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## ROBERT H. 'BOB' PAASCH

A man of the West and a true cattleman, Robert H. "Bob" Paasch, age 85, of Billings, passed away on Aug. 4, 2002, at Aspen Meadows due to multiple medical complications.

Bob was born Dec. 28, 1916, the third child of Henry and Amanda Paasch on the homestead ranch in Billings County, N.D. He attended a rural country school, followed by Belfield High School, graduating in 1933. In 1939, he graduated from North Dakota Agricultural College, now North Dakota State University, majoring in animal husbandry. He sometimes worked two or three jobs to help pay for his college expenses. He was a member of the N.D.A.C. judging team, winning trips to compete in Kansas City and Chicago and was the recipient of a Danforth Fellowship. This was an award for the outstanding college junior from each state in agriculture. He belonged to the Kappa Sigma Chi fraternity. At the time of his graduation, jobs were scarce and his first employment a week following gradua-



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PAASCH**

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tion was driving a team of Belgian horses, pulling a manure spreader on the campus of the school from which he had just obtained his degree in agriculture.

It was at college he met, courted and married his beloved wife, Doreen. Their 63 wonderful years together was an inspiration to all. They moved to Billings in 1946 when the Billings Public Stockyards opened. In 1948, he started his own cattle buying company, Robert Paasch Cattle Company. He began to meet a series of lifelong friends and acquaintances, and is one of a few people who truthfully said, "I never had a day I didn't enjoy

going to work." He was also associated with Vale Creek Ranch for 20 years. During this time, Bob and two good friends purchased a piece of property south of Billings to run cattle on; part of this property sold and is now known as "The Briarwood." Dad was so pleased and proud of the development and golf course that even when he was forced into using a cane to get around he would go out and "check out the land." He had a great memory for names and events and so enjoyed telling a story about one of his old horses, a saddle or a cowboy he knew. He could remember a herd of cattle he bought 50 years ago, who they were sold to, how good they were and the price they brought. When he quit buying cattle, they retired his selling number at the livestock ring. He loved the West, the people and seeing the "country on the other side of the hill." His other love was for his wife, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Nothing was more important to him.

Bob was a member of The Montana Stockgrowers, Faith Chapel, Elks, and a lifelong member of the Masonic Lodge. Survivors include his wife, Doreen; sister, Ione Paasch of Phoenix, sister, Ruth Hart of Palm Court, Fla.; and brother, Ray Paasch of Medora, N.D.; son, Dick (Jane) Paasch of Billings; two daughters, Bobi (Ron) Mellor of Littleton, Colo. and Susan (Barry) Mettler of Billings. There are eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Dad, may you always have a good horse and saddle and lots of open country to ride. God bless you.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be 2 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 6 at Faith Chapel Church, 517 Shiloh Road. Memorials are suggested to the American Diabetes Foundation.

Michelotti-Sawyers has charge of arrangements.

# Todd Michael 'Terry Lee' Padilla, Jr.

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On Jan. 19, 1967, a United States Marine left base in California heading to the birth of his first-born child, due Jan. 20. With full confidence the baby was to be born, he knew that he must be there to see God's miracle unfold.



**TODD 'TERRY'  
PADILLA**

Three minutes after midnight, the world was blessed with a precious baby boy, and the proud parents named him Terry Lee Padilla, Jr. This young man showed a compassion for others from the very start of his precious life. There was a special quality put there by God to champion the cause of the underdog.

Growing and excelling in school, his talents blossomed in music and drama. At a young age, Terry had many physical problems with his heart, followed by a severe head injury in 1984 from which he never recovered.

It affected every area of his life, yet his positive attitude and heart for God sustained him through the many seizures that plagued him for over 20 years.

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Todd had a love for God that was evident in the compassion

he showed for the hurting and wounded in life. Struggling to find the right medicine to combat his seizures, it seemed nothing ever worked right. Through it all, he never lost his faith in the God who promised to heal and restore him. One of the most gifted men I knew, his poetry and singing and love for drama was a blessing to all. Todd had a deep sense of love for his family, especially his sisters, Traci and Michelle.

On May 24, Todd's good fight of faith came to an end. While showering he had a seizure and fell, hitting his head on the tub, and drowned in a couple inches of water. As Todd took his last breath, his spirit was embracing his heavenly Father, who promised him everlasting for his life of faithfulness and obedience. He now waits there with his Grandma Ruth, Grandpa Lee, Grandpa Archie, Uncle Mike, Aunt Carolyn and cousins who went on before him. One day to be joined by Dad Terry, Mom Linda, Sisters Traci and Michelle, nieces and nephews for eternity.

Visitation is from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, May 28 and Wednesday, May 29.

Funeral service is at 11 a.m.  
on Thursday at the New  
Beginnings Ministry Center;  
145 Alderson, Billings, MT.

## Elmer 'Bus' Page

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MILES CITY — Elmer "Bus" Page, age 89, of Miles City, formerly of Sidney, passed away on Dec. 14, 2002, at the Holy Rosary Hospital in Miles City.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, Dec. 19, at Stevensons Funeral Home in Miles City. Funeral services will be held Friday, Dec. 20, at 10 a.m., at Fulkerson Funeral Home in Sidney. Interment will follow at 4 p.m. CST at the Rosehill Cemetery in Minot, N.D., with full military rites. Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City and Fulkerson Funeral Home of Sidney are in charge of the arrangements.

## Dale E. Painter

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Dale E. Painter, 76, of Billings passed away Saturday afternoon, Aug. 24, 2002 at Horizon Hospice House.

Dale was born in Colome, S.D. on Jan. 15, 1926, a son to Charles and Delia (Broadbooks) Painter. Dale was raised and educated in Colorado. He married the love of his life, Eleanor Ostwald on Aug. 13, 1950 in Fort Morgan, Colo. Dale retired from Cenex as a production superintendent in 1988.

Survivors include his wife, Eleanor of Billings; his two sons, Charles Painter of Bozeman, and Norman (Kellie) Painter of Grand Junction, Colo.; his daughter, Mrs. Pat (Howard) Bynum of Evansville, Wyo.; his brother, Warren Painter of LaPine, Ore.; and his special granddaughter, Lindee Bynum.

As per Dale's request, private family services will be at a later date. Cremation has taken place. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Horizon Hospice House, 1019 Neptune, Billings, MT 59105.

Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

**JUL 27 2002**

Felistas Cecilia "Bari" Painter, 74 years, a retired health care worker, died Thursday, July 25, 2002, at the Deaconess Medical Center in Billings.



**FELISTAS  
PAINTER**

A Memorial Mass will be 11 a.m. Monday, July 29, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Malta with interment

of ashes in the Hi-Way Church Cemetery at Fort Belknap. The family request that memorials or donations be sent to the American Diabetes Association at 3203 Third Ave., Billings, in memory of Bari. Adams Funeral Home-Hi-Line Crematory of Malta is in charge of arrangements.

Bari is survived by her husband Donald Painter of Billings; two sons, Robert (Deborah) Painter of Chinook, Sam (Sheree) Painter of Billings; three daughters, Terry (Chan) Healy of Malta, Donna (Mack) Howard of Pqulsbo, Wash., Mary Joe (Patrick) Mehrens of Billings; brother, Ezum Berry of Butte; sister, Josephine Straight Head of Eagle Butte, S.D.

She will be missed by her grandchildren, Mike, Betsy Crystal, Zane, Mack, Erin, Kathy Danny, Kydee, Jeremy, Jessica Samantha and Stephen; her numerous nieces and nephews, and eight great-grandsons.

She was preceded in death by her sisters and brothers, Kathryn, Wilma, George, Francis and Billy.

Bari, whose Indian name was Ha-Wi-Win, was born on Jan. 1, 1928, at the Fort Belknap Agency to William and Emily (Johnson) Berry. Bari was an enrolled member of the Fort Belknap Community and was raised on the Fort Belknap Reservation. She received her education at the Flandreau Indian Boarding School and Sacred Heard Nursing School.

On Oct. 26, 1949, Bari married Donald Ward Painter in Elko, Nev., and the couple eventually made their home at Warm Springs, where Bari worked in health care for the Montana State Hospital for 30 years.

Bari will be remembered for her wit and strong commitment to family. Her keen insight of human nature and wisdom, coupled with her sense of humor, will be missed by all who knew and loved her.



## Vivian A. Paladin

MAY 24 2002  
BELLINGHAM GAZETTE

FORT WORTH, Texas — Vivian A. Paladin, former editor of "Montana The Magazine of Western History," died May 21, 2002, in Fort Worth, after a nine-month struggle with cancer. Her friends and family will miss her warmth, wit and generosity of spirit.



**VIVIAN  
PALADIN**

Born to Hans G. and Clara Marie Haugen Hilden in Glasgow, Mont., on Aug. 4, 1918, the second of six daughters, Vivian spent most of her childhood in Glasgow, graduating from Glasgow High School in 1935.

While still in high school, Vivian took a work-study job setting type for the "Glasgow Times." While attending the University of Montana School of Journalism in 1937, she became the first woman typesetter to work on the "Kaimin," the student newspaper.

Vivian left the university for a job at the "Cut Bank Pioneer Press," where she quickly moved into the editorial department, fulfilling her goal of becoming a working journalist. A tremendously talented woman and a

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self-described "workhorse," Vivian honed her editorial skills on several newspapers along the Hi-Line, including stints in Conrad, Shelby and Havre. It was in Shelby in 1941 that Vivian met Jack Paladin, then an immigration border patrol inspector. The two married in 1946 after Jack returned from the South Pacific, where he fought with the Marines during World War II.

After her marriage, Vivian continued to work on various newspapers as a typesetter and a reporter. She and Jack moved to Helena in 1956, where he continued to work for the Immigration Service, and in 1958, Vivian joined the staff of the Montana Historical Society as associate editor of the "Montana The Magazine of Western History."

She became the magazine's editor in 1966 and served in that position until 1978, when she retired in order to spend more time with Jack, whose health had begun to fail. Vivian and Jack shared several good years before his death in 1987. Together they enjoyed boating and fishing at the Gates of the Mountains and spending time with their grandchildren.

Vivian was largely responsible for the popularity of the Montana Historical Society's magazine, "Montana The Magazine of Western History." During her tenure as editor, the magazine's circulation grew from 6,000 to

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12,000 subscribers and set the standard for other historical society journals across the country. Upon her retirement, Montana historian K. Ross Toole listed the ingredients of Vivian's success: a "critical editorial eye ... a distaste for pomposity; ... an enormous capacity for hard work; ... infinite patience."

The significance of her work was widely recognized, as numerous awards from the National Press Woman's Association, the National Cowboy Hall of Fame, the American Association for State and Local History, and other organizations attest. She was active in several professional organizations, including the Montana Press Woman's Association and the Western History Association. In 1969 she became the first woman and the first Montanan to be elected to the Western History Association's governing council.

In addition to her remarkable contributions to Montana and western history, she will be remembered for her tenacity, her stellar sense of humor and her tremendous capacity for friendship.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Hans and Clara Hilden; son Steven; husband Jack; sisters Eleanor, Helen, Verna and Marjorie. She is survived by her

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Sunset Memorial Gardens in Helena in a private family service. A memorial service will be held at Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church, 1400 Stuart, Helena, at 11 a.m., June 3.

The family suggests memorials be given to Montana The Magazine of Western History, PO 201201, Helena, MT 59620.

daughter and son-in-law, Liz and Rupert Tobosa; and granddaughter Stephanie Tobosa of Fort Worth; grandsons Kevin (wife Shila) and Glen Tobosa of Fargo, N.D.; sister Donna Spere of Aberdeen, Wash.; many nieces and nephews, and innumerable friends.

Her ashes will be buried at

## Martha M. Palm

Martha M. Palm, 68, of Billings, passed away Saturday morning, Jan. 19, 2002, at the Valley Healthcare Center.


Martha was born in Laurel on Feb. 22, 1933, a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Knaub) Fox. She was raised in Laurel and attended the Stillwater County Elementary School and Laurel High School.

Martha lived in Laurel until 1967, before moving to St. Paul, Minn. In 1970, she moved to Missoula and in 1982 returned to Yellowstone County, where she resided in Billings until the time of her death. She enjoyed sewing, gardening, crafts and cooking as was a member of the Congregational Church.

Survivors include her daughter, Jane McKittrick; three sons, Gordon (Toni) McKittrick, Gary Palm and Dan Palm; five sisters, Ruth, Mary, Alma, Shirley and Lorraine; a brother, Bill and two grandchildren, Amy (Jeff) Lethert and Anthony McKittrick. She was preceded in death by her husband, Bill Palm, in 1991.

A memorial service will be at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 23, at the Smith West Chapel, 304 34th St. W. in Billings. Cremation has taken place. Private interment of her urn will take place at the Laurel Cemetery.

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## Donald L. Palmer

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CULBERTSON — Donald L. Palmer, 69, of Culbertson, died Monday, Aug. 12, 2002, at Deaconess Billings Clinic.

Mass of the Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. Friday, Aug. 16, at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Culbertson. Interment will be in Hillside Cemetery in Culbertson.

Friends may call at St. Anthony's Catholic Church on Thursday, Aug. 15, from 1 to 4 p.m., and for one hour before service time on Friday. Fulkerson Funeral Home of Williston is in charge.

## **William J. Palmer**

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LIVINGSTON — William Joseph Palmer, 81, of Livingston, died Wednesday, Nov. 27, 2002, at his home, of cancer.

Cremation will take place at Franzen-Davis Funeral Home & Crematory in Livingston. At his request, no services are planned.

## **Edna Panetta**

**SHERIDAN, Wyo.** — Edna Earl Panetta, 82, of Sheridan, died Thursday, Oct. 17, 2002, at Pioneer Manor in Gillette.

Cremation has taken place. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 22, at the Kane Funeral Home in Sheridan. Interment will follow in the Elk's Cemetery in Sheridan. Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home of Gillette and Kane Funeral Home are in charge.

## Harold Peale Pangburn

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WORLAND, Wyo. — Harold Peale Pangburn, 90, died Monday, Feb. 11, 2002, at the Washakie Medical Center in Worland.

Visitation will be from 1 to 5 p.m. Friday, Feb. 15, at Atwood Family Chapel in Basin, and from 10 to 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 16, at the First Southern Baptist Church in Worland. Funeral services will begin at 11 a.m. Saturday, at the First Southern Baptist Church. Burial will follow in the Riverview Cemetery in Worland.



## Walter P. Pankratz

**LUSTRE** — Walter P. Pankratz, 83, of Lustre, passed away Oct. 11, 2002, at Deaconess Hospital in Glasgow, from cancer.

Walter was the son of Peter P. and Helena Falk Pankratz, born April 5, 1919, in Lustre. He grew up in Lustre and attended Bethel Lustre Church and went to the Grandview school for eight years.



**WALTER  
PANKRATZ**

He joined the army in 1941 and went to the Philippine Islands. After the war started, he was captured on Corregidor Island with General Jonathan Wainright on May 6, 1942. He was taken to Bilibid Prison on the outskirts of Manila, and later moved to the infamous Camp O'Donnell. He was also at Cabanatuan Prison. He was liberated on Feb. 4, 1945, having been a POW for 33 months.

Walter married Elizabeth Teichroew on May 27, 1949. They farmed and ranched in Lustre and Opheim.

He enjoyed farming, traveling and POW reunions.

Walter was preceded in death by his parents; one sister, Lydia and brothers, Peter F., William Londo, John, Henry and Richard.

Survivors include his wife Elizabeth of Lustre; six sons Marvin (Colleen) of Glasgow, Larry (Colleen), James (Grace), Kenneth (Lori), all of Opheim, David (Donna) and Donald, all from Lustre. Also surviving are nine grandchildren; one brother Nick of Richland; and one sister Helen Hall of Billings; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitations will be held from 1 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 17, at the Clayton Memorial Chapel in Wolf Point.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Oct. 18, at the Lustre EMB Church, with Pastor John Skillman officiating. Interment will be in the Bethel Lustre Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the donors choice. Clayton Memorial Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

## Kathryn Grace Papetti

Kathryn Grace "Kate" Papetti, 91, of Billings passed away at her home on Friday, Feb. 1, 2002.

Kate was born on Oct. 20, 1910, in Hysham, Mont., a daughter of Donald and Je-mima Scott. She was raised and attended school in Hysham and went on to complete her education at the St. Vincent's School of Nursing.



**MRS. PAPETTI**

As a nurse, Kate was transferred to Salmon, Idaho, by the CCS and it was here that she met Edward P. "Eddie" Papetti. On Nov. 19, 1934, she married Eddie in Darby and together they lived in Salmon for the next 10 years.

In 1944 the Papetti's moved to Montana, living briefly in Dillon and then moving to Billings where they would reside for the rest of their lives. Mr. Papetti died on Nov. 15, 2000.

Kate was an active member of the Modern Club and for over 40 years had attended her Fun Club meetings every Tuesday until November of 2001 when her health no longer allowed. She loved to cook, sew, refinish furniture and work with arts and crafts. Kate was also involved with the Billings Girls Scouts Club, the Yellowstone County

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Extension office and the Billing Red Cross.

Survivors include her sister Mrs. Al "Daisy" Southworth c Plains, and several nieces and nephews including Ronald (Karel) Scott and Thomas "Bud Buckley who were raised by Kate and Eddie. She was preceded in death by her parents, a sister Anne Kittelson, and three brothers, Peter, John and Donald Scott Jr.

Visitations will begin Monday at the Smith Downtown Chapel. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 5 at the Smith Downtown Chapel with interment to follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens. Memorials are suggested to the St. Labre Indian School, Ashland, MT 59004, the Billings Boys and Girls Club, 505 Orchard Lane, Billings, MT 59101, or a charity of choice.

**DEC 06 2002****WALTER PAPEZ**

**BRIDGER** — Walter Papez, 89, of Bridger, passed away at his home on Wednesday, Dec. 4, 2002.

Walt was born on Feb. 14, 1913, on the Papez family homestead west of Red Lodge, a son of Frank and Mary Papez. He received his education at the Draper School, then worked on area ranches and in the Butte mines during the winter of 1941 and 1942.

On May 7, 1942, Walter joined the U.S. Army and served his country during World War II in Normandy, Northern France, and was in the Battle of the Bulge in Belgium.

Walt was united in marriage to Marie Kathleen Rouane on Feb. 18, 1943, in Watertown, N.Y. Walt and Marie were together for 59 years.

After the war, they farmed on Bear Creek and on Dry Creek.

In 1951 they purchased a ranch north of Big Timber, and

ranching there until retiring to Laurel in 1977. During this time Walt built a new home from logs he cut from the Papez homestead. In 1992, they moved to Bridger, and Walt continued sharing his ranching skills with his son, Wally. He was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Parish of Bridger and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Walt was preceded in death by his parents; sisters Mary and Julia; brother Frank Papez, Jr. and an infant brother; half brother, Martin Sanscheck; and half-sister, Amalia Sanscheck.

Survivors include his wife Marie Papez of Bridger; his son Wally (Rett) Papez of Bridger and their children, Jacqueline of Missoula and J.W. of Helena; his daughter, Mary Ann (William) Ballard of Billings and their children, Rebecca (Rick) Anderson of Billings, and Rochelle Ballard of Oakland, Calif.; and his only great-grandchild, Jack Richard Anderson. Also surviving are three sisters, Rose Noll of Salinas, Calif., Sophia (Bob) Ball of Portland, Ore., and Gayle Sullivan of Billings; three brothers, John

(Thresa) of Bridger, Joe (Dorreen) of Red Lodge, and Tony (Lorena) of Roberts; one sister-in-law, Carrie Papez of Wenatchee, Wash.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, in Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Bridger. The vigil will be at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6, in the church. The Rite of Committal will be in the Red Lodge Cemetery at approximately 11:45 a.m. on Saturday. Smith-Olcott Funeral Chapel of Red Lodge is in charge of arrangements.

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

## Timothy Louis Paris

FONTANA, Calif. — Timothy Louis Paris, 59, died Nov. 11, 2002, at the Villa Mesa Care Center in Upland.

Graveside funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 21, in the Hillside Cemetery in Greybull, Wyo. Burial of cremains will follow. Atwood Family Funeral Directors, Inc., of Basin, Wyo., is in charge.

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## Barbara Parker

Barbara Louise Parker died Monday, March 25, 2002, at St. Vincent Healthcare, of natural causes.

Barbara was born Jan. 26, 1925, in the town of Pomona, Calif., to Francis "Frank" and Helen Louise (Connelly) Krom. She grew up on the family farm west of Billings and received her education at Broadwater Elementary School and Billings Senior High. Barbara attended MSU-Bozeman (MSC) for two years and returned to Billings, where she worked for a number of individuals and organizations.

In 1954, she joined Oil Basin Pipeline Company at its inception. Eventually the Pipeline was purchased by Cenex, where she worked as an executive secretary until retirement.

Barbara was a lifetime member of First Congregational Church, where her parents helped in the early days of the church. She enjoyed membership in one of the church's book groups. Her hobbies included knitting, crocheting, reading and gardening. Barbara was most proud of her home, her dogs and the closeness of her neighbors on Burlington Avenue, where she lived since 1956. Foremost, she was a devoted mother and grandmother. She was blessed by deep relationships with lifelong, loyal friends.

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Barbara is survived by her son, Keith (Julie) Parker of Missoula; grandsons, Cory Parker of Hardin and Lynn Parker of Missoula; granddaughters, Jenny Burgstrom and Jacqueline Burgstrom, both of Missoula. She is also survived by cousins, Jo Connelly Evans of Billings and Ruth Ellen Krom Rankin of San Francisco; and numerous nieces and nephews from the Krom and Connelly families. Her brother, Hugh Thomas Krom; and an infant sister, Emma Jean Krom, preceded her in death.

There will be a memorial service for Barbara at 1 p.m. Saturday, March 30, at First Congregational Church, followed by a reception at the family home, 136 Burlington Ave. Interment at Mountview Cemetery will be held at a later date. Memorials may be made to First Congregational, 310 N. 27th St., Billings, MT 59101, or Ronald McDonald House, 1144 N. 30th, Billings, MT 59101, or a charity of individual choice.

Dahl Funeral Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

# Eula J. (McGuire) Parker

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BILLINGS GAZETTE

Eula Parker, 52, passed away at her home in Billings on June 19, 2002. Eula was born on May 31, 1950, in Bozeman, to Joe and Mary McGuire.



**EULA PARKER**

She attended **B o z e m a n** schools and graduated from Bozeman Senior High in 1968. She continued her education at Eastern Montana College (MSU-B), graduating in 1973, with a degree in special education. She taught in the special education field in Billings for 13 years.

She married Budge Parker in Bozeman on July 3, 1971. They then moved to Billings, where they have made their home for the past 31 years.

Survivors include her husband, Budge; her daughters, Libby Parker and Katie Parker of Las Vegas; grandchildren, Elisa, Aniyah, Christian and Jayla; her father Joe and stepmother Dorothy McGuire; sister Mary Jo (Glen) Whyte; sister-in-law Barbara McGuire; and many loving and caring relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her mother Mary; and brother Keith.

Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Monday, June 24, at Smith's West Chapel. Interment will be Tuesday, June 25, at 11 a.m., at Sunset Hills Cemetery in Bozeman.

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



## **Farrel W. Parker**

Farrel W. Parker, 62, of Lewistown, died Friday, March 18, 2002, at the Central Montana Medical Center of an apparent heart attack.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m., Tuesday, March 12, in the Cloyd Chapel with interment to follow in Central Montana Memorial Gardens. Friends wishing to do so may make memorials to the charity of their choice. The Cloyd Funeral Home is in charge.

## Faye M. Parker

**THREE FORKS** — Seeing that the tally was right and the cattle were all in, the fall work done, in the early morning hours of Saturday, Nov. 9, 2002, God called Faye Parker, "a true Montana native," to heaven.

