years as a Community Health Representative for the Crow

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Tribe. This also included the position of alcohol counselor at the Crow Tribal Detox Center.

Dad had an encounter with the Lord Jesus Christ at the age of 26, changing the course of his life from then on. He served as the first Pastor of the Miracle Church, then proceeded to further the gospel in the evangelistic field, spreading the gospel to the Blackfeet, Shoshone, Northern Cheyenne, Arapaho, Navajo, Apache, Yakima and his beloved Crow Nation. Dad served faithfully as the Elder of the El Shaddai Pentecostal Church in Wyola for the remaining 12 years of his life. He has truly displayed a life based on the teaching of our Lord Jesus Christ to his children and the lives that he has touched through the years. Dad's love for his personal savior was equaled only by his love for us, his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, all of whom he cherished.

His parents; wife, Leona; brothers, Benedict and Robert Morning, Sr.; sister, Monte Ann Iron; son, Daniel Paul Morning; adopted son, Darrell Paul Morning; and grandson, Jordan Morning, preceded Victor in death.

Survivors include his children, Garfield Little Light, John Dust, Sr. and Teresa Pretty Weasel of Billings, Victoria (Myron) Falls Down of Wyola, Celeste Tobacco, Nora Ann Bird,



VICTOR MORNING, SR.

Minerva (Mike) Tucker, Victor C. (Marilyn), Jr., Vianna (Dennis) Stewart, Gordon (Nema) Morning, Kathleen (Clinton) White Clay and Paulette (Rueben) Falls Down of Lodge Grass; his sisters, Darlene (Duane) Bixby of Hardin, Judith Big Lake of Lodge Grass, Lorena Morning, Carol (John) Bullingsight and Mary Hoops of Crow Agency; his brothers, Samuel (Marjorie) Hoops and Clifford (Ardith) Bird in Ground, Sr. of Lodge Grass; his aunts, Grace Humming Bird, Mae House and Elizabeth Smart Enemy; his adopted brothers and sisters, Pius Real Bird, Marjorie Hoops, Paul Nomee, Jr., Margo Real Bird, Mardell Hogan, Ramona Backbone, Robert Nomee, Josie Stands, Daisy Bright Wings, Chester Nomee, Sr., Veronica Pretty On Top, Lloyd Hogan, Evelyn Bear Ground, Emma Yellowmule and Charlie Real Bird; his adopted children, Leo and Aldean Good Luck, Thomas Morning, Robert Morning, Jr., Gary Dean Little Light, James and Henrietta Takes Horse, Levi Brian Yellowmule, Mary Black Eagle, April Toinetta Flores, Melissa Falls Down, Almeda Good Luck, Larry Emerson, Clara Bear Don't Walk, Arnold Jefferson, Bernard Jefferson, Verena Costa, Rebecca Stovall, Lydia Hill, Jennifer Jefferson, Barbara S. Knows His Gun, Gwen Falls Down and

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Delinda Jefferson; 27 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

We, the children, wish to express our profound appreciation and respect to the Bright Wing, Dust, Good Luck and Red Star families for regarding our Dad as their own. The love and understanding that these families have shown through the years is recognized by his children.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Wednesday, June 25, in the Crow Agency Multi-purpose Building. Interment will follow in the Lodge Grass Cemetery. Bullis Mortuary of Hardin has been entrusted with the arrangements.

## **Emma E. Morrill**

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**DEC 19 2002**

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Emma E. Morrill, 76, of Sheridan, died Thursday, Dec. 12, 2002, at her home.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, Dec. 20, in the Sheridan Municipal Cemetery. Kane Funeral Home of Sheridan is in charge.

**MORRILL** — Marion E.,  
46, of Billings. Memorial ser-  
vice Monday, 2 p.m., West Side  
Baptist Church. Family inter-  
ment (12/30)

# Dorothy Vernon Best Morris

BILLINGS GAZETTE  
NOV 19 2002

Dorothy Vernon Best Morris passed away at her home, due to congestive heart failure, on Nov. 1, 2002, at age 94.

She was born the second daughter to Calvaryman William Harold Best and Nellie Praireman Best, in Cody, Wyo. She traveled with her family by covered wagon to Billings.

Dorothy (Sug) loved her family, horses and dogs. She was a cook and she could **really** cook and set an elegant table.



She was widowed by her husband, John Morris.

Dorothy's strong personality suited her passion for civil rights and equality. She was not intimidated by anything or

anybody. She had a strong faith in God.

She is survived by her only daughter, Representative Bonnie Martinez; six grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; her brother, Eugene Best of Billings; and sister, Montana Smith of Seattle.

Private burial services were held Nov. 2, at Mountview Cemetery.

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She will stand-up again.

# Helen B. Morris

Helen passed away at Aspen Meadows on Feb. 19, 2002, after about three weeks illness. She was 84.

She had a large family who loved her dearly. She is survived by her daughter,

Carol Klein; son Danny Morris; sister Marge; and brother Bud. Her grandchildren are Rich and David Klein. There are nine great-grandchildren and one great-great-granddaughter.

All those that preceded her were her husband, Danny Morris; a son, Lonnie Morris; a granddaughter, Leilani Hart; her parents, Clyde Richard Selleck and Olive Nina Estes; two sisters, Claudine and Mary Ellen.

She loved crossword puzzles, reading and crafts. While in the hospital, she said she was waiting for her wings. She has them now, and is with her loved ones already in heaven. To us, she was an angel on earth.

She was the world's best mother and grandmother. She will be missed dearly. We can't forget that she loved her pets, also: dog Curly; cats Bingo and Hopsing.



**MRS. MORRIS**

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As per her wishes, she was cremated and there will be no services. Rest in peace, mom and grandmother.

## Jane Shirley Morris

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Jane Shirley Morris, 75, of Sheridan, formerly of Roundup, Mont., died Saturday, April 27, at Westview Health Care Center in Sheridan.

Private graveside services will be held at a later date in Sheridan Municipal Cemetery. Champion Ferries Funeral Home of Sheridan is in charge.

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*Tues., April 30, 2012*

## **Bobby Lee Morrison**

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**NOV 22 2002**

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Bobby Lee Morrison, 53, of Sheridan, died Wednesday, Nov. 20, 2002, at his home.

Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 22, at Kane Funeral Home in Sheridan. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 23, at Kane Funeral Home. Interment will be in the Sheridan Municipal Cemetery.

**DEC 11 2002****Carolyn C. Morrow**

MALTA — Carolyn C. Morrow, 94, died Saturday, Dec. 7, 2002, at the Country Home.

A vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 11, at St. Mary's Catholic Church. Mass of the Resurrection will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 12, at St. Mary's Catholic Church. Burial will be in the Malta Cemetery. Adams Funeral Home of Malta is in charge.



## **Nell Morrow**

MALTA — Nell Doreen Morrow, 91, died Sunday, Dec. 15, 2002, at the Country Home, of natural causes.

No services are planned at this time. Interment of the ashes will be at a later date. Adams Funeral Home and Hi-Line Crematory of Malta are in charge.

**BELLINGS GAZETTE**  
**DEC 17 2002**

**Clayton Lee Morse****MAR 24 2002**

Clayton L. Morse, 29, of Billings, formerly of Havre, passed away Friday, March 22, 2002, at Deaconess Billings Clinic as a result of a brain aneurysm.

Clay was born in Havre, the beloved son of Rodney L. and Pamela K. Shelstad Morse. He graduated from Havre High School where he received a base-

**CLAYTON  
MORSE**

ball scholarship. At the time of his death, he was a student at MSU-Billings. He worked as a manager at the Juniper Motel. Clay has touched so many lives. He had a wonderful sense of humor and a laugh that will live forever in our hearts. He loved his family, friends, his dogs, baseball, basketball and racquetball. Clay worked out all of the time. He shared a lot of special times with his sisters and little brother.

