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# Orville Polmar Qualley

# BILLINGS GAZETTE

## NOV 30 2002

NORTH BROCKTON —

Orville Polmar Qualley, of North Brockton, died on Nov. 27, 2002, at the Roosevelt Memorial Medical Center in Culbertson.

Orville was born March 13, 1914, in Geneseo, N.D., to Oscar and Bertha Qualley. He moved with his family to Montana in 1917 to home-



**ORVILLE  
QUALLEY**

stead north of Brockton. He attended the Buchanan and Johnson Schools there. He then attended an electrical school in Williston, N.D., for one year, returning to his home, and has lived there ever since.

On May 18, 1942, he married Gladys B. Dunn in Bainville. He loved working on the farm and being with his family. He enjoyed visiting and having coffee with young and old and those who were shut in. He also loved following his children and grandchildren in their activities. He loved animals and the family dog was never far from his side. Orville loved to play the violin with his longtime friend and neighbor Otto and looked forward to every Thursday night when Otto would come to practice. He also enjoyed sports, fishing, pheasant hunting

and camping.

Orville was a board member of the Co-op Store, president of the Roosevelt Farmers Union, board member of the Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance, school board member of the AFLC in Minneapolis, was a member of the Faith Free Lutheran Church and was on the church board.

His parents and one sister Josie Lien, preceded him in death.

He is survived by his wife Gladys of the family home; three sons, Orrin (Ann) of Culbertson Gary (Charlotte) of North Brockton, Marvin (Cheryl) of North Brockton; a daughter Diane Qualley of Great Falls; five grandchildren, Wendy (John Greven, Tonya (Dave) Hasse, Tara Qualley, Shannon (Matt) Byerly and Brian Qualley; five great grandchildren; a sister, Bernice Kozak of Culbertson; brothers Lowell Qualley and Raymond Qualley, both of Sidney; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Visitations will be held from 2 to 8 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 1, at the

**Everson-Clayton Memorial**  
Chapel in Culbertson, with a  
prayer service at 7 p.m. Funeral  
services will be held at 10 a.m. on  
Monday, Dec. 2, at the Faith Free  
Church of North Brockton, with  
Pastor Stephen Odegaard officiat-  
ing. Interment will be in the Zion  
Lutheran Cemetery.

## **Gerald Quenzer**

**BAKER** — Gerald "Jerry" Quenzer, 56, died Thursday, Dec. 5, 2002, at Billings Deaconess Clinic, of a heart attack.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8, at the Stevenson Funeral Home in Baker, with a prayer service at 7 p.m. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Monday, Dec. 9, at the American Lutheran Church in Baker. Burial will be in the Peace Lutheran Cemetery in Plevna.

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**DEC 07 2002**



## Ruth Smith Query

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PHOTO NEWS SERVICE

ASHLAND — Ruth Evelyn Smith Query, 63, of Ashland, died Monday, June 3, 2002, in Hardin.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 8, at the Ashland Public School multi-purpose room. Interment will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, in the family plot at the Sheridan Wyoming Municipal Cemetery. Bullis Mortuary of Hardin is in charge.

## Lola B. (Heckel) Quest

BILLINGS GAZETTE

JUL 14 2002

MOUNT VERNON, Wash. — Lola Quest, 59, a resident of Mount Vernon, passed away at her home on Sunday, April 21, 2002, with all her children and grandchildren at her side.

She was born on July 28, 1942, in Hardin, Mont., the daughter of Fred and Caroline Heckel. She was raised in Hardin, but spent time in Kansas City, and an even greater portion of her life in Billings.

In 1991, she moved to Mount Vernon to live with her daughter and to help raise her grandchildren that were the light of her life. The move also put her much closer to her other children and grandchildren, with whom she would see often and spend wonderful time with. Her greatest enjoyment in life was to be surrounded by her family.

She is survived by her daughter, Dana, her son-in-law, Ivor, and their children, Ivor, Jr., and Brei McCray, all of Mount Vernon; her oldest daughter, Kari, and granddaughter Whitney Price, both of Albany, Ore.; and her only son Rob and his wife Davetta, and their three children, Austin, Tanner and Joshua Price, all of Vancouver.

She is also survived by eight sisters and one brother, Gladys Schmidt, Donna Feller and Betty Elder, all of Billings, Rodger Heckel of Great Falls, Mont., Carol Wilson of Phoenix, Phyllis Kirkemo of Bozeman, Mont., Shirley Armfield of Great Falls, Janice Evenson of Billings, Paulette Bargaen of Killeen, Texas; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Fred and Caroline Heckel; three brothers, Warren Heckel, Ralph Heckel and Myron Heckel; and by her third child, Lisa Renee Price.

There will be a service to honor her memory at 4 p.m., July 24, at the Pilgrim Congregational Church, 409 S. 36th St., Billings, MT 59101, with a dinner immediately to follow at the church.

OCT 27 2002

## Custer Harrison 'Hap' Quick

HELENA — Custer Harrison "Hap" Quick, age 86, of Helena, formerly of Cody, Wyo., passed away on Wednesday, Oct. 23, 2002, at Big Sky Care Center in Helena.

Hap was born on June 2, 1916, and grew up on the family sheep ranch in the Oregon Basin south of Cody. The middle son of Stanley and Mara Cerilla (Fisher) Quick, who homesteaded Wyoming in the early 1900s, he earned the nickname "Hap" because of his pleasant disposition and great sense of humor.

Hap grew up working the family ranch and spent many wonderful summers alone, high in the summer pastures of the North Fork, reading novels and tending his father's sheep. He became an excellent shepherd, horseman and hunter, but above all, he developed a profound love for the wild animals that shared his beautiful Wyoming of the 1920s and '30s.

Except for occasional trips to Billings to recruit ranch hands, Hap seldom left the Cody area until he enlisted in the army in 1942, so that his older brother could remain at home to manage the ranch. He completed basic training at Fort Riley, Kan., and sailed for Europe on the Queen Mary. Shortly after arriving in France, he was wounded by a

German sniper, taken prisoner and sent to a prisoner-of-war camp on the Jersey Islands. He spent the remainder of World War II as a prisoner and received the Purple Heart, Good Conduct, European Service, and POW medals. After his release and discharge from the Army in 1945, Hap returned to Wyoming and sheep ranching.

Always the "ladies man," Hap finally met Eunice Hewitt, the love of his life. When they married, Hap became an instant father to the Walker children, Larry, Barbara, James, Virginia, Robert and Kenneth, Eunice's six children by a previous marriage. In 1955, Eunice gave birth to Shirley, and Hap became a father in his own right. Eunice and Hap spent the next 31 years raising the kids, gardening, camping and traveling.

Hap was an active member of the Cody Odd Fellows Lodge and the Cody VFW Post 2673, reaching the highest office in both organizations. Hap left the ranch to work for Husky Oil Co. and then the Cody Post Office, where he remained until his retirement in the late 1970s. After Hap's retirement, they spent two summers as the campground hosts at Wapiti Campground between Cody and the east entrance to Yellowstone Park.

Eunice passed away in 1986 and shortly thereafter Hap surprised everyone by enrolling in ceramics classes at the Cody Senior Citizen's Center. Almost from the beginning, he produced the beautifully detailed, hand-painted wildlife and Native American statuary that, for the next nine years, brought him both great pleasure and a considerable amount of local recognition as an artist. Later, Hap also took up watercolor painting and his works won several prizes in Wyoming and Montana. Hap's son-in-law Paul Bessler summed it all up when he said, "Who'd a thought an old shepherd like that would have the heart of an artist?"

Hap's health began to fail shortly after his 80 birthday and he left his beloved Cody Country in 1998 to make a new home at Son Heaven Assisted Living Home in Helena, where he could be closer to his daughters Shirley and Barbara. Hap loved Son Heaven, where Amy Anderson and the rest of the Son Heaven family treated him like a king. Following a bout with pneumonia, he was moved to Big Sky Care Center in Helena in September, 2002, where he was living at the time of his passing.

Hap was preceded in death by his wife Eunice, his parents, his brothers Lester and Howard Quick, his sister Alva Edwards, and his stepson Larry Walker. He is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Shirley Quick and Drew Livesay of Helena; stepsons and daughters-in-law, James and Pearl Walker of Riverton, Wyo., Robert and Kristy Walker of Dover, Ark., and Kenneth Walker of San Diego; stepdaughters and sons-in-law, Barbara and Paul Bessler of Montana City, and Virginia Hula of Flagstaff, Ariz.; sister-in-law, Ella Quick of Cody; brother-in-law, Otha Edwards of Greybull, Wyo.; 8 step-grandchildren; 9 step-great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews and their children,

A graveside service with Big Horn Lodge No.36 I.O.O.F. officiating and military honor will be held at 2 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 28. at the Riverside Cemetery in Cody. Following the graveside service, there will be a reception at the Odd Fellows Lodge. Memorials in Hap's name are suggested to the Cody Senior Citizen's Center. Services have been entrusted to Hagler-Anderson Mortuary, Helena.

**JAN 25 2002****SIDNEY —**

Funeral services for Amy Quilling, 84, of Sidney, will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 26, 2002, at the Lonsdale United Methodist Church, with Pastor Susan Twidwell officiating. Interment will be in the Sidney Cemetery, under the direction of Fulkerson Funeral Home of Sidney. Memorials preferred to the Sidney Health Center Hospice and the Lonsdale United Methodist Church.



**MRS.  
QUILLING**

Amy was born Nov. 4, 1917, in Stanley, Wis., the daughter of Edward and Hilda (Horgen) Rixford. Amy was raised in Stanley and attended school there, graduating from Stanley High School in 1935. She attended Teachers Training Department, a division of Eau Claire (Wis.) State Teachers College and received her teaching certificate in 1937. She did substitute teaching in the grade school in Stanley before her marriage to Walter Clement Quilling, on April 14, 1938.

Amy loved music and was involved in children's choir, adult choir, music club, Bob Johnson's Singers and as soprano soloist in Handel's "Messiah." She was a

soloist for many years, singing at many funerals and weddings.

She was a charter member of PEO Chapter BA for 53 years; a charter member of Sidney Music Club and was named First Lady of the Year for distinguished service to the community by Beta Sigma Phi. Walter was also a singer and they sang together often for churches, banquets and conventions. Amy also gave voice lessons for many years, and for years she owned and operated Amy's Resale.

Amy went home to her Lord on Tuesday, Jan. 22, 2002, at the Sidney Health Center's Extended Care Facility, surrounded by her family, as they sang "Steal Away to Jesus." Amy always accepted each day as a wonderful gift from God.

Amy is survived by her four children and their spouses; Thomas and Arline Quilling of Edina, Minn., Ronald and Candy Quilling, of Eden Prairie, Minn., Brenda Quilling, of Millbrook, N.Y., Debra Quilling of Columbia, S.C.; and her foster daughter, Ruthie Benton Smith, of Lake Oswego, Ore.; seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Edward and Hilda Rixford; husband Walter Clement Quilling; brothers, Howard and Robert Rixford and her sister, Alice.

## John 'Leonard' Quinnell

JUN 02 2002  
BILLINGS GAZETTE

SIDNEY — John "Leonard" Quinnell, 87, died Thursday, May 30, 2002, at the Sidney Health Center.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, June 4, at the Faith Alliance Church. Interment will be in the Richland Memorial Park. Fulkerson Funeral Home of Sidney is in charge.

## Augustine Quintana

BEAUFORT GAZETTE

NOV 07 2002

GILLETTE, Wyo. —  
Augustine "Auggie" Manuel  
Quintana, 49, died Monday, Nov.  
4, 2002, at his home.

Visitation will be from 5 to 8  
p.m. Thursday, Nov. 7, at  
Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home  
in Gillette. Mass of Christian  
Burial will be at 10 a.m. Friday,  
Nov. 8, at St. Matthew's Catholic  
Church.



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## Mary Dell Raaen

BILLINGS GAZETTE

FEB 24 2002

GREAT FALLS — Mary Dell Raaen, 62, of Great Falls, formerly of Harlowton, died Thursday, Feb. 21, 2002, in a Great Falls hospital.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 27, at the Perkins Funeral Home Chapel in Harlowton. Burial will follow in the Harlowton Cemetery.

## **William 'Allen' Rabe**

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — William "Allen" Rabe, 94, died Sunday, Sept. 1, 2002, at Memorial Hospital of Sheridan County.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial services will be at 4 p.m. Friday at First Presbyterian Church. Kane Funeral Home is in charge.

## **Donna Mae Raben**

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**JUL 25 2002**

**MILES CITY — Donna Mae Raben, 67, died Wednesday, July 24, 2002, at her home.**

**Visitation will be held Friday, July 26, at the Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, July 27, at First Lutheran Church in Miles City. Interment will follow in the family lot in Custer County Cemetery.**

**MAR 22 2002****Sharon K. Race**

**PARKMAN, Wyo.** — Sharon K. Race, 52, of Parkman, died Monday, March 18, 2002, at her home.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, March 21, at the Ranchester Community Church. Kane Funeral Home of Sheridan is in charge of local arrangements.

# Catherine Marie Racki

BILLINGS GAZETTE  
DEC 09 2002

## ROUNDUP

— Catherine Marie Racki, our loving mother, went to be with her heavenly father on Tuesday, Dec. 3, 2002.

Catherine Racki was born on June 30, 1918, in Klein, to Mary and Bill Piccolo. She graduated from Billings High School and attended Billings Business School. During that time, she met Steve Racki, who was working at the Billings brickyard, fell in love, got married on Dec. 31, 1937, and moved to Roundup. Steve Racki, her husband for 61 years, preceded Catherine in death on Feb. 27, 1999.

Catherine and Steve were the owners of the Miners Bar for many, many years in Number 3 just west of Roundup. They often had company for dinner, as an invitation was seldom turned down since Catherine had a well-known reputation as an excellent cook — always providing a warm home-cooked meal often with many specialty Italian or Yugoslavian recipes. In her later years she was delighted to view the daily visits from several deer, rabbits and various birds that



**CATHERINE  
RACKI**

reside around her home at Evergreen Street.

Catherine is survived by her brother, John Piccolo of Seattle; and her four children, Marie Corn (Richard) of Henderson, Nev., Judy Reighard (Ron) of Sunburst, Steve Racki (Luba) of Sparks, Nev., and John Racki (Wendy) of Roundup. They have 12 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Services will at 11 a.m. Monday, Dec. 9, at Wier's Chapel followed by interment at New Miners Cemetery.

In lieu of gifts or flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Roundup's Neighbors for a New Pool or to the charity of your choice.

# Jennie W. Radcliffe

BILLINGS GAZETTE

APR 25 2002

LIBBY — Jennie W. Radcliffe, 94, of Libby, formerly of Circle and Glendive, died Tuesday, April 23, 2002, at the Libby Care Center.

Mass of the Resurrection will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, April 30, at Sacred Heart Church in Glendive. Nelson & Vial Funeral Home of Libby is in charge of local arrangements.

# Terry 'Rip' Radcliffe

BILLINGS GAZETTE

DEC 20 2002

Terry "Rip" Radcliffe, 65, went to be with his Lord Jesus, unexpectedly, on Wednesday, Dec. 18, 2002, with his wife and four daughters by his side.



**TERRY  
RADCLIFFE**

Terry was born to Sadie and Tom Radcliffe in Fairfield, the youngest of two sons. He graduated from Carroll College with a BA degree in English and history, an MA in communication from the University of Montana, and a Ph.D. in interpersonal and group communication from the University of Denver. He held the position of information and education specialist in the U.S. Army in Germany 1959 to 1961. He taught communication at St. Thomas Seminary in Denver. In 1980, he moved to Billings and was the director of training and development at St. Vincent's Hospital for seven years. For the past 15 years, he has owned and managed his own consulting and seminar business, Transformation, Consulting and Seminars.

He was preceded in death by his granddaughter, Danielle Randall. He is survived by his wife of 41 years, Dixie Radcliffe; his daughters, Michelle Randall and

her husband Jon and their children Shae and Alexis of Tacoma, Wash., Chris Hulteng and her husband Steve of Kirkland, Wash., Rebecca Spanton and her husband Ryan of Duvall, Wash., and Theresa Bryant and her husband Paul of Bothell, Wash. He is also survived by his brother Jim Radcliffe of Bozeman and sister Betty Eslick of Kalispell. He loved his family dearly.

He was an avid reader, card player, fisherman and golfer and an active member of St. Bernard's parish. He enjoyed spending time with his wife, children, sons-in-law and grandchildren. He brought love, laughter, wisdom and affirmation to family, friends and the people in the community.

All friends and acquaintances are invited to attend the services honoring Terry. A vigil service will be held at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20, at St. Bernard's Parish and a funeral mass will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 21, at St. Bernard's Parish. Cremation will follow services.

Memorials may be made to the Boys and Girls Club, 505 Orchard Lane, Billings, MT 59101, Big Sky



Hospice, PO Box 33035, Billings,  
MT 59107 or to the Deaconess  
Foundation, 2917 10th Ave. N.,  
Billings, MT 59101.

Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary  
is in charge of arrangements.

**MAR 03 2002****Ruth Ann Rademacher**

POWELL, Wyo. — Ruth Ann Rademacher, 79, died Friday, March 1, 2002, at Powell Hospital.

Christian wake services will be at 7 p.m. Monday, March 4, at St. Barbara's Catholic Church in Powell. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, March 5, at St. Barbara's Catholic Church. Burial will be in Holy Cross Cemetery, Antioch, Calif. Miratsky-Easton Funeral Home of Powell is in charge.

## **Jennifer King-Radke**

**JUN 23 2002**  
**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**SIDNEY — Jennifer "Jenn" King-Radke, 25, died at her home on Friday, June 21, 2002.**

**Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Tuesday at the People's Congregational Church. Interment will be in the Sidney Cemetery. Fulkerson Funeral Home is in charge.**

## Lorraine B. Radke

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**DEC 01 2002**

MILES CITY — Lorraine B. Radke, 95, died Thursday, Nov. 28, 2002, at the Holy Rosary Health Center.

Visitation will begin on Monday, Dec. 2. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 3, at the Trinity Lutheran Church. Interment will follow at 3 p.m. in the family lot in the Sidney Memorial Cemetery. Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home of Miles City is in charge.

## Betty G. Rae

MAY 18 2002  
BILLINGS GAZETTE

Betty G. Rae was born Nov. 10, 1923. She passed away on May 16, 2002, at Eagle Cliff Manor, where she had been residing since suffering a massive stroke in July.



**BETTY RAE**

Betty is survived by her children and grandchildren, Linda and Bob Bergeson, Robb and Heather Bergeson, Mindy and Tim Brocopp, all of Billings, Doug, Kathy and Michael Rae of California, Jim, Whitney, Taylor and Kelsey Rae of Texas. Also surviving Betty is her sister, Orla and Dan Poindexter of California.

Betty was preceded in death by a son, Peter; and her husband, Doug.

Cremation has taken place.

Services will be held at a later date in Rock Rapids, Iowa.

## **Rick L. Raile**

**BELLINGS GAZETTE**

**FEB 28 2002**

CODY, Wyo. — Rick L. Raile, 45, of Cody, died Monday, Feb. 25, 2002, due to injuries received in a snowmobile accident near Top of the World.

Memorial services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday, March 1, at Ballard Funeral Home in Cody. Interment of cremains will follow in Riverside Cemetery.

# John Raines, Jr.

BILLINGS GAZETTE

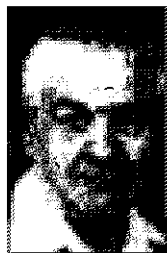
JUL 20 2002

## A Kind and Gentle Man

John Raines, Jr. passed away July 17, 2002, at St. Vincent Healthcare.

John was born Aug. 25, 1915, on the family homestead near

Bundy, Mont., a son of John Sr. and Stella (Kod-elka) Raines. At age 16, John worked on the Milwaukee Road. He moved to Billings in 1937. John was a



**JOHN  
RAINES, JR.**

“born” mechanic. He loved working on motors, making them run like new ones. He worked many years for the Hudson garage, MacIntyre Motors and retired from Archie Cochrane Ford in 1980.

John married Mildred Flannagan in 1944. Two sons were born of this union.

John enjoyed camping, fishing and hunting with his family.

His parents and a brother, Charles, preceded him in death. Survivors are Mildred, his wife of 58 years; two sons, Charles and David (Neva), both of Billings; a granddaughter, Lauralee of California; a grandson who put a sparkle in Grandpa’s eye, Jeff

Raines of Billings; a sister, Mollie Lachelt of Cascade; and a half-brother, Ben Raines of California.

At John’s request, cremation has taken place and there will be no services. A private family interment will be held at a later date.

# Myrle Rainey

BILLINGS GAZETTE

JUL 30 2002

GREYBULL, Wyo. —

Graveside memorial services for Myrle Rainey, 72, of Greybull, will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, Aug. 2, at Hillside Cemetery, Greybull.

Myrle passed away Friday, July 26, 2002, at the Deaconess Medical Center, Billings, Mont., from complications of COPD.

Myrle was born March 15, 1930, to George D. and Elsie (Merrill) Rainey at Annis, Idaho. He was the youngest of six children. He received his education in a country school near his home.

Myrle grew up in South Eastern, Idaho, near the South Fork of the Snake River, where he spent his early years fishing with his father and older brothers. Myrle was an excellent fisherman and had a great love and respect for the sport. At one time, he, Red Lindsey and Emil Kugler spent a month in Alaska fishing, a once-in-a-lifetime experience. Whether he was fishing a stream or from a boat on a lake, he could always catch fish. In later years, Myrle and LaWana enjoyed seven winters in Yuma, Ariz., making many friends and pursuing his love of fishing by catching catfish. Myrle was not just a fisherman, but also a hunter, a bowler and a

golfer. He was a lifetime member of Midway Golf Club, midway between Basin and Greybull.

Myrle met LaWana Hanson, daughter of Lee and Ila Hanson in 1947. They were married on Oct. 15, 1949, in Rigby, Idaho. At that time, Myrle was working for LaWana's father in the honey business in Rigby. Later on, the Hansons moved the honey business to Greybull, and, wanting Myrle to join them and LaWana's brother, Darrel Hanson, in that business, they moved to the Wyoming location on April 10, 1950. That fall, after the honey was harvested, Myrle went to work for Dwight Harvey in a gas station, later going to work for Core Chevrolet, then back to the Hanson Bee Business in the spring. In the winter of 1952, Myrle was in an automobile accident while coming home from a visit with his family in Idaho, in which he sustained a broken back. That injury ended



his job in the bees. He then went to work, again, for Core Chevrolet, working full time for 10 years. When he concluded his work there, he started working for Minter Auto, in the building now occupied by Bumper to Bumper. Myrle worked for various owners for the next 32 years, retiring in 1992. He was affectionately known by his coworkers as "Mert." After retiring, Myrle worked with his friend, Terry Kunkle, at the Hillside Cemetery.

Myrle was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his father and mother-in-law, Lee and Ila Hanson; one brother, Alvin; grandson, Michael Howe; special niece, Lynda Andrews; special nephew, Max Geisler; and brother-in-law, Darrel Hanson.

Myrle is survived by his wife, LaWana Rainey, of 52 years; daughters, Cheryle Ann (Mike) Howe of Greybull, Wyo., and Vicki Lyn Wright of Mesquite, Nev.; seven grandchildren, Cheryl (Vern) Edeler, Robby (Heather) Howe, Keith Wright, Shauna (Chris) Ewen, Kenneth (Victoria) Wright, Shalena (John) Taylor, all of Greybull; a sister, Inez Geisler of Rigby, Idaho; three brothers, Cecil Rainey of Rexburg, Idaho, Don Rainey of Moses Lake, Wash., and Dee Rainey of Rigby, Idaho;

and seven great-grandchildren, Zane, Madison, and Tatem Edeler, Avery Howe, Elias and Ashlyn Ewen, and Gabe Wright.

Myrle was respected for his honesty and for the great love he had for his family. He was always so happy for their visits. His grandchildren looked forward to the summer get-togethers when "Gramps" would instigate a free-for-all water fight with him as one of the most active participants.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Greybull Volunteer Fire Department and Ambulance Service, c/o Town of Greybull, 24 South Fifth Street, Greybull, WY 82426.

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

## Joseph Jacob Raisl

JUN 04 2002

BELLINGHAM GAZETTE

GLENDIVE — Joseph Jacob Raisl, 95, died Sunday, June 2, 2002, at the Glendive Medical Center Extended Care Facility.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 2 p.m. Friday, June 7, at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Glendive. Rite of Committal will be held in Dawson Memorial Cemetery. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Glendive is in charge.

## **Elmer A. Raisler**

**THE BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**DEC 31 2002**

BEACH, N.D. — Elmer A. Raisler, 90, died Sunday, Dec. 29, 2002, at St. Joseph's Hospital in Dickinson.

Masonic service will be at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home in Beach. Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at the United Community Church in Beach.

# Dr. Grant Pierce Raitt

Grant Pierce Raitt, 89 years young, was reunited with his Heavenly Father on Wednesday, Nov. 20, 2002. He died in his home surrounded by family and caregivers.

Grant was born on July 26, 1913, in Lewistown, to Francis "Frank" Frederik Raitt and Clarissa "Clara" Mary Pierce Raitt. He was preceded in death by both parents and his older sister, Margaret (Raitt) Gilfeather.



**GRANT RAITT**

Grant's mother passed away of pneumonia in 1917 when he was three years old. Following his mother's death, Grant and his sister, Margaret, were raised by their grandmother, Margaret (Schlaeger) Pierce.

His grandmother made sure that Grant took piano lessons, fostering a life-long love for music. He took organ lessons and enjoyed playing the "old tunes of his era." When Dad played his favorite music on the CD player, he would tap on his chest and proclaim, "They just touch you right here!"

When Grant was 17, his grandmother died. Grant's father, a photographer, moved his family to Helena. In 1931, Grant completed his senior year in Helena while his father owned and operated a grocery store.

MISSOULA GAZETTE

NOV 24 2002

In the summer of 1934, Grant moved to Fort Peck and helped build the Fort Peck Dam. He earned \$0.75 an hour as a construction helper.

Fall 1934, Grant enrolled at Montana State University in Missoula (now UM), as a geology major. One of his most memorable times was working with a surveying team in the Morrison Cave (Lewis and Clark Caverns). He was one of the first people to explore and document the cave findings. In 1937 Grant decided to switch from the geology major to medicine; he was accepted at St. Louis (Mo.) University.

During the summers, he worked as a tourist camp inspector for the Montana State Board of Health. This gave him the opportunity to travel around the state and earn money for his college tuition. In the summer of 1938 Grant agreed to a blind date with Viola Blier from Clyde Park "It was love at first sight!" said Grant. After three days of courtship, Grant asked Viola to marry him and she accepted; they were married in Boulder on June 26, 1939.

Viola, who was a schoolteacher, had to keep the marriage a secret, as teachers were not permitted to marry during those times. The new

sweethearts needed Viola's income, so they lived apart, and kept their marriage a secret until Viola's teaching contract was completed.

They resided in St. Louis while Grant finished medical school. WWII was underway and in 1941, before Grant could complete his residency, he enlisted in the Army as a medical doctor; he served in Europe for three years.

Like his father, photography was a passion of Grant's. He was one of few servicemen who was allowed to take a camera overseas. During the war, he captured priceless pictures of famous European sites, Hitler's quarters, and Napoleon's castle. Capt. Raitt was awarded the Bronze Star for his "professional skill and intense application and loyal, untiring devotion to duty."

While serving with the 104th Evacuation Hospital in Europe, he discovered new ideas in X-ray technology that had been advanced by the Germans. He realized that there were many innovations being made in radiation therapy and felt that "if we wanted Billings to continue as an outstanding medical center, a change was needed in radiation therapy services."

Grant safely returned to St. Louis in 1945, where he completed his radiology residency in 1947. It was there that their first child, Melina, was born. After his residency, the young family moved to Billings. Between the years of 1949 and 1953, Grant and Viola wel-

comed two more daughters, Marlene and Bonita, and a son, Gary.

After a few years developing X-ray film for a local doctor, Dr. Raitt opened his own practice in the Doctor's Building. His medical practice and popularity grew because he was known for being an outstanding radiologist. He was also a staff member of Deaconess Billings Clinic and St. Vincent Healthcare.

Grant installed the first megavolt radiology machine in Montana in 1955 at the Doctor's Building. Not only did he install this machine, he purchased it by mortgaging his home. In the early 1970's he began a drive to raise funds for a regional cancer treatment facility. August, 1976, the Northern Rockies Cancer Center treated its first patient. Dr. Raitt treated and consoled patients from all over the country during his ten years with the center.

In the spring of 1968, Dr. Raitt put his medical practice on hold for several months to volunteer his services during the Vietnam War, serving in Hue City. His experiences in Vietnam had a profound and humbling effect on his life.

Between 1957 and 1997, Dr. Raitt owned three beautiful ranches where he spent weekends and evenings improving buildings, repairing fences, irrigating, pregnancy testing his cows, and planting crops to feed up to 500 cattle. He was known and respected in the agricultural community for his innovative techniques and tireless energy to make his land produc-

DR. GRANT H. RAITT

tive.

For 20 summers, Grant took his family to Hebgen Lake where they spent several weeks fishing, boating, and sleeping in tents. He loved telling stories about numerous rafting and boating trips he took with colleagues and friends.

After 30 years in medical practice he retired. He and Viola took wonderful trips to Hawaii, Africa, Egypt, Scotland, Canada, Mexico, England, and Japan. Grant especially enjoyed two trips he and Viola took to Scotland to trace his ancestry and visit the Raitt Castle, which had belonged to his ancestors.

Grant relished physical labor, especially carpentry, so he and his son built two homes on his Red Lodge ranch. He and Viola spent many weekends, summers, and holidays at the ranch with their children and grandchildren. Grant also loved playing the organ, singing, winemaking, and planting beautiful, productive gardens.

Dr. Raitt was a proud member of the Elks Club and the Rotary Club. He had an amicable personality and was known for his "charming, witty, and compassionate bedside manner." Grant was a supportive and caring father and husband, devout member of the First Presbyterian Church. He will be remembered by many people whose lives he touched, for his incredible energy, and his numerous accomplishments.

Grant is survived by his beautiful wife of 63 years, Viola; four chil-

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dren, Melina Hawkins (Billings), Marlene Raitt (Libby), Bonita Burton (Roundup), Gary Raitt (Billings); seven grandchildren, Michelle Wilburn, Brandi Budell, Kristi Elliott, Bryce Thompson, and James, Joshua, and JaDeen Wright; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Special thanks and appreciation to all those who lovingly cared for Grant during his illness; Big Sky Hospice and the Professional Nursing Pool.

Funeral services and a reception will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, Nov. 25, at the First Presbyterian Church. Interment with military honors will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens. Memorials can be sent to the Northern Rockies Cancer Center or Big Sky Hospice.

Dahl Funeral Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

Dad, we love you and we'll always cherish our special memories of you. God bless you.

## Cruz Baez Ramirez

Cruz Baez Ramirez, 80, of Billings, passed away Saturday afternoon, Dec. 29, 2001, surrounded by her family. Cruz was born in Evansville, Texas, on Jan. 5, 1921, a daughter of Manuel Baez, Sr. and Cruz Reyes Padilla.

In 1947, she married Raymond Ramirez in Nebraska. She lived most of her life in Billings, where she worked as a housekeeper for the Northern Hotel. In her spare time, she liked to sew and crochet and she was a faithful, active member of Our Lady of Guadalupe Church.

Survivors include her daughter, Lorraine Morris-King and her husband, Thurman, of Billings; three sisters, Lucy Luna of California, Betty Perez of Nebraska and Linda Guzman of Billings; two brothers, Ralph (Gloria) Baez and Manuel Baez;

three grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren, all of Billings; and numerous nephews and nieces. Cruz was preceded in

death by her parents; a sister Francis Fabella and two brothers, Victor and Joe Baez.



**MRS.  
RAMIREZ**

Visitations will begin Wednesday. The Vigil Service will be

at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 3, at the Smith Downtown Chapel. The Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 4, at Our Lady of Guadalupe with Rite of Committal to follow at Holy Cross Cemetery. Smith Downtown Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

## Elijah Daniel Ramos

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Elijah Daniel Ramos, infant son of John and Rachel Ramos, passed away Thursday, Aug. 1, 2002. He was eight days old.

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Survivors include his parents of Laurel; grandparents Doug and Paula Pochls of Laurel; Susan DeLaGarza of Desert Hot Springs, Calif.; and Remijio Ramos (Chris) of Parachute, Colo. Also surviving him are great-grandparents, and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: 2 Timothy 4:7

Funeral services will be 1 p.m., Wednesday, at Tree of Life Wesleyan Church, 36th and Broadwater. Interment will be in Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Michelotti-Sawyers has charge of arrangements.



## **Viola Fernandez Ramos**

WORLAND, Wyo. — Viola Fernandez Ramos, 93, of Worland, died Thursday, Feb. 21, 2002, at her home.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, Feb. 25, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Church in Worland. Burial will follow in Riverview Memorial Gardens Cemetery. Bryant Funeral Home of Worland is in charge.

## Jess Clement Ramsey

LAUREL — Jess C. Ramsey, 98, of Laurel, died Thursday, Jan. 24, 2002.

Jess was born Friday, Nov. 13, 1903, the son of Albert Lincoln and Jenny Vivian McDaniel Ramsey in Worland, Bates County, Mo.

At an early age, his parents moved the family from Nebraska to Ronan. His three sisters and brother came by train from Missoula to Joliet, where their father, Albert L. Ramsey was working and later homesteaded on 80 acres, about seven miles northwest of Joliet. It was there Jess went to school at the Cole Creek School.

He graduated from the eighth grade in Joliet, where he worked for his room and board at the Luther Smith Hotel. For spending money, he tended the coal furnace at the Joliet Bank. For a while he worked on several farms in the vicinity.

One winter, he hauled hay from Joe Monahan at Roberts to Red Lodge where almost everyone had a cow to feed and milk to sell.

Jess married Margaret Jackson on Aug. 31, 1929. In 1930, he rode a freight train to Libby and worked in the timber, skidding logs until that fall. Then he and Margaret moved to Kalispell where Jess worked at a cafe. In November, they came back to Silesia, where Margaret's father

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had surgery and passed away. Jess stayed on the ranch two years to help Mrs. Ada Jackson. During the depression years, Jess worked on various farms in the summer, sugar beet dumps at Silesia in the fall and cooked at one of the three cafes in Laurel.

In 1943, he went to Seattle and worked until 1944. He joined the Army and spent 15 months cooking on a small boat ferrying officers to various to various islands where lights and artillery were placed. When he came home, he got a job working at Midland Packing in Billings.

He later worked for Montana Butane and Propane for 17 years. Jess retired from truck driving in January, 1963 after he was severely burned in an explosion and fire at the Montana Propane yard in Billings.

Jess and Margaret bought 80 acres near Worden, raising feeder pigs, bucket calves and sheep. They then moved to Bridger. Jess worked as a state brand inspector and as a ditch rider for Sand Creek Ditch and the Fromberg Ditch. In 1988, they retired and bought a house in Laurel.

Jess is survived by his loving wife, Margaret.

Memorial and committal services will take place at a later date. Smith Funeral Chapel-Laurel was in charge of cremation.

## **Mary Peck Ramsey**

**THERMOPOLIS, Wyo.** — Mary Alice Peck Ramsey, 71, died Wednesday, Sept. 25, 2002, at Central Wyoming Hospice in Casper.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 28, at the First Baptist Church in Thermopolis. Burial will follow in Riverside Cemetery. Mortimore Funeral Home of Thermopolis is in charge.

## **Anna L. Randall**

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Anna L. Randall, 77, died Friday, Nov. 15, 2002, in Memorial Hospital of Sheridan County.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m., Monday, Nov. 18, at the First United Methodist Church. Burial will be in Acacia Section, Masonic Lodge 43, in the Sheridan Municipal Cemetery. Champion Ferries Funeral Home is in charge.

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## Arla Randall

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MILES CITY — Arla Randall, 58, of Miles City, died Tuesday, Nov. 26, 2002, at Deaconess Billings Clinic.

Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 1, at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, Dec. 2, Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City. Interment will follow in Cody, Wyo.

## Donald D. Randall

## BILLINGS GAZETTE

BUFFALO, Wyo. — Donnie Randall, 51, of Buffalo, died Tuesday, July 30, 2002, at the Johnson County Health Care Center.

Visitation will be from 1 to 10 p.m. Friday, Aug. 2, at Adams Funeral Home in Buffalo. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 3, at Adams Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will be in Willow Grove Cemetery.