Faye M. Parker of Sappington died Nov. 9, 2002, in the Madison Valley Hospital. Fay was born Aug. 31, 1916, at Willow Creek, to Solan (Skip) and Frances (Frankie) Coursien Parker. Faye grew up and spent his life five miles of his birthplace. He worked for many of the area ranchers, mainly the Sappington Hereford Ranch, and spent many days with his brother, Jess, working at the Ingleside Lime Quarry breaking limestone rocks with a sledge hammer.

In 1937, he married Helen McCall at Livingston. They made their home in Willow Creek. In 1945 he was called to the Army and spent time serving in Texas. He and Lew O'Dell ran a mechanic shop and trucking business in Willow Creek after they came out of the Army. Later, Faye and his son, Monte, ran the shop. Also Faye and brother-in-law, Hal Lower, ran a well drilling business.

In 1962 Faye and Helen, along with their son, Monte, and daughter-in-law, Pat, took over the Sappington Hereford Ranch. Several years later his daughter,

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Judy and her husband Mick Jackson joined them on the ranch.

The Sappington Ranch was Faye's greatest dream come true. He would go and do just about anything as long as he could be back at the Sappington by nightfall. There was never a stranger to Faye. If a person didn't know anything after Faye talked to you for a while, you knew the man had a lot of knowledge. He always gave a person a second, third or even a fourth chance. He would have liked to take the blame and punishment for any youth that had done wrong, especially the grandchildren.

Father, grandfather, great-grandfather, great-great-grandfather, you will be so missed by your family. We hope with the help of friends and neighbors we can remember all the stories you told.

Faye is survived by his daughters, Betty (Ray) Tocci of Three Forks, Peggy (Ralph) Frame of Missoula; son Monte (Pat) Parker of Sappington; daughter Judy (Mick) Jackson of Sappington; sister Jan (Bill) Lower of Three Forks. He is also survived by numerous grandchildren, great-

grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and multitudes of people whose lives he touched.

Faye was preceded in death by his wife, Helen Parker; parents; sisters Olga Jenkins, Edna Miller Hilke, Merle Jewett, Birdie Lower; and brother Jess Parker and Grandson Rodney Tocci.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 12, in the K & L Mortuary Chapel in Three Forks. Interment will follow in the Sappington Family Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Madison Valley Hospital.

# Katherine Emily Parker

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HELENA — Katherine "Katie" Emily Parker went to be with Our Lord on Wednesday, May 29, 2002.

Katie was born on May 27, 1918, to William and Emily (Johnson) Berry in Fort Belknap. On Aug. 2, 1935, she married Charles W. Parker in Hot Springs, S.D. Charles passed away on July 1, 1992.

She was a dietitian for P.H.S. Hospitals in Montana, North Dakota and South Dakota.

Her parents, her husband Charles, and a sister preceded Katie in death.

She is survived by sons Charles W. "Squeaky" Parker, Jr., of Ft. Smith and Joseph Parker of Shelley, Idaho; daughters Yvonne Dee Hoovestall of Helena and Jackie E. Roberts of Orofino, Idaho; brother Joe Berry of Butte; sisters Bari Painter of Billings and Josephine Straighthead of Eagle Butte, S.D., as well as 17 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be from noon until a Vigil Service at 7 p.m. on Sunday, June 2, at the Retz Funeral Home. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. on Monday, June 3, at St. Mary's Catholic Community. Interment will be in Billings at Sunset Memorial

Gardens at 4 p.m. on Monday. Memorials in Katie's name may be made to the Montana Affiliate of the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, P.O. Box 513, Helena, MT 59624.

**ROBERTA PARKER****Roberta S. Parker**

Roberta S. Parker, 70, of Billings, passed away on Wednesday, Dec. 18, 2002, of cancer, in Mesquite, Nev., while under hospice care.

Roberta was born on Oct. 25, 1932, in Billings, a daughter to Jay and Jean Stevens. Roberta graduated from Billings Senior High School in 1950. After graduation, she was employed in a Miles City Bank.

She married David J. Parker in June of 1953 in Fort Bragg, Calif. Shortly after her marriage, the couple moved back to Billings, where she was instrumental in the founding of Parker Livestock Supply, and was quite active in the operations, acting as book-keeper and auditor.

Roberta was active in the formation of a large subdivision on Alkali Creek in Billings. Roberta was also active in several ranch operations around Montana. She was a founder of the American Council of Spotted Asses.

Roberta and her family spent a

decade of summers and week-ends at the family cabin in NYC making sourdough pancakes, biscuits with gravy and homemade noodles. She was a loyal and long time member of Zonta Club, and was Zonta of the year.

Roberta enjoyed traveling, and especially traveling in an RV, where she could work word games while looking out the window at a new scene. Roberta and David stayed in many, many trailer parks in every corner of North America.

In 1999, Roberta and David settled in Mesquite, Nev., for the winter months, where Roberta played bingo daily. Also, one of Roberta's fondest achievements was that she made a trip around the world.

Roberta leaves behind her husband, David; her son, Mark and his wife Carlene Taubert and their two children, Stan and Monica, of Billings; her daughter, Beverly and her husband Bruce Lubbers and their daughter, April, of Red Lodge; her sister, Rae Oser and her husband Bill of Billings; several nieces and nephews.

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Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 21, at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary.

Memorials to the Shrine Crippled Children Transportation Fund, PO Box 20673, Billings, MT 59104.

Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

## Toy Christal Parker

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ASHLAND — Toy Christal Parker, 21, of Ashland, died Wednesday morning, Jan. 9, 2002, from injuries received in automobile accident near Lame Deer.

Wake service will be held at 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 13, at St. Labre Catholic Church, Ashland. Funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Jan. 14, at St. Labre Soaring Eagle Gym. Rausch Funeral Home of the Northern Cheyenne Nation in Lame Deer is in charge.

# man'okee Nah! (Red Corn Tassel Woman) Toy Christal Parker

Proud of your heritage, you walked in grace and dignity. As the sixth descendent of Chief Two Moon and fifth descendent to Chief Red Robe. When you were born on Sept. 29, 1980, you brought much joy and happiness to many people.



**MS. PARKER**

As you grew up, a lovely young lady began to emerge. You always worked for the best and never gave up to strive for the many accomplishments you succeeded in. Your heart and warm smile earned you great respect from your many family and friends. You were a positive source of encouragement to your younger brother and sisters. A beautiful smile and a positive word, when anyone came into your presence, gave encouragement to those in need. Your ability to find humor in situations helped ease the difficult times.

You had many accomplishments and awards. Although many, we're proud of your academic achievements. We are especially proud of your Presidential

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**JAN 13 2002**

Scholastic Award, ROTC, an Little Big Horn Memorial Riders

As you walk into your journey to join Grandpa Shirley, Miler Ryan and those who have gone before you, you will be missed so much, by so many. All your special family and friends and those whom you have touched with your bright and lively spirit will miss you. You have honored us with the most precious gift of Sharlyce and you will always be our angel, especially to your beautiful baby daughter Sharlyce. Toy, your families will ensure that through our shared memories Sharlyce will know her parents and the love you have for her.

Those of us you leave behind will always love and remember you. We love you Toy. Grandma Mom Jennie Parker, parents Carl and Michelle Buckley and Auntie Flora Parker.

Uncles: Ross Parker, Stephen (Mutt) Parker, Joel Seminole, Eddie Foote, Jr., Ed Buckley, Gary Temple, Dave Parker, Brian Parker, Ron Parker, "Litl" Stephen Parker, Dennis Shoulderblade, Donny Harris,

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Mike Parker, Richie Tall Bull, Bill Tall Bull, Warren Jorgenson, Jerry Rowland and Valdo Yellow Fox.

Aunties: CeCe Parker, Diane White Temple, Rosalie Tall Bull, Janis Spear, Cora, Carol, Kristi, Kathy Foote, Connie, Sherri, Penny, Rose and Beverly Hungry Wolf.

Brothers: Steven Martinez, Stephen Parker, Rocky Parker, Joel Martinez, Jeff Parker, Alvin Parker, Ross (Jr.) Parker, Okan Hungry Wolf, Oniscum Hungry Wolf, Tyler LaForge, Waylon Bullcoming, Chan, Ryan Parker, Sage and Shirley Parker, and Roger Dillard.

Sisters: Crystal Parker, Trisha Parker, Stacy and Stephanie Parker, Kitty Fisher, Sunshine Bullcoming, Star Hungry Wolf, Stormy Buckley, Ashley Ziler, Carol Cain and Tonia Wick.

Nieces and nephews: Kane and Kale, Kara, Tunwaya, Gabriella, Troy, Jennie Rose, Kris, Kiara Elise and Katherine.

Special friends and family: Sophie, Candace, Kim, Trent, Susan, Michelle, Katherine, Desiree, Tara and Alethea.

A wake service will be held 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 13, at St. Labre Mission Church near Ashland. Funeral service will be 11 a.m. Monday at Soaring Eagle Gym. Burial will be held in St. Labre Cemetery. Rausch Funeral Home of Northern Cheyenne Nation is in charge of arrangements.

## FRANCES PARKS

EKALAKA — Frances Parks, 78, died Saturday, Nov. 16, 2002, at the Dahl Memorial Health Care.

Visitation will be 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 19, at the Chapel of Stevenson Funeral Home. Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 20 at the First Baptist Church.

## Frances Parks

EKALAKA — Frances Lorraine Parks, 78, of Ekalaka, passed away Saturday, Nov. 16, 2002, at the Fallon Medical Complex in Baker.

She was born July 27, 1924, in Ekalaka, the daughter of Louis and Anna (Stieg) Bruffearts. Frances went all 12 years of schooling at Ekalaka Grade and High Schools, graduating in 1942.

She married Vernon Parks, Feb. 7, 1942, at Miles City. They then made their home in Ekalaka. Born to this union were two daughters: Judith Ladonne and Andi Leigh.

Frances loved her home, her husband and children very much and was always trying to do for them. She was a very giving per-



FRANCES  
PARKS

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son, never able to do enough. Through the years, besides keeping her home and raising a family she baby-sat (loving everyone's little ones), and later worked five years at Dahl Memorial Hospital.

Frances is preceded in death by her parents; loving husband Vernon; a sister, Gladys Kuehr and a granddaughter, Julie Ann Clem. She is survived by her two daughters, Judi (Jerry) Clem of Red Lodge and Andrea (Jerry) Royce of Columbus; adopted nephew, Dennis (Kathy) Kuehn of Ekalaka; special nephew Bill Kuehn of Ekalaka; seven grandchildren, Jeff Clem and family of Loveland, Colo., Jerilee Ward and family of Pine River, Minn., Jaylene Adolf and family of Belgrade, Shiloh Hayford and family of Longmont, Colo., Nicole, Aspen and Misty; seven great-grandchildren, Joshua, Aleesha and Ashley Ward, Brittany and Joel Clem, Belle Adolf and Tyler Reese Hayford; a friend that lived in her home, Delores Morgan of Vacaville, Calif.; and two very Special Friends through the years, Lillian Yates of Ekalaka and Paula Harkins of Billings.

A prayer service will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 19, at 7 p.m., at the Stevenson Funeral Home in Ekalaka. Visitation hours will begin on Tuesday, from 11 a.m. until 7 p.m. Funeral services will take place on Wednesday, Nov. 20, at 11 a.m., at the First Baptist Church in Ekalaka. Burial will follow at the Parks family lot in Beaverlodge Cemetery. A luncheon will be served in the church basement after the graveside. Stevenson Funeral Homes, Inc. of Baker and Ekalaka are in charge of the arrangements.

## Ruth Lowe Parks

April 15, 1910 — February 26, 2002

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HOUSTON, Texas — Ruth Lowe Parks died peacefully at Methodist Hospital on Tuesday, Feb. 26, 2002, following a brief illness. Ruth was born April 25, 1910, in Glendive, Mont. She attended Carleton College in Minnesota and graduated from Montana State College in 1932 as a Phi Kappa Phi and a Chi Omega. She taught high school in Richey, Mont., from 1932 to 1934.

Ruth began her activities in PEO and in Phi Upsilon Omicron in 1930. She was married on Aug. 28, 1934, and moved with her family and husband, who served in the Navy, finally settling in Houston in 1946.

In addition to the AX Chapter of PEO, Ruth served in the gift shop for 38 years as a member of the Methodist Hospital Auxiliary, holding many offices. She also volunteered with the Food Pantry at St. Paul's United Methodist Church and served there since its inception over 10 years ago.

Ruth was preceded in death by her husband of 51 years, Lorne Clement Parks. She is survived by her daughter, Ruth Marie Parks of Houston; her son, Lorne Hamilton Parks of Austin; her grandsons, Larry Noel Parks and wife Anne

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of Houston, and Buckley Hamilton Parks of Austin; great-granddaughters, Ramey Elaine Parks, Meryl Rose Parks and Lucy Anne Parks of Houston; her brother, William Ray Lowe and his wife Connie, her niece, Pamela Lowe; and her nephews, William and James Lowe, all of Billings, Mont.; her sister-in-law, Marjorie Parks of Corpus Christi, Texas; her brother-in-law, Clay Richardson of Wharton, Texas; her nieces, Diane Krueger and Margie Dell Cox; and her nephew Stephen Richardson.

A private graveside service for family and close friends was held at 11 a.m. on Friday, March 1, at Brookside Cemetery, 13401 Eastex Freeway. Rev. Terry Thompson officiated.

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**Karen Ann Paronto**

HAVRE — Karen Ann Paronto, 48 years of age and owner of Northern Casuals, died Wednesday, April 17, 2002, at her home, of cancerous tumors.

Cremation has taken place. Funeral Mass is 3 p.m. Friday, April 19, at the St. Jude Catholic Church, with Fr. Robert D. Grosch officiating. Graveside services to follow at the Highland Cemetery. Fellowship to follow graveside services at the Havre VFW.

Memorials in Karen's honor may be made to: The At Home Solutions, 175 Commons Loop #400, Kalispell, MT 59901. At Home Solutions is for patients who go home with a terminal illness. They provided all of her life sustaining/nutritional needs during her illness.

Services and arrangements are under the direction of the Holland and Bonine Funeral Home.

Karen was born June 22, 1953, to Blair and Dorothy (Heckel) Paronto at Billings. She attended schools in Havre, graduated from Havre High, and attended both the Flathead Valley Community College and Montana State University-Northern. She worked for Buttrey's Foods (which she retired from after 30 years).

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When she retired, Karen opened her own clothing store in the Atrium Mall called Northern Casuals. Northern Casuals fulfilled Karen's lifelong dream of being her own boss.

She was an avid softball player and enjoyed bowling and fishing. She was active in The United Way and was one of the organizers for The Cancer Walk of Life.

She was preceded in death by her father, Blair Paronto in 1997.

Survivors include her mother, Dorothy Paronto, Havre; sisters, Linda Ryan, Cohasset, Minn., and Jackie Derdall Vanscoy, Saskatchewan, Canada; brother, Al Paronto, Van Nuys, Calif.; niece, Shannon Ryan, Champlin, Minn.; nephews, Sean and Andy Ryan, St. Paul, Minn., Riley and Jared Derdall Vanscoy, Saskatchewan, Canada.

## Val Dean Parrish

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BILLINGS GAZETTE

PRESTON, Idaho — Val Dean Parrish, 42, passed away Thursday, June 13, 2002, at the Franklin County Nursing Home in Preston, of natural causes, after fighting a valiant battle his whole life being physically and mentally handicapped.

He was born May 29, 1960, in Preston, the son of John Robert Parrish and Deone W. Hodges.



He is survived by his mother of **VAL PARRISH** Preston; one brother, Jan Robert Parrish and his daughter, Makayla Parrish of Billings; a sister, Vauchelle (Paul W.) Price, and their children, Eli, Joel, Morgan and Deone, of Kimberly. He will be missed by so many who loved his special spirit, especially his grandmother, Alavon Wright, of Preston. He was preceded in death by his father.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, June 15, at 2 p.m. in the Preston Fifth Ward Chapel, 213 S. 200 E., Preston. Friends may call Saturday from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. at the church. Interment will be in the Franklin Cemetery. Arrangements are by Webb Funeral Home.



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## Helen Parsons

Helen Parsons, beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and dear friend to many, died April 11 at Valley Care Center in Billings. Born in Sheridan, Wyo., on July 11, 1911, she was 90 years old.



**HELEN  
PARSONS**

In the past 27 years, she resided in Sun Lakes, Ariz. In September, 2001, she moved to Billings to live with her daughter and to be close to family.

Before retiring to Sun Lakes, Helen and her husband, Bruce Parsons, ranched for many years in northwestern Nebraska. She was a lifetime member of Eastern Star. She was also a faithful, prolific correspondent. Her cards, letters and her friendship will be sorely missed by her many friends.

She was preceded in death by an infant son, Conrad, her husband Bruce and her son Charles.

Helen is survived by her daughter, Sue Andrikopoulos, her grandchildren, Vicki Bruner, Diane Andrikopoulos, and George Andrikopoulos and his wife Michelle, great-grandchildren, Brian and Cara Bruner, Amanda and Angela Andrik-

opoulos and Natalie Johnson, and a sister-in-law Sue Ambler and her husband Ed.

Her family and friends gratefully celebrate her life. She will always remain in our hearts.

At her request, there will be no service.

Michelotti-Sawyers has charge of arrangements.

## Jessica Hope Parton

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Jessica Hope Parton, 15, of Sheridan, passed away on Wednesday, Sept. 11, 2002.

Jessica was born on May 6, 1987, in Sheridan, to Anthony and Andrea (Slates) Parton. She attended Big Horn schools until her freshman year, when she began attending Fort



**JESSICA  
PARTON**

McKenzie High School. Jessica enjoyed playing basketball, spending time in the mountains, art, writing poems and listening to her music, but she loved hanging out with her friends and spending time with her family.

Jessica was preceded in death by an infant brother. She is survived by her father, Anthony Parton of Casper; her mother Andrea Slates of Sheridan; her two brothers, Michael Parton of Sheridan and Benjamin Parton of Olympia, Wash.; her two sisters, Jennifer Parker of Sheridan and Christy Morman of Sparks, Nev.; her grandparents, William and Frances Slates of Buffalo, Wyo., and Marjorie Long of Sheridan; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 16, at Kane Funeral Home, with Dr. Karl Hunt officiating. Interment will be in the Mount Hope Cemetery in Big Horn. Kane Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

The family has requested that memorials be made in Jessica's name to Fort McKenzie High School in care of Delphine Toner, First Interstate Bank, PO Box 2007, Sheridan, WY 82801.

## **Fred Pate**

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Fred Pate, 89, of Sheridan, died Wednesday, Dec. 4, 2002, at Memorial Hospital of Sheridan County.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday, Dec. 9, at the First United Methodist Church. Inurnment of cremains will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 12, in the Elks' section of Sheridan Municipal Cemetery. Champion Ferries Funeral Home of Sheridan is in charge.

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## **Lorraine Patterson**

**GLENDIVE —** Lorraine Patterson, 83, of Glendive, died Tuesday, March 26, 2002, at the Glendive Medical Center Extended Care Facility.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 30, at the Chapel of the Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home in Glendive. Interment will be in the Dawson County Cemetery.

# Ricky 'Rick' Eugene Patterson

RAPID CITY, S.D. — Ricky "Rick" Eugene Patterson, 42, of Rapid City, passed away at his residence, May 21, 2002. Rick was born July 3, 1959, in Billings, to Ronald Edward and Marion (Grande) Patterson.

He served his country in the United States Army; he was discharged Jan. 26, 1978. Rick was a cross-country truck driver until he hurt his back. He then worked for the mine in South Dakota until he became disabled. Rick loved to go fishing and camping. He always enjoyed being in the outdoors. His real joy was being called "Papa Rick" by Chloe. She was the light of his life.

He was preceded in death by his brother Jeffery Patterson; grandparents Arthur and Mildred Grande and Truman and Florence Paterson; and an uncle, Tom Grande.

His survivors include his father Ronald Patterson of Washburn, N.D.; his mother Marion Grande of Lincoln City, Ore.; daughter Jamie and her husband Jarrett of Rapid City; granddaughter Chloe



**RICKY  
PATTERSON**

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Lowry Funeral Home, Big Timber, Mont. Graveside services will be held 2 p.m. Thursday, May 30, at Mountain View Cemetery, Big Timber. Lowry Funeral Home assisted the family with the services.

of Rapid City. One brother, Eric Patterson of Rapid City; and three sisters, Mitzi Robbins of Colstrip, Mont., Sue Leuthold of Billings and Kim Harriman of Washburn also survive Rick.

Visitation will be held from 4 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday, May 29, at

# Shane Mark Patterson

JANUARY 14, 1954—JULY 14, 2002

On Jan. 14, 1954, at St. Vincent Healthcare in Billings, Montana, a fifth generation Montanan was born to Pat and Theresa Patterson. Shane was baptized at "Our Lady Of the Little Flower" church by Father Garland with his uncle and aunt, Bernard and Betty Hedges, as his godparents. From an early age on Shane was a tease and mischief-maker, with an outstanding sense of humor. He loved the outdoors and all that it held for a young boy then man. Fishing, camping out, hunting, tree house building, motorcycling, boxing, and swapping stories with the old-timers. Shane was a mountain man at heart, a man of honor, dignity, integrity, and strength. A man maybe born 100 years too late.



**SHANE MARK  
PATTERSON**

Always proud of his Irish/Scot heritage, Shane was State AAU Boxing Champ two years running, under the tutelage of Harold MacLean, during his high school years. He graduated from West High in 1972. During the next four years, Shane motocrossed, attended

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Eastern Montana College and met the "Love of his Life" Meridee Crowder. They married in 1976 at a ceremony held at the Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch by Father MacIntyre, with the reception held at the Shiloh Barn. To this day, it is still being talked about at every family gathering.

For the next eight years, Shane worked for the Burlington Northern railroad, did motocrossing, and started to acquire their herd of mules and horses. With his friends, Brian Davis, Wayne Fischer, Tom (Jock) Selleck, Mark Lawson, Coby Theade, Kelly Fugure, Dewayne Long and Stuart Bertolino, the Annual Traditional Backpacking Venture into the high country in quest of elk began. These same friends along with Bill Gianoulis, Tink Brandsetter., Flint Harper, and his brother Quint Patterson helped to build the beautiful log home overlooking the Yellowstone that they called home.

In 1984, Shane and Meridee's long awaited wish was granted and their son, Riley, was born. In 1986, Caley "daddy's little girl"

was born and in 1988 to their delight, Hazen. With the children their love of sports took new life. There was Peaks-to-Prairies and the kids' hockey, soft-ball, and basketball. His children had a great supporter and cheering section in their parents. Shane always had a ready brag on one of the kid's latest victory or accomplishment.

In the early 1980s, Shane joined the family business of "Midnight Mail Express" and later became president of the family corporation. He never met a stranger in his stop for coffee that he didn't have a smile for and a cordial greeting. He was always ready to offer a helping hand, it didn't matter if you were a stranger, a friend or family. His strength as a Cancer survivor was a true tribute to the man he was.

Shane was preceded in death by "Best Friends" Bobbie Stedhem, Rocky and Dode Selleck, Jack Lawson, and Tom McCormick; his sister, Linda LaVonne Patterson; grandparents, Byard and Edna Patterson and John Hedges; and his father-in-law, James C. Crowder.

