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## Edna Naasz

SIDNEY — Edna Naasz, 84, of Sidney, died Wednesday, June 19, 2002, at the Sidney Health Center-Extended Care Facility.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, June 25, at the First Lutheran Church in Savage. Fulkerson Funeral Home of Sidney is in charge.

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# In Loving Memory of Ruth R. Naasz

## 13 Feb 1924 - 2 Nov 2002

GLENDIVE — Ruth R. Naasz, 78, of Glendive, formerly of Circle, passed away peacefully at the McCone Medical Assistance Facility on Nov. 2, 2002, with her loving husband, Albert, by her side.

She was born Feb. 13, 1924, to Earl and Della Baggs of Lindsey, raised on the family farm, and while attending high school, she excelled in music, singing and playing piano. She graduated from Dawson County High School in 1941. She attended Dawson College and graduated in 1943 with a Business and Secretarial Skills degree. After working for the U.S. Government in the Rations Department in Washington D.C., she returned to Lindsey. It was while teaching school at Bloomfield, that she married her childhood sweetheart, George "Pat" Murphy. Ruth and Pat had three children; William E. "Johnny," Judith C. "Joie," and Deborah J. "June."

They moved from the Murphy family farm into Circle in 1951, where they built a trucking com-



**RUTH NAASZ**

pany and operated a service station. After Pat passed away in 1955 Ruth worked as the assistant to the Superintendent of Schools in Circle. She also turned her lifelong passion for music into a second vocation as a pianist and singer at many of the clubs and churches in the area. In 1962, she had twins Todd and Tammy and she and Albert A. Naasz purchased and operated the Midway Bar, Lounge and Cafe, a popular mainstay of the downtown businesses in Circle for many years until they sold it and "retired" in 1982.

But retirement meant more time to devote to her activities in the EUB Church (ECNA), where she served as Choir Director for many years; to her students with private lessons on the piano and accordion; and to the community until they moved to Glendive in 1995. Ruth was also active in Eastern Star, VFW Ladies Auxiliary and Royal Neighbors of America. Ruth had many interests in life, but two, music and the church stand out. Ruth could play almost any song you requested from memory, and loved to listen to the blues. She also loved the church, and took great pride in helping shape the music of the church by directing the choir and

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helping to form many singing groups, including solos, duets, and quartets.

In addition to Al, Ruth loved her family and took great pride in the activities of her children and grandchildren. She always supported the family in any of its endeavors from sports, concerts, recitals and weddings to the adventures of their travels. Her competitive spirit readily showed when playing cards. She really enjoyed entertaining her family and friends over marathon pinochle or whist games. She especially enjoyed hearing her kids sing and play music as they grew up. She was 'famous' for her jokes and sense of humor ... if it wasn't a business call, she always tried to end the conversation with a joke or a story.

Ruth is survived by her children, William E. "Johnny" of Billings, Judith C. "Joie" and husband, Ron of Winnett, and Deborah J. "June" and husband, Charles of Circle, Todd of Glendive, and Tammy of Vancouver, Wash. Their families include 13 grandchildren; Sean Michael Murphy, Shauna Lee (Heitz) Clark and her husband, T.J., Dawn (Heitz) DeBeau, Scott Heitz and wife, LeAnn; Yvette, Jennifer, and John Robert Yarger; Kristian, Triton, and Taylor Enghusen; and Natasha, Nicki, and Aaron Naasz. Ruth also has four great-grandchildren.

Services will be 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 6, at the ECNA Church in Circle. Graveside services and interment will be at Sunset Memorial Gardens in Glendive. Memorial donations may be made in her name to the McCone Medical Assistance Facility.

# May Ladvala Nagel

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## MAY NAGEL

**ROBERTS** — Mamie "May" Ladvala Nagel, 96, passed away peacefully, with her family by her side, on Monday, May 20, 2002, at her home in Roberts.

May was born on May 2, 1906, in Alavus, Finland, the eldest child of Joel and Senia Hunnako Ladvala. She was 4 years old in 1910 when she immigrated to the United States with her mother and 16-month-old brother, Tom. In 1925, she married George Filppula of Red Lodge in Biwabik, Minn.

In 1942, May married William Nagel of Butte. After the war, they settled in San Francisco, where she worked for the renowned Eppler's Bakery.

May is survived by her son, Dr. Leonard (Gisela) Filppula of Billings; one brother, George (Barbara) Ladvala of Roberts; step-granddaughter Diane (Ed)

Abe, Bill and Zeke; and three sisters who died in infancy.

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, May 24, in Smith-Olcott Funeral Chapel in Red Lodge. Cremation has taken place. Interment will be in the Red Lodge Cemetery, with a reception to follow at the funeral home. Memorials may be given to the Roberts Community Foundation or the Knights of Kaleva.

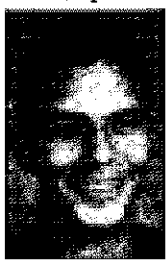
Ferris of Chico, Calif.; two step-grandsons, David Nagel of Chico, and Mark (Christy) Nagel of San Mateo, Calif.; four nieces and two nephews; eight grandnephews and nieces; five great-grandnephews and nieces; and many loving friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husbands; stepson Bob Nagel; stepdaughter Nancy Ritti; brothers Tom,

# Andrew Najar

APRIL 29, 2002

COLSTRIP — Andrew C Najar, 14, of Colstrip, son of Rose and Pascual Trevino, passed away Saturday, April 27, 2002, at the St. Vincent Healthcare of injuries received in an accident



ANDREW NAJAR

Andrew was a loving person who loved to spend time with family and friends. He loved to give a helping hand whenever he could. He spent lots of time with his twin brother, Adrian. You never saw one without the other. Whenever you saw one, the other was right behind him. His passion, or that he called "Life," was wrestling. We could say that was his life. He loved it with all his heart. He was dedicated to it more than anything else in school. He was a ninth grader at the Colstrip High School.

Another thing he loved to do with his twin brother was trick people by acting like the other one or to try to sound like the other.

Some awards that he achieved were first place at State Folkstyle meet. He was on the 2001 "Team Montana" when he traveled to Indianapolis, Iowa. His current meet was a State Freestyle meet

that he placed second in. He also has other various metals and trophies such as quick trophy, a couple of bowling trophies and countless ribbons that he achieved. He loved to just sit up all night talking about everything with everyone. Some of the hobbies he loved to do was chase girls with his twin brother. We loved to sit and talk all night about girls. He also loved to spend time on the Rims just to think about life and problems that he and his twin were facing. He loved to listen to music, mostly country and metal. He never liked rap like his twin, but they had a lot in common.

Some of Andrew's cherished moments were spending time with Pascual, his adopted dad.

Andrew also took special interest in studying his Bible. He read it on a regular basis and in the year 2000, he took a step forward and chose to be baptized in Jesus name according to Acts: 2:38. He loved Jesus and trusted in Him.

He is survived by his parents, Rafael Najar, Victoria Castro and adoptive parents, Pascal and Rose Trevino of Colstrip; twin brother, Adrian Najar and brother

Michael Brown, Jr.; sister, Mandisol Candelaria; and grandparents, Marciano and Lydia Castro and Antonio Najar and Elvira Benavides.

He is preceded in death by his half sister, Michaela Brown.

Vigil services will be 7 p.m. Monday at Smith Downtown Chapel. Funeral Mass will be 11 a.m. at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church with interment in Holy Cross Cemetery.

## **Dorothy Nance**

Dorothy Louise Nance died peacefully in her home on Saturday, March 2, 2002, in Billings. She had lived long and well.

Dorothy was born June 27, 1911, in Great Falls, to William and Anna Johnson. She married Leonard Nance on April 1, 1933, an "April's Fool" that lasted a lifetime until Leonard's death in 1988. They made their home in Miles City and retired to Billings in 1978.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her parents and five siblings. She is survived by her son, John (and Judy) of Phoenix; and a daughter, Judy (and Randall)

Barthelme of Billings. Also, two granddaughters, Sarah Callaghan and Rebecca (and Lance) Egan; and two great-grandchildren, Max and Ben Egan.

Dorothy worked as a Homemaker and a secretary in both the medical and legal fields. She was a member of Mayflower Congregational Church UCC.

A memorial service will be held on Tuesday, March 12, at 1:30 p.m. at Mayflower Congregational Church UCC. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Big Sky Hospice, PO Box 35033, Billings, MT 59107, or Mayflower Congregational Church UCC.

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## Dean A. Naylor

Dean A. Naylor, 83, of Billings, died Dec. 5, 2002, at St. Vincent Healthcare.

He was born Nov. 10, 1919, in Crow Agency, to his parents Bertha B. Davis and Alexander M. Naylor. He attended school in Hardin and served in the U.S. Navy 48th Construction Battalion. In 1942, he married Opal Drake.

After an honorable discharge from the Navy in 1945, he returned to manage the family ranch, along with farming, truck driving and construction work. In 1961, he began working for the National Park Service at the Custer Battlefield as maintenance man. In 1964, he went to work for the Bureau of Indian Affairs, moving to the Northern Cheyenne Agency in Lame Deer as supervisory engineer and plant manager.

He married Emmie Lou Krueger, Sept. 25, 1970. They moved to Billings in 1979, and Dean was a certified building inspector for the City of Billings until he retired in 1985.

He was a member of the Saints John Lodge No. 92 in Hardin and was a 32nd degree Mason; Scottish Rite Bodies and Al Bedoo Shrine in Billings. He was an experienced hunter and fisherman and enjoyed traveling in his retirement years.

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Dean was preceded in death by his parents; son Stanley; and brother Galen; two sisters, Lois and Ada Toeske.

Survivors include his wife, Emmie Lou; one son, Grant of Hamilton; two daughters, Claudean Roehmann of Madison, Wis., and Sylvia Ninear Larsen of Sheridan, Wyo.; six grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

"God Loves You, Rest in Peace."

Graveside committal service will be 1 p.m. Monday, Dec. 9, at the Fairview Cemetery in Hardin. Smith Downtown Chapel in charge of arrangements.

## **Gayle L. Rintala Naylor**

Gayle L. Rintala Naylor, 56, of Billings, passed away Sunday, Feb. 3, 2002.

Gayle was born Oct. 19, 1946, to Hugo and Irene Rintala in Billings. She grew up just outside of Red Lodge on the family farm with her parents; two sisters, Judy and Karen; and her brother, Bruce. She graduated from high school in Red Lodge and went on to Billings for business school.

While working at a bank in Billings as a teller, she met Scott Naylor. Their first date was New Year's Eve, 1966, and they were married March 19, 1966. Gayle and Scott and two children, Jaylene and Scot. Scott and Gayle worked together for many years, running Curley Naylor Electric. My wife of 35 years was a good mother and working partner.

Gayle is survived by her two sisters and brother, Karen Kent, Judy Christiansen and Bruce Rintala, all of Spokane, Wash.; her husband Scott; and her two children, Jaylene and Scot Naylor. Gayle always did her best — always. She was a very gentle woman, and my best friend. We will all miss her dearly.

Cremation has taken place with Cremation or Funeral Gallery. Graveside services will take place this summer in Red Lodge.

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**HARDIN** — Victor Nedens, 75, retired Hardin area farmer, passed away Friday evening, Nov. 29, 2002, in the Big Horn County Memorial Hospital.

He was born Oct. 2, 1927, in Lodge Grass, a son of Fred and Elizabeth Young Nedens. He grew up and received his education in Crow Agency, St. Xavier and Hardin.



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Following his education, he began farming with his parents.

Vic married Lorraine Becker Christman on March 19, 1954, in Hardin, and the couple made their home on their

farm south of Hardin, until moving to Hardin in 1959. He worked numerous campaigns of the Holly Sugar Factory, as well as working for Abell's Plumbing, Miles and Ulmer Co., Culligan Water and Burlington Northern. In 1975, the couple moved to Forsyth and farmed until returning to Hardin in 1980, when he farmed with his brother near Hardin, retiring in 1994. Farming and the outdoors were the important aspects of Victor's life.

He was a member of the Evangelical and Reformed Church of Hardin.

A stepson, Greg Christman, grandson; three sisters and two brothers preceded Vic in death.

Survivors include his wife, Lorraine of Hardin; two daughters, Linda (Chip) Towles of Colorado and Cheryl (Bill) Watson of Lodge Grass; two sons, Larry (Vicki) Nedens of Colorado and Kenneth (Theresa) Nedens of Nevada; one stepson, Dennis Christman of Hardin; his sister, Lydia Strecker of Hardin; three brothers, Henry of Wyoming, Harry of Livingston and Bill of Billings; 11 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 3, in the Bullis Funeral Chapel. Interment will follow in the Fairview Cemetery. Bullis Mortuary of Hardin has been entrusted with the arrangements.

## **Norman G. Nedrud**

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WOLF POINT — Norman Gilbertson Nedrud, 90, died Monday, Dec. 2, 2002, at the Faith Home in Wolf Point.

Visitations will be from 2 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 5, at the Clayton Memorial Chapel in Wolf Point. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, Dec. 6, at the First Lutheran Church.

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## **William Needens**

BUFFALO, Wyo. — William "Bill" Needens, 83, of Buffalo, died Tuesday, Jan. 29, 2002, at his home.

Visitation will be from 1 to 10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 1, at the Adams Funeral Home Chapel in Buffalo. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 2, at the Adams Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will be in Willow Grove Cemetery.

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MESA, Ariz. — Lynn W. Nees, 84, died Nov. 19, 2002, in Mesa.

He was born July 25, 1918, at Douglas, N.D., a son of Elzoo and Della Mae Nees. In 1930, he moved to Montana, where he spent his early years. In 1936, he worked for his brother, a trucking contractor, during construction of the Fort Peck Dam in Montana. On Dec. 11, 1940, he married Vivian Bilyeu at Forsyth, Mont.

He was an overseas veteran of World War II, serving in the Medical Corps.

In 1948, he moved to Wolf Point, Mont., operating a beverage distributorship. He also owned the Big Sky Motel, retiring in 1981. He was a member of the Wolf Point First Presbyterian Church, serving as an elder and deacon, and was a charter member of the Wolf Point Elks Lodge. In 1991, he moved to Mesa.

He is survived by his wife, Vivian; one daughter, Judy Lynn Seeley; son-in-law, Roger Seeley of Gilbert; one son, Grant Nees, of Tempe; and two grandsons, Kirk Seeley of McAllen, Texas, and Bret Seeley of Mesa.

Memorial services will be held at Sunland Village East, Mesa Verde Room, 2615 S. Farnsworth Drive, Mesa, Ariz., at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 23. Memorial contributions will be sent to the Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome Association.

## Otto J. Nehlich

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DENVER, Colo. — Otto J. Nehlich, 89, of Denver, formerly of Broadus, died Friday, May 3, 2002.

Visitation will be from 1 to 6 p.m. on Tuesday, May 7, in the chapel in Broadus. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. on Wednesday with interment following in the family lot in the Valley View Cemetery. Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home of Broadus is in charge.

# Gladys Neibauer

(Dec. 6, 1916 — Nov. 23, 2001)

MODESTO, Calif. — Gladys Mainwaring, 84, of Modesto, died Nov. 23, 2001, at Memorial Hospital in Modesto.

Mrs. Neibauer was a native of Montana. She was raised by her paternal grandparents in the Acton/Broadway area. Gladys attended and graduated from Billings High School. Soon after, she married Alex Neibauer and they farmed in the Laurel area until moving to Chinook in 1946. After a devastating flood destroyed their farm, they moved with their five children back to Billings. Gladys was a longtime employee of J.C. Penneys in Billings and later in Modesto. Gladys was a member of the German Congregational Church while living in Billings.

A memorial service was held in Modesto at the College Avenue Congregational Church. Attended were her five children: Lawrence L. Neibauer, his wife Ruth of Lake Mary, Fla., and three daughters; Rodney D. Neibauer, of Port Saint Lucie, Fla., and two daughters and granddaughter; Douglas L. Neibauer and wife Frances and son, daughter-in-law, and grandchild of Modesto; Carolyn D. Haugen, husband Darrel of Spokane,

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Wash., and son David; Gayle D. McKerrow, husband Raymie of Athens, Ohio, and son Matthew. Gladys is survived by five children, 14 grandchildren, and 14 great-grandchildren. She will be remembered and missed by her immediate family, her extended family and her many friends.



## Harriett Neighbors

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SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Harriett Neighbors, 85, of Sheridan, died Thursday, April 25, 2002, at Memorial Hospital of Sheridan County.

Cremation has taken place. At her request, private family memorial services were held Saturday, April 27. Kane Funeral Home of Sheridan was in charge.

Tues, April 30, 2002

# Helyn Mitchell Neiss

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Helyn Mitchell Neiss was born in Great Falls on April 22, 1921, to Margaret Cereck and Louis Mitchell. She passed away Thursday, May 9, 2002.



Her early years were spent in Belt. **HELYN NEISS**

Following the purchase of a shoe repair shop by her father, the family moved to Glasgow. Helyn attended grade and high schools in Glasgow graduating in 1939. In January 1941, Helyn married Wilmer C. Neiss, and they lived in the Panama Canal Zone and Los Angeles, and returned in 1943 to make their home in the Billings and Shepherd areas.