Survivors include his father, Rod, and stepmom, Debbie Morse, of Billings; his mother, Pamela Shelstad of Las Vegas; three sisters, Terri (Jon) Blevins of Little Rock, Ark., Mandy

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(Kasch) Bourbeau and Kelli Morse of Billings; his brother Danny of Billings; paternal grandmother, Doris Morse, and Lester and Arlene Ophus, all of Havre; paternal grandparents, Doris and Bob Bishop of Great Falls; numerous aunts and uncles, cousins, and a niece and new nephew.

Viewing will be from 1-5 p.m. at Cremation or Funeral Gallery. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m., Tuesday at Hope United Methodist Church, 244 Wicks lane. Interment will follow at Mountview Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Havre Legion Baseball, c/o Berry Remus, 1256 Grant Ave., Havre, MT, 59501. Arrangements were made by Cremation or Funeral Gallery.

## Harold David Morse

BILLINGS GAZETTE  
NOV 03 2002

Harold David Morse, 60 of Billings, died at the Horizon Hospice Home in Billings on Sunday, Oct. 27, 2002, after a courageous battle with lung cancer.

Harold was born on Dec. 13, 1941, in Brownsvalley, Minn. to Harold A. and Alice (Dewitt) Morse. His family moved to the Coomer/Siren, Wis., area when he was a toddler. He attended the Siren Schools. He married Karen Anderson. They were later divorced.

On March 12, 1966, he married Carol Ann Monfeldt. In June of 1990, they moved to Montana.

\* Harold drove truck, did construction and logged, which is what he enjoyed the most.

Harold is survived by his wife, Carol of Billings; sons Todd of Whitefish, Bradley Sr. (Shirley) of Colstrip, and Terry of Wisconsin; daughter Krista Kay of Conshohocken, Pa.; grandchildren Donna Jo Morse of Hertel, Wis., and Bradley Morse, Jr., of Colstrip; sisters Annabelle Feltman of Worthington, Minn., Joyce (Red) Anderson of Webster, Wis.; brothers Richard (Caroline) of Siren; Wis., and Kenneth (Louise) of Spooner, Wis.; step-father-in-law Howard Giller of Grasston, Minn.; brother-in-law Conway Monfeldt, Minn.; and sisters-in-law Joyce, Darla, Debbie and Vickie and

there spouses. Numerous nieces and nephews and cousins, and his little companion, Muffin, also survive him.

He was preceded in death by his daughter Wendy Kay; brother Duane; father-in-law Dewert Monfeldt; brother-in-law Harvey Feltman; his parents Harold and Alice; and mother in law, Mary Ann Giller.

Memorial service will be at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 16, at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Billings.

PLENTYWOOD — A funeral for Waldo Morstad will be held at 10 a.m. on Monday, Oct. 7, 2002, at the Sheridan County Civic Center. Waldo, Plentywood-area farmer and rancher, died at Sheridan Memorial Hospital on Thursday, Oct. 3, of a stroke. He was 81.

He was born on the family homestead near Raymond, to Sophus and Hannah (Nelson) Morstad on Aug. 7, 1921, the third of seven children. Waldo and his brothers and sisters walked about a half mile to the Reed School which they attended with the Carlson children. Waldo went on to attend Plentywood High School and the University of Montana.

Although Waldo grew up in a time we would consider tough, he always felt he had a wonderful childhood. He and his brothers kept the school free of skunks that lived in the coal cellar and worked the farm alongside their father through the years of drought and depression. They were a fairly self-sufficient family, raising their own dairy and beef cattle, pigs, chickens and vegetables at time when some months the only cash income for a family of nine was survivors' benefit of \$12 a month from his uncle who died in World War I. In spite of this spare existence, the family still would offer aid assistance to Native Americans

passing through the property, as well as nearby homesteaders in greater need than they.

Starting as preteen, Waldo traveled to Minnesota with his father and older brother Arvid for the harvest where, at times, he would plow all night to turn the stubble behind the harvesters to prevent fires. As a teen, he left high school to take on the full time responsibility of the family farm with his brothers when his father suffered a period of debilitating illness. He and his brother Willard went on to be lifetime partners in the farming and ranching operation as well as many adventures such as traveling, flying, hunting and fishing.

Under the guise of visiting his friend Glen Johnson, Waldo wooed and won the heart of Glen's sister Freda. They were married in Sidney on June 12, 1947. They built a home on the family farm where they raised their four children.

The other consuming interest  
Waldo developed was finding  
and restoring rare antique trac-  
tors, cars and stationary engines.  
He scavenged, networked,  
bought and sold tractors in the  
hundreds, one of which ended up  
in the Museum of American  
History in Washington, D.C. But  
more than precious than the trea-  
sures he found and restored were  
the close friendships that devel-  
oped around these mutual inter-  
ests and endured throughout the  
years. Waldo was a charter mem-  
ber of the Plentywood Old Car  
Club & the Old Tractor Club.  
The culminating honor of this  
avocation was twice being invi-  
ted to exhibit in the Two-  
Cylinder Club Expo in Iowa and  
being featured on the cover and  
in the main article of their maga-  
zine. He was also invited to  
exhibit for over 15 years in the  
Farm Progress Show in Regina,  
Saskatchewan, and each year he  
brought a different tractor.

In the early years of their mar-  
riage, the family spent winters in  
the Los Angeles area while  
Waldo worked in airplane facto-  
ries, traveling with and living  
near Alton and Beth Paulson and  
their daughters. As a young fam-  
ily, they enjoyed visiting, playing  
Rook and eating fudge with their  
friends and young families.  
Waldo was an avid breeder of  
registered Hereford cattle and  
served as president of the  
Montana Hereford Association,  
Sheridan County Stockman's  
Association, the Big Muddy  
Hereford Association and later  
the American Sales Association.  
He also served as chairman of the  
Board of Directors of the local  
Farmers Union Oil Company.  
For 19 years he had the honor of  
serving as a member of the Board  
of Directors of the Montana  
Farmers Union Mutual Fire  
Insurance Company, for which  
he and Freda traveled to meet-  
ings from Portland, Maine, to San  
Francisco, among other conven-  
tion sites around the country.  
Another labor of love was his  
ongoing endeavors as a director  
of the Yellowstone Boys & Girls  
Ranch at Billings since the 1960s.  
With all these organizations,  
deep and lasting friendships  
were formed.

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# WALDO MORSTAD

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Although he faced many medical challenges, he always had a twinkle in his sky blue eyes. Given time, he always bounced back with a resilience to resume his activities. He loved to humor people and was the perpetrator of many practical jokes. He was proud of his Scandinavian heritage and always had a self-deprecating ethnic joke to tell, often signing off on his notes as the "Little Fat Norwegian Boy."

He was always concerned for others and diligently visited friends, family and those in the nursing home after Sunday morning meeting. We will all miss his "checking in." We are all richer for having been a part of his life.

The family suggests that memorials be sent to the Sheridan Memorial Hospital Foundation or the Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch.

Waldo is survived by his wife Freda of Raymond; a son Steve and wife Patsy of Plentywood; three daughters, Valerie Hepler and husband Alan of Laytonsville, Md., Holly Simonich and husband Wayne of Houston, and Nancy Jensen and husband Mike of Plentywood. Also surviving are 11 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; two sisters, Boletta Corcoran of Plentywood and Evelyn (Mrs. Lloyd) Willumsen of Missoula, and a sister-in-law, Jane Morstad of Plentywood.

Waldo is preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Willard and Arvid, and two sisters, Dora Seed and Bernice Kessler.

Fulkerson Funeral Home of Plentywood is in charge of arrangements.

