

## Darline Helen (Steele) Oak

PARK CITY — Darline Helen (Steele) Oak, 72, of Park City, passed away at Deaconess Billings Clinic on Jan. 11, 2002, after surviving with cancer and numerous operations since 1972.

She was born Sept. 12, 1929, in Kensal, N.D., to Grover Cleveland and Florence (Wescom) Steele. Darline was married to Harold Oak, Dec. 6, 1945, in Moorhead, Minn. To this union were born seven sons. They lived in Jamestown, N.D., until 1967, then moved to Montana following her husband's occupation as a construction crane operator, making a home in Glendive, Fort Benton, Froid and finally residing in Park City in 1974.

She made many friends, loved the outdoors of the Big Sky country, and especially enjoyed fishing.

Darline is survived by her husband, Harold; five sons, Willis, Jeffrey and Bradley, all of Park City, Darwin of Billings and Delfus "Duffy" (Michele) of Laurel; four brothers, Bernard of Pingree, N.D.; Delbert and Robert of Jamestown, N.D.; Clayton of Mesa, Ariz.; and sister, Marjorie Abernathy in Missoula. She has 10 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren.

Her grandchildren and great-

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grandchildren were her pride and joy. She also enjoyed taking care of her family and having them together for holidays. Her door was always open for those in need. Darline was a very talented. She worked at numerous employments: as a nurse's aid, bartender, cook, and clerical. She was an accomplished homemaker, loved sewing and arts and crafts, was an artist and designer of her and her family's clothes. Her hands were always busy knitting, crocheting, quilting, and she liked gardening. Her cooking skills were unsurpassed, and many of her recipes will be missed.

She was preceded in death by two sons, Rodney and Douglas; and one granddaughter, Roxy; and a brother, Floyd. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her and loved her.

Memorial services are at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 15, at Cremation or Funeral Gallery, with interment and a reception in Park City following. Send memorials to Stillwater Community Hospital Home Health, 44 W. Fourth Ave. N., Columbus MT 59019.

# Raymond 'Ray' Oakland

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CARTWRIGHT, N.D. — Funeral services for Raymond "Ray" Oakland, 85, of Cartwright, are 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 23, at the Zion Lutheran Church, Fairview, Mont., under the direction of Fulkerson Funeral Home of Sidney, Mont. Interment will be in the Fairview Cemetery.

Raymond Olaf Oakland was born to parents Olaf and Hilda (Paulson) Oakland, June 10, 1917, at their home in Cartwright. He was baptized and confirmed in Bethal Lutheran Church and later became a member of the Zion Lutheran Church in Fairview.

Ray attended school at Cartwright through the first eight grades and started farming with his dad and remained there until 1941, when he went to Downey, Calif., to work in defense at Vultee Aircraft Co.

Following his call to service in 1942, during World War II, he spend a year training in the States before going to England with the 8th Air Force as an aircraft mechanic. On Nov. 1, 1942, Ray was united in marriage to Winnie Williams at Clinton, Okla., before going overseas for a stint of three-and-a-half years. He was stationed at Warton Air Base in England.

Upon returning home, he and Winnie came to Cartwright, where he began farming. It was

here that they raised their family and spent their remaining years.

Upon retirement, Ray and Winnie traveled extensively in the U.S., Canada and Hawaii. Several winters were spent in sunny California sightseeing with friends and relatives.

Ray was a kind and devoted husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, spending many hours hunting, fishing and boating in his younger years with them. He will be most remembered for his kind, caring and unselfish attitude.

Ray was a member of the McKenzie County Grazing Association, school board member and 4-H leader, as well as driving school bus and a substitute mail carrier.

Ray died Tuesday, Nov. 19, 2002, at the Trinity Medical Center, Minot.

He is survived by his wife, Winnie, of 60 years; daughter, Jane Oakland of Dallas, Ore.; sons, Dean (Jan) of Cartwright and Paul (Judy) Oakland of Miles City, Mont.; grandchildren, Paul Oakland, Jr., Shelly Stremcha,

Jennifer Hirsch, Neil Oakland,  
Shauna Clark; great-grandchildren,  
Cole and Kaitlyn Hirsch,  
and Kyra Oakland; brothers, Carl  
(Marlene) Oakland of Great Falls,  
Mont., Gordon (JoAnne)  
Oakland, Lambert, Mont.; and a  
sister, Irene Caldwell of  
Whitefish, Mont.

## STORM M. OAKLAND

Storm M. Oakland passed suddenly into the arms of God on April 19, 2002. He was born on June 13, 1951, to Arleen (Slagsvold) and Daniel Oakland in Chicago. He attended school in Chicago until fourth grade when his family moved to the suburb of Oak Lawn, Ill. He graduated from Harold L. Richards High School in 1969 and then came to Montana to attend Montana State University, where his grandfather had been an agricultural economics professor.



**STORM  
OAKLAND**

Storm received his B.A. in philosophy with honors in 1973. He continued his education by correspondence through the University of London in England. Storm devoted his life to the pursuit of knowledge and wisdom.

In the summer of 1971, while working for the Corps of Engineers at Fort Peck Dam, Storm met Margaret Mitchke. They were married on Aug. 10, 1974, at Frontier Town, west of Helena. Since Margie was working for Exxon Refinery, they settled in Billings. Storm and Margie were blessed with the birth of their son, Storr in 1986. Because

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Storm studied and wrote at home, he was the model full-time dad. He dedicated his days to nurturing and guiding Storr into young adulthood.

Storm was a voracious reader and thinker. He was a long-term member of Writer's Voice, where he was able to share his insight and understanding. Though he was a private person, he had a very dry sense of humor and a generous mind; giving of himself when called. He was baptized in the Lutheran Church and continued throughout his life to seek a close relationship with God. He attended St. Patrick's Co-Cathedral and St. Ann's Perpetual Adoration Chapel. Storm was a philosopher at heart and embraced the gathering of knowledge, both mental and spiritual. His gentle nature and humility made him a compassionate listener. His search for truth and an enlightened life made him a strong soul. His quiet presence will be deeply missed.

He is survived by his wife, Margie; son, Storr of the family home; parents, Daniel and Arleen Oakland of Oak Lawn; brother, Lance and wife, Judy Oakland of Bartlett, Ill.; and his niece,

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Lyndsay Oakland of Hanover  
Park, Ill.

He was preceded in death by  
his grandparents, Peter L.  
Slagsvold, Lydia M. Slagsvold,  
Andrew and Grethe Oakland.

A vigil service was held at Dahl  
Funeral Chapel on Wednesday,  
April 24. Mass of Christian Burial  
will be at St. Patrick's Co-  
Cathedral at 12 noon on Thursday,  
April 25.

The family requests memori-  
als to St. Patrick's Co-Cathedral,  
St. Ann's Perpetual Adoration  
Chapel, the Billings Parmly  
Library.

# FAMILY TRIBUTE

## Floyd Oberg

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IDAHO FALLS, Idaho — Floyd Gene Oberg, 62, of Idaho Falls, passed away Monday, May 13, 2002, peacefully at his home, with his family, after an extended battle with cancer.

He is survived by his wife of 46 years, Gladys; siblings, Clyde and Judy of Billings, and Ed of Shepherd, Mont.; daughter, Cheryl Rolph and her husband DeWayne of Kent, Wash.; and sons, Floyd, Jr. and his wife Kelli of Boise, and Paris and his wife Tammy of Idaho Falls; as well as

adored and treasured grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and a daughter, Peggy Sue Lund.

Floyd was born on May 28, 1939, to Clifton



**FLOYD OBERG**

Gregory Oberg and Eva Lavina Polen Oberg in Billings. He was named after gangster "Pretty Boy" Floyd and his wild spirit and rebellious nature was sometimes akin to his namesake. As did many people of his day, age and circumstances, Floyd grew up fast and shouldered many of life's responsibilities early on. By the

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age of 21, he had already been working for over a decade, was married to his beloved Gladys Fay Field on Oct. 27, 1956, at Columbus, Mont., and was father to his four children.

Pride, honor and integrity were important values and character traits of Floyd and he passed them on to his children and grandchildren. "Your word, a handshake, and honesty" were important and he taught the lessons well with his example. His life goal was a commitment to handing over a better world to his children ... "Dad, you succeeded magnificently!"

Floyd was an avid sports fan with a tremendous sports trivia knowledge. Baseball, football, boxing, you name it. He loved to hunt and fish in Montana and knew the back country well in his younger years. He was a "do-it-yourself-er" with plumbing, electrical, mechanical, woodworking and carpentry skills. He taught to always do your best, regardless of the task or job. He liked new cars ... especially the fast ones!

Floyd's personality and values gained him many friendships over the years, but it is fitting that his closest was always his brothers, Clyde and Ed. He enjoyed their camaraderie and kinship. He loved his family and always expressed pride of his wife and children. His special niche in life was as a granddad and the bond he formed with his grandchildren

is special and memorable. One of his life's passions was The BRC Pit and he acquired many heartfelt and valued friendships from that endeavor. Dad, your special spirit and sense of humor will be missed.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 18, at the Wood Chapel of the Pines, with

Cory Brower officiating. Burial will follow in Fielding Memorial Park under the direction of Wood Funeral Home, Idaho Falls.

The family suggests donations to the Salvation Army, 605 North Boulevard, Idaho Falls, ID 83402.



# Katelyn Marie Oberg

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CODY, Wyo. — Katelyn Marie Oberg, age 4 months, passed away Wednesday, Aug. 28, 2002, at her home in Cody.

She was born April 6, 2002, in Cody, the daughter of Harold and Carolyn (Emerson) Oberg.

Her survivors include her parents, Harold and Carolyn of Cody; grandparents, Greg and Kathy Emerson of Cody, Cody and Bea Foster of Casper and Frank Oberg of Groton, Conn.; great-grandparents, Keith and Lucille Emerson of Philip, S.D., and Sadie Champagne of Quincey, N.C.; aunts and uncles, Barb and Joe Greco of Cody, Zona and Jeff Anderson of Big Sandy, Tenn., Tammy and Daryl Yates and Bruce Lee Callen, all of Casper, and Brian Emerson of Korea.

She was preceded in death by great-grandparents, Max and ClarMarie Husband and uncle, William Husband.

Mass of the Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 3, at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Cody. Interment will follow in Riverside Cemetery.

## Dorothy M. O'Connor

CASPER, Wyo. — Dorothy Mae O'Connor, 87, died Wednesday, Oct. 23, 2002, at Wyoming Medical Center in Casper. A daughter of Arthur and Nettie Kline, she was born Oct. 5, 1915, at Polytechnic, the present campus of Rocky Mountain College, where her father was an early registrar and mathematics professor.

A native of Billings, she was raised and educated in Billings, but she had lived in Casper for the past couple of years.

Married in 1935 to Billings businessman Ralph R. Woodley, they enjoyed their family of six children before he died unexpectedly in 1962. She later married Thomas V. O'Connor in 1968, who died in 1978.

Although she considered herself as primarily a housewife, Dorothy worked for a number of years as a histology technician at St. Vincent's Hospital. She was a member of PEO Chapter AE, Edna Hedges Chapter of Eastern Star, American Legion Auxiliary, St. Vincent's Hospital Pink Ladies and The Guild at St. Luke's Episcopal Church. Her hobbies included knitting, cross-stitch, needlepoint, reading, crossword puzzles and bird watching.

In addition to her parents and husbands, Dorothy was preceded in death by her daughter, Marcia Trainer; son, Philip Woodley; a brother, William; and a sister, Margaret McKay. Survivors include two daughters, Linda Oftedal of Casper and Judith Alper of Oakland, Calif.; two sons, Richard Woodley of Sacramento, Calif., and Donald Woodley of Huntsville, Ala.; stepchildren Patricia Ungaretti of Anaconda, Cathy Maggart of Lebanon, Tenn., Janis Pedersen and Peggy Hanstrom of Billings; two sisters, Rhea Langworthy of Buffalo, Wyo., and Betty Waddingham Powers of Billings; and 14 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

Dorothy O'Connor will be honored with a graveside memorial service at 11 a.m. on Monday, Nov. 11, at Mountview Cemetery. The Rev. Gary Waddingham of St. Luke's Episcopal Church will officiate. A gathering of friends and family will be held at St. Luke's Episcopal Church following the service. Those wishing to give memorials may do so to The Guild of St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 119 N 33rd, Billings, MT 59101 or Cottey College (PEO), 1000 W. Austin, Nevada, MO 64772 ([www.cottey.edu](http://www.cottey.edu)).