For many years, Helyn operated a catering service in Billings specializing in baking and decorating wedding cakes. In 1964, she returned to school and graduated with a BA in secondary education from Eastern Montana College. After teaching in the Northern Montana region, she returned to Billings to open the Flea Market and manage the Carlin Hotel.

Survivors include four children, Rick Niess of Helena, Frank Neiss of Fromberg, Debbe Neiss of Missoula and Peggy Neiss of

Billings, and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

A Requiem Latin Mass will be celebrated by the Crown of Thorns Mission, 10 a.m. Saturday, May 11, at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary. Interment will be in the Plains Cemetery. Memorials may be sent to the Multiple Sclerosis Association or American Diabetes Association in Billings.

## **Stacy Ann Nelligan**

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FRAZER — Stacy Ann Nelligan, 29, of Frazer, died Tuesday, May 7, 2002, at Northeast Montana Health Services in Wolf Point.

Wake services were Thursday, May 9, at the Frazer Community Hall. Funeral services were Friday, May 10, at the Frazer Community Hall. Interment was in St. Joseph's Cemetery in Frazer. Clayton Memorial Chapel was in charge.

# Arthur Niles 'Art' Nelson

LEWISTOWN — Arthur Niles "Art" Nelson, 95, died Tuesday morning, Jan. 15, 2002, at the Central Montana Skilled Nursing Center.



MR. NELSON

Art was born April 22, 1906, to Marcus and Dora Nelson at the Half Moon Ranch, 25 miles southeast of Lewistown. His parents came to America in 1898 from Norway.

Art attended public school in Lewistown and also Fergus County High School. After his schooling, he remained with his father, assisting with the operation of the ranch.

He was united in marriage to Eva Marian Jerbic on July 5, 1932. They celebrated 69 years of marriage together. Eva preceded him in death on Aug. 7, 2001.

In 1925, Art became a special deputy sheriff for Fergus County, and he was frequently called upon to assist the office force until he was appointed a regular deputy in 1928. He remained in this service for two years. He then returned to the Half Moon Ranch; however, he still continued to retain the duties of a special deputy.

In 1936, he was persuaded by

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friends to aspire for the office of sheriff of Fergus County. After having won the Republican nomination, he was defeated in the general election. He again accepted the duties of regular deputy in 1940, resigning in 1945 upon purchasing the Half Moon Ranch from his father. He had acquired the Twin Coulee Ranch, located in Golden Valley County, in 1939, which had been the winter quarters for his livestock operations.

He assumed the responsibility of deputy sheriff in Golden Valley County, which he served off and on for 20 years. After retiring from public service, he unceasingly devoted himself to ranching, a profession to which he had grown loyal and devoted.

For several years, he and his family resided in Lavina, where his children graduated from high school. Art continued his ranching in Fergus County and Golden Valley County all this time.

Art was a member of Lavina Lodge #107 AF & AM, Harlowton Chapter 22 Royal Arch Masons, Palestine Commandery 18, White City Chapter 76 OES and Fraternal Order of Eagles 374 in Lewistown. He is a past president of the Golden Valley Stockgrowers Association and was a director for many years.

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Art was also a member of the Montana Stockgrowers Association and the Fergus County Stockgrowers Association. He was a loyal and devoted member of the Wheatland County Farm Bureau, serving for many years as director. He was also a member of the American Lutheran Church in Lavina.

Art was truly a man who lived by his actions and patriotism to his country. He strongly believed in rights and freedoms of self and country and lived his life involving himself in these principles; by doing so, he found these to be his greatest activities in life.

He enjoyed spending time with his family and participating in family activities and events.

He also enjoyed many years of bowling with his loving wife, Eva on a league in Roundup.

Survivors include a daughter, Nancy (Roy) Schreiber of Lewistown; a son, Arthur N. (Eilein) Nelson of Lavina; seven grandchildren, Tanna Schreiber of Niantic, Conn., Scott Schreiber of Parachute, Colo., Dusty Nelson of West Seattle, Wash., Kelly Nelson of Kent, Wash., Brand Nelson of Lavina, Jason Cox of Billings and Cody Cox of Billings; and three great-grandchildren, Montana Nelson and Kobe and Berkley Cox. In addition he is survived by several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Eva, three sisters and three brothers.

Funeral services for Art will be held at the Creel Funeral Chapel on Saturday, Jan. 19, at 11 a.m. Burial will be at the Nelson Cemetery at the Half Moon Ranch.

Memorials are suggested to the charity of the donor's choice. Creel Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

## Charles R. 'Bud' Nelson

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Charles R. "Bud" Nelson, 85 of Billings, passed away Saturday, Feb. 16, 2002, from complications of Alzheimer's disease, at St. John's Lutheran Home. Bud was born Oct. 21, 1916, to Frank and Minnie Nelson in Nickwall, a small community south of Poplar.



MR. NELSON

Bud attended elementary school in Los Angeles, but returned at age 12 to Poplar to attend high school, graduating at age 16. He later attended Poly Tech and Billings Business College.

He met Frances Wright of Billings, who was teaching grade school in Nickwall and boarding with his parents. After working for several months on the construction of Fort Peck Dam, he came to Billings and he and Frances were married on Sept. 28, 1935. To this union two children were born, Robert and Linda. Shortly after Robert's birth, Bud and Frances moved to Poplar to engage in farming and ranching, and they resided there until Bud sold the ranch and they moved to Great Falls in 1977 to be near their children and grandchildren.

When Bud was 30 years old, he decided to take flying lessons, a

challenge which he mastered and he became an accomplished pilot. He used his piloting skills in his ranching business, but he and Frances also took several pleasurable trips. He was quite pleased with his 30 year accident free pilot's career.

Bud enjoyed music and with coaxing would play the violin. Golf was also of great interest to him and he was a participant as well as a spectator of the sport. Football was another interest and he was known to place bets with his son and friends.

In 1993, shortly after being diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease, he and Frances moved to Billings to be near family members as their children no longer lived in Great Falls.

Bud was preceded in death by his parents and son-in-law, Dick Appelgren. Survivors include his devoted wife of 66 years, Frances; his son, Dr. Robert C. (Fern) Nelson; his daughter, Linda Appelgren, all of Billings; his sisters, Jean Paulson, Wolf Point, and Margaret (Ellsworth) Graff of Joplin; his grandchildren, Raymond (Judi) Nelson, Three Rivers, Mich.; Charley (Becky)

Nelson, Robbie (Lisa) Nelson, Martin (Carrie) Nelson, all of Oklahoma City, Okla.; Richard Appelgren, South Orange, N.J.; Tammy (Bob) Armstrong, Billings; Carrie Dorn, San Antonio, Texas and 12 grandchildren.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 20, at First Presbyterian Church with Pastor John Shuck officiating. Interment will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens. Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 2 Poly Dr., Billings, MT 59101 or St. John's Lutheran Home, 3940 Rimrock Rd., Billings, MT 59102. Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

The family expresses appreciation to the staff in the Alzheimer's unit at St. John's Lutheran Home and to the Grand Expressions unit for the kind and loving care administered to our loved one.

## Darlene G. Nelson

Darlene G. Nelson, age 83, of Mandan, N.D., formerly of Richey, Mont., passed away on Friday, Jan. 25, 2002, at the MedCenter One Care Center in Mandan.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m., Tuesday, Jan. 29, at the American Lutheran Church in Richey with Pastor David Aaseng and Lay Pastor Clarice Beery



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officiating. Interment will be in the Dawson Memorial Cemetery in Glendive. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Glendive is entrusted with arrangements.

Darlene was born on Aug. 27, 1918, in Charbonneau, N.D., the daughter of Jeppe and Millie (Glick) Pederson. She married Norman Nelson on May 30, 1959, in Glendive, Mont. After their marriage, Darlene joined "Spike" in Richey where they owned and operated the Richey Hardware and John Deere Implement dealership retiring in 1974. They enjoyed camping, fishing, and raveling. She enjoyed spending ime with her family especially er grandchildren.

Darlene was a past president of the Eastern Star, VFW Auxillary, the American Lutheran

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Church, and the Church's Ladie Aid. She moved to Mandan in 1995 to be closer to her family.

Darlene was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Norman "Spike" Nelson in 1990 and son, Richard Lillie in 1971, stepson and daughter-in-law Allen and Gloria Nelson, one sister Bernice Homstad.

Survivors include her daughter, Leota M. Jensen and her husband Ray of Mandan; grandson Mike and his wife Cherie Jensen of Mandan; two great-grandchildren Ric Jensen and Niki Jensen of Mandan; two step-children, Delores Heser of Idaho Falls, Idaho and Barb Eggebrecht and her husband Bob of Glendive; step-grandchildren, Kurt Heser and Keith Heser of Salt Lake City, Utah, Lori Heser of Idaho Falls, Tammy Keck and her husband Dave of Butte, Mont., Wade Eggebrecht and his wife Shelby of Glendive, Vickie Nelson of Chester, Penny Zuroff and her husband Melof Richey, Mont. and Todd Nelson; two brothers, George Pederson and his wife Freddie of Cedar Rapid, Iowa and Gene Pederson of Union City, Calif.; one sister, Norma Fagle and her husband Clint of Springville, Iowa.



## Donald Carl Nelson

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SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Donald Carl Nelson, 63, of Sheridan, died Saturday, Nov. 2, 2002, at his home.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 6, at the Church of Christ. Interment will be in Sheridan Municipal Cemetery. Champion Ferries Funeral Home is in charge.

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## **Dora Ida Nelson**

**LOVELL, Wyo.** — Dora Ida Nelson, 87, died Monday, March 25, 2002, at New Horizons Care Center in Lovell.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday, April 1, at Haskell Funeral Home in Lovell. Burial will be in the Rockvale (Mont.) Cemetery.

## **Dwight Nelson**

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Dwight Nelson, 79, of Sheridan, died Monday, May 13, 2002, at his home.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, May 16, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Interment will be in the Sheridan Municipal Cemetery. Kane Funeral Home of Sheridan is in charge.

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## E. Bernadine Nelson

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E. Bernadine Nelson passed away Monday morning, March 4, 2002, in St. Vincent Healthcare, surrounded by her family, following a brief illness.

She was born in Billings, Dec. 16, 1918, the daughter of T.J. and Mamie Blackford. She married the love of her life, Neal Burton Nelson, on Feb. 4, 1938. They shared 60 wonderful years together. Her



**MRS. NELSON** greatest joy came from the times she shared with her grandchildren and great grandchildren — baking, sewing, planting and making special memories at the family cabin in the Beartooth Mountains.

She was preceded in death by her parents; three siblings; her husband Neal; daughter Jane and son Fred.

Survivors include her son, Wayne Nelson (Diane); sister, Mary Anderson; brothers, George Blackford (Musa), Howard Devitt (Marge); grandchildren, Kevin Nelson (Lorri) Pamela Nelson Small (Brent), Julie Nelson Hanser (Sheldon) and Neal Nelson, II; seven great-grandchild-

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dren, Tyler and Andrew Nelson, Madison, Seeley and Holland Small, and Olivia and Melissa Hanser.

Nanny, you're in our hearts forever and we'll always remember you "getting our sugar."

Rosary will be recited at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 7, at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary. Funeral Mass will be 11 a.m. Friday, March 8, at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, with cremation to follow.

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

## Elizabeth L. 'Betty' Nelson

HELENA — On April 13, 1926, the Lord blessed David Clinton Poling and Ida Marie Sundquist Poling of Williston, N.D. with a precious daughter, Elizabeth "Betty" Louise. Betty met her Lord and Savior on Oct. 11, 2002. She died in her home surrounded by her loving husband and daughters.

Betty was a devoted loving wife, mother, grandmother, sister and friend. Her life centered on her family. She modeled Christ's message, "Love one another." To all whose life she touched, she will be remembered for her words of encouragement and praise, her smile, laughter and sense of humor. Family and friends have been blessed by her generosity, courage, compassion, graciousness, optimism and faith. The life she led, in words and deeds, was a beautiful example for others to follow. To know her was to love her. Betty's death is truly earth's loss and Heavens gain.

Her parents; her sisters, Peggy Uthus and Caroline Poling; and brother, Jack Poling preceded her in death.

Betty is survived by her husband of 56 years, Lyndly; daughter, Penny Wastcoat and her husband, Tony of Bozeman; daughter, Nan Walter and her husband, Mitch of Livingston; her sister, Isabel Moe and her husband, Peder Moe of Billings; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Jimmy and Shirley Nelson of Glasgow. Betty is also survived by her grandchildren, Jane Bourquin of Boston, Kate Cummings of L'Isle en Dodon, France, David Walter of Livingston; step-grandchildren, John Wastcoat of Boston, Ty Wastcoat of Bozeman, Mike Walter of Fairbanks, Travis Walter of San Diego, Brad Walter of Billings; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be from 12 noon to 8 p.m. Monday, Oct. 14 at Retz Funeral Home. Funeral services are scheduled for 2 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 15 at the First Presbyterian Church, 535 N. Ewing Street, Helena. Burial will follow at the Montana State Veterans Cemetery at Ft. Harrison. Memorials may be sent in her memory to Hospice of St. Peter's, 201 South California, Helena, MT 59601 or to the Shriner's Hospitals for Children or the Transportation Fund C/O Algeria Shrine P.O. Box 1174 Helena, Montana 59624.

## **Erma Evelyn Nelson**

Erma Nelson died Wednesday, Feb. 6, 2002, in Billings. Erma was born on Aug. 28, 1919, to Isaac and Maude (Powell) Premo at Rushmore, Minn. The family moved to the Fromberg and Bridger vicinity when she was 1-1/2 years old. She went to school at Fromberg and Golden School, graduating from Bridger High School in 1936.

On June 14, 1939, she married her high school sweetheart, Andrew Christman. They lived on a farm south of Bridger, moved to Anaconda, and returned to Fromberg in 1944. Andrew and Erma were blessed with a daughter, Carmen.

They operated a grocery store with her father until 1950. In 1950, they began operating a grocery store in Billings until Andrew's death on April 29, 1955. She and her father continued to operate the store until September 1956. Erma worked at several places in

Billings until she was married Aug. 15, 1958, to Norman Nelson.

Norman and Erma continue to live in Billings until 1982, when he retired from the City of Billings. They moved to Harlowton to his ranch. In 1996 they sold the ranch and returned to Bridger to retire.

Erma is survived by her husband Norman; three nieces; two nephews; an aunt, Ibla Farquhar and many cousins. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband Andrew; an infant son Nolan Nelson; a brother, Orval; a sister, Velma Erhart; and her daughter, Carmen Hammer, in 1998.

Visitation will be Friday, Feb. 8, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday, Feb. 9, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Dahl Chapel in Billings. Graveside services will be held 2 p.m. Monday, Feb. 11, in the Bridger Cemetery. Dahl Funeral Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

## Esther Nelson

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BOZEMAN — Esther E. (Williams) Nelson, 94, passed away in Bozeman on Friday, May 24, 2002. She was born Oct. 9, 1907, near Laurel to the late Calvin and Candace (Jones) Williams. When she was a child, she moved with her parents and older brother, Glen, to a homestead southeast of Columbus. From there the family moved to different farms in the area and operated a dairy. As a young woman, Esther worked as a telephone operator at Columbus for many years. She married Herbert O. Nelson on Dec. 24, 1941. They lived on and operated the upper Nelson Ranch until 1965, when they built their retirement home a mile west of Columbus. Herbert passed away in September 1986, and Esther continued living in their home until she moved to an assisted living apartment at Bozeman in May, 2000.

Laughter and hospitality were Esther's special gifts. She could see the humor in any situation and loved recalling incidents from the past that were barely noticed as they happened. She would find something in them to laugh about. She also opened her home to family, friends, and missionary

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families, providing meals or a place to stay for the night. She was active in church affairs all her adult life, serving on church boards, teaching Sunday School, and hosting meetings.

She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, and her four brothers, Glen, Wilbur, Orrie, and Lawrence. She is survived by nephews and nieces Dale Williams of Columbus, John Williams of Lewistown, Jane Stene of Big Timber, Roger Williams of Billings, Allan Williams of Bozeman, Roxie Sporleder of Bozeman, Ronda Anderson of Conrad, and Randy Williams of LaCenter, Wash. Many of her husband's nieces and nephews and numerous great and great-great-nieces and nephews also survive her and are among those who mourn her passing.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Reed Point Evangelical Church Building Fund, where Esther was a faithful and devoted servant member.

Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m., Thursday, May 30, at Smith's Funeral Chapel in Columbus with interment at Mountainview Cemetery.

## Esther Marie Nelson

GLASGOW — Esther Marie Nelson, 75, of Glasgow, died Sunday, Feb. 17, 2002, at Community Hospital in Missoula.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 23, at Fort Peck Community Chapel. Interment will be in Highland Cemetery in Glasgow. Bell Mortuary of Glasgow is in charge.

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## **Evelyn Nelson**

BEACH, N.D. — Evelyn Nelson, 94, died Saturday, Dec. 14, 2002, at the Wibaux County Nursing Home.

Funeral Services will be 11 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 18, at the First Lutheran Church in Beach. Interment will follow in the Beach Lutheran Cemetery in Beach. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Beach is in charge of arrangements.

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## Dr. George W. Nelson

Dr. George W. Nelson, 88, of Billings, died Thursday, April 4, 2002, at Valley Health Care.