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**Charles H. Mortensen**

GILLETTE, Wyo. — Charles H. "Sarge" Mortensen, 77, of Gillette, died April 6, 2002, at Fort Meade Veterans Hospital in Sturgis, S.D.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday, April 10, at Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow services at Mount Pisgah Cemetery.



**JUL 17 2002****Kathleen Mortimer**

**POWELL, Wyo.** — Kathleen Frances Mortimer, 60, died Tuesday, July 16, 2002, at St. Vincent Healthcare in Billings, Mont.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, July 19, at Haskell Funeral Home in Lovell. Interment will be in the Lovell Cemetery.

## **Alice Truly Moseley**

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**JUL 18 2002**

Alice Truly Moseley, 99, of Billings, died Monday evening, July 15, 2002, at her home. Alice was born March 25, 1903, in Plattsmouth, Neb., a daughter of George and Anna (Nixon) Barr. She attended school in Plattsmouth for a number of years. Later, Alice was a owner and operator of a restaurant in Omaha, Neb.

In the 1940s, she moved to Baldwin Park and ran a house-cleaning business. After moving to Reno, Nev., she worked for St. Mary's Hospital for six years. While living in Reno, Alice married James T. Moseley in 1969. Alice then retired and became a homemaker. In 1998, Alice and James moved to Billings.

James would like to especially thank Big Sky Hospice for all their care and support.

Survivors include husband James Moseley of Billings; daughter Margo Skinner of Billings; grandson Mitchell Hammond of Billings; sister Mary Daly of Reno. Alice also has many special friends: Colleen Marr of Billings, Cindy Haman of Las Vegas, Cheryl Maki of Billings, Rev. and Mrs. E.H. Irvin of Reno. Alice was preceded in death by her parents; brothers Paul and Bill; daughters Judy and Joe.

Cremation has taken place. A graveside service will be held Friday, July 19, at 9 a.m. at Yellowstone Valley Memorial Park. Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary and Crematory is in charge of arrangements.

## **Mildred M. Moser**

LEWISTOWN — Mildred M. Moser, 88, of Lewistown, died Tuesday, April 30, 2002, at her home.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, May 6, at the Cloyd Funeral Home Chapel in Lewistown. Interment will follow in Central Montana Memorial Gardens.

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## **Robert Lee Mossberger**

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

*APRIL 29, 2002*

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Robert Lee Mossberger, 49, of Sheridan, died Saturday, April 20, 2002, at Memorial Hospital of Sheridan County.

Cremation has taken place. Interment will be in the Fort Logan National Cemetery in Denver. Kane Funeral Home of Sheridan is in charge.

## Mary L. Carlos Mott

BILLINGS GAZETTE

DEC 15 2002

At the age of 48, Mary L. Carlos Mott died peacefully on Friday, Dec. 13, 2002, at St. Vincent Healthcare in Billings.

Mary was born Dec. 11, 1954, the daughter of Joe and Mary (Sepeda) Carlos in Billings, where she spent most of her life. On March 24, 1973, Mary was united in marriage to her best friend, Ed Mott. From this love they shared, three wonderful and beautiful children were born: Kimberly, Ronald and Crystal Mott. Mary was a wonderful, caring, beautiful person.

To know Mary was like to have known an angel. She loved being around her family, listening to music, cooking, dancing and especially doing whatever she could to help others. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Mary leaves behind her loving husband of 30 years; children Kimberly (Michael) Besaw, Ronald Mott, Crystal Mott; and her two special grandchildren, Brittany and Michael Besaw. She is also survived by her wonderful and loving parents, Joe and Mary Carlos; brothers Rick Carlos and Kenneth Carlos; sisters Teresa O'Donnell, Kathy Verplancke, Julie Carlos; and her many nieces and nephews. Mary was preceded in death by her twin brother, Joe; her grandmother, Clara; two

great-grandfathers; and one great-grandmother.

*You are our daughter, my wife,  
our mother, our sister, our friend  
and now our Angel. We love  
and miss you very much.*

A Vigil service for Mary will be 7:00 p.m., Monday, December 16, at Dahl Funeral Chapel. Funeral Mass will be 12 noon, Tuesday at St. Patrick's Co-Cathedral with Rite of Committal in Holy Cross Cemetery. Mary's casket will be closed, but you may pay your respects at Dahl Funeral Chapel from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday.

**MAR 06 2002****James A. Moulds**

**KALISPELL** — James A. Moulds, 64, died Monday, March 4, 2002, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

Visitation will be from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Thursday, March 7, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home in Kalispell. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Friday, March 8, at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church. Burial will follow in Glacier Memorial Gardens.

## **Bernard H. Moullet**

**MILES CITY —** Bernard "Bud" Harry Moullet, 82, of Miles City, died Friday, Sept. 13, 2002, at the Cedar Wood Villa in Red Lodge, following a battle with Alzheimer's.

Visitation will be held Wednesday, Sept. 18, at the Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 19, at the Presbyterian Church in Miles City. Interment will follow in the Eastern Montana State Veteran's Cemetery.

## **Harley Moulton**

**CODY, Wyo. — Harley Moulton, 84, of Cody, died Sunday, Sept. 29, 2002, at West Park Hospital in Cody.**

**Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 2, at the LDS Stake Center in Cody. Additional services and burial will be at the Jackson town cemetery at 10 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 3. There will be a viewing at 9 a.m. Wednesday, in the Relief Society room of the LDS Stake Center in Cody. Ballard Funeral Home in Cody is in charge of arrangements.**



# Mary Frances Mourich

**BEARCREEK** — Mary Frances Mourich, 90, died peacefully Wednesday afternoon, Nov. 14, 2002, in her Scotch Coulee home of 70 years. She fought a courageous fight against cancer, and was surrounded by her loving family at the time of her passing.



**MARY  
MOURICH  
ON HER 90th  
BIRTHDAY**

Mary was born on Nov. 20, 1911, in Roundup, a daughter of Frank and Frances Zobek. She attended Roundup schools, and was married to Lubes (Louis) Mourich on Aug. 25, 1929, in Red Lodge.

They settled in their home in Scotch Coulee, where they raised their two children, Lou "Sonny" and Marlene. Mary lived a full life and was loved by all who knew her. Mr. Mourich died on Dec. 1, 1969.

Survivors include her son, Lou "Sonny" Mourich and his wife Janet of Gaston, Ore.; her daughter, Marlene Matranga and her husband Larry of Cody, Wyo.; nine grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren. Soon to be born are a great-grandchild and a great-great-grandchild.

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Also surviving are a nephew, Sam Mourich; and a niece, Thelma Bischoff; and special great-niece and great-nephew, Linda Smith and Frank (Linda) Planichek.

Mary joins her parents, husband, sister and two brothers who preceded her in death.

Funeral mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 16, in St. Agnes Catholic Church in Red Lodge. A rosary and vigil will be held at 7 p.m. Friday evening, Nov. 15, in Smith-Olcott Funeral Chapel. Interment will be in the Bearcreek Cemetery.

The family prefers that memorials be given to the Beartooth Hospital & Health Center Hospice, Box 590, Red Lodge, MT 59068, in appreciation for their loving and compassionate care.

## **Barbara Louise Mowell**

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**  
**FEB 26 2002**

SHELL, Wyo. — Barbara Louise Mowell, 72, of Shell, died Saturday, Feb. 23, 2002, at the Bonnie Bluejacket Memorial Nursing Home between Greybull and Basin.

A rosary will be at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 28, at the Atwood Family Funeral Chapel in Greybull. A Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Friday, March 1, at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Greybull. Burial will follow in the Upper Shell Cemetery in Shell.

**MAR 15 2002****Donald Dale Mowell**

SHELL, Wyo. — Donald Dale Mowell, 77, of Shell, died Wednesday, March 13, 2002, at his home.