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## Pearl Randash

BAKER — Pearl Randash, 89, passed away on Friday, April 5, 2002, at the Fallon Medical Complex, Baker. She was born on May 3, 1912, at Carlyle, the daughter of Peder and Ida (Lindstrom) Hartse.



**PEARL  
RANDASH**

Pearl attended school in Carlyle and graduated from Wibaux High School in 1929. She married George Randash in Glendive on Feb. 3, 1931. During the depression years, George and Pearl moved their young family, including Pearl's father and younger sister, to Portland, Ore. In 1945, they returned to Baker and established Randash Motors, which has remained with the family ever since.

For many years, Pearl worked as a sales clerk at B&F, Rexall Drug, JCPenny, and Samsel's Department Store. She was very active with the Lutheran Church and Ladies' Aide. Pearl loved to play cards. She was also very involved in the lives of her grandchildren. Pearl adored her great-grandchildren and treasured the time spent with her family over the years.

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She is preceded in death by her parents, her husband, George, two brothers, Mervin and Lawrence, an infant twin brother and sister, and an infant granddaughter, Georgette. Pearl is survived by a son, Bill (Phyllis) of Baker; a daughter, Ida Marie Bickle of Salt Lake City; a sister, Marva (Vern) Wolcott of Salt Lake City; five grandchildren, Dennis (Brandie) Randash and Patti (Rod) Morris, all of Baker, Billie Jo (Steve) Madler of Bismarck, N.D., Phillip Randash of Butte, and Marva Lee Bickle of Salt Lake City; and seven great-grandchildren, Sarah, Charlotte, Jeff, Erik, Evan, Will and Breanna.

A prayer service will be held at 7 p.m. on Monday, April 7, in the Stevenson Funeral Home in Baker. A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, April 8, in the American Lutheran Church in Baker. Burial will be at the family lot in the Bonnievale Cemetery. Stevenson Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

# Arne Ranta

# BILLINGS GAZETTE

## AUG - 4 2002

RED LODGE — Arne Axel Ranta, age 90, passed away Friday, Aug. 2, 2002, in Red Lodge. He was born Oct. 12, 1911, in Red Lodge to Hilma and Adolph Ranta. Arne attended school in Red Lodge and became a partner with his father in the construction business.



**ARNE RANTA**

He met and married Ellen Wallis in Red Lodge and they would have celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary on Nov. 19.

Arne and his family traveled extensively in Oregon, Idaho and Montana during WWII, working as a building superintendent on federal projects. In 1955 he and his family moved to Billings to further pursue the building trade. He was a foreman and a superintendent for several major construction companies during the next 20 years.

He was known for his work ethics and as a master carpenter; he was a mentor for many of his fellow workers. He felt the need to be active and closed out his career as a building inspector for the HUD in Billings at the age of 75.

In 1986 he moved back to acreage just outside Red Lodge where his wife's parents had homesteaded. Arne continued to work with wood and to enjoy his retirement. He was very proud of the handmade cradles that he made for each of his newly arrived great-grandchildren.

While in Red Lodge he was a proud member of the BPOE Eagles Lodge, and the Knights of Kileva, and attended the First Methodist Church. He and his father donated a room to the Red Lodge Hospital, and every time he was hospitalized he would request that he be placed in that room which, to his dismay, had been turned into an office many years ago.

His father, his mother, his brother Atie Ranta, sisters Miriam Niemis and Nora Semenza preceded him in death. Survivors include his wife, Ellen Ranta, of Red Lodge; daughter Adela Iams (Jeffrie) of Billings; brother Allen Ranta of Savannah, Ga.; and his sister, Dagmar Quickstad of Lakeside, Calif. Four

grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews also survive Arne.

Services will be held at 1 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 6, at the Olcott Funeral Home in Red Lodge. A reception is planned immediately after the service.

Memorials may be made to the Arthritis Fund or to Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch.

# Rose M. Rapos

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## LAME DEER

— Rose M. Rapos, age 66, of Lame Deer, passed away Monday, Feb. 25, 2002, at the Deaconess Billings Hospital, following a short battle with cancer.



**MRS. RAPOS**

Rose was born on March 25, 1935, in Lame Deer, the daughter of Jerry and Alice (Harris) Kinzel. She grew up on the family ranch north of Lame Deer and attended school in Lame Deer and the Busby Boarding School, later graduating from Terry High School. On Dec. 17, 1955, Rose was united in marriage to Charles P. Rapos in Fallon. To this union, four children were born, Diane, Virginia, John and Don.

Together, they made their home in Fallon until Charles passed away in 1973. Rose then moved back to Lame Deer. She loved her flowers and gardening, as well as quilting, knitting and needlework in general. She also enjoyed attending quilt shows and traveling. Most especially, she loved and enjoyed her family and grandchildren. She was loved and will be missed by all.

Rose is survived by two sons, John Rapos of West St. Paul, Minn., Don Rapos of Lame Deer;

one daughter Diane Rapos of Lame Deer; two grandchildren Dustie Rose One Bear and Avery One Bear; one brother, Oscar Kinzel and his wife Gloria of Lame Deer; three sisters, Cecelia Medicine Elk of Lame Deer, Heler Hiwalker of Lame Deer and Cyrilla Bearchum of Ashland. She is also survived by several special nieces, nephews and cousins. She is preceded in death by her parents; her daughter Virginia; her brother Virgil Kinzel; and her sister Emma Fotland.

Funeral services will be on Thursday, Feb. 28, at 11 a.m. in the Lame Deer Mennonite Church in Lame Deer. Burial will be at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to the Northern Rockies Cancer Center (PEAKS) program at 1041 N. 29 ST Billings, MT 59101.

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

## Loraine Rapstad

WORDEN — Ada Loraine Powers Rapstad was born June 9, 1921, in Custer, and passed away Sept. 11, 2002. She was the daughter of James and Marion Powers and had one sister, Geraldine Powers Propp. Loraine spent her childhood in the Custer and Huntley Project areas and graduated from Huntley Project High School in 1939. After graduation, she was employed by Belt Mercantile Co. and the Worden Creamery.



**LORAIN  
RAPSTAD**

She married Arthur Rapstad, Sept. 16, 1939, and after living in Basin, Wyo., they moved back to the Project and then to Custer in 1956, opening the Trail Carter (Exxon) Company, where she would remain until 1999. She drove the westbound bus for the Custer Public Schools, worked and managed the Exxon station, clerked for the Greyhound Bus Co., and was treasurer of the Custer Congregational Church. She moved back to Huntley

Project in 1999.

A strong, witty lady with a huge heart, she will be remembered and missed for her simple soft-spoken demeanor and for her total commitment to family, friends, and community (not to mention her cookies) — all of which she loved. Her hobby was people.

She is survived by her daughter, Myrna Watson-Weinzell and husband John; her son David Rapstad and wife Deb; four grandchildren, Michael Watson, Michelle Watson, Heather Bennett, Justin De Cock; four great-grandchildren; Ashly Bennett, Hailee Bennett, Lukas De Cock and Logan De Cock; four sisters-in-law, two brothers-in-law, cousins, nieces, nephews and great-nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to the organization or charity of your choice.

Cremation has taken place at Smith's Crematory. Services will be held in conjunction with Herbert and Gerry Propp, 10:30 a.m. Monday, Sept. 16, at the Ballantine City Park. Interment will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

**LAME DEER** — A very special young man, beloved by all his family and friends, went to our Creator Mahe'o on Thursday, Sept. 19, 2002, in a truck/train accident in Rifle, Colo.

Caleb was born on May 29, 1980, at Crow Agency. He spent the greater part of his childhood at Muddy Creek and loved hanging out at his Grandma Tee Tee's and Auntie Dixie's.

Caleb was a "true person" to all who came to know him, kind and soft-spoken. He was never one to rush through life; he always took the time to think things through. Caleb taught us all the true meaning of patience and understanding. He loved all his family dearly, from all the little ones to his cousins, who took him as a brother, his aunts, uncles and grandparents. He loved his friends and they loved him.

Caleb worked occasionally as a seasonal firefighter, being a member of the Montana Indian Fire Fighters since 1999 at the Northern Cheyenne BIA Fire Management based at his home in Lame Deer. He completed Sage Truck Driving School in Miles City, earning high marks in April 2000.

This past August, Caleb stepped out into this world to pursue his career in truck driving and was employed by McDonald Trucking.

He is survived by his mother, Yolanda; his sister, Alethea; two brothers, Alan (Geraldyn), and Justin; his nieces and nephews, Jade, Aisha, Anannda, Courtney, Tiara, Richard and Kaysara; his grandparents Richard and Francis Ras of Loma Linda, Calif., Lee and Juanita Lonebear of Lame Deer, and Emil Fraser of Ashland. Aunts, uncles, and cousins also survive him. His father, Douglas Ras, preceded him in death.

Services will take place 11 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 25, at the Boys and Girls Club of the Northern Cheyenne Nation in Lame Deer.

Contact Dahl Funeral Home in Hardin for more information.

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## Ray W. Rask

MILES CITY — Ray W. Rask, age 73, of Miles City, passed away on Tuesday, April 2, 2002, at his home, after a courageous battle with lung cancer.

Ray was born on Dec. 2, 1928, in Miles City, the youngest child of Ray and Anna Crone Rask. He received his education in Miles City, Ray enlisted in the United States Navy in



**RAY RASK**

1946. Following his discharge, he returned to Miles City and went to work for the Milwaukee Railroad. Ray married Mary Jean Phillippi in October of 1947. To this union, one son was born. Mary Jean passed away on September of 1949. Joanne Stark and Ray were united in marriage on March 19, 1953, in Miles City. In 1968, Ray was promoted to Trainmaster for the Milwaukee Railroad and transferred to St. Paul, Minn., and later to Mason City, Iowa. He returned to Miles City in October of 1972 and resumed work as a locomotive engineer until 1982, when the railroad shut down. He then went to work for the Burlington Northern Railroad until he retired in 1986.

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Ray was a life member of the Elks Lodge. He enjoyed his winters in Arizona and spending time with his sons and his grandchildren.

Ray is survived by his wife, Joanne Rask of Miles City; sons, Doug (Sue) Rask of Kenai, Alaska; Paul (Linda) Rask of Miles City; David Rask of Miles City and Mark Rask of Los Angeles; six grandchildren, Rex, Amy, Madison Jo, MacKenzie Rae, Kalli and Kelsey; and a sister, Betty (Jim) Devine of Huntley. He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Fern.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, April 6, at 11 a.m. in the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Miles City. Private family interment will follow at a later time in the Eastern Montana State Veteran's Cemetery. Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home of Miles City is in charge of the arrangements.

Should friends desire, memorials may be made to the Eastern Montana Cancer Center, Holy Rosary Hospice or to the charity of one's choice.



## **Carl E. Rasmussen**

ZORTMAN — Carl E. Rasmussen, 63, of Zortman, died Sunday, May 12, 2002, at the Veterans Hospital in Sheridan, Wyo., of heart failure.

Memorial services will be 11 a.m. Saturday, May 18, at the Adams Funeral Home Memorial Chapel in Malta. Interment of the cremated remains will be at a later date.

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**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

## CeCelia Rasmussen, 91

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SIDNEY — Mass of the Christian Burial for CeCelia Rasmussen, 91, of Sidney, are at 10 a.m. on Saturday, June 1, 2002, at the St. Matthew's Catholic Church, with Father Ned Shinnick as presider. Wake services are at 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 31, at the Fulkerson Memorial Chapel. Interment will be in the Newlon Cemetery, under the direction of the Fulkerson Funeral Home of Sidney.

CeCelia Irene was born on Nov. 11, 1910, the daughter of Rose Ellen Obergfell and Patrick M. Kelly in Sidney at the home of her Aunt Annie. She spent her childhood on the Kelly homestead near Lambert and at the old O'Brien Stagecoach House in Newlon. CeCelia attended school at Newlon and Hardy before graduating from Sidney High School in 1928. After spending a year in nursing at Columbus Hospital in Great Falls, she returned to Sidney to work at Finneman's Jewelry Store. In October of 1935, CeCelia married Ejnar Rasmussen at St. Philomena's Catholic Church of Sidney.

Besides being a homemaker, CeCelia worked for Dr. L.J. Peterson, Sr., Dr. Morell and Dr. Harper as a nurse/receptionist, and later for Yellowstone Livestock Yard, running the calculator. She started a third career

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doing painting and wallpapering in area homes after retiring from Yellowstone Livestock. Additionally, she was an active

member of St. Matthew's Altar Society, a charter member of the Moose, where she was a member of the Academy of Friendship and a member of the Ridgelawn Homemakers' Club.



**CECELIA  
RASMUSSEN**

CeCelia was well known for her gardening, her generosity in helping others, which continued through her time at the nursing home, and her love of

family and family gatherings.

CeCelia passed away Tuesday, May 28, 2002, at the Sidney Health Center Extended Care Facility.

CeCelia lived in the Sidney area all her life. She is survived by her daughter, Rosemary (Al) Burgess of Sidney; son, Roger (Renee) Rasmussen of Chester; grandchildren, Miranda (Pat) Corrigan of Portland, Ore., Mitche (Rene) Burgess of Sidney, "Tuke" (Chandra) Burgess of Casper, Wyo., Eric Berryman, Nicole Berryman; great-grandchildren, Grant Burgess, Brady Burgess, Burke Burgess, Jase Corrigan, Cole Corrigan, Trey Corrigan, Ciera

Burgess; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Einar Rasmussen; sister, Alice McGrady; brothers, Charlie Kelly and Jim Kelly, Sr.

## Lloyd Rasmussen

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GLASGOW — Lloyd Gerald Rasmussen, 74, of Glasgow, died Wednesday, Dec. 25, 2002, from complications after open heart surgery at Benefis East in Great Falls. Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday, Dec. 30, at Bell Mortuary Chapel in Glasgow. A private interment will be held.

# Lois Rasmussen

# BILLINGS GAZETTE

## AUG 10 2002

TAYLOR, N.D. — Lois Rasmussen, 74, beloved sister, mother and grandmother, went to be with her savior on Tuesday, Aug. 6, 2002.

Funeral services in Taylor will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, Aug. 12, at Taylor Lutheran Church. Funeral services in Billings will be held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 13, at First English Lutheran Church. Interment will be in Mountview Cemetery, Billings.

Lois Mildred Elkins was born Sept. 24, 1927, in Taylor, to Sivert and Elsie (Larsen) Elkins. She grew up in the Taylor area and attended Concordia College for two years. She married Lowell Rasmussen on Sept. 8, 1948, in Taylor. They moved to Billings in 1958.

Lois graduated from EMC in 1969 with a degree in elementary education and a minor in library science. She taught school for several years and then became a librarian at Garfield Elementary in Billings. Lois volunteered at Moss Mansion, St. John's Auxiliary and Boy Scout office.



**LOIS  
RASMUSSEN**

Lois had a servant heart which was evident in her many activities at Peace Lutheran Church, where she was a member for many years. She was a member of Sweet Adeline's, Lioness Club and Lois Club. She played in the bell choir at Peace Lutheran and was a caregiver at the Ronald McDonald House in Billings on weekends for many years. Her grandchildren and great-grandchildren were the light of her life. She was always there for birthdays, graduations, weddings, dance recitals, concerts and plays. Her husband died in 1983 and she moved to Taylor in May of 2002.

Her memory lives on in the hearts of her three sons, Daniel (Karen) Rasmussen, Glendive, Mont., Philip (Becky) Rasmussen, Montclair, Va., Alan Rasmussen, Alliance, Neb.; one daughter, Sylvia (UB) Schlieper,

Dickinson; three sisters, Eleanor (David) Dunlop, Paw Paw, Mich.; Laurie (Bob) Lively, Santa Maria, Calif.; Johnnie Wallentine, Mabank, Texas; one sister-in-law, Leota Elkins, Taylor; one brother-in-law, Richard Rasmussen, Frannie, Wyo.; seven grandchildren, Kirsten (Peter) Grunnet, Burnsville, Minn., Kyla Rasmussen, Ft. Riley, Kan., Kevin Rasmussen, Glendive, Erich (Colleen) Schlieper, Frederick, Md., Kris (Angela) Schlieper, Virginia Beach, Va., Lindsey Schlieper, Glendive, Lonnie Schlieper, Dickinson; two great-grandchildren, Isaac and Maren Grunnet, Burnsville, Minn.; and many nieces, nephews and special friends, Greg and Martha McDowell, Nick, Jessica, Kelsie and Terra.

Lois was preceded in death by her husband, Lowell; her parents, Sivert and Elsie Elkins; brother, Bob Elkins; sister-in-law, Sophie Rasmussen; brother-in-law, Dale Wallentine; and niece, Linda Rasmussen.

Memorials are preferred to: Billings Ronald McDonald House, the Boy Scouts and Peace Lutheran Church, Billings.

Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary has charge of local arrangements.

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**Margaret A. Rasmussen**

LOVELL, Wyo. — Margaret A. Rasmussen, 81, died Wednesday, April 3, 2002, at New Horizons Care Center in Lovell.

Private family graveside services were held at Riverside Cemetery. Ballard Funeral Home of Cody is in charge.

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## **Norman Rasmussen**

**FLAXVILLE** — Norman Rasmussen, 59, died Sunday, Sept. 1 at the Daniels Memorial Hospital.

Graveside services will be 10 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 4 in the Flaxville Cemetery. If inclement weather, service will be in the Zion Lutheran Church. Waller Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.



# Vesta Erickson Rasmussen

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BILLINGS GAZETTE

BURLINGTON, Wyo. — Vesta Erickson Rasmussen, 84, of Burlington, died Monday, June 3, 2002, at West Park Hospital in Cody.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, June 7, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Burlington. Viewing will be held one hour prior to services at the Burlington LDS Chapel. Haskell Funeral Home of Lovell is in charge.

## Mary Adelaide Rathbun

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WILLINGS GAZETTE

**KALISPELL** — Mary Adelaide Rathbun, age 86, passed away Monday, June 17, 2002, at the Heritage Place in Kalispell. She was born Oct. 26, 1915, in Wibaux, to Frank E. and Jenny (Bailey) Clark.

Mary was the youngest of five children, and her parents passed away within two years of each other by the time she was 4 years old. She was then raised by her maternal grandmother in Glendive. Mary received her early education in Glendive before leaving school to help support the family. She met her husband, Archie Rathbun, while visiting her sister in Roundup, and the couple was married on April 17, 1937. The family traveled Montana following work from coal mining, to logging, ranching and gambling. After 47 years together, Archie passed away in 1986.

Mary has many loves: among them, her love of animals and wildlife. She never learned to drive, but loved traveling in a car. As long as there was someone to play with, Mary could sit for hours playing dominos or cards; she was fond of what she called her "Poker Luck." Mary enjoyed going to her daughter's in Somers and spending time with her para-

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keets, Buddy and Pete. She would also sit on the back porch and watch the waterfall, creek, pond, dogs, horses, cat and the birds at the feeder.

Mary was preceded in death by her husband; one daughter; one son; one sister; and two brothers. She is survived by five daughters, Mary Jean of Kalispell, Barbara and Don Keidrowski of Billings, Bonnie and Wayne Warren of Michigan, Rose and Clark Dodd of Oakville, Wash., and Juanita and Bruce Nelson of Kalispell; two sons; Fred and Cheryl Rathbun of Washington, and Bill Rathbun of Tacoma, Wash.; one brother, Fred and Evelyn Clark of Washington; 14 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

Memorial services for Mary will be held at a later date.

Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

# Antonia 'Toni' Polich Ratkovich

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NOV 15 2002

**ROUNDUP** — Antonia, "Toni," Polich Ratkovich, 85, passed away Nov. 10, 2002.

Toni was born on Aug. 23, 1917, south of Roundup in the Bull Mountains, not far from the family ranch.

She was the youngest of five children. Her parents were George and Antonija Radosevich Polich. Toni attended school at Klein. On Sept. 27, 1941, Nicki Ratkovich and Toni were married at Livingston. Nicki preceded her in death on Nov. 9, 1991.

Aunt Toni loved many things in her life. One was watching the beautiful Montana sunsets with her husband, Nicki. Another was cooking and baking. She truly loved all of her recipes, and her homemade soups were fantastic. Aunt Toni loved all of her nieces and nephews, especially the babies. She liked to "pinch their fat little cheeks." And last, but not least, she loved all of God's creatures. She would always be so excited to spot a herd of antelope or deer on the way to Billings. Toni also loved her little dog, "Pepper," with all of her heart.

Toni is survived by her sister, Mayme Barnabei; numerous nieces and nephews; and her adopted family, Florence and Velma Scott.

In lieu of flowers, memorial may be made to The Rimrock Humane Society, PO Box 834 Roundup, MT 59072.

Visitation will be from 5 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 14, at the Wier Funeral Chapel. Funeral services will be 1 p.m. Friday Nov. 15, at Wier Funeral Chapel. Interment to follow at the Roundup City Cemetery.

Wier Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

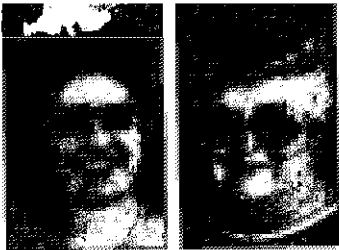
## John Ratliff, Jr.

## BILLINGS GAZETTE

GILLETTE, Wyo. — John William Ratliff Jr., 81, of Gillette, died Monday, Aug. 5, 2002, at his home.

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Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 7, from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home Chapel in Gillette. Funeral services for will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 8, at the First Christian Church. Burial will follow at Mount Pisgah Cemetery.



**MRS. RATZLAFF**

## **Caroline H. Ratzlaff**

Caroline H. Ratzlaff, 72, of Billings passed away at her home Saturday morning, Jan. 12, 2002, following a brief battle with cancer.

Carol was born on March 6, 1929, in Lefor, N.D., a daughter of Joseph and Anna (Schneider) Hagel. She was raised and educated in Lefor and in 1945 moved to Billings. On April 30, 1949, Carol married William H. Ratzlaff and together they would spend the next 52 years in Billings.

Carol's greatest love was her family. Raising her children, caring for her grandchildren and hosting and organizing every holiday feast brought her great joy. She also loved to sew and each family member received many quilts and garments over the years.

Survivors include her husband, Bill; three daughters, June (Terry) Kober of Park City, Cynthia (Mike) Harper of Hillsboro, Ore. and Joanne (Jim)

Kelso of Billings; five sons, Garry (Teresa) of Pocatello, Henry (Jane) of Missoula, Robert of Orlando, Fla., Jeffery (Carey) of Billings and Gregory of Richland, Wash.; three sisters, Anna Heidecker of Mansfield, Ohio, Katherine Alpert of Dickinson and Gertrude Cook of Halliday, N.D.; one brother, Anton Hagel of Yakima; 21 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, four brothers and three sisters.

Visitations may be made at the Smith West Chapel, 304 34th St. West on Monday and Tuesday evening from 5 to 9 p.m. and Wednesday prior to the service. The funeral service will be at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 16 at the Smith West Chapel with cremation to follow.

## **Katherine V. Raue**

**HELENA** — Katherine V. Raue, 86, a Christmas baby born in 1915 to Thomas and Hattie Price in Stockett, Montana, died April 25, 2002, at St. Peter's Hospital in Helena. Her family moved to Great Falls where she graduated from Great Falls High School. She married Howard D. Tripp and they had four children; Nancy V., Robert D., R. Thomas, and H. Gordon.

Katherine was a lady of many endeavors. She was a practical nurse and provided care to the communities of Belt, Glasgow, and Roundup. She worked for Brings Clothing Store in Roundup, managed a café in Glasgow, and operated the U.S.O. there during WWII. After moving to Helena, Katherine became a bookkeeper for Montana Power Co. and later was employed in the State Revenue Department.

Following the death of Mr. Tripp, Katherine married Raymond V. Raue of Helena. After their retirement they moved to Lincoln. Mr. Raue preceded her in death and she later returned to Helena.

Katherine was a fifty-year member of the Order of Eastern Star and was a past Worthy High Priestess of the White Shrine in Glasgow. Her current affiliation is with Josephine Hepner Chapter #89 OES in Helena. She and Howard Tripp were active advi-

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sors in the Order of Rainbow Girls and DeMolay. Katherine was a life-long member of the United Methodist Church.

In addition to her husbands she was preceded in death by her son Robert D. Tripp, a brother Robert Price, sisters Marguerite Pimperton and Edna Tweedie and a grandson, Timothy R. Tripp. Survivors include her daughter, Nancy V. Hepburn (Charles) of East Helena; sons, R. Thomas Tripp (Sharon) of Billings, H. Gordon Tripp of East Helena, and 9 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren.

A memorial service in celebration of Katherine's life will be held Tuesday at 2:00 p.m., April 30, 2002, at Retz Funeral Chapel. Memorial contributions may be sent any Boy Scout Troop in Montana or one of the donor's choice. Cremation has taken place.

## **Edith V. Rauh**

**HARDIN** — Edith V. Rauh, 97, of Hardin, formerly of Billings, died Thursday, Oct. 24, 2002, in the Heritage Acres Nursing Home.

Cremation has taken place in the Bullis-Eastern Montana Crematory. Memorial funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday, Oct. 28, in the Bullis Funeral Chapel. Private inurnment of the ashes will take place at a later date in the Hardin Fairview Cemetery.



# Clarence Joseph Rausch

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A wonderful husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, friend and service manager, passed away on Monday, April 22, 2002.



**CLARENCE  
RAUSCH**

Clarence was born on April 12, 1938 in Mott, N.D.; he was 64. Clarence was one of six children born to Leo and Frances Rausch. He grew up, graduated and was married in North Dakota. He married Mary Ann Rose Barta in 1957, they started a family, then moved to Billings in the spring of 1959.

Clarence began his career at Lew Chevrolet in 1960 as a wash boy, but soon moved up the ranks to become a service advisor and shop foreman by 1967. In 1964, Lew Chevrolet became Frontier Chevrolet, and Clarence continued to work there until 1968, when he, his wife and four children moved to Ogden, Utah, to take the position of service manager. It had always been his goal to become a service manager, but after 10 months, they discovered that the big city was not for them. He began looking for a way to return to Billings, and in 1969, Frontier Chevrolet offered him the position of service manager. The Rausch family moved back

to Billings, and Clarence stayed a Frontier Chevrolet until 1991. At which time, he was offered a position as service manager for Selover Buick, and worked there until retiring in 2001.

In his spare time, Clarence built everything from decks to additions on the home he shared with his wife. He enjoyed living in Billings, because he said "it is big enough to have things, but small enough to know people." He was a remarkable human being, loving grandfather and great-grandfather.

He was preceded in death by his parents Leo and Frances Rausch, and his in-laws Albert and Mary Barta. He is survived by his wife, Mary Ann; his four children, Kim and her husband Ray Geiss of Billings; Keith and his wife Theresa of Elko, Nevada; Kevin and his wife Renee of Billings; Kelly and her husband Lee Beach of Jupiter, Florida; his brother, Frank; his sisters, Rose Basaraba, Carol Olheiser, Jerry Rausch and Bobbi Rausch; 14 grandchildren, R.C. (Raymond Clarence), Derek, Natasha, Shondelle and Sierra Geiss, Vicki Lynn Grizzle, Raeanna and Chad

Rausch, Monica and Melissa  
Kinimet, Brandon and Cassie  
Mary Rausch, Kellina and Luke  
Beach; seven great-grandchild-  
dren, Deanna Rae, Deontae Che'  
Tanner Jacob, Madison McKenna  
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A Memorial Mass will be  
offered at 11 a.m. Saturday, at St.  
Pius X Church. Memorials may  
be made to Big Sky Hospice, PO  
Box 35033, Billings, MT 59107.  
Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary is  
in charge.

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## **Heidi Jane Schreiner Ray**

LAUREL — Our beloved mother, wife, daughter, sister and aunt went to be with the Lord, Friday, Sept. 13, 2002.

She was born April 27, 1963, in Billings, to Cathy and David Schreiner; she was the youngest of two daughters.



**HEIDI RAY**

Heidi grew up in Laurel and graduated from Laurel High School in 1981. Heidi married Dirk Ray on Sept. 6, 1985. They later had two children together. Heidi was a loving mother to Ashley, age 12, and Dirk II, age 11, whom she adored. She was a very outgoing, enthusiastic woman who deeply cared for her children and those around her. Heidi was also very involved in her children's lives, coaching their sporting events with her father and attending school activities. Her entire life was centered around her family.

Heidi enjoyed being at every family gathering, shopping with her mother, baking and helping others. Heidi was currently working for Yellowstone Bank with her mother and father and the Only \$1 Store in Laurel, both of which she attributed much joy. She was a member of the First Congregational Church in Laurel, where she was confirmed.

Heidi will be dearly missed by all who were blessed with her presence, especially her children. Heidi is survived by her husband, Dirk; her children Ashley and Dirk II; her mother and father; her sister, Tina (Tom) Buckles; several aunts and uncles; numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. She was preceded in death by her grandmother, Lena Cleveland; her aunt, Marty Fitzgerald; and her grandparents, George and Marie Schreiner.

Services will be held 2 p.m. Monday, Sept. 16, at First Congregational Church, Laurel. Interment will be in the Laurel Cemetery.

Smith Funeral Chapel-Laurel was in charge of arrangements.

## **Jack Ray**

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Jack Ray, 85, of Sheridan, died Saturday, June 15, 2002, at Memorial Hospital of Sheridan County.

Vigil services will be at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 18, at Kane Funeral Home in Sheridan. Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday, June 19, at Holy Name Catholic Church. Interment of cremains will be at a later date.

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**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

## Leo Ray

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

Leo Ray, 85, of Billings formerly of Big Timber, died Thursday evening, July 18 at his residence.

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

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# Leo L. Ray

# JUL 21 2002

Leo L. Ray, 85, formerly of Big Timber, died Thursday, July 18, 2002, following an extended illness. He had made his home in Billings for the last 18 months. He was a resident of Sage Towers at the time of his death.

He was born in Yellowstone County, the son of Marie (Ray) Beitz.

After graduating from Billings High School, he attended Billings Polytechnic, where he earned a degree in welding and worked during the war years on aircraft carriers in Portland, Ore.

After selling his shop, he went into road construction and later joined the Montana Highway Department, retiring as a district supervisor for the division office in Big Timber.

Family members recall his great love of the outdoors, especially when he became a part of it at the business end of a fly rod on the Boulder River.

In retirement he was able to indulge in his favorite game, golf, and was most proud of having placed in the state senior tournament in Billings in 1985, representing the Overland Golf Club in Big Timber.



LEO L. RAY

As an avid hunter of game, big and small, he was an active lifetime member of the National Rifle Association and won numerous marksmanship awards in that organization.

Mr. Ray also enjoyed bowling as a "relaxing" way to spend an hour or two.

His wife, Josephine Farthing died in 1965. Later in life he married Betty Jarrett. His last wife, Mary Dennis, died two years ago.

Survivors include a daughter Bonnie Ostrum and Marv, her husband, of Billings; and a grandson, John Lundquist of Seattle. Also surviving are granddaughter Stacey Moore and her husband, Steve, and a great-grandson, Evan Moore, all of Rocky Hill, Conn.

A family memorial gathering is planned within the coming year along the Boulder River.

Memorials may be sent to the Big Sky Hospice.

Cremation has taken place at Cremation or Funeral Gallery of Billings.

## **Alfred W. Rayl**

Alfred W. Rayl, 49, of Billings, died Friday, Feb. 1, 2002.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 9, at the Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls, Idaho. Interment will follow in the Twin Falls Cemetery. Smith Funeral Chapel is in charge of local arrangements.

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## **Mary Arlene Reachard**

CODY, Wyo. — Mary Arlene Reachard, 89, died Sunday, Sept. 1, 2002, at the West Park Long Term Center.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at the Ballard Funeral Home with burial in Riverside Cemetery.



# William Allen Reams

William Allen Reams, 74, of Billings, died July 4, 2002, at St. Vincent Healthcare.

He was born Nov. 15, 1927, at home near Silesia, one of eight children to Grover and Florence Haworth Reams.



**WILLIAM  
REAMS**

Bill served active duty in the U.S. Army from 1952 to 60. He was a longtime farmer in the Silesia area and also worked at the Great Western Sugar in Billings.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Aldora Reams Brown; and brothers, Robert Davis, Dennis Reams and Theodore Makinen. Survivors include his sister, Wanda Davis Blackford; and brothers, George (Tena) Reams and Joseph (Linda) Makinen.

Bill always had dogs for his companions and took in any stray cat who showed up at his door. He will be missed by his family and friends and his longtime family in Christ, Laura, Buttons and Jesse; and the Romeros in Phoenix, Ariz. We love you. You were truly one of the "original cowboys."

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Graveside service will be 3 p.m. Tuesday July 9, at the Rockvale Cemetery. Arrangements were by Cremation or Funeral Gallery.

# Irma Florence Reddoor

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POPLAR — Irma went home to be with our Heavenly Father on Aug. 23, 2002. We will miss her dearly. Our consolation is that she is enveloped in love, peace and joy of the Lord. Her faith was the backbone, which withstood physical and earthly obstacles, and allowed her to humbly and gracefully cope with the obstacles in dignity.

She was born in Poplar to David L. Reddoor, Sr. and Mabel Geraldine Shields on Nov. 9, 1935. Irma grew up in the Poplar, Chelsea and Fort Kipp areas. Irma attended school in Oglala, S.D.; Poplar; Flandreau Indian School in South Dakota and graduated from Brockton High School. She also attended Cook Christian School in Arizona 1954-1955. Throughout life Irma attended UCLA, Southern California and graduated from NAES in Poplar.

Irma served in the United States Navy from Sept. 23, 1955, to Oct. 3, 1957.

Irma married Robert E. Binder, Sr. on June 15, 1957. They had four children. They lived in Virginia, North Carolina, Hawaii and California. Irma and Robert became life long friends and established a mutual respect and support for each other.

Irma married Thomas Frazier around 1979 and eventually returned to Montana.

Irma participated and had membership in various organizations. A few mentioned are Dakota Presbytery Elder-Deacon Association, Lindsey Ladies Aid, Dakota Choir, Nathan Crazy Bull Post, Women's Warrior Society and Ladies Groups in Albuquerque.

Irma's most significant accomplishment was her walk with the Lord, and she was always happy to share that. She loved singing Dakota Hymns. Irma was always filled with laughter and love and will be best remembered by that. She kept in touch with many and often seemed to know just when to call or write someone. Hawaii was her fond place, and it was right that she just returned from there.

She was preceded in death by paternal grandparents, Rev. Basil and Blanche Melbourne Reddoor; maternal grandparents, Andrew and Florence Lambert Shields; father, David L. Reddoor, Sr.; mother, Mabel Shields Reddoor; sister, Mary Mabel Reddoor; brother, Gabriel Andrew Reddoor; brother, Timothy Reddoor, Sr.

Irma is survived by son, Robert E. Binder, Jr. (Martha) of California; daughter, Debra Running Bear (Manuel) of New Mexico; son, David W. Binder (Kathy) of California; daughter, Lisa Asad (Asad Mushtaq) of Poplar; special friends, Robert E. Binder, Sr. of California and Shirley Nordwick of New Mexico; sister, Abigail Reddoor and family of Poplar; brother, David L. Reddoor, Jr. of Arizona; maternal aunts, Gwendolyn Mail and Eunice Shields-Alfrey, both of Poplar; grandchildren, Robert E. Binder III, Katerri Binder Rodriguez, Melissa Binder, Lamont Running Bear, William Binder, Bonnie Binder, James Binder, Ben Binder, Gabriel Beauchman, Jr., Adam Binder, Hannah Binder and Ahmed Mushtaq; great-grandchild Avery; numerous more grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins and relatives.

She will be missed by her cousins, numerous relatives, and her many special friends.

Memorial services will be held at Lindsey Memorial Presbyterian Church in Poplar on 7:30 p.m. Thursday, with a dinner following. Funeral services will be held at Lindsey Memorial Presbyterian Church at 10 a.m. Aug. 30 with burial at Chelsea Cemetery.

## Rosalie H. Redies

## BILLINGS GAZETTE

MAR 22 2002

CLOVIS, N.M. — Mrs. Rosalie H. Redies, 91, of Clovis, formerly of Billings, a retired rancher and homemaker, died Wednesday, March 20, 2002, at her home in Sunbridge Golden Age Care and Rehabilitation in Clovis.

She was born on Aug. 8, 1910, in Sundance, Wyo., to Adrian and Marie Hewes and grew up on the ranch her great-grandparents homesteaded.