The son of Emil and Bertha Nelson, he was born Feb. 18, 1914, in Rockford, Ill. He graduated from the University of Illinois College of Medicine. While in medical school, he married Mary S. Barnes. After completing his internship at Orange County Hospital, Calif., and residency in pediatrics at Denver Children's Hospital, he attained the rank of Major while serving in the military from 1942-1946.

He was founder of the Children's Clinic in Billings. Later, he spent 16 years as a counselor at Galen State Hospital.

In 1979, he married Pat Bertagnolli. She preceded him in death.

Dr. Nelson was a member of the American Academy of Pediatrics and the American Society on Addictions. In Billings, he was associated with Special Olympics, and served for medical consultant for Yellowstone Boys Ranch and the crippled children program at Eastern Montana College. His proudest moments were spent working with the athletic programs in the Billings school system.

Sons, William (Bonnie) of Helena, Richard (Linda) and Tom (Tina) of Billings; and five grandchildren, Brett, Tyler, Charlie, Todd and Katie survive. Michelotti-Sawyers has charge of arrangements. Cremation has taken place and a private family service is planned. Memorials may be made to the Boys and Girls Club or to the kind people at Big Sky Hospice.

## **Gregory Norman Nelson**

**MALTA** — Gregory Norman Nelson, 42 years, loving and devoted husband, father and brother, drowned Saturday, Sept. 14, 2002, following an accident while working cattle when his horse went down in a reservoir south of Malta.



**GREGORY  
NELSON**

Funeral services for Greg will be 11 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 18, at the Dodson High School Gym, with burial in the Malta Cemetery. Adams Funeral Home of Malta is in charge of arrangements.

Survivors include his wife, Corliss Nelson of Malta; children, Leslie (Chad) Simonson of Great Falls, Buckshot Nelson of Missoula, Chancey Watson of Malta, Lacey Nelson of Malta; brother Roger Nelson of Malta; sisters, Cathy (Loren) Johnson of Malta and Cindy (Dan) Nelson of Loring; father in his heart, Richard (Darlene) Gilmore of Dodson; mother, Glenna (Jamie) Stevenson of Dodson.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John D. Nelson on July 31, 1960; and J. Yvonne Nelson on May 16, 1962.

Greg was born March 16, 1960 in Malta to John and Yvonne (Hoover) Nelson and was raised and educated in Malta and Dodson, graduating from Dodson High School in 1978. In 1980, he married Judy Phillips of Dodson. They had two children, Leslie and Buckshot, and later divorced. In 1991, Corliss Hurlbert began sharing in his life and they were married on Oct. 10, 1998, in Billings.

He was involved with ranching for most all his life, working for Richard Gilmore Ranch, Bill Murdock Ranch and for the past year, the Bruce Hould Ranch of Malta. He also worked for Phillips County Road District, Dateline Drilling, and Big Sky Horse Racing. Greg was a man of many talents: he was a traditional cowboy, dedicated horseman, amateur bareback rider, mechanic, and all-around handyman. Greg served on the Dodson School Board for nine years, was a member of the Dodson Volunteer Fire Department, Malta Saddle Club, and a 4-H Leader. Greg was an extremely generous man. He gave freely of his time and talent to anyone who was in need.

## Hannah M. Nelson

Hannah M. Nelson, 92, of Billings, passed away Jan. 3, 2002, at the Aspen Meadows Care Center.

Hannah was born March 18, 1909, in Bremen, Germany, the daughter of George and Katherine (Krug) Michaelis. She came to the United States, May 2, 1909. They came to Kansas for a short time and then her family moved to the Huntley Project, where she attended several rural schools, Gurnsey, Anita and Osborn.

She met and married Carl E. Nelson, Aug. 15, 1936, in Worden. They moved to Billings, where they made their home. Carl passed away April 21, 1973.

Hannah enjoyed gardening and caring for her plants. She was also an excellent cook.

Survivors include her twin daughters, Sharon (Larry) Johnson and Karen Weisser of Billings; and her son, Larry (Jane) Nelson of San Ramon, Calif.; seven grandchildren, Lori, Bob, Brian, Jodi, Jason, Todd, Craig; five great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Hannah's family wish to extend a big thanks to the staff and management of Aspen Meadows for the great care they gave their mother.

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She was preceded in death by her three brothers, Henry, George and John; and three sisters, Katherine Hill, Lydia Kaufman and Lena Hill.

Funeral services will be 3 p.m. Monday, Jan. 7, at Smith West Chapel, 304 34th St. West. Interment will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens. Friends and family are invited back to Smith's Hospitality Room for fellowship and light refreshments.

## Helen G. Nelson

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**DEC 04 2002**

LIVINGSTON — Helen G. Nelson, 67, of Livingston, died Sunday, Dec. 1, 2002, at Livingston Memorial Hospital.

Funeral services will be at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 5, at Holbrook United Methodist Church in Livingston. Graveside committal and burial will follow in Shorthill Cemetery, south of Livingston. Franzen-Davis Funeral Home of Livingston is in charge.

# Helen Marie Greer Nelson

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**  
**FEB 13 2002**

**MILES CITY**  
— Helen Marie Greer Nelson, age 90, of Miles City, formerly of the Cohagen area, passed away Monday, Feb. 11, 2002, at the Holy Rosary Extended Care in Miles City.



**MRS. NELSON**

Helen was born on June 29, 1911, at Rock Springs, the daughter of Joe and Wilhelmena Wegner Cheer. When she was 2 years of age, her father died in a horse accident, she and her mother left their homestead and moved to Cohagen, where her mother ran a boarding house. She attended school in Cohagen, graduating from Cohagen High School in 1927. She then attended Normal School in Billings, receiving her teaching certificate in 1930. Her teaching career started in the Black Foot area of Garfield County. She continued her education doing summer school and received her bachelor's degree from Eastern Montana College in Billings. She taught in many areas of Eastern Montana, retiring in the 1980s. In 1938, she married Neil A. Nelson. After spending their early years together traveling doing bridge construction,

they settled on her mother's homestead in the Cohagen Community, where they raised their five children. Neil and Helen retired and moved to Miles City in 1978.

Helen loved her family and church. Her teaching, gladiolas, a good game of cards, correct English and her antique collections were an important part of her life. She was an active member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Miles City.

Helen is survived by her five children, Marjory Milroy and her husband Clifford of Scottsdale, Ariz., Doug Nelson of Miles City, Frank Nelson and his wife Jane of Beulah, N.D., Meredith Hirsch and her husband Dennis of Miles City and Gordon Nelson and his wife Kathy of Colstrip; 14 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband and a great-granddaughter.

Visitation will begin Friday, in the chapel of Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City. Vigil services will be held Friday, Feb. 15, at 6 p.m. in the chapel of Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City. Mass of Christian



Burial will be held Saturday, Feb. 16, at 11 a.m. in the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Miles City. Rite of Committal will follow in the family lot in the Custer County Cemetery. Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home of Miles City is in charge of the arrangements.

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

**JUL 18 2002**

LIVINGSTON — Johanna "Jeanie" Nelson, 61, of Livingston, died Tuesday evening, July 16, 2002, at the Livingston Memorial Hospital, following a long illness. Funeral services will be 10 a.m.

Friday, July 19, at Franzen-Davis Funeral Home, 118 North Third Street in Livingston, with the Rev. Roger Churness of American Lutheran Church officiating. Graveside committal and interment will follow in Mountain View Cemetery.



**JOHANNA  
NELSON**

Jeanie was born Nov. 3, 1940, at the Lott Hospital in Livingston, the daughter of John and Florence (Arnold) Hamilton. She spent her early life on Smith Creek near Wilsall. At a young age, she moved with her family to Bozeman, where she attended school. On Feb. 14, 1970, she married Dave Nelson in Livingston and they resided there until moving to Burlington, Iowa, in 1986. In 1989, they returned to Livingston.

Jeanie worked for Dan Bailey's Fly Shop tying flies and also had Jeanie's Hair Hut &

Boutique. She also worked as a waitress and as activities director at Livingston Health and Rehab for a time. In 1980, she opened Jeanie's Alley Antiques just off North Yellowstone Street, where she loved meeting new people. She enjoyed cooking and took great pleasure from feeding large numbers of people.

Survivors include her husband, David Nelson of Livingston; a son, Kent (Tianta) Nelson of Missoula; three daughters, Rhonda (Mark) Hedin of Billings, and Robin Nelson and Margie Nelson, both of Livingston; her mother, Florence (Ray) Stewart; and a sister, Betty (Bill) Voth, all of Bozeman; seven grandchildren, Beau, Devon, Brooke, Holly, Bridger, Rock and Noah; and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her father, John Hamilton, in 1975; and her sister and best friend, Carleen Hanson in 1999.

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## **Kay S. Nelson**

**JOLIET — Kay S. Nelson passed away Sunday, April 7, 2002, surrounded by her family, after an extended illness.**

**Born Aug. 17, 1942, she was the daughter of Albert and Edith Kinney of Laurel. She married Harold Nelson on July 6, 1962, in Billings. They resided in Cody, Wyo., and Billings until they settled in Joliet in 1977.**

**Preceded in death by her father, brother and sister.**

**She is survived by her mother; husband; three children, Debbie, Joe and Tami; six grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; her brother, Stan; her 98-year-old father-in-law, Roy Nelson; and numerous nieces, nephews, in-laws and friends.**

**As per her wishes, cremation has taken place and there will be no services. Memorials should be sent to the Carbon County Hospice.**

**SEP 11 2002****LEONARD NELSON****Leonard Nelson**

**PLENTYWOOD** — Funeral services for Leonard Nelson will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, Sept. 13. Pastor David C. Curtright will officiate at the service at Fulkerson Memorial Chapel in Plentywood; interment will be on the family farm, north of Plentywood. Casketbearers will be PeeWee Hilyard, Wes Godijohn, Randy Kisler, Gerald Kohler, Gaylen Marsh and Mike Wollan.

Leonard — "Cowboy" — died early Monday morning, Sept. 9, 2002, at Sheridan Memorial Hospital.

Leonard, the son of Lester and Martha (McCoy) Nelson, was born Aug. 17, 1938, in Plentywood where he grew up on the family farm and attended schools. He had always wanted to be a cowboy, and was inspired by his uncle, Bill McCoy, and neighbor, Alfred Johnson.

Leonard started breaking horses as a teenager, and was soon working on area ranches. He joined the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association, and rode saddle broncs all over the U.S. and Canada through the 1960s. He also worked on many of the big ranches in the Miles City and Jordan country, still living the life of a cowboy. He later lived in Wolf Point before moving back to the Plentywood area. He did trucking and custom haying for many years, worked in the oil fields, including the north slope in Alaska, and was living on the family farm and operating it at the time of his death.

Leonard was married to Cathy Smith of Poplar; and they had two children, Cindy and Danny. The marriage ended in divorce, and he later married Cathy Wick of Sidney. They had two children, Rena and Chantz.

He was a lifetime member of the Old Tractor Club. He was always there, and always willing to give a hand whenever it was needed. He had a memory like a steel trap — and could always recall dates, places and faces. He never knew a stranger; and loved to visit, reminiscing about the cowboy days, and telling jokes and reciting limericks and poetry for hours on end.

Leonard was preceded in death by his mother, Martha Nelson; and sister, Evelyn Dart; and is survived by his children, Danny Kohl of Poplar, Cindy Wilson of Alaska, Rena and her husband Clint Mullin of Enid, and their son Zachary, and Chantz Nelson of Plentywood; and by seven other grandchildren. He is also survived by his father, Lester Nelson; four sisters, Ines Rohner, of Newport, Wash., Jackie Mackie, of Yakima, Wash., Ardelle Hart and her husband Ken of Outlook and Louise Nelson of Plentywood; and by nephews and nieces.

Fulkerson Funeral Home has charge of arrangements.

## Lorraine Nelson

MILES CITY — Lorraine Nelson, 65, of Miles City, died Monday, June 24, 2002, at the Holy Rosary Extended Care in Miles City.

Visitation will be Wednesday, June 26, at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, June 27, at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home.

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## **Mary F. Nelson**

Mary F. Nelson, 95, passed away Friday, Sept. 13, 2002, at St. John's Lutheran Nursing Home.

Mary was born March 30, 1907, in Cadott, Wis., the daughter of Frank and Nettie (Peters) Rezabek. At an early age, the family moved to Mora, Minn.

She married Arthur M. Nelson in March 1929, at Mora and lived there until 1937, when they moved to Billings.

Mary enjoyed her three grandchildren, James Nelson, Karla White and Anna Smith. Her hobbies included crocheting, ceramics, painting, camping and fishing.

She is survived by her son Don (Bessie) of Florida; three grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; a niece, Marva Heldberg; and sister-in-law Ruth Rezabek of Minnesota.

She was preceded in death by her husband Art, her parents, one sister and four brothers.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 18, at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary, with interment in Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Memorials may be made to St. John's Lutheran Home.

## NINA NELSON

CULBERTSON — Nina Nelson, 95, longtime Dane Valley and Culbertson resident, passed away Monday evening, Feb. 26, 2002, in the Roosevelt Memorial Nursing Home in Culbertson.

Her funeral will be Friday morning, March 1, at 10:30 a.m. in Bethel Free Lutheran Church in Culbertson. Rev. Alex Lissow will officiate and interment will be in Ebenezer Lutheran Churchyard Cemetery. Friends may call at the church for the hour preceding the service.

Nina Marie Nielsen was born Oct. 7, 1906, to Nels and Marie Nielsen on a farm northeast of Culbertson. Her parents, Danish immigrants, homesteaded in the Dane Valley area. She was the first baptized member of the newly organized Ebenezer Lutheran Church, west of McCabe. She attended schools at Dane Valley and McCabe.

On her 19th birthday she was married to Walter Nelson. They made their home on Walter's family farm, where they raised three children, Luella, Harriet and Tom.

In 1960, they moved to Culbertson, joining Bethel Free Lutheran Church.

Nina enjoyed baby-sitting the neighborhood children, gardening, crocheting, sewing and

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making a variety of crafts. He family was very special to her.

Survivors include her daughter, Harriet Blair of Missoula; son, Tom, of Culbertson; seven grandchildren, Marcia and Bill Scharnweber of Chicago, Bruce and Kathy Johnson and Mardel and Gail Pedersen of Missoula, Cheryl and Stephen Mason of Santee, Calif., Wanda and Kevin McDonald of Minot, N.D., Beth and Larry Hekkel and Mark and Jo Nelson of Culbertson; 12 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death were her husband; daughter, Luella; parents; five brothers, Fred, Tom, Frank, Martin and Otto; and six sisters, Dora Hansen, Ingeborg Johnsen, Ella Olson, Edna Hofman and Esther Baumgarten.

The Everson-Clayton Memorial Chapel of Culbertson is in charge of the arrangements.



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## Nodell 'Nody' T. Nelson

Nody Nelson, 74, of Billings passed away Friday, Oct. 18, 2002, at St. Vincent Healthcare after complications of surgery. Born Sept. 4, 1928, in Rugby, N.D., he was the only child of John Bernard and Betsy Solem Nelson.

Nody was schooled in Rugby. He married Edith Zeiders on Nov. 10, 1950.

Drafted into the U.S. Army on Nov. 19, 1950, he served in the Korean Conflict until 1952. He was wounded and received the Purple Heart and Presidential Unit Citation for bravery in action.

Edith and Nody lived in Rugby until the fall of 1956, when they moved to Billings. Nody worked as a sheet metal worker for Dusapin Heating & Cooling. From 1960 to 1971 he was co-owner of Yellowstone Heating & Cooling. He was then self-employed at Billings Heating & Cooling, sold the business and retired in 1988.



**NODELL  
NELSON**

Nody loved his family, grandsons, gardening and his cabin time. Nody enjoyed life and valued his many friends.

Survivors include his wife, Edith; daughter Gail (William) Davidson of Nashville, Tenn.; son Bruce (Sara) Nelson of Sheridan, Wyo.; and grandchildren Mitchell and Garrett Nelson.

Visitation will be noon to 5 p.m. on Monday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Tuesday, and 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Wednesday at Cremation or Funeral Gallery. Funeral service will be at 1 p.m. on Wednesday at the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd.

Burial with Military Honors will be at Mountview Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Yellowstone Boys & Girls Ranch or to the Boys & Girls Club. Arrangements were made by Cremation or Funeral Gallery.

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## Norman P. Nelson

BRIDGER — At the age of 85, Norman P. Nelson died at Deaconess Medical Center on Wednesday, April 3, 2002.

Norman was born March 14, 1917, in Denton, the oldest son of Nels Bjorg and Molly (Muller) Nelson. The Nelson family moved to the Harlowton area when Norman was 1 ½ years old. He attended schools around the Harlowton area and graduated from Harlowton High School in 1935. He attended Eastern Montana College in Billings until he began his ranching career with his father in Melville and Harlowton.

In 1954, Norman came to Billings. On Aug. 15, 1958, he married Erma Premo Christman. Norman worked for the City of Billings Street Department, retiring in 1982. He and Erma then returned to the Harlowton ranch until they sold it in 1996, retiring to Bridger. Norman recently received his 50-year plaque from the Moose Lodge in Harlowton, which he accepted with great pride.

His wife, Erma; daughter Carmen Hammer; parents; brother Howard Nelson; and two nephews preceded him in death. Survivors include his brother, Louis Nelson of Shepherd; and several nieces and nephews.