He leaves behind his wife, Meridee; sons, Riley and Hazen, and "daddy's little girl" Caley; his parents, Pat and Theresa Patterson. Sisters Denise (Thomas) Harper and Tana Patterson (Brad) Aipperspach;

and one brother, Quinn (Christina) Patterson; mother-in-law, Maxine Crowder; brothers-in-law Jim (Bonnie) Crowder and Dennis Crowder and one sister-in-law Debbie (Jim) Heavey. Nephews and nieces, Flint (Linda) Harper, Ty (Mia) Bunnell, Jodi Harper, Ariel Harper, Kiairah Hunter, Aurora Patterson, Sojourn Keller, Sage Aipperspach, Brian and Kevin Crowder. Best of Friends not previously mentioned, Tony Hatzenbeler, Bob Heiser, Bob Ulshack, Via and Francis Payer, Lex LaRoue, Bill Taylor and we could go on forever. One must never forget his right-hand companion on the hairy side "Teddy Buster".

In lieu of flowers, please forward memorials to: Patterson Children Trust, c/o Western Security Bank, 2675 King Ave. W., Billings, MT 59102 or Yellowstone Bank, 2000 Overland Dr., Billings, MT 59102

Vigil service will be 7 p.m. Sunday, July 21, at St. Bernard's Catholic Church, 226 Wick Lane. Funeral mass will be at 11 a.m. Monday, July 22, at St. Bernard's Catholic Church. The casket will be closed.

## **Randy A. Paul**

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Randy A. Paul, 40, of Sheridan, died Saturday, Nov. 2, 2002, at his home.

Memorial services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 6, at Champion Ferries Funeral Home in Sheridan. Interment of remains will be in the Sheridan Municipal Cemetery.

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## Arthur P. Paulson

**ROUNDUP** — Arthur P. Paulson, 80, of Roundup, passed away Tuesday, Sept. 3, 2002, at the Billings Health and Rehab Center in Billings.

Art was born March 6, 1922, at Wolf Point, the son of Mathis and Ester (Owol) Paulson. Art served his country during WWII in the South Pacific, receiving his honorable discharge in 1945. On June 26, 1971, Art married Florence Berkland at Red Lodge.

Art enjoyed bowling, fishing, raising bum lambs and calves, along with many other animals. Art's kindness, friendship, witty sense of humor and love for all of his family will be greatly missed.

Art is survived by his wife Florence; his children, Karen, Kay, Gary, Judy, Nancy, Chuck and Tim; sons-in-law, Nick, Jay, Jeri and Dennis; daughters-in-law, Connie and Stacy; his brother Barney, five sisters, Ester, Eleanor, Louise, Lilly and Elise; sister-in-law, Vera; 16 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Art was preceded in death by his parents and brother John.

Cremation has taken place and no services are planned at this time. Beals Mortuary of Forsyth is assisting the family with these arrangements.

## **Kenneth W. Pawley**

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APRIL 28, 2002

CODY, Wyo. — Kenneth W. Pawley, 81, died Friday, April 26, 2002, at the West Park Long Term Care Center.

Cremation has taken place. Private memorial services will be held later.

## Layton Gerald Payne

**WOLF POINT** — Layton Gerald Payne, 84, died on Sept. 15, 2002, at Northeast Montana Health Services Facility in Wolf Point, from complications resulting from a broken neck injury.

Layton was born Sept. 2, 1918, in Volt, on the old Payne homestead to Carl and Georgia Payne. He grew up in the Volt area. He



**LAYTON  
PAYNE**

worked on the Fort Peck Dam in the 1930s and then served in the Air Force from 1941 to 1945 during WWII in Africa, Sicily, Italy and France. When he returned from the war, he married Joy Ryan on July 17, 1948, in Wolf Point.

Layton was a farmer and rancher all of his life. He loved playing piano, trumpet, harmonica, checkers, cards and horseshoe. He especially loved reading, spending time with his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and his wife Joy on Nov. 19, 1981; a son, John Payne; a brother, Oliver Payne; a sister, Evageline Willard; a grandson, Ryan Payne; and one great-granddaughter, Ruby Joy Symington.

He is survived by two sons, Carl and Tom, both of Wolf Point; four daughters, Susie Symington, Clark MacDonald, Gloria Payne Urbaniak, all of Wolf Point, and Faith Anne Tallwhiteman of Birney; one brother, Arnold Payne of Bremerton, Wash.; 19 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren and nieces and nephews.

Visitations will be held from 1 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 17, at the Clayton Memorial Chapel in Wolf Point, with a prayer service at 7 p.m. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 18, at the Clayton Memorial Chapel, with Pastor Danny Lindsay and Pastor Jim Finnerity officiating. Interment will be on the Payne Family Farm north of Oswego at Three Buttes.

# Charles M. Peabody

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JOLIET — Charles M.

Peabody, 75, was called to his Lord and Savior on Friday, July 19, 2002, and died peacefully with his wife, Ann, by his side.



**CHARLES  
PEABODY**

He was born on April 13, 1927, during a blizzard south of Ekalaka, to Lawrence and Bonnie (Brandley) Peabody. Charles worked at several ranches in Montana; Paddock Ranch, Labrees Ranch, Soap Creek Cattle Co., and Iverson's Ranch. He broke horses, ran cattle, shod horses as only a genuine cowboy could.

A WWII veteran, he came home and met his wife to be, Ann D. Weiss, at Eaton's Dude Ranch in Sheridan, Wyo., and they exchanged vows in Red Lodge on Oct. 1, 1952. After working on ranches, Charles became a livestock inspector for the state of Montana in 1962, in Billings and went on to market in Sidney and Miles City. In 1966, he moved his family to Bozeman to further his career. He became the District Livestock Investigator for the counties of Gallatin, Park, Madison,

Jefferson and Meagher. He retired from the state in 1987, and moved to Joliet for the remainder of his life.

He enjoyed his family, live stock, garden, cooking, traveling and, most of all, being with Ann.

He was preceded in death by his father, Lawrence, and mother Bonnie; twin brothers, Bob and Lester; and brothers, Ted and Everett.

Charles is survived by his wife, Ann, of Joliet; children, Victoria Strong (Mel) and their children, Charles and Tess of Joliet, Reid (Cindy) and their children, Brandi Ann and Zechariah of Wilsall, Cynthia Peabody (Steve Mallick) and their sons, Kenrick and David of Bozeman, Larry (Mary) and their children, Charcie and Brandley of Pompeys Pillar, Charanne of Big Lake, Alaska, and Robin and her children, Jessie and Robert of Missoula. Also surviving him are brothers, Donald Peabody (Jo) of East Patchogue, N.Y.; sisters, Gloria Sparks of Casper, Wyo., Alice (Carl) Peterson of Ekalaka, Madlon Brence (Bill) of Mill Iron; numerous nieces and nephews; step-grandchildren, Billie, Melody, Jaime, Tiffani, Nathan and their families.

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Funeral services at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, July 23, at the Joliet Lutheran Church. The family has entrusted the arrangements with Cremation or Funeral Gallery. Memorials may be sent to the Beartooth Hospice, Joliet Lutheran, or a charity of one's choice.

## Genell Peabody

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EKALAKA — Genell Peabody, 60, of the Chalk Buttes area southwest of Ekalaka, died Thursday, Nov. 28, 2002, at her home.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 2, at Stevenson Funeral Home in Ekalaka, with a prayer service at 6 p.m. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 4, at the Sorrel Horse in Ekalaka.

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## Shawn Floyd Peacher

GLASGOW — Shawn Floyd Peacher, 2 days, of Glasgow, died Sept. 30, 2002, at St. Vincent Healthcare in Billings.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Oct. 4, at First Lutheran Church in Glasgow, with Rev. Martin Mock officiating. Burial will be in Highland Cemetery in Glasgow. Bell Mortuary of Glasgow is in charge.

## Bill Pearce

W.J. "Bill" Pearce, 75, of Billings, passed away at his home, Oct 16, 2002.

Formerly from Great Falls and Sand Coulee, he was in sales and promotional work with various firms in Billings.

He is survived by his wife Barbara; a daughter; and four brothers.

Memorial service will be in Great Falls. Memorials may be made to Big Sky Hospice or Northern Rocky Cancer Center. Arrangements were by Cremation or Funeral Gallery.



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## **Tom Pearce**

**BUFFALO, Wyo. — Tom Pearce, 82, of Buffalo; died Sunday, April 14 2002, at Deaconess Billings Clinic.**

**Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday, April 18, at the Adams Funeral Home Chapel in Buffalo. A vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Thursday, at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. Friday, April 19, at St. John the Baptist Church. Burial will be in Willow Grove Cemetery, with a graveside service to follow the Mass.**

## Arthur Pearson

WILLIAMSBURG, Va. -

Arthur J. Pearson, 84, of Williamsburg, Va., died on Sunday, Dec. 1, at the Medical College of Virginia in Richmond.

He was born July 2, 1918 in Pompeys Pillar to Clas and Augusta Pearson. He graduated from Huntley Project High School in 1936 and continued his education at the University of Montana, receiving his B.S.



Mr. Pearson

in chemistry. While at UM, he was a member of SAE.

He married Ruth Stout of Ballantine December 25, 1941.

He served in the 6<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division of the Army during World War II and later in the Army Reserve, retiring as a lieutenant colonel.

He retired from Owens Corning Fiberglas in 1983 after 38 years of service. He was an avid golfer, and enjoyed the majority of his retirement years playing the courses on Skidaway Island in Savannah, Ga. He moved to Patriots Colony four years ago.

He was preceded in death by

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his wife, Ruth, in 1996, and by his brother, Harry Pearson.

He is survived by his daughters, Susan Miller and Marth Barnett; eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

A memorial services was held Wednesday, Dec. 4 at Patriots Colony, with Chaplain Janna Roche officiating. Burial took place in Skidaway Island Presbyterian Church Memorial Gardens.

Memorials may be made to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

**Betty J. Pearson**

**CROW AGENCY — Betty J. Pearson, 84, of Crow Agency, formerly of Bartlesville, Okla., died Sunday, Oct. 13, 2002.**

**Cremation has taken place in the Bullis-Eastern Montana Crematory. Private disposition will take place at a later date. Bullis Mortuary of Hardin in charge.**

## Lillian Pedersen

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At the age of 71, Lillian Pedersen died peacefully surrounded by her family at St. Vincent Healthcare on Tuesday, May 21, 2002, following a lengthy illness. Lillian was born May 14, 1921, in Belfry, the daughter of Gottlieb and Amelia Nauman.

On March 6, 1955, Lillian was united in marriage to Alden W. Pedersen in Billings.

Lillian leaves behind her husband of 47 years, Alden W. Pedersen; son Lance and wife Tamiko Pedersen of Hardin; brother Irv and wife Darlene Nauman of Red Lodge; sister Constance and husband William Cummings of Bozeman. Her parents Gottlieb and Amelia Nauman preceded Lillian in death.

Funeral services for Lillian will be 10 a.m. Friday May 24, at Mount Olive Lutheran Church, with interment in Sunset Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, May 23, at Dahl Funeral Chapel. Memorials may be made to Big Sky Hospice, PO Box 35033, Billings 59107 or Mount Olive Lutheran Church, 2336 St. Johns Avenue, Billings 59102.

## Emma Helen Peltier

WHEATRIDGE, Colo. — Emma Peltier, 53, formerly of Belcourt, N.D., and Malta, Mont., died Sunday, May 26, 2002, at the Sheridan Care Center in Wheatridge, Colorado.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, May 31, at The Lord's Table in Wolf Point. Inurnment of ashes will be on the family land in North Dakota at a later date. Clayton Memorial Chapel is in charge.

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## **Ethel M. Peltier**

CODY, Wyo. — Ethel M. Peltier, 88, died Monday, May 6, 2002, at West Park Long Term Care Center in Cody.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Monday, May 13, at Trinity Lutheran Church. Ballard Funeral Home of Cody is in charge.

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## Ronald M. Pendill

Ron was born April 23, 1949 in Bismarck, ND, to Samuel J. and Margaret Pendill. The family moved to Billings six months later. Ron attended Little Flower, Taft, Garfield, Riverside, and Lincoln schools, graduating from Billings West High in 1967. In the summer of 1966 Ron met Phyllis Kuntz. They were married on May 20, 1967, two weeks before he graduated from high school. He was proud of the fact he was the longest married man from the class of '67 BWHS.

Ron then worked at Associated Foods for three years before joining the Billings Police Department in November of 1970. He retired from the police department in October of 1991. Ron joined the Operating Engineers the following April and worked for Strong's Crane Service, J.A. Jones, J. H. Kelly, and Raymond Corcoran Trucking until illness forced him to retire to his home in December of 1999.

Ron joined the Treasure State Racing Association in 1967, pitting for Dennis Ostermiller and in following years began racing on his own. His love of motor sports



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continued throughout his life ranging from open wheel sprint cars, motorcycle flattracking, NASCAR, drag racing, and virtually anything that had wheels and went fast. In later years Ron and his friends attended many World of Outlaw, NHRA and other racing events all over the country. Ron was an excellent mechanic and spent innumerable hours in his shop working on vehicles and helping out his friends.

Ron also loved to hunt and fish, bagging his first elk in 1979 and stocking his family freezer every year thereafter. He also loved to shoot pool and was a member of the Powderhorn team, the City Champions in 1988 and 1989. Later he played in other leagues and organized his own team for the Western Bar in 1998, winning their division. Ron was high overall shooter in the division.

Ron also helped organize an annual get together, which was known, with tongue in cheek, as the Tinman Contest, a takeoff from television's Ironman Triathlon. It became a two day event in which contestants drew for partners and competed in throwing darts, horseshoes,

bowling, and golf, followed by a huge barbecue. A great time was had by all that participated.

Ron is survived by his wife Phyllis of the family home, son Ron Jr. & Angie of Benson, MN, daughter Kristi (Dave) Boyd, grandchildren Davielle & David Correa & Keisha Boyd. He is survived by his parents Samuel J. & Margaret, brothers Eugene and Sammy, sisters Linda, Colleen and Donna. He was preceded in death by his infant daughter, Leslie Kay.

Ron was a big hearted person who loved to be around other people and practice his dry sense of humor. His friends all called him Cop and in later years, Xcop. Were it possible to look up the definition of someone who would "give you the shirt off his back" there would surely be a picture of Ron Pendill. He will be sorely missed by all that were fortunate enough to know him.

Memorial services will be held at Smith's West Side Chapel, Saturday, February 16th, at 4:00 p.m. Donations can be made to Hospice of Billings.



## Layton W. Penoyar

BOZEMAN — Layton Penoyar, 80, of Livingston, died Monday, Nov. 18, 2002, at Mountain View Care Center in Bozeman.

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

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## James N. Peppers

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LAME DEER — James N. Peppers, 86, of Lame Deer, took his last wagon train ride home on Sunday, March 10, 2002, at the Sheridan VA in Sheridan, Wyo.

Jim was born June 30, 1915, in Whitman, Neb., the son of Emmett and Cora Taylor Peppers. He came to Montana with his family at the age of 1, settling on Reservation Creek near the Castle Rock area, west of Colstrip. Jim attended country schools, riding to school on horseback. Following his schooling, Jim spent many years working for numerous ranches. Jim entered the U.S. Army, serving in the beginning of WWII. Following his honorable discharge, Jim returned to Montana, where he continued to cowboy.

On July 21, 1949, Jim married Inez Harris in Forsyth. They lived in Lame Deer and later in Ashland, where Jim hauled freight. Jim and Inez moved to the Boyd Farley place, living there for only three years before returning to the home place near Lame Deer. Jim continued to haul cattle and freight for many years. Jim also owned Pepper's Place, where people enjoyed playing cards and buying groceries. Jim continued to work and cowboy throughout the rest of his life, working cows and helping out at brandings around the area.

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Jim enjoyed working with his draft horses and bucking horses, riding in wagon trains, restoring wagons and old tractors, attending fiddling jamborees and dancing. He also loved leather working, fixing bridles and building saddles. Christmas was Jim's favorite time of year, when he loved being with his grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife Inez of Lame Deer; three sons, Ronald and his wife Mary, Kenneth and his wife Naomi, James and his wife Rae, all of Lame Deer; three daughters, Thelma Peppers of Colstrip, Charlene Peppers (Joe) of Lame Deer, Cora (Randy) Stennerson of Rosebud Creek; 21 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; his brother, William Peppers of Camas, Wash.; two sisters, Thelma Zimmer of Vancouver, Wash., Hazel Bisonett of Yakima, Wash.; as well as numerous nieces and nephews. Jim was preceded in death by his parents; his brother Charles; granddaughter Lynnette LaBuff; and grandson Wayne Schreuder.

Funeral services will be held 10 a.m. Thursday, March 14, at the Beals Mortuary Chapel in Forsyth. Interment will follow in the Lee Cemetery. Beals Mortuary of Forsyth is assisting the family with these arrangements.

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Helen M. Perey was born Feb. 5, 1915, in Huntley, the daughter of homesteaders E.C. and Flora (Barkemeyer) Hackney. She graduated from Worden High School

in 1931, at the age of 16. After attending Billings Polytechnic for two years, she obtained her college degree from Huron State College. She began her teaching

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career at Grass Range and then moved to Forsyth in 1937, where she met Emile, her husband for 55 years. She taught music to all grades in the Forsyth school system for over 25 years before moving to Billings, where she taught at Lewis & Clark Junior High until her retirement in 1971. The high school choruses and music ensembles under her direction were known for their excellence.

Throughout her lifetime, Helen was an excellent seamstress and loved baking. Deep dish apple pie, pecan cinnamon rolls and bread sticks were among her specialties. She was also known for her knowledge of proper English grammar and demanded strict adherence there-to — especially by The Billings Gazette.

Helen was residing at Eunice's Personal Care Home at the time of her death and the family expresses deep appreciation for the loving care she received.

She is survived by sons Lynn (Nancy) of Laurel and Randy (Jennifer) of Wilmington, Del.; grandchildren Scott, Sandra (Troy), Jennie and Bryan; great-grandson, Nathan; and great-granddaughter, Emile; and a sister, Lois Hackney, of Billings. She was preceded in death by her husband, Emile, in 1996; and a son, David, in 1956.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial services will be held Monday, July 22, at 10 a.m. at Faith Evangelical Church, 2832 Broadwater Ave.

Memorials may be made to the Perey Scholarship Fund, c/o Judy Cole, 7 Cole Lane, Forsyth, MT 59327 or charity of choice.

# Charles Gerald 'Chuck' Perkins

MEETEETSE, Wyo. — Charles Gerald "Chuck" Perkins, age 46, passed away Wednesday, July 3, 2002, at his home in Meeteetse.

Chuck was born Aug. 5, 1955, in Cody, the son of Gerald Leroy and Helen M. (Gould) Perkins. He graduated from Hot Springs County High School, Northwest Community College and Eastern Montana College and later earned a Master's Degree in Education from Lesley College in Cambridge, Mass. He married Kelly Bennett on Aug. 6, 1983. They later divorced. At the time of his death, he was employed by Park County School District #16 in Meeteetse, where he taught high school math, science and computers.

Chuck has been riding since before he could walk. He rode in the saddle in front of his mother in the mountains and it was in his blood to ride and rope from then on. He leaves behind a rodeo legacy in high school, college, WRA and Cody Night Rodeo performances. Charlie attended both colleges on full-ride rodeo scholarships. His junior year, he was honored as the Wyoming State High School All Around Cowboy, having won the titles in three events: calf roping, team roping and bull dogging. He won one of

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the goes in dogging that year after wrecking, coming up on the wrong side of the steer and dogging him from the left side and still having the winning time. He went on to attend the High School National Rodeo Finals two years and the College National Finals all four years. He won the state WRA All Around once and took the top honors twice in the team roping. He was also the Cody Night Show team roping champion several times. He lived to ride and rope.

Chuck passed his horsemanship love and expertise on to the two most important people in his life, his two beautiful daughters, Jamie and Sammie. You would only need to watch and listen to him coach those two girls once and you would fully understand his love, patience and competence. Every time they rode, his heart was with them.

Every student who passed through Meeteetse High School experienced those same caring traits as Mr. Perkins taught them math for 20 years. He always strove to bring out the greatest potential in all his students. He saw only the best in all people.

"Right now Charlie is at the ropin' arena in heaven with a good string of horses, including his first sorrel horse, Tim, and his high school and college horse, Cody. Mounted on 'old roany,' he is helping kids like Chase Hawks. With loving gentleness, strong hands and caring words he is encouraging them to be their best."

"My God, what a loss we feel! We love and miss you, Dad, Son and Brother."

He is survived by his daughters, Jamie and Sammie Perkins of Meeteetse; his father and step-mother, Gerald and MaryLou Perkins of Lovell; a brother, Andrew P. Perkins, of Lovell; two sisters, Barbara Renner of Meeteetse and Connie Sondeno of Cody; two stepbrothers, Jay Bischoff and Robb Bischoff of Lovell; a stepsister, Cindy Marton of Buffalo; three aunts, Myrtle McSharry of Powell, Anna Lee Gould of Meeteetse and Vivian Reeves, of LaGrange, Ore.; nieces and nephews, Bobbi (Fred) Bronnenberg and Russell (Toni) Renner of Meeteetse, Bennett (Beth) Sondeno of Laramie, Ole Sondeno of Cody, and Rylee and Shawn Perkins of Lovell; cousins, Jim and Bill Gould, Kathy, Lewis and Patti McSharry, and Elton, Jeannie and Kenny Reeves; and a very special friend, Vickie Abbott, of Meeteetse. He was preceded in death by his mother, Helen Gould

Andreen; and uncle, James Frank Gould, Jr.; and grandparents, James Frank and Pearl Gould and Andrew and Grace Perkins.

Memorial services for Chuck Perkins will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, July 9, at the Gould Ranch, 123 Pitchfork Road, Meeteetse. Interment of cremains will follow in Meeteetse Cemetery.

Any person who would like to write a memory statement to place in a book for the girls is invited to do so. You may bring your written memories to the service or mail them to Kelly Perkins, 1616 Hayes Ave., Meeteetse, WY 82433.

Memorial donations may be made to the Meeteetse High School Chuck Perkins Memorial Math Scholarship Fund at Community First Bank, PO Box 8, Meeteetse, WY 82433, in Chuck's memory.

## Dean Perkins

MILES CITY — Dean Perkins, age 53, of Miles City, passed away on Wednesday, Oct. 16, 2002, in Roundup.

Dean was born in Sheridan, Wyo., on March 15, 1949, the son of Eugene and Charlotte (Fields) Perkins. He attended schools in Lodge Grass and Hardin and graduated from Custer County High School.



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Dean then attended Montana State University in Bozeman, where he graduated with a degree in animal science in 1972. While attending MSU, he was on the college rodeo team, which won a national championship.

Following his schooling, Dean ranched in Moorcroft, Wyo., until 1984, when he moved to Miles City, where he ranched south of Miles City from 1985 to 1995. He then began working as a custom cattle buyer and feeder, which he had done until the time of his death.

Dean enjoyed rodeos, especially team roping, and playing

golf. He was a member of the Miles City Town & Country Club and the USTRC.

Dean is survived by two sons, Beau Perkins of Miles City and Brian Perkins of Missoula; his mother, Charlotte Hubing and her husband Chuck of Broadus; a brother, Wayne Perkins and his wife Shelley of Broadus; three stepsisters; Diane and her husband Jim Dresback, Sharon Peterman and Judy Nerud, all of Spokane, Wash.; and one grandchild, Evan. He was preceded in death by his father, Eugene Perkins.

Visitation will begin on Friday, Oct. 18, at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home. A prayer service will be on Friday, at 6:30 p.m. in the chapel of Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City. Funeral services will be held Saturday, Oct. 19, at 2 p.m. at Grace Bible Church in Miles City. Interment will follow in the family lot in the Custer County Cemetery in Miles City. Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home of Miles City is in charge of the arrangements.

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

## **Dorothy Violet Perkins**

**MILES CITY —** Dorothy Violet Perkins, 78, of Miles City, died Thursday, Sept. 12, 2002, at her home.

Visitation will be held Monday, Sept. 16, at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 17, at First Baptist Church in Miles City. Interment will follow in the Eastern Montana State Veteran's Cemetery in Miles City.