Mrs. Redies attended what was Black Hill Teacher's College in Spearfish, S.D., and graduated from the University of Wyoming with a degree in home economics. She then worked for the Brown Palace Hotel in Denver.

She married Walter H. Redies on May 7, 1937. They raised purebred Hereford cattle for several years and resided in northeastern Colorado, Sheridan, Wyo., and Billings. She was devoted to her family and had a great appreciation for nature and animals.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one brother, Julius Hewes; and her husband in 1989.

Mrs. Redies is survived by two daughters, Janet L. Redies of Billings and Judy Uerling of Clovis, and her parrot, Michael.

Graveside services will be held at Mountview Cemetery in Billings at 10 a.m. Tuesday, March 26. Friends may meet at Smith's Downtown Chapel by 9:30 a.m. to go in procession to the cemetery.

Memorials may be made to  
any local humane society or the  
Montana Brain Injury  
Association.  
Arrangements are by Smith  
Funeral Chapels of Billings.

## Spencer Redland

NOV 20 2002

**HYSHAM** — Spencer "Ole" Redland, 70, of Hysham, died Thursday, Nov. 21, 2002, at his home.

Visitation will be Sunday, Nov. 24, at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Forsyth. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, Nov. 25, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Hysham. Burial will be in the family lot in the Ranchers Cemetery near Hysham.

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## Spencer 'Ole' Redland

**HYSHAM** — Spencer "Ole" Redland, age 70, passed away of natural causes on Thursday, Nov. 21, 2002, at his ranch near Hysham.

Funeral services will be at 2:30 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 25, at the St. Joseph's Catholic Church. Burial will be in the Ranchers Cemetery near Hysham. Visitation will be from 1 p.m. until 9 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 24, in the chapel of Stevenson and Sons Funeral Home in Forsyth.

## Spencer 'Ole' Redland

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NOV 25 2002

**HYSHAM** — Spencer "Ole" Redland, age 70, of Hysham passed away of natural causes on Thursday, Nov. 21, 2002 at his ranch near Hysham.



**SPENCER  
REDLAND**

Ole was born the son of Richard and Nellie (Harvard) Redland on May 30, 1932, in Ten Sleep, Wyo. He grew up and attended school in Ten Sleep, graduating in 1950. Following his graduation from high school, Ole attended the prep academy for the U.S. Army and later enrolled at West Point. Ole finished his secondary education at Eastern Montana College in 1956. On Dec. 21, 1954, Ole was united in marriage to Shirley Eldering in Hysham. Together, they moved from Billings to Lodge Grass where Ole taught math, science and was also involved in coaching and referring. Ole and Shirley then moved to the ranch in Hysham to work with Shirley's parents. Ole loved ranching as well as farming and was progressive in each area. In 1985, he started the Redland Red Angus and made "Better Bred Red" a common phrase. Ole was active in the community serving on the school board for several years, as county

commissioner and also on the Farmers Union Board. He was also involved with the Rancher Ditch Company, was a member of the U.S. Bank Ag Advisory board, and the Director of both the Montana Red Angus and the American Red Angus Association. Ole loved his life and all he had in it, ranching, farming, his cattle, dogs, but most of all his family and grandchildren. He enjoyed so many things in his life from photography to his favorite teams — the Denver Broncos and the St. Louis Cardinals. He felt everyday held new opportunity. Ole was a soft spoken man that wanted to do what was best for others and always saw the good in people before the bad. He believed a deal could be sealed with a handshake and a person's word should be honored. He will be greatly missed by many but we only need to look at a pasture of red Angus cattle to cherish his memory.

He is survived by his wife, Shirley; one son, Bob Redland; two daughters, Elaine Arneson and her husband, Gordon, and Ruth Baue and her husband, Al, all of Hysham; six grandchildren, Jenny Redland and Jon Redland, Marcus Baue and Alison Baue and Sheena

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Arneson and Thersa Arneson. Ole is also survived his mother-in-law, Wilma Eldering; two brothers, Bob Redland of Manderson, Wyo. and Dick Redland of Uvalde, Texas; two sisters, Virginia Redland of Brookings, Ore. and Jo Redland of Smith River, Calif.

Ole is preceded in death by his parents, Richard and Nellie, one brother, Eric "Pooch," two sisters, Marie and Dorsey; father-in-law, Herman Eldering as well as his daughter-in-law, Monica.

Funeral services will be 2:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 25, at the St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Hysham. Burial will be in the Ranchers Cemetery near Hysham.

Memorials may be made to the Ole Redland Memorial Livestock Judging foundation.

# Dallas Jay Redli

LAUREL — Dallas Jay Redli was born the son of Emory and Angie Redli in Columbus, on Nov. 13, 1940.



**DALLAS  
REDLI**

Dallas was the oldest brother to Gene Redli, Darlene Allen and Earl Redli. Earl preceded him in death. Dallas was married to Bernice (Brendt) Redli, with whom he enjoyed their two children, Sonale Redli of Oregon and Della Norby of Texas. Dallas was also the father of Teresa Powell of Montana, Rosie McLeod of Oklahoma and Polly Gyger of Arizona. Dallas had 10 grandchildren and one great-granddaughter. He is also survived by aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and several cousins.

Dallas worked on the railroad and then in the Berkeley Pit copper mine at Butte for 12 years. He did some farming and worked at the Laurel Refinery. Dallas loved to hunt and fish.

He recently passed away on Saturday, Feb. 23, 2002, due to complications of cancer.

A memorial service will be held at the Grace Bible Church in Laurel on Thursday, Feb. 28 at 10 a.m. A private burial service will

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be conducted at the Reed Point Cemetery.

Arrangements were by  
Cremation or Funeral Gallery.



## **Will Redman**

**MISSOULA GAZETTE**

**DEC 19 2002**

**LAUREL — Will Redman, 71, of Laurel, died Tuesday, Dec. 17, 2002, at St. Vincent Healthcare in Billings.**

**Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, Dec. 20, at Smith Funeral Chapel-Laurel. Interment will be in Rockvale Cemetery.**

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## Evelyn Red Thunder

POPLAR — Evelyn (Archdale) Red Thunder, 80, died Thursday, June 20, 2002, at the Poplar Nursing Home.

Vigil services will be at 7 p.m. Monday, June 24, at the Poplar Assembly of God Church. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, June 25 at the Poplar Assembly of God Church. Burial will be at the Red Thunder family cemetery. Clayton Memorial Chapel is in charge.

## Thomas Red Wolf, Sr.

## BILLINGS GAZETTE

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WYOLA — Thomas Red Wolf, Sr., 69, Wyola area rancher, passed away Thursday evening, July 4, 2002, in the Crow Agency IHS Hospital.

Iigiinchiiligiagiish (Horse Wrangler) was born Sept. 22, 1932, in Wyola, a son of Charlie and Edith Little Nest Red Wolf. Thomas was a descendent of the Crow scout Mitch Boyer and Chief Two Belly. He received his education in Wyola and Pierre, S.D. Following his education, he began a career in ranching Southwest of Wyola.

He raised quarter horses and owned the first quarter horse in Big Horn County. He was well known for his horse training and was honored in 2001, at the annual Crow Fair as the originator of the Crow bred Quarter horse race. He was an active calf and team roper who was heavily involved in the Indian relay circuit in local and area rodeos, including the Cheyenne Frontier Days. Thomas had an extensive knowledge of Crow stories and was often used as a resource to the Crow people.

Thomas married Gail L. Morrison in 1972 in Sheridan, Wyo., and the couple made their home on the family ranch.

His parents; a brother, Robert and three sisters, Martha Jack Rabbit, Beverly Bull Tail and Alice Red Wolf, preceded Thomas in death.

Survivors include his wife, Gai of the family ranch; a son, Thomas Red Wolf, Jr. of Wyola; a step daughter, Ginger (Garland) Howe of Ranchester, Wyo.; three step sons, Manuel (Virginia) Morrison George Little Light and Allie (Gladys) Little Light of Wyola; his adopted sons, Richard (Kristi) Old Coyote of Wyola and Jason Bird in Ground of Wyoming; two sisters Doris Old Coyote of Ranchester Wyo., and Edith Jack Rabbit of Wyola; his uncle, Cyril (Flora) Not Afraid of Lodge Grass; a special grandson, Isiah Zane Red Wolf; 14 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and his extended family including the Not Afraid, Little Nest, LaForge, Dillon and Jim Carpenter descends.

Funeral services will be held 1 p.m. Monday, July 8, in the Lodge Grass First Crow Indian Baptist Mission. Interment will follow in the Lodge Grass Cemetery. Bullis Mortuary of Hardin has been entrusted with the arrangements.



**BETTY REED**

## Betty L. Reed

Betty L. Reed, 70, of Billings, passed away on June 25, 2002, after a long battle with cancer, to be with our Lord. She was surrounded by her loving family and friends as she took her last breath.

She was born on March 4, 1932, in Fremont, Neb., to Earl and Alice Kern. She attended school in Fremont and on April 7, 1952, married George C. Reed. They were married for 31 years.

She was a stay-at-home mom, and for 20 years, baby-sat scores of children to whom she was sometimes considered to be a second "Mom."

Mom loved her Lord and her family and touched each person she met in some small way. Her smile, her touch, her wave goodbye, her call goodnight will all be missed. Our comfort is in knowing that we will be together someday. We love you Mom.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her son Mark Allen; and her brother John Kern.

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sons and daughters of the heart.

Memorial services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, June 29, at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary, with interment at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Memorials may be made to Big Sky Hospice.

She is survived by her daughter, Linda Reed; her son, George E. Reed; her daughter and son-in-law, Rebecca and Ric Feyk; her daughter and son-in-law, Theresa and Anthony Freestone; and her wonderful grandson and his wife, Nicholas and Christine Lyle. She is also survived by her daughters of the heart, Susan Deme and Klara Jensen; and all her other

## Dorothy A. Reed

TURNER — Dorothy A. Reed, 67, died Wednesday, Oct. 16, 2002.

Vigil services will be at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 18, at the Big Flat Saint Thomas Catholic Church. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 19, at the Turner High School Gymnasium. Burial will follow in the Turner Cemetery. Edwards Funeral Home of Chinook is in charge.

# Douglas S. Reed

## BILLINGS GAZETTE

### JUL 21 2002

Douglas S. Reed was finally able to rest on Thursday, July 18, 2002, after a long and courageous battle with cancer. He was born on March 5, 1952, in Billings to proud parents Lonnie and Charlotte Reed.

Doug graduated from Billings Senior High School in 1970, and then attended Eastern Montana College.

On July 12, 1975, he married his best friend and love of his life, Naomi Kercher. Together they had two wonderful sons, Brian and Samuel.



**DOUGLAS  
REED**

His love of airplanes led him to work for the United States Post Office, picking up air-mail from the airport. Then, he went to work for Northwest Airlines as a grounds crewman. Doug also had a love for cars. He worked at Hines Motor Supply/Bumper to Bumper for 24 years. He owned numerous hot rods throughout his life, and he enjoyed working on his cars, maintaining them, and driving them.

Doug enjoyed traveling and visiting relatives in Arkansas. He especially loved fishing with his Uncle Jim and going to Arkansas

Razorback games. During his entire life, he was a devoted New York Yankees fan.

He was a talented athlete in track, baseball, football and wrestling. As he got older, he enjoyed sharing his wisdom and knowledge of art and sports with his sons. In his free time, he played golf, enjoyed baseball games and watched his sons participate in numerous activities. He was a member of the Billings Bonsai Society. Spencer, his dog, was a very important part of his life.

Doug was preceded in death by his parents, Lonnie and Charlotte Reed. Survivors include his wife, Naomi; two sons, Brian and Samuel; dog Spencer; and brother Daryl Reed of Bend, Ore.

The family wishes to thank EVERYONE at the Hematology and Oncology of the Northern Rockies for all their love and support. Over the years, he was always treated as a friend, not a patient. They would also like to express their gratitude to Hospice for all their support.

Memorials may be made to  
P.E.A.K.S. #2 (an auxiliary of the  
Northern Rockies Cancer Center)  
1041 N. 29th St. Billings, MT 59101.

Funeral services will be at 11  
a.m. on Thursday at the  
Atonement Lutheran Church. The  
casket is closed. Family interment  
will be at Sunset Memorial  
Gardens.

## **Lillian Traver Reed**

**BIG TIMBER** — Lillian Traver Reed, 67, of Big Timber, died Saturday March 23, 2002, at Pioneer Medical Center.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Tuesday, March 26, at Lowry Funeral Home Chapel. Interment will follow in Mountain View Cemetery. Lowry Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.



## Michael Thomas Reed

## BILLINGS GAZETTE

# FEB 14 2002

SHEBOYGAN, Wis. — Michael Thomas Reed passed away Feb. 11, 2002, at Sheboygan.

Mike was born Nov. 18, 1947, at Alton, Ill., the son of Thomas Joseph Reed and Eleanor (Erickson) Reed. He spent his early years in St. Louis, Mo., later moving with his family to Billings in 1961.

He is a 1966 graduate of Billings Senior High School. While in high school he became an announcer for KOOK radio, beginning a long career in media. He worked in radio, TV and print advertising throughout the north-west. Mike often hosted "oldies" radio shows and also enjoyed acting in theater productions.

He married JoAnn (Gilpin) of Casper, Wyo., in 1968 and were together for 23 years. Mike was a loving and devoted father to his six children.

He moved to Sheboygan in 1996 and opened Big Daddy's Cigars and Pipes. His business was thriving and had become a new landmark in town.

Six months ago, Mike was diagnosed with Lou Gerhig's Disease. Even having lost his wonderful voice and most of the ability to move, he was greeting customers and friends up until four weeks ago, with the help of his

son, Dave.

Mike was a very kind and spiritual man. He was a member of the Crow Tribe and spent his younger years learning many traditions from his Crow family.

He was preceded in death by his father, Thomas Reed.

Mike is survived by his mother, Eleanor Reed of Billings; five sons, Michael J. (Sol) of Denver, David of Sheboygan, Paul of Estonia, Joseph (Heather) and Anthony of Casper, Wyo.; a daughter, Merrilee Reed (fiancé Keith Johnson) also of Casper; two sisters, Kathryn Ann (Alan) Souders of Mt. Vernon, Wash., and Mary Ellen (John) Honaker of Billings; several nieces and nephews.

Mike's family always came first and he showered each of us with praise and encouragement. He was a caring son, father and brother and will be deeply missed.

Funeral Mass will be celebrated 11 a.m. Monday, Feb. 18, at St. Joseph's Church in Hardin. Inurnment will follow at Fairview Cemetery. Memorials can be made to the Boys and Girls Club of the Crow Tribe, PO Box 159, Crow Agency, MT 59022. Bullis Mortuary has been entrusted with the local arrangements.

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## Gertrude L. Reese

SHERIDAN, Wyo.

Gertrude L. Reese, 97, of Sheridan, died Sunday, March 31, 2002, at Amie Holt Nursing Home in Buffalo.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, April 4, at Champion Ferries Funeral Home in Sheridan. Interment will be in the Masonic #43 section of Sheridan Municipal Cemetery.

**OCT 23 2002****Merrill F. Reese II**

**CARROLLTON, Texas** †  
Merrill F. Reese II was born on Dec. 3, 1950, in Detroit. He passed away Oct. 20, 2002.

Merrill is survived by his wife, Claudia J. Reese and faithful companion, ToTo of Carrollton, Texas; mother, Lillian F. Reese; brother, Bill Reese; sister, Dilys Reese Neibauer and husband, Ken; nephew, Jacob Wood Neibauer, all of Billings.

Merrill was the president/owner of Quality Partners. He was a graduate of Florida Institute of Technology and the Aerospace Technical Institute. He also held a master's degree from University of Southern California.

A memorial service will be held at Restland Wildwood Chapel at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, Oct. 25.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in memory of Merrill Reese to the American Heart Association, PO Box 15186, Austin, TX, 78761 or through their Web site at [www.americanheart.org](http://www.americanheart.org).

# The Very Reverend James A. Reeves

GREENBANK, WASH.

James Allen Reeves, 65, retired Episcopal Priest, died Sunday, June 23, 2002, at his Greenbank home, of natural causes.

A memorial service will be held on Wednesday, June 26, at 6:15 p.m. at St. Steven's Episcopal Church in Oak Harbor. The casual service is open to the public.

A funeral service, followed by inurnment, will be held at St. Peter's

Episcopal Cathedral in Helena, Mont., (406) 442-5175. The date and time of the Helena service is tentatively set in July or August, with a final date yet to be determined.

Surviving are his wife Eve; sons Neil and Glen Campbell of Seattle; Bruce Campbell of Helena; and sister Marilyn Ash Smart of Jackson, Wyo.

Other survivors include his six grandchildren, Megan, Lauren, Connor, Kasidy, Alec and Ambria Campbell; along with extended family that included nephews Greg Ash

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**JAMES  
REEVES**

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(Debra); Mike Ash (Reiko) and niece Susan (Larry Warren).

Born on May 11, 1927, in Pampa, Texas. Jim grew up in nearby Miami, Texas, where he graduated from high school in June of 1955.

Jim earned his pilots license at the age of 16. Jimmie studied engineering at Oklahoma State University until the Space Program stole him away to Florida, in January of 1957. The next 12 years, Jim worked in the missile defense and "race to space" programs for RCA, Barnes Electronics, Dalmo Victor and Sylvania in advanced electronics. During this very exciting time in our national history, Jim traveled extensively overseas including Africa, South America, Europe and the Caribbean.

In a sudden change, Jim was called to the service of God. He attended the Episcopal Seminary in Alexandria, Virginia and Salisbury, England and was ordained a minister at Grace Cathedral in San Francisco in June of 1972.

The Lord works in mysterious ways. Jim's first church was the Church of the Incarnation in Great Falls, Mont., where he was ordained a priest in January of 1973. While in Great Falls, he met Eve Campbell and they were married on Dec. 31, 1973. Eve brought Jim a ready-made family of three sons: Neil,

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**Bruce and Glen.**

After the marriage, Jim became the assistant at St. Peters Cathedral in Helena in 1974, becoming the Dean of the Cathedral on 1975. Father Jim served as Dean for six years. After moving to Big Fork, Mont., Jim served as the rector at St. Andrews in Polson, Mont., from 1986 until he retired in 1996 for health reasons. Jim and Eve moved to Greenbank on Whidbey Island, north of Seattle, in July of 1996.

Jim enjoyed his retirement by boating and joining the Coast Guard Auxiliary. He was an active member of both St. Stephen's in Oak Harbor and St. Augustine in Freeland doing Sunday and healing services at those and neighboring parishes.

Memorials in honor of Jim Reeves may be sent to: St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 555 SE Regatta Drive, PO Box 1800, Oak Harbor, WA 98277, (360) 679-3431.

Arrangements and cremation under the direction of Burley Funeral Chapel.

# John Allen Reeves

BELLINGS GAZETTE

FEB 23 2002

John Allen Reeves, 24, went home to be with the Lord on Feb. 21, 2002. John was born in Port Huron, Mich., on Aug. 26, 1977. He moved to Billings in August 2000,



**MR. REEVES**

to be with his one true love, Michelle, whom he married on June 23, 2001. John and Michelle spent as much time as possible in the mountains. He worked as an auto mechanic and loved to share his love of cars with all he knew. John will be greatly missed by his loving wife and many friends.

He is survived by his wife, Michelle of Billings; his daughter, Katie of Michigan; his mother and stepfather, Debbie and Rick Smith; his dad and stepmother, Al and Cindy Reeves; a brother, Al; sisters, Billie and Mandy; nieces and nephews, all of Michigan; and Grandma and Grandpa Coican of Florida.

John was preceded in death by his son, Michael.

Memorial services will be held at Faith Chapel on Tuesday, Feb. 26, at 11 a.m.

# Margaret Elizabeth (Rehbein) 'Peggy' Regan

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**  
**FEB 28 2002**



**MRS. REGAN**

**MILES CITY** — Margaret Elizabeth (Rehbein) "Peggy" Regan, age 86, of Miles City, passed away on Sunday, Feb. 24, 2002, at her home, surrounded by her loving children and grandchildren.

Margaret was born on July 7, 1915, on the family homestead of Alfred and Agnes Rehbein, near the town of Bainville. Margaret, known to her brothers and sisters as Maggie, was the fourth of 15 Rehbein children. Between 1920 and 1922, the Rehbein family moved to Enid, Mont., and rented a farm. As a child, Maggie helped out on the farm by assisting with many of the daily chores. When Maggie was 10 years old, she was asked by her mother to take care of her baby brother Jim, so her mother could devote more time to Jim's twin brother Bud who was ill.

Maggie attended a country

grade school and graduated from Lambert High School in 1934. The Rehbeins moved to the family farm east of Lambert in 1931. After high school, Maggie left the farm and entered nurses training at the Holy Rosary Hospital in Miles City. It was during this time that Maggie became known as Peggy. She attended post-graduate training at Wayne State University in Detroit, with an emphasis on obstetrics. During World War II she was the night supervisor at Holy Rosary Hospital.

Peggy married Edward J. Regan of Miles City, who preceded her in death, but is survived by her six children: Jack (Charlene), Jim (Sandy) and Tim (Karie), all of Miles City; Terese (Regan) Wood (Todd) of Spokane, Wash.; Chuck (Ed) Regan (Linda) of Minneapolis and Tom (Janet) Regan of Columbia, S.C. Mom had 21 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren at the time of her death. Seven sisters and five brothers also survive Peggy. Two brothers preceded her in death, and her granddaughter Gracie Jo Regan.

Peggy was involved in a number of community and Catholic Church programs. She was most active in the Sacred Heart School



Board, the Sacred Heart Parish Council, and was a former president of the SHHS Band Club. Peggy was also an active member of the Baseball Mother's Club and was a den mother for Cub Scouts. Peggy, known to her children as Mom, didn't know bridge, she knew about cookies; she didn't know about drinking, she knew about Kool Aid; she didn't know about eating out in restaurants, she knew about dinners at home with laughter around the family table; she didn't know about fast food, she brought homemade food to the ballparks. Mom's love was daily — it wasn't quality time — it was all the time. To know her was to love her.

Visitation will begin Friday, March 1, in the chapel of Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City. Vigil services will be held Friday, March 1, at 7:30 p.m. in the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Miles City. Mass of Christian Burial will be held Saturday, March 2, at 2 p.m. in the Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Rite of Committal will follow in the family lot in the Calvary Cemetery. Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home of Miles City is in charge of the arrangements.

Should friends desire, memorials may be made to the Miles City Education Foundation Scholarship Fund, 1604 Main St., Miles City, MT 59301, and the

Sacred Heart Adopt a Student Foundation, Attn: Bart Freese, 519 N. Center, Miles City, MT 59301.

**VALORIE REHARD****Valorie A. Rehard**

**LUTHER** — Valorie Ann Rehard, 45, of Luther, passed away Friday evening, Sept. 6, 2002, at St. Vincent Hospital & Health Center in Billings, following a cerebral hemorrhage.

Valorie was born on July 29, 1957, in Santa Monica, Calif., a daughter of Malcolm and Maryann Knight. She attended Venice (Calif.) High School. In 1977, she moved to Red Lodge, and was married to Ralph Rehard, Jr. on Sept. 27, 1980, at Luther. Ralph and Val made their home at Luther since their marriage. For the past 10 years, she had been employed as a public safety officer with the Carbon County Sheriff's Office.

After moving to Montana, her first job was as a rider cutting cattle at the Billings Livestock Commission. Val also trained cutting horses, and trained and showed various other breeds. She was particularly fond of Appaloosas.

"Val loved to show her dogs. She's been trying for a champion for years — this year she got her champion. Her dogs and her show friends are going to miss her. God must have needed someone to make Him a champion. She will be missed by everyone."

Survivors include her husband, Ralph Rehard, Jr. of Luther; her father, Malcolm Knight of Ojai, Calif.; her mother, Maryann Langford of Palmdale, Calif.; three brothers, Kenneth and Steven Knight, both of Culver City, Calif., and Loren Knight of Burbank, Calif.; and her in-laws, Patsy and Ralph Rehard, Sr. of Luther.

Memorial services were held Monday afternoon, Sept. 9, in the Joliet Baptist Church with Pastor Bob Reed officiating. Cremation has taken place, with Smith-Olcott Funeral Chapel of Red Lodge assisting with arrangements. Memorials may be given to the charity of one's choice.

# Geraldine Louise Rehder

BILLINGS GAZETTE

AUG - 5 2002

Geraldine Louise Rehder, 80 of Billings, formerly Grand Island, Neb., died Sunday, Aug. 4, 2002 at Billings Health and Rehab Center.

Mrs. Rehder was born July 23, 1922 at Cozad, Neb. to Louis and Flossie (Blake) Mak. She grew up and was educated at Eustis, Neb.

She married Henry Clause Rehder on Aug. 17, 1941, at Grand Island. Mrs. Rehder and her husband owned and operated Rehder's Bowling Supply in Grand Island until February 1985, when Mr. Rehder passed away. They also owned the Keehler Bar from 1976-1977.

Mrs. Rehder was also employed by the Cornhusker Army Ammunition Plant, Goodwill Industries, Victory House, Ramada Inn, Meves Bowl, Park Place Nursing Home, Super 8 Motel and Childcare at Blessed Sacrament.

In 1994, she moved to Billings to live close to her son, Richard.

Mrs. Rehder is a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church and the Senior Citizens' Center in Grand Island.

Survivors include two sons: Richard R. Rehder of Laurel, and William D. Rehder of Spokane; five grandchildren, one great grandchild, one brother, Loui Mak of Gothenburg, Neb.; and two step-brothers, Don Pen and Allen Schwizer.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, two sons and one step-brother.

Cremation has taken place and no services are planned.

Memorials may be made to the Hub, 515 N 27th, Billings, MT 59101 or Rainbow House, 925 N 18th Billings, MT 59101.

Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary has charge of arrangements.

**MAR 26 2002****Frank Edward Rehn, Sr.**

**SPOKANE, Wash. —** Frank Edward Rehn, Sr., 82, of Spokane, formerly of Miles City, Mont., died Tuesday, March 19, 2002, in Spokane.

Visitation will begin Friday, March 29, at Stevenson & Sons in Miles City. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 30, at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Miles City. Interment will follow in the family lot in Custer County Cemetery.

# Cleo Mary (Mae) Reichert

BILLINGS GAZETTE  
JUL 27 2002

WOLF POINT — Cleo Reichert, 82, died Wednesday, July 24, 2002, at her home in Wolf Point.

She was born an only child to James and Margaret (Schillinger) DeWane on July 7, 1920.

She married her high school sweetheart, William Charles Reichert, on June 23, 1943.

Together, they had five children. Her loving husband Bill died April 10, 1967. She never remarried.

Cleo was an active member as well as the organist for many years at the Immaculate

Conception Church. She was also a member of the Catholic Daughter's of America and Saint Catherine's Altar Society.

She spent her years raising her children until the death of her husband. At that time, she went to work at the family business of the Highway Motor Company as a bookkeeper. Upon the dissolving of the corporation, she went to work as a desk clerk at the Sherman Motor Inn where she worked until she retired.



CLEO  
REICHERT

She enjoyed spending time visiting and joking with her family. She loved playing the organ and piano and sharing that gift with everyone around her.

Preceding her in death were her parents; her husband, Bill; a daughter-in-law (Pat Reichert); and two grandchildren (Brian Reichert and Chad Reichert).

Survivors include her five children, Bill (Dot) of Billings, Jim (John Berdes) of Astoria, Ore., Mike (Lola) of Billings, Duane (Caroline) of Champlin, Minn., and Maureen (David) Piersak of Wolf Point; six grandchildren, Jennifer (Chad) Olson, Dan, Jeff and Chris Reichert, Alexis and Gabriel Piersak; and one great-grandchild (Mattea Piersak), with another on the way.

Cleo was deeply loved by her family and those whose lives she touched. Her presence on Earth will be greatly missed.

A vigil service will be held at the Clayton Memorial Chapel on Sunday, July 28, at 7 p.m., with a rosary led by the Catholic Daughters preceding the vigil at

6:45 p.m. Funeral services will be held on Monday, July 29, at 10 a.m. in the Immaculate Conception Church of Wolf Point with Father Steve Zabrocki officiating. Interment will be at Greenwood Cemetery in Wolf Point. Clayton Memorial Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

## **Jake Reichert**

Jake Reichert, 85, of Billings, died Monday, Nov. 25, 2002, at the Deaconess Billings Clinic.

Cremation has taken place and a graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 4, at the Laurel Cemetery. Smith Downtown Chapel is in charge.

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**DEC 01 2002**

**Alice B. Reid**

Alice B. Reid, 94, of Billings Health and Rehabilitation Community, died Sunday morning, April 28, 2002.

Mrs. Reid was born March 2, 1908, in Osceola, Iowa, to George Delbert and Edna Binkerd. She moved with her parents to Montana at an early age and the family settled on a homestead in Rosebud County at Castle Rock. She attended country schools, Forsyth High School, and graduated from Billings Senior High School in 1925. She attended Simpson College in Iowa.

Alice was employed in various locations in the state until she married Robert S. Reid in Billings in 1929.

She had one son, James Robert, who was born April 8, 1931, in Billings. She worked as a legal secretary for various firms until becoming secretary for Judge William Jamison from 1957 through 1962.

She moved to Paducah, Ky., to be near her son and grandchildren, and later to San Francisco, where she was employed as personal secretary for Judge Koelsch in the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals until retiring in 1973, when she returned to Montana to be near her mother. She lived in

Red Lodge and Livingston before returning to Billings. She has resided at Billings Health and Rehabilitation Community for the past several years.

She was a member of Delta Delta Sorority, Daughters of the Nile, and Grace Cathedral in San Francisco. Alice was a pianist and had played for silent movies. She was a good horse-woman. She loved to fish. She had a great sense of humor and loved animals.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her son; and one grandson.

She is survived by her brother, James Binkerd and his wife Elizabeth of Billings; her niece, Brenda Binkerd of Livingston; a granddaughter, Rene Lester and her husband Jimmy of Alabama; a grandson, Randy Reid and his wife Lori of Tennessee; one great-niece; two great-nephews; and four great-grandchildren.

Cremation has taken place. Family memorial services will be held at a later date.

Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary has charge of arrangements.



**Esther Corder  
Pease Reid**

**MAY 31 2002  
BILLINGS GAZETTE**

GILLETTE, Wyo. — Esther Corder Pease Reid, 93, of Gillette, formerly of Cody, died Wednesday, May 29, 2002, at the Gillette Nursing Home.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, June 3, at Riverside Cemetery in Cody. Ballard Funeral Home of Cody is in charge.

## Mabel Agnes Reid

BILLINGS GAZETTE

JAN 11 2002

APACHE JUNCTION, Ariz. — Mabel Agnes Reid, 88, of Apache Junction, formerly of Poplar, Mont., died Friday, Jan. 4, 2002, in Apache Junction, of rheumatoid arthritis.

Rosary will be at 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 14, at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in Poplar. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 15, at Our Lady of Lourdes. Interment will follow in the Poplar Cemetery. Clayton Memorial Chapel of Wolf Point is in charge.

# Winifred Hazel Liebel Reidelbach

BILLINGS GAZETTE  
JAN 31 2002

**BIG TIMBER** — Winifred Hazel Liebel Reidelbach, 88, of Big Timber, passed away Sunday, Jan. 27, 2002, at the Pioneer Rest Home.

Winifred was born April 27, 1913, on the family ranch in Big Timber, the daughter of William G. and Clara A. (Sandsness) Liebel. She was raised in the Big Timber area, attending rural Rapstad School and completing her education at Sweet Grass County High School.

On May 19, 1934, Winifred married Joseph R. Reidelbach in Livingston, and he preceded her in death in 1970.

Survivors include her daughter, Janice L. and Gerald Hauge of Big Timber; sons, William J. Reidelbach and Janice Green of Hot Springs, Robert F. and Margaret Reidelbach of Havre, Clarence and Marian Reidelbach of Big Timber.

Grandchildren include Faye Reidelbach Slice of Butte, Willy and Faye Reidelbach of LaVerne, Calif., Gregg and Anne Soash of Monrovia, Calif., Chris and Susie Miller of Fort Wainwright, Alaska, Julie and Norm Samuelson of Volborg, Mont., Faye and Dale Arlian of Big Timber, Jim and Pam Hauge of Big Timber, Bob and Diane Reidelbach of Billings, Joanne

and Tim Teske of Havre, Don and Kari Reidelbach of Helena, Scott Reidelbach of Midas, Nev., Cara and Brad Hicks of Denver; 19 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, two sisters and four brothers.

Winifred lived her whole life in the Big Timber area. She loved cooking, gardening, rides in the country and a picnic alongside a creek. Arts and crafts were her hobbies. She had a soft spot in her heart for children.

Services will be held Thursday, Feb. 7, at 11 a.m., in the Big Timber Lutheran Church. Memorials may be made to the Big Timber Lutheran Church or Hospice.

## Lewis F. Reifsteck

GARDINER — Lewis F. Reifsteck, 76, died at his home Jan. 14, 2002.

Cremation has taken place at Franzen-Davis Crematory, 118 N. 3rd St. in Livingston. No services are planned at this time.

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JAN 21 2002

## **Lydia Reil**

Lydia Reil, 82, went peacefully to be with our Lord, Monday evening, Oct. 21, 2002, at the Billings Health and Rehabilitation Community.

Lydia was born on Nov. 8, 1919, in Laurel, to John and Eva Reil. She grew up in a large family of seven children of German heritage. Lydia helped her mother maintain the family home in Laurel for many years before moving to the BHRC in Billings in 1994. She was a true "servant to all." Lydia was an excellent homemaker, cook and gardener. Her friends and family knew she had the best raspberry patch and garden around; and that her homemade jams, wine, pickles, sauerkraut, bread and turkey noodle soup were second to none. Her delightful giggle and precious spirit will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.



**LYDIA  
REIL**

Lydia was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Clarence and Immanuel Reil; and three sisters, Mary Ginder, Polly Simpson, and Elizabeth Nelson. She is survived by her brother, Henry Reil of Vacaville, Calif. She is also survived by her nieces, Charlotte Fannon and husband Bob of Billings, Betty Strever of Laurel and Doreen Paisley of Kansas City, Mo., and nephews Terry Simpson and wife Carolyn of Placentia, Calif., Curtis Simpson and wife Mary of Salt Lake City, Val Simpson of Lewistown, and David and Dennis Reil of Portland, Ore. She has also been blessed with many great-nieces and great-nephews.

Lydia's family wants to especially thank all the compassionate and loving caregivers at the Billings Health and Rehabilitation Community for the outstanding care they have given Lydia during the last eight years. They are all true angels of mercy and love. Memorial contributions may be made to the Billings Health and Rehabilitation Community at 2115 Central Avenue, Billings, 59102.

A graveside service for Lydia will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 26, at Sunset Memorial Gardens. Funeral arrangements are being carried out by Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary.

## **James E. 'Jim' Reilly**

SALT LAKE CITY — James "Jim" E. Reilly, 61, formerly of Deaver, Wyo., died Monday, June 3, 2002, in Salt Lake City.

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**BILLINGS GAZETT**

## **Daisy D. Reimers**

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Daisy D. Reimers, 82, of Sheridan, died Sunday, April 21, 2002, at Memorial Hospital of Sheridan County.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, April 24, at First Christian Church. Kane Funeral Home of Sheridan is in charge.

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**APR 23 2002**

## **Elizabeth Rose Reimers**

**SHERIDAN, Wyo. —** Elizabeth Rose Reimers, 66, of Sheridan, died Wednesday, Oct. 9, 2002, at her home.

Visitation will be from 9 to 10:45 a.m. Monday, Oct. 14, at Champion Ferries Funeral Home in Sheridan. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Monday, in the Sheridan Municipal Cemetery.



# Shirley C. Reinecke

BILLINGS GAZETTE

AUG 29 2002

EKALAKA — Shirley C. Reinecke, 97, died Tuesday, Aug. 27, 2002, at Dahl Memorial Health Care.

Rosary will be recited at 7 p.m. Thursday with the funeral service at 11 a.m. Friday, both at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church. Burial will be in Beaverlodge Cemetery. Stevenson Funeral Home is in charge.

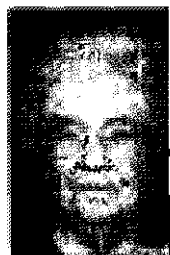
# Shirley C. Reinecke

## BILLINGS GAZETTE

AUG 30 2002

EKALAKA — Shirley C. Reinecke, 97, of Ekalaka, passed away Tuesday, Aug. 27, 2002, at the Dahl Memorial Nursing Home in Ekalaka.