A graveside service for Norman will be 11 a.m. Saturday, April 6, at the Bridger Cemetery. Visitation will be at Dahl Funeral Chapel in Billings on Friday, April 5, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

# Robert Ambrose 'Bob' Nelson

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POWELL, Wyo. — Robert Ambrose "Bob" Nelson passed away June 10, 2002, in Powell, at age 92.

He is survived by his wife Elsie of Powell; son Dick Nelson and daughter-in-law Jeanne of Powell; his daughter Julie Sullivan and son-in-law John of Canandaigua, N.Y.; stepson Johnny Olson and his wife Debbie of Billings; sister-in-law Pauline Nelson of Cupertino, Calif.; niece Anna Ghandour and husband Ed and daughters of Santa Rosa, Calif.; four grandchildren, Tyler Nelson and his wife Brandi of Cody, Andy Nelson of Powell, Jonathan Sullivan of Canandaigua and Jeffrey Olson of San Jose, Calif.

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He was born to S.A. and Sedona Nelson on April 28, 1910, in the back of the Powell Tribune building when the Powell Tribune was owned and operated by his father S.A. Nelson. Bob was reported to be the first boy to be born in Powell after the town voted to incorporate. He graduated from Powell High School as the class salutatorian in 1926 and then from the University of Washington in 1933 with Phi Beta Kappa honors.

He then returned to work at First National Bank, which was founded by his father in 1912. In

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1933, he was named bank cashier, which was the same year President Franklin D. Roosevelt declared a bank holiday during the Great Depression. First National Bank was the only bank of five in the area to survive the Depression. In 1937, upon the death of his father, Bob became the president of First National Bank and also assumed leadership for the Nelson Insurance Agency, also formed by S.A. Nelson.

In 1937, he married Evelyn Pehl, with Dick born in 1940 and Julie in 1948. In 1959, the bank moved from the corner of First and Bent to First and Clark, where the bank stands today. In 1967, he married Elsie (Stylen) Olson, who is his surviving spouse. Bob retired as president in 1974 and turned management over to his son, Dick Nelson.

With Dick as president and Bob continuing to serve as chairman of the board, the bank began operation of the Lovell National Bank in 1984. The bank reached \$100 million in assets in June 1986. First National Bank opened the Cody bank office in 1997, and recently reached \$200 million assets in July 2001. Bob's grandsons, Ty and Andy, are also now members of the Board of Directors and are active in the bank.

Bob loved his community and assisted in many ways to help Powell grow and develop. He was

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a founding member and contributor to the formation of successful economic development groups Target Powell Valley and Powell Incorporated. He founded the Northwest College Foundation in 1966 with a generous donation of stock and served as president from the founding year until 2000. Bob was also involved in supporting the expansion of the College District to include all of Park County. He also provided funding for the formation of the Powell Medical Foundation. He was a founding member of the Powell Rotary Club, and long-time President of the Powell Country Club.

Bob started and chaired the first Planning and Zoning group in Powell. He served as president of the Wyoming Bankers Association in 1955. Bob was also a team member assisting in bringing the Rocky Mountain Manor to reality for Powell's elderly. Bob was a member of the BPOE Elks Club and in 1971 was awarded the Elks Distinguished Citizen Award. He also received the Chamber Community Builder of the Year Award in 1975.

He loved being in the mountains at his cabin in the Crandall area and truly enjoyed the friends he and Elsie made in Kauai where they spent many happy times. He greatly loved being at the bank and visiting with the many

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friends that he had grown up with in the Powell valley through the years.

A Memorial Service will be held in his memory on Friday, June 14, at 10 a.m. at the Northwest College Cabre Gymnasium. A reception will follow at the Northwest College John DeWitt Student Center. For those who wish, the family would appreciate memorials to the Northwest College Foundation.

**Robert C. Nelson**  
**1936 — 2002**

**MAY 12 2002.**  
**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**JOLIET/COLUMBUS** —

Robert C. Nelson was born the son of Christian and Clara Nelson, Jan. 21, 1936, in Rockvale. He died peacefully Wednesday night, May 8, 2002, at his home with his family.



**ROBERT  
NELSON**

Bob was born in Rockvale and now he is going to be laid to rest in Rockvale Cemetery 66 years later.

He graduated from Edgar High School and upon graduation he joined the U.S. Air Force. He was honorably discharged in 1957. Soon after returning home, he met and married Kaye. Together, they raised a family. Bob was a good dad to his own children and he touched the lives of many foster children that found refuge in their home.

He worked 30 years for Mountain Bell and U.S. West telephone companies; Bob retired in 1990. Bob was an avid collector of antique and classic cars, antique trucks and tractors. He loved to wheel and deal.

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His family can hardly bear the loss of this dear man, though we know he is in the arms of Jesus — whole and well. We know we will see him again.

Bob is survived by his wife Kaye; daughter Starrlene and son-in-law Justin Love and grandchildren Jesiah, David and Kelsie; son Kelly Nelson and grandchildren, Cameron and Kent; daughter, Julie and son-in-law Gary Watts and grandchildren Jenna, Victoria and Christian; son Tyler Nelson and grandson Dondie; daughter Celeste and granddaughter Daysha; son Bob Nelson; daughter Lisa Nelson; Leslei Williams and Shanika Dunn; grandchildren Heather, Wendy and Travis Nelson; sisters Ruth Hecker, Mae Mitchell, Jean Harris and Mary Weishaar; many nieces and nephews who were very dear to him, and many precious friends.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Monday, May 13, at Smith Funeral Chapel-Laurel. Interment will be in Rockvale Cemetery, with military honors. Memorials are suggested to: Joliet Community Center, PO Box 29; Joliet, MT 59041.

## Russell A. Nelson

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## BILLINGS GAZETTE

Russell A. Nelson, 84, of Billings died Wednesday, June 26, 2002, at Billings Health and Rehabilitation Community.

He was born on April 10, 1918, at Broadview, the son of Albert and Augustine Nelson. He moved with his mother to Billings in 1929, where he was raised. Albert worked in Billings until enlisting in the U.S. Army in 1942.

Albert married Emma Berreth on June 22, 1942, in Billings. After his discharge in 1945, he returned to Billings and worked as a warehouseman for Gamble-Skogmo Co. Until his retirement.

Survivors include his wife,

Emma; a daughter, Diana Nelson of Vacaville, Calif.; two sons, Gary Nelson and David Nelson, both of Billings; one sister, Ruth Terpering of Florida; one granddaughter, Debbie Hodge; and five great-grandchildren. Albert was preceded in death by his sister, Elsie Sandbak, and a brother, Clifford Nelson.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, July 2, at Smith's Downtown Chapel. Interment with military honors will be at Mountview Cemetery.

Visitation will start at 9  
a.m. on Monday at Smith's  
Downtown Chapel.



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## Russell Vernet Nelson

Russell V. Nelson passed away April 9, 2002, at age 97, in Billings.

Russell was born on Jan. 14, 1907, in Troy Mills, Iowa, the son of Peter Nelson and Grace Ethelyn Michael Nelson.

Russell grew up in the North Dakota and Minnesota Region. Russell married Bess Anderson Nelson on June 13, 1937.

Russell was a Mason and a Shriner in the Euclid Lodge in Great Falls. He was the best Santa the Masonic Christmas Party ever had. Russell was also a butcher, salesman, bus driver for children as well as for transporting firefighters, and security for the Montana State Fair in Great Falls since the 1940s. Russell was an avid fisherman, hunter, rock hound, and enjoyed camping with friends and family. Russell's love for people went unquestioned as he never met a stranger.



**RUSSELL  
NELSON**

He is survived by his three daughters, Ginny (Roy) Bennett, Rene (Swede) Mattfeldt, Nancy (Jim) Lane; brothers, Ted (Char) Nelson, Stan (Darlene) Nelson; sisters, Wilma Turner and Donna Reynolds. Russell had

eight grandchildren, Laura (David) Nelson-Voth and his special great-grandson Justin Russell Nelson, Richard (Therese) Mims, Tim (Dana) Mattfeldt, Steve (Janel) Mattfeldt, Teri (Drew) Mattfeldt-Weiskopf, Chad (Liz) Laird, Holly Laird and Sally Laird. Russell also had 14 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Russell was preceded in death by his wife Bess, his parents, his brothers, Paul Nelson and Merle (Bud) Nelson; sisters, Orma Larson, Ione Kludt and Verna Eaker.

At age 97, Russell wrote the following poem:

If a task is first begun,  
never leave it 'til it's done.  
Be the labor great or small,  
do it well or not at all.

Per his wishes, cremation has taken place. Graveside services are planned at a later date.

#### Grandpa's Prayer:

God grant that I may fish until  
my dying day, and when it comes  
to my last cast, I then most  
humbly pray, while in the Lord's  
safe landing net, I'm peacefully  
asleep, and that in his mercy I be  
judged as good enough to keep.

**Stanley A. Nelson**

WIBAUX — Stanley A. Nelson, age 89, of Wibaux, died in Baker on Wednesday, March 27, 2002.



**STANLEY  
NELSON**

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, April 1, at the Christian Fundamental Church in Wibaux, with Rev. Tom McCall of Willard officiating. There will be a prayer service at 5 p.m. Saturday, March 30, at the United Methodist Church in Wibaux. Visitation will be 3 to 5 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at the Methodist Church. Interment will follow the services at the Wibaux Cemetery. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Wibaux is entrusted with arrangements.

Stanley was born Feb. 24, 1913 in Wibaux, the son of Charles O. and Alberta K. (Muggah) Nelson, who were homesteaders in southern Wibaux county.

Stanley spent his childhood years on the farm, delighting in riding horses and working with machinery. His schooling began with the first grade in the Muggah school located in his nearby grandfather's house. That

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was followed by two years of home school. Next, he attended the Nelson and Olson schools, getting there by his own transportation, his horse. Ollie High School baseball and basket ball teams were a highlight for him. He rode the 15 miles each way horseback in nice weather but boarded in Ollie during winter months. Another enjoyment Stanley had was helping stoke the boiler of the local train's steam locomotive in the evening.

Two years following graduation from high school, Stanley had saved enough to attend Montana State College in Bozeman for two quarters. He then engaged in his lifelong endeavor in agriculture. He struck out on his own by planting 200 acres of wheat on land he leased from a neighbor, while continuing to work the family farm with his father. A not so fond memory was of the drought and dust bowl, depression years of the 1930s. This experience of the '30s vitalized his commitment to conservation and stewardship of the land.

Stanley enjoyed numerous community activities including playing the fiddle at barn dances, rabbit hunts, brandings, community suppers and threshing bees. He loved community service and gladly served as 4-H leader, election board judge, on school boards, on elevator boards, on church boards and numerous

other activities. He actively participated in the Wibaux Soil Conservation District where he was a founding member and director for 62 years. This service has distinguished Stanley as the longest serving conservation board director in the nation.

Stanley was baptized in the United Brethren Church of Carlyle then later became a long-standing member of the Wibaux Methodist Church.

Stanley was married to Jean Elizabeth McCollum of Baker on Dec. 16, 1945. To this union, three sons were born: Charles in 1947; Thomas in 1950; and Warren in 1954.

Stanley was preceded in death by a brother, Linten in 1922; his mother in 1948; his father in 1961; his beloved wife Jean and his sister Marjorie, both in July of 1981. Also preceding him were many, many area pioneers, whom he considered his close family.

Stanley is survived by his three sons; two daughters-in-law, Renee and Gloria, all of Wibaux; four grandchildren, Marlette, Brent and his wife Kim, Kendra and Nathan Nelson; three great-grandchildren, Taylen, Vallie and Gavin. Also missing his generous smile will be a great host of friends and extended family.

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Memorials may be made to  
the Stanley Nelson Conservation  
Memorial Fund at R.R. 1 Box  
2064, Wibaux, MT 59353.

# Vera Buchholz Nelson

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**AUG - 8 2002**

Vera Buchholz Nelson, 71, passed away on Aug. 6, 2002, at home with her loving daughters. Mom raised five kids by herself.

She loved the Lord, her family and especially her friends at Prairie Towers. She loved to read and listen to Gospel music.



**VERA  
NELSON**

She is survived by her daughters, Barbara and John Sparovic, Rose

Braun Middy and Mel Smith of Billings; 11 grandkids and seven great-grandkids.

Instead of flowers, please make donations to Hospice. Memorial services will be at Prairie Towers.

## Walter Herman Nelson

Walter Herman Nelson, 88, of Billings, went home to be with the Lord on Saturday, Jan. 12, 2002.

He was born April 10, 1913, in Howard S.D., the son of Helen and Roland Nelson.

Walter moved from South Dakota to the Winnett area at the age of 13. He was one of six children; three brothers and three sisters. After seventh grade graduation he worked in the Molt and Broadview areas for a number of years before working for Burlington Northern Railroad for 43 plus years. He retired in 1972.



MR. NELSON

He met Marie A. Burnmeister at a rodeo and they were married Aug. 5, 1946 in Great Falls. As a beloved husband, they shared a number of interests including history farming at their Broadview homestead and restoring Marie's original 1927 Model T. They celebrated their 50th wedding Anniversary by driving the "T" to the gathering. Marie preceded him in death on Oct. 27, 1997.

Although they had no children, family members as well as numerous nieces and nephews played a vital role in Walter's life. Special neighbors, the Cunningham's and Mathiason's, became extended

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family through the years. Walter was a gentle giant who loved the land, a man of few words, yet a heart full of love and kindness many times over.

He was a member of the Rapelje Masonic Lodge for over 40 years and member of the Billings Scottish Rite.

His later years were spent at St. John's nursing home where he looked forward to family visits, old movie and good food and friends.

He is survived by the Mary Jane (Dale) Schneidt family, his caregiver and niece to whom he was particularly close; two brothers, the Robert (Florence) Nelson family and the Gordon (Agnes) Nelson family; one sister, the Vivian Fitch and family and sister-in-law, the Sophie Brissendom and family. All of his nieces and nephews held a special place in his heart.

Two sisters, Stanza Baungardner and Ruby Nelson preceded him in death.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 17 at the Smith Downtown Chapel. Interment will be at Sunset Memorial Chapel. Memorials may be made to the Shrine Transportation fund for children c/o Al Bedoo Shrine, P.O., Box 20673, Billings, MT 59104 or the Molt Fire Dept. Molt, MT.

## **Walter Herman Nelson**

Funeral services for Walter Herman Nelson will be 2 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 17, at the Smith West Chapel. Interment will be at Sunset Memorial Chapel. Memorials may be made to the Shrine Transportation fund for children c/o Al Bedoo Shrine, P.O., Box 20673, Billings, MT 59104, or the Molt Fire Dept. Molt, MT.

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## Walter Lee Nelson

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**JUL 25 2002**

BRIDGER — Walter Lee Nelson, 82, of Bridger, passed away Tuesday, July 23, 2002, at his home.

Cremation has taken place and private family memorial services will be held at a later date. Smith Funeral Chapel-Laurel is in charge.

# Zella Nemer

BILLINGS GAZETTE  
DEC 25 2002

"If I've told you this before, stop me." Then came a story, sometimes, even often, a good one. Zella Nemer died quietly at her home on Dec. 22, 2002. It had

been a wonderful life, and Zella had many good stories to tell.

Zella was born in Aberdeen, S.D., to Sophie and Jacob Parkans on Sept. 29, 1922.

While attending the University of Wisconsin,

she met Maury Nemer, who was soon to become her husband. Together, they headed west to start a new life together and stopped in Billings to visit Zella's sister, Florence Gordon and her husband Leonard. That was as far as they got, and Billings became their home. Working alongside her husband at Reliable Tent and Awning Company, Zella and Maury built a nice life with a close family and many good friends.

Zella was an avid bridge player and, along with Florence, she became one of the first female Life Masters in Montana. She and Florence also founded Sophie's, one of Billings' nicest ladies stores. Golf also was an important part of Zell's life — a very impor-

tant part. She enjoyed the game and the company at the Yellowstone Country Club in Billings and at the Indian Wells Country Club in Indian Wells, Calif., where she and Maury wintered for nearly 30 years. Zella chaired ladies golf at both clubs and volunteered at the Bob Hope Desert Classic on a regular basis.

She is survived by Maury, her husband of 56 years; her son Bob and his wife Linda; and her daughter Raule and her husband Bob Topp. Grandson David and his wife, Liz, thrilled Zella with a fourth generation Nemer just last October. Grandsons Simon and Harry attend middle school and high school in Evergreen, Colo., where the Topp family lives. Zella was preceded in death by her granddaughter, Jennifer Nemer Sibinger.

*"We'll miss you Mom. You were the best, the very best."*

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 26, at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary. Interment will follow at the Beth Aaron Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Jenny Nemer Sibinger Scholarship Fund, c/o Paine Webber, PO Box 7028, Billings, MT 59103.

Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.



**ZELLA  
NEMER**

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## Edith Maud Burgess Nemeth

Edith Maud Burgess Nemeth, 92, of Billings, journeyed on from this short life to the eternity of the next, Thursday, Feb. 28, 2002, from her home.



**MRS.  
NEMETH**

She was born third in the line of six children to Burdette Harrison Burgess and Jenny Maud Sherwood Burgess in Chicago, on Sept. 11, 1909. She was preceded in death by her son, Burdette Harrison Priquette, and also her husband, Army Sergeant Major John Nemeth, who she saw off to combat in World War II, Korea and Vietnam.

