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## Lydia M. Tachick

CODY, Wyo. — Lydia M. Tachick, 85, of Cody, died Tuesday, Nov. 19, 2002, at her home.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 21, at the Cody Bible Church. Ballard Funeral Home of Cody is in charge.

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**MAR 15 2002****Helen Alberta Tafolla**

**LEWISTOWN** — Helen Alberta Tafolla, 79, of Lewistown, died Wednesday, March 13, 2002, at a Lewistown Nursing Home.

Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, March 16, at the Montana Mental Health Center Chapel. Cremation will follow. Cloyd Funeral Home Lewistown is in charge.

## Lloyd W. Taggart

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BILLINGS GAZETTE

CODY, Wyo. — Lloyd W. Taggart, 83, died Saturday, May 18, 2002, at his home.

Visitations will be 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, May 21 at the Ballard Funeral Home. Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Wednesday, May 22, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Later-day Saints Wyoming Avenue Chapel with interment to follow at Riverside Cemetery.

**Katherine Tait****JUL 18 2002**

**KALISPELL** — Katherine Tait, 94, of Kalispell, formerly of Grass Range and Teigen, died Tuesday, July 16, 2002, at Heritage Place Nursing Home in Kalispell.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, July 20, at the Cloyd Funeral Home Chapel in Lewistown. Interment will follow in the Lewistown City Cemetery.

## Ludena Talarski

MILES CITY — Ludena A. (Wahl) Reich Talarski, 91, of Miles City, died Monday, Feb. 25, 2002.

Visitation will begin Thursday, Feb. 28, at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City. Funeral services will be at 11:30 a.m. Friday, March 1, at Trinity Lutheran Church. Interment will follow in the family lot in the Custer County Cemetery.

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# Margaret 'Marnie' Love Talbot

BILLINGS GAZETTE  
JAN 19 2002

## WHITEFISH

— Margaret "Marnie" Love Talbott, age 83, loving mother, grandmother and friend, passed away peacefully on the eighth day of January, 2002.



**MRS.  
TALBOTT**

Margaret was born on July 3, 1918, in Miles City, to Doris and Ed Love. She graduated from Custer County High School in Miles City in 1936. She spent one year at Linwood College in St. Charles, Mo., and then went on to attend the University of Montana in Missoula, where she was a member of the Kappa Alpha Theta sorority. One of her most shining moments was reigning as Grizzly Homecoming Queen in 1938. She graduated in 1940 with a degree in sociology and French.

In 1942, she married Bruce McLean of Miles City. After the war, they settled back in Miles City, where they raised four children.

In 1973 she moved to Missoula, where she was an active member of the Altar Guild of Holy Spirit Episcopal Church, Republican Women and the Community Hospital Auxiliary. In 1980, she

married Bill Talbott of Butte, who was the vice president of Montana Power. He preceded her in death in 1985.

Margaret lives on in the hearts of her four children: Wally McLean, Meg McLean Stone, Anne McLean, all of San Francisco, Marsha McLean Gifford of Whitefish; and her five grandchildren and one great grandson.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be made to The Humane Society of Northwest Montana Building Fund, PO Box 221, Kalispell, MT 59903 or Holy Nativity Episcopal Church, PO Box 1923, Whitefish, MT 59937.

Services will be held at a later date in Miles City.

Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish is in charge of the arrangements.

# Charles Edward Tallbull

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ASHLAND — Charles Edward Tallbull, (Ho'nid), 55, passed over to the other side on Sunday, May 26, 2002, at the Northern Cheyenne Shoulder Blade Center, from complications received when he served in the U.S. Army.

Charles "Chuckie" was born Feb. 19, 1947, in Forsyth, the first-born son of Nelson Tallbull, Sr. and the late Aliwitchie Fisher. He is the maternal grandson of the late Eugene Fisher, who served as president of the Northern Cheyenne Tribe for numerous years and was a member of the Chiefs Society and the paternal grandson of Charles Tallbull and Albert Tallbull, who served numerous years as the selected Northern Cheyenne medicine man and was a member of the Dog Soldier Society.

Chuckie was raised and educated in Lame Deer and attended school in Lame Deer and Busby High School. After he graduated, he enlisted in the Army on Oct. 5, 1966, and did his basic training in Fort Ord, Calif., and served in the Army AUS Infantry as a E-4, until Oct. 4, 1968. He took great pride in serving as a sniper for the Army for one year in Vietnam. Chuckie received a honorable discharge after he received a bullet wound to his head. The remainder of his life was deeply

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affected by this experience. He suffered from side effects of Agent Orange and suffered from arthritis, back and neck surgery, and post-traumatic stress, all related to his experiences in the war. Charles is one of the most decorated Northern Cheyenne veterans. He earned the Purple Heart, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Combat Infantry Marksman Badge, among other military honors.