She was born Aug. 7, 1905, in Forsyth, the daughter of Lon and Ulah (Smith) Hill. Shirley grew up and attended school in Miles City. While



**SHIRLEY  
REINECKE**

growing up she spent much of her time at the *Ursaline Academy*. Shirley married Fred Reinecke in Forsyth on April 19, 1924. They then moved to Baker and eventually to Wibaux before making their final home in Ekalaka in 1980. Together they built Fred's Camper Court where she operated a gift shop and yarn shop.

Shirley loved knitting. Over the years she provided her many grandchildren, great-grandchildren and friends with her beautiful creations. When she first went to live at Dahl Memorial, she was very involved with the gardening and planting that took place. While Fred and she were married, they found great interest in hunting, camping and traveling. Shirley's grandchildren, great-

grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren meant the world to her. She treasured the times spent with them. Shirley will be missed by all those who knew her over her many years.

She is preceded in death by her parents; her husband Fred in 1987; a daughter, Patricia; two sisters, Maud and Pearl; a grandson Shannon; and a grandson-in-law Don.

Shirley is survived by her two daughters, Colleen (Reinecke) Braden of Glendive and Lona (Roland) Quade of Ekalaka; 17 grandchildren; 38 great-grandchildren; and 22 great-great grandchildren.

A Rosary will be recited at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 29, at the St. Joan of Arc Church in Ekalaka. Visitation hours will precede the Rosary throughout the day at the Stevenson Funeral Home in Ekalaka. Funeral Mass will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Aug. 30, at the St. Joan of Arc Church in Ekalaka. A luncheon will follow Mass at the Parish Hall. Stevenson Funeral Homes Inc. are in charge of the arrangements.

## **Theodore 'Ted' Reineke**

Theodore "Ted" Reineke, 92, of Billings passed away Friday, Nov. 22, 2002, at the Deaconess Billings Clinic.

He was born March 13, 1910 in Bluegrass, N.D., and moved with his family from North Dakota to Billings in 1935. He married Ardele Greenbush June 5, 1946, and they celebrated their 56th anniversary in June.

He worked in the construction business until he retired and he was a longtime member of the Moose Lodge.

He was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers and

two sisters.

He is survived by his wife, Ardele; son Ted of New Mexico; daughters, June (Larry) Edwards of Billings, Ruby (Joe) Link of Huntley, and Debbie (Bill) Lind of Billings; six grandchildren, Scott (Isabel), Christina, Carolyn, Jeremy and Aaron Edwards, Karmen (Aaron) Higginbotham; and great-grandchildren, Nathan, Ty and Elly Higginbotham; nieces, Marie Vick and Elaine Miller; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be 1 p.m., Tuesday Nov. 26, at Smith West Chapel, 304 34th St. W. Interment will be at Sunset Memorial Gardens. Visitation will begin at noon, Sunday, Nov. 24. Memorials may be made to the charity of your choice.



**THEODORE  
REINEKE**

## **Ann B. Reiner**

At the age of 82, Ann Reiner died peacefully at the Horizon Hospice Home early Saturday, Sept. 7, 2002.

Ann was born the daughter of William and Monica (Basaraba) Hlebichuk, Oct. 19, 1919, in Gorham, N.D.

On May 3, 1940, Ann was united in marriage to Christian P. Reiner in Sidney. Together they raised three daughters. Over the years they made their home in Sidney, Laurel, Bozeman and Billings.

Ann was a member of St. Thomas Catholic Church. She enjoyed bowling as a hobby, but her passion in life was cooking for the many large family meals that were enjoyed by family members over the years.



**ANN REINER**

Ann leaves behind her daughters, Donna (Bill) Batters of San Diego, Carol (Joe) Pinczes of Bozeman, and Joyce (Bob Mitzel) Fooks of Billings; grandchildren Skipi Jill (Terry) Zaragoza, Barbara (Ron) Shipley, Bill Batters and Michael Fooks; five great-grandchildren, Taylor, Skylar, Jason, Jeremy and Mindy; brothers Steve (Julie) Hlebichuk of Billings, John (Ramona) Hlebichuk of Grand Junction, Colo.; sisters Mary Helton of Sunnyvale, Calif., and Vernetta (Clyde) Fuller of Silsbee, Texas, as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Her parents, husband Chris, brothers Sam, George and Roy, and sister Polly preceded Ann in death.

Visitation for Ann will be from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 11, at Dahl Funeral Chapel. A graveside burial of ashes will take place at a later date. Memorials may be made to Big Sky Hospice, Box 35033, Billings, MT 59107. Dahl Funeral Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

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## Katherine E. Reiner

Katherine E. Reiner was born March 27, 1911, in Fort Rice, N.D., a daughter of Peter and Barbara Lang. She passed away Sunday, March 31, 2002.

She married Philip Reiner, June 28, 1932. He preceded her in death, as did her

daughter, Shirley, and a grandson, Levi Watson. She is survived by two daughters, Phyllis Johnson and Ardis Hart; 10 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren and three great-great grandchildren.



**KATHERINE  
REINER**

Katherine enjoyed flowers, gardening, bowling and reading.

Funeral services will be held 3 p.m. Friday, April 5, at Smith's West Chapel, 304 34th St. West. Interment will follow at Terrace Gardens Cemetery. Memorials may be sent to the American Cancer Society or the American Heart Fund.

# Colby Nolan Reinhardt

# BILLINGS GAZETTE

AUG 12 2002

Colby Nolan Reinhardt, 36, passed away Saturday, Aug. 10, 2002, at his home. Colby was born to Karen and Bob Reinhardt on March 10, 1966 in San Diego,

Calif., on the U.S. Navy base. Colby was raised and educated in Billings, graduating from Billings Senior High in 1984. He met the love of his life in high school, Toni Miller, and they were married

June 25, 1988. To this union, their daughter, Brittany was born Feb. 5, 1990. (She is the spittin' image of her dad).

Colby worked as a driver for D&F Sanitation, BFI Sanitation and McKenzie Disposal. He also drove for Empire Sand and Gravel and Schaff Concrete.

Colby enjoyed the outdoors very much. He especially enjoyed hunting. The Missouri Breaks held a special place in his heart. He also enjoyed many ice fishing adventures at Fort Peck. Colby loved his music and always got a kick out of joking around with people. He was an avid gun collector. He will be missed very much by his family and friends and all who knew him. We love you.



**COLBY  
REINHARDT**

He is preceded in death by his infant daughter, Daniell; Grandpa Rudy Reinhardt, Grandpa Raymond Maze and his aunt, Mary Lee. Survivors include his wife of 14 years, Toni and daughter, Brittany of Billings; his parents, Karen and Bob Reinhardt of Huntley; his brothers, Clarence and Greg of Huntley; his sister, Bobbi Jo and husband Bob Baymond of Billings; grandmother, Rose Reinhardt of Billings; grandmother, Mary Maze of Billings; and many aunts, uncles and cousins. The family would like to send a special thank you to Dr. Jeffery Hanson for his compassion and concern.

Services are pending at Smith Downtown Funeral Chapel

# Wesley Layton Reins

BILLINGS GAZETTE

DEC 02 2002

Wesley Layton Reins died of lung cancer on Saturday, Nov. 30, 2002, at the age of 64.

Wes was born on May 19, 1938, to Lillian and Walter Reins in Madison, Minn. The family moved to Minneapolis when he was seven years old. Wes was a marine and was stationed at Camp Pendleton, Calif., from 1956 to 1959. He



**WESLEY  
REINS**

became a proud member of the Minneapolis police force in 1964, and retired as a homicide detective in 1993.

Wes moved to Billings in 1993 to be near friends and the mountains. He loved to hike in the mountains and spent many Sundays in the Beartooths with friends. Wes was always ready with a joke or a snappy comeback. He will be fondly remembered by his friends and colleagues from Minneapolis, a special friend in New Jersey, and his "Downtown Billings family."

Wes has been cremated and his ashes will be scattered at a later date. At his request, no service is planned.

## **Martyn Reintsma**

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**  
**JAN 03 2002**

WATERTOWN, S.D. — Marlyn "J.D." Reintsma, 63, of Watertown, formerly of Huron and Billings, died Wednesday, Dec. 26, 2001, at Prairie Lakes Nursing Home in Watertown.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Monday, Jan. 7, at Welter Funeral Home in Huron. Friends may call Sunday afternoon, Jan. 6, and Monday until service time at Welter Funeral Home. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery.



## Venus "Dot" Reintsma

JUN 30 2002  
BILLINGS GAZETTE

HUNTLEY — A memorial service will be held by the family and friends of Venus "Dot" Reintsma (Mrs. Otto), 91, at the Huntley United Methodist Church at 4 p.m. on Saturday, July 6. A dinner will follow the service.

## **Elmer W. Reisch, Sr.**

**SHERIDAN GAZETTE**  
**FEB 22 2002**

**SHERIDAN, Wyo.** — Elmer W. Reisch, Sr., 91, of Sheridan, died Tuesday, Feb. 19, 2002, at Memorial Hospital of Sheridan County.

An open visitation will be from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Feb. 22, at Kane Funeral Home in Sheridan. Mass of the Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 23, at Holy Name Catholic Church. Interment will be in the Sheridan Municipal Cemetery.

## Rose Reisch

JUN 26 2002

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SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Rose Reisch, 89, of Sheridan, died Monday, June 24, 2002, at Sheridan Manor.

Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, June 27, at Kane Funeral Home in Sheridan. Mass of the Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. Friday, June 28, at Holy Name Catholic Church.

JUN 09 2002

BILLINGS GAZETTE

## Victor Reiter

Victor Reiter passed into eternal rest Friday evening, June 7, 2002, after a lengthy illness.

He was born May 17, 1927, at Laurel, to Henry H. and Katie Reiter. He spent his childhood years in the Laurel area, graduating from Edgar High School in 1945.

He married Elenora Reiter, Nov. 20, 1948, in Laurel; they farmed at Silesia, until moving to Laurel in November, 1951, when he became employed by Cenex Refinery, where he remained until retiring May 31, 1989.

After retiring, they wintered in Tucson, Ariz., doing volunteer work for Wycliffe Bible Translators for two years. They moved to Tucson permanently in May 1991, and returned to Billings, November 2000, because of ill health.

Surviving are his wife Elenora of 53 years; his daughter Pam (Leonard) Lehto of Arvada, Colo.; son Tim (Jenny) of Ham Lake, Minn.; one granddaughter, Samantha Reiter and four grandsons, Eric and Brian Lehto and



VICTOR  
REITER

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Alex and Michael Reiter. Also surviving are one brother, Walter (Helen) Reiter of Laurel, three sisters, Betty Hart, and Lydia Ostwald of Laurel, and Helen (Norm) Bever of Pueblo, Colo.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Rosie Stahley; his parents; and two brothers, George and Herman.

Funeral services will be Tuesday, June 11, at 2 p.m., at Westside Baptist Church, 323 S. 32nd St. W., with Pastor Lynn Howe officiating. Burial will be at Sunset Memorial Gardens. Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary has charge of arrangements.

The family wishes to express their gratitude and thanks to Dr. Ed Malters, Ann and his staff and to Dr. Ben Marchello and his staff. A special "Thanks" to the staff and volunteers of Big Sky Hospice, Horizon Hospice House and Rocky Mountain Home Health Care.

Memorials may be made to Big Sky Hospice or Westside Baptist Church.

"Absent from the body, present with the Lord."

## **Alice Rhodes Renner**

**MEETEETSE, Wyo.** — Alice Elizabeth Rhodes Renner, 75, died Tuesday, Sept. 17, 2002, at the West Park Long Term Care Center in Cody.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, Sept. 20, at the Meeteetse Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Meeteetse. Interment will follow in the Meeteetse Cemetery. Ballard Funeral Home of Cody is in charge.

# **Anna May Renner**

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**DEC 17 2002**

GLASGOW — Anna May Renner, 87, of Glasgow, died Sunday, Dec. 15, 2002, at Valley View Home in Glasgow.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 19, at First Lutheran Church in Glasgow. Burial will be in Highland Cemetery in Glasgow. Bell Mortuary of Glasgow is in charge.

## **Curt Renner**

**BAKER —** Curt Renner, 49, of Baker, died Friday, May 17, 2002, at his home.

Prayer services will be at 7 p.m. Sunday, May 19, at the Stevenson Funeral Home in Baker. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, May 20, at American Lutheran Church. Burial will be in the Bonnievale Cemetery in Baker.

**MAY 18 2002  
BILLINGS GAZETTE**



# Curtis Dean Renner

MAY 19 2002  
BILLINGS GAZETT

BAKER — Curtis Dean Renner, 49, of Baker, passed away on Friday, May 17, 2002, at his home after a long, hard and courageous fight with cancer. Curt was born, May 13, 1953, in Baker the son of Albert and Alyce (McKay) Renner. He grew up and attended schools in Baker, where he graduated in 1971 from the Baker High School. After High School, he enlisted in the Marine Corps, receiving his boot training at



**CURTIS  
RENNER**

San Diego, Calif., and Camp LaJone, N.C. On Sep. 18, 1971, Curtis married Diane Atkenson. They spent the next two years in California. After Curt was Honorably Discharged from the service, he attended Lane Community College in Eugene, Ore. After returning to Baker Curt started working for John Hiem in the Oilfield. In 1974 Curt started working for Cenex Exploration and Production which moved him to Rhame, N.D., for the next 20 years.

While in Rhame, Curt was very active in the Lutheran Church, School Board and Rhame Volunteer Fire Department. In

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June of 1995, Curt started working for Continental Resources, Inc. and moved back to Baker, where he has made his home since. The biggest joy of Curt's life was his children and family. He loved to play golf and have barbecues in his back yard with family and friends. Curt also enjoyed prairie dog hunting and fishing.

Survivors include his wife, Diane, of Baker; a son, Kevin, Eugene of Oregon; two daughters, Chayni (Gye) Varner and Brittany Renner of Baker; a very special grandson, Jacob Dean Renner; his mother, Alyce Renner of Clifton, Colo.; two brothers, Edward (Karin) Renner of Houston, Texas, and Randy (Karen) Renner of Clifton, Colo. His father, Albert, a brother, Harlan and a nephew, Joel Renner, preceded him in death.

A Prayer Service will be held at 7 p.m. on Sunday, May 19, at the Stevenson Funeral Home in Baker. Funeral Service will be held at 10 a.m. on Monday, May 20, at the American Lutheran Church in Baker with Pastor Peggy Paugh Leuzinger officiating. Burial will be in the Bonnievale Cemetery in Baker with Military Graveside Rites. Stevenson Funeral Home of Baker is in charge of the arrangements.

# Inez Renner

BILLINGS GAZETTE

NOV 12 2002

Inez Renner passed away Sunday, Nov. 10, 2002, after a long and courageous battle with cancer.

She was born June 23, 1943, to Herbert and Erna Ellwein. She was raised near Hazen, N.D., and graduated from Bismarck Beauty School.

In April of 1962, she married Orville Renner and they later settled in Billings, where they raised their three children.



**INEZ RENNER**

Inez worked for Deaconess Billings Clinic for 30 years before retiring due to her illness. She loved her job and the friends she acquired along the way. She had a passion for growing beautiful flowers, and her friends and family envied her gardens.

She loved the outdoors, her animals, fishing, quilting, traveling and spending time with her grandchildren. In the last two years of her life, she traveled to many wonderful places and made many friends along the way.

We will all miss her wonderful smile, her laughter and her phone calls.

Troy (Kate) of Billings; her daughter, Sonja Goodman (Bobby) of Fromberg; a brother, Ivan Ellwein (Dyann) of Pick City, N.D.; her longtime companion, Frank Degele of Laurel and his four children. Together, they have 15 grandchildren.

She was preceded death by her husband, Orville; her son, Allen; and both of her parents.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Nov. 14, at the Smith West Chapel, 304 34th Street West. Visitations will begin Tuesday afternoon, Nov. 12, at Smith West Chapel, and the family will greet friends from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday evening, Nov. 13. Interment will be in Terrace Gardens Cemetery.

Memorials are suggested to either the Denver Children's Hospital, the Leukemia Research Fund, Toys for Kids via the U.S. Marine Corps or Big Sky Hospice.

Survivors include her son,

## Matthew Renner

## BILLINGS GAZETTE

JUL - 7 2002

LAUREL — Matthew P. Renner, 95, of Laurel died Friday July 5, 2002, at Evergreen Health Center in Laurel.

He was born July 8, 1906, to Pius and Margaret Hoerner Renner and was raised and attended school on a farm near Richardton, N.D. He later completed barber school in Fargo, N.D.

He married Frances R. Senn on July 10, 1927. They had three children, William Van, Jacqueline Anne and Jean Marie.

On March 17, 1980, he married Margaret Menter Fink, in Laurel.

Matthew was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers, three sisters, his wife Frances and daughter Jean (Jim) Graff.

Survivors include his wife, Margaret; son William; daughter Jacqueline (Bob) Sears; a sister, Josephine Moon Biffle; step-daughters Elaine (Alan) Smith, Arlene (Calvin) Blevins, Sherl (Bud) Rausch and Carol (John) Lyons; six grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m., Friday, July 12, at the United Methodist Church, Laurel. Inurnment will be in the Laurel Cemetery.

Memorials are suggested to Big Sky Hospice.

Smith Funeral Chapel-Laurel was in charge of arrangements and cremation.

# Russell Eugene 'Rush' Renner

MAY 02 2002  
BILLINGS GAZETTE

HAMILTON — Russell Eugene "Rush" Renner, 46, passed away from natural causes early Sunday morning, April 28, 2002, surrounded by his loving family.

He was born in Chamberlain, S.D., on Saturday, April 7, 1956, to Tommie Franklin and Arliss Rae (Rinegar) Renner. He attended and graduated from Upton (Wyo.) High School, and attended college in Powell, Wyo. Rush was a professional fishing guide on the Big Horn River in Fort Smith and a professional trail hand for wagon trains. He had many diverse and varied interests. Rush lived life to its fullest.

Survivors include parents Tommie and Arliss of Mills, Wyo.; brother Frank Renner of Mills, Wyo.; sisters Trisha and Brandon Siemion, Fort Smith, and Darla and Larry Ellis of Rozet, Wyo.; children Ariene Clark of Sheridan, Wyo.; Emily Kelly, Kamiah, Idaho, and Evan Herron of Littleton, Colo.; as well as his many family members and friends including Pick and Billy Bob.

A celebration of life service is pending and the family will make arrangements. The Renner family can be contacted as to the time and place of service.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be sent to "The Rockin R Fund," PO Box 7566, Fort Smith, MT 59035 or 84 South Fourth Ave., Mills, WY 82604.

# Earl Jerome Rensvold

BILLINGS GAZETTE

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**WOLF POINT** — Earl Jerome Rensvold was born to Art and Josie Rensvold on March 6, 1917, in Wolf Point. Earl's parents had arrived in the Wolf Point area as homesteaders in 1916. Earl and his seven brothers and sisters grew up on the family farm northeast of Wolf Point.



**EARL  
RENSVOLD**

As a very young man, Earl bought his own place southeast of his parents' place. Shortly after, he began seriously courting the love of his life, Ann Rothe, whom he'd met as they both grew up in the Wolf Point community. Earl and Ann were married in June of 1940.

The focus and joy of his life with Ann were their family and their farm. Through the years, Earl also served as a school board member in Districts 45 and 3, and dedicated 31 years to the interesting role of serving as a director for the Nemont Telephone Cooperative.

In 2000, he and Ann moved into town due to Ann's ill health. After her death during Easter week of 2000, Earl continued to make his home in Wolf Point until he left this life just minutes before Easter Day in 2002.

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Earl will be remembered with love and gratitude for a rich life centered around church, family, and home, lived with a continuing strength and quiet responsibility.

He is survived by his children, Jerald with wife Jo of Parachute, Colo., Ted and wife Sandy of Wolf Point, Joyce and husband Donn Lorash of Boyd and Verna Rensvold and Bart Klersy of Minneapolis; by his 12 grandchildren; and by numerous great-grandchildren. Earl is also survived by his sisters, Avis Toavs, Wolf Point, Mary and George Dodaro of Vancouver, Wash., Verna Hagen of Kalispell, and Irene and John Toavs, Wolf Point; his brother LeRoy and Dorothy Rensvold, Wolf Point; sister-in-law Lois Rensvold, and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife Ann; brother Stanley Rensvold; and sister Ruby Ruhd.

Family services will be held Tuesday evening, April 2, at Clayton Memorial Chapel in Wolf Point. Funeral services will be held Wednesday morning, April 3, at 10 a.m. at the First Lutheran Church in Wolf Point.

## Floyd J. Revell

## BILLINGS GAZETTE

MAR 13 2002

MILES CITY — Longtime Terry resident Floyd J. Revell died March 10, 2002, at the Holy Rosary Healthcare Center in Miles City.



**MR. REVELL**

Mr. Revell had been in ill health for several years and died of pneumonia.

He was born May 25, 1914, near Rock Springs, the son of homesteaders Frank and Rita Lacher Revell. The family moved to Sheep Mountain, north of Terry, in 1922. Mr. Revell entered the U.S. Army in 1941 and served in Australia, New Guinea and the Philippines. He was wounded in action and received the Purple Heart before being discharged in 1945.

He married Lucille Hubing, Jan. 23, 1946, in Los Angeles, and the couple moved to Terry that year. They owned and operated R&H Lockers until their retirement in 1977.

Mr. Revell is survived by his wife, Lucille Revell of Terry; two daughters, Suzanne and Connie Revell; a son, Paul Revell; two grandsons, Justin and Lt. Cyrus Revand; a brother, Leo Revell; and a sister, Theresa Roberts. He was preceded in death by his par-

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ents; two sisters, Frances Dockstader and Helen Revell; and five brothers, George, Raymond, Ralph, Norman and Richard Revell.

Vigil services were held on Tuesday, March 12, at 7 p.m. in the chapel of Stevenson Funeral Home in Terry. Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Wednesday, March 13, at 10:30 a.m. in the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Terry. Rite of committal will follow in the family lot in the Prairie County Cemetery in Terry. Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home of Terry is in charge of arrangements.

The family asks that in lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Salvation Army.

**Martin Reynen**

**CULBERTSON** — Martin Reynen, 93, of Culbertson, formerly of Froid, died Thursday, Sept. 5, 2002, at the Roosevelt Memorial Nursing Home in Culbertson.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday, Sept. 9, at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Froid. Interment will be in the South Froid Cemetery. Friends may call at the Everson-Clayton Memorial Chapel of Culbertson from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 8, and one hour before service time on Monday at the church. A time of gathering for the family will be at 5 p.m. Sunday, at the Everson-Clayton Chapel.

## **Kenneth G. Reynolds**

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

A memorial service will be held for Kenneth G. Reynolds at 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 10, at the LDS Chapel, at 36th and Monad.

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**Kenneth G. Reynolds**

Kenneth G. Reynolds passed away on July 24, 2002, at Valley Health Care Center. He was born to Florence Holland and Gordon Reynolds on Feb. 15, 1931. He grew up in Drummond where he received his early education.

Ken received a double masters in education and administration from U of M, Missoula. Ken was a teacher at West High for many years.

In 1999, Ken received recognition from the Yellowstone Teachers Credit Union for his 28 years of service on the supervisory committee.

He is survived by his wife, Zandra; daughter, Carla Reynolds; granddaughter, Hartley Neuhardt of Billings; daughter Cathy Robertson of Missoula; nephew Jim Sturm (Karen), Missoula; niece Merle (Dee) Glasser of Nevada.

Ken was an avid photographer; he specialized in wildlife, especially ducks and birds.

Memorial services will be held Saturday, Aug. 10, at 11 a.m., LDS Chapel, 36th and Monad, Billings.

**KENNETH  
REYNOLDS**

## **Patricia Ruth Rexroat**

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Patricia Ruth Rexroat, 76, of Sheridan, died Friday, June 21, 2002, at her home.

A private family service will be held. Champion Ferries Funeral Home of Sheridan is in charge.

**JUN 25 2002**

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

## E. Loretta Reynolds

At the age of 94, Loretta Reynolds died peacefully, surrounded by her family at St. Vincent Health-care on Friday, May 10, 2002. She was born Sept. 8, 1907, in Rockvale, Neb., the daughter of Thomas and Sarah (O'Malia) Dugan. At a young age, she moved with her family to



**LORETTA  
REYNOLDS**

Procter, Colo., to farm. Loretta attended and graduated from boarding school in Sterling, Colo. It was in Sterling she met George Reynolds and they were united in marriage on Dec. 26, 1928. From Sterling they moved to Rapid City, S.D., where three of their children were born, Tom, Jim and Mary Jo. In 1938, the family moved to Red Lodge, and to Billings, in 1939. Their fourth child, Mike, was born in Billings.

Loretta was a charter member of Holy Rosary Parish, a lifetime member of the Holy Rosary Choir and a longtime, active member of the Catholic Daughters of America and was instrumental in founding the Junior Catholic Daughters of America, a member of the Altar Society and the Fratt School

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PTA. A talented musician, Loretta taught piano, voice, guitar and accordion in her home to hundreds of young people and adults alike, sometimes as many as 80 a week. In 1953, she began taking in boarders. Her home was open to anyone who needed to turn his or her life around. She had one special boarder who has stayed in contact with her, Al Chandler. Rural students frequently boarded with her so they could attend high school.

Loretta loved traveling, taking many trips with family and Senior Citizen tours. Retiring in 1978, Loretta moved to Prairie Towers in 1990. Ill health forced her to move to Brookside Adult Personal Care Center in Absarokee in 2001.

A woman with a strong personality and a cute sense of humor, Loretta was a generous, caring individual, always giving of herself to both family and friends. No one was a stranger to Loretta.

Loretta leaves behind children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren:

Son Tom (Barbara) Reynolds of Billings; granddaughter Vonni (Joe) Casey; great-grandsons, Bryan (Ginette) Casey, Kellan (Brenda) Casey, great-great-

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grandchild, Riley; great-granddaughter Heather (Aaron) Smith; great-great-grandsons Thomas, Robert and Connor Smith; grandson Pat Reynolds; great-grandsons Stephan and Shiloh Reynolds; granddaughter, Linda (Steve) Biondich; great-grandchildren Nicole, Trevor and Kyle Biondich; grandson Rick (Janet) Reynolds; granddaughter Julie (David) Cattnach; great-grandsons Jacob and Ben Cattnach; granddaughter Lora (Shawn) Hirsch; great-grandson Austin Hirsch.

Son Jim (Pat) Reynolds of Billings; grandson Rob (Fran) Kubesh; great-granddaughters Meghan and Ciara; grandson Blaine (Siobhan) Kubesh; great-grand twins, Aidan and Claire; granddaughter Rachel (Greg) Huncovsky; great-grandsons Landon and Izaak Huncovsky.

Daughter Mary Jo (Pat) Dwyer of Spokane, Wash.; grandson Tony Carson; great-grandson Jay Carson; great-great-grandchildren Joey, Caleb and Liam Carson; grandson Neil Carson; granddaughter Anne Carson; great-granddaughter Kylie Carson; grandson Mark Carson; grandson Jim (Chris) Carson; great-granddaughter



Sarah Carson; great-great-granddaughter Jaylene Carson; step-granddaughter April Betts; great-grandchildren Cameron, Kady and step-granddaughter Danni

Orme; step-grandsons Tom (Lynne) Dwyer, Paul Dwyer and Dean (Leanne) Dwyer; great-granddaughter Deanna Dwyer.

Son Mike (Rosie) Reynolds; grandson Marty (Deanna) Reynolds; grandson Monte Reynolds; grandson Mick (Kelly) Reynolds; great-grandchildren Mitch and Kaelyn Reynolds; grandson Matt Reynolds; grandson Mark and fiancé Christy Eppers; grandson John Shepard and granddaughter Nina Shepard.

Also surviving Loretta is her sister-in-law, Tudy Dugan of Rapid City, S.D., and niece Sara (Jerry) Morris and their family of North Platte, Neb. She was preceded in death by her husband, George M. Reynolds; her parents; sister Mary Horgan and brother, Tom Dugan.

A Vigil Service for Loretta will be at 7 p.m. Sunday, May 12, at Dahl Funeral Chapel. Funeral Mass will be at 1 p.m., Tuesday, May 14, at Holy Rosary Church with Rite of Committal in Holy Cross Cemetery. Visitation will be at Dahl Funeral Chapel on Sunday from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. Memorials may be made to Holy Rosary Parish, 501 Custer Avenue, Billings 59101.

MAR 28 2002

**Frances M. Reynolds**

Sept. 3, 1918 — March 22, 2002

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Frances Metz Reynolds was born in Mannington, W.Va. Her family moved to Texas, where she met and married Jim Reynolds. She and Jim moved to Wyoming in



**FRANCES  
REYNOLDS**

1947 with their three children, Ben of Sheridan, Donna (Jim) Lane of Dayton and Grace (Jim) Lukkes of Columbus, Mont.

Frances was devoted to her family, and was fortunate to enjoy two of her grandchildren who lived nearby during their childhood years, Jamie (Donnita) Lane of Allen, Texas, and Elizabeth Reynolds of Sheridan. She also doted on her three grandchildren and cherished the visits of Kris Lukkes of Billings, Chuck (Christine) Lukkes of Framingham, Mass., and David (Kathleen) Lukkes of Littleton, Colo.

Frances was preceded in death by her husband Jim; her parents; and five brothers and sisters. She is survived by her three children, five grandchildren, four great-

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grandchildren, Corbin and McKenzie Lane and Mason and Grace Patricia Lukkes, and her niece Sally Schoonover and her family.

Frances loved life and loved her friends. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Sheridan. She loved music, to sing, and to dance, and now she's singing with the rest of the angels. We miss you Mom, Mother-in-law, Grandma and Great-grandma.

Cremation has taken place, and memorial services were held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, March 26, at First United Methodist Church with the Reverend Joe Keys officiating. Kane Funeral Home handled the arrangements.

Memorials may be made to Alzheimer's related funds in care of Delphine Toner, First Interstate Bank, PO Box 2007, Sheridan, WY 82801.

## Ethel H. Rhodehouse

**FISHTAIL** — Ethel H. Rhodehouse, age 84, of the Fishtail area, passed away Sunday, Oct. 27, 2002, at St. Vincent's Healthcare in Billings. She was born and raised in Allentown, N.J.

Ethel spent most of her life as an executive secretary working for various firms throughout the world, including a Saudi Arabian colonel during the construction of the airport in Jedda, Saudi Arabia.

She met Harry Rhodehouse during her overseas work and they were married in Nassau, Bahamas, in 1970.

They came to the Fishtail area in 1992, where they have resided till the present time.

Survivors include her husband, John of Fishtail; and daughter, Phyllis Cipolloni of Trenton, N.J.

Cremation has taken place at Smith's Crematory and no services are planned.

# Audrie Mae Nansel Rhodes

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BILLINGS GAZETTE

Audrie Mae Nansel Rhodes went to be with the Lord on April 28, 2002, after a courageous battle with cancer. She was born July 11, 1925, to Joseph and Phoebe Giles Nansel at home in Myers.



**AUDRIE  
RHODES**

In 1943, she graduated from Hysham High School and continued her education at Deaconess School of Nursing in Billings, where she received her registered nursing degree. She was a compassionate and dedicated nurse, caring for the residents of Western Manor from 1977 until December 2000, when she retired.

Audrie married James E. Rhodes on June 24, 1950, in Spokane, Wash. The couple made their home in various Montana locations — Stryker, Kalispell, Shelby, Chinook, Hysham, Red Lodge and Billings. Audrie and Jim had four children, Dee Lea (Darrell) Hert, Todd and David of West Jordan, Utah; Teresa (Ron) Foos, Alicia and Tricia; Joe

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(Susan) Rhodes, Brian and Dustin; Jim (Un Hyaug) Rhodes, Christopher and Michelle, all of Billings.

Audrie loved to read cook-books, especially the family reunion cookbooks. She could tell you which book and the page number of any family recipe. She always had a twinkle in her eye and a smile on her face. Mom, may you rest in peace.

Audrie is preceded in death by her parents; her brother, Joseph (Junior), and brother-in-law, John Myhre. She is survived by her husband; children; grandchildren; sister, Joy Myhre of Billings; brothers, Don (Dottie) of Billings and Arlo (Ruth) of Miles City; sister-in-law, Joanne Nansel of Forsyth; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, May 2, at Open Bible Christian Center, 302 19th St. West, with interment at Rancher Cemetery in Myers, at 3 p.m. Thursday. Memorials may be made to the Salvation Army, 2100 Sixth Ave. N., Billings, MT 59101, or Big Sky Hospice, PO Box 35033, Billings, MT 59107. Smith Funeral Chapels is in charge of arrangements.

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## Charles Gray Rhodes Sr.

In remembrance of Charles Gray Rhodes Sr., age 70; born in North Wilkesboro, N.C. on Aug. 27, 1932 and passed away on March 14, 2002 in Billings. He was a loving father and hard worker until a serious illness forced his retirement.

He is preceded in death by his father, James M. Rhodes; mother, Hettie Elledge Rhodes; wife, Mary Rogers Rhodes; and brother, Ivan Rhodes. He is survived by one brother, three sisters, his first wife, nine children, 18 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Cremation has taken place and a Memorial Service will be 7 p.m. Monday, March 18, at Bethel Baptist Church.

# Mary J. Rhodes

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**  
**FEB 26 2002**

Mary J. Rhodes entered into the kingdom of heaven on Feb. 23, 2002, after a courageous battle with cancer.



**MRS. RHODES**

She was born to Floyd and Margaret (Scherr) Rogers in Billings, on Feb. 1, 1947. Mary attended Kate Fratt Memorial and Central Catholic High School, graduating in 1965.

She worked as a CNA taking care of the elderly for many years starting in 1966 until 1999, when a back injury forced her to retire. Mary worked at Valley Health Care Center for many years.

She is survived by her husband, Charles Gray Rhodes; and four children, Anna Baber, Jennifer Bowling, Jeffrey Rhodes and Shana Rhodes; her two grandsons, David and Gregory; her parents, her sisters, JoAnn Singer, Cindy Sawyer and Cathy Powell and their immediate families. Mary is also survived by seven stepchildren, Charles, Terry, Betsy and Pam of Kentucky, Mike and Donald of Billings and Susan of England and their families.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents; her stepsister, Patricia Buck; her stepmother,

Helen Rogers; and an infant grandson, Michael.

A vigil service will be held 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 27, at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary. Funeral Mass will be offered at 12 noon, Thursday, Feb. 28, at St. Patrick's Co-Cathedral. Rite of Committal will be at Holy Cross Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Big Sky Hospice, 123 S. 27th, Billings, MT 59101.

The family wishes to thank Big Sky Hospice for their help and care, especially Annie and Jan.

Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.



# Frances A. Rhoads

BILLINGS GAZETTE

NOV 22 2002

GILLETTE, Wyo. — Frances Almeda Rhoads, 86, died Thursday, Nov. 21, 2002, at the Campbell County Memorial Hospital in Gillette.

Visitation will be from 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 23, at Stevenson Funeral Home Chapel in Gillette, and one hour prior to 11 a.m. services at the First Christian Church. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday, Nov. 25, at First Christian Church.

MAR 09 2002

## **Mildred Audrey Rhoads**

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Mildred Audrey Rhoads, 97, of Sheridan, died Wednesday, March 6, 2002, at Memorial Hospital of Sheridan County.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday, March 11, at Champion Ferries Funeral Home in Sheridan. Burial will be in the Odd Fellows section of Sheridan Municipal Cemetery.

## **Beatrice Cecilia (Miller) Ricci**

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**AUG 24 2002**

In her 86th year, Beatrice died peacefully in Almonte, Ontario, Canada, on Thursday, Aug. 22, 2002. Bea was the widow of Domenic Ricci. She was the loved and loving mother and mother-in-law of Dennis and Megan Ricci of Carleton Place, Ontario; proud grandmother of Becky (John) McGovern, Anna (Dean) Grose and Ian and Claire Ricci; special great-grandmother of Taylor Pierce and Jacob Grose. Bea is also survived by her twin sister, Bernice Arcadipane of Billings. She was preceded in death by her parents and her brothers Wally and Frank Miller.

There will be a memorial service on Wednesday, Aug. 28, at 7 p.m. at Dahl Funeral Chapel in Billings. A Funeral Mass will be on Thursday, Aug. 29, at 10 a.m. at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Laurel. Rite of Committal will be in the Laurel Cemetery with a reception at St. Anthony's following the committal. If desired, memorial donations may be made to Almonte Country Haven, 333 Country St. Almonte, Ontario, Canada K0A 1A0.