Visitation will be from 2 to 4 p.m. Monday, March 18, at the Atwood Family Funeral Home Chapel in Greybull. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 19, at the BPOE #1431 Elks Lodge in Greybull. Burial will follow in Whaley Cemetery in Shell.

# Collette Carol (Maze) Mueller

MAY 10 2002  
BILLINGS GAZETTE

After a miraculous 17 year remission, Collette Carol (Maze) Mueller lost her year-long fight, after the recurrence of breast cancer, on May 8, 2002.

She was born Nov. 25, 1935, in New Deal, Mont., which is now underneath Fort Peck Reservoir. When she was born, her parents, Orville and Emily Maze, were living in one of the worker camps which sprang up around the construction of Fort Peck Dam. She spent 10 1/2 years as night auditor at the Northern Hotel. She loved visiting the ocean and sharing in the accomplishments of her children and grandchildren. Her hobbies included crossword puzzles, mystery novels and fishing.

She is survived by her son John of Billings; daughter Jaqi and son-in-law George Lehman of Glendive; daughter Teresa Fischer of Fresno, Calif.; grandchildren Jeremy, Jayme, George, Jon and Shayna; brothers Val Maze of Billings, John Maze of Helena, Orville Maze of Texas; and her feline soul-mate, Pepper, who brought her much comfort this past year. She is preceded in death by her parents; and her sister Mary Louise Maze.

A memorial mass and luncheon will be held on Saturday, May 11, at 12 noon in St. Patrick's Co-Cathedral.

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

MAR 21 2002



ELLIE MUHS

**Ellie Muhs****1929 - 2002**

Eleanor "Ellie" Marilyn Muhs, 72, passed away peacefully at Deaconess Billings Clinic on March 17, 2002, surrounded by her family. She had previously been a resident at Eagle Cliff Manor for five months.

She was born on April 27, 1929, in Detroit, the firstborn child of Esther (Flatgaard) and Hans Meli. She lived for a while on her maternal grandfather's farm in Minnesota, where her parents helped out after her grandmother died.

They later moved back to Detroit, where she attended school and her parents worked in factories. She was born during the Great Depression and times were rough.

During her later teenage years, she worked at a dime store as a waitress in the cafeteria. At age 18, she became a

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nanny for a couple in California who had two boys. While on a vacation with them in Yellowstone Park when they were staying in Gardiner, she met her future husband, Harold Muhs, who was traveling through the park as a traveling photographer.

They were married in 1948 at American Lutheran Church and settled in Billings, where their five children were born. They were divorced in 1969, and Harold died in May 2001.

While raising her five children, she worked as a janitor at a bank and a nursing home. Ellie belonged to the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, where she taught Sunday School when her children were younger.

She also was a member of the PTA and the Women's Carpenter Auxiliary.

Her children fondly remember her homemade bread and cinnamon rolls rising on the kitchen counters and table on Saturday mornings and the wonderful smells they emitted when cooking.

They also enjoyed the Sunday picnics in the summer with her wonderful fried chicken and potato salad.

Before she retired in 1988, she worked for 18 years as a nutritionist assistant for the Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program associated

with the Yellowstone County Extension Service. Mom enjoyed gardening, crocheting, playing pinochle, going out to eat, her cat Molly and activities at the Southside Senior Citizen Center.

She also enjoyed getting together for family gatherings and attending her grandchildren's events.

Mom especially enjoyed spending Christmas with her daughter's family when they lived in Colstrip, and faithfully made the trip for 18 years.

Ellie was preceded in death by her parents. She is survived by her son Lawrence of Billings and Larry's children, Laura (Maurice) Allen of San Antonio, Texas, Aaron Muhs of Red Lodge and Justin Muhs of Bearcreek; son Arnold of Arizona; daughter Lydia Burke and her husband Wayne of Billings and their children, Ryan (Diane) Burke of Great Falls and Alisha Burke of Bozeman and Chelsey, Kelley, Leena and Milani Burke of Billings; son Melvin and his wife Barbara of Shepherd and their children, Teri (Will) Bruce of Billings, and Marvin Triggs of Bozeman; and son Darryl and wife Shirley of Joliet and their children, Sarah and Sonya Muhs of Billings, and Levi Muhs of Joliet; seven great-grandchildren, Alexa, Taylee, McKenna, Shawnell,

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Dainlan, Laci and Mya. Also surviving is a brother, John (Ora May) Meli of Fort Stockton, Texas; and a sister, Julia Levesque of Desert Hot Spa, Calif.; and three nephews and their families; and two aunts, Gail Gabrielson of Austin, Minn.; and Myrtle Evans of Hemet, Calif.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, March 22, at Cremation or Funeral Gallery at 29 Eighth St. W. in Billings. Interment will take place at Mountview Cemetery.



## Amanda R. Mullen

GLASGOW — Amanda R. Mullen, 86, of Glasgow, died Thursday, Nov. 21, 2002, at her home.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 26, at First Lutheran Church. Burial will be in Highland Cemetery. Bell Mortuary of Glasgow is in charge.

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# Charles Albert Mullennax

BILLINGS GAZETTE

JUL 15 2002

CONRAD — Charles Albert Mullennax died on July 12, 2002,

in Conrad, at the age of 86. He was born Nov. 14, 1915, at home on Davis Creek near Laurel, delivered into the world by his Grandfather Palin. He was the third of five children born to Lois Palin and



**CHARLES  
MULLENNAX**

Howard Ellwood Mullennax. The family lived near Laurel until Howard's death in 1921. Charles attended schools in Billings and Sidney, graduating from the eighth grade in Sidney. He left home shortly after that and worked at a variety of jobs in farming and ranching.

He came to maturity in the days of real Montana cowboys, no glamour, no fancy clothing, just hard work, long days in the saddle, sleeping in a bedroll on the ground or in ranch bunkhouses. Charles cooked for a sheep camp at the age of 17, wrangled sheep and tied wool. He learned to break horses to work or to ride, dug post holes, built fence, tended cattle and took part in numerous cattle drives in and out of the Pryor Mountain area.

On Dec. 18, 1937, he married Ava Gail Sproul of Kane, Wyo. A daughter and four sons were born to this union. When the cowboy lifestyle interfered too much with the life of a family man, Charles went to work for the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy railroad in 1942. The family lived in Kane. He returned to ranch work in the mid 40s, for the John George Ranch at Roscoe.

In the late 40s, Charles began working for International Harvester farm equipment dealers as a mechanic. He was certified through a number of training schools and worked in Red Lodge, Circle, Brockway, Rapelje and Conrad in this capacity. He had made his home in Conrad from 1965 to 1999. He lived in Salt Lake City for three years, returning to Conrad in April of this year.

The last employment he undertook before retirement was as a custodian for the Conrad school system. There he devel-

oped a reputation as a booster of youth, seldom missing any of the boys' and girls' sports events in town or away. Charlie claimed 'his' seat, shouting and encouraging the kids. His pockets bulged with packs of gum to share with children of all ages.

A hobby Charles enjoyed was raising a wide variety of fancy fowl. He judged poultry at fairs, bought, sold and traded exotic poultry including peacocks. Always on the lookout for the unusual bird or animal, he was still breeding and raising Barbados sheep until ill health overtook him in his 80's.

He was active in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints since joining in 1948 in Red Lodge, and held various positions in the church, from Sunday School Superintendent to Branch President. He particularly valued working with Boy Scouts.