## **Glen Warren Peters**

**THERMOPOLIS, Wyo.** — Glen Warren Peters, 82, of Thermopolis, formerly of Greybull, died Tuesday, Dec. 17, 2002, at the Hot Springs County Memorial Hospital in Thermopolis.

Visitations will be from 1 to

4 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20, at the Atwood Family Chapel in Greybull.

Graveside funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 21, at the Hillside Cemetery in Greybull. Burial will follow the services.

## JAMES ERNEST PERKINS

James Ernest Perkins, 89, of Billings, a former longtime Shields Valley resident, died in Billings Friday, Nov. 15, 2002. Funeral services will be 11 a.m., Tuesday, Nov. 19, at Franzen-Davis Funeral Home, 118 N. Third St. in Livingston. Pastor Dave Barnhart of Grace Bible Church in Bozeman will officiate. Graveside committal and burial will follow in Wilsall Cemetery in Wilsall.

Ernest was born Oct. 29, 1913, in the Deer Lodge Valley, the son of John Ernest and Jane Elizabeth (Snell) Perkins. He was born in his grandmother's home with his grandmother in attendance at his birth. Ernest grew up on his parents' farm in the Deer Lodge Valley. On Feb. 8, 1939, he married Thelma O. Alverson in Deer Lodge. They purchased a ranch in the Shields Valley in 1951, and resided there until the late 1990s. Mrs. Perkins died March 19, 1996, in Billings.

Ernest was a member of the Board of Trustees of the Wilsall School Board for 13 years and was a member of the Shields Valley Senior Citizens Center. He and his wife were longtime fans of the Wilsall Longhorn sporting events, and his favorite pastime was playing cribbage with his friends. He also greatly loved his grandchildren and

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enjoyed the time he spent with them.

Survivors include three daughters, Myrna Cox and her husband, Willie, of Billings; Verna Buckingham and her husband, Cappy, of Richland Wash., and Janet Luloff and her husband, Larry, of Boyd; a brother, Jack Perkins of Deer Lodge; three sisters, Lois Stav and June Wallace, both of Deer Lodge, and Dorothy Stone of Anaconda; seven grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews. In addition to his wife, Ernest was preceded in death by a son, Leo, one brother and three sisters.

If so desired, memorials may be directed to Big Sky Hospice, 123 S. 27th St., Billings, MT 59101, or to the charity of the donor's choice.

**Audrey Marie  
Milks-Perrine**

**MAY 16 2002  
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BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. — Audrey Marie Milks-Perrine, 65, of Beverly Hills, formerly of Richey, Mont., and Denton, Mont., died April 21, 2002, from complications of arthritis of the lungs.

Memorial Mass will be at 3 p.m. Friday, May 17, at St. Leo's Catholic Church in Lewistown, Mont. Committal will follow in Mount Calvary Cemetery. Cremation has taken place. Cloyd Funeral Home of Lewistown is in charge.

**Helen Bailey  
(MacGregor) Perrine**

**MAY 19 2002  
BILLINGS GAZETTE**

HOBSON — Helen Bailey (MacGregor) Perrine, 82, died Friday evening, May 17, 2002, at the Central Montana Medical Center following a short illness.

Funeral services for Helen Perrine will be held at the Hobson United Methodist Church at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, May 21. Burial will be at Philbrook Cemetery. Creel Funeral Home is in charge.

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## William Perschillo

BOZEMAN — William Perschillo, 79, died Thursday, March 14, 2002.

Visitation will be at 12 noon on Sunday, March 17 at the Chapel of Stevenson and Sons, Funeral Home in Miles City. Funeral mass will be at 11 a.m. on Monday, March 18 at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Internment will follow at the Calvary Cemetery.

## Christine L. Peters

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Christine L. Peters, 49, passed away in Billings on Saturday, April 20, 2002. She was born on Nov. 8, 1952, in Van Nuys, Calif., the daughter of Harlan and Betty Egan.

Chris spent her early childhood in California and Des Moines, Iowa. She attended high school in Whittier, Calif., and attended college at UCLA.

Chris married Jim Peters in June 1975 in Encino, Calif., and Chris and Jim lived in Eugene, Ore., until they moved to Billings in 1978.

Chris and Jim were blessed with two wonderful children. Jane was born in 1980 and a son, Matthew, was born in 1986. Chris worked at a number of different businesses in Billings as a bookkeeper. She loved her family; she loved the Rolling Stones; and she loved to travel, sew and cook. She was an avid reader who was seldom without a book in her hands.

Chris is survived by her husband of 27 years, Jim; her two children, Jane and Matthew; her sister Paula (Egan) Tremba of West Virginia; her brother Barry of California; and her father Harlan Egan and her mother Betty Egan. Chris was a wonderful woman and mother who loved her family and her children. She will always be deeply loved and will always be missed.

Memorial service will be held at 6 p.m. Friday, April 26, at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary.

Visitation will be on Wednesday, April 24, and Thursday, April 25, at the mortuary. Memorials may be made to Parmly Billings Library, 51 N. Broadway, Billings, MT 59101 or to Northern Rockies Cancer Center, 1041 N. 29th, Billings, MT 59101.

Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

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## **Lola May Peters**

Lola May Peters was born Jan. 14, 1943, and she suddenly left us on Oct. 28, 2002. Lola was a very special mom, grandma and friend to everyone.

Her special moments in life she spent fishing, enjoying pinochle, camping, horses and baking. Most of all, she enjoyed her grandchildren. For many years, she worked as a laundry person for Big Sky Linen.

She is survived by her children who loved her very much: her daughter, Vicki McIntosh and husband Daryl; her sons, Albert E. Waid (Charlene) and Henry O. Waid, all of Billings; sisters, Betty Gabel, Billings, Doris Reicher, Laurel, Ruth Buckmiller, Las Vegas; stepson, Robert Cowley (Linda), Oregon; stepdaughter, Charlotte Peters (Lupe), Billings; two brothers, Ray Keele (Vertirae) and Bob Keele (Jean); four grandchildren, Vickie Jo, Heather, Scott McIntosh and Katrina Waid; and one step-grandson, Robert Cowley, Jr. Lola was preceded in death by her first husband, Henry Waid; and her second husband, Ralph Peters; and two brothers, Jack and Jim Keele.

To our special mom and Grandma: "So long for now, Mom and Grandma, until we meet again, to see your beautiful smile and great personality. We love you and miss you. We will always hold you close to our hearts forever."

Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 31, at Smith's Downtown Chapel, 120 N. 26th St. Cremation will follow the service. Visitation will start at 12 noon, Wednesday, Oct. 30. Interment of the urn will be 1 p.m. Friday, Nov. 1, at the Bridger Cemetery.

# Sharron Elizabeth Peters

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SANDPOINT, Idaho  
Sharron Elizabeth Peters, 62,  
passed away Tuesday, May 14,  
2002, in Sandpoint.

Memorial services will be at 2  
p.m. Saturday, May 18, at the  
Clark Fork Senior Center in Clark  
Fork. Memorial donations may be  
made to the American Cancer  
Society, 1602 Sherman Ave.,  
Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814.

Sharron was born on Aug. 3,  
1939, in Billings to Erb and Martha  
Peters. She grew up and attended  
schools in Billings. After gradua-  
tion, she attended Montana State  
University in Bozeman, studying  
art.

In 1958, Sharron married  
James D. Sammons in Billings and  
moved to Clark Fork in 1978.  
Sharron went to work for Harold  
T. Stearns, caring for his estate at  
the Cloud's Ledge. She had man-  
aged the Lightning Creek Senior  
Apartments for the past 12 years.

Sharron loved horses, was an  
avid skier, enjoyed the outdoors,  
fishing, hunting and collecting  
and restoring antiques. She was a  
great friend and was loved by all  
who knew her.

She is survived by her mother,  
Martha Finney of Sandpoint; two  
daughters, Kari Laver and Traci

Hadsell, both of Clark Fork; two  
grandchildren, Teressa Wise and  
Christopher Hadsell; three great-  
grandchildren, Tyler, Michael  
and Gabriel. She was preceded in  
death by her father Erb and  
brother Fred.



## **Carl Petersen**

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**AUG 16 2002**

WESTBY — Carl Petersen, 94, of Westby, died Wednesday, Aug. 14, 2002, at the family farm in Westby.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 17, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Westby. Burial will be in Emmaus Cemetery near Westby. Fulkerson Funeral Home of Plentywood is in charge.

## **Helen Irene Petersen**

SIDNEY — Helen Irene Petersen, 81, of Sidney, died Monday, April 22, 2002, at the Sidney Health Center - Extended Care Facility.

Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday, April 24, at the Extended Care Chapel in Sidney. Interment will be in the Sidney Cemetery. Fulkerson Funeral Home of Sidney is in charge.

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# Stacey Michelle Graff- Petersen

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DENVER — Stacey died Jan. 19, 2002, at age 41, in Denver.

Stacey was born on Aug. 2, 1960, in Billings, the daughter of Sylvan and Joeann Graff. She graduated from BWHS in 1978. She attended MSU and worked for Health-ONE Swedish Hospital in Denver for the last seven years with the Human Resources Division.



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Stacey very much enjoyed her two children, Tara Joeann, 6, and Erin Ann, 2, and her husband Jeff. Stacey was preceded in death by her mother, Joeann Graff. She is survived by her husband; two daughters; father; her brother Mitch Graff; her in-laws Einer and Carol Petersen of Denver; her brother-in-law Daland Petersen of Denver; and numerous cousins and friends.

After a valiant fight with cancer, Stacey will be dearly remembered by all. We love and miss you!

An Educational Fund has been set up for her girls. You may send

a donation to the Stacey Petersen Memorial Fund, 4900 S. Monaco St. #380, Denver, CO 80237.

## **Alice M. Peterson**

**HOBSON** — Alice M. Peterson, 92, of Hobson, died Monday, Sept. 30, 2002, at an assisted living facility.

Cremation has taken place. Services will be held at a later date in Stanley, N.D. Creel Funeral Home of Lewistown is in charge.

## **Ardith Peterson**

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SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Ardith Peterson, 79, of Sheridan, died Wednesday, Nov. 20, 2002, at Sheridan Manor.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 23, at Kane Funeral Home in Sheridan.

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## **Carl Edwin Peterson**

Carl Edwin Peterson, age 69, died at his home in Billings, on Friday morning, Oct. 25, 2002.

Carl was born March 6, 1933, on the family farm at Nibbe, Mont., to Orpha and Carl W. Peterson.

Carl attended the Keller School. He worked the farm beside his father and watched over a little sister until May of 1951, when, at his father's encouragement, he joined the Air Force. Carl's eyesight prevented him from becoming a pilot, so he studied airplane mechanics in the Air Force. He attended colleges in Texas and Montana.

Following Carl's honorable discharge on May 24, 1954, various jobs included over-the-road trucker for Corcoran Trucking, and road construction and accountant for Schultz and Lindsey.

Carl married Sharon Blom on April 1, 1966. Carl is survived by Sharon; and daughter, Karma, of the family home.

Other surviving family members are his children by his first marriage to Vicky Rivera, Keith Peterson, Monica Holliday (Joseph) Rooney, Salina (Clay) Durbin; two sisters, Joane Martell and Arliss (John) Perea.

Carl is also survived by three grandsons, Daniel, Darren and Nicholas; a granddaughter Michelle; and one great-grandson Isaac. Many nieces and nephews also survive him.

Carl was preceded in death by his parents; and by a brother and sister.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 29, at First Christian Church, 522 N. 29th, Billings.

Cremation has taken place, but memories will linger on.

Carl's family extends a special thanks to Hospice and their staff for their wonderful care.

## Carol Lee Peterson

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REED POINT — Carol Lee Peterson, 52, of Reed Point, passed away peacefully, Dec. 3, 2002, in her home, with her family beside her, after a long battle with cancer. Carol was born March 11, 1950, in Billings, to Adam and Irene Sticka.

On June 6, 1970, she married Spencer Peterson in Big Timber. They lived in Salt Lake City before moving back to Billings in 1973. They later moved to Reed Point, where they raised their two sons, Jason and Erin. Carol loved the outdoors and spent a lot of her time camping with her family. She enjoyed drawing, music and spending time with her friends. Carol worked for Stillwater county as Justice Court Clerk for nine years and enjoyed her coworkers immensely. She was a certified EMT for several years and helped care for many others.

Carol is survived by her mother, Irene Sticka of Columbus; her husband, Spencer; her two sons, Jason and Erin; her grandson, Derek; and her sisters, Connie (Herb) Bue of Reed Point, Pamela (Kinley) Dobson of Columbus, Toni (Jerry) Bokma of Gowen, Mich.; and her brother, Ron Sticka of San Pedro, Calif. She was preceded in death by her father, Adam Sticka.

Smith Funeral Chapel-Columbus was in charge of cremation.

A memorial service will be held at 2:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 9, at the Reed Point High School Gymnasium.

## **Clyde Peterson**

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Clyde Peterson left this earth, but not our hearts, on Dec. 12, 2002.

Clyde was born Oct. 4, 1981, to Walt and Rose Peterson, in Sidney. He was a very special young man who enjoyed the outdoors, but most of all, enjoyed spending time with his family.



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PETERSON**

Clyde is survived by his mom, Rose; sisters, Melina and husband Aaron Ketterling, and Gail Peterson; grandmother, Lillian Tafolla; nieces and nephews, Heather, Dustin, Jr., Lacey, Justin, Kadin and Kyler; and many special aunts and uncles who loved him dearly. He is also survived by many close friends, including Ricky and Jerome, who were like family to Clyde.

Clyde was an outgoing, caring person who left us too early due to a drug overdose. He enjoyed many times here, but has left his family on earth to join his Dad and his Uncle Justin.

A service will be held at 1 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 16, at Smith Downtown Chapel, with interment to follow at Riverside Cemetery.



Dorothy Marie Peterson, 51, of Billings, passed away at her home Jan. 24, 2002. She was born in Marmath, N.D., Nov. 1, 1950, one of six children of Fred William and Doris Mae Kelly Peterson.



**DOROTHY  
PETERSON**

Survivors include her three children, Billie Jo Harper, Brittina Marie Martinez and DeLaine William Martinez; her nine grandchildren, Tanna, Jade, Tyler, DeVoy, Justine, Adrienne, Devon, Isaac, Shayla; her mother, Doris Mae Kelly Peterson; brothers, Alfred Peterson, Rocky (Bev) Peterson and Farrin (Carol) Peterson; sisters, Myrene Peterson, Darci Luedt; and her best friend who is also her auntie, Kay (Gordon) Zeiler.

To our dearest mama. Thank God you're not suffering, but it doesn't take the pain away. You are forever in our hearts, our minds and our souls. We love you. Brittina, Chris and Isaac.

We love you and miss you very much, you will stay in our hearts and thoughts every day. Love all of us, your baby DeLaine, Corrina and family.

Momma, we miss you like crazy. We will cherish you love forever. You are definitely my inspiration! We will visit you every night in our prayers. Love, Billi Jo and family. I love you, momma. Grandma, I love you and miss you. Jade.

Sis, loving memories of you will always be with us. Love mom, Myrene, Alfred, Rocky Farrin and Darci, Todd, Bev and Carol.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her father, Fred William Peterson, and granddaughter, Diamon Nacole Harper, and her grandparents.

Cremation has taken place at Smith's Crematory. A memorial service will be held 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 2, at Smith's West Chapel, 304 34th Street West. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to the children, c/o Chris Pine, 120 N. 24th Street #22, Billings, MT 59101.

## Edward Martin Peterson

BILLINGS GAZETTE

KING CITY, Ore. — Edward Martin Peterson, 93, of King City, formerly of Fort Benton, Mont., died Thursday, Aug. 1, 2002, in Riverwood-Tualatin.

Private services have been held. Inurnment will be in Riverside Cemetery in Fort Benton. Youngs Funeral Home of Tigard is in charge.

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# Emma B. Peterson

BILLINGS GAZETTE

AUG 17 2002

CIRCLE — Emma B. Peterson, age 93, of Circle, and formerly of Glendive, passed away on Thursday, Aug. 15, 2002, at the McCone County MAF and Nursing Home in Circle.



**EMMA  
PETERSON**

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Aug. 19, at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Glendive, with Pastor James Hageman officiating. Interment will be in the Dawson County Cemetery in Glendive. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Glendive is entrusted with arrangements.

Emma was born on Sept. 19, 1908, in Tyndall, S.D., the daughter of Joseph and Lucy (Pavel) Bren. She left Tyndall with her family at the age of five and homesteaded west of Lindsay. She attended HighPoint School near Lindsay. Emma married Charles Bray in 1925 and to this union, one son, Richard Charles, was born. Following her husband's death in 1929, she worked for Peder O. Pederson where she met Clarence Peterson. They were united in marriage on June 18, 1935, in Wibaux. In 1942, they

moved to their present farm seven miles north of Lindsay and continued living there until 1987 when Emma's health failed and she moved to Grandview Retirement Home in Glendive. Clarence preceded Emma in death on Aug. 20, 1982.

Emma was an excellent cook and no matter who stopped by to visit — they never left hungry. Getting ready for the fall church bazaar was a highlight for Emma. She enjoyed flowers, gardening, farming and was a good story teller. One of her grandchildren's favorite stories was of the Indians migrating by the homestead and camping in a cave near the house. She was an active member of the Ladies Aide of Deer Creek Lutheran Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one daughter, Jean, who died at birth; two sons, Duane Peterson and Richard Bray; one granddaughter, Sheri, died in infancy; three sisters and three brothers.

Survivors include two sons, Robert Peterson and his wife Barbara of Lindsay and Jim Peterson and his wife Toni of La Barge, Wyo.; one daughter, Shirley Boles and her husband Ben of Plains; one sister, Frances Boyer of Glendive; one sister-in-law, Bernice Breen of Circle; nine grandchildren, Kimberly Mangels and her husband Dave of Havre, Brenda Beverly and her husband Ron of El Paso, Texas, Mark Golden and his wife Chris of Chiltoncoite, Ill., Kevin Boles and his wife Daphne of Plains, Theresa Praley and her husband Ed of Owings, Md., Turner Peterson of Northglenn, Colo., Ward Peterson of Bismarck, N.D., Pam O'Brien and her husband Pat of Glendive and Stacey Nertson and her husband C.J. of Glendive; 11 great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

## Ethel Jane Peterson

ENNIS —

Ethel Jane Peterson, 93, of Ennis, formerly of Billings, died Friday, Feb. 22, 2002, at the Madison Valley Hospital, Ennis. At her passing, she was surrounded by her family. Funeral services will be held at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church in Ennis at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 26. Graveside service will be held in Billings at the Mountview Cemetery, located on the south side of Central Avenue and 17th, Wednesday, Feb. 27, at 1 p.m. Following the service in Billings, a reception will be held at the American Lutheran Church at 5 Lewis Ave.

Ethel Peterson was born May 24, 1908, in Barnes County, N.D., to Benjamin Thomas and Elizabeth (Burchill) Northridge. Her school years were spent largely in Valley City, N.D., graduating in 1927. She attended several undergraduate schools, obtaining her nursing degree in 1932 from the Bismarck School of Nursing.

She married Roy Manfred Peterson on June 11, 1933, in Valley City. The family lived in Lidgerwood, N.D., until 1938, when they moved to Billings.



**MRS.  
PETERSON**

**BILLINGS GAZETTI**

**FEB 26 2002**

Ethel was a registered nurse the Billings Deaconess Hospital from 1948 to 1975. She retired after 27 years. Ethel lived in Billings until 1998, when she moved to Ennis to be closer to her family.

She was an active member of the American Lutheran Church in Billings. She took her church involvement to heart and was an active Circle member, Cub Scout Leader and volunteer at St. Johns Nursing Home. Ethel loved to work in her garden, being especially proud of her many varieties of roses and African violets. She was affectionately called "Grandma Pete" and "Aunt Jane." Being of a caring and thoughtful nature, Ethel was a beloved friend to many.

Ethel is survived by daughters and sons-in-law, Jayne and Mick Welton of Virginia City and Greta and Bruce Johnson of Incline Village, Nev., and son and daughter-in-law, Roy and Kathy Peterson of Centennial, Colo. She has eight grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. She has two surviving sisters, Edith Simmerman, of Boise, Idaho, and Francis Housel, of Prosser, Wash.

Her husband, Manfred, who died in 1985, preceded her in death.

Arrangements are being made by K&L Mortuaries, Ennis.

## **Hartwick Peterson**

**BILLINGS GAZET**

**JAN 25 2002**

MILES CITY — Hartwick "Pete" Peterson, 83, of Miles City, died Thursday, Jan. 24, 2002, at the Holy Rosary Health Care.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Jan. 25, at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City. Interment will follow in the Eastern Montana State Veteran Cemetery.

## Helen Signora Peterson

BILLINGS GAZETT  
FEB 14 2002

LAUREL —

Helen Signora Peterson, 93, of Laurel, passed away Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2002, at Valley Health Care Center, Billings.

Helen was born Oct. 24, 1908, in a sod house south of Bowman, N.D., the oldest of 10 children born to Ole and Irene Hogelie Lewison. She attended rural Wilson School and Bowman High School.

She married Otto L. Peterson on Aug. 9, 1930, in Baker. They were engaged in farming at Bowman, N.D., until 1945, when they moved to Laurel, where Otto worked for the Northern Pacific Railroad. Helen worked 52 years as a cook. Thirty of those years were as a cook at the Owl Cafe in Laurel. After her retirement from food services, she began working with the Headstart Program until the Program was moved to Billings. She then went to work for the Foster Grandparents Program, where she spent her time working with special needs children at West Elementary School. Working with these children was the most rewarding part of her life.

Helen is survived by a son,



**MRS.  
PETERSON**

Dean (Doris) Peterson; an daughters Erllys (Leo) Fink c Billings and Carole (Gerald Vogel of Cheyenne, Wyo. Als surviving are one brother: Laurence "Bud" Lewison c Bowman, N.D.; two sisters, Hild Tostrud of West Allis, Wis., an Esther Hanson of Albert Lea Minn.; 11 grandchildren, 12 great grandchildren and two great great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband Otto in 1974; two sisters and four brothers.

Services will be held 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 16, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Laurel. Interment will be in the Laurel Cemetery.

Smith Funeral Chapel-Laurel was in charge of arrangements.



## **Herbert A. Peterson**

LEWISTOWN — Herbert A. Peterson, 83, of Lewistown, died Monday, July 8, 2002, at Valle Vista Manor.

Graveside memorial services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, July 11, in the Veterans Section of the Lewistown City Cemetery. Cremation has taken place. Cloyd Funeral Home of Lewistown is in charge.

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## **Kenneth Glenn Peterson**

**MAY 21 2002**

Kenneth Glenn Peterson, 66, of Billings, died May 11, 2002, at his home.

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A gathering of family and friends will take place at a later date. Cremation has taken place at Cremation or Funeral Gallery.

## **Kenneth G. Peterson**

There will be a family and friends gathering at the Western Empire Emporium, at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 25.

**MAY 24 2002**  
**BILLINGS GAZETT**

# Lena Magdalena Ella (Frickey) Peterson

JUN 13 2002

BILLINGS GAZETTE

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Lena Peterson joined her Savior on Tuesday, June 11, 2002, in Birmingham, after spending 93 years in his service.



**LENA  
PETERSON**

She was born the fourth of 13 children to Henry and Magdalena Frickey on Feb. 15, 1909, in Prosser, Neb. Lena spent large parts of her life in Montana, Arkansas and Tennessee, al-

though Billings has always been her "HOME." Lena's life's joy was her family. She raised her son alone and was employed on many ranches and in local businesses around Montana. At the age of 69, she moved to Arkansas to be with her son and family and continued to live near them until her passing.