## **Jim J. O'Connor**

**DELLINGS GAZETTE**

**NOV 20 2002**

**POPLAR** — Jim O'Connor, 86, of Poplar, died Friday, Nov. 15, 2002, at home on his ranch.

Visitations will be from 1 to 5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 22, at Clayton Memorial Chapel in Wolf Point. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 23, at Clayton Memorial Chapel. Interment will be at his home on the Badger Creek Ranch.

**APR 24 2002****Mary A. O'Connor**

Mary O'Connor, 66, passed away peacefully at her home on Monday, April 22, 2002, following a courageous battle with renal disease, and more recently, emphysema.

Mary was born in Chicago, on Jan. 18, 1936, the daughter of Florence and Michael O'Connor. She lived in Chicago until 17 years ago, when she moved to Billings.

Mary was an organizer in Northern Illinois for the Young Christian Workers. For 20 years she was a manager for A.C. Nielsen, a marketing research firm. Mary was proud of her Irish heritage and delighted in her bak-



**MARY  
O'CONNOR**

ing of Irish Soda bread for special friends.

She is survived by her brother, John J. O'Connor (Peggy) of Chicago; and sisters, Veronica Parker and Loretta O'Connor of Billings. Many nieces and nephews remember Aunt Mary with deep affection.

Preceding Mary in death were her parents; and brothers Raymond and William O'Connor.

Visitation will be held from 12 noon until 4 p.m. Thursday at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary.

A Vigil will be held on Thursday, April 25, at 5 p.m. at St. Patrick's Co-Cathedral. The Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Friday, April 26, at noon, at St. Patrick's Co-Cathedral, with Rite of Committal in Calvary Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to St. Patrick's or Big Sky Hospice.

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## **Leon Odenbach**

**GLENDIVE** — Leon Odenbach, 75, of Glendive, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by family, after a long struggle with diabetes, on March 3, 2002.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Albert and Martha; and his sister, Florence (Davis) Odenbach.

He was born on April 11, 1926, in Bonesteel, S.D. He was married to Laura Wetzler for 48 years on Aug. 9, 1953.

He is survived by his wife Laura; three sons, Dwight (Renee), Dale (Debbie), Doug; and one daughter, Darla (Chris) Ashton; three grandchildren, Joshua, Lacey and Nicholas Ashton.

His hobbies were agate hunting, and he was an avid baseball fan. He loved spending time with his family and grandchildren. He was a longtime member of the Assembly of God Church.

Funeral services will be at the Assembly of God Church at 10 a.m. March 8.

## **Sarah Margaret O'Donnell**

Sarah O'Donnell died Oct. 3, 2002, at St. John's Lutheran Home in Billings.

Sarah was born in Jasonville, Ind., on Nov. 23, 1913, to Callie (Archer) and Francis M. Fortner. After graduating from high school, she went on to obtain a teaching certificate and began teaching all grades in a one-room school. Later she earned a BS degree in elementary education from Trinity University in San Antonio, Texas, and an MS in guidance and counseling from Indiana State University. She was an outstanding elementary teacher in Texas, Michigan and Indiana schools. She retired in 1977 from Belzer Junior High School in Indianapolis, where she was a guidance counselor.

In December 1935, she married Laurence Sexton, and they moved to Detroit and later to San Antonio, where they owned a business. Following a divorce, she was subsequently married to James W. Crosby, who preceded her in death, as did Raymond O'Donnell, whom she married in 1976.

Sarah was an avid card player who enjoyed playing duplicate bridge. She also traveled extensively, keeping detailed photo journals, which she frequently shared with friends. Two of her favorite journeys were an adventurous driving trip to Alaska over rugged terrain in the early '60s and a visit to Australia and New Zealand. She traveled to Europe frequently, including Germany, Austria, France, England, Scotland and Ireland.

In addition to belonging to several organizations, she spent much time doing volunteer work, most recently in Minot, N.D., where she moved in 1994. There, she worked at a soup kitchen and at the hospital. She was also active in church activities. Well into her 80s, she still volunteered as a reading tutor at a Minot elementary school.

In 2000, she moved to Billings and lived at Aspen View Retirement Community, before suffering a stroke, after which she moved to The Vista at Mission Ridge. Sarah was preceded in death by two sisters, Sybil Fortner and Reba McBride. She is survived by a daughter, Jacqueline Sexton Mundy (Edward) of Red Lodge; two grandsons, Kirk Mundy of Atlanta and Steven Mundy of Lake Havasu City, Ariz.; and three great-grandchildren, Marissa, Kyle and Mitchell Mundy.

Cremation has taken place at Michelotti-Sawyers Crematory. Service and inurnment will be at the family plot in Worthington, Ind., on Oct. 15. Welch and Corbett Funeral Home in Linton are in charge of Indiana arrangements.

**Thelma Schillinger**

**O'Donnell**

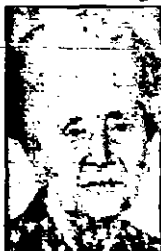
Thelma O'Donnell, 84, of Billings, passed away in the Deaconess Billings Clinic, with family at her side, on Nov. 30, 2002, from complications following heart surgery.

Thelma was born to Paul and Ina (McFarlane) Schillinger on Nov. 27, 1918, in Vida, Mont. She attended country schools in the Vida area and graduated from Wolf Point High School. She then moved to Billings and attended Billings Business College.

On Oct. 9, 1941, she married Raymond O'Donnell in Billings. They made their home in Greybull, Wyo., until 1949, when they moved back to

Billings. Thelma worked for Hoppers Floral and the Holiday Inn in the Heights.

She spent many hours in her big gardens and one of her greatest joys was sharing her vegetables and also baked goods with family and friends. Her pickles, strawberry jam and corn beef and cabbage were a real treat. She and Ray



**THELMA  
O'DONNELL**

were able to enjoy travel for many years. Thelma enjoyed her family, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and all her special friends. She became Ray's caregiver for many years until his death in 2001.

She is survived by her son, Mike O'Donnell of Laurel; daughter, Patty and her son-in-law, Ray Dietz; granddaughter, Kelly Selph and her sons, Bill and Chris; grandson, Ken Dietz and his wife, Robyn and children, Phil and Ashley, all of Billings; grandson, Jeff Dietz and his wife, Dana and daughter, Korrin of Laurel; her brother, Clyde Schillinger of Billings; sisters, Cleone Sass of Williston, N.D. and Leola Van Atta of Vida; sisters-in-law, Edith Schillinger of Circle; Peggy and her husband, Paul Skarsten of Great Falls, and Mary O'Donnell, of Billings; and many nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her husband, Ray; her parents; and brother, Clair Schillinger.

We will miss you, mom and grandma, but we know that grandpa needed you in heaven.

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Vigil service will be at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 3, at St. Bernard's Catholic Church. Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec 4, also at St. Bernard's Church, with Rite of Committal in Mountview Cemetery.

Memorials can be made to the charity of your choice or Montana Talking Book Library, PO Box 201800, Helena, Mont. 59620-1800.

Michelotti-Sawyers has charge of the arrangements.

## Carolyn F. Oedekoven

GILLETTE, Wyo. — Carolyn F. Oedekoven, 101, of Gillette, died Saturday, May 11, 2002, at her home.

Visitation will be from 1 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 14, at Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home in Gillette. Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Wednesday, May 15, at First Presbyterian Church of Gillette. Burial will follow in the Gillette Mount Pisgah Cemetery.

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## **Paloma D. Oedekoven**

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**WELLINGS GAZETTE**

**DAYTON, Wyo. — Paloma D. Oedekoven, 45, of Dayton, died Tuesday, May 21, 2002, at Memorial Hospital of Sheridan County.**

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

## Mildred G. Ohman

POWELL, Wyo. — Mildred G. Ohman, 94, of Powell, formerly of Deer Creek, Minn., died Wednesday, Feb. 20, 2002, at the Powell Hospital.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 24, at Johnson Memorial Home in Wadena, Minn. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, Feb. 25, at Salem United Methodist Church in Wadena. Burial will follow in Oak Hill Cemetery in Deer Creek. Miratsky-Easton Funeral Home of Powell is in charge of local arrangements.

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## Linda J. Oja

Tenderhearted, loyal, fun-loving and kind, our Linda left this life to be with Jesus on Tuesday, Nov. 5, 2002, in Billings, following cardiac arrest.

Linda J. Oja was born March 1, 1961, in Great Falls, to Pat and Charlie Oja. She grew up on the family ranch, originally south of Geyser and later west of Hobson. She graduated from Hobson High School in 1979, and then proceeded to earn a bachelor of political science from the University of Oregon in 1984. As a flight attendant with Pan American and later World Airways, Linda became fluent in many languages and traveled extensively, visiting every continent except Antarctica.



LINDA OJA

Her interests included politics, gardening, photography, music, reading and, most of all, Linda was a person who loved others and was beloved by her many family members and friends. All of us are better people because Linda touched our lives and we will miss her wonderful sense of humor, smile and warm hugs.

Linda is survived by her good friend, Harlan Lund of Huntley;

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her mother, Pat McAllister of Billings; siblings Julie (Bill) Coate Florida, Levi (Betty Jo) Oja Alaska, Joni Oja, Wes (Barbara) Oja, Karen (Mark) Thomas, all of Billings, Donna (Dennis) Fenley Connecticut, Jim (Stephanie) Oja Alaska, W. Kelly Oja, Minnesota her maternal grandmother, Nar Triplett, Geysers; and aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Her father, Charlie Oja, preceded her in death.

A celebration of Linda's life will be held on Sunday, Nov. 10, 1:30 p.m. at Faith Evangelical Church in Billings.

Memorial donations can be sent to: Angel Horse Program, 348 South 48th St. W., Billings, MT 59106, dedicated to children and horses.

## Anna Okken

Anna Okken, 89, went to be with her Heavenly Father on Thursday evening, Nov. 28, 2002, when she died peacefully at St. John's Lutheran Home, in Billings, following a lengthy illness.

It was truly a homecoming Thanksgiving celebration for her as she was reunited in her new life with other loved ones who preceded her in death, including her husband, Harry, and sons Arvin and George.

A memorial service will be held Tuesday, Dec. 3, at 4 p.m. at St. John's Lutheran Home, with a graveside service at a later date in Mesa, Ariz., where her late husband is laid to rest.

Anna was born in Russia, Jan. 27, 1913, the youngest of 11 children and immigrated with her family to Bentley, N.D., when she was 6 months old. Her parents, Andrew and Maria Krause, raised Anna and their other five children on a family farm near Bentley. Anna attended a country school south of Bentley.

When Anna was 17, she married Harry Okken and together they farmed south of Bentley and raised four sons and one daughter, Elmer, George, Arvin, Walter



**ANNA OKKEN**

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and LaVern. They then moved to New Leipzig, N.D., where they owned and operated the Red Owl Agency grocery store until a fire burned their business to the ground. While living in New Leipzig, their youngest child, Gary, was born. In 1956, the family moved to Missoula, where Harry was employed by the University of Montana. A year later, the family moved to Anaconda and Harry was employed by the Anaconda Mining Company. Eventually, both Anna and Harry worked for the Montana State Hospital in Warm Springs, where they cared for hundreds of patients.

After retirement, Anna and Harry moved to Mesa in 1971. Following the death of her husband, Anna moved to Billings, where she lived the remainder of her life. She was a member of Billings Bible Church of Billings.

Anna is fondly remembered for her abilities in the kitchen, especially for her German Kuchen, and cinnamon rolls.

Besides her parents and husband, Anna was preceded in death by all of her brothers and sisters, and by sons George and Arvin.

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Survivors include sons Elmer and his wife LaDonna of Mesa, Walter and his wife Mary of Lakeside, Gary and his wife Lorna of Billings; and daughter LaVern Woosley and her husband Ken of Billings. Other survivors include 15 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; sister-in-law Mildred Winslow of Billings; sister-in-law Margaret Okken of Philipsburg; brother-in-law George Okken of Mesa; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Cremation or Funeral Gallery in Billings is in charge of arrangements.