Charles was preceded in death by his parents; his stepfather, Evlin Herbert; a son, Gary Keith; a grandson, Earl "Chip" Mullennax; a brother, William Earl; three sisters, Lois Johnson, Ruth Gennings and Carol Foreman; and a half-brother, Evlin Herbert Jr. Survivors include his daughter, Gail Hein, Billings; his three sons Earl and wife Diane, of Salt Lake City, Thales and wife Vivian, of Conrad, Jay and wife Gail, of Dutton; 13 grandchildren; 16 great-

grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild and another due in December; a half-brother, Eugene Herbert, of Visalia, Calif.; and a half-sister, Patricia Brawley of Billings; and many nieces and nephews.

The funeral service is July 16 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints Chapel in Conrad, with interment to follow at 2 p.m. Wednesday, July in Mountview Cemetery in Billings. Pondera Funeral Home of Conrad is in charge of arrangements.

BRIDGER — Al Muller was born May 28, 1920, in Nihill, Wheatland County, Mont. He was the second youngest of five children born to Herman and Bertha Muller.

Al died at home on one the most beautiful fall Sundays, the 20th day of October 2002, with family and friends at his side.



AL  
MULLER

Al grew up and attended school in Nihill and Hedgesville. After graduating from Hedgesville High School in 1938, he attended airplane mechanic school in San Diego, Calif. While in San Diego, he was employed as a leadman for an aircraft assembler, Consolidated Vultee Aircraft Corp. In 1944, Al enlisted in the U.S. Navy. During his Naval stint (May 1944 to June 1946), he maintained aircraft.

After being honorably discharged, he moved back to Harlowton, where he became employed as an automobile mechanic for Troy Motors. Later, Al purchased his own sawmill at the base of the Snowy Mountains near his sister and her husband, Grace and Charlie Meyers. After selling his sawmill, Al became employed as a foreman and road grader operator for Wheatland County

In the fall of 1954, Al met the love of his life, Nelda Irvine Jackson. At that time, Nelda was a nurse in Billings. They were united in marriage on March 4, 1955. To this union, a son (Bob) and daughter (Susan) were born.

Al enjoyed working on heavy equipment. While in Billings, he was a mechanic and shop manager for Industrial Equipment (Modern Machine) and Montana Machine.

In the fall of 1973, Al and Nel bought the Gambles Hardware Store in Bridger. They thoroughly enjoyed 17 years of serving the people of the Clarks Fork Valley and Carbon County. Al always enjoyed visiting and helping people.

After selling the store in 1990 ("retiring"), Al enjoyed small engine repair, woodworking and fishing with Nelda. Among Al's favorite items to build: wooden stools, kitchen utensils, furniture, cutting boards and figurines. His crafts bless the homes of many family members and friends.

Al always enjoyed his family. For many years, all gathered at his home for his birthday celebration. He always had a smile and kind word for everyone. Al was a member of the Bridger United Methodist Church, Bridger Senior Citizens, American Legion, and formerly belonged to the Bridger Lions Club. Al served on the Bridger Cemetery Board, and helped with many Jim Bridger Days celebrations.

Al is survived by his loving wife of 47 years, Nelda; one son, Bob of Bridger; one daughter, Sue Reynolds of Boulder, Colo.; his sisters, Grace (Charlie) Meyers of Judith Gap and Opal Ferris of Kinsey; and many nieces and nephews. Al was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters and their spouses, Gladys (John) Nelson of Harlowton, and Pearl (Jim) Mills of Las Cruces, N.M.; and brother-in-law DeVere Ferris.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Oct. 25, in the Bridger United Methodist Church. Interment will follow in the Bridger Cemetery, with Smith-Olcott Funeral Chapel of Red Lodge in charge of arrangements.

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

# Jeff Mullins

Sept. 9, 1946 - April 27, 2002

Jeff passed away early Saturday morning from a short battle of pneumonia, resulting from ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease).

Jeff was born in Billings to James and Bernice Mullins. He worked as a surveyor for the Montana State Highway Department for 18 years before retiring. Soon after, he went to work for the Auto Auction in Lockwood up until his illness. He was diagnosed with ALS January, 2002, and a short three months later went home to be with God.

Jeff is survived by his wife, Robin; brother Bob Wilks; adopted son, Tim Mullins, son, Terry Mullins, and special little buddy, Jacob Lukenbach; his stepdaughters, Erin and Chandra Jordan, (unborn grandson), numerous friends, family, in-laws and his favorite cat, Lucky, who constantly watched over him and never left his side. We love you so much, Jeff. You will be deeply missed.



**JEFF  
MULLINS**

# BILLINGS GAZETTE

MON., APRIL 29, 2002

Now the laborer's task is o'er;  
Now the battleday is past;  
Now upon the farther shore  
Lands the voyager at last.

Father, in thy gracious keep-  
ing,  
Leave we now thy servant  
sleeping.

"Earth to earth and dust to  
dust,"

Calmly now the words we  
say,

Left behind, we wait in trust  
For the resurrection day.

Father, in thy gracious keep-  
ing,

Leave we now thy servant  
sleeping.

No services are planned at  
this time. A wake in Jeff's honor  
will be 1 p.m. Wednesday, May 1,  
at 302 Jackson #11. Cremation or  
Funeral Gallery is in charge of  
arrangements.

## **Rosealee M. Munn**

EUGENE, Ore. — Rosealee M. Munn, 64, of Eugene, died Nov. 26, 2002, as the result of being struck by a pickup.

Memorial services will be at 4 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 4, at Poole-Larson Chapel in Eugene. A private inurnment will be held.

Rosealee was born May 15, 1938, in Powell, Wyo. She married John Munn on Sept. 23, 1956, in Lavina, Mont. She lived in Lavina, Bozeman and Havre, Mont.; College Station, Texas; and Eugene. She graduated from A/Arts Beauty College. She was a beautician at AR-Dees Hair Salon, and was the owner of Action Hair Center for over 18 years.

She enjoyed watching NFL football and Oprah, trips to Reno, Nev., and Las Vegas, fishing, and spending time with family and grandkids.



**ROSEALEE  
MUNN**

She is survived by her husband, John Munn; her mother, Florence of Butte, Mont.; her sons, John Munn, Jr., of Salem, Todd Munn of Eugene and Patrick Munn of Medford; her brother, Ted Thompson of Billings; and six grandchildren.

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**HARLOWTON** — James William Murnion, age 75, passed away on Friday, July 12, 2002, at Wheatland Memorial Nursing Home due to various health problems.

James was born on Dec. 10, 1926, in Jordan, the fifth of seven children, to John D. and Alma (Howe) Murnion.

He grew up in the Butte Creek area northwest of Jordan, attending country schools there and high school in Jordan. At age 15, he purchased a crawler tractor and built many dams in the area. At age 17, he joined the U.S. Maritime Service, serving his country honorably, making several trips to the Pacific Islands delivering supplies and troops during World War II.

After his discharge he worked in construction in Alaska. Later in Billings, he drove a truck and, at that time, met his future wife, Marion Palmer. They were married on June 26, 1948, in Fairbanks, Alaska. To this union 3 children were born.

He was the foreman of the first truck convoy traveling overland to the Arctic Ocean, hauling supplies for the D.E.W. line (Distant Early Warning). After nine years of driving truck in Alaska, the family moved to Jordan because his father was seriously ill. He operated the home ranch for 13 years. In 1970, he purchased land near Shawmut where he ranched and farmed.



## JAMES WILLIAM MURNION

From 1985 to 1997, he spend the summers mining in the Yukon. He retired in 1998 due to failing health.

James is best remembered for his love of God, his family and his country. He was proud of his Irish heritage. He was very patriotic and spent in excess of 20 years as a member of the John Birch Society, helping to preserve our constitution. He was also a member of the American Legion Post #70 of Judith Gap, NRA, Catholic Church, Loyal Order of the Moose of Harlowton, and Wool Pools in both Garfield and Wheatland counties. He was county commissioner in Garfield County for many years. James was a top "catskinner," and sheepman.