Lena was preceded in death by her husband, Charles E. Peterson. Survivors include children, Charles (Dan) and Patricia (Trish) Peterson of Birmingham; grandchildren, Dannielle and Nathan Harrison of Knoxville, Tenn., and Samantha Peterson of Bozeman, Mont.; and siblings Clarence Frickey, Jack Frickey,

2 p.m. in the Sunset Memorial Gardens, where she will be laid to rest beside her husband, Charlie. Visitations may be made from 5 to 9 p.m. on Thursday, June 13, and 9 to 12 noon on Friday, at the Smith West Chapel, 304 34th St. West.

and Mary Dunn, all of Billings.  
As we are thankful that Lena is resting peacefully with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ; we know that her friends and family will always cherish her memory.  
A graveside memorial service is scheduled for Friday, June 14, at

## **Lenore C. Peterson**

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**JUL 14 2002**

KIRBY, Wyo. — Lenore C. Peterson, 83, died on Thursday, July 11, 2002, at the Hot Springs County Memorial Hospital.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, July 16. Burial will be at 2 p.m. in the Meeteetse Cemetery. Mortimore Funeral Home of Thermopolis is in charge.

## Philip A. Peterson

Philip A. Peterson, 76, of Billings, passed away Aug. 26, 2002, in Baker while in the process of moving to live near his daughter.

Survivors include his daughter, Kristine (Robert) Kruger of Baker; grandsons, Doyle and Darcy Kruger, both of Baker; one sister, Ruby (Fritz) Goerndt, also of Baker; two brothers, Tollof (Agnes) Peterson and Joe (Judy) Materna, both of Reeder, N.D.; and numerous nieces and nephews. Philip was preceded in death by his parents and one brother.

Per Philip's request, no public memorial is planned. Cremation was held at Cremation or Funeral Gallery.

**APR 23 2002**

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Rhoda C. Peterson, 88, of Sheridan, formerly of Plentywood, Mont., died Monday, April 22, 2002, at Memorial Hospital of Sheridan County.

Viewing will be all day Friday, April 26, at Fulkerson Funeral Home in Plentywood. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 27, at Plentywood Lutheran Church. Interment will be in Plentywood Memorial Cemetery. Champion Ferries Funeral Home of Sheridan is in charge of Wyoming arrangements.

APRIL 26, 2002

**PLENTYWOOD** — Funeral services for Rhoda Peterson will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 27. Pastor David C. Curtright and the Rev. Joan Peterson will officiate at the service at Plentywood Lutheran Church; interment will be in Plentywood Memorial Cemetery. Rhoda, 88, died Monday, April 22, 2002, in Memorial Hospital of Sheridan County, Wyo.



**RHODA  
PETERSON**

Rhoda was born March 14, in Portland, N.D., the daughter of Odin and Betsy (Kvernem) Knutson. She grew up and attended schools there, and worked as a housekeeper until she married

Sylvan Peterson July 2, 1934. They farmed on several farms, including the Lund Hereford Ranch west of Reserve, until 1968 when they moved to Plentywood. Rhoda owned and operated a resale store in her home until 1999, when she moved to Wyoming. She was a member of Plentywood Lutheran Church. She enjoyed visiting and entertaining her friends.

Rhoda is survived by two sons, Sylvan Peterson of Richmond, Minn., and Delmaime Peterson of

Williston, N.D.; by a daughter Rosemary Sullivan of Sheridan Wyo.; and by four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. She is also survived by three brothers, Marvel Guttormson of Portland, N.D., Leroy Guttormson of Underwood, N.D., and Jennings Guttormson of Elbow Lake, Minn.; and by a sister, Ovidia Haldorson, of Eau Claire, Wis.; as well as numerous nieces and nephews. Besides her parents, Rhoda was preceded in death by her husband in 1983; and by two brothers, Oscar and Abner Knutson.

Fulkerson Funeral Home of Plentywood has charge of local arrangements.



## **Robert W. 'Bob' Peterson**

LAUREL — Robert W. "Bob" Peterson passed away Saturday, Oct. 19, 2002, at home, of skin cancer.

He was born June 19, 1925, in Perham, Minn., to Gena and Selmer Peterson. Robert married Alice Butcher 51 years ago in Seattle.

He served in WWII and the Korean War. He was employed with Pierce Packing Company for over 40 years.

Robert is survived by his wife, Alice; children, Karen (Dennis) Wellman of Ft. Benton, Gary (Marca-Maria) Peterson of Roseland, Va., Kristy (Mike) Hinman of Laurel; his sister, Audrine Breitenfeldt of Perham, Minn.; grandchildren, Clint and Lindsey Wellman, Adam Hinman, Olivia Peterson and Dylan and Ali Kerl; and nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held 2 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 23, at the United Methodist Church in Laurel, with interment in Laurel Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Big Sky Hospice, Leukemia Society or American Cancer Society.

Smith Funeral Chapel-Laurel is in charge of arrangements.

## Shirley Jean Peterson

BILLINGS GAZETTE

AUG 27 2002

SANDY, Utah — Shirley Jean Peterson, 70, passed from this life on Aug. 23, 2002, in Sandy, her home for the past nine years. She was born to Frances and Jack Hafer in Laurel, Mont., on Jan. 14, 1932. Having grown up in Laurel, she married George Quarles on Nov. 26, 1949, and they had seven children. On Feb. 13, 1977, she married George W. Peterson, and they moved to Sandy in 1993.

She enjoyed traveling, crocheting, doll collecting, reading and cooking for her large family.

Mrs. Peterson was preceded in death by her mother, Frances Arnold Larkin, in 1993 and by a son, Waylen D. Quarles, in 1985. She is survived by her husband of 25 years, George of Sandy; sister, Judy L. Koppang of Mesa, Ariz.; brother, Melvin Hafer of Indio, Calif.; daughter, Shari L. Lippman of Sandy; daughter Georganne Miller of Mesa; son, Gregory S. Quarles of Billings; son, Gaylen L. Quarles of Rancho Cordova, Calif.; son, Leslie L. Quarles of Spring Valley, Calif.; 18 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews; aunt, Edna Sherrow of Laurel; and aunt, Mary Helterbran of Laurel.

No services will be held in Utah; services for the family will be held in Billings at a later date. The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to her favorite charity, Disabled American Veterans, PO Box 14031, Cincinnati, OH 45250.

# Wayne Richard Peterson **BILLINGS GAZETTE**

DEC 02 2002

LIVINGSTON — Wayne Richard Peterson, 62, died Friday evening, Nov. 29, 2002, at his home.

A celebration of Wayne's life will be between 1 and 3 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 7, at the Blue Slipper Theatre. Franzen-Davis Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

**APR 13 2002**

**Jean A. Petrey**

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Jean A. Petrey, 91, died Thursday, April 11, 2002, at her home.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Monday in Sheridan Municipal Cemetery. Kane Funeral Home is in charge.

# Frank Arnold Pettersen

JUN 12 2002

BELLINGHAM GAZETTE

GLENDIVE — Frank Arnold Pettersen, 90, of Glendive, died Monday, June 10, 2002, at the Glendive Medical Center Extended Care Facility.

A memory service for family and friends will be at 6 p.m. Wednesday, June 12, at the Chapel of the Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home in Glendive. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, June 13, at Our Savior Lutheran Church. Interment will be in the Dawson Memorial Cemetery.

## Toddy Pettigrew

TUCSON, Ariz. — Toddy Pettigrew died Friday, Jan. 18, 2002. She was born in Washington, Iowa, on Sept. 7, 1921, daughter of Nina and Elzie Matthews. She is survived by her brother, Dean Matthews (Lawrence, Kan.); her kids, Chad Pettigrew (Martinez, Calif.), Brooke Kutz and Erin Pettigrew (Denver); as well as a nephew, two nieces and seven grandchildren.

Raised in Pawnee City, Neb., she moved to Denver after high school and later met her future husband, Floyd Pettigrew. They moved to Billings in the early '70s. After Floyd's death in 1986, Toddy moved to Tucson in 1990, where she remained until her death. Brother Dean, playing cards, her golf game and her grandchildren were the joys of her life.

Toddy's years in Tucson were so enjoyable. During that time, her special friend, Scotty Hamilton, gave her two wonderful years.

The community of Tucson Estates, where she will be greatly missed, was Toddy's extended family. She would want them to continue her game — "play golf!" Her love of golf and joy of life will be well remembered!

A service in celebration of Toddy's life will be held at

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JAN 22 2002

Tucson Estates, Multi-Purpose Room, Tuesday, Jan. 22, at 2 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations be made to the Ricki Rarick Jr. Golf Program, 600 S. Alvernon Way, Tucson, AZ 85711, Attn: Mike Hayes, Pres

**Charlotte L. Pettitt**

**BIG TIMBER** — Charlotte L. Pettitt, 80, died Wednesday, Sept. 4, 2002, at Pioneer Medical Center.

Graveside funeral services will be at 3 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 5, at Mountain View Cemetery. Lowry Funeral Home of Big Timber is in charge.

# Jean E. (Goldsmith) Pfau, 68

MAY 29 2002  
BILLINGS GAZETTE

**SIDNEY** — The funeral celebration for Jean E. (Goldsmith) Pfau is at 10 a.m. on Thursday, May 30, at the Lonsdale United Methodist Church, with Pastor Susan Twidwell officiating. Interment will be in the Sidney Cemetery, under the directions of the Fulkerson Funeral Home of Sidney.

Jean was born Dec. 26, 1933, to Everett and Ruth (Clark)



**JEAN PFAU**

Goldsmith. She graduated from Sidney High School in 1951 and was united in marriage to Peter on Dec. 22 of that same year.

Unfortunately, she wasn't 18 yet, and her dad had to sign papers in order for her to be married.

Jean lived a busy life. For 35 years, she worked at the ASCS office in Sidney, where she got to know many of the farmers of Richland County. Upon retirement, she worked part-time in her church as the secretary.

Jean was very involved in her church work. She belonged to the United Methodist Women's Organization, Abi Circle and was

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secretary for the United  
Methodist Yellowstone  
Conference. She was proud to be  
one of Christ's believers.

The MonDak Heritage Center  
had a special place in Jean's heart.  
She was a board member for the  
center. She was also actively  
involved in the Docent program.

Jean was a member of the VFW  
Auxiliary, a reunion organizer of  
the Class of '51, and one of the  
founding members of the "Jean"  
Club. Jean loved playing cards,  
planting flowers, collecting plates  
and nativities, visiting others,  
researching her genealogy and  
square dancing.

Jean Etta Goldsmith Pfau ~~went~~  
to be with her Lord and beloved  
Peter on Sunday, May 26, 2002,  
after a short illness.

Jean loved her family, which  
includes her sons, Lon (Mary),  
Cheyenne, Wyo., and Jay (Mary),  
Sidney; daughter, Tana (David)  
Johnson, Billings; her grandchil-  
dren, Ryan Pfau, Jeremy and Jessie  
Pfau, Shalako Emly and Alicia  
Cahill; her sister, Betty (LaVern)  
Wilson, Fairview; her brothers,  
Richard (Mary) Goldsmith,  
Helena, and John (Shirley)  
Goldsmith, Great Falls; brother-in-  
law, Wilbur (Rhonda) Rupp,  
Sidney; sisters-in-law, Ione Pfau,  
Columbia, Ill., and Jean Marie  
Pfau, Sidney; numerous nieces and  
nephews.

She was preceded in death by  
her parents and husband Peter.

## **Dale W. Pfeil**

Dale W. Pfeil, 86, died at Billings Health and Rehabilitation Center on Oct. 14, 2002.

Dale is survived by his wife, Marjorie; daughters, Judy Swanser of Billings, Jane DiMondi and Susan (Glen) Fisher of Dover, Del., Barbara (Robert) Giovagnoni of Arnold, Md.; and his son, Chuck (Pat) Pfeil of Lake Okeechobee, Fla.

A memorial service will be held at Cremation or Funeral Gallery on Oct. 26; a time has not been confirmed. The family requests that memorials be made to the Alzheimer's Research Association or Big Sky Hospice.

**OCT 24 2002****Dale Willard Pfeil**

Dale Willard Pfeil died Oct. 14, 2002, at Billings Health and Rehabilitation Community, where he had been a resident for the past 14 months.

Memorial service will be at Shiloh United Methodist Church on Saturday, Oct. 26, at 11 a.m.

Dale was born May 28, 1916, in Worthington, Minn., to Laura (Ayars) and Walter Pfeil. On Nov. 22, 1938, he married Marjorie Olson in Worthington.



**DALE  
PFEIL**

Dale was always a farmer in his heart. In 1947, after a farming accident, he started Pfeil's Variety Store in Sleepy Eye, Minn.

He sold the store in 1956 and traveled for Jensen Bros. Mfg. It was those travels that brought him to Montana.

In 1960, he moved his family to Billings, where he started Polar Pump and Irrigation Co. He retired in 1968 and moved to Arizona for the winters. Dale loved to travel and after retirement, he and Marge crossed the USA many times with their travel trailer and even enjoyed a motor home trip through New Zealand.

He loved to play tricks on his friends and grandkids. He never knew a stranger, and he had a keen memory for people that he had met throughout his life.

He was the happiest when all of his children and grandchildren were together.

Dale is survived by his wife Marjorie of nearly 64 years; daughters Judy Swanser of Billings; Jane DiMondi and Susan (Glen) Fisher of Dover, Del., Barbara (Robert) Giovagnoni of Arnold, Md.; a son, Chuck (Pat) Pfeil of Lake Okechobee, Fla.; grandchildren Debbie Pfeil, Lori Peterson, Kole Swanser, Troy Laffey, John Giovagnoni, Valerie Giovagnoni, Stephanie Fisher, William DiMondi, Francis DiMondi, Gayle Putt, Diane Cadarette, Wendy Fisher, Robin Fisher; and 15 great-grandchildren. A sister, Elwilda Kadous of Red Lodge and Mesa, Ariz.; and brother Jim Pfeil of Armstrong, Iowa, also survive him. His parents; a brother, Osborne; two sisters, Lois Kadous and Margaret Jacobson; and two sons-in-law, Frank DiMondi and Ward Swanser, preceded him in death. He was a member of Masonic Lodge 101 for 58 years and the Zurah Shrine.

Dale's family extends special thanks and appreciation to all of the staff at Billings Health & Rehab Community for their special care.

Memorials may be made to Big Sky Hospice, Box 35033, Billings, MT 59102-5033 or Alzheimer Disease Research, Suite 140, 15825 Shady Grove Road, Rockville, MD 20850.

## DOROTHY M. PHAIR

Dorothy Olson Heidema Phair, 84, passed away April 20, 2002, at Eagle Cliff Manor. She was born Dec. 5, 1917, to Peter J. and Martha Olson in Froid.

She began teaching in 1937 in rural schools in Montana, and later she taught 26 years in the Billings School District 2 for a total of 42 years.



**DOROTHY  
PHAIR**

In Billings, she taught at Garfield for one year, Orchard for 18 years and Rose Park for seven years, and then retired. She was given the Billings Centennial

Quilt by the staff and students of Dorothy's at Rose Park School. Along the way, she earned her master's degree by going to night school and summer school. Dorothy attended classes in various places in the downtown area in Billings until they completed the McMullin Building on the campus of now MSU-B. She could not have chosen a career more suited to her nature and her talents. She had a special intuition for the needs of her students.

Dorothy was a member of the New Apostolic Church, co-organist for 50 years and also a member of the choir.

She married Peter Heidema, June 1, 1940, who passed away in

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1967. They lived in the Shepherd area. On Feb. 1974, Dorothy married James Phair, who was her constant companion and devout husband. He and her farm were her special loves.

She was preceded in death by her mother; father; brothers, Carl, Victor and Oscar; her sisters, Myrtle Barrington and Gladys Mangis.

She is survived by her husband; four stepdaughters, Kathleen Bernard, Jamie (Tom) Hurlly, Janet (Philip) Powers, Ruth (Pat) Mason; and six step-grandchildren. She is also survived by her brother, John (Kay) Olson; her sister, Berniece Swartz; her niece, Vivian "Bambi" Munson and Marlene Conrad; her nephews, Gilbert, Kenneth, Kermit, Clinton and Clifford Olson, Herb and Dick Mangis; and numerous grandnieces and nephews.

"You were not merely an aunt to me.

You were mother, teacher, mentor and friend.

From the age of 6 to 70, I have seen your traces

And sought to follow them.

Your faithfulness, generosity, and courage were an example to

us all.

Goodbye, Aunt Dorothy, but  
just for a little while,

"Cuz you'll be there to greet us  
when our time has come.

For the legacy of love that you  
have left behind;

To Jim, to your family, to your  
friends, to your students,

To fellow teachers and to your  
caregivers."

Sincerely, WE THANK YOU  
AND LOVE YOU! VIVIAN

Memorial services will be held  
at the New Apostolic Church,  
15th and Custer Ave. at 7 p.m.  
Friday, April 26. A gathering will  
be Thursday evening, 7 p.m.,  
April 25, at Smith Downtown  
Chapel. Private interment.  
Memorials may be sent to New  
Apostolic Youth, 3402 Waterloo  
Circle, Billings, MT 59101 or Big  
Sky Hospice PO Box 35033,  
Billings 59107.

## **Alice Phillips**

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Alice Phillips, 86, of Sheridan, died Saturday, Aug. 3, 2002, at Westview Health Care Center.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 6, at Champion Ferries Funeral Home in Sheridan. Burial will be in the Sheridan Municipal Cemetery.

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## **Ardena V. Phillips**

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**AUG 21 2002**

**RICHLAND** — Ardena V. Phillips, 60, of Richland, died Friday, Aug. 16, 2002, at Benefis East in Great Falls, due to cardio-pulmonary causes.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 22, at First Lutheran Church in Glasgow. Burial will be in Highland Cemetery in Glasgow. Bell Mortuary of Glasgow is in charge.



# John I. Phillips

**LIVINGSTON** — John T. Phillips, 79, of Livingston, died Monday morning, Nov. 11, 2002, at Livingston Health and Rehab Center. Cremation has taken place at Franzen-Davis Crematory.

Memorial services will be 10:30 a.m. Friday, Nov. 15, at Redeemer Lutheran Church, corner of Fifth and Lewis Streets in Livingston. The Rev. Eric Thorson will officiate.



**JOHN PHILLIPS**

Graveside committal with Masonic honors and burial will follow in Mountain View Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Franzen-Davis Funeral Home, 118 N. Third St.

John was born March 1, 1923, in Livingston, the son of Frank and Minnie (Stewart) Phillips. He attended local schools, graduating from Park County High School in 1942. After attending the University of Minnesota for a time, he returned to Livingston to begin a 40-year career with Northern Pacific and, later, Burlington Northern railroads. He worked first as a fireman and then as a locomotive engineer. In 1963, he was promoted to road foreman of the Pasco, Wash.,

division and worked there until transferring to Missoula from 1968 to 1976. He then returned to Livingston and worked as an engineer until his retirement in 1983.

In 1953, John married Rosemary Harvat and they had two children, Frank and Paula. They later divorced. In 1987, he married June Skaarland.

John was a 50-year member of Livingston Lodge #32, AF & AM, Livingston Scottish Rite Bodies, the Al Bedoo Shrine and the Park County Pioneer Society. He served on the city council from 1984 to 1988. He was an avid hunter and fisherman and liked all card and board games. He belonged to the Contract Bridge League, having earned his Life Master card as well as the Bronze Certificate, and was a formidable opponent at the bridge table.

Survivors include his wife, June Phillips of Livingston; a son, Frank Phillips and his wife Susan of Roberts, Wis.; a daughter, Paula Johnson and her husband Doug of Seattle; two stepdaughters, Candice Parks of Livingston and Janet Skaarland of Helena;

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nine grandchildren; and an aunt, Mrs. B. Meyer (Bessie) Harris of Billings. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Memorials may be directed to Livingston/Park County Library Expansion Fund, 228 W. Callender St., or Redeemer Lutheran Church Elevator Fund, PO Box 1717, or to the Al Bedoo Shrine Hospital Transportation Fund, PO Box 20673, all in Livingston, MT 59047.

## Lillian Philp

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LEWISTOWN — Lillian Claire Kinley Philp, 91, of Suffolk, died Monday, May 6, 2002, at the Central Montana Skilled Nursing Center.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Monday, May 13, at Creel Funeral Chapel in Lewistown. Burial will be in Winifred Cemetery.

# Lee Buck Phillips

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## BILLINGS GAZETTE

**FROMBERG** — Lee Phillips of Fromberg lost her battle with cancer on the evening of June 2, 2002, surrounded by her family and friends, at her home in Fromberg.

Lee was born Sept. 4, 1937, one of six children to Ronald and Cecelia Buck. Lee graduated from Madison Central High School in Madison, Wis., in 1955; also in 1955, she married Robert Phillips. Lee received a degree in commercial art from the University of Madison.

Lee enjoyed many talents and had a passion for gardening and crossword puzzles. Lee moved to Fromberg in 1969, and worked various jobs, from the furniture factory in Bridger to tending bar at Miller's, Aldo's and the Little Cowboy in Fromberg. Lee always had a pot of coffee on and a conversation for anyone.

Lee is survived by her sister Sally (John) McSherry of Ridgeway, Wis., Kay Jacobs of Key West, Fla., Janice (Phil) Lindemann, Madison; brother Daniel (Ruth) Buck of Madison; three sons, David (Sheryl) Phillips, Laurel, Robert A. Phillips, Billings, and Rodger E. Phillips, Fromberg; two daughters, Linda (Carl) Bridges, Casa Grande, Ariz., and Sheri (Tony) Spahr, Battle Creek Mich.; eight grandchildren, Jamie and Jodi Newsome, Casey Phillips,

The life of Lee Phillips will be celebrated June 8, with a graveside service at one of Lee's favorite times of the day, 4 p.m., at Gebo Cemetery north of Fromberg. Cremation has already taken place. A reception will follow in the backyard of Lee's place in Fromberg.

Andrew and Samuel Phillips, Anthony and Daniel Spahr, and Tucker Phillips.

Lee was preceded in death by her parents; one sister Mary Lou Cooney; one daughter, Lisa Newsome; and one grandson, Daniel Robert Phillips.

**MAR 24 2002****Theodore "Ted" R.  
Phinney**

LEWISTOWN — Theodore "Ted" R. Phinney, 94, died Wednesday, March 13, 2002, in the Central Montana Medical Center of natural causes.

Services will be at 11 a.m., Tuesday, March 26, in the United Methodist Church. Cremation has taken place. Inurnment will be in the Lewistown City Cemetery. The Cloyd Funeral home is in charge.

## Robert Phipps

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BRUSETT — Robert "Bobby" Phipps, 62, died Thursday, Nov. 28, 2002.

The family will receive friends from 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 30, at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City. Visitation will be from 1 to 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 1, at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Jordan. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, Dec. 2, at the VFW Hall in Jordan. Interment will follow in the family lot in the Hearts of Peace Cemetery in Brusett.

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**Dr. John G. Pinton**

**THE DALLES, Ore.** — Dr. John G. Pinton, 78, of The Dalles, formerly of Billings, Scobey, Stanford, Lovell, Wyo., and Bossman, died Feb. 13, 2002, in The Dalles.

Memorial graveside services were held Saturday, Feb. 16, at The Dalles Parklawn Cemetery. Private cremation was held at The Dalles Winquatt Crematory. Spencer, Libby & Powell Funeral Home was in charge.

## **Alvin L. Pierce, Sr.**

LIVINGSTON — Alvin L. Pierce, Sr., 72, of Six Mile Road, south of Livingston, died Wednesday, May 22, 2002, at his home, of a heart attack.