She was a woman of great strength and uncommon generosity, richly gifted with unfailing good humor and enduring compassion for those who touched her life across many stations of assignment and residences in the United States, Japan and Germany, a great member of the Greatest Generation.

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Her life will be celebrated and remembered by her many loving friends and by the beloved members of her family, of whom are: her son, Dr. John Charles Nemeth and his wife, Dr. Grace T. Edwards of Knoxville, Tenn., and Roanoke, Va.; her daughter, Joan Belle Nemeth of Billings; her sister, Nell Burgess Schreck of Hollywood, Fla.; her grandchildren, Jacqueline Lynette Nemeth and Cheryl Diane Nemeth Hendry and their mother, Kathryn Jolly Nemeth, Adam Priquette, Mark Priquette, Robin Priquette Hall, Shawn Priquette and Johnnie Linda Priquette Winters; her great-grandchildren Nicholas and Andrew Priquette, and Eric Winters; and great-great-grandchild, Hope Winters.

A festive memorial tribute and opportunity to respect her memory will be held for family and friends in her honor this summer.

## Flo Nerlin

**JOLIET** — Flo Nerlin, 96, longtime Joliet area resident, passed away on Monday morning, Sept. 2, 2002.



**FLO NERLIN**

Flo was born on Jan. 18, 1906, in Guthrie, Oklahoma Territory, to George and Winona Gorrell Fitzpatrick. Because of her Irish heritage, her favorite color was green. At an early age, her family moved to Snohomish, Wash., and later to Walla Walla, Wash.

Flo was 16 when her mother died, so she had to work while attending high school, graduating in 1924 and then working her way through Ellensburg (Wash.) Normal School. She received a two-year teaching certificate, and taught in Washington for a year. Flo came to Fromberg by train and taught primary grades for two years, and it was there she met a dashing young cowboy, Andy Nerlin.

Flo and Andy were married on Nov. 2, 1930, and began the life on Poverty Flat between Joliet and Fromberg. She began married life on the farm with no electricity or running water. Cooking for family and the hired help was done on a wood stove. This was quite a change for a city gal. She received much advice from the neighborhood women.

Six children were born to Andy and Flo — all graduates of Fromberg High School. Education was very important to the Nerlins. The children all completed college, and many have advanced degrees.

Flo belonged to the neighborhood "Sunshine Club" for over 70 years, and she was a 50-year member and past matron of the Aloha Chapter #41, Order of the Eastern Star. She was active in the Joliet Christian Workers and the Senior Citizens. After Flo and Andy were married, she spent 20 years as a hard-working homemaker. After raising her family, she returned to teaching at various rural schools. Her later years were spent enjoying her grandchildren who all enjoyed spending summer vacations on the ranch.

Survivors include three sons, Junior Nerlin of Joliet and children Justin Howell and Kim Nerlin, Dale (Delores) Nerlin of Bozeman and children Roger, Jean Riley and Gerald, and Jim (Peg) Nerlin of Telluride, Colo., and children Heather Jordan, Todd and Bo; three daughters, Maripat Hagen of Billings and children Mark, Keith, Ladona Fopma and Karla Pottratz, Val (Joe) Hillers of Pullman, Wash., and children Julie and Ken; and Lynn (Duane) Whitmer of Cody, Wyo., and children Matt, Monte and Michelle; 15 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

Flo was preceded in death by her husband Andy in 1976, three brothers and two sisters, son-in-law Kerel Hagen in 1985, daughter-in-law Karen Nerlin in 1989, and daughter-in-law Evie Nerlin in 1997.

*"Mom, you devoted your life to your children and grandchildren. You are always in our hearts."*

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, Sept. 6, in Joliet Christian Church followed immediately by a luncheon at the church. Interment will be later Friday afternoon in the Rockvale Cemetery. Smith-Olcott Funeral Chapel of Red Lodge is in charge of arrangements. Memorials may be given to the Joliet Senior Center or the Joliet Christian Church.

## AUG 13 2002

LAUREL — Evelyn Marie Ness died Sunday morning, Aug. 11, 2002, at the home she shared with her daughter, Glenda Martin. She was born to Emil and Emma Nothnagel in Ridgeway Township, Minn., on Nov. 9, 1907, moving with her parents to a homestead on Bad Route out of Fallon, in 1911. After her marriage in 1928 to Nels Ness, they moved to Medora, N.D., where they lived until his transfer with the Northern Pacific Railway brought them to Laurel in 1936. Evelyn has lived in Laurel since that time.

As past president and lifetime member of the Laurel American Auxiliary, and of the affiliate 8/40, she enjoyed civic activities. She was also a member of the Laurel United Methodist Church.

Evelyn was preceded in death by her husband, Nels Ness; her parents; and two sisters. She is survived by all of her children, Marilyn (Don) Scheidecker, Janet (William) Sorg, Joyce

(Ray) Fiechtner of Laurel, Terrance (Hermine) Ness of Great Falls, Grace (Dennis) Barthuly of Billings, Ardytl (Don) Brown of Corvallis, Ore. Fern (Ted) Montgomery of Kinsey, Ivan (Marianne) Ness of Rathdrum, Idaho, Glenda Martin of Laurel and Valley (Ed) Lowrance of Pagosa Springs, Colo., and special nephew, Gene Johnstone of Billings. She is also survived by 26 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren, nephews and nieces in both this country and Norway.

Memorials may be sent to the American Legion Auxiliary, c/o Cora Roberts, Treasurer, at 1020 First Ave., Laurel, MT 59044, or to the United Methodist Church, 307 W. Third St., Laurel, MT 59044.

A funeral service will be held 2 p.m. Friday, Aug. 16, at Laurel United Methodist Church, with interment in Laurel Cemetery. Smith Funeral Chapel-Laurel is in charge of arrangements. No visitation.

**ROBERT G. NESS****BILLINGS GAZETTE**

WORLAND, Wyo. — Robert G. Ness, 77, of Worland, died Tuesday, Jan. 29, 2002, at his home, of cardiac arrest.

An informal celebration of his life will be from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 4, at the American Legion Post #44. Bryant Funeral Home of Worland is in charge.

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## Russell K. Ness

BILLINGS GAZETTE

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Russell K. Ness, age 84, of Billings passed away Friday, April 5, 2002, at Valley Heath Care Facility, where he resided the past four months.

The son of Anton and Randie Ness, he was born on May 25, 1917, at Columbus, N.D. He resided there until graduating from high school. He married Blanche Vine on Oct. 26, 1941, in Wolf Point, and she preceded him in death in 1970.



**RUSSELL  
NESS**

During his youth Russell was employed as a movie projectionist at several theaters in North Dakota and Montana. In 1943 Russell went to Vancouver, Wash., to work in the shipyards as a machinist. They resided there until 1945, when the family moved to Plentywood. He worked at the Power Creamery for 25 years and then at the Sheridan Memorial Hospital in the maintenance department for eight years. In 1984 Russell moved to Billings so as to be close to family and to enjoy spending time with his grandsons. He would tell you that those were some of the best years of his life.

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Russell enjoyed hunting, sports, gardening, repairing items, and above all, spending time with family and friends. He was a kind and generous person, always giving more than he received. He will be truly missed, but gave us all great lessons about life.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, five brothers and one sister.

Survivors include three children, Jim (Rita) Ness of Belvedere, Ill., Jean (Dave) Lance of Billings and Jerry Ness of Great Falls; grandsons, Jason Lance of Park City, Utah, Nathan Lance of Missoula, Carl Ness of Dubuque, Iowa, and one granddaughter, Leanne Klinefelter of Cherry Valley, Ill.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial services will be held at 1 p.m., Thursday, April 11, at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary. Memorial services will also be held at 10 a.m., Saturday, April 13, at Fulkerson Funeral Home in Plentywood, with interment in the Plentywood Memorial Cemetery.

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

# Florence M. Netherton

BILLINGS GAZETTE  
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Florence M. Netherton, 88, of Billings, went to be with Jesus on April 22, 2002.

She was born Jan. 23, 1914, to Thomas and Lillian Saysell. She grew up on Elbow Creek and spent 22 years of her life there. She married James Arthur Nelson, and to this union, four children were born, Marjorie Shultz of Ballantine, Norma Badura of Billings, Shirley Robertson (Bob) of Saginaw, Mich., and Wilfred "Butch" (Ruby) Nelson of Worland, Wyo.

After the death of her husband in 1947, she raised her children in Belfry. In 1968, she married Joseph Netherton and moved to Lovell, Wyo., where she lived until 1989. After a brief stay in Nebraska and Michigan, she returned to Billings, where she resided at Parkview Care Center until her death.

Florence loved fishing and camping and went every chance she got. She also spent many years taking care of kids in her home in Lovell.

She will be dearly missed by her family and friends. She is survived by her four children; 15 grandchildren and 34 great-grandchildren; a stepson, Warren Nelson of Tacoma, Wash.; and a special niece, Lucy (Bob) Harvey of Powell, Wyo.; and two sisters, Lorraine Hurd and Arlene

Lumsden of Washington.

Florence was preceded in death by her parents; two husbands; four siblings; and a grandson.

Funeral services will be 3 p.m. Thursday, April 25, at the Dahl Funeral Chapel, with a luncheon to follow. Cremation will take place following the service. Florence's ashes will be buried in the Roberts Cemetery at a later date. Memorials may be made to Big Sky Hospice.

# Nancy A. Neudick

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BILLINGS GAZETTE

BOZEMAN — Nancy A. Neudick, 36, died unexpectedly of natural causes at her residence in Bozeman on Saturday, May 25, 2002.

Nancy was born in Billings on April 3, 1966. She received her schooling in Billings, Moore and Lewistown. She moved to Miles City in 1983 until moving to Bozeman in 1986, and resided there until her death.

Nancy worked at various restaurants and motels in Bozeman and did much volunteer work. She also liked animals and children.

Nancy is survived by her parents, John "Jack" and Cherie Neudick of Lewistown; a brother, Jeff Neudick of Helena; and two half-brothers, Pat (Kitty) Songer of Sandpoint, Idaho, and Shane (Zelina Haynie) Songer of Lewistown; paternal grandmother, Geneva Kuchynka of Lewistown; maternal grandmother, Charlotte Thompson of Lewistown; and numerous aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews. Nancy was preceded in death by her birth mother, MaryAnn Coleman Neudick; and five grandparents.

Funeral services for Nancy A. Neudick will be at the Creel Funeral Chapel in Lewistown on Friday, May 31, at 11 a.m.

Interment will be at the Moore Cemetery. Because of her love of animals, the family has requested that memorials be directed to the Pet Assistance League (PAL) of Lewistown or to the charity of donor's choice.

Creel Funeral Home of Lewistown is in charge of arrangements.

## James H. Neuman

MISSOULA — James H. Neuman was lifted into the Savior's arms on Tuesday, Oct. 15, embraced by his children and wife, surrounded in the peaceful melodies of one of St. Patrick's Harp players.



**JAMES  
NEUMAN**

He was brought into this world as the youngest of five on Nov. 14, 1932, in Roundup, to William and Elsie Neuman. He spent his early years scampering around

Roundup and visiting the "big" city of Billings. He traveled to St. Cloud, Minn., to attend and eventually graduate from St. Johns Preparatory School in 1951. He worked his way through Creighton University, working at Yellowstone National Park during the summers.

When he graduated in 1955, he began his career as a pharmacist in Omaha, Neb.

In 1957, he enlisted into the U.S. Army and was stationed in Schwaebisch Hall, Germany, where he fell in love and married his best friend and love of his life, Emma Dehoust, in 1958.

After his tour of duty, the newlyweds moved to Missoula, where he continued his work as a pharmacist, which eventually led to his ownership of the Professional Village Pharmacy. In 1979, he expanded his entrepreneurial spirit and purchased Tina's Mexican Restaurant, which he successfully owned until 1985. After 1985, Jim went back into pharmacy work, which

took him to Great Falls, Arizona and Washington. He retired in 2000, working for Safeway in Whitefish.

His true passion was his family. He was very active in his children's schools, activities, sports and the Catholic Church. His favorite times were spent with his family and grandchildren at his vacation home on Flathead Lake.

He was a member of the Elks, Professional Village Business Board, Loyola Sacred Heart Sideliners, Knights of Columbus; served as one of the first BASH chairman, as well as serving on St. Anthony's Elementary School and Parish Board.

He is survived by his wife, Emma, Kalispell; his son John, wife Missy, children Brendan, Joshua, and newest arrival Megan of Seattle; daughter Deborah O'Brien, husband Kevin, children Rosie and Mickie of Florence, and daughter Sandra of Seattle. He is also survived by sister Helen Hughes of Holter Lake, brother Ted and wife Rose Mary of Stevensville, and brother John and wife Phyllis of Wyoming.

Services will be 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 19, at St. Francis Xavier in Missoula, with the reception to follow. The family requests that in lieu of flowers, please send memorials to the Loyola Sacred Heart Foundation, 320 Edith, Missoula, MT 59801.

Arrangements are under the care and direction of Garden City Funeral Home and Crematory.

## Arthur Neumiller

FALLON — Arthur "Art" Neumiller, 85, of Fallon, died Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2002, at the Holy Rosary Extended Care Center in Miles City, of cancer.

Visitation will be from 1 to 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 15, at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Terry. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 16, at Stevenson & Sons in Terry. Interment will follow in the family lot in Prairie County Cemetery.

BEAVERHEAD GAZETTE

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GEORGE NEVE

## George L. Neve

George L. Neve, 79, passed away peacefully at Deaconess Billings Clinic on Friday, April 12, 2002, after a courageous attempt to recover from two open heart surgeries in January.

George was born to Jens (Pete) and Anna Neve in Bowbells, N.D., on July 21, 1922. He graduated from high school in Ringstead, Iowa. He served in the U.S. Navy in World War II in the South Pacific from 1942 to 1945. He moved to Billings in 1950. He married Mitsuko (Mitzi) Taniguchi on Sept. 7, 1951. They celebrated their 50th anniversary with their family last year. George was an electrical contractor for his own business, George's Electric. He enjoyed fishing, bowling and working in his shop.

Survivors include his wife, Mitzi; son, Richard (Ana); daughter, Julie Rosin (Clayton Post); granddaughters, Kai Rosin and

Heather Neve, all of Billings; and sisters, Vera (George) Dilger of Missoula, Martha Jo Jessen of Kenmare, N.D., and Lauretta Walker of Swea City, Iowa.

Services will be at Faith Chapel at 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 16. Interment will follow at Terrace Gardens. Smith Funeral Chapel is in charge.



# Alice Lee Newbury

# BILLINGS GAZETTE

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COLUMBUS — Alice Lee Newbury, 75, of Columbus, passed away suddenly on Aug. 27, 2002, in Billings, due to a brain hemorrhage. She was born June 11, 1927, to Andrew and May Darrow Pollock at Bear Creek. She then moved to Red Lodge.



**ALICE LEE  
NEWBURY**

She and her siblings lost both parents a year apart in her pre-teen years. Alice later went to Texas to be near a brother in the military service. There she met and married her first husband Geneallen Turner, Sr. They bore four children and lived there about 21 years before moving back to her beloved Montana.

Gene passed away from cancer in 1980. Alice then operated a private nursing home for many years in Billings, until she met her second husband Stanley Newbury through square dancing. They married in 1989. Stan was the owner and pharmacist of Line Drug for 27 years. Sadly they were only married for three years when Stan passed away from cancer.

Until about three years ago Alice still owned the Line Western Drug Building in Columbus. She was very sad to see the building burn to the ground a few weeks ago.

Alice was preceded in death by her two husbands and two brothers, Dave and Bill Pollock.

Survivors include her four children; Gene (Lynn) Turner of Shawnee, Okla., LeeAnn (Jim) Williams of Columbus, Vickie (Larry) Williams of Billings and Steve Turner of Columbus; brothers, Andrew (Elsie) Pollock of Billings and LeRoy (Shirley) Pollock of Pompeys Pillar; a sister, Margaret (Dale) Cox of Weippe, Idaho; 13 grandchildren, and 11 great grandchildren.

Alice was very active in her community. She was a member of the Bag Ladies and the Garden Club. She and her daughter managed the Museum of the Beartooths Gift Shop. She also volunteered at Project Hope and still square danced and taught Sunday school to seniors at her much loved Evangelical Church.

Alice loved her home, her flowers, her community, her friends and family and was in turn loved by many. She will be greatly missed.

Memorials can be made to the Museum of the Beartooths in Columbus, to one's favorite charity.

Visitation will be 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 29, at Smith Funeral Chapel-Columbus. The casket will be closed the day of the funeral.

Services will be 2 p.m. Friday, Aug. 30, at Smith Funeral Chapel-Columbus. Interment will be in Mountainview Cemetery.

# Fletcher Eugene Newby

1926-2002

BILLINGS GAZETTE

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HAMILTON — On March 2, 2002, Fletcher E. Newby, 75, passed away at home, surrounded by loving family and friends, after a courageous battle with cancer.

*Fletcher Newby*

*Condolences*

Fletcher was born July 20, 1926, near Lingle, Wyo., the youngest of four children of George E. (Ed) and Vera L. Newby. He attended school in LaGrange, Wyo., graduating in 1944. He enlisted in the Air Force and was discharged in 1945. Fletch attended the University of Montana, where he met Elaine L. Crowe. They were married on Dec. 29, 1946, in Kalispell.