# Linda Susan Oksanen

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Linda Susan Oksanen, 45, of Billings, passed away on Thursday, Nov. 14, 2002.

She fought the fight against cancer for four years; now she is at peace with our Savior in Heaven.

She is survived by her children, Jay Oksanen and Nikki Hedin of Virginia, Minn., Bobby, Lynn, Jenny and Sarah



**LINDA  
OKSANEN**

of Billings; her father, Warren Williams; brothers Mark of Libby, Matt and Michael Williams of Billings; sisters Lori Williams, Loretta Wheeler and Lisa Jones of Billings; four grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Linda had a beautiful heart, full of love, compassion and concern for everyone else. She will be sorely missed by all who knew her. Until we meet again in glory, Linda, we love you.

Memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 18, at the Chapel of Hope Assembly of God in Lockwood. Cremation or Funeral Gallery is in charge.



# Frank Old Bull

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LODGE GRASS — Frank Old Bull, 54, of Lodge Grass, died Tuesday, Feb. 26, 2002, at the Crow Agency IHS Hospital.

Deaxkaash Itaala kúash "Eagle Doing Well" was born Aug. 1, 1947, in Crow Agency, a son of Moses "Piggy" and Evelyn Covers Up Old Bull. He grew up and received his education in Lodge Grass. Following his education, he worked on various area ranches and later for the Guild Arts and Crafts and the Lodge Grass Post Office. He was most recently employed by the Crow Tribe as a maintenance man for the Lodge Grass clinic.

During his younger years, he played basketball, but was known for his abilities of making throwing arrows. He participated in many arrow throwing contests for the Wyola district.

Frank was a member of the Catholic Church, Native American Church, Piegan Clan and a child of the Ties the Bundle Clan.

His parents; a sister, Nadine Iron; and a brother, Felix Far Away, preceded Frank in death.

Survivors include two adopted sons, Darrin (Bobbie Jo) Old Coyote and Jay (Heather) Old Coyote of Hardin; an adopted daughter, Tristina Old Bull of Lodge Grass; three sisters, Alpha Old Coyote of Hardin, Billie Jean Old Bull and Cheryl (Jeff)

Jefferson of Lodge Grass; seven brothers, Woodson (Deana) Far Away of Hardin, Bernard (Delilah) Covers Up of Maryland Lawrence (Bertha) and Benedict Old Bull, Daryl (Carlotta) Bends Chester (Sheryl) Nomee and Manuel (Linda) Covers Up of Lodge Grass; his adopted sisters Clara (Julian) Joe of Dunmore Patsy (Larry) Yellowtail and Rana (Steve) Amoyotte of Lodge Grass, Serina (Fred) Bishop and Geneveive Smells of Lodge Grass; his adopted brothers, Michael (Birdina) LaForge of Dunmore, Keith (Elizabeth) Reece of Hardin, Garfield (Audrey) Little Light of Billings, Gordon (Angelique) Real Bird, Jr. of Wyola, Marlon and Aaron Red Star, Henry (Garnet) Bright Wings, III and Gary Joe (Ada) Whiteman of Lodge Grass, Elmer Yarlott, Jr. and Greg (Dorcella) Half of Crow Agency, Clifford Birdinground, Jr. of Lodge Grass, Emmett (Leann) Old Bull of Crow Agency, Dana Bird of Lodge Grass, Vincent (Loren) Spint of Crow Agency, Kenneth (Diana) Spint Crow Agency, Tilton (Sarah) Old Bull of Hardin, Floyd (Pauline) Old Bull of Rocky Boy; his aunts, Mildren Old Crow

and Virginia Covers Up; his uncles, William Gros Ventre and Elmer (Theresa) Gun Shows; a special grandson, Alvie Old Coyote; as well as members of the his extended family including the Good Luck, Gun Shows Bright Wings, White Hip and Red Star families.

Rosary will be recited 4 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 28, in the Bullis Funeral Chapel. Funeral Mass will be celebrated 10 a.m. Friday, March 1, in the Lodge Grass Our Lady of Loretto Catholic Church. Interment will follow in the Lodge Grass Cemetery. Bullis Mortuary of Hardin has been entrusted with the arrangements.

## **Mary B. O'Leary**

SPOKANE, Wash. — Mary B. O'Leary, 82, of Spokane, formerly of Buffalo, Wyo., died Monday, Sept. 2, 2002, at her home.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. Monday, Sept. 9, at the St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Buffalo. A rosary will be at 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 8, at the church. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Sunday, at Adams Funeral Home Chapel in Buffalo. Burial will be in Willow Grove Cemetery, with graveside rites to follow the Mass.

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**MILES CITY** — Mary Louise "Rose" Olguin, 85, of Miles City, died Wednesday, Oct. 30, 2002, at the Holy Rosary Extended Care in Miles City.

Visitation will begin at 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 3, at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City, with vigil services at 6 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. Monday, Nov. 4, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Rite of committal will follow in the family lot in Calvary Cemetery.

## Drura 'Chub' Olin

**BIG TIMBER** — Chub Olin, 72, of Big Timber, died Wednesday, Nov. 20, 2002, at Pioneer Medical Center in Big Timber.

Viewing will begin at 9 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 23, with funeral following at 2 p.m. at the First Congregational Church. Cremation will follow. Cremation or Funeral Gallery of Billings is in charge.

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# Thelma Alice Torgerson Olin

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Surrounded by family, Thelma Alice Torgerson Olin went peacefully to be with her Lord Jesus Christ at 5 a.m., Wednesday morning, Oct. 23, 2002, following a short illness. Thelma was born to Anna (Ramsland) and Andrew Torgerson on



THELMA OLIN

March 3, 1912 in Curlew Valley, N.D. She grew up in a large Norwegian family of seven children. Thelma completed her schooling in North Dakota. She married Ervin Olin in Sims/Almont, N.D. Together they ran a farm, creamery and an electrical store. Thelma could milk cows with the best of them. In 1952, they moved their family to Billings where she has remained since.

After various other jobs she found her true calling working at the Food Service at Eastern Montana College/ MSU-B. She remained at this job for 44 years receiving numerous recognitions including the J. Willard Marriott Award of Excellence which she received at the age of 83. Only nine out of 240,000 Marriott employees received this award annually. Thelma

was the only one out of the nine to receive a standing ovation at the reception in Washington D.C. She and her other family members received "red carpet" treatment during their stay there. She was very loved by the students and the staff at the College. Thelma had a true servant's heart as she was always willing to offer any practical or financial help to the students. Whether it was in a large or small deed she had a way of making people feel very special. Thelma was also honored in the history book, Yellowstone and Blue: The first 75 Years Montana State University/ Billings. She retired from the college at the age of 85.

Thelma remained very active throughout her life. Her favorite past-times were having friends and family over for coffee and meals, going to baseball games, hockey games and watching the news, Jeopardy and Wheel of Fortune. She also enjoyed playing pinochle and was a member of Billings Jr. Women's Pinochle Club and the V.F.W. Thelma loved to cook and bake. No one ever left her house hungry. She was actively involved in her church, American Lutheran. She belonged to Martha Circle.

Her family's happiness and well being received her utmost attention through her whole life. Thelma always put others needs in front of her own. She was the happiest when all of her family could be together. In July 2, 2002, Thelma was able to travel to Colorado for the Torgerson family reunion. Words can not describe the way so many lives have been touched by this very special lady. Much more could be said about our beloved Thelma or Nana as she was affectionately called by so many.

Thelma was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Ervin Olin; daughters, Nellie Olin and Audre Zent; son, Don Olin; sister, Ruth (Bill) Terwedo; brothers, Arnold (Evelyn) Torgerson, Clarence (Clarice) Torgerson, Walter Torgerson and Clifford (Audrey) Torgerson; brother-in-law, Don Christofferson; and great-grandson, Samuel Zent.

Thelma is survived by her daughter, Ardys Olin; sister, Marlene Christofferson; grandson, Darren (DeeDee) Zent; granddaughter, Jana (Allen) Greene; great-grandchildren, Joshua Zent, Alexis Zent and Chrystian Greene; son-in-law, Gary Zent; sister-in-law, Louise Torgerson; as well as many other nieces, nephews, great nieces, great-nephews and *cousins and numerous friends.*

Funeral services will be 1 p.m. Monday, Oct. 28 at American Lutheran Church with interment in Mountview Cemetery.

Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary has charge of arrangements.

## Virginia H. Oliver

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Mrs. Virginia H. Oliver passed away April 27, 2002, from natural causes, while being taken care of and living with her youngest son, John Oliver, of Billings. She was born in 1919 in Chicago. She was married, in her late 30s, to Mr. F. Russell Oliver for almost 25 years. The family moved to Cody, Wyo., in 1969.

Mrs. Oliver is survived by her oldest son, Russell J. Oliver; her youngest son, John V. Oliver; her granddaughter, Angela B. (Oliver) DeChard and family; her grandson, Russell J. Oliver, Jr. and family, including great-granddaughters, Isabella and Annabella.

Mrs. Oliver, before retiring in 1985, owned and operated The Sports Spectrum sporting goods business in Cody for 16 years, the first six years of which were with her husband, F. Russell Oliver, who passed away in 1975. She was loyal to her husband until her death.

Mrs. Oliver was known for her active involvement in the Republican Women's Club, Retail Merchants Association and Buffalo Bill Historical Museum Volunteers Group while in Cody. She was also an acknowledged "Award Winning" magazine editor for

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Mr. Conrad Hilton of Hilton Hotels in Chicago. She also worked for Minneapolis-Honeywell for several years, the company which designed the first auto-pilot for the B-17 bombers and where she was among the first women to test the device and report on it while in flight. She has many accomplishments to her credit forever.

She was a very loving woman, full of compassion and generosity. A believer in Christ Jesus, she shared those beliefs by her actions. Mrs. Oliver is LOVED by her family very much and will be deeply missed.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday, May 2, at First Presbyterian Church of Cody. Interment will follow in Riverside Cemetery.

# Arthur H. Olsen

**ABSAROKEE** — Arthur H. Olsen, 87, of Absarokee, passed away Thursday, Jan. 3, 2002, in Columbus.

Art was born Dec. 23, 1914, in Red Wing, Minn., to Arthur H. Olsen and Edith Archer Olsen. Art and Grace Aasen were married Oct. 26, 1940, in Annetta, N.D. He spent his early years in North



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Dakota, farming, operating a grocery store and serving in the Civilian Conservation Corps. In 1945, they moved to Columbus. Art was in the grocery business for many years, having owned and/or operated stores in Hope, N.D., Columbus and Absarokee. Art was an avid collector of bottles, coins and agates. He also enjoyed talking with his many friends, fishing, hiking and gardening.

He was a longtime member of the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Absarokee.

Art is preceded in death by his wife, Grace, in June 1998; and sister, Evelyn. Survivors include his son, Gary (Alice) of Willow, Alaska; daughter, Edith Ann (Don) McCormick of Sand Point, Idaho; and son, Clyde (Susan) of

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Huntley; six grandchildren, Stacy (Teresa) Olsen, Kristina Olsen, Shari McCormick, Chad (Debbie) McCormick, Annie Olsen and Christopher Olsen; three brothers, Maynard (Shirley), Elmer (Tess), Robert (Ruth); one sister, Adele Bennett; and many nieces and nephews.

Art was greatly loved for his giving spirit and his love of life and will be deeply missed by his family and many friends.

Memorial contributions may be made in Art's memory to the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Absarokee or to the Museum of the Beartooth in Columbus. A memorial service will be announced and held at a later date. Smith Funeral Chapel, Laurel and Columbus was in charge of cremation.

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## Abigail Olson

GILLETTE, Wyo. — Abigail Olson, 72, died Saturday, Sept. 28, 2002 at the Campbell County Memorial Hospital.

Memorial services will be held 10 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 1, at the Prince of Peace Lutheran Church and 10 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 3, at the First Lutheran Church in Britton, S.D. Stevenson Funeral Home, Gillette and Price Funeral Chapel of Britton are in charge arrangements.