Upon returning from the war, Chuckie made his home in Ashland, and worked for the Northern Cheyenne Tribe in various positions, namely in the wood construction business. If there was to be one word to describe Chuckie it would be "generous." He had a heart as big as this world and would do anything for anybody at any time. He was especially close to his family and many dear friends. Prior to entering the Shoulder Blade Center two weeks ago, his dad, Nelson, lived and cared for Chuckie in his home in Ashland.

Chuckie was preceded in death by his mother, Aliwitchie; twin sisters Bernadine and Bernadette Tallbull; a sister, Martha One Bear; and his brother Terry One Bear; his maternal grandparents, Charles Tallbull, Albert and Mary Tallbull; his paternal grandparents, Eugene and Kitty Belle Fisher; his stepfa-

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ther, Wayne One Bear; and numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins on both sides of the family. Chuckie was married and divorced Beatrice Heart and Amy Foote.

Chuckie leaves his father, Nelson Tallbull, Sr. of Lame Deer; his brother, Nelson (Beaver) Tallbull, Jr. (Maryann) of Browning, one niece, Diamond, and three nephews, Lloyd, TC and TomE; his sister, Patsy Tallbull Foote (Adrian), and three nephews, Jeremy, JonJon and Andy; his sister, Roxanne (Calvin) Wilson of Lame Deer, two nephews, Jeff and Chance, and two nieces, Brittney and Magen; his brother, Wayne Allen Tallbull (Lynall) of Phoenix, one niece, Winter, and four nephews, Sage, Jessie, Damon and Wayne Jr.; sister-in-law, Laura Harris and niece, Tempe; and adopted sister Leola Whiteman; paternal Aunties, Nellie Beartusk and Josephine Tallbull, and paternal uncle, Jake Tallbull, Sr. of Lame Deer, and paternal uncle, Russell Tallbull of Warm Springs, Ore.; special cousins, Nita Fisher, Nathel Show and Edie Adams of Billings, and Eugene Fisher of Browning; and numerous cousins.

A wake will be held at 8 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament Catholic

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Church in Lame Deer, on Thursday, May 30, and Military Honor funeral service will be at 11 a.m. on Friday, May 31, at the Northern Cheyenne Boys & Girls Club. Traditional Indian Burial will be in the Fisher Cemetery on the Fisher ranch.

## Edmond 'Eddie' Tallbull

Edmond Tallbull, 60, of Billings, passed away Saturday, Sept. 28, 2002, at the St. Vincent Healthcare.

He was born Aug. 8, 1942, in Crow Agency, the son of Henry and Clara (Littlebear) Tallbull. He grew up and was educated in in Busby, graduating in 1960. He entered the U.S. Army and



**EDMOND  
TALLBULL**

worked as a mechanic and quartermaster supply clerk, receiving an honorable discharge in 1966.

Edmond took nurse's training in Chicago and lived there for several years. He was a headsman of Dog Soldier Society, clerk typist for Busby School, Northern Cheyenne Foundation secretary and Community Action Program assistant accountant. He enjoyed playing piano and guitar.

Edmond is survived by brothers, Raymond (Emma Jean) Littlebear, Richard (Jan) Littlebear and Cleavland Littlebear; sister, Delores (Sam C.) Hart; nephews, Regis and Vernon Littlebear, David Hart, Adrian, Frank and Tyron (Woodenlegs) Tallbull; nieces, Leann Littlebear, Tetona Modoc, Claudia Washington, Tamra and Loreen Littlebear, Patrice, Susan, Stacia and Jennie Hart; aunt, Nellie (Tallbull) Beartusk; uncles, Nelson, Jacob and Russell Tallbull; cousins, Lucille Lafrance, Benjamin Longjaw, Nancy Longjaw, Cheryl and Aron Johnson, Sr., and Barbara Myer; special friend, John Anderson.

Wake services will be held 1 p.m. Friday, Oct. 4, at the Busby White River Mennonite Church. Funeral services will be held 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 5, at the church. Bullis Mortuary of Hardin has been entrusted with the arrangements.

# Josephine Tall Bull

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**AUG 18 2002**

**KIRBY** — Josephine Tall Bull, 75, of the Kirby area, passed away Friday, Aug. 16, 2002, in the Crow-Northern Cheyenne IHS Hospital.

Mokee'e (Little Woman) was born Nov. 26, 1926, at Kirby, a daughter of James and Martha Yellow Eagle Wilson. She grew up and attended the



**JOSEPHINE  
TALL BULL**

Tongue River Boarding School.