Fletch received his Bachelor of Science degree with honors in 1949 and entered graduate school at Washington State University, Pullman. Upon completion of his master's in 1951, Fletch and Elaine moved to Kalispell, where Fletch began work for the Montana Department of Fish and Game.

Subsequent moves took them to Helena and Billings, where Fletch served in various positions of increasing responsibility. In 1971, they returned to Helena where Fletch accepted the position of first Executive

Director of the Montana Environmental Quality Council. In 1974, he returned to Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks as Deputy Director, a position he held until his retirement in 1981.

By then, Elaine was becoming increasingly handicapped by rheumatoid arthritis, and until her death, Fletch devoted himself to her care. Their mutual devotion was an inspiration and role model for many. After ten years at Finley Point near Polson, Fletch and Elaine moved to Sapphire Retirement Center in Hamilton. There they continued their lifelong interest in wildlife and Fletch helped establish a wildlife habitat area next to the Center. He also wrote a column on local wildlife, which resulted in the book, "Wildlife Notes from Beaver Lake."

Following Elaine's death in 1998, Fletch turned to his interest in photography and joined the board of Bitter Root Land Trust, Hamilton, which he has most recently served as an indispensable volunteer and advisor.

During the last two years of his life, Fletch met and married Pam Gouse, the Executive Director of the Bitter Root Land Trust. They moved to her home on Sheafman Creek where, along with Pam's 10-year old daughter, Kayla, Fletch was again able to enjoy tramping the hills and passing on his knowl-

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edge and his love for the wild things. Pam and Kayla brought much life, laughter and joy to Fletcher's final years.

Fletcher is preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Marvon and Lee Newby; and sister, Ethel Murphy. He is survived by his widow, Pam Gouse, Hamilton; stepdaughter, Kayla Gouse, Hamilton; stepson, Jason Gouse, Missoula; daughter, Barbara Newby, Moses Lake, Wash.; and two sons and daughters-in-law, Rick Newby and Liz Gans, Helena, and Steve and Tammie Newby, Missoula.

A memorial service will be 2 p.m. Saturday, March 9, at the Assembly of God Church in Hamilton, with Pastor Miles Finch of the Polson Assembly of God Church officiating. Arrangements are under the care of the Daly-Leach Chapel in Hamilton.

The family suggests memorials to Bitter Root Land Trust, 120 South 5<sup>th</sup> St., Suite 203, Hamilton, MT 59840.

## Cindy Newell

MAY 25 2002  
BILLINGS GAZETTE

Cindy Newell, 47, lost her courageous year-long battle with cancer peacefully on May 23, 2002, at St. Vincent's Healthcare in Billings.



**CINDY  
NEWELL**

She was preceded in death by her mother Eunice Dore of Billings (1999); and her grandmother Mary Schaffer of Absarokee (1997).

Born Nov. 20, 1954, she was the youngest daughter of Eunice Dore.

Cindy is survived by her husband Jim Newell of Billings; children Zach and Kristin of Bozeman; brothers Robert Schaffer of Las Vegas and Tim Dore of Chandler, Ariz., sisters Deb Dore of Boise, Idaho, and Michelle Vejtasa of Billings; and several nieces and nephews in Montana, Arizona, Colorado and Wyoming. Her cousins of the Keller family from Greybull, Wyo., held a special place in her heart.

We say goodbye to a devoted mother, loving wife, caring sister and best friend.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial services will be held at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary in Billings at 3 p.m. Tuesday, May 28. The family suggests memorials be sent to The Cindy Newell Memorial Fund in care of Century 21 Hometown Brokers, Inc., 2880 Grand Ave., Billings, MT, 59102.

# Mary Lorann Newhouse

BILLINGS GAZETTE  
AUG - 6 2002

Mary Lorann Newhouse died of cancer on Sunday, Aug. 4, 2002, at the Vista (Mission Ridge), Billings. She was 81. The former Mary Lorann Wells was born in Great Falls on June 29, 1921, to Anna and Howard Wells, who both preceded her in death.

Mrs. Newhouse graduated from Shelby High School in 1939, and worked at various jobs in Shelby and Long Beach, Calif. (during World War II), until she married William E. Newhouse in 1945. They lived in Shelby, where they owned the Newhouse Grain Company; in Cut Bank, where they ranched on the Two Medicine River; and in Miles City, where they owned and operated United Beverage and Anco Beverage. The Newhouses moved to Billings in 1999.

Lorann Newhouse was well known in Shelby, Cut Bank and Miles City, where she was active in bridge clubs, the Town and County Club and the Miles City Club.

Lorann is survived by her husband, W. E. Newhouse, of Billings; a brother, Jack Wells, of Shelby; a sister, Marjorie Swift, of Pacific Grove, Calif.; and five children: Lottie (Patrick) Sweeney of Billings, Stephanie Davis of Madison, Wis., William (Linda) Newhouse, Jr., of Broken Arrow,

Okla., Karen (Lennis) Kaus of O'Fallon, Ill., and Lisa Dunning of Tulsa, Okla. She is also survived by 13 grandchildren, five step-grandchildren, one great-grandchild, two step-great-grandchildren, numerous nieces and nephews, and a special adopted family, Dr. Lucinda Rushy, her husband, Larry Disney, and their three children.

The rosary and vigil will be held on Thursday evening, Aug. 8, at 6:30 p.m. at Stevenson and Sons Mortuary, 1717 Main Street, Miles City, and the funeral mass will be held on Friday morning, Aug. 9, at 11 a.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 519 North Center Avenue, Miles City. A celebration of Lorann's life will be held at Mission Ridge, 3840 Rimrock Road, Billings, on Saturday afternoon, Aug. 10, at 2:30 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to either the Big Sky Hospice, PO Box 35033, Billings, MT 59107, or the Yellowstone Association for Retarded Citizens, c/o Beverly Owens, 602 18th Street West, Billings, MT 59102.

Lorann's family wishes to express their gratitude for the loving care given Lorann and her family during this difficult time by Lucinda Husby, MD, Big Sky Hospice and the Vista. We have truly found a squadron of God's angels.



## **Catherine Newlin**

**JUN 06 2002**

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

GLASGOW — Catherine "Kay" Newlin, 84, of Glasgow, died Sunday, June 2, 2002, at her home.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, June 6, at Bell Mortuary Chapel in Glasgow. Burial will follow in Calvary Cemetery in Miles City.

TORRINGTON, Wyo. — Gilean "Gil" Ann Newman, age 25, of Torrington, formerly of Ingomar, Mont., passed away Oct. 22, 2002, in an auto accident due to icy roads, south of Torrington.



**GILEAN  
 NEWMAN**

Gilean was born on Feb. 10, 1977, in Billings, the daughter of Howard and Johnna (Wood) Newman. She grew up in the Ingomar area, where she attended grade school and later graduated from

Melstone High School in 1995. While in high school, she was active in 4-H, FFA, basketball, track, and rodeo. Gil was a member of the National Honor Society.

Following her graduation, she attended Miles City Community College on a basketball scholarship. While at MCC, Gil was a member of the rodeo team. She then went to Panhandle State University in Goodwell, Okla., where Gil competed for the rodeo team and later graduated with a degree in animal science. Gil went to work for USTRC in Albuquerque, N.M., which led her to the AQHA in Amarillo, Texas, where she was the director of the Recreational Riding Program.

While in Amarillo, Gil met the love of her life, Scott Salo. Together, they moved to Torrington, where she lived until the time of her death.

She was currently a merchandising representative for Wrangler. Gil's life with Scott in Torrington is everything she had wanted. Their interests were the same, including horses, rodeos and roping. She loved her horses and the Western lifestyle. She won the Outlaw Rodeo series in the breakaway roping and the average in the mixed team roping at the Wyoming Rodeo Finals. At the finals, Gil qualified in the breakaway and the team roping this year. She was a USTRC champion in two events at the Regional Finals in Cheyenne. She was headed for the USTRC National Finals next week where she had won national show-downs.

Gil was a vibrant, beautiful, kind, loving, tender, independent woman who touched everyone that met her. Words cannot describe the beautiful person she was and how much she will be missed. Her smile was unbelievable.

A beautiful life with Scott was cut short due to this accident. They had planned on being married next fall. She was the love of Scott's life.

Gil is survived by her parents, Howard and Johnna of Ingomar; her best friend in love and life, Scott Salo of Torrington; her sister Ashlee Ketchum and her husband Loyd of Miles City, Mont.; her grandparents, Albert and Jean Newman of Ingomar, Dale Valgamore of Nye, Mont., and Bruce Wood of Sheridan. She is also survived by her aunts and uncles, Wally Newman of Ingomar, Fred and Marlene Rule of Elk City, Okla., Rodney and Marsha Newman of Melstone, Stanley and Bette Newman of Hayward, Calif., Dean and Linda Newman of Winifred, Doug and Mickey Wood of Las Vegas, Ronda and Casey Stevens of Reno, Nev.; as well as numerous cousins and extended relatives.

Gil was preceded in death by her grandmother, Dorothy Valgamore.

Wherever Gil went, she made friends; her bubbly personality naturally drew people to her.

Funeral services will be on Saturday, Oct. 26, at 2 p.m. in the Ingomar Gym in Ingomar. Burial will be in the family lot in the Forsyth Cemetery.

Memorials can be made to Howard and Johnna Newman, PO Box 63, Ingomar, MT 59039, for a scholarship in Gil's name.

Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Forsyth is in charge of the arrangements.

## **Lance R. Newman**

**GREAT FALLS** — Lance Newman, 48, died unexpectedly Saturday, Sept. 21, 2002, at Benefis Healthcare Hospital in Great Falls from a ruptured thoracic aorta.

Born March 7, 1954, in Sheridan, Wyo., Lance moved with his family to Billings in 1956. He attended Billings West High School, participating in football and track, and graduated in 1972. Lance received a Bachelor of Science degree in television production in 1978 from Montana State University.

Lance was a staff announcer for KTVQ Television in Billings from 1978 to 1980, where he hosted "Today in Montana." He moved to Phoenix in 1980, where he pursued acting for the next 10 years. In 1990, Lance moved to Page, Ariz., as the production director for KXAZ-FM/KPGE-AM. Longing to return to Montana, he began broadcasting in February 1997 for New Media Broadcasters — KOJM-AM and KPQX-FM in Havre and KRYK-FM in Chinook.

Lance thrived on sports, especially the Arizona Cardinals, and the outdoor

recreation of Montana. Lance loved the gatherings at the family cabin on the Main Boulder River. His nephew, Erich, will miss his fishing partner who had the patience and understanding to teach a 7-year-old to find the "big ones." His brother, Kent, will miss the "big man with the even bigger heart" who had a sense of humor that destroyed the most serious demeanor. His uncle, Butch, loved his wit and the caring attitude always shown to those around him.

Lance is survived by his parents, Ken and Beverly Newman of Billings; his brother and family, Kent, Kari and Erich Newman of South Hill, Wash.; his aunt and uncle, Butch and Dora Poehler also of South Hill, Wash.; and his aunt, Geneva Gill of Moorcroft, Wyo.

Memorials may be made to the organization of choice.

Respecting Lance's wishes, cremation has taken place and no memorial service will be held. Please think of Lance in your prayers.

O'Conner Funeral Home of Great Falls handled the cremation arrangements.

# Vicky L. Newman

Vicky L. Myers Newman passed away at St. Vincent Healthcare on Saturday, Dec. 28, 2002, with family by her side.

She was born on Dec. 19, 1945 in Billings to Chuck and Betty Myers. Her favorite things in her life were her family, nursing and her love of animals.



**VICKY  
NEWMAN**

Surviving are her children, Tonia L. Coulter, Charles L. Coulter, Randall G. Coulter and Angela K. Coulter; her brother, Charles P. "Pat" Myers; and their families.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Charles E. Myers and Margaret "Betty" Myers; and one grandson, Edwin M. Tomlinson.

Since her recent move to Montana, she especially enjoyed her four grandchildren, Christopher P. Coulter, Tareeva J. Tomlinson, Alexandria J. Coulter and Faydra A. Coulter.

Cremation has taken place and a memorial service will be 11 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 31 at Cremation or Funeral Gallery, 29 8th St. W. of Billings.

## Emma Jean NiCastro

MAY 22 2002

BILLINGS GAZETTE

BASIN, Wyo. — Emma Jean (Jeanne) NiCastro, 75, died Saturday, May 18, 2002, at the Bonnie Bluejacket Memorial Nursing Home, between Basin and Greybull.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, May 23, at the Atwood Family Funeral Chapel in Basin. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Friday, May 24, at the Atwood Family Funeral Chapel. Burial will follow in the Mount View Cemetery in Basin.

## **Karen Lynn Nicholson**

LOVELL, Wyo. — Karen Lynn Nicholson, 51, died Saturday, Oct. 5, 2002, at North Big Horn Hospital in Lovell.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 9, in the Lovell Cemetery. Haskell Funeral Home of Lovell is in charge.

# Klara W. Nicholson

JUN 15 2002  
BELLINGHAM, WASH.

**MUSSELSHELL** — Klara W. Nicholson, 74, of Musselshell, formerly of Thermopolis, Wyo., and Switzerland, passed away unexpectedly and suddenly Saturday, June 8, 2002.

Klara was born July 30, 1927, in Switzerland, to Mr. and Mrs. Eduard Weibel.

Klara pursued many different interests and careers, all of which she excelled in. In 1978, she married G.J.G. Nicholson II, an MIT Engineer and U.S. Navy Commander. They came to the U.S., where they spent many happy and exciting years together traveling all over the globe. Upon her husband's passing, Klara moved to Musselshell to live out in the country as she had always wished to do.

In accordance with her will, no ceremony will be held, but it would also be her wish to thank each and every one who made her time here so enjoyable and fulfilling by extending their hospitality and offering their friendship. Those wishing to pay their last respects are invited to leave



**KLARA  
NICHOLSON**

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Weibel and granddaughter Amanda; daughter Vicky Jaeger and grandchildren Patrick and Andrea. Also surviving are Klara's faithful companion Aja; and the Jeret Goss family, who had grown as close to her heart as her own.  
Wier Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

flowers and wreaths at the site of her passing, US Highway 12, mile post 188.6 to commemorate the shining example she has set for all of us with her deep love, respect and heartfelt compassion for all living things.

Klara is survived by her four children and their families; Mr. and Mrs. Rolf Baumgartner, Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Baumgartner,



# Odweig **Blondie** Nicolaisen

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

OCT 31 2002

COLUMBUS — Odweig "Blondie" Nicolaisen slipped from this earth into the arms of her God on Oct. 29, 2002. She had been a resident of Beartooth Manor in Columbus. Her pain and sorrow are no more, replaced with peace and joy, as she is at rest with her Savior, Christ Jesus.

Odweig was born on Aug. 13, 1912, at the family home on Beaver Creek, the daughter of Sivert and Mary Hanger Brown. She graduated from High School in Absarokee.



**BLONDIE  
NICOLAISEN**

Blondie married Pete Nicolaisen. They owned and operated the Columbus Cash Meat Market, which included a locker plant. They raised and

butchered their own meat that supplied the butcher shop.

Blondie was an outstanding seamstress and loved sewing for her grandchildren. She excelled in cooking, gardening, flower beds, embroidery and crochet. She and Pete were their happiest while fishing with a passel of kids. She was a member of St. James Lutheran Church in Columbus.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Pete; one sister, three brothers, one niece, one nephew and a grandson-in-law. She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Mary and Jim Carney of Columbus; two granddaughters, Julie and Rick Daffin of Park City, Dana and Bob Stoker of Soda Springs, Idaho; grandsons, David and Jennifer Walrod of Missoula and Douglas Jensen of Flagstaff, Ariz.; a sister, Mable Anderson of Columbus; and sister-in-law, Alice Brown of Laurel; six great-grandchildren; four nephews; and numerous great-nephews and nieces.

Funeral services will be held 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 1, at Smith Funeral Chapel in Columbus, with interment in Rosebud Cemetery at Absarokee. Memorials may be made to the 4-H council of Stillwater County or the charity of choice.

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**Mark Charles Niedge**

MISSOULA — Mark Charles Niedge, 46, of Missoula, formerly of Miles City, died recently, of a heart attack, in Missoula.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial funeral services will be held 2 p.m. Saturday, March 2, at the Miles City First United Methodist Church. Additional memorial services will be at 3 p.m. Monday, March 4, at the Missoula Grace United Methodist Church. Private inurnment will be held at a later date. Bullis-Graves Memorial Chapel of Miles City is in charge.

## **Arthur D. Niersthiemer**

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**FEB 13 2002**

PRAY — Arthur D. "Butch" Niersthiemer, 54, of Pray, died Sunday, Feb. 10, 2002, at his home, of cancer.

Cremation has taken place at Franzen-Davis Funeral Home in Livingston. Graveside committal and burial of cremated remains will take place at a later date in Park View Garden Cemetery.

## **Frank Kelsey Niles**

**Frank Kelsey Niles** was born April 24, 1929, to Earl Niles and Anna Christine Kelsey Miles in Meeteetse, Wyo. He passed away Sept. 20, 2002, at Parkview Care Center.

Frank's father passed away six months before he was born. Times were tough during the Depression, so Frank and his brother Bob left home when Frank was 12. They made their way to Billings, and stayed with their sister Alice, earning money with odd jobs.