Surviving are his wife, Marion, of 54 years; children David



Jacqueline) of Forest Grove, Mark (Sandy) of Colstrip, JoAnnieger (Steve) of Hardin, Tim Paula) of Shawmut, Dennis of Shawmut, Tom of Bozeman, Bart Kaia) of Billings, Cathy Kirkpatrick (Mark) of Ryegate, Patty DeVries (James) of Chester, Mick (Annette) of Shepherd, Barry (Marian) of Chinook, Marcie (Kevin) of Three Forks; 19 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; three brothers, Bernard (Loriene), Clark Lynors) and Philip (Cynthia) of Jordan; and a sister, Kathleen Fowler (Tom) of Conrad; as well as many nephews and nieces.

James was preceded in death by his parents, son Michael, grandson Justin, brother Coleman, sister Mary, and three nephews.

Burial has taken place at the ranch cemetery north of Shawmut.

A memorial service officiated by Father Tony will be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, July 16, at the Ryegate High School gymnasium with a luncheon to follow.

If memorials are desired, they may be made to the Ryegate Quick-Response Unit or the Harlowton Ambulance Service, or a charity of your choice.

**FEB 14 2002****Catherine Louise Cheney Murphy**

Catherine Louise Cheney Murphy was born in Buffalo, Wyo., on Dec. 16, 1923. Her parents were Jonathan Plowman Cheney and Sarah Jamison Cheney.

Early in her life, she moved to Boulder, Colo., where she spent her youth. She met and married her husband Gerald Murphy in Boulder. They celebrated their 51st wedding anniversary Sept. 10, 2001. Their early years of marriage were spent in the Seattle area. They moved to Montana in 1963, moving to Billings in 1970.

Louise's love of nature was shown in her oil paintings as well as her yard. Many afternoons were spent in the garden with a cat trailing after her as she kept the garden lit up in brilliant colors. In recent years, Louise took pleasure in reading and playing cards; often a Saturday afternoon would be filled with a rigorous book discussion and a hand of cards.

Louise was a loving and devoted wife and mother and was always held in the highest esteem by her friends, family and neighbors. Her life was focused on her

family and her thoughts were always with them, delighting in every success that occurred in their lives. Her greatest joy was raising her four children and in turn watching and playing a major role in the raising and growth of their families.

Louise is survived by her husband, Jerry; one daughter and three sons, Judy (Robert) Guenther, Steve (Susan) Murphy of Billings, Scott (Misako) Murphy of The Dalles, Ore., Mike (Barb) Murphy of Waunakee, Wis. She leaves nine grandchildren, Sarah Guenther (Troy) Doven, Brianna Guenther (Gabriel) Schofield, Sean Murphy, Katherine Guenther, Molly Murphy, Jon Murphy, Max Murphy, Patrick Murphy and Joseph Murphy; and one great-grandchild, Chloe Schofield. She was preceded in death by her two siblings, Merab Cheney Ballard and William Cheney.

Memorials may be made to Big Sky Hospice, PO Box 35033, Billings, MT 59107. Services will be held at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary, Billings, on Friday, Feb. 15, at 11 a.m.

## **Dorothy Murphy**

**LIVINGSTON — Dorothy Murphy, 92, died Monday, Sept. 2, 2002, at the Livingston Memorial Hospital.**

**Cremation has taken place at Franzen-Davis Crematory. Vigil services will be at 6 p.m. Wednesday and a Memorial Mass is at 10 a.m. Thursday, both at St. Mary's Catholic Church. Interment of the cremated remains will be in Calvary Cemetery.**

# Gayle MacCracken Murphy

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**JUL 23 2002**

**EMIGRANT** — Gayle MacCracken Murphy, 72, of Emigrant, died Saturday, July 20, 2002, at her home.

Family visitation has been held. Cremation has taken place. A memorial mass will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday, July 26, at St. Mary's Catholic Church. Graveside committal and burial of cremated remains will follow in Calvary Cemetery. Franzen-Davis Funeral Home of Livingston is in charge.

## **Gladys R. Murphy**

MILES CITY — Gladys R. Murphy, 79, of Miles City, died Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2002, at the Holy Rosary Health Center.

Visitation will be held Thursday, Nov. 14, at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 15, at Stevenson & Sons. Interment will follow in the family lot in the Custer County Cemetery.

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**Hilda Marie Murphy**  
**4-17-13 to 3-27-02**

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**MAR 29 2002**



**HILDA MURPHY**

Mother's shining brown eyes closed peacefully Wednesday, March 27, 2002, as God came to take her to heaven to receive her wings. Her son, Jay, had the privilege of seeing her off at the home they shared.

Hilda was born April 17, 1913, in Aurora, Neb. She was the middle child of seven children born to Brenard and Bertha (Heim) Shively.

The family moved to Laurel in 1927; she graduated from Laurel High School in 1931. She entered nurses training and graduated in 1934 and married Chester Murphy in Powell, Wyo., on June 19, 1935. She moved to Billings in 1948.

Hilda honored her role as wife, mother, nancee, grandmother and GG (great-grandmother). She was proud of her profession as a registered nurse. She loved her jobs at the Deaconess on the maternity floor, and at The

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Children's Clinic, where she worked for over 20 years.

Mother enjoyed cooking, reading, gardening, the theater, embroidery and playing cards. She looked forward to the weekly Saturday nights in Laurel, playing hearts, pinochle and ponytail with her brother and sister. Mother took great pride in taking care of her home.

Preceding Hilda in death were her husband, two sisters, two brothers, two infant sons and an infant granddaughter. Hilda is survived by her sister, Mildred Fuller; and brother, Paul Shively; sister-in-law, Harriet Shively; daughter, Theodora Hofferber; sons, Jay Murphy and Dr. Rod (Vicki) Michael; four granddaughters, Sue (Allen) Ortmann, Julie Fraley (Mike Jorgenson), Janet Barnhart and Jennie Michael; three grandsons, Joshua, Zach and Chris Michael; two great-granddaughters, Lena Marie Fraley and Sandra Barnhart; two great-grandsons, Mark Ortmann and Jeremiah Barnhart; and numerous nieces and nephews.

No visitation is planned. Cremation has taken place. There will be a private family gathering. The family suggests that memorials be sent to Big Sky Hospice, PO Box 35033, Billings, MT 59107.

Mother, you enriched our lives and we are so grateful. We know you will always be with us. Thank you for sharing your life with us. We know you are resting peacefully. You will be missed and thought about each day. Goodbye for now, we love you.

# Jeannie Marie (Berns) Murphy

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**AUG - 8 2002**

PORTLAND, Ore. — Jeannie Marie (Berns) Murphy was born on Aug. 12, 1958, in Gettysburg, S.D. She passed away on July 31, 2002, in Portland, after a lengthy illness. Jeannie grew up and went to school in Billings.



**JEANNIE  
MURPHY**

She was a free spirit, she loved to travel, butterflies, soft rock music, jewelry and her black leathers.

Jeannie was preceded in death by her brother, Neil. Survivors include her daughter, LaShonda of Billings; son, Shawn of Minnesota; father, Emil Berns of Billings; mother, Elaine Comeau of Livingston, Mont.; brother, Gary of Billings; two sisters, Kellie of Billings, and Christie, of Mesa, Ariz.

Cremation has taken place. Jeannie's family will be having a private service.



## **Kara Lee Murphy**

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

GILLETTE, Wyo. — Kara Lee (Riddle) Murphy, 24, of Gillette, died Saturday, May 4, 2002, near Moorcroft, from injuries she received in an ATV accident.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, May 9, at the pin Slope Cemetery in Belle Fourche, S.D. Visitation will be from 4 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 8, at Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home Chapel in Gillette.