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## Clair William Olson

LIVINGSTON — Clair William Olson, 90, of Livingston, died Tuesday afternoon, Oct. 15, 2002, at Livingston Health & Rehab Center.

Funeral services will be 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 19, at Franzen-Davis Funeral Home, 118 N. Third St. in Livingston. Pastor Ken



Nelson of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church will officiate. Graveside committal and burial will follow in Mountain View Cemetery.

### CLAIR OLSON

Clair was born Oct. 12,

1912, in Ryegate, the son of Marvin W. and Mary (Dixon) Olson. His family lived at various locations throughout Montana and the Northwest before settling in Molt. He attended rural schools and graduated from high school in Columbus. He then worked on ranches and farms in the area and also went to work for Northern Pacific Railroad. He also joined the Civilian Conservation Corps and worked on projects in the Gallatin Valley. From 1942 to 1945, he served in the U.S. Coast Guard and was stationed in Sitka, Alaska, during WWII.

Following his discharge, he returned to Montana and continued his work with the railroad. Clair moved to Livingston, worked here with Northern Pacific and later Burlington Northern railroad and also drove taxi cab during a layoff from the railroad. For some time, he drove truck in Yellowstone National Park. Clair eventually returned to work with BN, retiring in the early 1980s. On Feb. 25, 1950, he married Mary Lois Roen in Billings. In the early 1950s, he and his wife spent many hours flying and enjoying their own airplane.

Clair was a member of Masonic Lodge, the Order of Eastern Star, and a member of the railroad machinist's union. In his younger days, he enjoyed hunting and fishing. He also greatly enjoyed music, playing guitar with his friends and his local music group. He also enjoyed riding motorcycles with his friend, Monte Chadbourne.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Lois Olson of Livingston; a daughter, Kathy Ives of Missoula; a brother, Robert "Pat" Olson and his wife, Delphye of Billings; two grandchildren, Christian Ives and Sarah Ives of Missoula; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters, Irma Woltermann and Ann Bridgewater; and a brother, Howard Olson.

If so desired, memorials may be directed to the charity of the donor's choice.

## Clarence Olson

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WOLF POINT — Clarence Olson, 88, of Wolf Point, died Tuesday, Feb. 19, 2002, of cancer.

Visitations will be from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 22, at Clayton Memorial Chapel, Wolf Point, with a vigil service at 7 p.m. Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 23, at Immaculate Conception Church of Wolf Point. Interment will be in the Riverside Cemetery.

**MILES CITY** — Claris G. Olson, age 80, of Miles City, passed away on Thursday, Sept. 12, 2002, in Philadelphia after a brief illness.

Claris was born on June 17, 1922, in Sharon, N.D., the son of Gullick and Clara (Hefta) Olson. He attended North Dakota State University, graduating with his degree in pharmacology. During WWII, he served with distinction with the Merrill's Marauders, receiving the bronze star. Following his discharge, he married Ruby Holter of Oslo, Minn. Claris owned and worked for pharmacies in Ashley, N.D.; Grand Forks, N.D.; Bemidji, Minn.; Columbus and Miles City, before joining the VA Hospital to work in Saginaw, Mich.; Fort Wayne, Ind., and Miles City, where he semi-retired in the early 1990s. He continued to work part-time until 1998.

Claris always remembered his time spent with Merrill's Marauders with great honor, and attended all the reunions the Marauders would hold. It was while attending their last reunion that Claris spent the last days of his active life in Philadelphia. He was honored by receiving a lifetime pharmacy license in North Dakota. He was also a member of the American Legion, the Trinity Lutheran Church and a past member of the Elks.

Claris is survived by two sons Mark Olson of Miles City and Paul Olson of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Claudia and her husband Rich Kransky of Miles City two grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; a brother; four sisters-in-law; and several well-loved nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife Ruby in 1997; his parents; a son; a granddaughter; two brothers and a sister.

Visitation will begin on Thursday, Sept. 19, at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held on Friday, Sept. 20, at 3 p.m., at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Miles City. Interment will follow in the family lot of 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 American Lung Association, the World War II Memorial, or to the Trinity Lutheran Church Building Fund.

## Edward Olson

**BOZEMAN** — Affectionately known as "Mr. Uff Da," Ed joined his Lord on Thursday, Oct. 17, 2002, after a long battle with cancer. His high school sweetheart and loving wife of 63 years, Catherine, was at his side in the Livingston Health and Rehab Center. He nurtured and inspired three children, Bonnie (Carl) Schirmer of El Cajon, Calif., Carol (Tom) Combs of Billings, and Brian (Janet) Olson of Mesa, Ariz. In addition, Ed was the beloved grandpa of six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

He was born in Neihart, on Aug. 2, 1920, to Theresia of the Nelson family that homesteaded in the Tiger Butte/Belt area, and Clingan Olson who emigrated from Norway to work in the Neihart-Monarch mines. While attending Belt High School, Ed was an outstanding athlete and worked summers as a railroad gandy dancer, building the physique that caught Catherine's eyes.

At 18, he became the youngest chancellor of the Knights of Pythius to lead the Belt chapter. In WWII, though married, he joined the Navy and served in the Pacific Theater. When discharged, Ed moved his family to Sweetgrass where he became grain buyer for McCabe & International. In 1962, he purchased the Westgate Conoco station in Bozeman, operating it over 10 years before joining Montana Power, retiring in 1985.

With a broad smile radiating from beneath his Uff Da cap, Ed happily greeted all he met. His many friends are invited to bid him farewell at a memorial service to be held at 11 a.m. at the Dokken-Nelson Sunset Chapel in Bozeman on Nov. 5.

Those wishing to make contributions in his memory are encouraged to mail them to Intermountain Children's Home, 500 S. Lamborn, Helena, MT 59601.



## **Gust Olson**

LEWISTOWN — Gust Olson, 84, died Sunday morning, Dec. 15, 2002, at his home.

Funeral services will be 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 18, at the United Methodist Church. Interment to follow in the Lewistown City Cemetery. Cloyd Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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## Harold Olson

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LIVINGSTON — Harold Alwin Olson, 89, formerly of Judith Gap, died Friday, May 31, 2002, at the Livingston Memorial Hospital.

Cremation has taken place. Graveside committal with military honors will be at 11 a.m. on Monday, June 3, at the Judith Gap Cemetery. Franzen-Davis Funeral Home is in charge.

## Joyce E. Olson

HAVRE — Joyce E. Olson, 73, of Havre, died Monday, Nov. 18, 2002, of heart failure.

Memorial services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 23, at the Messiah Lutheran Church. Private interment of the ashes will be at the Highland Cemetery. Fellowship will follow the service at the Duck Inn in Havre. Holland & Bonine Funeral Home of Havre is in charge.

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## Marshall Donavon Olson

ROUNDUP — Marshall Donavon Olson, 12, died Friday, Sept. 27, 2002.

Funeral services will be 4 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 2, at St. Benedict's Catholic Church. Internment will follow in the New Miners Cemetery. Wier Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

# Nancy Anne Olson

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COLSTRIP — Nancy Anne Olson, 67, of Colstrip, passed away peacefully, surrounded by her family, on May 12, 2002, at the Billings Deaconess medical center.

Nancy was born April 19, 1935, in Lewistown, the daughter of Arthur and Claire Coleman Wiedeman. She grew up in Lewistown with her two brothers, Art and Paul, graduating



**NANCY  
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from Fergus High School in 1953. Her father decided she was to be a geologist, but in her own special way, Nancy convinced her father her true vocation was in teaching. In 1957, Nancy graduated from Montana State University with her B.A. degree in teaching.

Nancy started her career in education in Lewistown, and proceeded to move on to teach in various other communities, Salem, Ore.; Port Angeles, Wash.; and Okinawa, Japan.

On Dec. 28, 1963, Nancy married a younger graduate of Fergus High, Norman Olson in Lewistown. They moved to Butte and later to Big Sky, where she started a kindergarten. In 1977, they moved to Colstrip with their

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family, where Nancy continued to teach within the Colstrip School District until her retirement in 1977, after 30 years of teaching. Teaching was her life, whether it was inspiring a student to excel at life's many goals or helping out one of her many friends.

Nancy was a member of the Pi Beta Phi Sorority, Delta Kappa Gamma and the Daughters of the Nile. She was also a member of the United Community Church in Colstrip where she was a treasurer for six years, and a charter member of the Women of the Moose in Colstrip. Nancy also loved to cook, do crafts, puzzles, reading, traveling, and golf. Most of all, she loved her family and friends as much as they loved her.

She is survived by her husband Norman R. Olson of Colstrip; two daughters, Kristi (Andrew) Rudolph of Rapid City, S.D., Janet (Grant) Wacker of Minneapolis; two sons, Kirk Olson of Dallas and Erik Olson of Wilsonville, Ore.; her five wonderful grandchildren, Alex, Eryn, Briana, Tristan and Evan; her brother, Paul Wiedeman of Dillon; sister-in-law Joan Wiedeman of Cut Bank; and her nephew Rick Wiedeman of Helena. Nancy was preceded in death by her daughter, Lisa A. Olson; her parents; and her brother, Arthur Wiedeman, Jr.

Visitation will be held from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Friday, May

Memorials may be made to the Ronald McDonald House in Billings or the Yellowstone Hospice.

17, at the Beals Mortuary Chapel in Forsyth. Cremation will follow. Memorial services will be held 11 a.m. Saturday, May 18, at the Colstrip High School Auditorium. Interment of the urn will take place at a later date. Beals Mortuary of Forsyth is assisting the family with these arrangements.

# Norman E. Olson

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JORDAN —  
Norman E. Olson, age 92, of Jordan, passed away on Sunday, May 26, 2002, at the Garfield County Health Center in Jordan.



**NORMAN  
OLSON**

Norman was born in Lamberton, Minn., on May 30, 1909, the son of Cornelius and Anna (Pederson) Olson. Norman moved to Montana in 1920. His father had come to Montana in 1916 to apply for a homestead. At that time in order to prove up on the homestead, 40 acres had to be farmed. At the end of three years, Cornelius had managed to get only 20 acres ready for crop, but he was tired of the bachelor life and sent for his wife and family. Young Norman helped his father finish breaking out the other needed 20 acres using a one bottom walking plow and a three-horse team. This was hard work for an 11 year old, but was only a forerunner of the many other hardships that Norman would encounter. However, he learned young that by hard work, he could achieve his goals.

In 1934, Cornelius and his wife decided that farming was not for

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them and they moved to Jordan and later to Havre. The land had almost been lost due to unpaid taxes. But when Norman was given a quitclaim deed by his father, he worked at various jobs in order to pay the taxes and re-deed the property.

In 1935, Norman married Lucille Edwards and within a few years, five children joined the family: Sonny, Skip and Mardrie (Baker) all live within the county. Betty and Norma both married and both live within a day's drive from the ranch.

The Olson family spent many hours entertaining themselves with their musical talent. Norman played the fiddle, and his two sons, Sonny and Skip, play several instruments. Their musical abilities have made them one of the most desired dance bands in Garfield County and several surrounding counties.

Norman was always ready to help a neighbor when needed and was a jack-of-all-trades. When the Lutheran Church needed carpentry work done, he joined the crew. He worked at the Farmers Union to help pay the grocery bill while still running the ranch. Later he bought a threshing machine and for many years threshed grain for the neighbors and for himself. In the '50s, he put the threshing machine to rest and bought a combine.

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Over the years Norman served on various boards and committees including: the Hospital Board, 12 years on the Livestock Protection Committee, the High School Board, Farmers Union board, fair board, director of the TaxPayer Association, SCS board; he was a charter member of the Eastern Montana Feeder Cattle Association and a member of the Hereford Breeders Association. He also was a member of the Stock-Growers Association for many years.

Norman was preceded in death by his parents; his wife Lucille; six brothers; five sisters and two infant daughters. He is survived by one sister, Ann Pfiefer of Conrad; three daughters, Norma Youngquist and her husband Ken of Circle Mardrie Baker and her husband Jim of Jordan and Betty Jean Proue and her husband Don of Roundup; two sons, Sonny Olson of Jordan and Skip Olson and his wife Jana of Jordan; 10 grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held Wednesday, May 29, from 1 to 6 p.m. in the chapel in Jordan. Funeral services will be held Thursday, May 30, at 11 a.m. in the VFW Hall in Jordan. Interment will follow in the family lot in the

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Pioneer Cemetery. Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home of Jordan is in charge of the arrangements. Should friends desire, memorials may be made to the Garfield County Health Center Permanent Endowment Fund in Jordan.