Frank joined the U.S. Army and served in Korea during the Korean Conflict. Frank married Phyllis Walker in 1949. From this union, seven children were born. In 1969, Frank married Vicki Allred and from this union, two children were born.

Frank was a loving father and a free spirit. He was a truck driver, a diesel mechanic, a thinker, and came up with many time- and money-saving devices. He was fascinated with the law and loved hiking, fishing and hunting.

Frank is survived by two sisters, Alice Haffner, Basin, Wyo., and Grace Kukura, Casper, Wyo.; eight children, Frank Jr. and Norman, both of Three Forks, Robin "Rene" O'Leary, Bozeman, Edith Guzman, James Michael and Tami Niles of Billings, and Marty of Shepherd; sister-in-law Emily Niles, Park City; and 20 grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren, many nieces and nephews.

Frank was preceded in death by his parents, one son, Marlin; two brothers; Red and Robert; four sisters, Marcella, Mildred, Mary and Amy.

Cremation has taken place and a memorial service is planned for 1:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 4, at Smith Downtown Chapel. Donations may be made to the charity of one's choice.

## **Patricia Sue Nilsen**

**FORSYTH** — Patricia Sue Nilsen, 65, of Forsyth, died Saturday, June 1, 2002, at the Rosebud Health Care Center in Forsyth.

Cremation has taken place. A private family service will be held at a later date in San Diego. Beals Mortuary of Forsyth is in charge.

**JUN 05 2002**  
**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

## **Larry Nirwender**

**GILLETTE, Wyo.** — Larry Leland Nirwender, 66, of Gillette, died Monday, Sept. 30, 2002, at the Campbell County Memorial Hospital.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Oct. 4, at the Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home Chapel in Gillette. Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 3, and from 11 a.m. until service time on Friday, at Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home. Burial will follow services in Mt. Pisgah Cemetery.

**Rose M. Nitchman**

APR 06 2002

CODY, Wyo. — Rose M. Nitchman, 85, of Cody, formerly Billings, passed away Thursday, April 4, 2002, at the West Park Long Term Care Center, Cody.



**ROSE  
NITCHMAN**

The daughter of George and Barbara Kuntz, Rose was born Feb. 18, 1917, in Sheffield, N.D. When she was 11, the family moved to Fromberg, Mont. Rose graduated from high school at Holy Cross Convent, Merrill, Wis.

On July 3, 1938, she married Sheldon T. Nitchman in Fromberg. They made their home in Montana, Wyoming, Alaska and Washington before moving to Billings in 1959. Rose had operated many cafes and cooked at Riverside Junior High School and the Yellowstone County Nursing Home.

Rose was a very caring person who took care of everyone. She had made afghans for all her family, enjoyed gardening, especially sweet peas, entertaining friends and family and spending time with her grandchildren.

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Rose was preceded in death by her husband Sheldon in 1991; a son, Tom; her parents, George and Barbara Kuntz; brothers Joe and Jim Kuntz; sisters Marie Powers and Elizabeth Reichert; one grandchild and two great-grandchildren.

Survivors include seven children, Lila Pendell (James) of Cle Elum, Wash., Rose Schutzman (Fred) of Cody, Sheldon "Butch" Nitchman (Reva) of Sierra Vista, Ariz., George Nitchman (Eddy) of Worland, Dessie Keller (Kevin) of Billings, Bill Nitchman (Laurie) of Bennett, Colo., and Mary Kinney (David) of Lake Havasu; a daughter-in-law, Marsha Wood of Apache Junction, Ariz.; 20 grandchildren, John, Jim and Ray Nitchman, Kay Ann Lopp, Chuck Pendell, Roxanne Shinn, Rod, Dusty and Teresa Schutzman, Kristi Taylor, Kenny Nitchman, Danny and Shelly Nitchman, Carrie Romo, Lance and Kim Keller, Travis and Jessica Nitchman, Susan Walden, and Jamie Kinney; 28 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. She is also survived by her brother-in-law, Pete Reichert; sisters-in-law, Joyce Kuntz, Lila Toedman, Mary Jo Anthony and Frances Miller; and numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

Vigil services will be 7 p.m. Sunday, April 7, at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary. Funeral Mass will be 11 a.m. Monday, April 8, at Church of the Little Flower, with rite of committal at Holy Cross Cemetery.



## John Nitschke

DELLINGS GAZETTE  
JAN 08 2002

WOLF POINT — John Nitschke, 87, of Wolf Point, died Saturday, Jan. 5, 2002, at his home.

Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 9, at Clayton Memorial Chapel in Wolf Point, with a prayer service at 7 p.m. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 10, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Wolf Point.

# Larry Allen Nitz

# BILLINGS GAZETTE

## FEB 06 2002

Larry Allen Nitz, 65, passed away at his home Monday morning, Feb. 4, 2002, after an 8-1/2 year battle with prostate cancer.



**MR. NITZ**

Larry was born in Bozeman on July 13, 1936, a son to A.W. and Hester A. (McCoy) Nitz. After graduating from high school in Red Lodge, he attended the University of Montana. In 1957, he married Jeanne Sanderson in Billings. Just before graduating, their first daughter, Cheryl Lea, was born in Missoula. After receiving his Bachelor of Arts in Music in 1958, he was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in the United States Air Force. What followed was a brilliant 22-year career as a military helicopter pilot.

The Air Force led Larry all over the United States and Canada, which also included a tour in Vietnam as a combat-rescue squadron commander. During the process of all this moving, Larry's second daughter, Linda Diane, and a son, Steven Michael, were born. In 1976, he earned a Master's Degree in Human Relations from the University of

Oklahoma. He chose to retire from the Air Force in 1980 while stationed at the Pentagon. When he left the military, he had attained the rank of colonel along with numerous distinguished decorations.

Larry returned home to Montana as the corporate pilot for Long Construction. His duties evolved into property management, and as the Transwestern Plaza here in Billings was being developed and constructed, he soon became President of United Properties. In 1994, he retired from U.P. after founding Executive Cleaning Inc., and created Executive Property Services, Inc. Under his leadership, both Executive Cleaning and Executive Property Services flourished. Larry sold the cleaning business in 1995 and concentrated his efforts on managing commercial properties all over Montana. In 1998, Larry sold Executive Property Services, Inc. to his son.

Throughout his life, Larry had a love for music. His gift of a beautiful tenor voice was one he shared through singing groups like the Repertoire Singers, the

Billings Symphony, the Intermountain Opera, Billings Studio Theatre and the Mayflower Church choir. One of his greatest musical joys was singing with his longtime partner, Julie Bishop. Their Music For a Sunday Afternoon series was a local favorite for many years.

Larry shared his special gifts with the community as well. He served on the board of directors for the Saint Vincent Foundation, the Big Sky Economic Development Authority, the Billings Symphony and the Montana Chamber of Commerce. Larry was the Moderator and committee chair of Mayflower United Church of Christ. A longtime member of the Billings Rotary Club, he was chosen to receive the distinguished Paul Harris Fellow award from that organization. He was also chairman of the Messiah Festival Committee of the Northern Rockies Cancer Center.

Larry is preceded in death by his grandparents, parents, and only brother. He is survived by his wife Jeanne; daughters, Cheryl (Peter) Franta and Linda (Stephen) Mauer; son Steven (Jenny); eight grandchildren, and many other beloved relatives.

Cremation has already taken place. Services will be held on Saturday, Feb. 9, beginning with

internment at 10 a.m., at Yellowstone Valley Memorial Park. There will be a Celebration of Larry's Life at 11 a.m. at Mayflower Congregational Church, which will be followed by a reception in the fellowship hall. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Northern Rockies Cancer Center, Cancer Support Center Fund, PO Box 369, Billings, MT 59103-0369, Mayflower Congregational Church, 2940 Poly Drive., Billings, MT 59102 or The Billings Symphony, 201 N. Broadway, Billings, MT 59101.

Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

## Lorie Ann Nixon

BILLINGS GAZETTE

DEC 10 2002

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Lorie Ann Nixon, 42, of Sheridan, formerly of Deer Lodge, Mont., died Friday, Dec. 6, 2002, at Memorial Hospital of Sheridan County.

Memorial services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 11, at the Sheridan Foursquare Church. Inurnment of cremains will take place at a later date in Deer Lodge. Kane Funeral Home of Sheridan is in charge.

## **Louis Peter Noecker**

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**JUL - 4 2002**

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Louis Peter "Pete" Noecker, 84, of Sheridan, died Sunday, June 30, 2002, at Memorial Hospital of Sheridan County.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, July 8, in the Elks Section of Sheridan Municipal Cemetery. Champion Ferries Funeral Home of Sheridan is in charge.

## Margaret Nofske

BILLINGS GAZETTE

DEC 05 2002

BAKER — Margaret Nofske, 84, died Tuesday, Dec. 3, 2002, at Fallon Medical Complex in Baker.

Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6, with a prayer service at 7 p.m., at the Stevenson Funeral Home Chapel in Baker. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, at the First Baptist Church. Burial will be in the Bonnievale Cemetery.

## Glen Nolte

BILLINGS GAZETTE

MAR 07 2002

Glen Ormandy Nolte, 88, passed away Tuesday, March 5, 2002, at his home in Billings.

He was born in 1913 in Dazey, N.D., to Dr. Willis and Lydia Nolte.

Nolte owned and operated the Rimrock Lodge in Billings for more than 30 years and also operated Roto-Rooter in Billings for many years.

He was a founder of the Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch; founder of the Billings Tennis Club, forerunner of the Yellowstone Racquet Club; a past



member of the Governor's Advertising Advisory Board; former board member of the Billings Chamber of Commerce; past president of the

**MR. NOLTE** Montana Hotel-Motel Association; and a member of the International Executive Service Corps, for which he consulted with hotel industry officials in Honduras, Barbados, Indonesia and Mexico.

Nolte was a graduate of Northwest Nazarene College in Nampa, Idaho. He worked during summer months as a fruit and produce inspector for the state of Idaho.

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After moving to Billings, Nolte operated Avis Rent-a-Car in conjunction with his motel complex on North 27th Street in Billings.

An avid tennis player, Nolte won a national championship at age 80 in his division. After retiring from the motel industry, Nolte operated an import business, bringing products to the U.S. from China.

He is survived by his wife, Hilda Margaret; three sons, Robert of Spring Hill, Fla., Charles of Newcastle, Wash., and William of Cleveland, Tenn.; a daughter, Julie Ann of Priest River, Idaho; 17 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 9, at Faith Chapel, 517 Shiloh Road, Billings, with interment at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Memorials may be made to Clydehurst Christian Ranch, 808 N. 27th St., Billings, MT 59101 or Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch, 1732 S. 72nd St. W., Billings, MT 59106.

Michelotti-Sawyers has charge of arrangements.



**Robert 'Bob' Joseph  
Noonan****APR 18 2002**

**MONARCH** — Robert "Bob" Joseph Noonan, 73, of Monarch, passed away in Belgrade, April 14, 2002. He was born May 20, 1928 in Madelia, Minn., the son of Lloyd and Valera (Spencer) Noonan. He graduated from high school in Mankato, Minn.

Bob served our country in the U.S. Army at the start of the Korean War; after his honorable discharge from the Army, he attended the

**ROBERT  
NOONAN**

University of Minnesota and Hamline University in St. Paul, Minn. While in college, he met Loretta Shingledecker. The couple married in July 12, 1957 in Minneapolis. They made their home in Apple Valley, Minn., and later moving to Montana, settling in the Judith Gap, where they owned the local restaurant. They retired in 1993, moving to Monarch.

Bob was a member of the Disabled American Veterans, American Legion and VFW. He had an ongoing interest in politics. Bob had a passion for airplanes and loved flying.

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Bob was known for his outgoing personality and wonderful spirit of friendship toward all the people he met.

Survivors include his wife, Loretta Noonan of Monarch; four daughters, Robin (Larry) Lammers of Shawmut, Roni (Ted) Agre of Anchorage, Alaska, Colleen (Elgin) Faber of Buffalo and Danni (Chad) Van Campen of Bozeman; a son, Randal (Sherri) Noonan of Anchorage; a stepmother, Evelyn Noonan of Two Dot; and 13 grandchildren.

Cremation has taken place. A celebration of Bob's life will be held 1 p.m. Friday, April 19, at St. Thomas, 4806 Hwy. 89 South in Monarch.

Memorials may be made in his name to the Alzheimer's Assoc., 70 E. Lake St., Chicago, IL 60601-9971.

**MAR 19 2002****James D. Norberg**

**SHERIDAN, Wyo.** — James D. Norberg, 66, of Sheridan, died Sunday, March 17, 2002, at the VA Medical Center in Sheridan.

Memorial service will be held at a later date at Grace Episcopal Church, St. George, Utah. Champion Ferries Funeral Home of Sheridan is in charge.

# Mary Lanelle Walters Nordahl

BILLINGS GAZETTE

MAR 31 2002

COLUMBUS — Mrs. Nordahl, age 83, went to be with the Lord on Thursday, March 28, 2002. Mary truly enjoyed sewing and quilting, and spent part of her final day doing just that. She loved to go fishing and usually caught the most fish.

Mary was born February 21, 1919, in Bradley County, Tenn., a daughter of Grace and Monroe Collett. She was raised and educated in Cleveland, Tenn. She was a member of Eastern Star Rock Rose Chapter #63, Columbus. She was a member of St. James Lutheran Church, Columbus.

Mary was preceded in death by her first husband, J.T. Burns, who died in WWII, and their son, Larry Burns, in 1951. She married Jack Walters on March 30, 1946, and was preceded in death by Jack on Feb. 2, 1978. She was also preceded in death by her son, Phillip Walters.

Mary and Harold Nordahl were joined in marriage on June 16, 1982.

Survivors include her husband, Harold Nordahl of Columbus; Harold's son, Jim Nordahl and family of Woodinville, Wash.; Mary's son, Chris Walters (Susan); granddaughters, Tana, Aria, Jacque and Kristal of Laurel, and numerous other relatives and friends.

Memorial services will be held at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, April 10, at St. James Lutheran Church of Columbus. A family burial service will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens in Billings.

Smith Funeral Chapel-  
Columbus was in charge of arrangements.

# Orville V. Nordhagen

# BILLINGS GAZETTE

## AUG 26 2002

**WESTBY** — A funeral service for Orville V. Nordhagen will be at 10 a.m., Tuesday, Aug. 27, at the Assembly of God Church in Westby. Pastor Brandon Smithson will officiate and burial will be at McElroy Cemetery. If you are unable to attend the service, please join the family at the Westby Community Center following the interment for lunch and sharing of memories. Orville 83, passed away on Aug. 23, 2002, at the Sheridan Memorial Nursing Home in Plentywood.

Orville was born on the family farm in Westby on Nov. 28, 1918. He attended Westby Schools. He married Florence McCallister on Nov. 30, 1940. They had two children, Margo and Randy.

At one time, he worked for the Nordhagen Chevrolet and the Crystal Bar, both in Westby. He took over the family farm in 1959. His passion was farming. He also hauled Christmas trees from out west and he would go custom combining in the summers.

He was a member of the Westby Assembly of God Church, a charter member of the Westby Lions Club, as well a member of the Sons of Norway. He was very proud of his Norwegian heritage. His favorite pastimes were playing cards, reading and "tinkering." He also loved his animals, always had a "Lady" dog and many cats over the years. His wit and dry sense of

humor were a joy to his family and friends. But his greatest joy in life were his grandchildren. "Gramps" never knew the word "no" when it came to his grandkids. He was a great teaser and enjoyed playing with and teaching them things. He often took them along on trips, which always turned into adventures. We will all miss his twinkling eyes and practical jokes. We love you and will miss you Dad and Grandpa.

Orville is survived by his daughter, Margo Larson of Spokane; his son, Randy and his wife, Cathy of Westby; four grandchildren, Holly Bach of Arlington, Wash., Chad Nordhagen of Denver, and Mandi Nordhagen and Lacey Nordhagen, both of Spokane; three great-grandchildren, Taylor of Billings, and Braden and Brei of Arlington, Wash. He is also survived by a sister, Mikki Moore and husband, Bill of Athol, Idaho; a brother, Wallace Nordhagen and wife, Vicki of Westby; also nieces and nephews and numerous cousins.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Florence; granddaughter, Noelle Meyer; sister, Ruth Reynolds; two brothers, Clayton and John, who was a twin to Wallace and died as an infant. Fulkerson Funeral Home of Plentywood is in charge of arrangements.

# Hugo W. Nordlund

BILLINGS GAZETTE

JAN 20 2002

Hugo W. Nordlund, age 92, passed away on Jan. 17, 2002, in Billings.

He was born in Minneapolis, Minn., on April 14, 1909, to Carl and Hulda Nordlund. In 1916, his family moved to Billings. Hugo attended the first through eighth grades at Garfield School and then attended Billings Senior High School graduating in 1927.



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NORDLUND**

After high school he carried mail for the US Post Office on a part time basis and worked his way to a full time position. He retired after 45 years of service. In his last year of employment, he had achieved the position of superintendent and safety officer.

On April 14, 1935, after 3 years of courtship starting at the Arvin's Cafe, he married Carrie Marie Minnie, who passed away in 1993. Her death was a great loss to him. Hugo and Carrie moved to their new home on Parkhill Drive in 1939 and established one of the neighborhood's finest gardens that provided vegetables and fruit to the neighbors. In 1999, Hugo moved to the Aspen View Retirement Community.