# **Kathleen (Dawson) Murphy**

Kathleen (Dawson) Murphy, 94, of Billings, passed away Monday morning, Aug. 5, 2002. She was born on Jan. 15, 1908, in Boulder.

A chapter in Montana pioneer history closed this week with the death of Kathleen Murphy. A teacher, mother and avid bridge player, she outlived 12 brothers and sisters, two husbands, her daughter, and the 20th century.

Quebec-born John Dawson, a miner who converted to ranching, was her father. He settled in Jefferson County 120 years ago. Her mother, Alice Virginia Porter, died in a fire when Kathleen was 8 years old; her older brothers and sister raised her.

Kathleen attended college in Billings, where she met Merrill Dodge of Big Timber, her first husband. With her new husband, they taught in several Eastern Montana locations. As the Great Depression wound down, she returned to Billings and raised her family. When Merrill died in 1967, she again turned to education, refreshing her credentials and



**KATHLEEN  
MURPHY**

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eventually retiring from teaching in Butte.

In 1971, she married M.J. "Joe" Murphy of Geraldine, a rancher she'd known since childhood. Murphy died in 1996. She was also preceded in death by her daughter, Donna (Dodge) Lloyd of Las Vegas.

She is survived by a son, Daniel Dodge of western Colorado; her granddaughter, Kathleen Crawford of Billings; grandsons Robert and John Zuck of Hailey, Idaho; Michael Zuck of Greeley, Colo., Timothy Zuck of Spokane and Jason Dodge of Nassau, Bahamas.

Although she lived alone her last years, she was greatly assisted by her granddaughter, Kathleen Crawford, nephew Myles White, his wife, Regina, and nephew Patrick Dawson, all of Billings.

In her last days she was comforted by the staff of Horizon Hospice; she described the experience as "heavenly."

Funeral mass will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 10, at St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church. Cremation has taken place. In lieu of flowers, contributions to her memory may be made to Horizon Hospice Home, 1019 Neptune Blvd., Billings, MT 59105.

Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

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**Glenda C. Murray**

**SAVAGE** — Glenda C. Murray, 49, of Savage, died Tuesday, May 7, 2002, in Sidney.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 11, at the Old Gym, Lambert High School, Lambert. Cremation has taken place. Fulkerson Funeral Home of Sidney is in charge.

## Lyda E. Murray

COLUMBUS — Lyda (Greseth) Murray died July 15, 2002, in the Stillwater Community Hospital. At the time of her death she was a resident of the Meadowlark Assisted Living Center, Columbus.

Lyda was born Feb. 29, 1916, near Alamo, N.D., to Lillie and Einar Greseth. After graduating from college, Lyda went on to be a schoolteacher and a homemaker. She also worked in Seattle and Philadelphia at aircraft manufacturing plants during WWII.

She met her husband, S. Forrest "Mug" Murray while teaching in Beulah, N.D. They were married in Seattle on March 17, 1943, and lived most of their married lives in Montana and North Dakota. They had two sons, Lon (Jeanne) Murray, Absarokee, Mark (Debbie) Murray, Bonsall, Calif.; two daughters: Mona Murray, Columbus and Myrna (Chuck) Thompson, Bismarck, N.D.

Other survivors include two brothers, Glen (Oleah) Greseth and Harvey (Ella Mae) Greseth from the Seattle area; one granddaughter; four grandsons and one great-granddaughter.

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Lyda was preceded in death by her husband Mug; her parents and her sister, Ada (Nick) Sekulich.

A memorial service will be held 2 p.m. Friday, July 19, at Smith Funeral Chapel in Columbus followed by a reception.

## **Thomas Albert Murray**

GRASS VALLEY, Calif. — Thomas Albert Murray, 75, of Grass Valley, formerly of Lewistown, Mont., died Friday, April 27, 2002, in Grass Valley.

Private services will be held in Sierra Madre.

# **Beryl Musburger**

**June 1, 1915 - August 9, 2002**

**HAMILTON — Beryl Musburger, of Big Timber, died Friday, Aug. 9, 2002, in Hamilton. Beryl is survived by her son, Brent and his wife, Arlene, and their sons, Blake and Scott; her son, Todd and his wife, Betty, and their sons, Brian and Craig.**

**Services will be at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Aug. 15, at the Lowry Funeral Home in Big Timber. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Northern Rockies Cancer Center, or the American Cancer Society.**

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## **O.J. 'Jack' Musegades**

**BRIDGER —** O.J. "Jack" Musegades, a longtime resident of Bridger, died peacefully in the presence of family members on Saturday, Oct. 5, 2002, at the age of 91. He was born in Mason County, Ill., in 1911, the son of Otto and Emma (Boeldt) Musegades. He was married to Dorothy Pabst in 1936 at Sheridan, Wyo. She preceded him in death in 1993 after a marriage of 57 years.

Jack was a farmer/rancher in the Bridger area for over 50 years. He was an old cowboy who thoroughly enjoyed his horses and other livestock. He was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church and Bridger Senior Center.

In addition to his wife Dorothy, he was preceded in death by five brothers, Victor, Elmer, Millard, Herbert and Ottomar; and an infant son.

Survivors include a son, Dale A. (Sylvia) Musegades of Tucson, Ariz.; two daughters, JoAnn (Curt) Peters of Bridger and Donna (Chris) Reichert of Billings. He could boast of seven grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. He is also survived by two sisters, Agnes Rehman and Isabella Moeckly, who reside in Minnesota.

Funeral services will be held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Bridger on Friday, Oct. 11, at 10 a.m. Memorials can be made to St. Paul's Lutheran Church or Bridger Senior Center. Smith Funeral Chapel-Laurel is in charge of arrangements.

**MAR 15 2002****Doris Mussell**

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Doris Mussell, 98, of Sheridan, died Wednesday, March 13, 2002, at Sugarland Ridge.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be held in Independence, Mo., at a later date, with interment in the family plot in Mound Grove Cemetery. A reception to celebrate her life will be from 2 to 5 p.m. Saturday, March 16, at the Prairie Dog Women's Club in Sheridan. Kane Funeral Home of Sheridan is in charge.



# Paul Mydland

BULLHEAD, Ariz. —

Prominent Montana Angus rancher Paul Mydland unexpectedly passed

away of a heart attack on Dec. 26, 2002, in Bullhead, where he and his wife were spending the winter. He was born March 24, 1935 to Trygve M. and Glida (Wake-



**PAUL  
MYDLAND**

man) Mydland in Vernon County, Wis., where he lived until 1950, when his family moved to a ranch they purchased near Joliet.

After graduation from Joliet High School, he became the head of the family when his father died an untimely death in 1955. Paul married Janiece Bell on Jan. 27, 1956. He will be remembered for his common-sense approach to life and enjoyed his grandkids, his cows, surfing TV with his remote, reading history novels and riding his motorcycles. In his last generous act, his wishes to be an organ donor were carried out by his family.

Together with Janiece, Paul began building a breeding performance registered Angus herd in 1961. He was one of the first to introduce artificial insemination into a registered breeding pro-

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gram. From the inception of the Midland Bull Test program at Columbus, Mydland Angus bulls have been high performance consignees.

He was a member of NILE for 32 years, a charter member, director, and past president of the Midland Empire Angus Association, and a director of the Montana Angus Association. He also served on the school board of Joliet High School, on the board of the Rock Creek Water Users Association, the board of the RC&D, and was a longtime member of the Red Lodge BPOE.

In 1992, Paul and Janiece retired from ranching and managed the Esquire Motor Inn and Galley Lounge in Billings for six years.