Funeral services will be at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, May 25, at Paradise Valley Community Church. Following the services, cremation will take place in Franzen-Davis Funeral Home & Crematory in Livingston.

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## Dorothy K. Pierce

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Dorothy "Muffin" Rachel Pierce, 82, of Billings, passed away at her home on Thursday, July 4, 2002. She was born on Oct. 16, 1919, to Richard and Rachel (White) Baird in Rhame, N.D. She grew up on a farm and graduated from Bowman High School in 1937.



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PIERCE**

On July 18, 1938, she was united in marriage to Gordon Peter Pierce in Rhame. They farmed out of Scranton, N.D., and then moved to Gascoyne, N.D. Then they moved to Scranton and lived there for several years.

In 1957, they moved to Billings and Dorothy worked for a short time at the Dude Rancher Lodge. She then went to work at Highlands Golf Club, where she was employed for 25 years, retiring in 1982.

Dorothy was a member of Holy Rosary Church. She enjoyed yard work and gardening, and was especially proud of her yellow roses and peonies. Her companions included her two poodles, Inky and Noodles. Dorothy loved spending time with her family.

Survivors include her children, Jeannette Wolfe, Lois (Errol) Seiffert, David (Julia) Pierce, and Dennis (Diane) Pierce; grandchildren, Corrinne, John, Errol G., Craig, Derek, Justin and Trini; and 10 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Gordon, son-in-law, John Wolfe and grandson, Traton.

A Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. on Tuesday at the Dahl Funeral Chapel. A Memorial Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. on Thursday in Scranton, N.D., with committal following in Scranton.

## Howard E. Pierce

Howard E. "Bud" Pierce, devoted husband, father and loving grandfather, passed away 20 May 02, after a long, courageous battle with cancer.

Howard was born May 16, in Calgary, Alberta, Canada, of American parents, Eugene and Ann Sites. At age 5, his father passed away. His mother remarried and Howard was adopted by Joseph H. Pierce in 1927. The family settled in the Seattle area, where he attended school, graduating from West Seattle H.S. in 1934. The Depression years were spent in Moses Lake with his Uncle Bill working the apple orchards and potato farm. With the outbreak of WWII, he attempted to join the Navy, but was rejected due to a 4F-draft status. He then signed up and was accepted by the Marines. After basic training, he was selected for sea school, then assigned to the Marine Detachment, USS Colorado (BB-45). He served on board until 21 Dec. 43 as an anti-aircraft gun crewman. He was honorably discharged 11 Feb. 46.

Howard returned to the Seattle area, where he met his life mate, Jane LaBertew. They were married 8 Feb. 47 in Seattle. He rejoined the Marine Corps Reserve 30 Jun. 47 and served stateside during the Korean War. After the war, they moved to

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Jane's home state of Montana. During his time in Montana, Howard was a Methodist pastor at various locations; he worked for Easter Seals and as a Yellowstone County deputy sheriff. He also started his own newspaper called the Heights Hi-Lites.

In 1961, he moved his family back to the Seattle area for economic reasons and started his career in retail sales. He retired in 1982 and returned to Montana. He was preceded in death by his beloved Jane and grandson Chris Lingenfelter. After losing Jane in February 1994, he moved to Joliet and lived with his loving son Joe and daughter-in-law Kelly.

Howard is survived by his three children and their spouses, Camille Lingenfelter (Ray), Burton Pierce (Shelly) and Joe Pierce (Kelly); five grandchildren; four step-grandchildren; and three step-great-grandchildren. He was an inspiration to us all throughout his life as he overcame many medical challenges.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, May 23, at Cremation or Funeral Gallery. In lieu of flowers, memorials be made to Big Sky Hospice.

When he appears before St. Peter, Dad will say, "Another Marine reporting, sir, I've spent my time in hell!"

**POMPEYS PILLAR** — Joey Wade Pierce was born on June 22, 1964, in Billings, to Robert L. and Gladys Krum Pierce.

He was a student at Huntley Project Schools in Worden, graduating in 1982. He excelled in wrestling and

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was a four-year divisional champion and state finalist. Joey attended Northwest Community College in Powell for one year on a wrestling scholarship. He attended Helena Vocational Technical School for two years, graduating in diesel mechanics.

He was employed at various jobs and had been employed at Empire Sand and Gravel in Billings for the last several years.

Joey enjoyed the outdoor life and working in agriculture. He greatly enjoyed his friends and they seemed to relish his special brand of humor. Joey was well liked by the community. He was always willing to help friends with mechanical work, working cattle and looking after people's farms while they were away.

Joey is survived by his parents, Robert and Gladys; his brother Bret (Jody); his sister Bobbi; and

niece Shannon. He is survived also by many good friends.

He was preceded in death by his brother Michael; his grandparents Robert and Julia Pierce and George and Katherine Krum.

Vigil services were 7 p.m. **Wednesday, Feb. 20**, at St. Bernard's Parish. Funeral Mass will be 11 a.m. **Thursday, Feb. 21**, at St. Bernard's, with Rite of Committal in Pleasantview Cemetery, Ballantine.

A memorial fund has been established in Joey's name at Stockman Bank, PO Box 249, Worden, MT, 59088, for contributions to the Park County Search and Rescue and Cody Search and Rescue.

Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary has charge of arrangements.

## Vance L. Pierson

Vance L. Pierson passed away on Tuesday, June 4, 2002, at home, surrounded by his loving family.

Vance was born Nov. 20, 1944, to S. Carl and H. Gail Pierson in Sidney. He grew up and attended school in Sidney. After graduation, he attended Eastern Montana College (now MSU-Billings). In 1965, Vance was reacquainted with Candye Swigart and they were married in August 1966.

Vance and Candye moved to Billings in 1967, and he was employed by Redinger and Son Inc. In 1974, Vance started his own construction company — Pierson Construction, Inc. Vance's father was a carpenter by trade and Vance inherited his dad's love for building. Vance's goal was to build high quality homes at a reasonable cost. His honesty, integrity and fair business ethics are well known among his peers and clients and he was considered a role model by many.

Vance was a member of the Billings Home Builders Association, a past president and lifetime spike member of that organization.

He was instrumental in the conception of the Career Center Housing Project, and spent many years helping with the financial aspects of the program. He was honored with an "Award of

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Excellence" by the Career Center and Billings High School for his efforts.

Vance's first love was his wife and family. He was extremely proud of his three daughters. His priority was to see that they were happy and successful. All three of his daughters knew that their Dad was their biggest fan, and he often boasted about all three of his daughter's achievements. He also loved the outdoors and was an avid hunter and fisherman. He especially enjoyed his house at Big Sky, where he hunted, fly fished, hiked, snowmobiled and skied, usually with his family.

Vance believed in hard work and hard play. He was also famous for his sense of humor and love of practical jokes, especially those that involved water. Vance loved to travel and treated his entire family to several wonderful

vacations. These trips have provided his family with a lifetime of cherished memories.

Vance was preceded in death by his father, Carl; mother, Gail; stepfather, Chester Jensen;



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and his sister Marcia.

Vance is survived by his devoted and loving wife, Candye;

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daughters, Trudel King (David), Tiffani (fiancé, Steve Shultz), and Jennifer; and two granddaughters, Cassandra and Isabella King; his sisters, Carla Addison of Buffalo, Wyo., and Faye Ruffatto of Miles City; and many nieces and nephews. He is also survived by his stepbrother, Tyler (Bev) and Tyler's family, and a multitude of friends. Vance will be deeply missed by his family and friends.

The family is very grateful to the Deaconess Hospital ICU, ATU, pulmonary, and therapy teams for the excellent care and compassion given to Vance and our family. We want to especially thank the Deaconess nurses that assisted in Vance's home care. Nightingale Nursing and Hospice were also essential in his home care. The kindness showed by all of these teams was overwhelming.

Memorial services will be 2 p.m. Friday, June 7, at Billings Shiloh United Methodist Church.

Memorials may be made to the Billings Shiloh Methodist Church Memorial Garden fund.

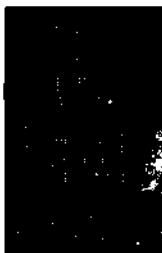
Michelotti-Sawyers has charge of arrangements.

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**Larry Arnold Pihlaja**

BOYD — Larry Arnold Pihlaja was born on June 26, 1938, to Francis and Dorothy Pihlaja in Laurel. He passed away at his home in Boyd, Easter weekend, 2002.



**LARRY  
PIHLAJA**

Larry attended and graduated from Joliet High School in 1956. He attended college at MSU-Bozeman, where he earned an Agriculture Education degree. Larry farmed and ranched the family ranch at Boyd and he also worked as an over-the-road truck driver.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and is survived by four children, Mabelle R. Lewis (Jesse) from Richland, Wash., Carrie F. Cook (Charlie) from Rozet, Wyo., Mary L. Taylor (Todd) from Chehalis, Wash., and Lucas B. Pihlaja from Gallatin Gateway; seven grandchildren, Codi, Misti, Katrina, Dustin, Travis, Dalton and Darby. Also surviving him is a brother, Donald Pihlaja (Maxine) of Billings.

Larry enjoyed hunting and fishing, and was an avid reader. He enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren. He recently took a trip to Finland, where he met several of his relatives.

Memorial services will be held Friday, April 5, at 2 p.m. at the Joliet Lutheran Church in Joliet, with Pastor Bart Coleman presiding. Cremation has taken place.



**MAR 06 2002****Anna Pilch**

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Anna Pilch, 84, of Sheridan, died Saturday, March 2, 2002.

Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 6, at Champion Ferries Funeral Home in Sheridan. Funeral Liturgy will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, March 7, at Holy Name Catholic Church. Interment will be in Sheridan Elks Cemetery.

## Edward J. Pinder

BEAVER GAZETTE  
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SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Edward J. Pinder, 71, of Sheridan, died Saturday, April 20, 2002, at Sheridan Manor.

Graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, April 25, in Sheridan Elks Cemetery. Champion Ferries Funeral Home of Sheridan is in charge.

## **Winthrop L. Pinegar**

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**JUL 23 2002**

ARVADA, Colo. — Winthrop L. "Win" Pinegar, of Arvada, formerly of Worland, Wyo., died July 22, 2002, in Arvada.

No services are planned. Cremated remains will be buried in Worland at a later date. Veile Mortuary of Worland is in charge.

# Alta Mae 'Mazie' Pinkerton

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## BILLINGS GAZETTE

Alta Mae "Mazie" Pinkerton, 77, of Billings, passed away Monday, May 20, 2002, at St. Vincent Hospital.

The daughter of Parker D. and Estelle Sooter, Mazie was born Feb. 5, 1915, in Levelland, Texas. She moved with her family to Colorado, where they lived at Durango and Alamosa before moving to Fort Collins, where she graduated from high school. She married Vance Pinkerton in Long Beach, Calif., in 1944. While living there she worked for Gates Rubber Co.

Mazie returned to Colorado while Vance was overseas and in 1945, they moved to Fort Collins. They have made their home in Billings since 1953. Mazie worked as secretary at First United Methodist Church and for the school administration before going to work for Conoco as a secretary in the asphalt department. She retired after 18 years with Conoco.

Mazie was a member of First United Methodist Church, where she was active in the Dorcas Circle. She was also a member of PEO.

Survivors include her husband Vance of Billings; two sons, Rick Pinkerton of Port Orchard, Wash., and Cdr. Kim Pinkerton, Ret. and his wife

Cremation has taken place. Memorial services will be 2 p.m. Friday, May 24, at First United Methodist Church. Memorials may be made to First United Methodist Church. Michelotti-Sawyers has charge of arrangements.

Cdr. Marci Pinkerton of Bremerton, Wash.; and her granddaughter, Kate Pinkerton-Long, attending Salem College in Winston-Salem, N.C. She is also survived by her aunt Faye Varett of Levelland and several cousins.

## **Fernetta F. Pinkerton**

**BELLINGS GAZETTE**

**FEB 14 2002**

ROSEVILLE, Calif. — Fernetta F. (Spannagel) Pinkerton, 69, of Roseville, formerly of Forsyth, died Monday, Feb. 4, 2002, at the Roseville Convalescent Hospital.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Feb. 12, at the Beals Mortuary Chapel. Interment followed in the Forsyth Cemetery.

## **Fernetta Pinkston**

ROSEVILLE, Calif. — Fernetta F. (Spannagel) Pinkston, 69, of Roseville, formerly of Forsyth, Mont., died Monday, Feb. 4, 2002, at the Roseville Convalescent Hospital.

Funeral Services were held Tuesday, Feb. 12, at the Beals Mortuary Chapel in Forsyth, with interment following in the Forsyth Cemetery.

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**FEB 15 2002**

## **Odile M. Pintz**

**BOZEMAN** — Mass of Christian Burial for Odile M. Pintz, 87, of Bozeman, formerly of Sidney, will be 10 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 21, at the St. Matthew's Catholic Church, Sidney. Wake service was 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 20, at the Fulkerson Memorial Chapel. Interment will be in the Sidney Cemetery, under the direction of Fulkerson Funeral Home of Sidney.

Odile Maryanna Prevost was born Aug. 5, 1914, at the family home in Three Buttes, to Peter and Maybelle Prevost. She attended Three Buttes School and graduated from Sidney High School. Odile was working at the Turner Drug Store when she met Dan Pintz, her future husband. Odile and Danny were married Oct. 14, 1941, in Sidney. Odile was an excellent seamstress, sewing many things for her children. She worked at the Modern Lady Shop for over 25 years.

Odile enjoyed her family as they grew and was a caring and wonderful grandmother to her grandchildren. Odile took pride in making her home a place of warmth and comfort for her family. Her faith was an integral part of her life and she was involved in church activities as a member of St. Matthew's Catholic Church.

Odile died Monday, Feb. 18,

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2002, at the Gallatin Rest Home, Bozeman.

Odile is survived by her children, Cecelia Lasinsky and her husband Arlen Lasinsky of Northbrook, Ill., John Pintz of Seattle, Joann Pintz-Cole and her husband Dan Cole of Boise, Idaho, and Jerry Pintz and his wife Cindy of Bozeman; seven grandchildren, Cory, Danielle and Erin Wersland, Jerad and Kellen Pintz, Katherine and Julia Lasinsky; her sisters, Stella McCormick of Shelby, Azalea Butka of Helena, Jeannette Larson of California, Alice Brown of Great Falls and Joann Conlin of Minnesota.

She was preceded in death by her husband Dan; an infant daughter, Diane; her parents; four brothers, James, Ulric, George and Paul; three sisters, Regina Corkran, Cecelia Kreis and Helen Murray.

Memorials may be made in Odile's memory to Foundation of Community Care, PO Box 443, Sidney, MT 59270.

# **Bernard Curtis "Dutch" Pippin**

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Bernard Curtis "Dutch" Pippin died Nov. 6, 2002, in his home at Mission Ridge, after a short illness.

"Dutch," as he was affectionately called by family and friends alike, was born to James Lee and Attie Lee Pippin in Sterling, Colo., on Dec. 15, 1910, the youngest of six children. He moved to Billings in 1917 and graduated from Billings High School in 1929, where he served as president of his class for three years. He was a member of the 1927 State Basketball Championship Team, as well as captain of both the basketball and football teams.

On May 2, 1932, he married Marie Louise Hofmann, and earlier this year, they celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary with family and friends.

Dutch worked for Montana Power Company for 46 years in its Billings operations and retired as division chief accountant in 1964.

Dutch was instrumental in starting the Little Guy Football program in Billings and worked many years with the Little League Baseball program.

He was an avid hunter, fisherman and championship golfer in his younger years.

Dutch is survived by his wife, Marie; daughter, Ann Marie and

Jerry Gibson of Palm Desert, Calif., and Bigfork; daughter, Kathy and Leonard Scott of Los Angeles; and a son, David and Sherrie of Great Falls. In addition, he is survived by six grandchildren, Suzanne Marie Colbo of Deer Lodge, Michael Williams of Hamilton, Lisa Marie Brydon of Lafayette, Calif., Mark Scott of Toluca Lake, Calif., Sarah Wells of Des Moines, Iowa, Brooke Summerfield of Lolo; 10 great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers; two sisters and an infant son, Tracy.

Cremation has taken place and a celebration of his life will be held at a later date. Interment will take place in a private ceremony at Mountview Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the First United Methodist Church Sanctuary Fund or the Junior League Endowment Fund.

Michelotti-Sawyers is in charge of arrangements.





**MARIE LOUISE PIPPIN**

## **Marie Louise Hofmann Pippin**

Marie Louise Hofmann Pippin died Nov. 9, 2002, in her home at Mission Ridge after a short illness.

"Mernie" as she was affectionately known by family and friends alike, was born to Fred and Pauline Hofmann on Jan. 10, 1914, in Billings.

The eldest of three children, she graduated from Billings High School in 1931. Marie attended Eastern Montana College for one year before marrying Bernard "Dutch" Pippin on May 2, 1932. They celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary earlier this year with many friends and family members. Marie was preceded in passing by her husband, Dutch, three days ago on Nov. 6, 2002.

Marie was a member of First United Methodist Church, Billings Junior League, and Chapter S, P.E.O. She was a gray lady at Billings Deaconess Clinic for 42 years.

Marie is survived by a daughter, Ann Marie and Jerry Gibson of

Palm Desert, Calif.; a daughter Kathy and Leonard Scott of Los Angeles; and a son David Pippin and Sherrie of Great Falls. In addition, she is survived by six grandchildren, Suzanne Marie Colbo of Deer Lodge, Michael Williams of Hamilton, Lisa Marie Brydon of Lafayette, Calif., Mark Scott of Toluca Lake, Calif., Sarah Wells of Des Moines, Iowa, Brooke Summerfield of Lolo; 10 great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Besides her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents, a brother, Edward "Bud" Hofmann, a sister, Clarice Brown, and an infant son, Tracy.

Cremation has taken place and a joint celebration of Dutch and Marie's lives will be held next week. A private interment will take place at Mountview Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the First United Methodist Church Sanctuary Fund, the Billings Junior League Endowment Fund or Big Sky Hospice.

Michelotti-Sawyers is in charge of arrangements.

# Mary Frasca Pistocco

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SIDNEY — Mass of Christian Burial for Mary Frasca Pistocco, 101, of Sidney, will be 10 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 14, at the St. Matthew's Catholic Church, Sidney, with Father Ned Shinnick presiding. Interment will be in the



**MARY  
PISTOCCO**

Richland Memorial Park, under the direction of Fulkerson Funeral Home of Sidney.

Mary was born on May 8, 1901, to parents John and Domenica (Bellezza) Frasca, in Diamond, Ind. Mary's family moved to the Elmdale Community in 1910, when John homesteaded there. She lived in that area all of her life. On Nov. 2, 1925, Mary married Secondo Pistocco and they farmed in the Elmdale Community for about 50 years. Mary and Secondo moved to Sidney in 1955, where Mary has continued to live. Secondo passed away on Oct. 17, 1991.

Mary was a member of the St. Matthew's Catholic Church and the Sidney Moose Lodge.

Mary died early Friday morning, Aug. 9, 2002, at her home in Sidney.

Mary is survived by her nephews, Ray (Bobbie) Frasca of Roundup, Jack (Karen) Herrick of Edmonds, Wash., Doug (Laurie) Frasco of Gervais, Ore.; her nieces, Dorothy Frasca Benish of Palatine, Ill, Joy (Rex) Allen of Portland, Ore., Jacque Frasco of New Jersey, Donna (Bill) Read of Colstrip; and numerous great-nephews and nieces.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; two brothers; two sisters and two nephews.

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## **Alexander Pitsch**

**UCROSS, Wyo. — Alexander Pitsch, 88, of Ucross, died Friday, Sept. 20, 2002, at Westview Health Center.**

**Visitation will be from 2 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 26, at Kane Funeral Home in Sheridan. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, Sept. 27, at Immanuel Lutheran Church.**

## Wilma 'Billie' Pitsch

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Wilma "Billie" Senff Pitsch passed away at her daughter's home in Billings on June 16, 2002. Billie was born Nov. 9, 1914, in Kearney, Wyo., to Arthur and Ina Belle Senff. She married Peter Pitsch, Jr. on Feb. 24, 1933, and they began their 65 years of married life together at Garryowen, where they farmed and ranched. They raised their six children and lived in their original home there until they moved to Billings in 1995.



**WILMA  
PITSCH**

Billie and Peter loved to travel and managed to see nearly all of the states, several foreign countries, and traveled to Canada and Mexico several times. Billie loved to garden and raise flowers and spent many hours working with both. Many in the Garryowen and Hardin area were frequent recipients of her beautiful roses as she spent time visiting those who were sick, alone or in the nursing home. Another of her activities that lasted up until her last couple of years was appliquéing quilts for her family and friends. For 50 years, she taught Sunday School classes at the Baptist

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church in Crow Agency and later at the First Baptist Church in Hardin.

Billie's greatest joy was probably her grandchildren, several of whom lived quite near. She often walked up to meet their bus after school, bringing fresh cookies or her bag of sunflower seeds and raisins. It was always special to get to come to Grandma's house. Her children thought she was special too!

Billie was preceded in death by her parents; her nine siblings; her husband Peter; daughter Donna Slezak; and great-grandson Colton. Survivors are daughters Gay Smithson and Xandra Pitsch of Billings; and sons Douglas of Yuma, Ariz., Garry of Hermiston, Ore., Brent (Sherry) of Avondale, Ariz., and a large number of special grandchildren and great-grandchildren scattered throughout the United States.

The family would like to thank the special caregivers who cared for Mom during her three-and-a-half years at Aspen Meadows in the Assisted Living area. They were wonderful and she loved them dearly. During this last year, her granddaughter, Leigh Ann, became her shadow and "angel," making her final year as pleasant as it could be. We are so grateful to her. "Continue to watch over us, Mom, as you join the others

already in Heaven. And now you can sing!"

If anyone wishes to send memorials, two of Mom's lifelong interests were the Montana Rescue Mission, Box 3232, Billings, MT 59103, and Billy Graham Evangelistic Assn., PO Box 779, Minneapolis, MN 55440.

Services will be 11 a.m. Thursday, June 20, at First Baptist Church in Hardin. 2007

## **Donald H. Pitts**

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**DEC 29 2002**

**KING CITY, Ore.** — Donald H. Pitts passed away on Dec. 24, 2002, at the age of 83, in King City.

He was born on Feb. 8, 1919, in Billings. He married Carroll Duxbury in May 1945, who passed away in 1992 in Billings. He had been a school custodian, farmer, machinist and a mechanic on air craft during World War II. He lived in King City the past two years.

He is survived by his daughters, Carroll Pitts of Wilsonville, Linda Peterson of Beaverton; and his brother, Raymond Pitts of Roberts, Mont. He had four grandchildren. Young's Funeral Home will arrange a direct cremation with his ashes being sent to Joliet Cemetery in Montana.

## LOUIS F. PLUTH

Louis F. Pluth died at his home Oct. 22, 2002, from natural causes. Louie was born Aug. 7, 1913, in Roundup, to Martin and Anna Ivanetic Pluth as the youngest of five children.

Raised in Roundup, Louie enjoyed a full and active life. He was a devout Catholic and lifetime member of St. Benedict's Catholic Church. During his youth, he was an avid ice skater and tennis player.

He attended every State Tennis Tournament until World War II.

On April 1, 1938, while employed by the local newspaper as a linotype operator and printer, Louie began working as a part-time agent for State Farm Insurance. He continued in this endeavor for 41 years, retiring on April 30, 1979. He also worked with his mother and sister Ann in the family grocery business until his mother's death in 1952. After that, he and his sister Ann formed The Western Distributing Co., wholesaling beer in the Roundup and Billings area. It was under that name that they also started the John Deere machinery business in Roundup.