**Adrian J. Olszewski**

HAVRE — Adrian J. Olszewski, 88, passed away Dec. 14, 2002, at Northern Montana Care Center in Havre, due to natural causes.

Funeral mass will be Thursday, Dec. 19, at 11 a.m., in Saint Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church, with burial following at Wing Cemetery. Rosary will be recited Wednesday, Dec. 18, at 7 p.m., in Edwards Funeral Home Chapel. Memorials may be sent to St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church or to Northern Montana Care Center Chapel Fund. Arrangements are by Edwards Funeral Home of Chinook.

Adrian John Olszewski was born on March 5, 1914, to Frank and Regina (Ginther) Olszewski on the family homestead near Tweet, Mont. Adrian was sent to Winona, Minn., to attend a Catholic school, living with his Aunt Agnes and grandfather Albert Ginther. His parents would come and visit with him, and during one of these visits, his mother became ill and died there.

At age 10, he returned to Hogeland to join his father, brother Lambert and grandmother Frances Olszewski on the farm. Adrian then attended school at Glenview through the eighth grade. He liked to tell his children how he and Lambert rode a horse to school, carrying their lunches of lard and sugar

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sandwiches in an old syrup bucket. Adrian was in the first graduating class at Hogeland High School in 1933, and attended a year at Northern Montana College.

He married Kathleen Leinan on Sept. 24, 1936, in Chinook. They lived and farmed northwest of Hogeland for the first 10 years, and when his father retired from farming, they moved to the family homestead for the next 50 years. In addition to farming, his hobby was gardening, which he tended tirelessly. During the poor crop years, Adrian and Kathleen would move the family to Seattle, where he would work in the shipyards and Northgate Mall. They retired from farming in 1983 and enjoyed traveling in their motor home, fishing and camping with friends and family. In 1996, they moved from the farm to Eagles Manor in Havre and returned to the farm during summer months for the next two years. Adrian spent the last two years living at Northern Montana Care Center in Havre.

Mr. Olszewski is survived by his wife of 66 years, Kathleen Olszewski of Havre; sons, Ed Olszewski of Great Falls, Joe

(Karen) Olszewski of Mount Lake Terrace, Wash., Clarence (Rita) Olszewski of Zap, N.D.; daughter Elaine (Hugh) Hutton of Sidney; sisters, Joan (Mitch) Holman and Doris (Bob) Koth, all of Great Falls; brothers Lambert (Irma) Olszewski of Aurora, Ore., Frank (Roseann) Olszewski of Great Falls; nine grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, four step-grandchildren and nine step-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; stepmother, Ann Olszewski and a sister in infancy, Marion Olszewski.

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**Vernon Lewis Oltrogge**

Vernon L. Oltrogge, 91, of Billings, died Monday, March 18, 2002, while a resident at Eagle Cliff Manor.

Vernon was born March 30, 1910, in Belgrade, the son of Henry and Sophie (Rinderknecht) Oltrogge. In 1912, Vernon moved with the family to a homestead on Whitebird Creek, between



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Columbus and Absarokee. He attended Whitebird School and later, the Yancey School near Absarokee.

During the Depression, Vernon worked on various ranches around the Absarokee area. He drove truck while working on the construction of the Fort Peck Dam. He worked as a mechanic at the Moutat Chrome Mine during WWII. In the early '50s, he purchased a backhoe and went into business for himself. He worked around the Absarokee area and in 1956, he moved his backhoe business to Billings. He retired in 1976.

On Nov. 16, 1940, he married Eva Lien Carstens in Big Timber. Eva preceded him in death in 1972.

On March 25, 1974, Vernon was united in marriage to Maxine (Leigh) Anderson in Billings.

He is survived by his wife; stepchildren; step-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by seven brothers and sisters.

A memorial service will be 2 p.m. Thursday, March 21, at the Dahl Funeral Chapel.

## Alan R. Omdahl

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MALTA — Alan R. Omdahl, 56, died Tuesday, Feb. 26, 2002, at the Malta hospital, of an apparent heart attack.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 2, at the Adams Memorial Chapel in Malta. Burial will follow in the Malta Cemetery.

## **Annie Lillian O'Neil**

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**JUL 25 2002**

**TERRY —** Annie Lillian O'Neil, 92, died Tuesday, July 23, 2002, at the Prairie Community Nursing Home in Terry.

Visitation will be held Friday, July 26, at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Terry, with a vigil service at 7 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 27, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Terry. Rite of committal will follow in the family lot in Prairie County Cemetery.

# Clarice Frances O'Neil

PEARLAND, Texas — Clarice O'Neil, age 73, of Pearland, Texas, passed to her maker on Dec. 20, 2001. She was born March 20, 1928, to homesteaders Mitchell L. and Fern Engle Hawks in Billings. At age 3, she moved with her family to St. Xavier, later attended school at the Buckskin Mission and graduated from Hardin High School in 1946.

In November of 1946, Clarice Hawks and Harold "Bus" Hammer were married. Their early years were spent in Hardin, where Clarice worked for Eder Hardware and Fox Motor Co. Bus transferred with Bell Telephone to Forsyth in 1956. There she did abstract work. In their next move to Baker, she was involved in optometric assisting and Avon sales. In Hamilton, where Bus was telephone manager, she worked for the county attorney. They were divorced in 1970.

Clarice made a new life for herself through Avon management in Havre and Great Falls. She married Homer "Bud" O'Neil in 1980. They were involved in multiple business ventures before retiring to Pearland, Texas in 1996. Bud had been her loyal companion in the intervening years, especially in her recent valiant struggle with cancer.

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Clarice will be remembered and missed by her family, friends and acquaintances, for her vitality, caring and fun-loving nature. She had an engaging personality like her father. She knew and was known by many people in the



state of Montana and throughout the country. She was an outstanding golfer and bowler. She lived her life with zest and verve.

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Survivors include husband Bud; sister Alice Carper of St. George, Utah; brother Clyde Hawks of Billings; nieces, Carol Marrero, Judy Gillespie, Linda Warren, Frances Bracken, their families; and nephews Lyle Carper, Charles Carper, Robert Hawks, Howard Hawks, Paul Hawks and their families. Her children, Larry Dean Hammer and Vicky Lee Hammer; her parents; her half-sister Geneva Watkins; her nephew Melvin Hawks; and her grandnephew Chase Hawks preceded her in death.

(Clarice)

Memorial services were held  
5 p.m., Dec. 28, at Lakeview  
Gottage of Country Place near  
Pearland, Texas, and will be held  
on March 20, in Hardin.



## Harold F. O'Neill

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Harold F. O'Neill passed away on Sunday evening at Deaconess Billings Clinic in Billings, Mont. Harold was born in Butte on March 13, 1931, the son of Harold J. and Mary (Griffin) O'Neill.

Harold was educated at St. Lawrence and graduated from Boy's Central. He enlisted in the United States Air Force in 1951 and was discharged in 1955. He re-enlisted in 1958 and served his country meritoriously for 28 years, retiring as a Senior Master Sergeant at Great Falls. His tours of duty included Korea, three tours in Germany and the Pentagon. He married Syble Clanton in Nevada on Oct. 14, 1960. Following Harold's retirement; they moved to Billings to be closer to their grandchildren.

Harold was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his beloved wife, Syble; children, Edward and Michelle O'Neill, Michael O'Neill, and Cathy and Damon Sanchez; grandchildren, Jonathan and Jennifer O'Neill and Cassandra and Devon Sanchez; brother and sister-in-law, Will and Janet O'Neill; sisters and brother-in-law, Ann and Jim Bunny, Natalie Opie and her companion, Dick Quinn; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Hazel and Larry Larson, and George and Tilman Clanton.

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at 11 a.m. at St. Patrick's Catholic Church. Interment followed in Holy Cross Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the charity of the donor's choice. Duggan Dolan Mortuary in Butte was entrusted with arrangements.

## **Travis J. Onstine**

POWELL, Wyo. — Travis J. Onstine, 24, died Saturday, Aug. 17, 2002.

Memorial services are 10 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 21 at the Union Presbyterian Church in Powell. Interment will follow in Crown Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be Monday from 6-8 p.m. at Mifatsky-Easton Funeral Home.

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**AUG 19 2002**

# Felix Ontiveros

Felix Ontiveros, 59, of Billings, passed away Friday, Jan. 18, 2002, at his home.

Felix was born March 4, 1942, to Felix and Margaret (Alva) Ontiveros in Billings. He attended school in Billings and was employed by various restaurants.

Felix cherished the time he was able to spend with his family and friends, he was an avid fisherman and dancer and a very enthusiastic Denver Broncos fan.

Felix is survived by his wonderful wife Tina; his little buddy Matthew and dog, Fido; sisters, Josie Moncada, Phyllis (Dave) Sanchez, Margaret (Bill) Britzius; brothers, Tom (Connie) Ontiveros, Paul (Rose) Ontiveros; children: Ron, James, Howard, Mellissa and Edina. Numerous grandchildren, nieces, nephews and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents and sisters Norma and Dorothy.

God saw your were getting tired and a cure was not to be; So he put his arm around you and whispered "Come with Me." With tearful eyes we watched



**MR.  
ONTIVEROS**

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**JAN 20 2002**

you suffer and saw you fade away. Although we loved you dearly we could not make you stay, a golden heart stopped beating, hard working hands to rest. God broke our hearts to prove to us, He only takes the best.

Vigil will be held 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 20, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church. Funeral Mass 10 a.m. Monday at Our Lady of Guadalupe. Arrangements by Cremation or Funeral Gallery.

## Wade M. Oothoudt

BILLINGS GAZETTE

AUG 27 2002

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Wade Michael Oothoudt, 28, died Sunday, Aug. 25, 2002, in Sheridan.

Visitation is from 5 to 9 p.m. Thursday with services at 2 p.m. Friday at Stevenson Funeral Home in Gillette.

## Henry N. Opdahl

**HARDIN** — Henry N. Opdahl, 82, of Hardin, formerly of Minnesota, died April 23, 2002, at the Big Horn County Memorial Hospital.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 27, at the Bullis Funeral Chapel in Hardin. Services and burial will also be held at the Riverside Cemetery in Thief River Falls, Minn.

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

*APRIL 26, 2002*

## David M. Opp

GLENDIVE — David M. Opp, age 53, of Glendive, passed away on Friday, Jan. 4, 2002, at his home.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 10, at the Zion Lutheran Church, with Lay Pastoral Associate Avis Anderson officiating. Interment will be in the Dawson County Cemetery. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Glendive is entrusted with arrangements.

Dave was born on July 8, 1948 in Jamestown, N.D., the son of August and Alma Lea (Docker) Opp. He moved with his family to Glendive in December of 1951. He attended Glendive schools and graduated from Dawson County High School with the class of 1967. Dave had been employed by Jack Shearer Construction, Northern Improvement and Husky Truck Stop in Glendive. He then went to work for the Super America/Holiday Station where he had been employed for the past 12 years.

Dave's hobbies included ceramics, and he enjoyed music and had a large music collection.

Dave was preceded in death by his mother in 1980; and his sister, Brenda Jean, in 1956.

Survivors include his father, August Opp of Glasgow; one sister, Marie Boynton of Tampa, Fla.; his three brothers, Norlyn

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Opp and his wife Carol of Camino Island, Wash., Ron Opp and his wife Kay of Nashua and Steven Opp of Billings; numerous nieces and nephews.

# Emil Christian Opp

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Emil Opp, age 80, of Billings, loving husband, father, grandfather and uncle, passed away at Valley Nursing Home on Sunday, Aug. 11, 2002, where he had resided for the past four years.