Paul was preceded in death by his parents. Survivors are his wife Janiece; daughter Debbie Mydland (Bill Anderson), Joliet; sons David (Linda) Mydland of Shelby and Danny (Corie) Mydland of Joliet; Grandpa Paul's grandchildren, Darin, Dillon, Adam, Tayler, Levi and Logen; sister JoAnne (Vic) Miller, Billings; brothers Trygve M. (Beverly) Mydland, Jr. of Silverdale, Wash., Lyle (Phyllis)

Mydland of Bellingham, Wash.,  
Argyle Mydland of Bayview,  
Idaho, and Vernon (Diana)  
Mydland of Coeur d'Alene, ID;  
numerous nieces and nephews,  
and many, many friends.  
Cremation has taken place.  
Memorial services will take place  
at high noon on Saturday, Jan. 4,  
2003, at the Joliet High School  
Gymnasium. Interment will fol-  
low at the Rochvale Cemetery. In  
lieu of flowers, those wishing to  
donate memorials may do so to  
the Joliet Volunteer Fire  
Department.

## Suzanne L. Mydland

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Suzanne L. Mydland, 92, of Sheridan, died Thursday, May 9, 2002.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 18, at Kane's Funeral Home in Sheridan.

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**APR 09 2002****Alpha Mae Myers**

**GLASGOW —** Alpha Mae Myers, 73, of Glasgow, died Friday, April 5, 2002, at the Frances Mahon Deaconess Hospital in Glasgow.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday, April 10, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Glasgow. Interment will be in Highland Cemetery in Glasgow. Bell Mortuary in Glasgow is in charge.

## **Doris Frances Myers**

Doris Frances Myers, 86, died Tuesday, Oct. 15, 2002, in Billings.

Doris was born in Mason City, Iowa, on July 4, 1916. She was raised in Iowa and the Rio Grande Valley of Texas. Doris raised her family in Amarillo, Texas. She was retired from the American Quarter Horse Association and worked many years as a volunteer at Northwest Texas Hospital.

Survivors include her husband, Chuck Haggerton of Billings; two sons, Richard (Nancy) Myers of Fromberg, and Wade (Kim) Myers of Amarillo, Texas; grandchildren Daya Myers of Albuquerque, N.M.; Ada Myers of Molt, and Denise Myers of Fromberg; great-grandchildren Katy, Mason and Tyler Shanks of Laurel.

Arrangements entrusted to Cremation or Funeral Gallery.

# Joyce Rae Hessler Myers

Joyce was born to George H. Hessler and Harriet Coburn Hessler on Oct. 21, 1930, in Portland, Ore. She spent her childhood in Seattle and Boise, Idaho, and graduated from Boise High with honors in 1949.



**JOYCE MYERS**

Joyce attended Northwest Christian College in Eugene, Ore.,

where she earned a bachelor of religious education degree in 1953. On June 27, 1952, she married fellow student Russell Myers. They spent their years of marriage living in Yakima, Wash., Russellville and Floyds Knobs, Ind., Tacoma, Wash., Portland, Ore., and moved to Billings in 1980.

An avid reader and lover of literature and drama, Joyce was a published poet as a child. She loved to read fiction and act in plays. As a young adult, she wrote, published and directed religious dramas. In Yakima, she worked in a library and in Portland, she tutored children in reading and writing in a local elementary school. Her creativity extended into a love for crafts

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such as candlemaking, decoupage, sewing, weaving and embroidery and an enjoyment of music as a singer and choir director.

In Tacoma, she held the position of church secretary and choir director at East Side Christian Church, and in Billings, she was employed at West High until 1982 as a detention study hall monitor. Over her active years she was a committed volunteer in church and community serving as a Sunday school teacher, women's fellowship leader both in her own denomination and ecumenically, a church camp counselor and youth sponsor, a volunteer with disabled children, and a camp fire girl group leader.

In 1982 Joyce was struck by a car while crossing the street on her way to work, resulting in a permanent disability. She courageously lived with her new limits remaining active in church and traveling to visit extended family as far away as Florida.

Joyce was a devoted wife to Russell Myers, and a loving mother to her four children. She is survived by her husband of almost 50 years, Russell Myers, retired pastor of the First Christian Church of Billings; her four children, Cathy Myers Wirt of Portland, David Myers of Palmdale, Calif., Chris Myers of Salt Lake City and Paul Myers of Seattle; her sister, Gayle Johnston of Puyallup, Wash.; and her seven

A service of remembrance has been set for 2 p.m. on June 29, at Central Christian Church, 1221 16th St. W., and the family request any gifts in memory of Joyce be designated to the memorial fund of the congregation.

grandchildren, Brandon Myers, Bryan Myers, Jacob Wirt, Peter Myers, Rollie Wirt, Rachael Myers and John Myers. She was preceded in death by her parents, George and Harriet Hessler; and her granddaughter, Angela Myers Wirt.

**Leif C. Mysse**

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**LIEF MY SSE**

Leif Mysse, 91, of Billings, beloved husband of the late Barbara Mysse, died peacefully of natural causes May 26, 2002. He was surrounded by the love of his family and the remarkable staff of St. John's Lutheran Home.

Leif was born in Carterville, Mont., on Oct. 2, 1910. He was the third of six children born to Ole and Anna Mysse. He spent his childhood years working with his family on their homestead near Forsyth. Later on, he was a shepherd on his uncle's ranch in Ingomar. In January 1940, Leif married Barbara Scheeler. Together they farmed sugar beets in Custer. He was honorably discharged from the United States Army in August of 1946, after serving in Korea. Following his military service, he began a career in construction that spanned nearly 30 years. As a

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member of Laborers Local No. 98, he was part of the construction of many Billings landmark buildings. He was particularly proud of his participation in the building of St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church and The Billings Gazette.

For leisure and fun, Leif spent countless hours working in his yard and garden. He took great pride in teaching his grandchildren how to maintain and enjoy the outdoor aspects of a home. He grew prize-winning tomatoes and cucumbers. After a long Saturday of mowing, weeding, trimming and watering, Leif could be found sitting in a lawn chair under his carport listening to his classic country music, filled with pride at the accomplishments of the day and the beauty of nature.

He was also an avid weekday, lake fisherman. He shared this passion and countless hours with his wife at Cooney Dam and Deadman's Basin. Regularly the two fishermen returned home within a couple of hours because they had already caught the limit for the day. Regretfully, Leif was never able to catch as many fish as his wife.

Leif loved watching football and baseball. A member of the American Legion Post No. 4, he was an avid supporter of Legion Ball. He held season tickets most of his life and

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never missed a home game. Additionally, he rarely missed watching his favorite professional baseball team in action — the Cincinnati Reds.

Leif is survived by his three daughters, Sherry Jensen of Spokane, Charlotte Mysse of Salt Lake City, and Lynnette (Mick) Gainan of Billings; grandchildren, Ken Snyder of Spokane; Jim Gainan and Kristi (Todd) Gainan-Graves of Billings; great-grandchildren, Nathan Snyder of Spokane, Parker and Taylor Graves of Billings; sisters, Helen Hufford of Absarokee and Martha Jones of Nampa, Idaho.

Leif was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Barbara; son-in-law, James O. Anderson; brothers, Oscar, Arnie and Olaf Mysse.

Viewing will begin Tuesday, May 28 from noon to 3:30 p.m. at Smith West Chapel. Graveside services with Military Honors will be at 3:30 p.m. at Smith Terrace Gardens Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to St. John's Lutheran Home Foundation, 3940 Rimrock Road, Billings, MT 59102. Words cannot express the gratitude we feel for the staff of St. John's for the love and support they shared with grandpa during the last year of his life.

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GLASGOW — Hazel V. Myxter, 82, of Glasgow, died Sunday, Nov. 24, 2002, at her home.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 27, at First Lutheran Church in Glasgow. Interment will be in Highland Cemetery in Glasgow. Bell Mortuary of Glasgow is in charge.