**LOUIS  
PLUTH**

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On Dec. 28, 1943, Louie enlisted in the U.S. Army. While in the Army, he was a transit operator in survey for an artillery battalion. During his tour, he also attended Army Intelligence School as an aerial photo interpreter, becoming proficient in the map systems of the world, including Japanese. Louie was honorably discharged from the Service on Sept. 30, 1945, after his mother became ill.

Upon his retirement from State Farm in 1979, he and his sister Ann traveled extensively until her death in 1997. After that, Louie tended to his garden, growing the most beautiful gladiolus.

He is preceded in death by his parents; brothers Martin and Joe; and sisters Mary and Ann. He leaves behind several nieces, nephews and many friends who will miss his smile and wonderful stories of life. In Louie's words; "Well Chum, Ah; what the hell."

Vigil service will be Sunday, Oct. 27, at 7 p.m. in St. Benedict's Church. Funeral services will be held on Monday, Oct. 28, at 10 a.m. in St. Benedict's Church, Roundup. A luncheon will follow services. Interment at 1:30 p.m., Mountview Cemetery, Billings. Wier Funeral Home in Roundup is in charge of arrangements.



## George F. Polansky

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LEWISTOWN — George F. Polansky, 74, formerly of Lewistown, died Thursday, Nov. 7, 2002, in Pahrump, Nev.

Funeral Liturgy will be 2 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 13, at St. Leo's Catholic Church in Lewistown. Interment will be at Mount Calvary Cemetery. Creel Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

## Alice Pauline Polen

Alice Polen, 85, of Billings, passed away Oct. 22, 2002, at Horizon Hospice Home.

Alice was born June 17, 1917, to Edward and Emma (Gottwig) Siemers. She attended school in Shepherd, graduating from Shepherd High School. Alice also attended two years of college at

Billings Polytechnic. While attending Polytechnic, she met her future husband, J.C. Polen. Alice and J.C. were married on Dec. 8, 1936.



**ALICE  
POLEN**

Alice is survived by her children, James (Donna) Polen and Sandi (Conrad) Johansen of Billings; sister, Hilda Van Driest; brother, Clyde Siemers of Shepherd; grandchildren, Mark Polen, Sue Hert, Mike McCord, Pam Lar, Linda Hunter and Heidi Wampler; 12 great grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband; her parents; two brothers and two sisters.

Memorials may be made to Big Sky Hospice, PO Box 35033, Billings, MT 59107.

Cremation has taken place and a memorial will be held 10 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 24, at Cremation or Funeral Gallery.

## Josephine Polito

BILLINGS GAZETTE

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SHERIDAN, Wyo. —  
Josephine Polito, 91, died Sunday,  
Jan. 13, 2002, at Sheridan Manor.

Liturguy will be at 10 a.m.  
Thursday at Holy Name Catholic  
Church with burial in the  
Sheridan Municipal Cemetery.  
Champion Ferries Funeral Home  
is in charge.

# Myrtle Pollington

BILLINGS GAZETTE

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ABSAROCKE — Myrtle Pollington, 90, died peacefully on Feb. 11, 2002, at Brookside Retirement Home in Absarokee.



**MRS.  
POLLINGTON**

Myrtle was born in Columbus on Dec. 1, 1911, to John and Edith Nichol. She grew up on their ranch located between Columbus and Absarokee. In 1932, she married Frank Hart and moved to the Hart family ranch near Absarokee. Frank died in 1944, leaving Myrtle to raise their two sons, William and Robert. In 1945, she married Maurice Pollington. Together they had three additional sons: Bruce, Barry and Boyd. Maurice died in 1982.

Myrtle is survived by her five sons, William (Betty), Robert, Bruce (Roxanne), Barry (Char), and Boyd; eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

She lived at her ranch on the Stillwater, her home for more than 60 years, until failing health forced her to move to Brookside in the fall of 2000.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 16, at Community Congregational Church.

Absarokee. Interment will be in Rosebud Cemetery.

Smith Funeral Chapel-Columbus was in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are suggested to the Museum of the Beartooths, Box 1, Columbus, MT 59019, or to a charity of your choice.

## **Brownie Pomeroy**

Brownie Pauline Pomeroy passed away Feb. 23, 2002, at St. John's Lutheran Home in Billings. She was born Aug. 1, 1904, to Benjamin Franklin and Bertha Mae (Rinker) Blue near Peru, Ind.

In 1917 they moved to Richey, where she attended country school on Litz Creek. On Dec. 6, 1921, she was united in marriage to Earle B. Pomeroy in Glendive. They lived on the Pomeroy and Blue homesteads near Richey and then moved back to Peru, Ind. In 1928, they moved back to Montana, and in 1933 they moved to Havre, where she lived until Dec. 6, 1998, when she moved to Billings.

Brownie was an active member of the Assembly of God Church in Havre and was a church pianist for many years. She enjoyed gardening, sewing and traveling. She most enjoyed spending time with her family.

Brownie was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; and two sisters, Besse and Blanche. She is survived by four children, Earl M. Pomeroy of Chester, Lyndon (Lenore) Pomeroy of Billings, Laverne L. (Betty) of Carmichael, Calif., and Tivola P. (Al) Liedle of Billings; 11 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; and 10 and  $\frac{1}{2}$  great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held 1

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p.m. Saturday, March 2, at the Assembly of God Church in Havre. Memorials may be made to St. John's Lutheran Home, 3940 Rimrock Road, Billings, MT 59101 or a charity of choice. Holland and Bonine Funeral Home of Havre is in charge of the arrangements.

# Cora Johanna Pomroy

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LAUREL — Cora Johanna Pomroy, 96, of Laurel, passed away Thursday, May 16, 2002, at St. John's Lutheran Nursing Home in Billings. She was born Dec. 7, 1905. At an early age, the family came to the United States and arrived in Bridger, later moving to Washoe, where she received her education and attended high school in Red Lodge, walking six miles to and from school.

In 1928, she married Lester Pomroy. They lived in Washoe until 1940, when they moved to Laurel.

She is survived by one son, Burton in the state of Washington; and one daughter, Helen residing in Redmond, Ore., four grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren in the Seattle area.

Cora was preceded in death by her parents, husband and two sisters.

She enjoyed making hand-made quilts and afghans for the entire family. She was active in the Senior Center in Laurel and Park City and also was active in the Laurel Garden Club.

In 1992, she sold her home in Laurel and moved to St. John's Lutheran Home in Billings.

Private family services were held at Sunset Memorial Gardens in Billings.

Memorials are suggested to St. John's Lutheran Nursing Home. Smith Funeral Chapel-Laurel was in charge of arrangements.

## Carlos Ponce, Jr.

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JAN 03 2002

Carlos Ponce, Jr., 66, of Billings, passed away on Sunday, Dec. 30, 2001, at St. Vincent Healthcare.

Carlos was born in San Diego on June 2, 1935, a son of Laura and Carlos, Ponce, Sr. He received his education in San Diego and worked with his father as a commercial fisherman in the waters off Peru. He later began a 26-year career as a truck driver for G & G Produce out of Los Angeles.

In 1962, Carlos married Alice Hodges in San Diego and in 1976, they moved to a home in Billings. In 1984, they returned to Los Angeles but came back to Billings permanently in 1993. Carlos was an accomplished auto mechanic and enjoyed free time spent watching baseball.

Survivors include his wife, Alice, of Billings; a son, Michael and his wife, Elizabeth of Sandy, Utah; his mother; four sisters; and three grandchildren.

Funeral services are planned in San Diego at Greenwood Memorial Park. Smith West Chapel in Billings is in charge of local arrangements.

**APR 11 2002****Nora L. Popeller**

**LIVINGSTON —** Nora L. Popelier, 81, of Livingston, died Tuesday, April 9, 2002, at the Livingston Health and Rehab Center.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, April 11, at Franzen-Davis Funeral Home, with funeral services at 1 p.m. in the funeral home chapel. Cremation will follow the services. Family interment of cremated remains will take place at a later date in Wilsall Cemetery.



## NOV 30 2002

BOZEMAN — Ali Suzanne Popiel was born in Bozeman on June 5, 1973, to Gary and Vicki Popiel. The snow had just left the mountains and the lilacs were in full bloom. Ali and her mother were in a tragic car accident on June 15 of this year. Ali passed away on the morning of June 16, 2002, from massive head



**ALI POPIEL**

injuries. Her mother, Vicki, survived, but was left paralyzed from the injuries sustained.

Ali graduated from Bozeman Senior High in 1991. Ali was a member of the Student council, a varsity cheerleader for three years, and a member of the BSEF Ski Team. She attended Montana State University her freshman year, transferred to the University of Massachusetts on the student exchange program for a year, then transferred to the Fashion Institute of Technology in New York City. She earned her bachelor of science degree in fashion design and merchandising.

Ali was very successful in the fashion business during her eight years in New York City. She managed Wathne, a high-end clothing store located next to the Trump Tower. Jill Stewart Fashions in

SoHo, and Kate's Paperi on Madison Ave. Ali shared an apartment on the Upper East Side of New York with her sister, Nichole. The "Popiel" girls were very well known in the neighborhood and were looked after by all its long-term residents — they took care of the two little girls from Montana.

She enjoyed life to its fullest, always wanting to see the "other side of the mountain." She loved New York and all it had to offer. Ali was a talented snow and water skier, loved jogging in Central Park, hiking in Montana's mountains, dry fly fishing with her Dad, horseback riding in Millbrook, and the family's annual vacation on Painted Rocks Reservoir.

Ali met Rich Osler while attending a social function in the Hamptons. They became great friends and developed a serious relationship together. Together, they would travel to many of the world's exotic cities, attend Broadway plays, dine at New York's finest or retreat to a small farm in Millbrook, N.Y. — they became "soul mates."

Ali seemed to have the bull by the tail, but she suddenly developed a serious chemical imbalance, which caused her to become confused, agitated and unable to

unction. She was hospitalized for a short time, seemed fully recovered and returned to work. Over time, the illness persisted, became worse, and Ali had to return to Montana for the support of her family, friends, and a slower pace of life.

Ali, accompanied by her "care dog," Gizzy, could be seen working at T. Charbonneau's during the day and being an advocate for those who had similar illnesses, in her spare time.

We will miss you terribly, Ali, but we know you are in a better place — beside your sister, Nicole — we will see you soon, just not yet.

Ali is survived by her parents, Vicki and Gary Popiel of Bozeman; grandparents, Rose and Frank Popiel of Hamilton; aunts and uncles, Susan and Ken Senn and family of Hamilton; Diane and Kreg Worrest and family of Missoula, and Brad and Josie Peterson and family of Corvallis. She was preceded in death by her sister, Nicole Marie Popiel.

A Memorial Mass will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 3, at Holy Rosary Catholic Church. Memorials in Ali's name may be made to National Alliance for the Mentally Ill, c/o Monica Shouse, 1211 Holly Drive, Bozeman, MT 59715.

# Margaret Porter

BILLINGS GAZETTE  
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COLSTRIP — Margaret Porter, 83, of the Colstrip area, died Wednesday, April 24, 2002, at the Holy Rosary Health Center in Miles City.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 27, at the Beals Mortuary Chapel in Forsyth. Interment will be Monday, April 29, at the Mountain View Cemetery in Big Timber.

## Richard A. Porter

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COOKE CITY — Richard A. Porter, a longtime resident of Cooke City, passed away Saturday, March 2, 2002, at the Horizon Hospice Home after liver failure.

He was born on March 11, 1928, to Cora and Alfred E. Porter in Billings. He attended Cooke City and Billings grade schools, Billings Senior High, Eastern Montana College and Billings Business College.

The early 1950s he spent in the Army during the Korean War. He married Marian Shammel in Billings on March 7, 1954. He worked for Reymer Machine Co., A & I Distributing and Cardinal Service Stations until 1966. He then returned to his beloved mountains to build Hoosier's Motel in conjunction with Hoosier's Bar & Cafe, which his grandparents started in the 1930s. He was still managing it to the current time.

Two sons were born to them in Billings; Rick Wayne in 1959 and Randall James in 1964. Randy preceded him in death in 1982.

He is survived by his wife and son of Cooke City and a cousin, Kae Cummings of Las Vegas.

Cremation has taken place and no services are planned. Arrangements were by Cremation Society of Montana.

## **Rosalie Porter**

MALTA — Rosalie (St. John) Porter, 78, died Sunday, May 26, 2002 at her home.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, May 29, at the Little White Church in Malta. Burial will follow in the Malta Cemetery. Bell Mortuary of Glasgow is in charge of arrangements.

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## **John Birdwell Posey**

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LAS VEGAS — A memory mass for John Birdwell Posey, 48, will be 1 p.m. Tuesday, July 2, 2002, at the Sacred Heart Church in Miles City. Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home of Miles City is in charge of the arrangements.

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## **Beatrice Potter**

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**AUG - 2 2002**

GLASGOW — Beatrice "Bea" Potter, 65, of Glasgow, died Thursday, Aug. 1, 2002, at Frances Mahon Deaconess Hospital, of cancer.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, Aug. 5, at First United Methodist Church. Burial will be in Highland Cemetery. Bell Mortuary of Glasgow is in charge.

## Robert Richard Potter

HELENA — Robert Richard Potter, 84, formerly of Billings, died March 13, 2002, at Big Sky Care Center in Helena.

He was born in Madison, Wis., and moved to Billings at an early age with his mother, Mabel, and older brother, Harry. Bob graduated from Billings Senior High and married Pauline Elizabeth Stech on Oct. 11, 1941, in Bozeman. He enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps at Butte in February of 1942, and was honorably discharged at San Diego in October of 1945, after serving as an aircraft mechanic on the C-46 Curtis Commando in the Pacific Theater.

Bob and Pauline had one child, Barry, born in 1946; and one grandchild, Lorelei, born in 1980, both residing in Helena.

Bob worked as a heavy equipment mechanic most of his life and enjoyed trailer camping, fishing and hunting throughout Montana. He and Pauline were members of the Billings Motorcycle Club, a ballroom dancing group called The 49ers and a square dancing group called The 59ers. After retirement, they travel-trailerred throughout the Western states and spent many winters at Good Life Court in Mesa, Ariz.

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A graveside service is scheduled for 3 p.m. on Tuesday, March 19, at Fort Harrison. Retz Funeral Home of Helena is in care of his arrangements.



## Jane Potthoff

Jane Potthoff, 81, of Billings, passed away Friday, Oct. 25, 2002, at St. Vincent Healthcare.

The daughter of Ralph and Marian Smith, Jane was born Oct. 22, 1921, in Johnstown, Pa. She married Brice Potthoff in Winchester, Va., on May 8, 1941.



**JANE  
POTTHOFF**

Jane was a scout leader and had been president of the NCO Wives Club at many of the different bases her husband had been stationed at throughout the world. Jane learned much from the wives of older soldiers and passed that knowledge on to the younger wives, many thousands of miles from home. She was also active in the DAV and Purple Heart Chapter in California. Jane was an inspiration to many women in the YMCA morning group and to all who knew her.

Jane and Brice have made their home in Billings since 1971.

Survivors include her husband Brice of Billings; two sons, Brice and Ed of California; two daughters, Bonnie Rice of Oregon and Ursula Kolley of California; and eight grandchildren, Christina Kolley, Deborah Bartko, Jennifer Fiel, Brice Potthoff, Derrick Potthoff, Charles Rice, Mary Jane Edge, and Renne Ploesser.

Funeral services will be 3 p.m., Friday, Nov. 1, at Trinity Lutheran Church. Interment will take place in Arlington National Cemetery.

In Lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Special K Ranch.

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EDITH POTTS

## Edith Hannah Potts

**HUNTLEY** — Edith Hannah Potts, age 86, went to be with her Lord and Savior on Saturday, Nov. 2, 2002, after a long battle with cancer. She was born in Klein on Nov. 14, 1915, as one of 10 children, to Albert Collins and Lilly Bailey Collins. She attended country school close to the family homestead near Musselshell and graduated high school in 1933 from Billings Senior.

After receiving her teaching certificate from Normal School (MSU-B), she taught for ten years in several different country schools in the area. Edith met Glen Potts while teaching at the Keller School near Custer. They were married on Feb. 2, 1946, and were married 48 years until Glen passed away in 1994. They lived most of their married years on the family ranch near Custer raising six children. She enjoyed teaching so much that she became a 4H leader of the Peg-a-Way Club and served in that capacity for 40 years.

She devoted her life to her family and friends by taking extraordinary responsibility for the caring of others and their basic needs. Edith was always ready to help others when they needed it. She could outwork any two good hired men on the ranch and was especially experienced in milking cows and shoveling grain. She spent many hours in her garden that she loved and with her sewing machine, using her talents to bless others.

Edith loved having her children's friends, as well as nephews and nieces and neighbors and friends come to the ranch, especially during the summers. Many gatherings occurred on the Potts' ranch because of Edith's gift of hospitality. These visits (working vacations), created an opportunity for building life-long relationships. She always enjoyed the picnics with softball and horseshoe games. Nearly always these parties included the families musical entertainment that she so dearly loved. She devoted her life to walking out the teachings of her Lord.

She was a member of the Custer Congregational Church and the Friendly Circle. Upon their retirement in 1980, Glen and

Edith moved to Huntley. She was a member of the Huntley Methodist Church, Huntley Senior Citizens and former member of the Huntley Garden Club.

Our family's special thanks go to her dear friends Patricia Reed and Paul Jones for caring so much in helping her to maintain her much appreciated independent lifestyle until she was moved to the Hospice Home five weeks ago. Thanks also to Pastor Kelly Addy for his tender care and concern of Edith. Many friends and family members will miss her smiles and caring ways.

Edith is survived by her children, Dorothy McDowell (Russell) of Juneau, Alaska, Cliff (Brenda) of Billings, Earl (Terri) of Round Mountain, Nev., Rick (Kathleen Bradshaw) of Sand Springs, Rod of Alliance, Neb.; and her devoted care taker and daughter, Cathy (Gary Weaver) of Powell, Wyo. Her daughters-in-law Terry, Betty and Darcy survive her, as do 17 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. She is survived by her brothers, Art Collins and Bill Collins; her brothers-in-law, Lester Neal and Bill Potts, as well as her sisters-in-law, Doris Potts, Betty Potts, Maybell Collins and Betty Collins. Many nephews and nieces also will mourn her passing.

Her husband Glen preceded her in death, as well as her brothers Earl Collins, Ben Collins and

Walter Collins and her sisters Ruth Obrien, Helen Bench, Alice Robinson and Thora Neal.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 6, at the Congregational Church in Custer. Memorials may be sent to Huntley Methodist Church, Custer Cemetery, Big Sky Hospice or a charity of one's choice.

## **Jacqueline Mae Poulsen**

SHERIDAN, Wyo. —

Jacqueline Mae Poulsen, 79, of Sheridan, died Monday, June 24, 2002, at the Sheridan VA Medical Center.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, July 3, at Kane Funeral Home in Sheridan. Interment will be in the Sheridan Elks Cemetery.

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# Dorothy Powell

Dorothy Snyder Powell, 88, passed away peacefully in her sleep at her home in Billings on Thursday, Feb. 21, 2002. She was born May 23, 1913, in Waverly, Neb.



**MRS. POWELL**

Dorothy moved to Billings in 1964 with her husband. The Reverend Luther Philip Powell. Luther was minister at the First Presbyterian Church in Billings until he retired. Over the years, Dorothy served various communities as a minister's wife while also raising five children. Luther's ministry moved them from Chicago to New Jersey to Storm Lake, Iowa, and to Billings.

Along with being part of her husband's ministry, Dorothy thoroughly enjoyed being a homemaker. Her passions included sewing, cooking, flowers, entertaining, and in later years, helping raise her grandchildren.

Dorothy was a sincere and caring person with a smile that came from the heart. As her grandchildren Luke and Jenny say, "Grandma was a great person who had a wonderful life. She was an angel on loan."

Dorothy graduated from

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Waverly High School and attended Nebraska Wesleyan College and the University of Nebraska. She received her Teaching Certificate and taught school and was the librarian in several one-room schoolhouses.

Dorothy and Luther were married May 13, 1939, in her parents' home in Waverly.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her husband, Luther Powell; her son, Douglas Powell; her parents, Lela and George Snyder; her brothers, Marv and Paul; and sisters Fern and Edith.

She is survived by her daughters, Nancy Powell of Minnetonka, Minn., Mary Ann Powell of Springfield, Ore.; her sons, Jim Powell of Billings, Bob Powell of San Jose, Calif.; her grandchildren, Luke and Jenny Powell of Billings; her brothers, Wayne Snyder of Roca, Neb., Phil Snyder of Oregon City, Ore., and Larry Snyder of Monmouth, Ore.; her sister, Marian Rennick of Lincoln, Neb.

An open house memorial will be held in Dorothy's honor Wednesday, Feb. 27, from 1 to 5 p.m. at 2032 Pryor Lane. Food

and refreshments will be served. Dorothy always liked her guests to arrive with an appetite!

Instead of flowers, memorials may be made to The Heifer Project, c/o First Presbyterian Church, 2420 13th St. West, Billings, MT 59102. Dahl Funeral & Cremation Service is handling arrangements.

## **Hazel Irene Powell**

POWELL, Wyo. — Hazel Irene Powell, 81, of Powell, died Thursday, Nov. 14, 2002, at the Powell Nursing Home.

Funeral services will be held in Benkleman, Neb., next week. Miratsky-Easton Funeral Home of Powell is in charge.

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# Laurain P. Powell

Laurain P. Powell, 67, of Billings, passed away Monday, Jan. 14, 2002, at the Billings Deaconess Hospital.



The daughter of James and Magdeline Carter, Laurain was born June 12, 1934, on Mispa Creek south of Broadus. She was raised and educated in Miles City.

On Dec. 16, 1952, she married Joe Powell in Miles City. They made their home in San Diego, returning to Miles City after Joe's discharge from the Navy. They have made their home in Billings since 1966.

Laurain's life was centered around her family. She enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren, was a great listener and good friend to all, even her family. In addition to taking care of her home, she enjoyed plants and gardening. She was a member of St. Bernard's Parish.

Survivors include her husband Joe of Billings, son Mickey of Laurel and daughter Ramona Gullett and her husband Doug of Billings, grandchildren, Wyatt Powell and Jennifer Gullett, her mother Magdeline Carter of Miles City, a brother Jim Carter and his wife Peggy of Chester.

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two sisters, Lavahn Guerechit of Miles City and Lucille Warford of Harve, and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Vigil services will be 5:30 p.m. Wednesday at St. Bernard's Parish. Funeral Mass will be 10 a.m. Thursday at the church with interment in Holy Cross Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Big Sky Hospice or the charity of one's choice.

Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary has charge of arrangements.



# Virgie Christina Olson Powell

ABSAROKEE — Virgie Christina Olson Powell, 89, of Absarokee, passed away Tuesday, July 9, 2002, at her home.

She was born July 9, 1913, in Carlyle, a daughter of Oscar and Pearl Olson, the oldest of three children.

At the age of 18, she moved to Sentinel Butte, N.D., with her parents. There, she met Raymond Powell, and later was married in Wibaux in 1934.

Her husband passed away in 1989 after 63 years together. From this union came five boys and three girls, Jerry, Rick, Roy, Earl and Nels, the girls are Betty Jean Fox, Una Forney and Ruby Powell.

She is also survived by her sister Audrey Garcia of Crestwell, Ore.; 24 grandchildren and 36 great-grandchildren and one great-great-granddaughter.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Raymond and her grandson Shane.

Memorial services will be held 10 a.m. Friday, July 12, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Absarokee.

Smith Funeral Chapel-Columbus was in charge of cremation.

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## **Della Lorraine Powers**

**COLUMBUS** — Della Lorraine Powers, 68, of Columbus, passed away Sunday, June 9, 2002, at Beartooth Manor, surrounded by her loving family.