**EMIL OPP**

Emil was born Oct. 9, 1921, in Plevna, the oldest son of Jacob and Emma (Follmer) Opp. He graduated from Plevna High School in 1941. Upon graduation, he went to work for Jake and Andy Schweigert on their farms for approximately five years. In 1945, he met the love of his life and future wife, Arla Brockel, in Plevna. On Sept. 25, 1947, they married. To this union, three daughters were born. They farmed in the Baker/Plevna area until 1950, when they moved to Miles City, where he continued farming and also worked for the Milwaukee Railroad. In 1954, they moved to Billings, where they have lived ever since. For approximately 10 years, he worked construction until his final job with Mountain Bell for 15 years, retiring in 1980.

Emil's life was constantly challenged by his courageous

battle with multiple sclerosis diagnosed in 1955. He was a shining example to all because he was so brave in accepting the debilitating effects of this terrible disease. He never let his disability dampen his positive attitude about life. He never became depressed, never gave up, never complained — just always took the first step forward to make it work for him and his family. Emil's total focus in life was his family. No father or grandfather could love their family more. He adored his wife, children and grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Arla Brockel Opp of Billings; his daughters, Jane Lloyd (John) of Twin Falls, Idaho, Rhonda Potratz (Dan) of Shawnee, Kan., Melissa Wentz (Terry) of Billings; six grandchildren, Matthew, Justin and Johnathan Lloyd, Natasha Potratz, Travis and Kailey Wentz; and one great-grandchild, Kerrigan Rose Lloyd; his sisters, Martha Sieler of Steilacoom, Wash., Loretta Schafer of Miles City and his brother, Ruben Opp of Miles City. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Richard.

Funeral services for Emil will be held at Smith's West Chapel, on Wednesday, Aug. 14, at 2 p.m. Friends may call Smith West Chapel from noon to 9 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 13.

Special thanks are extended from Emil's family to the staff at Valley Nursing Home — especially to his special friend and nurse, Frances Shaw, who gave such kind and loving care to our loved one.

Memorials may be made the Valley Health Care, 1807 24th St. West.



**FEB 13 2002**

**BAKER** — Richard Opp, 79, of Baker, passed away on Monday, Feb. 11, 2002, at the Fallon Medical Complex in Baker.

**MR. OPP**

He was born on Nov. 16, 1922, in Plevna, the son of Jacob and Emma (Follmer) Opp. Richard grew up and attended school in Plevna and graduated in 1942. After graduation, he worked with the Railroad for a little while before going to work on the Schweigert place. He married the love of his life, Shirley (Kusler), at the Plevna Baptist Church on Sept. 28, 1947. They then made their home out in the Lane Jones Community. Shortly thereafter, they moved to Willard to settle on the farm. Richard loved farming and ranching. Although he did not care for milking the cows, he was right at home on his tractor. One could hear Richard's wonderful voice over the top of the sound of the tractor engine as he would often sing to his heart's content while in the fields. In 1989, Richard and Shirley moved to Baker, where they would make their final home. He enjoyed gardening and singing. In his later years, those who knew Richard could often

see him taking a routine walk. He was very much involved with the Baptist churches in both Plevna and Baker throughout his life. Richard served as Church Clerk for the Plevna Baptist Church from 1961 to 1990. His family meant the world to him, especially his eight wonderful grandchildren. Richard will be dearly missed.

He is preceded in death by his parents. Richard is survived by his loving spouse, Shirley; two daughters, Sharon (Dean) Buscher of Phoenix, Ariz., and Sheila McElrone and special friend Dean Keirle of Baker; two brothers, Emil (Arla) of Billings and Ruben (June) of Miles City; two sisters, Martha Sieler and Loretta (Al) Schafer, all of Miles City; and seven grandchildren, Jason, Camberia, Jolene and Andrea Buscher and Justin Nacey, Brandon Cartisser and Jenna McElrone.

Funeral services will take place on Thursday, Feb. 14, at 11 a.m. at the First Baptist Church in Baker. A prayer service will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 13, at 7:30 p.m. in the Stevenson Funeral Home, Baker. Burial will take place at the family lot in Bonnievale Cemetery, Baker. Stevenson Funeral Homes, Inc. of Baker & Ekalaka is in charge of the arrangements.

**SEP 6 2002****Robert Dale 'P.I.' Opp****ROBERT OPP**

**FORSYTH** — Robert Dale "P.I." Opp, 69, of Forsyth, passed away at his home on Tuesday, Sept. 3, 2002, in Forsyth.

P.I. was born Sept. 12, 1932, in Percy, Ill., the son of Harold and Eula Wagoner Opp. He spent his youth and attended schools in Percy, graduating from Trico High School in 1950. P.I. went to work in the coal mines in Illinois right out of high school.

On July 2, 1952, P.I. married Ruth Ann Myers in Parigold, Ark. They continued to live in Percy until 1970, when they moved to Forsyth. P.I. continued to work in the coal mines, working for Peabody Coal at the Big Sky Mine at Colstrip until his retirement in 1990. They continued to live in Forsyth, where P.I. was an avid hunter and fisherman.

P.I. enjoyed playing pitch every afternoon for many years, playing pool, and traveling. He was a member of the United Mine Workers, and was a member of the Baptist faith.

He is survived by his wife Ruth of Forsyth; three children, Sherrie (Larry) Kempfer of Coulterville, Ill., Joe Opp of Oak Creek, Colo., Kim Ward of Tres Piedras, N.M.; four grandchildren, Benjamin, Jasmine, Ian and Kyle; two great-grandchildren, Liam and Abby; two sisters, Jean Bush of Percy, Betty Brown of DuQuoin, Ill. P.I. was preceded in death by his parents.

Memorial services will be held 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 7, at the Beals Mortuary Chapel in Forsyth. Cremation has taken place and interment of the urn will follow at a later date. Beals Mortuary of Forsyth is assisting the family with these arrangements.

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## Geraldine Lois Trott Orlando

BUENA PARK, Calif. — Geraldine Lois Trott Orlando, 81, passed away of natural causes, Sunday, March 17, 2002, at home in Buena Park.

Geraldine was born April 7, 1920, to Esther Riley Trott and Richard Raleigh Trott in Billings. She worked for Consolidated Freightways in Billings before moving to Helena, Mont., in 1948. Jerry and her husband Ernie lived in Helena for 15 years before being transferred to Southern California in 1963.

She is survived by Ernest Orlando, her husband of 53 years; her children, Richard Orlando of Chino Hills, Angela Albadeff of Ontario, Calif.; and four loving grandchildren. She was most noted for her love of sports and children.

Services will be held at St. Pius V in Buena Park, Friday, March 22, at 9 a.m., with interment following at Forrest Lawn Memorial Park in Cypress. The family requests donations to local Montana charities in lieu of flowers.

# Thelma B. Orr

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APR 16 2002

ARLINGTON, Va. — Longtime Livingston resident, Thelma B. Orr, passed away after a short illness on March 27, 2002, in Arlington, where she had lived briefly near her daughters. She and her husband (Frosty) owned and operated the Central Motor Supply in Livingston for 30 years.

Mrs. Orr was born on April 11, 1913, in Culbertson, Mont. to Joseph and Katie Buckley. Raised on the family homestead near Sidney, she attended school in Culbertson and earned a degree from business college in Fargo, N.D. She then worked in Williston, N.D., and in Great Falls, Mont., where she met and married Forrest W. Orr on July 2, 1938. In 1948, they moved to Livingston, where they opened the Central Motor Supply, a NAPA wholesale auto parts store. They sold the store in 1975 and for one year owned and ran a gift store in Virginia City, after which, she and her husband retired.

An avid bridge player, she was a member of her beloved Ninettes bridge club for 53 years. She was also a member of the Holbrook United Methodist Church, the Golf and Country Club, and the Nile Club. She loved to read and travel. Mrs. Orr volunteered at the Livingston Library and the Manassas (VA) food bank.

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Preceded in death by her husband in 1977, Mrs. Orr is survived by her daughters Sandra Orr and Nikki (Hal) Harrison of Falls Church; four grandchildren, Nathan (Danielle) of Knoxville, Tenn., Lee (Kristin) of Boise, Idaho, Kimberly of Falls Church, and Wesley of Bend, Ore.; and one great-granddaughter, Lauren of Boise.

A celebration of Mrs. Orr's life will be held at Holbrook United Methodist Church on April 26 at 1 p.m., followed by a gathering of friends and family. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Livingston Library, 228 West Callender Street, Livingston, MT 59047.

# Esta Pearl Osberg

BILLINGS GAZETTE

NOV 10 2002

Esta Pearl Osberg, 98, died on Friday afternoon, Nov. 8, 2002, at Magnolia Place Personal Care facility in Billings. Esta was born Jan. 31, 1904, to Elmer and Elizabeth Fisher in Albia, Iowa. She was the oldest of eight children.



**ESTA OSBERG**

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Freddy Osberg, three brothers, and three sisters. Survivors include her youngest brother, Kenneth Fisher and wife of Albia, Iowa, as well as many nieces, nephews, their families, and several special friends. Esta will be greatly missed by her loving, caring group at Magnolia Place in Billings.

Esta was blessed with a charming sense of humor, and loved the Lord with a caring heart for others.

Funeral services for Esta will be at Tree of Life Wesleyan Church, 3608 Custer Ave., at 11:00 am on Monday, Nov. 11, with Pastor Harvey Bybee officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Memorial Gardens followed by a fellowship luncheon in the church basement. Memorials may be made to

Montana Rescue Mission, 2822 Minnesota Avenue, Billings, or c/o the Tree of Life Wesleyan Church. Dahl Funeral Chapels of Billings is in charge of the arrangements.

**Harriet Elizabeth Smart  
Osborne****MAR 05 2002**

HARLOWTON — Harriet Elizabeth Smart Osborne, 83, of Harlowton, passed away Saturday, March 2, 2002, in Billings. Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Saturday, March 9, at Federated Church, Harlowton, with graveside committal following at Harlowton Cemetery. Perkins Funeral Home is pleased to assist the family with the services.

**HARRIET  
OSBORNE**

Harriet was born to Forrest V. Smart and Zelma Bunch Robertson Smart on March 13, 1918. She was the sixth child of 13 born. She grew up on the family ranch west of Harlowton. Harriet went to school in Harlowton, graduating from high school in 1936. She went on to further her education in Spokane, Wash., where she attended Sacred Heart School of Nursing, graduating from there in 1940.

Armed with her nursing degree, she returned to Butte, where she worked for several years at Murray Hospital. Next,

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she moved to Ennis, where she worked at the clinic and the Madison Valley Hospital for about another 10 years. In 1957, she moved to Denver and worked for the City & County of Denver at Denver General Hospital and Visiting Nurse Service for the following 25 years.

Her biggest joy in life was helping people, a job that she enjoyed and served with pride for 45 years. After retiring, she enjoyed reading about advancements made in care-giving technology through the years.

In January 1944, she married Wayne G. Osborne. The couple was later divorced; however, from that marriage came three children. She was dedicated to her children, her career as a nurse, enjoyed various church organizations as well as belonging to the Madison Valley Women's Club, and her active membership of the Colorado Nursing Association.

Harriet was a great sports fan and attended football, baseball, hockey and basketball games whenever she had the opportunity. She loved to bowl, get out into the country and visit her family in Montana. She moved to Montana in December 2001 to live at St. Johns Lutheran Nursing Home, where she received tender loving care by many special, dedicated and loving caregivers.



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Kendall S. S. 12/12

She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Oscar, Donald, Forrest Elmer, Richard, Jack and Philip Smart; sisters, Alice Meinke, Dorothy Hayman, Gladys Davidson and Ruth Worley-Fellows; aunt Wayne Washburn; uncle John Robertson; niece Sherry Collins; nephews Burton and B. J. Worley; cousins Frank Robertson and Gene Kimball.

Harriet is survived by sisters Cora Crossly of Salt Lake City, Zelma (Jess) Etchemendy of Twin Falls, Idaho; sister-in-law Shirley Smart of Fromberg; brother-in-law Dean Davidson of Bozeman.

Harriet is also survived by her daughter Kay Osborne Muller of Denver; her sons Ken (Shirley) Osborne of Billings, Don (Karen) Osborne of Harlowton.

She is also survived by three grandchildren, Kara Osborne of Arizona, Kendra (Brad) Gault of Washington and Kenny Osborne Jr. of Billings; two step-grandchildren, Gary and Michael Hess of Colorado; also, many nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grand-nephews.