Montana trout streams including the Boulder, Stillwater, Yellowstone, and Rock Creek. On one occasion he and his brothers and father caught 75 fish on the West Rosebud using cane poles. He also taught his family to camp next to a stream in a variety of weather conditions, including the arrival of herds of sheep.

He was a member of the First English Lutheran Church and the National Association of Retired Federal Employees. He was a wonderful father, grandfather, husband and friend. "Dad we love you and will miss you!"

Hugo is survived by his daughter, Jane Marie Billstein (Rick) of Missoula; his son, Richard H. Nordlund (Renee) of Salt Lake City, Utah and his two grandchildren, Molly Billstein and Karly Billstein; and a brother, Kenneth Nordlund (Blanche) of Billings. He was preceded in death by a brother, Sigurd and sister Elizabeth.

Visitation will be Monday evening, 6 to 8 p.m. at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary. Memorial services will be 2 p.m. Tuesday at First English Lutheran Church. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the Salvation Army, 2100 6th Ave. N, Billings, MT 59101 or Family Services, 1824 1st Ave. N, Billings, MT 59101.

Hugo's passion was fishing the

## **Charles Norman**

**SIDNEY** — Charles Norman, 60, of Sidney, died Thursday, May 30, 2002, at the Sidney Health Center.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, June 1, at the Sidney Cemetery. Fulkerson Funeral Home of Sidney is in charge.

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**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

## **Harold Wayne Norris**

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**AUG - 6 2002**

GILLETTE, Wyo. — Harold Wayne Norris, 59, of Gillette, died Saturday, Aug. 3, 2002, at the Campbell County Memorial Hospital.

Graveside services were held Monday, Aug. 5, at Mt. Pisgah Cemetery in Gillette. A celebration of life was also held Monday, at the Family Life Church in Gillette. Stevenson Funeral Home of Gillette was in charge.



## **Maxine Norskog**

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**NOV 12 2002**

**THERMOPOLIS, Wyo. —**  
Maxine Norskog, 84, died Sunday, Nov. 10, 2002, at Hot Springs County Memorial Hospital.

Memorial services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 14, at the First Baptist Church. Mortimore Funeral Home of Thermopolis is in charge.

## John 'Bill' Northy

BILLINGS GAZETTE  
JAN 15 2002

KELSO, Wash. — John William "Bill" Northy, 82, formerly of Laurel, Mont., died Jan. 10, 2002, at Evergreen Manor Health and Rehabilitation Center.

At his request, there were no services. A celebration of his life was held on Jan. 13 at his home. Private entombment was at Longview Memorial Park. Steele Chapel at Longview Memorial Park was in charge.

## Larry E. Norton

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**JUL - 4 2002**

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Larry E. Norton, 56, of Sheridan, died Tuesday, July 2, 2002, at his home.

Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. Saturday, July 6, at the Salvation Army Worship Center in Sheridan. Kane Funeral Home of Sheridan is in charge.

## **Loretta P. Norwash**

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Loretta P. Norwash, 65, died Friday, Oct. 4, 2002, at Memorial Hospital of Sheridan County.

Cremation has taken place. Private family memorial services will be held at a later date. Kane Funeral Home of Sheridan is in charge.

## George T. Not Afraid, Sr.

LODGE GRASS — George Thomas Not Afraid, Sr., 38, of Lodge Grass, went to be with the Lord, Tuesday, Sept. 24, 2002, in the Billings St. Vincent hospital.

He was born Aug. 1, 1964, in Sheridan, Wyo., a son of Etheline and Donald Dreamer and Edward and Shirley Not Afraid, Jr. He grew up and received his education in Lodge Grass. George married Rosella Bulltail in September of 1996, in Wyola and the couple made their home in Lodge Grass.

He loved his wife, family and friends dearly. God saw him as a caring and loving person and we as a family see him in the same light. He enjoyed fishing, hunting and his Father's majestic creation.

A sister, Adelle Sue Not Afraid; his grandparents, Ed and Ethel Not Afraid, Sr., Pete Grey Bull, Sr.; his aunts and uncles, Prisilla (Simon) Flat Mouth, Rosalie (Jess) Hill and Shirley Iron Horse, preceded George in death.

Survivors include his wife, Rosella; his children, Heidi, Debra, Rosebud, Natoya, Jordan, Thomas and George Not Afraid Jr., Kassie and Cori Bulltail; his mother Etheline (Donald) Dreamer; his father, Edward (Shirley) Not Afraid, Jr.; his brothers and sisters, Mary (Steve) Mullenberg, Barbara (Darrell) Brightwings, Marilyn (Victor) Morning, Debbie (Harold) Backbone, Janice (Henry) Speelman Sr., Joy Buckley, Mike Dreamer, James (Gladiolus), Herschel (Susan) Hill, Alvin Sr., Marcia, CJ (Jana) Sr., Edward (Tammy) III, Eliza, Wayne (Cathy), Christina and AJ (Carey) Not Afraid Jr., Ethel (Alex) Madill, Danielle Patterson, Kellie, Donna and Daniel Dreamer; his grandparents, Cyril (Flora) Not Afraid, Julia Not Afraid, Caroline Miller, Arthur (Lenora) Plenty Hawk Sr., Mary Carpenter, Gloria (Joe) Medicine Crow, Mary Grey Bull, Edith Birdinground and Agnes Faraway; his aunts and uncles, Bethann (Willis) Medicine Horse Sr., Alma (Jay) Anderson,

Beverly (Dennis) Huber, Peter (Marella) Grey Bull, Adella Spotted Horse, Melvina Jefferson, Bertha (Paul) Nomee Jr., Lorraine (Joseph) Bear Cloud Sr., Gail Red Wolf, Georgine Little Nest, Oliver (Lucille) Yarlott Sr., Greeley (Stella) Not Afraid Sr., Faith, Woodson, Darlene and Warlene Bird Faraway, Karen (Bill) Austin, Rosie Mae (Earl) Bear Crane Sr., Beldean (Larry) Beninger, Carmelita and Agnes Birdinground, Gilbert (Kathy), Wilford (Lorna); Thrulow (Zena) and Quinton Birdinground; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, brothers, sisters, aunts and uncles.

Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 28, in the Lodge Grass Our Lady of Loretto Catholic Church Gymnasium. Interment will follow in the Lodge Grass Cemetery. Bullis Mortuary of Hardin has been entrusted with the arrangements.

# Samuel Not Afraid

Samuel Not Afraid, 73, of Hardin passed away Friday, Jan. 4, 2002, at St. Vincent Healthcare.

Poopatii'kooshish "Owl Turns" was born Jan. 28, 1928, in Crow Agency a son of George and Pera Pretty Paint Not Afraid. He received his education in Hardin.

Sam was a horseman all of his life, taking great pride in raising and racing race horses. He was a consistent winner in the Indian relay race circuit in Montana and Wyoming. He was an outdoorsman, who enjoyed hunting during his younger years. As he grew older he became an avid Hardin Bulldog fan.

He married Etheleen Shane in 1945 in Hardin and the couple made their home near Hardin. She died in 1983.

Sam was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Later Day Saints, Big Lodge Clan, a child of the Greasy Mouth Clan, Native American Church and the Beaver Dance Society.

His parents, a special nephew, Richard House, Jr. and his adopted parents, Ted and Martha Bear Cloud preceded Samuel in death.

Survivors include a son, Eldon Not Afraid, Sr. of Crow Agency; three daughters: Verna Not Afraid of Crow Agency, Berva (George) Chandler and Samona Not Afraid of Hardin; also surviving is Eldon (Mary)"Swede" Not Afraid, Jr. whom he raised as a son; one sister,

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## JAN 06 2002

Agatha (Bruce) House of Hardin; two brothers, Starr (Hazel) Not Afraid of Ft. Smith and Cyriel (Flora) Not Afraid of Lodge Grass; his adopted mother, Marie Pretty Paint of Crow Agency; his adopted sisters, Loetta Wallace of Washington, Audrey Deputy of Lodge Grass and Alice Bear Cloud of Dunmore; his adopted brothers: Gary Pretty Paint of Kansas, Nelson (Mary) Wallace of Billings, Joseph (Lorraine) Bear Cloud of Crow Agency, Melvin (Elsie) Pretty Paint, Ron (Kathy) Johnson and Sterling (May) Wallace of Hardin; 20 grandchildren; 13 great grandchildren; his uncles Kenneth (Christine) Yellowtail of Wyola and Leland Wells of Billings; his aunt, Caroline Yellowtail of Sheridan, Wyo. and his Beaver Dance Society adopted children Byron Bad Bear and Luella Johnson.

Funeral services will be held 1 p.m. Tuesday in the Bullis Funeral Chapel. Interment will follow in the Crow Agency Cemetery. Bullis Mortuary of Hardin has been entrusted with the arrangements.

# Doris Mamie Novark

BULLIS GAZETTE  
JAN 24 2002

**HARDIN** — Doris Mamie Novark, 90, of Hardin, passed away peacefully Wednesday, Jan. 3, 2002, at the Big Horn County Nursing Home in Hardin.

She was born Dec. 22, 1911, in Vaco, Mont., the daughter of Robert A. and Selma C. Nelson Nickers. When she was 14 months old, the family moved to Hardin where she grew up and attended schools.

She married Stanley (Bud) Bernard Novark July 31, 1927, and they made their home in Hardin. She was a family lady, raising four children with her husband. Stanley owned "Bud's" Freezer and she worked with him waiting on customers. Bud passed away July 26, 1976. She remarried to Samuel "Bob" Young in Hardin on Jan. 18, 1983. She loved Bob and enjoyed life with him until he died April 15, 1985.

She was a life resident of Hardin, a member of the Congregational Church, a life member of the Eastern Star and a member of Neighbors of Woodcraft. Her pride and joy were her children and grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husbands and one grandson.

Survivors include her four children, Bernard (Jackie) Novark of White Sulphur Springs, Richard Novark of Sparks, Nev., Beverly (Red)

Yerger of Forsyth and Cheryl (Bob) Hardt of Hardin; 14 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren and 12 great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral Services will be held 2 p.m. Friday, Jan. 25, at the Bullis Funeral Chapel. Interment will follow in the Hardin Fairview Cemetery. Bullis Mortuary of Hardin has been entrusted with the arrangements. Memorials may be made to the Congregational Church of Hardin.



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**Don LeRoy Nowell**

GLENDIVE — Don LeRoy Nowell, 68, of Glendive, died Tuesday, April 2, 2002, at the Glendive Medical Center.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, April 8, at the Chapel of the Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home in Glendive. An additional funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, April 10, at the Tulare United Church in Tulare, S.D. Interment will be in the Graceland Cemetery at Tulare.

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# Joyce Nunberg

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WIBAUX — Joyce Euphemia (Schmitz) Nunberg, age 53, of Wibaux, passed away peacefully

at home surrounded by loved ones on Thursday, Aug. 1, 2002, following a 22-month battle with cancer.



**JOYCE  
NUNBERG**

A Vigil service will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 5, at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Wibaux. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10 a.m., Tuesday, at St. Peter's Catholic Church, with Father Joseph Ponessa officiating. Rite of Committal will be in the Wibaux Cemetery. There will be visitation from 2 p.m. until 7 p.m. on Monday at the Silvernale-Silha Funeral Chapel in Wibaux. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home is entrusted with the arrangements.

Joyce was born on Sept. 25, 1948, in Beach, N.D., the daughter of Arthur and Florence (Cameron) Schmitz. She attended schools in Wibaux and Beach, and graduated from Wibaux High in 1966. She married her best friend, Gary Nunberg, on Nov. 4, 1967, at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Wibaux. They lived in Sidney, Wibaux, Beach, N.D., and

Columbus before returning to Wibaux to run their own business.

She was known for her wonderful sense of humor, hearty laugh and contagious smile. Those close to her will remember her open heart and arms. She took pride in her cooking and food service skills, which most will remember from her days owning and managing the Tenth Hole Supper Club in Beach.

She was preceded in death by her father, Arthur Schmitz.

Survivors include her mother, Florence Schmitz of Wibaux; her loving husband Gary Nunberg of Wibaux; siblings Katherine (G.A.) Gunderson, Robert (Linda) Schmitz and Ann (Larry) Swanson, all of Beach, N.D.; five children Britton, Nathan (Toni) and Kylie Nunberg, all of Billings, Tahnee Nunberg of Lake Oswego, Ore., Ryan (Kim) Nunberg of Beach, N.D., and an honorary son, Joshua Johnson of Sidney; five grandchildren with two on the way; and numerous cousins, nieces, nephews and friends. She will be missed dearly by all. Thanks, Mom!

## Jessie Boggio Nutt

MAY 14 2002

BILLINGS GAZETTE

Jessie Nutt, 85, formerly of Billings, Bozeman and Hemet, Calif., passed away quietly in Billings on May 9, 2002.

Jessie was born Oct. 24, 1916, in Luther, to Joseph and Mary Boggio. She grew up on a ranch near Luther and attended a one-room schoolhouse in Luther. After high school in Bearcreek, she moved to San Francisco to work in the shipyards as a part of the war effort.

When WWII ended, Jessie returned to Billings, where she met and married Elroy Nutt, the assistant station manager for Western Airlines. Elroy was her husband of 44 years. Jessie and Elroy had three children, Mary Ann Bulger of Bozeman, Ronald Nutt of Belgrade and Donna Nutt Sleeper of Phoenix. Together, Jessie and Elroy owned and operated the Baxter Hotel in Bozeman and the Plains Motel in Plentywood.

They retired in 1980 to Billings and later to Hemet, where Jessie lived for almost 20 years. During her many years in Hemet, she was well known for her dancing and contract bridge skills.

Following Elroy's death in 1990, Jessie traveled to many parts of the globe. She visited her cousins in Scotland with whom she had regularly corresponded

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for over 50 years, but never met in person. Her favorite adventure was a visit to Australia in 1997. During that trip she parachuted from an airplane at 8,000 ft. — at age 80!

Jessie is remembered by her friends and relatives as a kind and energetic woman who was always considerate of everyone she contacted. Her generosity to many worthy causes, her family and to the education of her grandchildren is remarkable.

Jessie is survived by her brothers, Matthew Boggio of New Mexico, Jim Boggio and wife Norma of Bridger; sister Lois Bank of Thousand Oaks, Calif.; daughter Mary Ann Bulger and husband Christopher of Bozeman; son Ronald Nutt and wife Sheryl of Belgrade; and daughter Donna Sleeper of Phoenix. She had four grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Interment of her ashes in the Red Lodge Cemetery, next to her husband, will take place at a date later in June or July, in conjunction with a Boggio family and public reception.

## **Eunice M. Nybo**

*THE BILLINGS GAZETTE*

DEC 24 2002

Eunice M. Nybo, 81, of Billings, died at St. John's Lutheran Home on Saturday, Dec. 21, 2002.

Eunice was born May 15, 1921, in Delphia, to Clara (Adolph) Nelson (Wolverton) and Louis Nelson. She graduated from Billings Senior High and the University of Washington.

She married Kenneth Nybo, who preceded her in death in 1999.

Eunice is survived by two daughters, Kari of Billings and Kristin Uperesa of San Diego, Calif.; a sister, Gerry Glockhamer of Tucson, Ariz.; and four grandchildren.

Cremation has taken place and a memorial service is planned at a later date. Memorials may be made to St. John's Lutheran Home, 3940 Rimrock Road, Billings, MT 59102, or the charity of your choice. Arrangements by Cremation or Funeral Gallery.

# Arthur L. Nygaard

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**AUG 10 2002**

**BIG TIMBER** — Arthur "Art" L. Nygaard, 75, of Big Timber, died Thursday, Aug. 8, 2002, at Pioneer Medical Center.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, Aug. 12, at Big Timber Lutheran Church, with graveside committal following in Mountain View Cemetery. Lowry Funeral Home of Big Timber is in charge.

## Tammy Jo Nygard

BROCKTON — Tammy Jo Nygard, 44, died on Thursday, June 20, 2002.

Visitation will be held from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Clayton Memorial Chapel. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Tuesday at the Brockton High School Gymnasium, with interment at the River View Cemetery. Clayton Memorial Chapel is in charge.

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# Georgetta Nylund

## THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

DEC 31 2002

YELM, Wash. — Former Billings, Mont., resident Georgetta Mae Nylund, 75, of Yelm, died Dec. 16, 2002, at her daughter's home.

She was born April 24, 1927, in Carpenter Creek, Mont., to Richard A. and Marjorie A. Daly. She graduated from Bremerton High School in Bremerton, Wash., in 1946.

She married Everett D. Nylund on May 24, 1946, in Bremerton. He died in 1972.

Mrs. Nylund owned a beauty shop in Billings, Mont. Later, while living in Seattle, she worked for United Airlines, retiring in 1989.

She loved animals. Her favorite pastimes were knitting and gardening.

Her survivors include one daughter, Katherine Nylund Ortiz of Yelm; three brothers, Donald R. Daly of Belfair, Wash.; Gordon S. Daly of Kirkland, Wash., and David L. Daly of Billings; one sister, Rosella Storms of Seattle; two grandchildren, Tina Marquis and Tammie Leonard; and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her mother and father, and a brother, Douglas E. Daly.

Services are private.