## Dorothy Rice

MAY 12 2002  
BILLINGS GAZETTE

ROUNDUP — Delfrances Dorothy Rice, 83, of Roundup, died Monday, Jan. 21, 2002, at St. John's Lutheran Hospital in Libby from natural causes.

She was born July 30, 1918, in St. Joseph, Mo., to Willets and Evelyn Graham Kress. She attended school in Roundup and graduated from Roundup High School in 1936. After high school she worked as a waitress. She married Burl Rice in 1948 in Roundup, where they lived for 53 years. Dorothy worked as a nurse's aide at the Roundup Memorial Hospital for a number of years. She enjoyed gardening, playing solitaire and working crossword puzzles.

Her husband, Burl, preceded her in death in December of 2000. Survivors include four daughters, Juanita Rice of Libby, Sandra Rux of Boulder, Linda Thompson (Robert) of Billings, Donna Odell (Steve) of Spokane, Wash.; one son, James Shope (Carol) of Helena; ten grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Cremation has taken place. Graveside services will be May 25 in Roundup.

Memorials may be made to  
the American Lung Association  
or the American Cancer  
Society.

Mom, this first Mother's Day  
without you is so difficult. We  
love you and miss you so much!  
Your memory will always live  
in our hearts.

## Harlan M. Rice

MAY 09 2002  
BILLINGS GAZETTE

GRANDVIEW, Texas  
Harlan M. Rice, 88, of Grandview,  
formerly of Forsyth, Mont., died  
Monday, April 29, 2002, in Fort  
Worth.

Memorial services will be held  
11 a.m. Monday, May 13, at the  
Beals Mortuary Chapel in  
Forsyth. Cremation has taken  
place. Beals Mortuary of Forsyth  
is in charge.

## Harlan M. Rice

MAY 10 2002  
BILLINGS GAZETTE

GRANDVIEW, Texas — Harlan M. Rice, 88, of Grandview, formerly of Forsyth, died Monday, April 29, 2002, in Fort Worth.

Harlan was born July 26, 1913, in Cameron, the son of Albert and Margaret McDonald Rice. He spent his youth and attended schools in Forsyth, Mont., graduating from Forsyth High School. He followed construction as a heavy equipment operator, and was involved with the construction of the Yellowtail Dam. He later went to Los Angeles, working for Lockheed building airplanes during WWII.

In the late 1940s, Harlan moved to Columbus, Mont., where he became a partner in the Rhodes Hotel. After the hotel burned down, Harlan became stockbroker for a few years until partaking as a full time farmer and rancher on his grandfather's original homestead in the Sarpy-Reservation Creek area.

He is survived by his son, Randy (Penny) Rice; his daughter Twilla Orr, all of Grandview; his grandson Grant (Shannon) Rice of Nashville, Tenn.; his niece Lois (Bill) Eberhart of Fishtail, Mont.; his former wife, Iva Swain of Grandview; as well as his long-time friend, Joanne Olson of Yuma, Ariz.

Memorial services will be held 11 a.m. Monday, May 13, at the Beals Mortuary Chapel in Forsyth. Cremation has taken place. Beals Mortuary of Forsyth is assisting the family with these arrangements.

## Marie E. Rice

GLENDIVE —Marie E. Rice, age 83, of Glendive, passed away on Monday, Sept. 30, 2002, at the Eastern Montana Veterans Home in Glendive.

A vigil service will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 3, at the Chapel of the Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home in Glendive.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, Oct. 4, at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church, with Father Joseph



MARIE RICE

Ponessa officiating. Rite of Committal will be in the Dawson Memorial Cemetery. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home is entrusted with arrangements.

Marie was born on July 7, 1919, in Glendive, the daughter of Gabriel and Agnes (Rinehart) Evans. She was raised in the Cracker Box, Mont., area and received her early education at the Cracker Box School. She graduated with the Dawson County High School class of 1938. Marie had worked various jobs in Glendive until her marriage to Francis Rice on Feb. 10, 1941, in Glendive.

Marie and her husband lived in Washington and California while Francis was serving in the

military. When Francis was called to serve overseas, Marie returned to Glendive, where she made her home until Francis' discharge from the military.

Marie had made her home in Glendive since that time. Following their retirement, Marie and Francis would travel to Arizona during the winter months where Marie enjoyed writing music and singing with a musical group "The Belles." Marie enjoyed crocheting and making homemade wine.

Marie was a member of the Catholic Daughters and sang with the Sacred Heart Church Choir. She especially enjoyed her grandchildren.

Marie was preceded in death by her parents; one brother, one sister and one granddaughter.

Survivors include her husband, Francis, of Glendive; one daughter, Joan Elpel and her husband Gerald of Columbus; five sons, Robert Rice and his wife Terry of Portland, Ore., Michael Rice and his wife Lisa of Phoenix, William Rice and his wife Laurel of Prescott, Dennis Rice and his wife Sherri of Tucson, Ariz., and Jack Rice and his wife Pam of Glendive; one brother, George Evans and his wife Betty of Billings; 13 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

## **Marie J. Rice**

**MAY 11 2002  
BILLINGS GAZETT**

GLASGOW — Marie J. Rice, 85, of Glasgow, die Wednesday, May 8, 2002, at Frances Mahon Deaconess Hospital in Glasgow.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, May 14, at Evangelical Church. Interment will be in Highland Cemetery. Bell Mortuary of Glasgow is in charge.



## **Pamela Martin Rice**

DEAVER, Wyo. — Graveside services for Pamela Martin Rice will be at 2 p.m. Friday, May 17, at the Deaver Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the Cancer Foundation.

**MAY 15 2002**  
**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

## Dorothy Richard

BILLINGS GAZETTE

NOV 23 2002

WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS  
— Dorothy Richard, 84, of White Sulphur Springs, died Thursday, Nov. 14, 2002, at Mountain View Medical Center.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Monday, Nov. 25, in the Twichel Funeral Home Chapel in White Sulphur Springs. Graveside committal will follow in Mayn Cemetery.

## Stanley D. Richard

WORLAND, Wyo. — Stanley Dewayne Richard, 66, of Worland, died Thursday, June 6, 2002, at the Washakie Medical Center in Worland.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Monday, June 10, at Grace Community Chapel in Worland. Private family graveside services will be held at a later date. Bryant Funeral Home of Worland is in charge.

JUN 08 2002

WYOMING GAZETTE

## **Clarice A. (Leland) Richards**

**Dec. 22, 1921 — Sept. 15, 2002**

BARRON, Wis. — Clarice A. Richards, 80, of Barron, died Sept. 15, 2002, at Barron Medical Center.

Funeral services were held on Sept. 19, in Barron, and she was buried at Wayside Cemetery in Barron. Clarice was born in Glendive, Mont., to William and Izma (Westby) Leland. She married Ralph Richards in Hysham, Mont., on March 29, 1940. In 1948, they moved to the Barron area. Clarice enjoyed growing plants, quilting and traveling.

She is survived by four sons; five daughters; two adopted sons and one adopted daughter; 24 grandchildren and 29 great-grandchildren; a brother, Wallace (Muriel) Leland of San Antonio; and two sisters, Velma Hein of Billings, and Billee (LeRoy) Palmer of Salome, Ariz. She was preceded in death by her husband in 1995; her daughter, Patricia, in 1966; and by one great-grandson and one great-granddaughter.

**APR 08 2002****Jewel H. Richards**

ASHLAND — Jewel H. Richards, 66, died Saturday, April 6, 2002, at her home.

Visitation begins at 1 p.m. Wednesday, April 10 in the chapel of Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Broadus. Funeral services will be 1 p.m. Thursday, April 11, at the First Baptist Church. Interment will be at the Valley View Cemetery.

APR 09 2002

## Jewel Richards

ASHLAND — Jewel Richards, age 66, of Ashland, passed away Saturday, April 6, 2002, at her home, surrounded by her loving family.

Jewel was born in Hawley, Minn., on July 17, 1935, the daughter of John and Mabel (Kronbeck)



**JEWEL  
RICHARDS**

Zuehlsdorff. She began school in Minnesota and in the summer of 1944, when she was 9, she moved with her family to Broadus. Following her graduation from Broadus High School in 1953, Jewel mov-

ed to Miles City, where she worked as a telephone operator for Mountain Bell until 1955. It was on Aug. 14, 1955, that Jewel married the love of her life, Jim Richards, at her parents' home in Broadus. Jewel worked at the ASCS from 1955 until 1972, and in 1973, she went on to work at the Powder River Bank until her retirement in February of 1983. In November of 1983, Jewel and Jim decided to make their home in Ashland, where they have resided since.

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Jewel loved her family, and especially loved being around her three grandchildren, Megan, Bill and Jayme. Being involved in their lives was the most important thing to Jewel. Jewel also enjoyed being outside, whether it was working in her yard, one of her favorite pastimes or playing golf, she loved to be outdoors. Jewel was a member of the "Sweet Rockets Garden Club" in Ashland, as she spent many hours with them gathering tips and ideas for her to use on her beautifully landscaped yard.

Jewel will be dearly missed by her husband of 46 wonderful years, Jim Richards of Ashland; a daughter, Valli and her husband Dan Gaskill of Volborg; six brothers, John and his wife Ethel of Rock Springs, Wyo., Aaron "Swede" and his wife Mildred of Rock Springs, Noel of Miles City, Roger of Colstrip, Arlen and his wife Wanda of Colstrip and Dwight and his wife Carole of Fort Smith, Alaska; two sisters, Velma Wittman of Federal Way, Wash., and Leith and her husband Dennie Simonson of Sturgis, S.D.; her brother-in-law Francis and his wife Elaine Richards of Rapid City, S.D.; three special grandchildren; Megan, Bill and Jayme; a special nephew, Willis and his wife Ardi Bartholomay of Terry,

along with several other nieces and nephews. Jewel was preceded in death by her parents, John and Mabel (Kronbeck) Zuehlsdorff; her mother-in-law and father-in-law, Margaret and Arnold Richards; a sister, Deilda Bartholomay; and a sister-in-law, Pat Smith.

Visitation will begin on Wednesday, April 10, at 1 p.m. in the chapel of Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Broadus. Funeral services will be held on Thursday, April 11 at 1 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Broadus. Interment will be at the Valley View Cemetery at a later date. Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home of Broadus is in charge of the arrangements.

Should friends desire, memorials may be made to the Powder River Manor the Rolling Hills Golf Course or to the charity of one's choice.

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## **Dalton Richardson**

LIVINGSTON — Dalton W. "Dat" Richardson, 88, of Clyde Park, died Tuesday, Jan. 15, 2002, at Livingston Memorial Hospital.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 19, at Franzen-Davis Funeral Home in Livingston. Graveside committal and burial will follow in Clyde Park Cemetery.

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**JAN 17 2002**

## **Leona Marie Richardson**

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**DEC 26 2002**

SCOBEEY — Leona Marie Richardson, 71, died Monday, Dec. 23, 2002, at St. Vincent Healthcare in Billings.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at the Scobey Lutheran Church with burial in the Scobey Cemetery. Waller Funeral Home is in charge.

## **Nita Lucille Beers Richardson**

**EAST GREENWICH, R.I. —** Nita Lucille Beers Richardson, 88, passed away at her son's home, Sept. 8, 2002. Her daughter Marjorie Richardson Burns had been aiding her in her illness also. Nita Richardson was born in Fishtail, Mont., on the homestead of her parents, James Phillip Beers and Lucy Rupe Beers on May 17, 1914.

Nita married William "Pete" Richardson on Jan. 2, 1932, in Billings. Nita and Pete farmed and ranched in southern Montana (Stillwater County) until retiring and moving to Arizona in 1978. After her husband's death in 1992, she moved to South Carolina to be close to Marjorie. She liked to spend her summers traveling to her children's homes.

Nita is survived by three sons and two daughters, Glenn Richardson of Alberta, Va., Joan Weppler of Absarokee, Mont., William Richardson of East Greenwich, Marjorie Burns of Westminster, S.C., and Paul Richardson of Mukilteo, Wash.; there are 15 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Nita was known for her cooking and was very popular with threshing crews for the dinners served at harvest time. She and her husband enjoyed dancing. Her favorite hobby was crocheting afghans for her family and collecting yarn to start another one. She loved traveling and was able to travel to all of the lower 48 states, Hawaii, Mexico and Canada.

Memorial services will be held in Montana at a future date. She will be placed next to her husband Pete in the Nye Cemetery in the Beartooth Mountains in Nye, Mont.

## Thelma B. Richardson

MAY 13 2002  
BILLINGS GAZETTE

FROMBERG — Thelma B. Richardson, passed away Saturday, May 11, 2002, at Billings Health and Rehabilitation Community.

She was born on July 7, 1922 in Deaver, Wyo., the daughter of Wesley and Blanche Miller. When she was about three years

old the family moved to the Fromberg area. She graduated from Fromberg High School and went on to attend Eastern Normal College in Billings and received a degree in teaching.



**THELMA  
RICHARDSON**

Thelma then taught school at the Round Butte School East of Bridger.

On Oct. 8, 1945, Thelma married Lee Richardson of Fromberg. Together they farmed and ranched east of Fromberg and raised three children.

Thelma is survived by their three children, Terry Richardson of Red Lodge, Charlotte (Albert) Foss and Jason (Wanda) Richardson, all of Fromberg; six grandchildren, Kristi and Brian Foss, Lindsay Richardson, Courtney Richardson, Ashley

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Richardson and Jeffrey Richardson, all of Fromberg. Thelma is preceded in death by her husband, Lee, her sister, Maxine and her parents.

Thelma was a member of Eastern Star, Rebekah Lodge and the Fromberg United Methodist Church. She had a love for people and could brighten anyone's day with her smile. She enjoyed cooking, working out in her garden, helping her husband with the family farm and spending time with her grandchildren. She always enjoyed playing cards with her friends and family and spending time with the Fromberg Senior Citizens. She will be remembered as a loving mother and grandmother, a devoted wife.

Services will be 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, May 14, at the United Methodist Church in Fromberg. Interment will be in Rockvale Cemetery. A dinner for family and friends will be at the church following interment. Memorials may be made to the Northern Rocky Regional Cancer Treatment Center; P.O. Box 369; Blgs, MT 59103-0369 or Bridger Ambulance or Fromberg United Methodist Church or charity of choice. Smith Funeral Chapel-Laurel was in charge of arrangements.

**MAR 12 2002**

## **George H. Richmond**

CODY, Wyo. — George H. "Jud" Richmond, 85, of Cody, died Friday, March 8, 2002, at his home.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Ballard Funeral Home of Cody is in charge.

**Mildred P. Rickell****MAR 21 2002**

**LAKEWOOD, Colo.** — Mildred P. Rickell, 96, of Cody, Wyo., died March 9, 2002, in Lakewood. The daughter of Swen F. and Louise Peterson, she was born May 4, 1905, in Cody, and grew up at the family home southeast of Cody.

She graduated from Cody High School and received an elementary education degree from the University of Wyoming. She taught school on Monument Hill and in Oregon Basin.

While working at the Snyder Sunlight Dude Ranch, she met George Rickell. They were married in Cody, May 9, 1931.

She was a loyal member of numerous clubs, past worthy matron of Cedar Chapter Eastern Star, member of Rebekahs, Cody United Methodist Church, Willing Workers, MHM Extension Club and Cody Girl Scouts. She also volunteered at West Park Nursing Home and the museum.

She lived in Cody until October '97, when failing health caused a move to Billings. In 2001, she moved to Denver and lived at the Argyle Assisted Living Center for 10 months.

Her home and children were her life. She loved to garden and baked cookies every chance she got.

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She is survived by her son, Larry of Cody; daughter, Ann (Charles) of Lakewood; four grandchildren, Stephen, Kellie, Julie and Rebecca; three great-grandchildren, David Patrick, Rylie Anne and Christian Michael.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband George; and brothers Lawrence, Oscar and Paul.

A memorial service will be held in May at the Cody United Methodist Church. Cremation has taken place. Interment will be at Riverside Cemetery in Cody.

Memorials may be made to Cody Council on Aging, 613 16th St., Cody, or to the Cody United Methodist Church, 1405 Beck Ave., Cody, WY 82414.



# Chaskay Ricker Jr.

ALLIANCE GAZETTE  
NOV 20 2002

**POPLAR** — Chaskay Ricker Jr. was born on Sept. 20, 1990, in Williston, N.D., to George (Skay) Ricker Jr. and Lanette Trottier. Chaskay left us to spend the rest of eternity with his great-grandparents William and Isabel Youpee, Ted and Mildred Ricker, Joyce Nelson, Alex "Buddy" Trottier and Bob Marsh; and grandparents Kenneth (Tim) Trottier, on Nov. 17, 2002, in Poplar.

Chaskay lived and was raised as an enrolled member of the Fort Peck Indian Reservation in Poplar for the 12 years he was with us. He attended the Poplar School system and was a sixth grader at the time of his death. Chaskay enjoyed life, including basketball, camping, football, baseball, golfing, four-wheeling, cross country, jet skiing, choir, student council, band, wrestling, playing computer games, and hunting.



**CHASKAY  
RICKER**

He is survived by his parents, George (Tana) Ricker Jr. and Lanette Trottier; two sisters, Erin

Jade Ricker and Tamra Ricker; and one brother, Andrew Charles Hollum Jr., all of Poplar; maternal grandparents Bonnie (Gordon) Bechtel of Las Vegas and Donna Trottier of Poplar; paternal grandparents, George and Helen Ricker of Poplar; uncles Willie (Tiki) Ricker and Ken (Michelle) Trottier; aunt Benita (Adam) Lum; cousins, Ethen and Dustin Lum, Crystal and Kenneth Joseph Trottier III; grandparents, Chuck (Mary) Trottier, Alex (Lisa) Trottier, Joe (Michelle) Trottier, Bobby (Andi) Trottier, Randy (Bonnie) Riley, Jeff (Julie) Nelson, Harlan (Jackie) Riediger, Monte Riley, Larry Riley, Larry (Flo) Riley, Laura (Wayne) Love, Bernadette (Jack) Vaughn, Royleene (Rich) Baracker, Kim (Paul) Hurt, Paulette (Clete) Leinen, Barb (Stan) Wang, Karen (Claude) Adamson, Willie (Larry) Bussard, Allen Youpee, Dwight Youpee, Florence Youpee, Josi (Rene) Martell, Lori (Roy) LaFromboise, Gretchen Youpee, Cary (Linda) Youpee, Marvin Youpee Sr.; numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Visitations will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 20, from 1 to 8

*Love*

p.m. at the Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in Poplar with a vigil service at 7 p.m. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 21, at the Poplar School Gym, with Rev. Fr. Michael Schneider and Rev. Enright Bighorn officiating. Interment will be in the Youpee Family Cemetery north of Poplar. Clayton Memorial Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

POPLAR (AP) — An 11-year-old boy who had just returned from a hunting trip accidentally shot and killed his 12-year-old friend here, authorities say.

The dead youth was identified as Chaskay Ricker. Police found his body Sunday afternoon at the younger boy's home after the 11-year-old called 911.

Fort Peck tribal investigator Terry Boyd said the younger boy told a 911 operator he had accidentally shot his friend.

Boyd declined to further details, but said both boys had just returned from a hunting trip and that the shooting remains under investigation. He did not say what type of gun was involved.

The two recently completed a hunter safety course, said Poplar Middle School Principal Joel Stuber.

## Alan W. Ricketts

BILLINGS GAZETTE

NOV 06 2002

Alan W. Ricketts, 71, of Billings, went to meet his Lord, Friday, Nov. 1, 2002, at his home.

Al was born on Oct. 29, 1931, in Everett, Wash., to Clark and Georgietta (Franklin) Ricketts.



**ALAN  
RICKETTS**

He graduated from Everett High School in 1950 and married Doris Maxwell on Sept. 27, 1952, in Everett. They resided in Everett most of his life until they relocated

to Billings in 2001.

Al was preceded in death by his parents, sister Doris Tesberg, and brother Bud Ricketts.

He leaves behind his loving wife, Doris; daughters, Gayle Smith of Lynnwood, Wash., Susan Decker of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Jennifer Huntley of Woodinville, Wash.; son Jeffrey Ricketts of Laurel; brothers Don Ricketts of Shoreline, Wash., and Bob Ricketts of Everett; nine grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

After his high school graduation, Al joined and served in the National Guard for seven years. He was employed by the Weyerhaeuser Corp. for a period of time, followed by 21 years with

the Everett School District as a bus driver and retired in 1998 from Community Transit of Snohomish County, Wash., where he served as a bus driver and dispatcher. He was a member of the Amalgamated Transit Union, Local #1576.

Al was involved in the union at various times. He was an active, long-standing member of the Church of the Nazarene in Lynnwood, Wash., and then in Billings.

Al enjoyed fishing and one of his greatest joys and pleasures were his grandchildren and the times he shared with them.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 9, at the First Church of the Nazarene, Eighth St. W. and Alderson Ave. Memorials may be made to the charity of one's choice.

Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

## Ellen J. Rickl

BILLINGS GAZETTE

FEB 01 2002

LEWISTOWN — Ellen J. (Grimes) Rickl, 93, of Lewistown, died Tuesday, Jan. 29, 2002, at her home.

A vigil service will be at 5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 3, at St. Leo's Catholic Church. Funeral liturgy will be at 10 a.m. Monday, Feb. 4, at St. Leo's Catholic Church. Interment will follow in Mount Calvary Cemetery. Creel Funeral Home of Lewistown is in charge.

**DEC 09 2002**

LAUREL —  
Orin Keith Riddle went to be with his Lord on Saturday, Dec. 7, 2002.

Keith was born on Aug. 3, 1921, in Antimony, Utah, to Clell and Helen Riddle and grew up on the Fourth of July Creek in Salmon, Idaho.



**ORIN KEITH RIDDLE**

It was in Salmon that he met his precious wife of 64 years, Ina Aumock. They were married on Sept. 14, 1938. Together they had five children: Keith L. Riddle (Carmen), Larry C. Riddle, Lonnie Riddle (Gloria), Dena Riddle Pulliam (Michael) and Les Riddle (Jeannie). He also considered two others as "daughters": Kathy Riddle and Linda Swartz James.

His profession as a truck driver took him to many areas of the country, but he returned "home" to the Laurel area in 1971. Keith enjoyed hunting, fishing and working in the woods, but his greatest joy was sitting down with a good book. He is perhaps best remembered by his friends and family for his wonderful sense of humor and telling of yarns.

He was preceded in death by three brothers and two sisters: Mace, Garn, Ken, Bernice and Madora, and also by his daughter-in-law Sharon and his grandson Mitch.

He is survived by his wife Ina, his sister Margie Jordan of Asotin, Wash., all of his children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

He gave his heart to Jesus in 1969 in Apache Junction, Ariz.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at New Life Church at 3950 Temple Place (off Shiloh) in Billings.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to New Life Community Church, 28 Horse Thief Creek Road, Roundup, MT 59072.

We love you and miss you, Papa Dear.

## **Mary Alice 'Marlene' Rides Horse**

Mary Alice (Marlene) Rides Horse (May 25, 1950 — Oct. 2, 2002) went to be with the Lord, Oct. 2, 2002.



**MARLENE  
RIDES HORSE**

She was adopted in early childhood by Cyril and Arvilla Plain Bull. Marlene was truly a child of God. Her heart was bigger than one can imagine; her door was always open to those in need. She was a mother, a sister, an aunt and a grandmother who loved her family dearly. Although faced with life's every day challenges, her heart was with those she loved dearly. Her prayers were straight from the heart. Marlene was loved by many and a true testimony to all who came in contact with her.

Marlene was preceded in death by a daughter, Carlene; her mother Aileen Not Afraid; her father Henry Rides Horse, Sr.; five brothers, James Sonny Bell Rock, Marlin Big Day, Duwayne Costa, the twins Garfield and Raypheal Plain Feather; Grandmother Rose Plenty Good Hugs, whom she adored. Survived by her husband Eugene Red Star, Sr.; daughter Tina (Elroy) Hendricks; son Vinnie Red Star;

two grandchildren, Brianne and Elroy Hendricks III. Marlene raised her nephews, Mr. Woo and Gary Hugs, her nieces Valarie Hugs and Lashell Ybarra. She is also survived by uncles, Star Not Afraid and Leo Plain Feather; aunt Elizabeth Smart Enemy; brothers, Oliver Costa, Vidal Not Afraid, Sr., Bruce Big Hail, Sr., Manuel Covers Up, Sr., Bernard "Buzzy" Covers Up, Henry "Hank" Rides Horse, Jr., Harold Rides Horse, Robert "Hoss" Rides Horse, Sr.; her sisters, Lavern Costa Perez, Kevelene Rides Horse, Jolene and Patrice Not Afraid, Darlene Bird Faraway, Warlene Fights Well Known, Christine DeCrane, Ursula Rides Horse Russell, Regina Bends, Myrna Small, Tanya Quелlette, Trudy Hatten, Shirley (Robert) Pickett and Ellie Rides Horse; adopted brothers and sisters, Larry, Gerry, Jerry, Mary Rose and Terry Plain Bull, Nadine, "Viola" and Ethel Bird Hat, Teresa Haun, and Carla Monroy Wilson; Not Afraid, Plain Feather, Smart Enemy, Morrison, and extended families.

A prayer service will be held on Friday, Oct. 4, at 7 p.m. at Dahl Funeral Chapel, Billings. Funeral services will be at Plenty Coups High School, Pryor on Saturday, Oct. 5 at 11 a.m. Burial will be at the Pryor Cemetery.

## Les Riedlinger

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SPOKANE, Wash. — The magnanimous spirit of Les J. Riedlinger was welcomed into our Lord's waiting hands Monday night, Dec. 16, 2002, with his beautiful loving wife, with whom he shared a 40 year partnership, Gloria Ann Gallagher, by his side.

The couple met at Eastern Montana College, and then were married at First Presbyterian Church. His constant pride, their two children, daughter, Caroline "Carrie" Alyssa, 39, and Marcus Allen, 34; his three precious grandchildren, September Rose, 20, Nicholas Zachary, 17, and little Marcus Joseph, 21 months, take comfort in his found peace. His laughter will be missed by his younger siblings, sisters, Vernetta Steele and Lori Reid, and, brothers, Roger, James, Del, and Herb.

Born on Feb. 25, 1937, in Mott, N.D., to Herbert and Eva Schaff, the family moved to Billings in 1953. He served three years in the Navy and went on to 30 years of public service in the field of education. Among his many accomplishments were teaching Natives in the Alaskan bush for the Bureau of Indian Affairs, sharing in the planning of many campuses of the University of California, the UC Medical Center in San Francisco, the North Star Borough School District, and the University of Alaska in Fairbanks.

During his 10 years of retirement, he traversed the U.S. several times from Hawaii to Maine to Puerto Rico. Les and Gloria settled in Spokane, a community they chose for its convivial kind-hearted residents.

His Funeral Mass was held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 21, at St. Peter's, 3520 E. 18th, Spokane. A Memorial fund in Les' honor has been established at Wells Fargo Bank, South Hill branch. Your thoughtful donations are welcomed.

## **helen rieger**

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**FEB 22 2002**

**BAKER** — Helen Rieger, 70, of Baker, died Thursday, Feb. 21, 2002, at the Holy Rosary Health Care in Miles City.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday, Feb. 25, at the American Lutheran Church in Baker. Prayer services will be at 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 24, at Stevenson Funeral Home in Baker. Burial will be in Plevna Community Cemetery.



## ROBERT "BUD" RIEGER

PLEVNA — Robert Fredrick "Bud" Rieger, of Plevna, passed away at the Fallon Medical Complex in Baker on Monday, Oct. 14, 2002, following a battle with cancer.

Robert was delivered by his grandmother on Sept. 6, 1927, born the 15th child of Adolph and Lydia (Freier) Rieger, during one of the worst snowstorms on record. He was nicknamed "Bud" by his oldest sister, Rene, who regularly called him, "my little buddy." Bud was raised on the family ranch along O'Fallon Creek and attended grades first through third in Ismay. He then attended Plevna School from fourth grade until graduation in 1946, playing basketball and football for the Cougars.

After graduation he completed U.S. Army basic training at Aberdeen Proving Grounds near Baltimore, Md., and did active service in Japan where he was an honor guard for the Japanese Sacred Gardens. Bud was honorably discharged from the army in January of 1948 and he began work in Miles City for Midland Lumber Co.



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He married Betty Quincer on Oct. 24, 1948, in Plevna. They resided in Miles City until the spring of 1950, when Bud got the urge to return to farming. They rented farms in the Plevna area for several years and struggled against drought, fire and severe winters.

They purchased the family farm south of Plevna in 1952, which is where he resided until the time of his death.

Robert's work included farming and ranching, as well as owning and operating a machinery dealership and service station in Plevna in partnership with his brother, Leon. He also devoted countless hours to community service.

He served as a 4-H leader and honorary Chapter Farmer for the Future Farmers of America. He was the chairman and served on the following boards: The Peace Lutheran Church, the Plevna and Baker Elevators, the Senior Citizen's, and many others.

Bud served more than 43 years as a fireman for the Plevna Volunteer Fire Department and was on the Board of Directors for the Plevna Rural Fire District, which he helped organize.

During his term on the Plevna School Board, a new high school and a new gymnasium were built and the home economic and vocational agricultural programs were added.

In 1975, Bud entered into an agreement with Pioneer Hybrid International to develop a new breed of cattle called RX3, later becoming president of their board. As one of the original organizers and later president of the South Sandstone Irrigation and Recreation Dam Project, Bud lobbied in Helena for funds, working with federal, state, and local agencies to bring the project to completion for the combined use of sportsman and farmers in the area. While farming he was nominated for and received second place as the USDA Montana Family Farm of the Year.

In his lifetime, the things that Bud loved the most were his family, sports, reading, early mornings, fishing and hunting.

He was preceded in death by his parents; five brothers, Leon, Edwin, Paul, Ben and Dick (Helen); and six sisters, Lorene (Milton Davis and Steve Stevens), Marie (Rudy) Diegel, Dorothea "Dot" Cain, Phina, Ruth and Ruby (Ralph) Hatch. Robert is survived by his wife, Betty, the love of his life; six children, Arlinda (David) Steffes of Ronan, Rollin (Kristy) of Belgrade, Wayne of Fort Collins, Colo. Kathy (Dennis) Hutchings

of Miles City, Marc (Debra) of the family farm near Plevna and Laurie (Donald) MacKay of Willard; grandchildren, Jennifer (Mike) Reed, John (Teresa) Rieger, Eric (Nona) Steffes, Amber Steffes, Jeff (Heidi) Rieger, Roderick MacKay, Ryan Rieger, Bill Hutchings, Brea MacKay, James Rieger, Kami Rieger, Robert Hutchings, Kraig Rieger, Jacob Rieger, Danny MacKay, and Cameron MacKay; great-grandchildren, Dawson Reed, Taylor Rieger, Tate Reed and Kayla Zilbauer; two brothers, John (Dorothy) Rieger of Glendive and Ted (Arlys) of Billings; four sisters, Claudia (Wesley) Lausch of Alberton, Lilly Kay (widow of Robert) True of Edmonds, Wash., Elsie (Winifred) Henderson of San Marcos, Calif., and Erna (Leslie) Miller of Townshend, Md.; sisters-in-law, Emilie (wife of Edwin) and Anna (wife of Ben) and a brother-in-law, Lyle Horn (husband of Phina).

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## Robert "Bud" Rieger

A prayer service will be held on Sunday, Oct. 20, at 7:30 p.m. at the Stevenson Funeral Home. Funeral services will take place on Monday, Oct. 21, at 10:30 a.m., at the American Lutheran Church in Baker. Burial will be at the Peace Lutheran Cemetery in Plevna, with military rites being performed.

A luncheon will then follow the graveside rites back at the Plevna Fire Hall. Should friends desire, memorials may be made to The Fallon Medical Complex or the Robert Rieger Memorial Fund. Stevenson Funeral Homes, Inc. of Baker and Ekalaka is in charge of the arrangements.

## Anna Horst Rife

Our sister Anna Rife, age 91, died Feb. 8, 2002, at Billings Health and Rehabilitation Community. She was born on Nov. 28, 1910 in Tacoma to John and Anna Marie Horst. Anna grew up in Fromberg and during her youth worked delivering coal for her dad.

Anna married John L. Rife on June 25, 1934. She enjoyed growing beautiful flowers. Peonies and iris were her favorites. Anna spent many hours crocheting lovely doilies and afghans.

Her husband and parents; brothers baby John, John Jr.; sisters baby Harriet, Emilee, Mary, Pauline and Stella preceded Anna in death. Surviving Anna are sisters Esther, Irene, Clara, Glory Jean (Edward), brother Fred (Babe) and numerous nieces and nephews.

Graveside services will be 1:00 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 14 at Rockvale Cemetery. Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary is in charge of the arrangements.

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## **Wilma Irene Riley**

LIVINGSTON — Wilma Irene Riley, 80, of the Paradise Valley south of Livingston, died Tuesday, June 18, 2002, at the Livingston Health and Rehab Center.

Cremation has taken place at Franzen-Davis Funeral Home & Crematory in Livingston. A memorial gathering will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, June 22, in the courtyard of St. John's Episcopal Church in Emigrant.

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## **BOBBIE ROY 'BOB' RILEY**

GLENDIVE — Bobbie Roy "Bob" Riley, age 70, of Glendive, went to be with his Lord and Savior on Sunday, Oct. 27, 2002, at the Glendive Medical Center.

Bob was born in Lousch, Mont., on July 30, 1932, the son of Lester and Dorothea (Hall) Riley. He attended schools at Lousch and moved to Mill Iron, Mont., where he ranched. He met and married Eleanor Eilene Dowey on July 27, 1958 in Ekalaka. They

moved to Ekalaka, where they continued ranching and operated the Conoco Gas Station. They then moved to Glendive in 1966, where he went to work for H & H and

Signal Oil Companies and later worked as a heavy equipment operator until he was involved in a construction accident in 1981 and was forced to retire.

Bob's family was very important to him. He visited his mother every night when his health was good, playing cards with her and other residents in the nursing home. He taught all his grandkids to play gin rummy, being patient and losing when he needed to. He enjoyed playing poker with his friends and acquaintances. Bob was known as "Mr. Fixit." He



**BOB  
RILEY**

loved to play harmonica and watch professional baseball games. He also grew a beautiful garden and with the help of his wife, preserved many jars of food. He was a church officer, welder, rancher, heavy equipment operator, excellent marksman with his rifle, and Golden Gloves champion boxer. He always followed the grandkids baseball games, sitting on the bleachers behind home plate. He was a volunteer at the Senior Citizens Center doing many senior citizen's tax preparations and loved to help people by buying them meals, giving them money, or rides home. Bob was a very caring and giving person to his family and friends.

Bob is survived by his mother, Dorothy Riley of Glendive; his wife, Eleanor E. Riley of Glendive; a daughter, Laura Riley of Worland, Wyo.; a son, Robert Riley of Glendive; two sisters: Eleanor Schweigert of Livingston and Yvonne Horner and her husband Dale of Ekalaka; his grandchildren, Cory Riley, Casey Riley, Misty Riley, Nathan Riley, Scott Riley and Amanda Riley; and numerous

nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father, and a brother, Robert Lester. A son, Darwin, passed away on Oct. 31, 2002.

Visitation will be held Sunday, Nov. 3, from 3 to 7 p.m. at the Word of Life Church in Glendive. Funeral services will be held Monday, Nov. 4, at 10 a.m. at the Word of Life Church. Interment will follow in the family lot in the Dawson County Cemetery in Glendive. Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home of Miles City is in charge of the arrangements.

Should friends desire, memorials may be to The Lutheran Center, 1024 N. 30th, Billings, MT 59101.

## Darwin Riley

GLENDIVE — Darwin Doyle Riley, age 42, of Glendive, went to be with his Lord and Savior on Thursday, Oct. 31, 2002, at the Prairie County Nursing Home in Terry.

Darwin was born on March 1, 1960, in Ekalaka, the son of Bobbie Roy and Eleanor Eilene (Downey) Riley. He attended grade school and graduated from high school in Glendive in 1978.

Darwin married Sherry Kaul in Glendive on June 23, 1979. They then moved to Billings, where he attended Eastern Montana College.

He then moved to Yucaipa, Calif., where he worked for Koch Asphalt before moving back to Glendive in 1990, where he went to work at B.J. Electronics, State of Montana and Home Oxygen. Darwin continued his education at Miles Community College, becoming a registered nurse. He worked as an registered traveling nurse in Jordan, Ekalaka, Baker, Poplar and Glendive. In 1998, he was diagnosed with a brain tumor, which he overcame until March of this year, when he was diagnosed with an inoperable brain tumor. In 1998, Darwin became a born-again Christian



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and through his example of faith he taught many family and friends to trust in God.