The family extends thanks and appreciation to the many friends and family who visited Harriet and all the staff and volunteers at St. Johns Lutheran Nursing Home who provided so much personal and tender loving care. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to St. Johns Lutheran Nursing Home, 3940 Rimrock Road, Billings, MT 59102.

# William Michael 'Bill' Osborne

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William Michael "Bill" Osborne, 78, died on Sunday, July 28, 2002, after a long illness. He was surrounded by his family while at a family reunion in Red Lodge.

Bill was born in Tyler, Minn., June 19, 1924, and soon moved to Marshall, Minn., where he excelled in academics and athletics. He was named to the all-state basketball team in



**WILLIAM  
OSBORNE**

Minnesota in 1942. He later attended St. John's University in Collegeville, Minn., where his course of study was interrupted by World War II.

He enlisted and served in the 71st Infantry Division as a staff sergeant for a mortar company. He served in George Patton's 3rd Army and liberated three concentration camps in Austria. Later he played for the Division basketball team. Bill returned to St. John's University, where he completed his education and then moved to Billings in 1948 as the first coach for Billings Central Catholic High School.

In 1949, he married the love of his life, Irene Deutz. In 1953, he returned to St. John's as head basketball coach. In 1959, he returned to Billings to enter the life insurance business. Bill was involved in numerous civic activities including establishing the KOA classic; state chairman for the U.S. Olympic Committee; serving as president of the SE Montana Association of Life Underwriters; the Montana Insurance Education Foundation; the Billings Central School Board; and Big Sky State Games Board of Directors.

Bill was a member of the Yellowstone Country Club, Rotary Club and Midland Roundtable. We'll always remember Bill for his leadership, enthusiasm, positive outlook, sense of fairness and the love of sport. Bill believed in doing the right thing and he did it.

Bill was preceded in death by his mother and father, William and Theresa; and a younger brother, Douglas. His spirit remains with Irene, dedicated wife of 53 years; his sister Kathy (John) Kenney of St. Paul, Minn.; eight children, Doug (Jan) Osborne of Billings, and their children John and Katie; Patrick (Kathryn) Osborne of Madison, Wis., and their children Lindsay and Ben; Tom (Amy) Osborne of Billings and children Ellie and Ben; Jeanne (Larry) Fritz of Colstrip, and her children, Kimberly (Rick) Crook, Danielle and Brandy; Catherine (Mark) Johnson of Sheridan, Wyo., and their children Andrew and Nathan; Mary (Michael) Andrews of San Diego, Calif., and their children Charlie, Mikey and Malcolm; Jan (Doug) Grotz and their children Travis and Lacey; Will (fiancee Tina Matthews) Osborne; and one great-granddaughter, Alana Crook.

Vigil service to be held at St. Pius X Church on Wednesday, July 31, at 7 p.m. Funeral Mass at St. Pius X Church on Thursday, Aug. 1 at 11 a.m. Memorial contributions may be sent to BACET Foundation, Billings American Legion Baseball, St. John's University in Collegeville, Minn., and St. Pius X Church.

# Dorothy O'Donnell Ososki

NOVEMBER 9, 2002

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Dorothy O'Donnell Ososki 75, passed away at her home on Nov. 6, 2002, with her family by her side.

Dorothy was born in Billings, on April 8, 1927, to Charles Douglas O'Donnell and Anna Josephine Nilson. She attended Billings Senior High, where she was a majorette, and graduated in 1945.

Dorothy enjoyed participating in rodeos with her father, Doug O'Donnell. She worked at the Custer Hotel where she met and married Thomas Ososki in 1952. Following Tommy's death in 1959, Dorothy returned to work at the Custer Hotel until her retirement in 1978. She enjoyed crossword puzzles and seeing her grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, and a sister, Marjorie. Survivors are her daughters, Kathleen (Warren) Herman of Billings, Karen Ososki (Karl Ottenstein) of Sandpoint, Idaho, and Kelly (Greg) Goodman of Billings; grandchildren, Kristi (Marty) Laib of Billings, Kim Vinner of Denver,



**DOROTHY  
O'DONNELL**

Rye Baerg of Hollywood, Calif.; a great-granddaughter, Kinsey Josephine Laib of Billings; cousins, Paul (Jean) Nilson, George Nilson, Henry (Kit) Nilson, Roberta (Chuck) Hensley, Brian (Kay) O'Donnell, Thelma O'Donnell and many more cousins; and close friends, Donna Turner of Billings, and Jimmy and Alice Schumacher of Las Vegas, Nev. We will miss you.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 18, at Smith Downtown Chapel with interment of the urn to follow at Mountview Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the Parnly Billings Library, 510 N. Broadway, Billings, MT 59101. Smith Downtown Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

**OCT 12 2002**

## **Loretta Elsie Oster**

**MILES CITY —** Loretta Elsie Oster, 67, of Miles City, died Thursday, Oct. 10, 2002, at the Holy Rosary Health Center in Miles City. Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 13, at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday, Oct. 14, at the Trinity Lutheran Church. Interment will follow in the Eastern Montana State Veteran Cemetery.

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# Fred Ostermiller

# BILLINGS GAZETTE

## AUG 28 2002

Fred was born in Newdale, Idaho, Nov. 17, 1924, and passed on Aug. 26, 2002, surrounded by his family in the Deaconess Medical Center. He settled in the Shepherd area in the early '50s.

Fred enjoyed farming and ranching and spent many hours woodworking. Hunting and fishing were a joy in his younger years.



**FRED  
OSTERMILLER**

Fred was preceded in death by his first wife, Elizabeth "Betty." Fred married Eva on Sept. 10, 1983.

Survivors include his wife, Eva; his children, Joann Henry of Houston, Texas, and Robert, Nancy Taylor and Gary (Marj), all of Billings. His grandchildren are Andy and Jason Taylor, Sarah and Maggie Ostermiller and Amy and Brady Ostermiller.

Fred has four stepchildren, Terry (Dennis) Vidic, Butch (Amy) Petty, Stan "Snick" (Nita) Petty and Jamie (Kim) Ehres as well as many step-grandchildren.

Fred was dearly loved and will be missed by his friends and family.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, Aug. 30, at Cremation or Funeral Gallery, with a picnic lunch to follow at Central Park.

## **Diana J. Ostrom**

**ANCHORAGE, Alaska** — Diana J. Ostrom, 60, of Anchorage, died Wednesday, Jan. 9, 2002, at Providence Alaska Medical Center. She was born Oct. 19, 1941, in Billings.



**MRS.  
OSTROM**

Memorial services will be 4:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 14, at Faith Lutheran Church, 5200 Lake Otis Parkway, with Pastor James Oldfield officiating.

Diana moved to Alaska in 1974 and has lived in Skagway, Juneau and Anchorage. She was a member of Faith Lutheran Church, leader in 4-H, and a volunteer for Red Cross and Eagles Auxiliary. Some of her hobbies include sewing, baking, being a Denver Broncos fan, fishing and traveling.

Her family is quoted as say-

ing, "Diana was a loving and devoted wife, mother, grandmother and friend to many. She fought cancer courageously for five years and now is at rest for the Lord."

Diana is survived by her husband, Frank Ostrom of Anchorage; daughter and son-in-law, Julie and Roy LaMay of Anchorage; son and daughter-in-law, Randy and Caroline Ostrom of Twin Falls, Idaho; son and daughter-in-law Jim and Janelle Maestas of Espanola, N.M.; brother, Dan Whitmore of Billings; seven grandchildren, Garrett and Kelsey LaMay of Anchorage, Jacob and Kirsten Maestas of Espanola, Dusty, Garrett and Kory Scott of Twin Falls.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Southeast Alaska Cancer Society, 1057 West Fireweed Lane, Anchorage, AK 99506. Arrangements are by Anchorage Funeral Home.

# Ruth Ostrum

Ruth Ostrum, 88, died on Dec. 4, 2002, at St. John's Lutheran Ministries.

Ruth was born in St. Paul, Minn., on March 4, 1914, to Herbert and Esther Peterson, the oldest of three children. Having lost her parents at age 5, she moved to Wibaux County, where she was adopted by an aunt and uncle. She married Oscar



**RUTH  
OSTRUM**

Ostrum on Dec. 15, 1935. They lived in several Montana towns while Oscar worked for Mountain States Telephone and Telegraph Co. on the construction of the original telephone system across Montana. In 1941, Billings became their permanent home.

Ruth was employed as a cafeteria worker for eight years by the Lockwood School District and four years by the Billings School District. She was a member of American Lutheran Church, and a charter member of St. John's Lutheran Home Auxiliary. She was best known for her cooking and baking, which she enjoyed sharing with her many friends. Her specialties were pies, lefse and peanut brittle. She was active in her church and loved fishing, camping

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and flower gardening. She still maintained a large flower garden until her move to Mission Ridge in 1999. She and Oscar enjoyed their travel trailers and motor homes. Every summer they would go camping and fishing in the mountains, and they wintered seven years in Arizona.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Oscar. She is survived by her daughter Eunice and husband Dwaine Haagenstad of Oakdale, Minn.; and her son Marvin and wife Bonnie of Billings; grandchildren Jeff (Barb) Haagenstad of Shoreview, Minn., Michael Haagenstad of Apple Valley, Minn., Jennifer (Dale) Haarr, and Scott Ostrum of Billings; and three great-granddaughters.

Visitation will be from noon to 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 5, and Friday, Dec. 6, at Dahl Funeral Chapel. Ruth will be buried in Sunset Memorial Gardens at 10 a.m.; memorial service will be 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, at American Lutheran Church. Memorials may be sent to American Lutheran Church or a charity of one's choice.



## Robert Edmund O'Such

BILLINGS GAZETTE  
NOV 12 2002

MILES CITY — Robert Edmund "Bob" O'Such, 60, of Miles City, died Saturday, Nov. 9, 2002, at the Holy Rosary Extended Care.

A prayer service will be at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 13, at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 14, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Interment will follow in the family lot in Custer County Cemetery.

**MAR 27 2002**

## **George Edward Oswald**

**LOVELL, Wyo.** — George Edward Oswald, 80, died Tuesday, March 26, 2002, at North Big Horn Hospital.

Rosary will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 27, at Haskell Funeral Home in Lovell. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, March 28, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church. Burial will be in the Lovell Cemetery.

# Chester A. Uther Medicine

DEC 11 2002

CROW AGENCY — Chester A. Other Medicine, 58, of Crow Agency, passed away Monday Dec. 9, 2002, in the Crow Agency IHS Hospital. He was named by the Rev. Chester Arthur Bentley, pastor of the Crow Baptist Church.



**CHESTER  
OTHER  
MEDICINE**

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LESH, Going to Battle, a name given to him by James Door, was born June 2, 1944, in Crow Agency, a son of Chester Other Medicine, Sr. and Lucy Yarlott. He grew up and received his education in Crow Agency. He received heavy equipment training and worked on local construction projects. He later worked for the IHS, Eastern Montana College and the Crow Tribe as a custodian for many years.

Chet was a member of the Baptist Church, Greasy Mouth Clan and a child of the Piegan Clan. During his younger years, he enjoyed boxing, skiing, hunting and leather craft, as well as traditional arrow throwing games.

His parents; sister, Corine

Little Light; and three brothers, Jensen Other Medicine, Walter and John Onion, preceded Chet in death.

Survivors include an adopted son, Jerry Little Light; his sisters, Lucille, Ardena, Dineen and Violet Other Medicine, Avone Dawes, Sandra (David) Bravo, Sarah (William) House, Louise Three Irons, Laura Pickett, Ramona Falls Down and Phyllis (Merle) Big Medicine; his brothers, James Onion, Alvin Oliver Yarlott, Alonzo Ten Bear, Emmett, John Paul and Robert Other Medicine; his uncle, David Yarlott, Sr.; his nephews and nieces, Bruce and Gerald Little Light, Jr., Shannon Other Medicine, Preston, Pete and Thomas Onion, Renee and Gloria Little Light, Geraldine LaPlant, Dora Hugs, Clara Martinez, Dora Plenty Hawk, Elsie Half, Johann Meeks, Jennifer Onion, Audrey Jim, Rochelle and Emery Other Medicine. He is also survived by the children of Elmer Yarlott, Sr., Rosaline Morrison, Winona and Jenny Other Medicine.

Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 13, in the Bullis Funeral Chapel. Interment will follow in the Crow Agency Cemetery. Bullis Mortuary of Hardin has been entrusted with the arrangements.

SEATTLE — Irene M. O'Toole, 93, of Seattle, formerly of Miles City, Mont., died Wednesday, July 17, 2002, at the Horizon House in Seattle.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, July 30, at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Miles City. Interment will be in the family lot in the Calvary Cemetery. Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home of Miles City is in charge.

**JUL 24 2002**

## **Victor Allen Ott**

## **BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**AUG - 4 2002**

LEWISTOWN — At the age of 72, Victor Ott died peacefully on Wednesday, July 31, 2002, in Lewistown, where he had lived for the past two years.

Victor leaves behind six children: Michael, Robert, Dale, Kari, Karen and Jeff; sisters, Adeline Schafer of Billings and Jean Dickhaut of Missoula and numerous grandchildren, nieces and nephews. His parents and brother-in-law, Michael Schafer, preceded him in death.

Memorial Mass for Victor will be 5 p.m. at Holy Rosary Church on Friday, Aug. 9, with burial of ashes in Holy Cross Cemetery. Dahl Funeral Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

# Pauline 'Polly' Ottenbacher

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BILLINGS GAZETTE

Pauline "Polly" Ottenbacher, 87, of Billings passed away on Thursday, May 30, 2002, at Parkview Care Center.

Polly was born on June 16, 1914, to John Adam and Katherina (Heiser) Kuebler, on the family farm near Burnstad, N.D. She married Arthur Ottenbacher on Nov. 5, 1939, and moved to his



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family farm near Herreid, S.D. The family moved to Kalispell in 1947, where she lived until 1971 when she moved to Billings. Her husband passed away on May 17, 1956.

She is survived by two children, Janet (Delton) Ludwig of Billings, and Stan (Merrilee) Ottenbacher of Phoenix; her granddaughter, Megan (Rob) Webb, and great-grandson, Clayton, of Anchorage, Alaska. She is also survived by Merrilee's daughters, Joelle (Brent) McCasland and Jani (Mike) Pankoff and their daughters, Kensington and Mia, all of Phoenix. She is also survived by three sisters, Billie Miller and

interment at Glacier Memorial Gardens. Memorials may be made to Trinity Lutheran School, care of Trinity Lutheran Church, 537 Grand Ave., Billings, MT, 59101. Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary is in charge.

Esther (Vernon) Eiger of Bismark, N.D., and Bertha (Ted) Schock of Wishek, N.D.

Polly was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, and nine brothers and sisters.

Cremation has taken place. Funeral services will be at Trinity Lutheran Church in Kalispell at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, June 5, with

## **Chester M. Overn**

**EKALAKA** — Chester "Chet" M. Overn, 78, of Ekalaka, died Wednesday, Oct. 2, 2002, at the Fort Meade Veterans Hospital in Sturgis, S.D.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday, Oct. 7, at the Little Missouri Lutheran Church in Capitol. Burial will follow in the Old Capitol Cemetery. Stevenson Funeral Homes, Inc. are in charge.

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## Lois Larson Ovitt

JOLIET — Lois Lee Larson Ovitt, 66, left us for the Lord on April 2, 2002. She was born May 26, 1935, in Victor, to Carl and Amy Larson.

Lois married Ralph Ovitt on April 12, 1953. They made their home in Dillon, Dixon and Joliet. They also lived in Japan, where Ralph served in the Air Force.



LOIS OVITT

She will always be remembered for her community work. Lois was very active in the Fromberg Methodist Church, UMW, helped organize the building of the Joliet Community Center, VFW, Carbon County Health Association, and over the years, numerous civic organizations and activities.

Her greatest joys in her life were her family, music, flowers and playing the organ for her church.

Surviving relatives are her loving husband, Ralph; daughters, Cheryl (Doug) Morigeau of Dixon, Sandi Ovitt of Ravalli, Laurel Ovitt of Whitehall, Kathie Ovitt of Park City; sons, Mike Ovitt of Tucson, Ariz., and Mark

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(Cindy) Ovitt of Joliet; one brother, Lloyd Larson of Drummond; and one sister, Sharon Larson of Juneau, Alaska. Lois was blessed with 15 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren, as well as numerous nieces and nephews. Her parents and two brothers preceded her in death.

She will be missed greatly by all.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, April 6, at 2 p.m. at the Wesleyan Church in Joliet.

Memorials and donations may be made to the Fromberg United Methodist Church or the Joliet Community Center. Dahl Funeral Chapel of Red Lodge is in charge of arrangements.

# Justin William Overcast

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NOV 17 2002

CHINOOK — Justin William Overcast, 23, of Chinook, died Saturday, Nov. 9, 2002, at the Bozeman Deaconess Hospital, of cardiac arrest.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, Nov. 13, in the Chinook High School Lloyd Sweet Auditorium. Burial followed in the Kuper Memorial Cemetery. Arrangements were by Edwards Funeral Home of Chinook.

Justin was born June 26, 1979, in Havre, to Don and Judy (Terland) Overcast. He attended schools in Zurich and Chinook where he graduated in 1997. Justin attended Montana State University in Bozeman and graduated in December of 2001, with a degree in crop science and a minor in ag business. During his high school years, he was very active in the FFA program, achieving many awards, including the American Degree — the highest honor bestowed upon a FFA member.

Justin liked to socialize with people and had the ability to put a smile on everyone's face. Being an avid MSU Bobcat fan, he often had controversial conversations with local U of M Grizzly fans. He enjoyed cars, especially Ford Mustangs. He helped restore his Dad's '71 Mustang and took great pride in entering it in various car shows.

During his school years, he

helped out on the family farm, and while in college, worked one summer at the Farmer's Union Oil Co. in Chinook. Upon graduating from MSU, he obtained a job as program technician at the Farm Service Agency in Chinook.

Survivors include his parents, Don and Judy Overcast of Chinook; sister, Jessica Overcast of Chinook; fiancée, Jessica Frank of Chinook; paternal grandparents, Bill and LaVeda Overcast of Chinook; maternal grandparents, Pete and Pat Terland of Columbus; aunt, Barb (Don) Swenson of Chinook; and uncle, Gene (Dee) Terland. Justin was deeply loved by his family and will be missed by all who knew him.

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## Pamela Gail Owen

**PARK CITY** — Pamela Gail Owen was born in Baltimore, Md., April 17, 1956, and passed away from this life March 14, 2002, at her home in Park City. Her numerous friends and her family will miss her greatly.



**MRS. OWEN**

Pam was a person of many talents. She completed a medical assistant program at Billings Business College, receiving her diploma in 1990. She then worked in medical records for a

period of time. In 1996, she became Montana certified as a hairdresser and entered the profession she truly loved. She did this so well she was asked by the Board of Cosmetology to help proctor the state board test for beauticians. Pam was fulfilled when she opened her own salon, the "Alley Shop," in Park City, and ran it until her illness forced her retirement.

Pam leaves behind a husband, Tom; a daughter, Melissa; one brother and two sisters and many friends. Her death will leave a gap in many lives.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will take place at the Castle Rock fishing access on April 17. Memorials may be donated to Big Sky Hospice, PO Box 35033, Billings, MT 59107. Smith Funeral Chapel-Laurel was in charge of cremation.

# Donald P.H. Owens

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Donald P.H. Owens, 71, went to be with the Lord, Monday, May 6, 2002, after a courageous battle with cancer. He was surrounded by his loving family.

Don was born Nov. 5, 1930, in Oklahoma City, Okla., the son of Walter B. Owens and Gladys M. (Howard) Owens. As a youngster, his family moved to Lake Village, Ark. He moved to Montana in 1947 to work for his Uncle Grady and Aunt Min Ross of Ross and Power Pipe Line Co.



**DONALD  
OWENS**

He married Beverly A. Fox, Oct. 28, 1950, in Billings. Don served in the Army from 1952 to 1953, serving in Korea for 18 months.

Don worked as a heavy equipment operator for the Pipeline, road work, refinery and general construction, and subcontractors in the Billings area, such as Strong Crane Service and Yellowtail Dam, etc.

Don enjoyed fishing and bowling. He was a member of leagues at Center Lanes and of two senior citizen leagues at Fireside Lanes.

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Don was a member of Central Christian Church, Yellowstone Assoc. for Retarded Citizens (YARC), Moose Lodge and United Commercial Travelers (UCT).

Don and Bev were blessed with four wonderful children, Dennis, Nancy, Amy and Mark.

One of Don's greatest volunteer activities was working with YARC Bowling League at Center Lane, and the area and State Special Olympics, where his son Mark is a special bowler and Special Olympian.

As his children grew up, he cheered them on in 4-H, Scouts and basketball, and other school activities and PTA functions.

When his grandkids started in sports, he was at their Little League games and volleyball games, as well as at music events.

He was thrilled by the antics of his great-granddaughters. The pickle jar was always on the cupboard. His favorite saying was "Having great-grandkids is what having children is all about."

Don will be missed greatly by his family and all his Special Limited Ability friends and their families. His neighbors will miss the chats and the gifts from his garden and having him snow blow their walks and driveways.

He is survived by his wife Beverly of 51-1/2 years; daugh-

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ters, Nancy Jenson of Colville, Wash., Amy (Randy) Dangerfield; and son, Mark Owens of Billings; grandchildren, Tracy (Mac) McLaughlin, Jason Owens, Kristina (Brent) Greenlea, Kerry Dangerfield, Kammeron Dangerfield; great-grandchildren, Sherae, Alyssa, MacKayla, Amaya, Jasmine, Bailey, Serenity and Emily; brother, Richard (Becky) Owens; sisters, Idora Smith, Norma Cunningham, Barbara (Kenny) Helfrich, Betty Sue (Susie) Ritchie, all of California.

He was preceded in death by his son Dennis in 2000; parents, Walter, Gladys (Owens) Young; and in-laws, Alex and Freida Fox.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 11, at the Central Christian Church, 1221 16th St. West, with interment to follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens. Visitation will only be at the funeral home and closed at the church. Memorials may be made to Yellowstone Assoc. For Retarded Citizens (YARC), 602 18th St. W., Billings, MT 59102.

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## **Janice (Garfield) Owens**

**POPLAR** — Janice (Garfield) Owens, age 64, of Poplar, died Sept. 13, 2002, at the Poplar Hospital. She was born in Poplar, Dec. 12, 1937, to Charles and Daisy (Pipe) Garfield. She grew up in the Wolf Point area and attended schools there.

She has lived in Poplar the past 17 years. She was a mother, grandmother and homemaker. She enjoyed beading very much, also cooking and playing bingo.

She is survived by five sons, Richard (and Amelza) Garfield of Sweet Home, Ore., Maynard (and Avis) Prentice of Fort Yates, N.D., Alan (and Suzanne) Owens of Billings, Troy (and Ellyssa) Owens of Wolf Point and Denny (and Phoebe) Owens of Brockton; three daughters, Daisy (and Harold) Fisher, Paula Owens and Christie (and Ford) Fallon, all of Poplar; two brothers, Steve Gray Hawk, Sr., and

John Garfield, both of Poplar; 21 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; one favorite nephew, Robert Garfield; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one son, Reginald Owens, Jr.; one daughter, April Denise Owens; four brothers, Ben, Dan Sr., Gilbert and Tex Garfield; and two sisters, Virginia and Sharon Faye Garfield.

Funeral services are Monday, Sept. 16, at 11 a.m., at the LDS Church in Poplar.

Visitations are Sunday, Sept. 15, from noon to 7 p.m., with a prayer service at 7 p.m., at the Clayton Memorial Chapel in Wolf Point. Burial is in the Oswego Catholic Cemetery. The Mormon Elders are officiating services. Clayton Memorial Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

## **Penny Oxford**

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**JUL 25 2002**

**GREAT FALLS — Penny Oxford, 52, of Great Falls, formerly of Miles City, died Tuesday, July 23, 2002, at her home.**

**Visitation will be from 1 to 6 p.m. Sunday, July 28, at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, July 29, at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home. Interment will follow in the family lot in Custer County Cemetery. Family and friends will meet at the cemetery.**