She was born July 17, 1933, in Oneida, Iowa, a daughter of Dell and Esther Zirtzman. She was raised in the Delaware, Iowa, area. She graduated from Delhi High School in May 1951. She married Archie L. Powers on Dec. 6, 1952, where they lived in Iowa until 1969, when they moved to Montana. In 1976, they moved to Yakima, Wash., until Della's retirement in 1991, at which time they moved to Columbus to be close to their family. She enjoyed spending time with her family, hobbies and playing cards.

Della is survived by her daughters, Barbara (John) Jones and Veronica (Pete) Romine, all of Columbus; six grandchildren, Shawn and Joshua Jones, Cara Pillion, Jess and Cody Morse and Lyn Romine; 10 great-grandchildren; one brother, Delbert (Orion) Zirtzman of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; and a sister, Marion (Bob) Goranson of Oneida; and a half-sister, Geraldine Glaze of Delaware, Iowa.

Della was preceded in death by her husband, parents and a brother.

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**We love you, mom and grandma, and your love and spirit will be with us always.**

**Memorial services will be held 10 a.m. Saturday, June 15, at Smith Funeral Chapel—Columbus. Inurnment will be in Iowa.**

**Memorials are suggested to Project Hope in Columbus, MT.**

## Ethel E. Powers

**ABSAROEKEE** — Ethel E. Powers, 64, beloved mother, daughter, grandma and friend, after a long battle with multiple sclerosis has gone on to be with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Ethel was born Jan. 28, 1938, to Owen and Rhoda Fo-ust at Bridger, Mont., in the family home. She attended the Beehive country school and graduated from Absarokee High School in 1956. She married Bernard C. Powers, also of Absarokee, in 1957. They lived in the Absarokee area until his death in 1976. Ethel moved the family to Joliet, where she and the children lived until all three had graduated. She lived in Billings from 1982 to 1997. Ethel has lived with her son and his wife on the family ranch near Absarokee up until her death on July 4.

Ethel loved to sew, crochet and was an avid mystery novel fan. She was active in Girl Scouts, Jaycees and community activities. Even with her physical limitations, Ethel continued to be always on the go with Navy Mothers Club, Billings Newcomers Club, Miss Wheel-chair Montana 1978-79, and she



**ETHEL E.  
POWERS**

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loved to garage sale. She was instrumental in initiating wheelchair accessibility in downtown Billings. She never gave up and she always looked on the bright side of life.

Ethel is survived by David Luke Sevier, her first great grandson who was born the morning she passed away. God, in His mercy, gave us a new life as he took one home. Survivors include her mother, Rhoda Foust of Dillon; son, Lincoln and Tracy Powers of Absarokee; daughter, Debbie and Dale Gallagher of Carrington, N.D.; daughter, Lorraine and Steve Hoffman of Anchorage, Alaska; sister, Jeanette and Clarence Strobel of Hermiston, Ore.; brother, Curtis and Patty Foust of Dillon; aunt, Doris and Bud Page of Arvada, Colo.; grandchildren, Rey, Sarah and Amanda Rodriguez of Carrington, N.D., Brittney, Lincoln, Aspen and Autumn Powers of Absarokee, Garrett and Cortney Hoffman, Alison and Josh Sevier, and Katie Hoffman of Anchorage; many nieces and nephews; very close family friends, Bob and Lynn

Stephenson and children of Miles City and many other wonderful friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband and by her father.

The family would like to give special thanks to those who were her caregivers over the years, especially Marlene, Dorothy, Marilyn, Bonnie, Sherri, Dr. Exley, Dr. Williams, Pastor Tim and Beth Johnson and Gallaghers of Brookside Home. Your caring and faithfulness meant more than we can say.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Cobblestone Preservation Committee in Ethel's name. Memorials may be sent to P.O. Box 176, Absarokee, MT, 59001.

A memorial service will be held on Aug. 12 at the Cobblestone Community Center in Absarokee. Details will be announced at a later date. Cremation has taken place and burial will be in August at Absarokee Cemetery. Smith Funeral Chapel-Columbus is in charge of arrangements.

# Thomas Bradley Powers BILLINGS GAZETTE

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RICHLAND, Wash. — Tom was born Feb. 26, 1952, in Billings. He passed away Wednesday, July 24, 2002, after a brief but hard-fought battle with leukemia.

Tom was raised in Billings, graduating from Billings Senior High as valedictorian in 1970.

He went on to graduate from Montana State University with a BS in chemical engineering in 1974. While attending MSU, Tom met and fell in love with his future wife, Gail Bruski. They were married in 1975, after moving to Richland.

Tom was employed by various Hanford site contractors as a safety analyst for the past 28 years.

Tom was incredibly active in church ministry, where he was a mentor for the youth and young couples, as well as a part of the music worship team.

His talent for inspiring young people was also evident in his stint as a basketball and soccer coach for his sons' teams. He was his sons' most spirited supporter. A humble man, Tom never looked for credit or accolades. He treated everyone with respect, believing that "we are all special people."

Tom is survived by his wife, Gail; and sons, Jeremiah, Seth and Christopher; sister, Kathleen (Mrs. Gerald) Goblirsch of Minneapolis; brother, Dennis (Diane) Powers of Billings. He is also survived by his mother and father-in-law, Victor and Velma Bruski of Ballantine, Mont.; many nieces and nephews.

You may express your thoughts and memories in the online guest book at [www.einansfuneralhome.com](http://www.einansfuneralhome.com) under the obituary section.

## Harry Pratt

MAY 25 2002

BELLINGHAM GAZETTE

BAKER — Harry Pratt, 87, of Baker, died Wednesday, May 22, 2002, at Fallon Medical Complex in Baker.

Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday, May 27, at the Chapel of Stevenson Funeral Home in Baker. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, May 28, at the Chapel of Stevenson Funeral Home. Burial will be in Bonnievale Cemetery.

APR 02 2002

## Loren J. Pratt

WATFORD CITY, N.D.

Loren J. Pratt, 91, of Watford City, formerly of Fairview, Mont., died Sunday, March 31, 2002, at the Good Shepherd Home in Watford.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, April 3, at the Fulkerson Memorial Chapel in Sidney. Interment will be in the Fairview Cemetery, in Fairview, N.D.

## Marion Pratt

MILES CITY — Marion "Henry" Pratt, 62, of Miles City, died Monday, Oct. 14, 2002, at the Holy Rosary Health Center.

Family will receive friends from 1 to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 16, at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City.



## Anna Prazma

MOORCROFT, Wyo. — Anna Prazma, 93, of Moorcroft, died Friday, May 3, 2002, at Campbell County Memorial Hospital in Gillette.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, May 7, at First Presbyterian Church in Moorcroft. Burial followed in Mount Pisgah Cemetery in Gillette. Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home of Gillette was in charge.

## **Effie V. Preston**

**MILES CITY —** Effie V. Preston, 90, of Miles City, formerly of Marmarth, N.D., died Thursday, June 6, 2002, at the Holy Rosary Healthcare Center in Miles City.

Visitation will be held Friday, June 7, at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City. Funeral services will be at noon, Saturday, June 8, at Stevenson & Sons. Interment will follow in the family lot in Custer County Cemetery.

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**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

## Ida T. Preston

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DEC 08 2002

GLENDIVE — Ida T. Preston, 90, died Saturday, Dec. 7, 2002, at the Glendive Medical Center Extended Care.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 10, at the Zion Lutheran Church. Interment will be held at 12:30 p.m. in the Wibaux Cemetery in Wibaux. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Glendive is in charge.

## **Mary Jo Preuit**

LOVELL, Wyo. — Mary Jo Preuit, 66, died Tuesday, Oct. 15, 2002, at New Horizons Care Center.

Visitation is from 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the Haskell Funeral Home. Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at the Lovell Bible Church with burial in the Lovell Cemetery.

## **Fred J. Prevost**

**SAVAGE** — Fred J. Prevost, 87, of Savage, died on Sunday, May 12, 2002, at the Glendive Medical Center.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, May 17, at the Yellowstone Community Church in Savage. Interment will be at 1 p.m. Friday, in the Dawson County Cemetery in Glendive. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Glendive is in charge.

**MAY 15 2002**  
**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**MAR 03 2002****Fred L. Price**

Fred L. Price, 77, of Billings, died Wednesday, Feb. 27, 2002, at St. Vincent Healthcare.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be held at a later date in Warsaw, Mo. Cremation or Funeral Gallery is in charge.

## James Paul Price

BILLINGS GAZETTE

JUL 15 2002

James Paul Price passed away Friday, July 12, 2002 at Horizon Hospice Home in Billings. He was born on Christmas Eve, 1942 in Douglas, Wyo., to Robert Jacob and Arb-eulah Price. He grew up in Eka-laka. He joined the Navy when he was 17 and after his discharge, he worked in the oil fields of Wyoming and overseas.

Jimmy is survived by his son, Robert James, "R.J." of Billings; his step-daughters, Candi, Tonjia and Robbi; grandsons, Pvt. Randall Williams, US Army, and Michael Benton of Denver; sisters, Roberta Elmore of Ekalaka, Ann Carroll and Susan Crabtree of California, Marilyn Welch and Mona Halsey of Missoula, Patty Halverson of Eugene, Ore. and Becky Lee of Glendive; and lifelong friends, Dusty and Roy Elmore, Vernon and Debbie Welch, Loren Welch, Willie Wilson, Doug Marston, Mark Jebe, Teddie Price and many more.

Memorial Services will be 2 p.m. Wednesday, July 17, at the Dahl Funeral Chapel in Billings. An additional service will be held Aug. 12 in Miles City. Burial of ashes will be in Calvary Cemetery, Miles City.

## Lela May Price

JAN 08 2002

POWELL, Wyo. — Lela May Price, 82, died Saturday, Jan. 5, 2002, at the Powell Nursing Home.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, Jan. 11, at First Baptist Church in Powell. Burial will follow in Crown Hill Cemetery in Powell. Miratsky-Easton Funeral Home of Powell is in charge.



## Lewellyn 'Bud' Price

BELLINGS GAZETTE

MAR 13 2002

BAKER —  
Lewellyn "Bud"  
Price, 88, of  
Baker, passed  
away on Sunday,  
March 10, 2002,  
at the Fallon  
Medical  
Complex, fol-  
lowing a long ill-  
ness.



MR. PRICE

He was born  
on Aug. 21, 1913, the son of  
Lewellyn and Eva (Owen) Price.  
Bud grew up and attended  
schools in Baker, graduating from  
the Baker High School in 1931. He  
attended Montana State  
University, graduating with an  
electrical engineer degree in 1936.  
Because of the depression, Bud  
returned to Baker where he  
worked for his father at the L.  
Price Co. and as a cashier for the  
Baker National Bank.

On June 6, 1939, Bud was mar-  
ried to Jessie Hodges in Baker. In  
1941, Bud took over the L. Price  
Co. as well as serving on the  
Board of Directors at the bank. At  
the age of 32, married and two  
children, Bud was drafted into the  
U.S. Army during WWIL. After  
the war had ended, he was honor-  
ably discharged and returned to  
Baker. Bud owned and operated  
L. Price Co. with the help of his  
children until 1985, when he  
retired.

*Bud*

After Bud's retirement he logged in many, many miles driving for the Stevenson Funeral Home and assisting on many funerals for Jon and Marlys. He and Jessie continued to make Baker their home.

Throughout the years, Bud served the community in many capacities: as city treasurer, the Baker Chamber of Commerce treasurer for 25 years, local March of Dimes chapter treasurer for 35 years, on the school board for 12 years, charter member of the Baker Lions Club and received the Melvin Jones Award for services rendered, American Legion member, lifelong member of the Baker Community Church, served on the Fallon Hospital Board and the Bonnievale Cemetery board. While serving on these boards, Bud held many offices and volunteered many, many hours to the Community and to his church.

Survivors include three sons, Richard Price of Baker, Jim Price of Denver and Lew (Betty) Price of Burnsville, Minn.; nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Jessie; a sister, Jeanette Grant; and a grandson, Scotty.

A prayer service will be held on Thursday, March 14, at 8 p.m. in the Stevenson Funeral Home in Baker. A funeral service will be held on Friday, March 15, at 10 a.m. in the Baker Community

Church, with Pastor Milton Hochhalter officiating. Burial will be with Military Honors in the Bonnievale Cemetery in Baker. Stevenson Funeral Home of Baker is in charge of the arrangements.

## **Margaret Thompson Price**

**JUN 27 2002**

**WALLINGFORD GAZETTE**

Margaret Thompson Price, 75, passed away June 25, 2002. She was born and raised in Butte, graduated from Girls Central in 1944, moved to Portland, Ore., to support the war effort, returned to Butte and married John Price of Butte. Margaret loved her family and loved to travel.

She is survived by her husband John; two daughters, Roseanne Price and Kathleen Lee; two grandsons, Patrick and John Kronmiller; and seven great-grandchildren.

Donations to go to Big Sky Hospice.

## Ralph L. Price

**BELLINGS GAZETTE**

**FEB 02 2002**

WORLAND, Wyo. — Ralph L. Price, 63, of Worland, died Thursday, Jan. 31, 2002, at the Washakie Medical Center.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, Feb. 4, at the Bryant Funeral Home Chapel in Worland. Visitation will be held at 1 p.m. until just before service time.

## **Kathryn (Richards) Pridemore**

**GILLETTE, Wyo.** — Kathryn Gertrude (Richards) Pridemore, 36, of Gillette, formerly of Bozeman, Mont., died Monday, Oct. 7, 2002, at Campbell County Memorial Hospital in Gillette, of a heart attack.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 9 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 12, at St. Matthew's Catholic Church in Gillette. Visitation was held Friday, Oct. 11, at Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home in Gillette.

# Rose Ann (Haggerty) Prkut

SEATTLE — Rose Ann (Haggerty) Prkut was born to Henry and Margaret Haggerty on Nov. 4, 1943, in Silverton, Ore. The oldest of our children, Rose passed away on Tuesday, Dec. 17, 2002, after a courageous battle with cancer.



**ROSE PRKUT**

Rose attended Garfield Elementary/Junior High in Billings, Mont., then graduated from Senior High in 1961. She worked at the Northern Hotel for three years after high school and then moved to Seattle to begin a lifelong career in the trucking industry. Most recently, Rose was the office manager for Dawes Transport. Our special thanks to the management and employees of Dawes for their generosity and sincerity during the final stages of Rose's life.

Rose had a passion for decorating, gardening, animals and "her place(s)." Throughout the years, Rose was defined by "her places." They were all a reflection of her creativity and hard work. She was very artistic.

Later in life, Rose met a special individual. Gordon Chilcutt.

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Together, they developed and enjoyed one another's company for many years. Again, our family is indebted to Gordon for his love and compassion for our daughter/sister. His guidance, steady hand and loving affection will always be remembered.

Rose is preceded in death by her father, Henry Haggerty; sister Gayle Champion; and son, Kelly Prkut. She is survived by mother Margaret Haggerty; brother William (Pam) Haggerty; nieces Megan and McKenzie, all of Billings; niece Erin (Justin) Barber of Pasadena, Calif.; son Nick Prkut; sister Linda Bogart; grandsons Austin and Blaine; granddaughter Taylor; and companion Gordon Chilcutt, all of Seattle.

A memorial was held at Yahn & Son Funeral Home, Auburn. Donations should be made to Franciscan Health System (Franciscan Hospice), 1717 South J. Street, Tacoma, WA 98405 and/or the American Cancer Society.



**MABEL PROCTER**  
**Mabel A. Smith Salfer**  
**Procter**

Mabel A. Smith Salfer Procter passed away Sunday, Dec. 15, 2002.

Born Nov. 15, 1909, in the village of Sherburn, Minn., to Carl Smith and Anna Rasmussen Smith, Mabel was the second of four daughters. Her mother and the four girls moved to Montana to be with family. Her mother later married Edward Marlow and they had two sons and a daughter.

After school, she worked as a bookkeeper for Buttreys in Havre. She married Clinton Salfer, Sept. 11, 1932. Two sons were born of that union, Wayne and Merwyn Salfer. She also worked as a bookkeeper at the Sugar Factory in Chinook.

She moved to Billings in the 1950s and worked as a bookkeeper for Winter Hardware, Taylor Distributing, KGHL TV, and Hertz Car Rental. She married Charlie Procter on July 25,

1959. In her younger years, she enjoyed dancing, bowling, rock hunting, jewelry making, playing in the bell choir at church and playing cards.

Mabel was preceded in death by her parents and her sisters, Vivian Smith, Sylvia Tracy and Pearl Vande Ven. She was also preceded in death by her brother Ed Marlow and her son Merwyn Salfer. She is survived by her son Wayne (Doreen) Salfer; daughter-in-law Monica Salfer; brother Chet (Archie) Marlow; sister Gloria (Bill) Farrar; several nephews; one niece; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral service will be 1 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20, at Smith Downtown Chapel. Interment will be at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Memorials may be made to Senior Citizens Center, Family Services or memorial of choice.

**Donald R. Propp**

**AZLE, Texas** — Donald R. Propp, 70, a retired test lab mechanic, died Thursday, Dec. 5, 2002, at the Azle hospital.

Donald R. Propp was born Jan. 19, 1932, in Worden, Mont., to Eva and Rudy Propp. He had been an Azle resident since 1975 and was a test lab mechanic for General Dynamics for more than 30 years before his retirement in 1997. He also owned Propp Productions, a gas and oil business.

He was a charter member of Hope Lutheran Church and helped in the construction of the church facility. He was a veteran of the Korean War and was the recipient of a Purple Heart for his service.

Donald is survived by his wife, Shirley Ward Propp of Azle; children, Bill Propp and wife Karen of Azle, Sandy Estes and husband Doug of Saginaw,

Lori Bearfield and husband Keith of Weatherford and Stephanie Mata and husband Roger of Abeline; brother, Clarence Propp and wife Mary of Billings; grandchildren, Misty Bearfield, Andrea Estes, Megan Bearfield, Justin Propp, Becky Propp, Nathan Propp, Josh Mata and Jon Mata; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services were Tuesday, Dec. 11, at Hope Lutheran Church. Burial will be in the Jaybird Cemetery. Visitation was held Monday, Dec. 10, at Biggers Funeral Home. Memorials may be made to Hope Lutheran Church Building Fund, 4795 E. Highway 199, Springtown, TX 76082 or to the American Cancer Society, 3301 W. Freeway, Fort Worth, TX 76107.



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**HERBERT and  
GERALDINE PROPP****Herbert 'Herb' Propp  
and Geraldine  
'Gerry' Propp**

Herbert "Herb" Propp and his loving wife Geraldine "Gerry" Propp passed away Sept. 11, 2002; both were 83.

Herb and Gerry grew up on the Huntley Project and were high school sweethearts. They married in 1940 and moved to Billings, where they lived for over 40 years.

Herb was a businessman and owned a wholesale distribution company for Exxon products. Both were active in church and civic organizations. Herb belonged to the Masonic Lodge and was a member of the Al Bedoo Shrine and its clown unit and sponsored many children for the Shriners Hospital. Gerry was a member of Eastern Star. Both were active members of the Billings Congregational Church and supported many charitable organizations.

Upon retirement, Herb and Gerry returned to their roots on the Huntley Project and took up residence in Ballantine. While remaining active with Al Bedoo Shrine, Herb volunteered with the Huntley Project Lions Club. Gerry was involved with Ladies' Aide and both were devoted to the Ballantine United Christian Congregation.

They enjoyed their friends, family and reaching out to others in need. Both were loved and will be missed by many.

They are survived by their daughter, Gwen (Bill) Cords; and grandchildren, Aaron and Lisa Cords, all of Milwaukee, Wis. Herb is survived by his brothers, Reinhart of St. Louis, Mo., John of Worden, Bill of Billings; and many nieces and nephews, all of whom brought much joy to them both.

Our love and prayers are extended to the family of Loraine Rapstad, Gerry's loving sister.

A memorial service in conjunction with Loraine Rapstad will be held 10:30 a.m. Monday Sept. 16, at the Ballantine City Park. Interment will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

# Marie Pruitt

BILLINGS GAZETTE  
DEC 21 2002

Marie Pruitt, 60, of Billings, passed away at St. Vincent's Healthcare on Wednesday, Dec. 18, 2002. She was born in Atascadero, Calif., on March 19, 1942, to James and Martha Pruitt.

Marie's father was a career military man. She graduated in June 1960 from the Plant High School in Tampa, Fla. Her father had just arrived from an



**MARIE  
PRUITT**

overseas assignment the day after graduation and the family moved to Walla Walla, Wash.

Marie joined the Navy and was stationed in Washington, D.C. After this assignment, she was sent to SHAPE Headquarters in Paris. She was stationed in Paris for 18 months. Marie completed her Navy career toward retirement at the Naval Reserves in Billings. She later worked as a legal secretary.

Survivors include her son, Cristopher of Portland, Ore.; mother, Martha M. Pruitt of Billings; sisters, Jimmy Ann Almgren and husband Phil of Reston, Va., Hilja Felix and husband Raymond of Billings, Patricia Boyd and Amy Pruitt of Billings; and granddaughters.

Callie Pruitt in Kentucky and Quinn Pruitt of Portland, Ore.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. on Monday, Dec. 23, at the New Apostolic Church, 500 15th St. West, with interment to follow at the Roberts Cemetery. Smith Downtown Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

## Edwin Puckett

PLENTYWOOD — Edwin Puckett, 85, died Friday, Feb. 8, 2002, at Sheridan Memorial Hospital after a long illness.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Scobey United Methodist Church. Waller Funeral Home is in charge.

**FEB 10 2002**

**APR 16 2002****Steve Puhak**

**HELENA —** Steve Puhak, 75, of Helena, died Friday, April 12, 2002, at St. Vincent Healthcare in Billings, due to complications from heart surgery.

Christian vigil service will be held Tuesday April 16, at Hagler Anderson Funeral Home in Helena. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, April 17, at the Cathedral of St. Helena. Interment will follow at Resurrection Cemetery.

## **Tania Adaire Pursley**

**JUN 09 2002**

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**GLENDIVE —** Tania Adaire Pursley, 46, of Glendive, died Sunday, June 2, 2002, near her home.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, June 11, in the Chapel of the Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Glendive. Interment will be in the Dawson County Cemetery.

# Leonard Reinhold Pust

JUN 02 2002

BILLINGS GAZETTE

Leonard Reinhold Pust, 79, of Billings peacefully passed into his Lord's presence on Thursday, May 30, 2002, at his home after years of declining health.

He was born on the family homestead near Lambert on Jan. 22, 1923, to Emil and Sophia (Hagemann) Pust. On July 6, 1944, he married Eunice Smith in Sidney.

Leonard farmed near his folks for a few years before moving to Glendive. He drove for the Northern Tank Line for 20 years and owned the L & E Trailer Court. He then farmed the family homestead near Lambert before moving to Billings in 1984. Leonard and Eunice really enjoyed spending time with their family and friends and traveling during his retirement years.

While a teenager, he accepted Christ as his Savior and faithfully attended church throughout his life until his health declined.

He is survived by his wife, Eunice, of Billings; daughters LaVonne (Dave) Swanson of Billings, Lorraine (John) Reinhardt of Newport, Vt.; sons



LEONARD  
PUST

A gathering of family and friends will be at 7 p.m. on Monday night, June 3, at Smith's West Chapel; 304 34th St. West. The memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, June 4, at Smith West Chapel in Billings with interment to follow at Terrace Gardens Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Eunice Pust, Mission Aviation Fellowship or CBInternational.

Larry (Sharon) of Spokane, Wash., and Lester (Laura) of Billings. Two sisters, Adelaide (John W.) Dyk of Manhattan, and Velma (Walt) Smith of Anacortes, Wash., also survive him. He has seven grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and numerous other relatives. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Ervin.