Darwin is survived by his mother, Eleanor Riley of Glendive; his two sons, Cory Riley of Bozeman and Casey Riley of Glendive; a daughter, Misty Riley of Glendive; his grandmother, Dorothy Riley of Glendive; a brother, Robert Riley of Glendive; a sister, Laura Riley of Worland, Wyo.; two nephews, Scott Riley of Minnesota and Nathan Riley of Worland; and a niece, Amanda Riley of Michigan. He was preceded in death by his father, Bobbie Riley on Oct. 27, 2002.

Visitation will be held Monday, Nov. 4, from 3 to 7 p.m. at the Word of Life Church in Glendive. Funeral services will be held Tuesday, Nov. 5, at 2 p.m. at the Word of Life Church. Interment will follow in the family lot in the Dawson County Cemetery. Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home of Miles City is in charge of the arrangements.

Should friend desire, memorials may be made to The Lutheran Center, 1024 N. 30th, Billings, MT 59101.



## **Dorothy J. Rilley**

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**DEC 11 2002**

EKALAKA — Dorothy J. Rilley, 91, of Ekalaka, died Sunday, Dec. 8, 2002, at the Dahl Memorial Nursing Home, following a long illness.

Visitation will be from 2 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 12, at the Stevenson Funeral Home in Ekalaka. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13, at the St. Elizabeth's Lutheran Church in Ekalaka. Burial will be in the Beaverlodge Cemetery in Ekalaka.

## Merle W. Rimbey

POWELL, Wyo. — Merle W. "Jake" Rimbey, 89, died Tuesday, June 4, 2002, at the Powell Hospital.

At his request, cremation has taken place. No services are planned. Ballard Funeral Home of Cody is in charge.

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## Willard L. Rimby

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LEWISTOWN — Willard L. "Willy" Rimby, 73, died Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2002, at the Central Montana Medical Center.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 15, at Creel Funeral Chapel in Lewistown. Cremation has taken place.

# Karl Rimpe

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## MR. RIMPE

Karl Rimpe, age 79, passed away on Wednesday, Feb. 27, 2002, at the Big Sky Horizon Hospice Home, following a heroic battle with ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease). Karl was born on Jan. 22, 1923, in Powell, Wyo., the son of Karl and Sophie Rimpe.

In November 1942, Karl enlisted in the United States Navy and served his country honorably on the USS Alabama in the Philippine liberation, Asiatic, European, African and Middle East campaigns. He received his honorable discharge on Oct. 20, 1945.

Karl married Helen Susan Hatch, the love of his life, on Jan. 20, 1945. Karl and Susan recently celebrated 57 wonderful years together.

After serving in the Navy, Karl returned to Billings and worked for Empire Heating and Cooling and Aldrich Lumber Co., and then started his own construction/remodeling business. Those

who worked with Karl knew of his desire for perfection.

Karl enjoyed fishing and golfing and never turned anyone down when asked to "tee it up" on the links. He was a member of Pryor Creek Golf Course and Laurel Golf Club.

Karl's true passion in life was his woodworking. Nothing gave him more satisfaction than the ability to design and build one of his priceless bowls or vases. His excellent craftsmanship will be truly missed but never forgotten. Only his love of family and especially his grandchildren could surpass his enjoyment of his craft.

Karl is survived by his wife, Susan; his son, Scott and wife Lorrie; his daughter, Terell Coffey; his sister, Dorothy Kirby, all of Billings; his granddaughter, Alison (Tom) Heermance of Davis, Calif.; and two half-brothers, Dick Kober of Billings and Bill Kober of Laurel.

Karl was preceded in death by his parents; his sister, Elizabeth; his brother, John; his grandson, Jason Rimpe; and his son-in-law, Wayne Coffey.

Karl always cared more for the concerns and problems of his friends and family than he did of his own pain.

Dad, you shall suffer no more. We will miss you dearly and will love you forever.

The family wishes to thank the caring staff of the Horizon Hospice Home for the wonderful care given to Karl. Memorials can be made to the Big Sky Horizon Hospice Home, 1019 Neptune, Billings, MT 59105.

Dahl Funeral & Cremation Service is in charge of arrangements.

## **Melvin Louie Rindal**

**ROY** — Melvin Louie Rindal, of Roy, passed away peacefully in his sleep Monday morning, Feb. 18, 2002.

He was born Aug. 18, 1927, in Lewistown, to Lars and Grace (Olsen) Rindal. He attended the Fergus Grade School and was the lone graduate of Roy High School in 1945.

Melvin married Ella (Hitchcock), daughter of Lester and Anne Marie Hitchcock of Denton, in Lewistown on June 21, 1952.

Melvin loved his family, friends and a good argument. He spent his life ranching near Roy, living his entire life within a radius of a few miles. He prided himself on the cattle herd he had built over a period of 50 years.

One of the things he may have loved as much as his ranching was visiting with people. He crisscrossed the state of Montana as a representative of American Breeders Service, and later with a hay and cattle trucking business, making friends wherever he went. Nobody ever met Melvin that didn't have to tell him who their parents were, where they grew up and what they did for a living!

Having battled heart problems most of his life, Melvin continually showed us his courage and his spirit as he battled to overcome heart surgery, a broken neck, colon cancer and two

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strokes. Once again, he was winning the battle until God decided to call him home.

Melvin's sense of humor was with him until the end, as he kept not only his family, but the therapists and nursing staff laughing with him.

He was a director of the Square Butte Grazing Association, a charter member of the Roy Rodco Club, a member of the Eagles Lodge, the Moose Lodge, the Masonic Lodge and the Al Bedoo Temple. He also participated in the Ah Ooga Patrol. Melvin was an elder in the Roy Presbyterian Church and past member of the Roy School Board.

Melvin is survived by his wife, Ella; three children, Linda (Rex) Pfister of Helena, David (Paula) of Kalispell, and Rod (Lesa) of Broomfield, Colo.; seven grandchildren, Mindy (Mike) Cochran of Kalispell, Melissa and Lance Bowser of Helena, Emily and Evan Rindal of Kalispell, and Erik and Kyle Rindal of Broomfield.

He is also survived by his mother, Grace Rindal of The Colony, Texas; three brothers,

Glen of Roy, Donald of Lewistown and Leroy of Billings; and three sisters, Lucille Eckhardt of Lewistown, Joyce Murphy of Roy and Phyllis Logsdon of The Colony, Texas; in addition to many nieces and nephews who loved spending time on Uncle Melvin's ranch.

He was preceded in death by his father, Lars (Louie) Rindal.

Funeral services for Melvin Rindal will be held at First Presbyterian Church in Lewistown on Friday, Feb. 22, at 1 p.m.

Interment will be at the Roy Cemetery.

Memorials are suggested to the Roy Ambulance Fund, the Roy Presbyterian Church or to the Roy Cemetery Fund.

Creel Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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## **Douglas M. Risa**

**OPHEIM — Douglas M. Risa, 49, of Opheim, died Tuesday, Sept. 10, 2002, due to a farm accident. Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 14, at Opheim Lutheran Church. Burial will be in Lawndale Cemetery in Opheim. Bell Mortuary of Glasgow is in charge.**



## Edwin Leo Rising

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GOLVA, N.D. — Edwin Leo Rising, 71, of Golva, died Tuesday, Dec. 10, 2002, at his home in Golva.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. Friday, Dec. 13, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Golva. Interment will follow at St. Mary's Cemetery in Golva. A rosary will be at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 12, followed by a vigil at 7 p.m. at the church. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Beach is in charge.

## Barbara Rivard

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**FEB 13 2002**

**FORSYTH** — Barbara Lee Rivard, of Forsyth, was born Aug. 9, 1928, to Wilda (Fisher) and Cash Vanausdall. She died Feb. 9, 2002, at Deaconess Billings Clinic in Billings.

Barbara was born in Casper, Wyo., and graduated from Cheyenne Central High School in 1946. Mrs. Rivard married Earl Rivard of Stillwater, Minn., on Sept. 25, 1948. Earl and Barbara were married 54 years, having three children: Raeleen (died 1967), Ron of Snoqualmie, Wash., and Rick of Colstrip.

She remained active for much of her life, volunteering for various church positions and choirs. She loved all things living and all things beautiful. She will be missed.

A memorial service will be held at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Forsyth, at 2 p.m., on Saturday, Feb. 16. Arrangements by Dahl Funeral Chapel.

# Norman O. Roald

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GRESHAM, Ore. — Norman Roald, 79, of Gresham, Ore., passed away on Oct. 9, 2002, at his home from congestive heart failure.

Norman was born in Weldon, Mont., June 11, 1923 to Olaf and Elizabeth Roald. The family later moved to Glendive where Norman attended Dawson County High School. During World War II, Norman served in the Army, participating in the D-Day landing. He was wounded in action and received the Purple Heart. After the war Norman returned to Glendive and went to work for the Northern Pacific Railroad for several years. He then moved to Portland, Ore., where he was employed by the Portland Terminal Railroad Co., working there until his retirement. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge Waverly No. 174 and the Elk Lodge.

In 1954, he married Mary Lou Butler who survives him. He is also survived by three sisters, Nicolene Rockstead, Honolulu, Hawaii, Frances Pisk (Joe) of Glendive, and Ethel Rogers (Kale) of Billings.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Spencer; and two sisters, Thelma Anesi and Maxine McCall.

A memorial service will be Nov. 9 in Bateman Carroll Funeral Chapel in Gresham. Private entombment was in Forest Lawn Mausoleum earlier.

## Staffa M. Roat

RED LODGE — Staffa M. Roat, 93, died Saturday, Feb. 16, 2002, in Cedar Wood Villa.

Graveside memorial services will be held at a later date in the Red Lodge Cemetery. Smith-Olcott Funeral Chapel is in charge of cremation.

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## **Bain L. Robbins**

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POWELL, Wyo. — Bain L. Robbins, 85, died Saturday, July 27, 2002, at the Powell Hospital.

Memorial graveside services will be at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, July 27, at the Crown Hill Cemetery. Cremation has taken place. Ballard Funeral home is in charge.

## Ermal M. Roberts

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SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Ermal M. Roberts, 84, died Tuesday, Nov. 5, 2002, at her home.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at First United Methodist Church. Champion Ferries Funeral Home is in charge.

# Eugene Dale Roberts

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

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Eugene Dale Roberts passed away of natural causes on Feb. 5, 2002. He was born June 15, 1918, in Roundup. He married Clara P. Herman on March 22, 1946, in Billings. They



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divorced in 1972. Gene was a stone mason in the Billings area for 35 years. In his retirement he returned to sheep-herding for a while, a vocation of his youth.

He is survived by two daughters, Carol Jean (John) Welch and Mary Kay Roberts; one son, Timothy Roberts; four grandchildren, Matthew Roberts, Mason Roberts, Ryan Bresnahan, Jennifer Bresnahan; and one great-grandson, Braxton Roberts. Gene was preceded in death by his parents, five brothers and one sister.

Gene was a kind, soft-hearted and generous man with a great sense of humor. He asked little from other people and will be greatly missed.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial service will be at First Congregational Church on Wednesday, Feb. 13, at 1:30 p.m.

Memorials may be made to a charity of choice. Arrangements are by Cremation or Funeral Gallery.

## **Helen M. Roberts**

CRANE — Helen M. Roberts, 76, of Crane, died Sunday, Aug. 11, 2002, at the Sidney Health Center.

Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 15, at the Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church. Interment of ashes will be at a later date. Fulkerson Funeral Home of Sidney is in charge.

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## **Mary L. Roberts**

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Mary L. Roberts, 85, of Sheridan, died Saturday, June 8, 2002, at Sheridan Manor.

Visitation will be from noon to 6 p.m. Tuesday, June 11, at Kane Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, June 12, at Grace Baptist Church. Interment will be in Sheridan Municipal Cemetery. Kane Funeral Home of Sheridan is in charge.

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## **Matthew C. Roberts**

**SHERIDAN, Wyo.**

Matthew C. "Mick" Roberts, 85, of Sheridan, formerly of Sundance, died Tuesday, Oct. 8, 2002, at the Sheridan Manor.

Visitation will be from 3 to 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 11, at the Fidler-Roberts Funeral Chapel in Sundance. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 12, at the United Methodist Church in Sundance. Burial will follow in Mt. Moriah Cemetery in Sundance.

## **Merrill Joseph Roberts**

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

SARASOTA, Fla. — Merrill Joseph "Bob" Roberts, 86, of Sarasota, formerly of Glendive, died July 3, 2002, in his sleep, of heart failure.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, Aug. 16, at the Dawson County Cemetery in Glendive. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Glendive is in charge.

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## **Roland B. Roberts**

BEAVER GAZETTE

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CULBERTSON — Roland B. Roberts, 86, died Friday, Dec. 20, 2002, in the Roosevelt Memorial Medical Center in Culbertson.

Visitation will be held from 2 to 8 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 22, at the Everson-Clayton Memorial Chapel in Culbertson. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Monday, Dec. 23, at the Everson-Clayton Memorial Chapel. Interment will be in Hillside Cemetery.

## **Craig R. Robertson**

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WORLAND — Craig R. Robertson, 28, of Worland, died Wednesday, Aug. 14, 2002.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, Aug. 19, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Stake Center. Burial will follow in Riverview Memorial Gardens Cemetery. Bryant Funeral Home of Worland is in charge.

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# Emma Robertson

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JORDAN — Emma Robertson, 94, died Sunday, Aug. 25, 2002, at the Garfield County Nursing Home.

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Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the VFW Hall with burial in the family lot of Pioneer Cemetery. Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home is in charge.

## Frank E. Robertson

BURNS LAKE, British Columbia, Canada — Frank Elmer Robertson was born April 15, 1930, in Bozeman. After a courageous battle with cancer, he passed away on Dec. 8, 2001, in Burns Lake, British Columbia, at the age of 71. Memorial services were held Dec. 15, 1 p.m. at the Grassy Plains Hall, Grassy Plains, British Columbia.

He is survived by his children, Lisa Marie Smith (Mark) of Lincoln, Michael Mierlot Robertson (Susie) of Southbank, British Columbia and Timothy Frank Robertson (Sandra) of Wheatland, Wyo.; siblings, John Marion Robertson (Linda) of Sheridan, Mont., Michael McDonnell Robertson (Lisa) of Benson, Ariz., Cathryn Ann Lechner (Glen) of Harlowton; grandchildren, Joshua James Smith, Sarah Ann Smith of Lincoln, Jacob Michael Robertson and Matthew Aaron Robertson of Wheatland.

Frank was the first child of John Marion Robertson of Two Dot and Rose Ethel McDonnell of Logan. He descended from sturdy pioneer stock who were early Montana settlers; Frank and Luta (McClelland) Robertson of Big Elk/Two Dot, and Michael and Mary (Lane) McDonnell of the Gallatin Valley.

He grew up around Two Dot, in the heart of the Mussellshell

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Valley and got to know and work with the old ranchers, cowboys and sheepherders that he so much emulated. He said he used to sit in school dreaming to be out cowboying. Frank confounded his mother with tales of riding the range when she wanted him to go far in school. When he was young, his father purchased a dairy where he and his brothers milked up to 40 cows by hand, twice a day. His father sold the dairy when he graduated.

At age 14, Frank was riding on a loaded hay wagon when it broke through the ice of the Mussellshell River. He fell off and broke his back. Six years later, using revolutionary techniques, doctors fused his lower back. After six months in the hospital, he was released and told he would never do heavy lifting or hard work again. As always, Frank disregarded the experts.

Regardless of this handicap, he was very active in the Two Dot School and Harlowton High School. In 1948, as President of the Future Farmers of America chapter, Frank represented Harlowton at the very first Boys State. He loved football; played both ways at left tackle for the Harlowton Engineers, they won

the Conference Championship in 1948. He also was long distance runner and went to State in the mile run.

After graduation, he attended Montana State University, where he studied agriculture production. During this time, he emerged a very competent showman of livestock which he produced, fitted and took at various shows and fairs. He also worked for many ranchers in the area.

In 1952, while working as a yardman at the Central Livestock Commission Company in Billings, he met Gloria Angeline Mierlot of Absarokee. They married on July, 10, 1954 in Billings. Soon after, he went to work as a lineman for the Absarokee



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Telephone Company. Their first child, Lisa, was born in 1955. In 1956 they moved to San Diego, Calif., where he attended San Diego State University and studied pre-med and pre-vet. There his two sons, Mike and Tim, were born.

Frank and his young family returned to Montana, where he commenced a career of ranch/livestock management. Initially they lived in the Two Dot General Store, owned by his father and worked at the C-J at

Big Elk. Then on to Billings as manager of the T-Bone Feeders Feedlot; Minitare, Neb., as herdsman for the Redding Angus Ranch; manager at the Clear Spring Ranch, Fountain, Colo.; manager of the Bar Running M Ranch at Las Animas, Colo. In 1970, he became livestock foreman for the historic Two Bar Ranch near Wheatland, where they ran over 4000 head of cattle. In 1973, he revived his "order buying" career, operating in Wyoming, Nebraska and Colorado.

In 1974 he moved to Grassy Plains, British Columbia, a beautiful area on the south side of 90 mile long Francois Lake. There, he married Sharon Shannon and helped establish and operate the Diamond X Cattle Company. During this time he also started a contracting business with backhoes, dump trucks, crawler tractors and fence building equipment. They later divorced.

For 27 years Frank was a proud "Southsider," enjoying the freedom and opportunity of the vast and beautiful country. Admired for his "horse and cow sense," Frank was well known for his veterinary skills on both large and small animals; always on call to help people no matter the circumstance. He was a fixture at many sale barns from Kamloops to Vanderhoof.

His last years were some of his most enjoyable, living alone



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on Tatalaska Lake, where he continued to raise fine Hereford cattle and quarter horses. He collected fine art, books and friends. His door was always open; Frank had many friends and was admired for his sense of humor, compassion, kindness and forthrightness. Every year he traveled thousands of miles, over familiar highways, visiting family and friends.

In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully requests memorials be sent to Burns Lake Hospice, c/o: Lisa Smith, Box 64, Lincoln, MT 59639.

# The Honorable Philip Wells Robertson

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FLOWER MOUND, Texas —  
The Honorable Philip Wells  
Robertson, 67,  
was born on  
Sept. 8, 1934, to  
Preson W. and  
Jessie J.  
Robertson in  
Lovell, Wyo. He  
graduated from  
Lovell High  
School, attended  
Utah State  
University and  
NWCC. In 1956, he married Kay  
A. Stone in the Salt Lake Temple.



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Mr. Robertson earned his BA  
and MA degrees at the University  
of Wyoming, and later did post  
graduate studies at Brigham  
Young University and U.C.  
Berkeley. He began his teaching  
career at Star Valley High School  
in Afton, Wyo. In 1963, he moved  
his family to Cody, Wyo., where  
he taught until his retirement in  
1990. Along with his teaching  
career, he founded and directed  
Park County Youth Services.  
During his tenure as teacher and  
counselor, he was elected to the  
Wyoming House of  
Representatives, where he served  
with distinction for three consecu-  
tive terms. During these busy  
years, he enjoyed active partici-  
pation in The Church of Jesus  
Christ of Latter-day Saints. He

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provided extensive community service especially among the youth.

His greatest joys of life were his role as husband, father and grandfather; working in his beautiful flower and vegetable gardens; restoring the "Big White House" on the South Fork Road; refinishing antique furniture; and extensive travels to Europe, Mexico, and throughout the United States, the land he loved above all. After raising their large family, Phil and Kay remodeled their family home into the Buffalo Bill Cody House Bed and Breakfast, which they operated for three years until declining health forced him into another retirement. Phil and Kay relocated to a beautiful and comfortable home in Powell, Wyo. Shortly thereafter, a lifetime dream was realized when Phil and Kay spent a year in the People's Republic of China, where they taught English and American culture at Ocean University of Qingdao, through the Brigham Young University China Teachers Program. In September 2000, Phil and Kay moved to Flower Mound.

He passed away of cancer on March 3, 2002, at his home, surrounded by loving family members.

brothers Jeff (Annie); Rick (Bernie); Lance (Desiree); and Bruce (Sherry); and a host of friends and relatives throughout the world.

Funeral services will be held 10 a.m. Saturday, March 9, at the LDS Church in Cody, 1407 Hart Mtn Street. Interment will follow at the Byron Cemetery; Byron, Wyo. Ballard Funeral Home of Cody is in charge.

Phil is survived by his wife Kay; his children Tamara Petersen (Sid); Robin Radle (John); Jacques; Rachel Wong (Reuben); John; Heather; Sara Kreimeier; and Joshua. Grandchildren: William and Elizabeth; Betsy, Thomas, and Alex; Philip Wells Robertson III; Marissa, Ryan, Corey, and Kasey; and Nicholas. He is also survived by his sister, Dixie Moody (Ron).

**MAR 27 2002****Ray W. Robertson**

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Ray W. Robertson, 79, of Sheridan, died Saturday, March 23, 2002, at his home.

Cremation has taken place. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, March 28, at the Sheridan Elks Cemetery. Kane Funeral Home of Sheridan is in charge.

# Erminio Michael Roberty

BOZEMAN — A noble man passed at 12:23 a.m. on Jan. 2, 2002, at the Bozeman Deaconess Hospital following complications from a stroke.

Erminio Michael Roberty, "Mike," greeted each day whistling. From his birth in Mannington, W.V. on Feb. 3, 1929, to his death, he had two passions in life: family and



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music. After earning a bachelor's degree from Fairmont State College, Mike married his high school sweetheart and the love of his life, Mary Lee Musgrave, on Aug. 4, 1949. He earned a master's degree from West Virginia University and moved to Montana where his gentle discipline and dedication inspired thousands of students in Opheim, Malta, Glendive, and Bozeman. Mike was Supervisor of Music for Bozeman Public Schools as well as President of the Montana Music Educators Association, President of the Montana Bandmasters Association; on the Music Advisory Panel of the Montana Arts Council; and on the editorial board for Cadenza among numerous other organizations and committees. For many years he played trumpet with the

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Bozeman Symphony and the Bozeman City Band.

Mike and Mary Lee raised four children and six grandchildren during their 52 years of marriage: Mike and Carel Roberty and their children, Ray and Jenica, and Risa and Jason Palm; Kelly Roberty and Savannah Barnes and his son Vito; John and Susan Usher and their children Kelsey and Ryder and Tony Roberty. He taught them fishing and boating, barbecuing and celebrating. Papa's family gravitated to him often for advice, laughter, and the simple pleasure of his company. His sonorous voice held volumes of wisdom but most often he listened rather than spoke. In Papa's always-open arms grandchildren bathed, fed, and slept. In all of his family Papa's generosity and unconditional love lives on.

Mike is preceded in death by his parents, Mike and Minnie Roberty, and his brother Silvio Roberty. He is survived by his brother Hugo Roberty and his wife Avanelle; brother Alfonso Roberty and his wife Ruth; sister Hilda Anderson and her husband Dick; and Silvio's wife Betty Lou Roberty.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service for Mike Roberty will be held at Dokken Nelson Funeral Services, 113 South Willson, Bozeman, Mont., on Friday, Jan. 11, at 2 p.m. In lieu of flowers the family requests that donations be made to the Bozeman Friends of Music, Mike Roberty Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 536, Bozeman, MT 59771.

## Amelia Arlene 'Molly' Robinson

Molly Robinson was born on July 8, 1917, in Sioux Falls, S.D., the firstborn child of Lloyd "Skinny" Carl and Wilhelmena "Minnie" Falken Carl. Molly's brother, Lloyd Jack "Bud" Carl, was born a year later, and twins, June and Jean Carl, were born seven years later. When Molly was 11 years old, her family moved to Billings, where she has resided since that time. Molly passed away Oct. 25, 2002, as a result of complications of Alzheimer's disease.

Molly married Perry Robinson on July 14, 1937, and two girls were born, Emily Shaffer and Bonnie Stark. Molly and Perry owned and operated Robinson Lumber Co. in Billings, and Perry's Camper Park in Red Lodge, which Molly continued to operate in summers after Perry passed away in June of 1973.

Upon the death of Molly's brother, Bud Carl, in 1956, she became guardian of Bud's three children, Lloyd Jack "Bud" Carl, Carolyn Nunes (now deceased), and Cheryl Curley.

Molly was active in the First Baptist Church and rarely missed attending Circle meetings, Women's Missions, and Sunday services until her recent illness prevented her attendance. Molly's church family was very important to her. Molly was president of the North Park PTA in the 1940s, she was a Girl Scout Leader for many years, she was active in the OAKS and Senior Citizens groups, and she was a dancing and listening enthusiast of the Montana Old Time Fiddlers' Organization and the Fun Time Accordion Association.

Molly loved music and loved to dance. She tried to attend every dance or musical event her twin sisters, June and Jean, and her daughter, Bonnie, performed in, as well as having other "favorite" dance bands to dance to. Molly loved to have a good time and loved to be around her many friends. She was generous to a fault with her friends and family.

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Molly was preceded in death



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by her parents; her brother, Bud Carl; her husband, Perry Robinson; and her sister, June Carpenter Anderson. Molly is sur-

vived by her sister, Jean Cates of Billings. She is also survived by her daughter, Emily (Bill) Shaffer of Billings; grandson Pastor Russell (Pam) Shaffer and children Christopher and Christine, all of Kentucky; granddaughter Jennifer Shaffer and children Perry and Stephen Shaffer of Worden; and son Gregory Shaffer of Billings. Molly is also survived by her daughter Bonnie Stark of Billings; granddaughter Ralena (Richard) Raymond of Portland, Ore.; and grandson Justin (Anne) Stark and children Benjamin and Eleanor of Portland, Ore. Molly is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews; brother-in-law Dale (Irene) Robinson of Portland, Ore.; and sister-in-law Margaret Violett of Billings.

Funeral services for Molly will be held at Smith's Downtown Funeral Chapel at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 30, with burial in Mountview Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to First Baptist Church, 218 N. 34th St. in Billings, to the Big Sky Hospice, or a charity of one's choice.

The family would like to thank the caretakers at Ginny Wanner's Personal Care Home for the loving care they provided to Molly in her last months, and to the Big Sky Hospice for their recent assistance.



## **Dorothy L. Robinson**

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**JAN 15 2002**

RED LODGE — Dorothy L. Robinson, 81, died Sunday, Jan. 13, in Cedar Wood Villa.

Memorial services will be at 2:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 17, in Cedar Wood Villa. Smith-Olcott Funeral Chapel is in charge of cremation.

## Elizabeth F. Robinson

SHERIDAN, Wyo. —

Elizabeth F. Robinson, 104, of Sheridan, died Thursday, Oct. 31, 2002, at Sheridan Manor.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 5, at the First United Methodist Church. Burial will be in the Sheridan Municipal Cemetery. Champion Ferries Funeral Home of Sheridan is in charge.

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**Harvey E. Robinson****APR 10 2002**

Passed away April 8, 2002, at his home at 256 Windsor Circle South, Billings.

Harvey was born April 20, 1926, at Marmarth, N.D., the son of Harvey and Clara Robinson.

At an early age, the family moved to Lewistown. He joined the Army in August of 1944. He served his country and received a Bronze Battle Star, three Overseas Service Bars and a Good Conduct Medal. He received his honorable discharge in June of 1946.

His occupation included over the road truck driving for years. Then he moved to Raymond, Wash., where he was owner of a landfill until his retirement.

He married Delores McLaughlin, who took care of him during his sickness.

He is survived by his wife, Delores; one son, Gary (Avis) of Raymond, Wash.; one daughter, Carole Walsch of Windsor, Calif.; four sisters, Geneva, June, Janie and Sharon; one brother, Lyle; nine grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents; two sisters, Mabel and Bonnie; three brothers, Sonny, Wesley and Runnel; two sons, Ramon and Larry.

There will be a celebration of his life at his home for family and friends at 256 Windsor Circle South, Billings, Friday, April 12, starting 2 p.m.

## Joseph Robinson

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Joseph "Little Joe" Robinson, 65, of Wolf Point, died July 16, 2002, at his home.

Visitation will be from noon until 8 p.m. Friday, July 19, at Clayton Memorial Chapel in Wolf Point, with a prayer service at 7 p.m. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 20, at Clayton Memorial Chapel. Interment will be in the Oswego Presbyterian Cemetery.

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## Gilbert C. Robuck

## BILLINGS GAZETTE

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LAUREL - Gilbert C. Robuck, 87, of Laurel, passed away Friday, Nov. 1, 2002, at Beartooth Manor in Columbus.

Gilbert was born Nov. 24, 1914, at Corwith, Iowa, to Robert and Stella (Bosworth) Robuck. He served in Europe with a Tank Destroyer Battalion in the U.S. Army during WWII.

Gilbert was married to Mildred Aaby and they farmed at Rapelje from 1946 to 1952. They also farmed or worked on farms in the Rockvale, Joliet, Bridger and Billings areas before retiring to Fromberg. They moved to Laurel ten years ago.

Gilbert was a dedicated husband, father, son and brother who always provided for his family. He was kind, generous and soft spoken. He was an avid reader and especially enjoyed Montana history. He enjoyed the outdoors and walking. He loved to listen to music and play cards. His greatest interest was woodworking followed closely by gardening.

Survivors include his wife, Mildred of Laurel; son Ken (Jeffrie) Robuck of Whitehall; four daughters, Margaret Hoffman of Billings, Marie Robuck of Denver, Colo., Sharon Kaiser (Jim Kyger) of Windsor, Colo., Marvel (Albert) Bastoni of Laurel; brother, Art (Vicki) Robuck of Kennewick, Wash.; sister, Betty (Charlie) Loberg of Stanford; sister-in-law, Arleta Robuck of Columbus; six

grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 5, at Smith Funeral Chapel in Laurel. Interment with military honors will be in Rockvale Cemetery.

## **Doug Rockafellow**

CLEARMONT, Wyo. — Doug Rockafellow, 62, died Saturday, Jan. 12, 2002, at the Campbell County Memorial Hospital.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Adams Funeral Home in Buffalo. Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday in the Dayton Cemetery in Dayton.

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# Elizabeth F. 'Betty Lou' Iron Cloud-Rocker

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Elizabeth F. Iron Cloud-Ricker, who was born on January 25, 1933, in Poplar, Mont., to Elizabeth F. Youpee-Manning and Thomas Irvin Iron Cloud, went to be with the Lord on March 3, 2002, at her son's home in Marysville, Wash., at the age of 69.

She left Montana and moved to the West Coast for a few years. She worked in a canning factory in Portland, Ore., and at the preschool and Head Start Center on the Tulalip Indian Reservation in Washington. When she returned to Poplar, where she had lived most of her life, she worked at the Poplar School as a cook, Gramma Lizzies Cafe, Don's Bar, Verne Gibbs Indian Health Center and the Poplar Hospital, then became a homemaker.

She enjoyed bingo and keno, riding motorcycles, spending time with her close family and twin granddaughters whom she helped raise and loved very much, and many friends. Her hobbies were making keno cards, watching TV, listening to music, going to pow-wows and cooking.

Betty had many special friends, too numerous to mention. She is survived by her children; Gerald "Ted" Darnell Jr. of Las Vegas, Ira Darnell of Poplar, Delbert "Thumper" (Charlene) Kennedy

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Jr. of Dickinson, N.D., Marilyn (Daniel) Duran of Salinas, Calif., Joseph Ricker, Angeline (Randy) Iron Cloud-Kelsey of Gillette, Wyo., Chris Jones of Marysville, Wash., Felicia "Sugar" Jones of Poplar, Brian H. (Denise) Jones Sr. of Marysville, Wash.; and two special granddaughters Morning Snow and Season Wind Wise Spirit, Poplar. She is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and cousins.

She was preceded in death by the love of her life and husband, Harry F. Ricker Sr., both her mother Elizabeth F. Youpee-Manning and father Thomas Irvin Iron Cloud, and both her maternal and paternal grandparents.

She will be greatly missed and loved by everyone who knew her, especially her children.

Services and wake will be held at the Poplar Cultural Center at 7 p.m. on Monday, March 11, 2002, with the funeral at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, March 12. Burial will be in the Poplar Cemetery with Rev. Roger Hunt officiating. Clayton Memorial Chapel is in charge of arrangements.



# Franklin E. 'Rocky' Rockwell

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Franklin Eugene Rockwell, 92, formerly of Janesville and Delavan, Wis., passed away at St. John's Lutheran Home in Billings, on Thursday, May 30, 2002. He was born in Darien, Wis., on the home farm on County K (road), to James Newcomb Rockwell and Minnie Elizabeth Wilkinson Rockwell on April 17, 1910.

He married his high school sweetheart, June Dunwiddie (Claude and Hattie Brunkow Dunwiddie), in Chicago on July 3, 1933. Four children were born to this union: Bonnie Lou, Julie Ann, Peggy Jean and Roger Eugene.

As a carpenter, he built every home his family lived in and many homes for other people. He enjoyed traveling, and over the years, took his family on many trips. Later, he enjoyed driving and traveling in the motor home with June when they went to Florida and then to Texas every winter, and later with Elna when they went to Arizona. Numerous vacations to Hawaii, the Caribbean, Canada and most parts of the United States were viewed by Rocky at one time or another.

Rocky met Elna Bohnen in 1981 on one of his many trips. They were married in Billings on July 11, 1982, where they resided

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until his death.

Rocky was an avid cribbage player and his other favorite pas-time was golfing. The day before Thanksgiving 2001, he had his third hole-in-one in Billings at the Par 3 Golf Course at the age of 91! He enjoyed playing with the "kids," his golfing buddies: the 70- and 80-year olds.

He is survived by his wife, Elna; his children, Julie (George) Folk of Rush City Minn., Peggy Gleich of Janesville, Roger (Jewel) Rockwell of Oxford, Wis.; son-in-law, Larry Callaway of McAllen, Texas; 17 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren, and five great-great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews, great-nieces and nephews, and several second cousins.

He is also survived by caregiver Marg (and the late Gordon) Dangerfield of Billings. He was preceded in death by his wife, June; his parents; daughter, Bonnie; grandson, Daniel Fork; his siblings, Fred, George and Russell Rockwell and Louise Dangerfield. A memorial service will be held in the Chapel at Mission Ridge in Billings, on Monday, June 3, at 3 p.m. Memorials may be sent to the Ocee Johnson Chapel Fund at St. John's Health Center or to the Mission Ridge Independent Living Center,

Services will be held at the Monroe Funeral Home, 604 East Walworth Ave., Delavan, officiated by Pastor Cynthia Kristopeit on Wednesday, June 5. Interment will be in Darien Cemetery, Darien.

## Margery Rodewald

TIOGA, N.D. — Margery Rodewald, 88, of Tioga, formerly of Brockton, Mont., died Friday, Feb. 22, 2002, at the Mountrail Bethel Nursing Home in Stanley.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 27, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Brockton. Friends may call from 1 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 26, at Fulkerson Funeral Home in Tioga, and for one hour before service time at the church. Burial will be in Riverview Cemetery in Brockton.

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# Carl Denio Rodlend

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GREYBULL, Wyo. — Carl Denio Rodlend, 86, died Monday, July 22, 2002, at Bonnie Bluejacket Memorial Nursing Home between Greybull and Basin.

Cremation has taken place. At his request, no services will be held. Atwood Family Funeral Directors, Inc. of Basin is in charge.

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# Robert Morris Rodney

# BILLINGS GAZETTE

## JAN 04 2002

SIMSBURY, Conn. — Robert Morris Rodney, born Aug. 21, 1911, in Gary, Ind., died on Dec. 28, 2001, in Simsbury. He was graduated from Howe Military School in Indiana and Trinity College in Hartford, Class of 1935, and he earned his master's and doctoral degrees from the University of Michigan and the University of Wisconsin.

Mr. Rodney was married to Isobel Kathleen Wilson of Glen Ellyn, Ill., for 62 years, until her death a year ago. He taught English language and literature studies for 40 years at Pennsylvania State University, the University of Wisconsin, Colby and Union Colleges, Northeast Missouri State College and Northern Illinois University.

He concluded a distinguished teaching career as dean of liberal arts at Eastern Montana College, and devoted much of his retirement in Billings to scholarly writing until 1999. His professional work is listed in the British Dictionary of International Biography, Contemporary Authors, Directory of American Scholars and the International Who's Who in Education. He was a member of the Cum Laude Society and Psi Upsilon fraternity.

as an intelligence officer in the United States Air Force Ready Reserve, retiring with the rank of major, and was board chairman of the Billings chapter of the American Red Cross. He led Great Books Club adult discussion groups for 35 years in Missouri, Illinois and Montana and traveled extensively in Great Britain and Western Europe. He was the author of six books, including several on Mark Twain.

Mr. Rodney is survived by two children, four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, in whom he took great pride: among them his son, Robert, Jr., a college preparatory school teacher and historian in Connecticut; his daughter, Judith Louise Smith, an artist and graphic designer in Washington, D.C.; and his grandchildren, David, an aeronautical engineer for the Pratt & Whitney Corp. in Connecticut; Elizabeth Herz, a pediatrician trained at the University of Virginia; Stephen, an executive chef in Atlanta and graduate of the Culinary Institute of America; and Susan, most recently a program director and

Mr. Rodney served 20 years

administrator for the Close-Up Foundation and C-SPAN in Washington. He is also survived by Karen Lewis, devoted private-duty nurse who cared for him during the last months of his life. All of them are planning a family reunion in Billings and a memorial service at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church next summer.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Stephen's Church, where Mr. and Mrs. Rodney were longtime members, or to the American Red Cross.

## **Robert M. Rodney**

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An open invitation to a Memorial Service for Robert M. Rodney at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Billings at 3 p.m. on Aug. 3. Mr. Rodney, long-time Billings resident, passed away in Simsbury, Conn., on Dec. 28, 2001. The service will be attended by his children, grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

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# **Christine Littlebird Roe**

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**JUL 31 2002**

**MINNEAPOLIS —** Christine Littlebird Roe, 56, of Minneapolis, formerly of Ashland, Mont., died Friday, July 26, 2002, after lengthy illness with diabetes.

A wake service will be at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 1, at the St. Labre Mission in Ashland. Funeral Mass will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Aug. 2, at the St. Labre Mission. Interment will follow in the St. Labre Cemetery. Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home of Forsyth, Mont., is in charge.



# Emma Roesch

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Emma Roesch died peacefully in her home on Monday, April 8, 2002. Emma was 73 years old and had struggled only recently with failing health.



**EMMA  
ROESCH**

Emma will be remembered by her friends and family for her incredible wit, sense of humor and lifelong creativity that she passed on to her kids and grandchildren. She loved life and made it better

for all of us.

Emma and Clane enjoyed 57 beautiful years of marriage, traveled together and spent many hours caring for their family. Their love for each other was strong and felt by all.

Emma was born to Walter and Lena Waldman on May 8, 1928, in Onaka, S.D. She was the youngest in a family of four. She attended school in the Onaka area and graduated from Onaka High School in 1944.

Emma married Clane Roesch on Oct. 30, 1945. They lived in Onaka, S.D.; Ellendale, N.D.; Plentywood, and in Billings since 1960.

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Emma had a few jobs early in her marriage before having her four children, Dorothy (and Gordon) Peterson, Lynn (and Mark) Maki, Kenny (and Dianne) Roesch and Paulette Nooney. Emma had 11 grandchildren.

Memorial service will be held at Cremation or Funeral Gallery at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, April 10. Memorials may be made to Big Sky Hospice.

Mom, we love you and miss you and will keep all you have given us into our hearts forever and ever.

## Olga Roesler

POWAY, Calif. — Olga Roesler, 83, of Poway, died Thursday, Sept. 26, 2002, at the Sunbridge Care and Rehabilitation Home in San Diego.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Oct. 4, at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Glendive, Mont. Interment will be in the Dawson Memorial Cemetery in Glendive. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home is in charge.

## **Catherine Rogers**

WIBAUX — Catherine Rogers, 70, died Friday, May 24, 2002.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, May 28, in the Wibaux Cemetery. Bullis-Graves Memorial Chapel of Miles City is in charge of arrangements.

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## Edward Daniel Rogers

LIVINGSTON — Edward Daniel Rogers, 58, of Livingston, died Saturday, Aug. 10, 2002, at Livingston Health and Rehab Center.

Cremation has taken place at Franzen-Davis Funeral Home & Crematory in Livingston. Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 17, at G Street Park in Livingston.

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**Eleanor Mary  
Armstrong Rogers**

**BRIGHTWOOD, Ore. —**  
Eleanor Mary Armstrong Rogers,  
85, died Feb. 10, 2002.

Remembrances can be sent to  
the Mt. Hood Hospice in Sandy,  
Ore. A memorial gathering was  
held at the Mt. Hood Lion's Club  
on March 2. Skyline Memorial  
Gardens were in charge.

# Helen Singer Rogers

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**JAN 07 2002**

Helen Rogers was born on Jan. 8, 1926 to John and Julia Luszczyk in Chicago, Ill. She was raised in Chicago and graduated from Lourdes High School in 1944. In 1947, she married Paul Singer and they moved to Montana in 1952. They had two children together, Patricia and Paul Jr.



**MRS. ROGERS**

In 1975, Helen and Floyd Rogers were married in Billings. They spent the last 26 years together. Helen was employed by the old Northern Pacific Transport Company and retired from School District 2.

Helen Rogers died at Deaconess Billings Clinic on Jan. 5, 2002 after a brief illness.

She is survived by: Floyd Rogers, her husband of 26 years; her son Paul Singer and wife Jo of Billings; her step-daughters Mary Rhodes and her husband Gray of Billings, Cathy Powell of Cody and Cindy Sawyer and husband Jeff of Billings. Helen was very proud of her 13 grandchildren.

The Rosary will be recited 7 p.m. Wednesday Jan. 9, at

Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary. Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Thursday Jan. 10 at the Mortuary with interment at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Memorials may be made to the Deaconess Billings Clinic Foundation.

## **Margery J. Rogers**

**LIVINGSTON** — Margery J. Rogers, 81, of Livingston, died Tuesday, Sept. 17, 2002, at her home.

Cremation has taken place at Franzen-Davis Funeral Home in Livingston. Graveside committal and burial of cremated remains will be at 1 p.m. Friday, Sept. 20, in Mountain View Cemetery.



# LeRoy 'Pops' Rohrer

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LeRoy "Pops" Rohrer, of Billings, died Sunday, Aug. 11, 2002, with his loving family at his bedside.

Pops was born in Zeeland,



**LEROY  
ROHRER**

N.D., on July 25, 1919, to Emelia and Jacob Rohrer. He

spent his youth farming with his family in the Billings area. He married Iris Lawson in 1941, and together, they raised four

children in the house he built for them in Billings. He retired after 37 years with the U.S. Postal Service and began a new career. Because he was a car enthusiast, he opened a used car dealership in Billings. He ran that business for 20 years until he felt it was time to retire again. His passion for cars continued, especially for hot rods and Mustangs.

Pops was a family man. He loved to be with his grandchildren and great-grandchild. He traveled coast-to-coast, border-to-border, to be a part of their lives. He taught his children to be better parents by his example.

He was preceded in death by his loving wife Iris; brothers Ben and Al; and parents Jacob and Emelia.

He is survived by his four children, daughters Judy (Bill) Ash, Bonnie (John) Hawthorne, Kim (Dave) Watterson, and son Jeff (Cindy) Rohrer; grandchildren Chris (Kathleen), Zachary (Stephanie), Melissa, Alecia (Jeff), Melissa, A.J., Courtney, Shawn, McKenzie, Alex; and great-grandchildren Cameron. Also, four sisters, Pat, Eleanor, LaVern and Loraine.

A celebration of his life will be held at the First Baptist Church at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 14. Donations in his memory can be made to First Baptist Church.

Smith's Downtown Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

# Joan Barbara Rohlf

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**COLSTRIP** — Joan Rohlf, 53, Colstrip, passed away at St. Vincent's Hospital in Billings, Dec. 1, 2002.

She was born in San Diego, Calif., on Nov. 25, 1949, to Edward and Helen (Baldwin) LaDuke. Joan grew up and graduated from high school in San Diego. After graduating high school, she attended Beauty College.

On May 3, 1986, Joan married her best friend, David Rohlf. Later that year, the couple moved to Colstrip, where Joan owned and operated Headlines Beauty Salon.

— She enjoyed music, crafts, and traveling with her family. The joy of her life being with her grandsons.

"God saw she was getting tired and a cure was not to be; So he put his arms around her and whispered, 'Come with me.' With tearful eyes we watched you suffer and saw you fade away. Although we loved you dearly we could not make you stay. A golden heart stopped beating hard working hands at rest. God broke our hearts to prove to us he only takes the best!"

Joan is survived by her husband David; son Ken (Jen) Rohlf; father Pops; two brothers, Ed and Butch; four sisters, Katie, Patty, Nancy and Jackie; two grandsons,

Braden and Jared; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A memorial service is planned in Colstrip at a later date. Memorials in Joan's honor may be made to a charity of one's choice. Cremation or Funeral Gallery is in charge of arrangements.

## **Mary Jane Rojo**

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Mary Jane Rojo, 81, of Sheridan, died Sunday, Feb. 17, 2002, at Memorial Hospital of Sheridan County.

Rosary services will be at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 19, at Kane Funeral Home in Sheridan. Mass of the Christian Burial will be at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 20, at Holy Name Catholic Church.

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**MARJORIE ROLLE**  
**Marjorie Logan Rolle**

Marjorie Logan Rolle, age 86, a native of Billings and whose father Billings Logan Airport was named after, died Monday, Oct. 7, 2002.

She was born June 26, 1916, the daughter of Dick and Marjorie (Powell) Logan. Marjorie and her three sisters grew up on a cattle ranch seven miles from the town of Billings. Besides ranching, her father had many interests, including aviation. He sold land to the city of Billings for an airfield and was manager of the airfield for 32 years.

Marjorie's mother ran the restaurant at the airport and she and her sisters helped. They rode horses to their country school and Marjorie rode to the airport whenever possible and many times was able to get rides on airplanes. She graduated from Billings Senior High School, attended college and then became a secretary. She took the Civilian Pilot Training (CPT) Program

while in college and received her private pilot's license in the CPT Program in 1940.

Marjorie took her Women's Airforce Service Pilots (WASP) Training in 1943. She was one of two women to do this from Montana. She flew planes from Piper Cubs to B-24s from various locations, including airplane factories to various training airfields in the U.S. and Canada. She also did flight testing on repaired airplanes. She was involved with the WASP from her enlistment in 1944 until her discharge as a major in 1979.

She married Kenneth J. Rolle, July 17, 1947, in Los Angeles. They lived in San Francisco, where she worked for the War Assets Administration. They moved to Billings in 1950, where she worked for the Federal Aviation Administration for 14 years. Her husband, Ken, was manager of Logan Field during that time. In 1965, they moved to Santa Ana, Calif. and in 1968, to Missoula, where she worked for the Social Security Administration. In 1975, they returned to Billings.

Marjorie was a member of the First Congregational United Church of Christ, PEO Chapter Y, Graduates 99's and continued to attend the WASP reunions. Aviation was always an important part of Marjorie's life.

Survivors include her husband, Kenneth; two sisters, Harriet Schindle of Seattle and Joyce Curtis of Choteau; and many nieces and nephews. Marjorie was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Joan Turnquist.

Memorial services will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, Oct. 11, at the First Congregational United Church of Christ. A reception will follow at the church. Graveside services with military honors will be at 3 p.m. Friday, at Mountview Cemetery. Smith's Downtown Chapel is in charge.

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## Sydney Jayse Rollins

POPLAR — Sydney Jayse Rollins was born Oct. 10, 2002, in Poplar, to parents Johnny and Stephanie Rollins, Jr. He died Oct. 10, 2002.

Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 16, at St. Ann's Cemetery, west of Poplar, with Rev. Fr. Michael Schneider officiating services. Clayton Memorial Chapel is in charge.

## **Andrea S. Romero**

LOVELL, Wyo. — Andrea S. Romero, 69, died Friday, Oct. 18, 2002, at North Big Horn Hospital.

Rosary will be recited at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 22, at Haskell Funeral Home. Mass of the Resurrection will be conducted at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 23, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church. Interment will be in the Lovell Cemetery.

## Genevieve Romine

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*APRIL 26, 2002*

FRANKLIN, Ind. —

Genevieve Romine, 86, formerly of Powell, Wyo., died Wednesday, April 24, 2002, in Franklin.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, April 30, at First United Methodist Church in Powell. Burial will follow in Crown Hill Cemetery in Powell. Miratsky-Easton Funeral Home of Powell is in charge.



## Mildred Maud Romo

LEWISTOWN — Mildred Maud Romo, 92, of Lewistown, died Monday morning, July 8, 2002, in New Horizons Assisted Living Complex, of natural causes.

She was born March 12, 1910, in Williston, N.D., the daughter of Delbert and Maud Palmer, and moved to the homestead near Bainville from Texas. She attended first through eighth grades at the Rosdale School and attended high school at Bainville.

She was involved in chorus, Literary or Book Club and in Drama Club. She also enjoyed playing basketball with her friends and enjoyed riding horses. She graduated as salutatorian of her high school class.

After high school, she moved with her parents to Austin, Texas, where she attended the university for two years. They then moved to San Bonita, Texas. She was united in marriage to Francis I. Romo on Aug. 12, 1936, and they moved to Nohley, Mont., where he taught school and Mildred taught there also and at other small schools around the area. They moved to Mullan, Idaho, in 1945, to Whitehall in 1953 and to Lewistown in 1955.

Mildred was a dedicated wife, mother and homemaker. She was a member of the United

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Methodist Church and was a member of the UMW and Reality and Deborah Circles. She also taught Sunday School for several years. She also was a Brownie, Girl Scout and Cub Scout den leader. She was a member of the Lewistown Garden Club and the Home Demonstration Club. She was active in the Sons of Norway for a number of years and also the Republican Women's Club. She loved to read and visiting with family and friends.

She moved to New Horizons in April of this year, where she had been a resident until the time of her death.

She is survived by a daughter, Linda (Wayne) Andrews of Lewistown; two sons, Kenneth (Marie) of Townsend and Donald of Lewistown; granddaughters Shawna (Dave) Rademaker of Billings, Tina (Christopher) Cox of Forest Grove, Jodi (Nels) Hanson of

Schiveinfurt, Germany, and Brenda Andrews of Billings; and grandson Shane (Teresa) Romo of Townsend; great-grandchildren Caleb Rademaker, Mariah and Shanrea Romo.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1997; and her parents.

Funeral services for Mildred M. Romo will be Thursday, July 11, at 1:30 p.m., in the United Methodist Church, with interment to follow in Central Montana Memorial Gardens. The Cloyd Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Friends may make memorials to the Central Montana Hospice, The Lewistown Garden Club, the United Methodist Church or the charity of their choice, and they may be left at the Cloyd Funeral Home.

# Larry D. Rongholt

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SEATTLE, Wash. — Larry D. Rongholt, 52, passed away Dec. 17, 2001, at the University of Washington in Seattle after a stem cell transplant.



**MR.  
RONGHOLT**

He was born May 21, 1949, in Sidney, the son of Lester and Bernice Hagen Rongholt. He received his education in Fairview and attended college in Bozeman.

Larry worked with his father in construction work and later worked for Conoco as an operator. He was working up to the time of his death, until he became ill.

He was a member of the Pace Union and the Rod & Gun Club. He loved to work with his WWII models, enjoyed shooting his handguns and loved to read history books. He enjoyed music and watching the Green Bay Packers.

Survivors include his mother, Bernice Rongholt; one sister, Cheryl (Curt) Wilks of Billings; one niece, Marla Payette; nephew, Chris Payette, both of Billings. Several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial service will be 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 12, at Cremation or Funeral Gallery, 8th and St. Johns. Memorials may be made to the charity of choice.

## **Kenneth J. Rook**

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Kenneth J. Rook, 81, of Billings passed away on Friday, July 12, 2002, at St. Vincent Healthcare.

His loving wife of 51 years preceded him in death.

Graveside inurnment is pending. Cremation was held at Cremation or Funeral Gallery.

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# Agnes Margarete Rooney

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**MRS. ROONEY**

Agnes Margarete Rooney (Miehling), age 82, was born the 10th of 12 children on April 26, 1919, in Underaltenbernheim, Germany. The name of that village means Under the Mountain. During her life, she climbed the mountain and now has arrived at the top to be with her Lord, Jesus. She passed away at St. Vincent Healthcare on March 5, 2002, of natural causes.

During WWII, she was a telephone operator in Nuremberg, Germany, with one of her sisters, Stilla. She had stories to tell about the Allied bombing raids that sent them to bomb shelters during the end of the war. She was very resilient and that is what characterized her life across the years.

After the war, she married Army Air Force Capt. Lewis J. Rooney in 1947 and emigrated to the U.S. She lived in Goodland, Kan., and the following Montana

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Towns during her life: Grass Range, Great Falls, Cut Bank and Billings.

She particularly enjoyed camping with her family along the mountain streams of Montana. She delighted in fresh caught pan-fried trout and collecting wild flowers to press and make into craft items.

She was preceded in death by her son Eric and her husband Lewis. She has four surviving children and their spouses, Ingrid and Bill Rodd of Tucson, Ariz., Jim and Chris Rooney of Billings, Art and JoDean Rooney of Cut Bank, and Al and Dana Rooney of Billings. She has 10 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Her sisters, Johanna and Stilla of Germany, also survive her.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be held Saturday, March 9, at 2 p.m. at Billings Heights Alliance Church.

## MARIANNE PEACE ROSCOE

## BILLINGS GAZETTE

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GRANITE BAY, Calif. — Marianne Peace Roscoe, wife of Billings native William P. Roscoe III, died unexpectedly at her Granite Bay home on Nov. 17, 2002, from complications following surgery.

She was born to Josef and Emma Fischer in Wiesbaden, Germany, on Oct. 2, 1940. She came to the United States in 1965.

Marianne and Billy were married in Reno, Nev., Sept. 30, 1983, residing in the Sacramento area since.

She is remembered by her family and friends for her unique beauty, her love of life and her generous and caring nature.

She is survived by her husband, a daughter, a son and three grandchildren, all of California.

Also surviving are her stepchildren, Colleen Roscoe Graham (Jeff) and three grandchildren of Bakersfield, Judson (Raquel) Roscoe of Dupont, Wash., and Jerome Peace and four grandchildren of Ohio.

In addition, she leaves a sister in San Diego; two brothers; and several nieces and nephews in Germany.

Marianne was a frequent visitor to Montana, loved Montana, and will be greatly missed by all her Montana Roscoe families.

Services were held at Mount Vernon Church of the Valley, Fair Oaks, Rev. William Feeser officiating. Interment was in Mount Vernon Memorial Park, Fair Oaks.

## Harry Roseboom

GARRISON — Harry "Boomer" Roseboom, 82, died July 1, 2002, at Sacred Heart Hospital in Spokane.

Cremation has taken place. Private interment of ashes will be Saturday morning, Aug. 3, in the Avon Cemetery. A memorial service will be held at the Avon Community Hall at 3 p.m.

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**JUL 13 2002**



**Eleanor B. (Westrum)  
Rosendahl**

HINSDALE — Eleanor B. (Westrum) Rosendahl died Thursday, May 2, 2002, in Casper, Wyo., of natural causes.

Services will be at 2 p.m. on Thursday, May 9, at the Hinsdale High School Gymnasium with interment to follow in the Hillview Cemetery. Bell Mortuary of Glasgow is in charge.

# Eleanor B. Rosendahl

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HINSDALE — Eleanor B. "Westrum" Rosendahl, 83, a devoted Christian and community supporter, passed away Thursday, May 2, 2002, at her daughter's home in Casper.

She was an only child born to Florence (Peachey) and Fred Westrum on Oct. 28, 1918 in Hinsdale. She was delivered by "Doc" Cockrell in the little house next door to Cockrell's.

She grew up in Hinsdale and graduated from Hinsdale High School at age 16. She graduated from St. Olaf in Northfield, Minn., in 1939 and spent a year doing graduate study at the University of Minnesota.

From 1940 to 1942, Eleanor taught English at Hinsdale High School. In 1942-1943, she taught drama and English in Kalispell. Eleanor married John R. Rosendahl July 14, 1943 in Marysville, Calif. After the war, they settled in Hinsdale. She and John became partners with her parents in the hardware store and in the farming operation.

She held membership in Riverview Chapter #80 Order of Eastern Star, 50 year life membership; Chapter U of P.E.O., 60 plus years; an honorary member of Alpha Zeta Chapter Delta Kappa Gamma Soc. Int. She taught music and English at Hinsdale High School from 1967 to 1969. In 1983,

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the community honored her with an appreciation day to acknowledge her and her 30 years of teaching piano and vocal. She soloed as a pianist and vocalist and accompanied others at numerous school, church and community functions. She accompanied musical festival groups, even at the age of 78. She was a life-long member of the Hinsdale Lutheran Church, the organist and an active member of WELCA.

Eleanor was a 4-H leader for many years. She enjoyed gardening, floral arranging, knitting and working cross-word puzzles. Especially, she enjoyed her friendships within the community and family gatherings.

Survivors include a daughter, Mary Norgaard of Casper; two sons, Kurt Rosendahl of Maple Valley, Wash. and John "Jay" Rosendahl of Discovery Bay, Calif.; a son-in-law John Norgaard; a daughter-in-law, Opal Porteen Rosendahl; five grandchildren, Darren, Kera, Nelson, Bobber and Tyler. She is preceded in death by her beloved husband, John.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Thursday, May 9, at the Hinsdale High School Gymnasium. Interment will be in the Hillview Cemetery. Bell Mortuary of Glasgow is in charge of arrangements.

**APR 19 2002****John F. Rosenwald**

**HINSDALE —** John F. "Jack" Rosenwald, 79, of Hinsdale, died Wednesday, April 17, 2002, at Valley View Nursing Home in Glasgow.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 20, at Hinsdale Legion Hall. Interment will be in Hillview Cemetery in Hinsdale. Bell Mortuary of Glasgow is in charge.

## DOROTHY V. ROSS

Dorothy V. Ross, 94, passed away April 19, 2002. She has been in ill health for some years.

She was born in Stevensville on Feb. 14, 1908, to John and Eva Clark. After her mother's passing in 1915, she was adopted by Mrs. Albert Newman of Billings. She graduated from Billings High School in 1927.

In 1933, she married Elmer Christensen, who, with brother Paul and sisters Johanna and Rose, owned and operated the 63 Ranch, south of Livingston. At the time of Elmer's passing in 1970, they owned and operated the Broadwater Market in Helena. Dorothy retired to Billings in 1971. She married Robert A. Ross of Billings in 1973. They enjoyed travel and cruising until his death in 1988.

She is survived by son Roger (Mary) Christensen of Pittsburgh, Pa.; daughter Rosemary (John) McRae; grandsons Bill (Jana) McRae, Don (Barbara) McRae, all of Billings, Doug (Tammy) McRae of Wright, Wyo., Bradley Christensen of Grand Forks, N.D., and Seth Christensen of Monroeville, Pa.; one great-



**DOROTHY  
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grandson; six great-granddaughters; and two great-great-granddaughters. She was preceded in death by one sister and two brothers.

"Such beauty was never meant to last. The winds of life blow colder; It's autumn now, and regrets creep in and we find we've gotten older." -Alberta Francis

Cremation has taken place. A private memorial will be held. Arrangements were made by Cremation or Funeral Gallery.

**Hal Ross**

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Hal Ross, 82, of Memphis, formerly of Miles City, Mont., died Jan. 13, 2002, in Memphis.

A graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, July 27, in the Custer County Cemetery. Friends and family will meet at the cemetery. Stevenson & Sons, Funeral Home of Miles City is in charge.

## **Irma Demoins Ross**

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**DEC 13 2002**

Irma Demoins Ross, 88, of Billings, died Tuesday morning, Dec. 10, 2002, at Valley Health Care Center.

She is survived by sons, Carl Smith of Moses Lake, Wash., Carrol Smith of Billings; and a daughter, Donna Iwamoto of Yuma, Ariz. She is also survived by 27 grandchildren, 53 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren, two sisters and one brother.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, one son, two sisters and a granddaughter.

Funeral services will be held 10 a.m. Monday, Dec. 16, at the Billings Stake Center of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 2929 Belvedere Drive, with viewing an hour before the services in the Relief Society Room. Burial will follow at 1:30 p.m. in the Lavina Cemetery. Arrangements by Cremation or Funeral Gallery.

# Kathleen Anne Hoss

# BILLINGS GAZETTE

JUL 12 2002

MISSOULA — Kathleen Anne Ross, 53, of Missoula, passed away at home, surrounded by her family, on Wednesday, July 10, 2002, following a courageous battle with diabetes.

Kathy was born in Logan, Utah, on May 22, 1949, the second child and first daughter of J. Stanley and Eunice Kimmitt. Colonel Kimmitt is a Great Falls native and was serving as instructor for the Utah National Guard after combat service in World War II.

During her childhood years, Kathy lived on numerous Army posts both in the U.S. and Europe. In her youth, she traveled extensively throughout the U.S., Canada and Western Europe. Kathy's most memorable trip of that time was to Rome. "Just seeing the Vatican took my breath away," she once remarked. More recently, Kathy and her family enjoyed a memorable trip to Germany, rekindling old memories and creating new ones.

Kathy was a 1967 graduate of Bishop Denis J. O'Connell High School in Arlington, Va., and later attended the Washington School of Medical Technicians and Secretaries. She served with the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee and the National Park Service in Washington, D.C., but decided

in 1970 to "leave the hectic life of the east coast" and move to Montana. While living in Billings, Kathy worked for the Old West Regional Commission, and later as a field representative for former U.S. Sen. John Melcher.

In 1971, Kathy represented Montana as its Cherry Blossom Princess during the Washington Cherry Blossom Festival, an annual highlight in the nation's capital. Chet Huntley introduced her at a reception in the Museum of American History attended by many Montanans.

On Jan. 26, 1985, in Billings, Kathy married Michael D. Ross. They have two children, Marine Corps Recruit Michael B. Ross, in California, and Mrs. Nicole Harris, in Missoula. Nicole presented Kathy and Mike with their first grandchild, Cameron Michael James Harris, earlier this year.

Kathy's greatest joys in life were the love and caring of family and friends. She gave so much to others, and valued what





### **KATHLEEN ROSS**

she received as well, saying "my life has been very good and it will continue to be because I will always have the love and support of family and friends. What a wonderful feeling, and who can ask for more?"

Friends near and far remember Kathy as the bravest, kindest person they knew. She touched countless lives, embracing anyone in need and delighting in every act of kindness she could offer. Kathy Ross will be dearly missed.

Kathy is survived by her husband, two children and grandchild. Also surviving are her parents, Stan and Eunice Kimmitt of McLean, Va.; siblings Robert of Palo Alto, Calif., Jay and Tom of Arlington, Va., Mark of Fort Bragg, N.C., Mary Laxton of Swarthmore, Pa., and Judy Rainey of Vienna, Va.; and 10 devoted nieces and nephews.

Kathy was a member of Holy Family Catholic Parish, 4616 Gharrett Avenue, where there will be a Mass of Christian Burial on Monday, July 15, at 11 a.m. Visitation will be held at Holy Family Catholic Parish on Sunday, July 14, beginning at 5 p.m. Funeral vigil and rosary will start at 7 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in Kathy's memory to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation International, 120 Wall Street, New York, NY 10005-4001. Funeral arrangements are under the care and direction of Garden City Funeral Home and Crematory.

## **Lucina Ross**

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**FEB 20 2002**

**BUFFALO, Wyo. —** Lucina "Billie" Ross, 80, of Buffalo, died Friday, Feb. 15, 2002, in Portland, Ore.

Visitation will be from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 20, at Adams Funeral Home in Buffalo. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, at Adams Funeral Home. Burial will be in Willow Grove Cemetery.

## Wanda Ross

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NOV 16 2002

SIDNEY — Wanda Ross, 90, of Sidney, died Wednesday, Nov. 13, 2002, at the Sidney Health Center-Extended Care Facility.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, Nov. 18, at the Peoples Congregational Church in Sidney. Interment will be at Sunset Memorial Gardens in Bozeman. Fulkerson Funeral Home of Sidney is in charge.

## Delta Rossi

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NOV 21 2002

SOUTH SCRANTON, Pa. — Delta Clara Rossi, 78, of South Scranton, formerly of Glendive, Mont., died Monday, Nov. 11, 2002, at the VNA Hospice at the Community Medical Center in Scranton.

Memorial Mass will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 23, at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Glendive. Silvernale-Silva Funeral Home of Glendive is in charge of local arrangements.

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**Katherine 'Susie'**

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**(Good Fortune in the Wind)**

Katherine RoundFace, 51, passed away Saturday, May 4, 2002, at the Deaconess Billings Hospital. She was born Nov. 14, 1950, in Pryor. Her parents were Hanna RoundFace and George

Old Crane, and she was raised by her grandparents, Edward and Matilda RoundFace. She was a member of the Greasy Mouth Clan, a Piegan Child, Sweat Lodge, Sun Dance and Tobacco



**KATHERINE  
ROUNDFACE**

Society. Katherine attended St. Charles School in Pryor and Edgar High School, later receiving her GED. She worked as a nurse's aide and was employed by the Crow Tribe as a cook at the time of her death.

Susie was an avid bingo, keno and handgame player. She was supportive of arrow games and attended powwows and all other ceremonies. She was a self-made mechanic. As a skilled beader,

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some of her beadwork was sold in Europe. Her faith in the Creator was an important part of her life and she attended church pilgrimages. She was proud of her six years of sobriety.

Survivors include her children, Katie Costa, Milton, Dee Jay, Ronald and Thomas RoundFace; grandchildren she raised, Bridgette, Miki, Mattie and Danielle Costa; adopted children, Rhonda Caufield, Anna DeCrane, Malissa Archambault, Angie Turns Plenty, Cecelia, Raelene and Roberta Stands, Rebecca and Roberta Birdinground, Craig Doney, Emelio Stewart, Carol Ann and Marieta RoundFace, Rita and James BellRock, Posey Whiteman, Keri Whiteman, Cecelia Plain Feather, Casey Kills Pretty Enemy, Ravin Good Luck, Karen Dievert, Lenaya Costa, Mirandi White Plume, Jose and Angie Morales, Channa Mae Whiteman, Tiaunna, Katherine Briggs, Burt Plain Bull, Dorothy RoundFace, Roberta, JuBie, Candy and Carrie RoundFace.

Grandchildren include Ashley Caufield, Chadd Badura, Sammy, Mia, Tyrell, Maria, Emaleigh, Corbin, Abby, Kyla and Tiana RoundFace, Joey and Peter Turns Plenty, Rudie, Josie, Malissa and Keisha Kelly, Conrad Stands, Bruce, Jerome, Austin Big Hail, Stella Walks, Emilio and Destiny Small RoundFace.

Surviving brother is Tommie

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(Eddie) RoundFace; adopted brothers include Urban Bear Don't Walk, Sonny Caplett, Dewey and Wales Bull Tail, Kennard and Richard Real Bird, Jr., Norman and Channis Whiteman, Vernie and A.J. Turns Plenty, Robert Other Medicine and Poncho Half, Justin RoundFace, Dan Schwind, Larry Plain Bull, Virgil Williamson, Eugene, Olin, Randy and Sealmar Red Star, Howard Daniel, Cletus RoundFace, Tim Smells, Laurence, Robert, Kenny, Jerry FlatLip.

Sisters are Deanhe RoundFace, Mary Sonia RoundFace and Ardeth Hogan; adopted sisters are Sylvia Stops, Ann, Jessica, Jocelyn and Andrea Costa, Iva Shane, Carlotta Half, Ruby Big Hair, Patsy Stands, Doris Old Coyote, Regina Big Hair, Eva Bull Tail, Carol Bull Tail, Geneva Whiteman, Velma Bell Rock, Valeen Plain Feather, Carol Good Luck, Jolene Kills Pretty Enemy, Marlene Rides Horse, Pamela Little Light, Dorothy Spotted Bear, Sharon Smells, Bula and Mary Goes Ahead, Melissa Lopaz. Adopted mothers are Josephine Whiteman, Rena Half and Sylvia Gone. (And all of her Bingo Buddies).

She was preceded in death by her mother and father; grandfa-

ther and grandmother; brothers, Robert Calvin and Marty RoundFace; Guy and Margaret Bull Tail.

Rosary will be 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 7, at Dahl Funeral Chapel in Billings. Funeral Mass will be celebrated 10 a.m. Wednesday, May 8, at St. Charles Mission, with a reception at St. Charles School. Committal will be in the RoundFace Family Cemetery in Pryor.

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## Carolyn Jean 'T.L.' Pine Roundstone

LAME DEER — Carolyn Jean "T.L." Pine Roundstone, age 30, of Lame Deer, died in the presence of Ma'heo at the Billings Deaconess Clinic, after a short illness.

Her Cheyenne name is Ma'heo no-soo-oe', "Medicine Dancing Woman." Carolyn was born on Sept. 18, 1971, at Crow Agency. She was the first child of Frank and Holda Pine Roundstone. Carolyn attended the Busby High School and Chemawa (Ore.) Indian School. Later, she joined the Clearfield (Utah) Job Corp. Carolyn worked for the Westmont Health Care; she liked taking care of the elderly and disabled. She also volunteered her services with the Head Start Program.

Carolyn spent most of her time taking care of her son, Lyndon Blackbird. She took the role of being the father to him; she took him fishing every summer.

Carolyn was a very loving person, her great sense of humor and laughter brought comfort to those she loved. Even during her painful illness, she continued to display her humor with her usual cheerful smile. Carolyn especially loved and care for her three brothers, Flint, Harlan and Chey.

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She was very proud of them, she often mentioned about their gifts and talents. She adored her niece, La Princiab Whiteman. Carolyn was very protective of her sister, Rochelle. Carolyn always gave words of encouragement to her

special friends and cousins. She enjoyed celebrating all the holidays with her family. She will be deeply missed by her beloved family, friends and relatives.



**CAROLYN PINE  
ROUNDSTONE**

Carolyn was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph Blackbird of Fort Belknap; grandmother, Florence Pine; and grandfather, Paul Frank Roundstone, Sr.

Survivors include one son, Lyndon Blackbird; her parents, Frank and Holda Roundstone; three brothers, Flint, Harlan and Chey Roundstone; one step-brother, Dale Roundstone; grandfather, Daniel Pine; and grandmother, Beulla Sioux Calf; numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Many thanks go to hospital visitors who came to share their love, support and prayers. Many of you sat in vigil for hours. May God bless you in many ways.

A wake service will be held 7 p.m. Thursday, May 30, and a funeral service will be 1 p.m. Friday, May 31, both at Petter Mennonite Church in Lame Deer. Burial will be at the Roundstone Family Cemetery in Busby.

Rausch Funeral Home of the Northern Cheyenne Nation is in charge of arrangements.

# Leo Gene Rous

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AUG 28 2002

DENTON — Leo Gene Rous, 75, passed away Aug. 23, 2002 in Great Falls.



He was born Dec. 15, 1926, in Lewistown to Anton and Letha Rous.

LEO ROUS

Leo was a farmer at heart and spent his entire life living and working on the family farm in Denton. He also worked for other farmers in the area when he wasn't busy on his own farm.

He married Marge Powers in 1954. They later divorced and he married Grace Honey on Nov. 23, 1965.

Polka was one of Leo's passions. He played accordion by ear and loved to entertain family and friends with renditions of all kinds of rousing music. Some of his favorite pastimes included visiting with anyone he met, watching people and gopher-hunting. People who knew him loved the special sparkle in his eyes, the smile on his face and his great sense of humor.

He was a lifelong member of the Loyal Order of the Moose in Lewistown.

Survivors include daughter Ranae (Ron) Marshall of Laurel, Dianne (Mike) Vinio of Salina, Kan., Margaret Porter of Baker City, Ore., Barbara Honey of Seattle, and Vicki (Curt) Hershberger of Denton. Sons, William Rous of Denton and Don (Susie) Rous of Bonner Ferry, Idaho, Vernon (Sue Honey of Seattle and Walter (Chris) Honey of Boise, Idaho. He is also survived by 36 grandchildren, 41 great-grandchildren and a great-great grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Grace, son, Bob and a sister, Marge.

Memorial graveside service for Leo G. Rous will be Saturday, Aug. 31, at 2 p.m. in Hillcrest Cemetery in Denton. Cremation has taken place. Cloyd Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Friends may make memorials to the Moosehead Foundation or the charity of their choice, and they may be left at the Cloyd Funeral Home

## **Robert Bradford Rowe**

**JACKSONVILLE, Ill. —** Robert Bradford Rowe, 84, of Jacksonville and formerly of Syracuse, N.Y., Urbana, Ill., and Keowee Key, S.C., died Thursday, Nov. 28, 2002, at Modern Care Convalescent Facility in Jacksonville. He was born in Binghamton, N.Y., on Aug. 15, 1918, the son of Charles Eckert and Ethel Alice Quick Rowe. He married Elizabeth Reed Spencer on March 22, 1943, in Syracuse, N.Y., and she preceded him in death in 1995.

He is survived by six children, Linda (Bruce) Abbey of Syracuse, Barbara Rowe of Springfield, Ill., Susan (Randal) Nelson of Kenilworth, Ill.,

Robert B. (Ruth) Rowe, Jr., of Oak Park, Ill., Sarah "Yatch" (Dr. John A.) Peterson of Jacksonville, and Conni (Mark) Halvorsen of Billings; 1-grandchildren; and one great grandchild.

In celebration of his life, a memorial wake buffet for friends and family of Dr. Rowe will be held 11 a.m. on Sunday Dec. 15, at Jumer's Restaurant 209 S. Broadway, Urbana. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Champaign County Humane Society, 191 East Main, Urbana, IL 61801. Cody & Son Memorial Home in Jacksonville is in charge of arrangements.

# Gerald E. Rowen, MD

# BILLINGS GAZETTE

## JAN 23 2002

**MILES CITY**  
— Gerald Eugene Rowen, MD, was born Dec. 9, 1924, in Drayton, Ontario, and passed away Jan. 20, 2002, of Alzheimer's disease. His parents were Ernest H. Rowen, MD, and Marguerit Ebert Rowen.



**DR. ROWEN**

He attended school in Miles City, served two years in the army during WWII, attended pre-med school at Montana State, residencies at University of Wisconsin and University of Oregon and graduated A.M. Board of Ophthalmology and Otolaryngology.

Gerald was a Boy Scout leader for 15 years and was awarded the Silver Beaver award for distinguished service. He belonged to the Elks, the Quarter-Century Club, Miles Community College Board, Holy Rosary Hospital Board, South Eastern Medical Society, AMA and Montana Academy of Ophthalmology.

He was a member of the Town and Country Club and became a life-master in the American Contract Bridge League.

He married Mary Helen Fulks

in 1946 and had four children Scott, Valerie, Todd and Brent and eight grandchildren. He married Laura Jane Keenan in 1976, giving him two stepchildren, Runa Alice Kenner and William Peter Keenan; and three step-grandchildren. Gerald was preceded in death by his son Brent, and his parents.

Visitation will be held Thursday, Jan. 24, in the chapel of Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City. Funeral services will be held at the First Presbyterian Church, Friday Jan. 25, at 11 a.m. Burial will follow in the Veterans Cemetery in the Custer County Cemetery with military honors. Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home of Miles City is in charge of the arrangements.

Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Research Foundation, Miles Community College or the charity of one's choice.

**Bin Rowland**

**YPSILANTI, Mich.** — Bin Rowland, 77, formerly of Billings, died at his home on Wednesday, Sept. 4, 2002.

Bin operated Sky Harbor, an F.R.O. in Billings before moving to Michigan, where he retired in 1992 after 25 years of service with the FAA.

Services will be at the Janowiak Funeral Home in Ypsilanti on Sept. 14.

JUN 14 2002

## Denise Marie Rowland

BILLINGS MONTANA

PORTLAND, Ore. — Denise Marie (Normand) Rowland, 50, of Portland, formerly of Glendive and Billings, died May 30, 2002.

A memorial service has been held.

## Nicholas Pretty on Top Rowland

**THE BILLINGS GAZETTE**

DEC 9 0 2002

LODGE GRASS — Nicholas Wesley Rowland, infant son of Ben and Dorcella Pretty on Top Rowland, died Saturday evening, Dec. 28, 2002, at St. Vincent Healthcare.

Our Heavenly Father got the best birthday present, a small angel named Nicholas Wesley.

Survivors include his parents; his siblings, Benisha, Fawnshay and Beau; his grandparents, Burton (Randine) Pretty on Top of Billings, Eleanor Pretty on Top of Pryor and Ted (Lerena) Rowland of South Dakota.

Graveside Funeral services will be 9 a.m. Monday, Dec. 30, in the Crow Agency Cemetery. Bullis Mortuary of Hardin has been entrusted with the arrangements.

## **Noma R. Rowland**

**KIRBY** — Noma R. Rowland, 60, of Kirby, passed away peacefully at her home Thursday, Sept. 26, 2002.

She was born Jan. 13, 1942, at home in Busby, the daughter of Benjamin and Florence Wilson Rowland. She was raised in the Kirby area and graduated from St. Labre School in 1960.

Noma married Carl Walking Eagle in Los Angeles. The couple later divorced and Noma returned to her Montana home in 1966. She graduated from St. Labre Mission School in May of 1960. She began her employment at the BIA School in Busby as an elementary aide in 1970. During the course of her employment she attained her BS degree in elementary education and an associates of arts degree in June 1975 from Eastern Montana College in Billings.



**NOMA  
ROWLAND**

Her continued employment at Busby School presented her with many opportunities in which she could share her talents. She was a certified elementary teacher, librarian and Chapter I teacher. She devoted 27 years to the children of Busby School.

Noma retired due to ill health in 1990. She was a member of the St. Labre Catholic Church.

Her father, Ben, and two brothers, Zachary and Randy, preceded Noma in death.

Survivors include her children, Ben of Kirby and Tawnya Rowland of Kirby, and Rochelle Walking Eagle of Warwick, N.D.; two sisters, Esther Yellowrobe of Muddy Cluster and Rebecca Hatfield of Kirby; three grandchildren, Regina and Joseph Odom and Madison Kukes; and a special nephew, "J," whom she took as a son; numerous nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Wake services will be held at 7 p.m., Monday, in the family home. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m., Tuesday, in the family home. Interment will follow in the Rowland Family Cemetery. Bullis Mortuary of Hardin has been entrusted with the arrangements.



# Darrel Loyd Royal

BILLINGS GAZETTE

DEC 09 2002



**DARREL ROYAL**

**RED LODGE** — Darrel Royal, 84, of Red Lodge, died early Saturday morning, Dec. 7, 2002, in Beartooth Hospital Long Term Care Unit.

Darrel was born on Aug. 12, 1918, near Chugwater, Wyo., a son of Fred and Sophie Blum Royal. When Darrel was two years old, his father was killed in an accident. His mother moved to Big Horn, Wyo., where Darrel graduated from high school. He worked for various ranches in the vicinity, including caring for the Earl of Portsmouth's polo ponies.

In 1938 he was hired by Birney Kempton's Dude Ranch at Terry, Mont., to break horses and "wrangle dudes." In 1940 he married Helen Hauck at Miles

City, Mont. They had two children, Alan in 1942 and Loyd in 1944.

In 1942 he attended a mechanic's school in Cheyenne, Wyo., and then went to work for Peter Kiewit, repairing and maintaining heavy equipment used in road building.

He was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1944. Darrel went overseas to the European Theater of Operations where he served with General Patton's Army in the Battle of the Bulge. After his discharge in 1945 he returned to Terry where he worked for Patterson-Turnbull Garage. In the spring of 1946 he came to Red Lodge as service manager for the Chevrolet Garage.

On July 4, 1946, Darrel and Mary Elizabeth Shreve were married in Red Lodge, and they celebrated their 56th wedding anniversary in 2002.

Darrel bought a repair garage from Erwin Draper in 1949, which he operated as Royal's Repair until retiring in 1983.

He was active in Boy Scouts, serving as Scout Master. He initiated and organized the first Junior Rifle Club in Red Lodge

and was its chief instructor for many years. One of his hobbies was braiding rawhide bridles. For many years he donated a bridle to the 4-H County Fair to be given as a prize.

Darrel owned a small acreage on Willow Creek where he raised and trained horses. His great love was the mountains and hunting. He always had a dog for a faithful companion. During his stay at the Beartooth Long Term Care Unit, his Border Collie, Benji, would often visit him and became the pet of all the residents.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Beth Royal of Red Lodge; two sons, Alan L. Royal of Billings, and Loyd L. Royal of Bozeman; two nieces, Betty Ash of Wheatland, Wyo., and Helen Dunning of Lander, Wyo.; and one sister-in-law, Gertrude Royal of Wheatland.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 10, in Smith-Olcott Funeral Chapel. Cremation will follow services. Memorials may be given to Beartooth Hospital & Health Center Hospice, P.O. Box 590, Red Lodge, MT 59068.

# Duane Ray Royal

BILLINGS GAZETTE

JAN 15 2002

RICHLAND, Wash. — Duane Ray Royal, 42, formerly of Billings, died Monday, Jan. 7, 2002, at the Kadlec Medical Center in Richland from complications of cancer. He was born July 13, 1959, in Cody, Wyo. He loved the outdoors, especially fishing.



Duane was preceded in **MR. ROYAL** death by his grandparents, his father, and two brothers, Rod Royal and Buddy Christensen. He is survived by his mother, Bev Dorn of Helena; step-parents, Ken and Marilyn Christensen of Helena; three sisters, Mabelle Christensen of Helena, Karen Griffiths of West Yellowstone and Dawn Christensen of Helena; two brothers, John Christensen of West Richland and Melvin Christensen of Missoula; as well as many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins. Duane will be sorely missed by all who knew and loved him.

Cremation and a private memorial has taken place in Kennewick, Wash.

# Charles David Rubel

BILLINGS GAZETTE

FEB 23 2002

OROVILLE, Calif. — Charles David Rubel, 50, of Oroville, formerly of Billings, died Wednesday, Feb. 20, 2002.

He was born Sept. 7, 1951, in Billings, the son of Stan and Donna Kelly Catalla. He received his education at St. Pius and Billings Central schools.

Charles enlisted into the U.S. Marines in October 1969, serving in Vietnam. He moved to



Oroville, where he was a student at Oroville Butte College. Charles was a student at the time of his death.

His brother, Stanley, preceded him in death, Dec. 26, 1980.

**MR. RUBEL**

He is survived by his parents, Stan Rubel of Laurel and Donna Catalla of Billings; one brother, Bruce Glenn of Billings; and one sister, Terri (Kenneth) Olson of Missoula.

Cremation has taken place in California. Memorial services are planned for a later date. Bullis Mortuary of Hardin has been entrusted with the local arrangements.

# Marko Rubich

Marko Rubich, 82, of Billings passed away Friday, April 26, 2002 at St. Vincent Healthcare.

He was born on May 8, 1919, in Bearcreek, the son of Mike and Gospava (Zmukich) Rubich. He grew up and was schooled in Bearcreek.



**MARKO  
RUBICH**

He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during WWII from 1942 through 1945. He was very proud of his service and his military buddies in the 307th Airdrome Squadron, recently meeting every two years for reunions.

After his discharge he came to Billings and married Opal Sjoström on April 17, 1948, in Custer. He became employed with the Railroad Express Agency for 25 years and then went to work for the Montana Highway Department until retirement in 1982.

Mark was dedicated to, and his life revolved around, his family. He always enjoyed a good day on the stream fly-fishing with family or his best buddies. Mark was a member of the First Congregational Church for many years, a member of the Pryor Mountain Masonic Lodge and a

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lifetime member of the Serbian National Federation Lodge 94.

Survivors include his wife, Opal; one daughter, Melanie (Timothy) Biel of Phoenix; one son, Michael (Janet) Rubich of Billings; four grandchildren, Justin Biel, Anga Biel, Marko Rubich and Colin Rubich, and numerous nieces and nephews. He is also survived by a sister, Bosa Rubich of Billings. His parents, four brothers and one sister have preceded him in death.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m., Tuesday, April 30, at the First Congregational United Church of Christ at N. 27th Street and Third Avenue N. Cremation has been held at the Cremation or Funeral Gallery. Private Inurnment will be at Mountview Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Church or to the Billings Masonic Center.

## **Jimmy Rubis**

MANDERSON, Wyo. — Jimmy Rubis, 76, of Manderson, died Thursday, Jan. 17, 2002, at Deaconess Billings Clinic.

Memorial services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 22, at the Manderson Community Bible Church. Atwood Family Funeral Directors, Inc. of Basin is in charge.

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**JAN 19 2002**

## Jack D. Ruckman

LEWISTOWN — Jack D. Ruckman, 74, of Lewistown, died Friday, Dec. 13, 2002, at his home.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday, Dec. 16, at Cloyd Funeral Home Chapel in Lewistown. Private interment will be held later.

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**DEC 14<sup>E</sup> 2002**

## JACK D. RUCKMAN

BILLINGS GAZETTE

DEC 15 2002

LEWISTOWN — Jack D. Ruckman, 74, of Lewistown died Friday morning at his home. He was born March 25, 1928, in Lewistown, the son of George and Daisy (Apple) Ruckman. He received his schooling in Lewistown. He then worked in construction with his Uncle Bill Apple.



**JACK  
RUCKMAN**

On Sept. 10, 1949, he was united in marriage to Ida Peters in Cut Bank. They made their home in Lewistown. He worked at the Ford garage and then he began learning autobody repair from Chuck Tracey and Howard Bessie at Broadway Autobody, and in 1953 he started Jack's Body Shop located on Broadway.

In 1954 they started Jack's Trailer Court, now Moline's Trailer Court. In 1963 he moved his auto body business to a new building on Northeast Main, where it is located today and operated by his sons.

Jack enjoyed his work, living in Lewistown and loved spending time with his children and grandchildren. Jack put his heart and soul into the Pipe Ranch, located in the North Moccasin Mountains. With the help, sup-

port and love of his family, it was developed into a park-like setting.

Jack was a member of the United Methodist Church, the Eagles Lodge and the Central Montana Traildusters.

Jack is survived by his wife Ida; sons Bob and wife Vicky Dave and wife Kathy, all of Lewistown; one daughter, Joan LeTellier of Franktown, Colo.; one brother, George and wife Millie of Helena; one sister Margaret and husband Tom Joseph of Sun City, Ariz.; one aunt, Frances Klampe in Kansas; one sister-in-law, Alice Ruckman of Lewistown; seven grandchildren, Shane, Shawn, Dawn and Beth Ruckman, and Joshua, Jeremy and Jason LeTellier; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral Services for Jack Ruckman will be at 11:00 a.m., Monday, in the Cloyd Chapel. Private interment will be held later. The Cloyd Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Friends may make memorials to the Central Montana Home Health or the charity of their choice and they may be left at the Cloyd Funeral Home.



## Christian Henry Rudio

JUN 26 2002  
BILLINGS GAZETT

Christian Henry Rudio was born Jan. 17, 1914, in Worden, and died June 24, 2002.

He married Ruth Wagner, April 16, 1939, and farmed west of Billings for 63 years.



**CHRISTIAN  
RUDIO**

He is survived by his wife, Ruth; and their children, Gerald, Elaine and Nancy; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; two brothers, Alfred and Charles; four sisters, Louise, Sophia, Ruth and Rose; and many nieces and nephews.

"He was a good friend and neighbor and an inspiration to us all."

Memorial services will be 11 a.m. Friday, June 28, at Smith's West Chapel.

# Mildred Alyce Rudio

BILLINGS GAZETTE  
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## BOZEMAN

— Mildred Alyce Rudio, of Bozeman, passed away peacefully in her sleep, Nov. 4, 2002, at the age of 94.



**MILDRED  
RUDIO**

She was born Oct. 18, 1908, in Shanandoah, Iowa, to Carl and Lillian (Dale) Aldrich. She graduated from high school in Ekalaka, and attended Billings Deaconess Nursing School, becoming a registered nurse.

She married Leo Deschenes and they later divorced. She married Morris Rudio in August of 1945, in Hardin.

She worked at Billings Deaconess Hospital, the Billings Clinic and Carter Oil (later Exxon) in Billings, as an industrial nurse. She was a Girl Scout leader and was active in both girls and boys scouting programs. She also volunteered her summers as Camp Nurse at Girl Scout Camp.

Mildred and Morris moved from Billings to Helena, and later retired. They spent time traveling to Hawaii and the Caribbean before deciding to divide their retirement between Mazatlan, Mexico and the mountains outside of Canyon Creek. Morris passed away in September of

1993.

Mildred loved life, including the sun in Mazatlan and the hummingbirds at the cabin. She loved flowers, especially Indian Paint Brush. She was a talented piano player and loved music. She enjoyed gathering the entire family around the piano to sing and dance.

She loved to play cards and took great joy in teaching and beating everyone at gin rummy and 21, including her grandchildren. Grandma always said, "It has to be happy hour somewhere"...we all think she was right.

Mildred was also preceded in death by her sister, Avis Lawson.

She is survived by her son, Lee A. Deschenes, Seattle; daughter, Sheryl (Dale) Seiffert, Bozeman; grandchildren, Mike (Amber) Deschenes and Darci (Mike) Henderson of Seattle, Mark (Margaret) Seiffert, Havre, Scott (Lisa) Seiffert, Los Angeles, and Lori Seiffert, Manhattan; great-grandchildren, Madison Seiffert, Los Angeles, and Devin Deschenes, Seattle; her sister, Elaine (Leland) Koyker, Riverside, Calif.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 7, at Dokken-Nelson Sunset Chapel. Cremation has taken place. Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association, 320 33rd Ave. N., Suite 203, Billings, MT 59101, or to Gallatin Rest Home, 1221 Durston Road, Bozeman 59715.

## **Roy L. Rue**

**PLENTYWOOD — Roy L. Rue, 86, died Saturday, Sept. 28, 2002, at his home in San Antonio, Texas.**

**Memorial services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 9, at First Congregational Church in Plentywood. Masonic Rites and limited military honors will be held at the church at the conclusion of the Christian rites. Fulkerson Funeral Home of Plentywood is in charge of local arrangements.**

**MAR 19 2002**

**Ruby Gobbs Ruff**

Ruby Gobbs Ruff was born on Feb. 3, 1928, to Robert and Ella (Eschenbacher) Gobbs. Ruby graduated from Culbertson High School in 1946. She married Harold Andreasen and they later divorced. Ruby and Harold had three children: Leon, Randy and Leah.

Ruby later married Jake Ruff and renewed their vows on June 20, 1989. Ruby gained a stepson, Steve Ruff. Ruby enjoyed children, embroidery, animals, gardening, the outdoors and spending time with her family and friends.

Ruby died on March 17, 2002, at Horizon Hospice House, after a four and a half year battle with cancer.

Ruby is preceded in death by her parents; infant son, Leon; brother Lewis Gobbs; sister and brother-in-law, Lillie and Fred Fryhling; an infant brother; and a great-great infant nephew, Hunter Johnston.

Ruby is survived by her husband, Jake Ruff; sister Ethel Hall of Billings; brother Howard Gobbs of Culbertson; daughter and son-in-law, Leah and Dick White of Brenham, Texas; a son and daughter-in-law, Randy and



**MRS. RUFF**

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Penny Andreasen of Roundup; stepson Steve Ruff of Minnesota; granddaughter, Jasmine Andreasen of Tyler, Texas; numerous nieces and nephews; great-nieces and great-nephews; and lots of special friends.

Ruby,

"It broke our hearts to lose you, but you didn't go alone.

A part of us went with you, the day God took you home.

A million times we missed you, and a million times we cried.

If love could have saved you, you never would have died.

If tears could build a stairway, and heartaches make a lane,

We would walk a path to heaven, and bring you home again."

We love you now and forever and ever

Jake, Ethel, Julie & Maury, Jennifer, Lindsay, An'juli, Mallory, Halley, Terri & Charlie and boys

In lieu of flowers, please send memorial contributions in Ruby's name to Horizon Hospice, 1019 Neptune Boulevard, Billings, MT 59105.

Memorial services will be held on Saturday, March 23, at 2 p.m., at Emmanuel Baptist Church, 328 S. Shiloh Road. Cremation has taken place at Cremation or Funeral Gallery.

## **Pete J. Ruffatto, 78**

**BROCKTON** — Mass of Christian Burial for Pete J. Ruffatto, 78, of Brockton, will be 10 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 25, at the St. Bernard's Catholic Church, Charity Creek, with Father Greg Staudinger and Father Francis Schreiber presiding. Eucharist Ministers will be Mary Stepler, Greg Rauschendorfer, Mike and Marlene Fisher and Jen Vaira. Lector will be Tony Fisher. Casket bearers will be Tony Fisher, Gary Davidson, Ryan Ruffatto, Gene Fisher, Kevin Ruffatto and Tom Ruffatto. Interment in the St. Bernard's Cemetery, under the direction of Fulkerson Funeral Home of Sidney. Christian wake services will be 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 24, at the St. Bernard's Catholic Church.

Pete John Ruffatto went home to his Lord and Savior on Sept. 21, 2002. He died peacefully in his sleep at home while battling cancer.

Pete was born on Oct. 4, 1923, to Stephen and Giovonna (Perino) Ruffatto. He grew up on the family homestead in the Charley Creek community in western Richland County, where he lived and worked his entire life and raised his five children with his beloved wife and partner, Audrey (Strand) Ruffatto. Pete and Audrey were married on Oct. 27, 1945, in Poplar, beginning a life of love and companionship that set a wonderful example for his children and friends.

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Pete attended Roosevelt country school, Brockton High School and Diesel Mechanic school in Fargo, N.D. While Pete loved farming, at various times, he also worked at Holly Sugar in Sidney and A&S Industries in Poplar, where he applied his considerable mechanic skills.

Pete was an active lifelong member of St. Bernard's Catholic Church, where he worshipped Yahweh and taught his family to worship. His service to this church family included Eucharistic minister and usher. For many years, Pete worked tirelessly as maintenance and groundskeeper.

His community service included tenures on the boards of Armstrong School District, Lambert School District, Richland County Weed District, Poplar Community Hospital and the Farmers Elevator. Pete was a member of the Knights of Columbus.

Pete was not only devoted to his faith in God, his wife, family and his farm, he always had one or more favorite pastimes. In high school, Pete boxed in the 1941 Montana Golden Gloves Championship bout. Pete never tired of challenging anyone willing to a table tennis match. He enjoyed square dancing with Audrey for a number of years. Pete played on both the Charley Creek and Elmdale baseball teams and when he started to lose his edge on the baseball diamond, at age 45, he took up boating and water skiing. He enjoyed boating with his children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews and friends. He was still water skiing the year he turned 78, but his greatest joy was getting someone up on skis for the first time.

Pete loved people, spending time with people, and blessing them with his kindness and generosity

Pete is survived by his wife of 57 years, Audrey, and their five children, 14 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren: Karen (Gary) Davidson of Rhome, Texas and their four children, Michael, Stephanie (Salmon) Mistry, Clifford and Michelle; Steven (Mary Frances) of Billings, and their three children, Angela (Randell) Johnson, Ryan (Alysha) and Kevin; Peg (Gene) Fisher of Poplar and their three children, Jenny (Matt) Schriver, Amy (Darryl) Barton, and Tony (Michelle); Jeff (Karmen) of Columbus, and their two daughters, Joanna and Kari; Peter (Gage) of Seattle, and their two children, Nathan and Dana; one brother, John (Marguerite) of Sidney; two sisters, Mary Fisher (Harold) Tolksdorf of Brockton, Lucy Sheehan of Pleasant Grove, Utah; numerous nieces and nephews.

Pete was preceded in death by his parents.



# Macy May Ruiz

BILLINGS GAZETTE

JUL - 7 2002

Macy May Ruiz passed away on Saturday, June 29, 2002, at home. She was born to B.C. and Valerie Gieger on Oct. 10, 1933, in New Orleans. She married Andrew "Andy"



**MACY RUIZ**

Ruiz and was a loving person and cared a lot about her children. She loved to shop and watch TV and she loved her friends. She also loved to cook and be with our father.

She is preceded in death by her son, Victor, and her husband, Andy. She is survived by her daughters Deb Middlebrook (Emm Rippe), Macy Lee Urpila (Gordon), and Barri Ruiz Willoughby (Rick Gallant). She was the grandmother of six; April, Amy, Annette, Angela, Jacob and Nicholas, as well as a great-grandmother of one.

Memorial service will be at 6 p.m. on Thursday, July 11, at the Loyal Order of the Moose, Lodge #588, at 171 Calhoun, with a reception to follow. Memorials may be sent to the family of Macy at 417 S. 39th St., Billings, MT 59101.

## **Lloyd G. Rummel**

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Lloyd G. Rummel, 59, of Sheridan, died Monday, Sept. 23, 2002, at his home.

Viewing was held Thursday, at Champion Ferries Funeral Home in Sheridan. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Friday, Sept. 27, at the Bruce Hoffman Golden Dome at Sheridan College. Interment will be in Hanover, Pa.

**MAR 10 2002**

**Richard W. Rummell**

Richard W. Rummell, 55, died March 7, 2002, at his home.

Private family services are planned. Cremation has taken place. Dahl Funeral and Cremation Service is in charge of the arrangements.

**DEC 29 2002**

Ilda Leora Runquist went home to be with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, Dec. 24, 2002, at the age of 89.

Born to George and Maud DeWitt Newton, Nov. 5, 1913, in Central, Wis. She was adopted and reared by her uncle and aunt, Jesse and Ethel DeWitt, after her father died in a hunting accident when Ilda was just 8 months old.

Ilda graduated from Wild Rose High School (Wisconsin), valedictorian of her class and a year later from Waushara County Normal School.

She met Felix Runquist at a Bible camp in Chetek, Wis., and they married Aug. 18, 1941. For the next 56 years, Ilda was a loving, supportive wife, assisting her



**ILDA  
RUNQUIST**

husband as he pastored and ministered to many Baptist churches across the country.

Her ministries included vocal, piano and organ music and teaching children's Bible classes.

In 1972, they became foster parents to Rosie Bruce McKenzie and she became their caretaker in their final years.

She was preceded in death by her parents, three brothers, two sisters and her husband. Her loving quiet spirit will be missed by her daughters, Kay Hinton and Rosie McKenzie; two grandchildren, Timothy McKenzie and Heidi Benson; and great-grandchild, Braten McKenzie.

A memorial service will be held at the First Baptist Church in Laurel, at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 31. She has been buried in Wild Rose Union, Wis., next to her husband.

In lieu of flowers, please send memorial gifts to First Baptist Church of Laurel or another ministry.

# Karmae Rushin

# BILLINGS GAZETTE

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Karmae Rushin, 66, of Sheridan, died Sunday, July 21, 2002, at her home.

Cremation has taken place. Private memorial services will be held. The family has requested that friends and relatives join them in a celebration of Karmae's life at the Elks Lodge #520, at 12 noon, Thursday, July 25. Kane Funeral Home of Sheridan is in charge.

JUL 23 2002

**Margaret Louise  
Blakesley Rushin**

**JUN 05 2002  
BILLINGS GAZETTE**

THERMOPOLIS, Wyo. — Margaret Louise "Peggy" Blakesley Rushin, 76, died Saturday, June 1, 2002, at Canyon Hills Manor.

A rosary will be at 7 p.m. Friday, June 7, at St. Francis Catholic Church. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 8, at St. Francis Catholic Church. Burial will follow at Monument Hill Cemetery. Mortimore Funeral Home of Thermopolis is in charge.

# Eugene Fisher Russell

BILLINGS GAZETTE

BUSBY — Eugene Fisher Russell, Vohpoocheuhtse (White Fingernail) 62, passed away suddenly on April 9, 2002, at the Deaconess Billings Clinic in Billings.

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**EUGENE  
RUSSELL**

He was born Sept. 1, 1939, in Busby, a son of John and Alice Risingsun Russell, Sr.

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Eugene was a direct descendant of the heredity chiefs and was one of the last two people to be seated in the Cheyenne traditional way with the Kit Fox Society in 1947. He actively participated in the Native American Church and carried on the fire place from his father, the late John Russell, Sr. Eugene also took part in the Sundance ceremonies and Fasting Ceremonies at Bear Butte as a vision seeker and instructor to many individuals who came and asked him for his assistance.

In his younger years he was a member of the Busby High School Rodeo Club and was the Montana High School State saddle bronc champion. He was best known for his athletic abilities in basketball, war dancing, horse racing, humor and wit. In his

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older years he enjoyed attending sweat lodge prayer meetings, peyote meetings, peyote drumming, spending time with his children and grandchildren, playing bingo and visiting.

He served three terms on the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council, worked for the Home Improvement Program, Northern Cheyenne Utilities, Busby School and other tribal programs which included counselor for the detox center. He was a spiritual and peyote mentor to J.D. Little Whiteman. He thought a lot of this young man and wanted him to follow the peyote road.

His parents, a sister Agnes Russell; his brothers Clifford Russell Sr. and Charles Russell and an adopted brother, Norman Brady preceded Eugene in death.

Survivors include his wife, Wanda Bites Russell of Busby; his children, Eugenia, Karen, Leland Russell of Busby and Corrine Russell of Billings; one adopted son, Marlin (Roni) Brady of Lame Deer; one adopted granddaughter, Hannah Russell of Lame Deer; two brothers, John (Thomasine) Russell, Jr. of Lame Deer and Justin (Barbara) Jenkins of Musselshell; two sisters, Elva and Elsie Russell of Busby; 12 grandchildren; one great-grandson and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.



Known by his family and friends as Uncle Gene, his passing has left us all grief stricken. Husband, father, grandfather, uncle, friend and mentor, love and memories will live on in each one of us that your love and support has touched.

Wake services will be at 7 p.m. Sunday, April 14, in the family home. Funeral services will at 11 a.m. Monday at the family home. Traditional burial will be held in the Russell Family Cemetery. Bullis Mortuary has been entrusted with the arrangements.

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# Gary Floyd Russell

BILLINGS GAZETTE

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CASCADE — Gary Floyd "Jones" Russell, 59, of Cascade, died Thursday, Oct. 31, 2002, at the Benefis Healthcare Center in Great Falls.

Visitation will be held Tuesday, Nov. 5, at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Forsyth. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 6, at Stevenson & Sons in Forsyth. Interment will follow in the Forsyth Cemetery.

## Sheila Russell

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**  
**JAN 27 2002**

LEWISTOWN — Sheila Jeanne Graham Russell, 59, died Saturday, Jan. 26, 2002, at the Central Montana Medical Center of respiratory failure.

Memorial services will be 11 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 30, at the St. Paul Lutheran Church. Cremation has taken place. Creel Funeral Home of Lewistown is in charge.

## Helen B. Rustad

Helen B. Rustad, 91, of Billings passed away Wednesday morning, March 13, 2002, at Eagle Cliff Manor.

Helen was born on Dec. 20, 1910, in Belgrade, a daughter of Frank and Leona (Bolden) Benjamin. As an infant she moved with her family to Billings where she was raised and educated, later attending both Montana State College in Bozeman and Montana State University in Missoula. Helen went on to teach math and science at several schools in Montana, including Commanche, Klein, Virginia City, Columbus and Choteau. Prior to her retirement in 1972, she had lived in Guam where she worked as a librarian.

Following Helen's retirement, she returned to Billings where she was an active member of the Big Sky Dollers. She had begun collecting dolls as a child and when her collection reached it's peak, between 4,000 and 5,000 dolls stood shoulder to shoulder in every nook and cranny of her Billings home. Due to declining health Helen was forced to sell her collection, 24 of which were purchased by the Big Sky Dollers and donated to the Museum of Women's History in Billings.

Survivors include her son, Ken Rustad and his wife of Farmington, N.M.; a grandson; her dear friend, Darlene Holmes and many other friends and neighbors.

A graveside memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. on Monday, March 18, at the Mountriview Cemetery in Billings. Cremation has taken place. Smith Downtown Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

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# Melvin Rutschke

MAY 21 2002

Melvin Rutschke, age 75, of Billings, died Saturday, May 18, 2002, at Deaconess Billings Clinic.

Melvin was born Dec. 4, 1926, at Baker, the son of Henry and Rose (Kessler) Rutschke. He was raised in Baker and farmed in that area. He served in the U.S. Army from 1952 to 1954. After his discharge, he moved to Billings, where he worked for Pierce Packing Co. and the Western Bar.

Survivors include a son, Douglas of Billings; two brothers, Raymond (JoAnne) of Billings and Ronald (Sharon) of Boyd; three sisters, Charlotte (Jack) Amann and Mary Ann Rutschke, both of Billings, and Judith (Wes) Pikop of Glendale, Ariz.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Graveside service with military honors will be 2 p.m. Thursday, May 23, in the veterans section at Mountview Cemetery. Visitation will start 9 a.m. Thursday, at Smith's Downtown Chapel.

# Joslyn Faith Ruzick

Joslyn Faith Ruzick was born March 22, 2002, and at 10 weeks old, went to be with our Father on June 5, 2002. The Lord called her back to Him because He needed his angel. Every moment in our lives, she'll be there to help us, guide us, support us and protect us.

"Since you first entered this world, you brought a light to our eyes and warmth to our souls, as well as to the souls of anyone blessed with meeting you. Joslyn, you were only with us for a short while, but your big smiles, precious facial expressions and the way you tried talking to us will always be remembered and cherished forever. May your soul rest in peace." Love always and forever, Mommy and Daddy.

Joslyn is survived by her mommy Suanne Leger; daddy Howard Ruzick; sisters Ashley and Kylee; grandparents Wayne and Lorraine Carmichael, Jim and Linda Ruzick; great-grandparents Lavern Jones, Helen Ruzick, Librada Sanchez; aunt and uncles, Lisa and Brad Hawley, and David Schell; cousins Daysha, Michaela,



**JOSLYN  
RUZICK**

Contributions may be made in Joslyn's name to The Colorado SIDS Program, 6825 E. Tennessee Avenue #300, Denver, CO 80224. We will all miss our "Little Angel."

Brittany, Chandler, Alena, as well as many other aunts, uncles and cousins who will miss her greatly.

Funeral services will be held at Dahi Funeral Chapel, 10 Yellowstone Avenue, on Monday, June 10, at 10 a.m. Committal will be in Holy Cross Cemetery. Memorial contribu-

PAYSON, Ariz. — Lawrence E. "Larry" Ryan, 81, passed away unexpectedly at home in Payson, in the early hours of Nov. 29, 2002. He was born in Seattle, but grew up in Billings where he attended school.

**LARRY RYAN**

Larry was a four-year veteran of World War II, and served in Africa and Italy. After his honorable discharge from the army, he returned to Montana and attended the University of Montana in Missoula, receiving his MA in school administration.

Larry's last position as superintendent of schools was in Roberts, and was a part of that community for 13 years. Before moving to Roberts, he was principal of Roosevelt Grade School in Red Lodge.

After retiring from 30 years of school work, he enjoyed semi-retirement while working at Desmond's Menswear in Missoula, where he also indulged his passion for fishing and golfing.

In 1986, Larry and his wife, Barbara Jones Ryan, moved to Lake Montezuma. In January of 2002, they moved to Payson, where their daughter Michele and her husband Bill Ensign live.

Larry is also survived by his son, Patrick M. Ryan who came to Arizona as soon as possible from his home in North Hollywood, Calif.

A private memorial service was held for family and friends in his daughter's home on Saturday, Nov. 30.

## **Mary Jane Ryan**

**MAY 07 2002  
BELLINGS GAZETTE**

GLASGOW — Mary Jane Ryan, 76, died May 5, 2002, at her home in Tampico.

Services will be at 11 am. Friday, May 10, at Bell Mortuary Chapel in Glasgow. Interment will be in the family plot.



# Mary K. Ryder

**THE BILLINGS GAZETTE**

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In loving memory of Mary K. Ryder, who entered God's kingdom on Dec. 25, 2002.

She is survived by William Ryder, her husband of 49 years; her four daughters, Kathy, Carol, Debbie and Aileen; also by three grandchildren,



**MARY RYDER**

Bret, Christopher and Robert; her sisters, Shirley, Betty and Beverly. Mary was preceded in death by her granddaughter Hope and her brother Andy.

Mary was born in Big Horn County, Sept. 23, 1932. She worked hard all her life and never took kindness for granted. Her philosophy was to always give back twice what she received, and we are grateful to have been able to call her wife and mother. We'll miss you, Mom, and our hearts will always be filled with love for you.

Funeral services will be 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 28, at Michelotti-Lawyers Mortuary, with interment in Sunset Memorial Gardens.

## **Myrtle Ryder**

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**JUL 16 2002**

WILLISTON, N.D. — Myrtle Ryder, 84, of Williston, formerly of the Buford Community, and Circle and Fairview, Mont., died Saturday, July 13, 2002, in the Mercy Medical Center.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, July 17, at the First Lutheran Church in Williston. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 16, at the Everson Funeral Home in Williston, and for one hour before service time at First Lutheran Church.

## **Nellie I. Ryum**

**MILES CITY —** Nellie I. Ryum, 95, of Miles City, died Tuesday, Oct. 22, 2002, at the Holy Rosary Extended Care facility.

Visitation will begin Friday, Oct. 25, at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 26, at the First Lutheran Church. Interment will follow in the family lot in Custer County Cemetery.