She married William Vincent Tall Bull on Nov. 21, 1945, in Hardin. Mr. Tall Bull died in 1996.

She worked at the Tongue River Boarding School as a supervisor in the laundry room and as a dorm attendant. She also worked as a supervisor for the Busby Senior Citizen program, Lame Deer Morning Star Children's Shelter and for the White River Day Care Center.

Her parents, brothers Arthur, Jimmy and William Wilson, and sisters Esther Westika, Alice Parrish and Helen Donnafield preceded Josephine in death.

Survivors include her children, Ernestine Nelson of Busby, Linwood (Priscilla) Tall Bull and Tia (David) Tall Bull of Kirby; her sister, Florence Rowland of Kirby; her brothers, George Wilson of Ashland, Pete Wilson of Lame Deer; her adopted son, Joe Tiona of Eagle Butte, S.D.; her adopted daughter, Christine (Butch) Small of Kirby; 11 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Private wake services were at the family home. Private family interment will be 2 p.m. Sunday at the Tall Bull Family Cemetery. Bullis Mortuary of Hardin has been entrusted with the arrangements.

# Matthew John Tall Bull, Jr.

WELLINGS GAZETTE

MAR 07 2002

PHOENIX — The Creator, Heavens and spirits are rejoicing because a handsome, charismatic, young Cheyenne/ Suhtaio warrior left on his journey to join his ancestors.

Matthew John Tall Bull, Jr., 38, was born on Dec. 4, 1963, in Crow Agency, Mont., and died after a long illness, in Phoenix, March 3, 2002. He lived in the Phoenix area for most of his life.



MR. TALL BULL

Matthew's Cheyenne name was Yellow Horse (He O've'hame'he). He was named, in his infancy, by his grandmother, Mary Grasshopper, in honor of her father.

He was one of the great-great-grandsons of Ha'hKot'a (Grasshopper), the last keeper of the sacred sweet medicine bundle. Matthew was a direct descendant of Red Armed Panther, of the infamous Sand Creek Massacre in Colorado. He was a descendant of the Battle of the Little Big Horn. On his paternal side, he was a descendant of Sand Creek, through his grandmother, Mary Brady Tall Bull.

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His father, Matthew Sr., was a headsman of the Dog Soldier society.

Matthew attended Mount Carmel Elementary and Seton Catholic High School. He received his associate degree in carpentry from Dull Knife College, Lame Deer, Mont. He also attended Arizona State University.

Matt was a devoted father, brother, son, cousin and uncle. He loved the outdoors and enjoyed family picnics and cook-outs. He especially enjoyed evening walks to enjoy the sunsets. Fishing and sports, especially football, were other favorite pastimes. He loved listening to music. He loved his animals. His favorites were cats named Jordan and Chewy. The holidays and the simple things in life were also very special to him. Giving his family flowers, cards and memorable gifts were some of his greatest pleasures. Matt's last employment in the maintenance department was with the Salt River Indian Community. He enjoyed his position and the many friends he had made. He honored the many requests for his carpentry skills and was well liked by his coworkers and the people he served.

Left behind to mourn him are his son, Christopher Dean; his beloved wife, Judy Faye; his mother, Rachel Carroll; adopted sister, Rachel Jones, all of

Phoenix; his aunts, Nellie Bear Tusk, Beulah Sioux Calf, Effie Bear Chum, Frieda Smith, Donna Jones; and uncles, Jacob, Nelsöf, Russell Tall Bull, Timothy Lattie Woman, all of Lame Deer. Matt also leaves a host of cousins, nephews, nieces and friends. The family wishes to thank the Salt River Indian Community and everyone else who made an impact in enriching Matt's life.

Wake services will begin at 6 p.m. Thursday evening, March 7, at St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Salt River Indian Community, Scottsdale. The funeral services will be held at the Church on Friday, March 8, at 9 a.m. Meldrum Mortuary, 52 N. Macdonald St., Mesa, Ariz., handled the arrangements.

# Vernon Henry Tall Bull (Ma'taa'ohnee'estse)

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

SEP 14 2002

## LAME DEER

— Vernon H. Tall Bull, 57, of Lame Deer, passed away Sept. 11, 2002, at St. Vincent Healthcare. Vernon was born in Lame Deer on April 1, 1945, to Clara Littlebear and Henry Tall Bull. Vernon's family belonged to the Dog Soldier Society.



**VERNON  
TALL BULL**

After graduating from Busby High School in May of 1964, he enlisted in the U.S. Army, serving with the 173rd Airborne Division. While serving during the Vietnam War, he earned a Parachutist Badge, Nat'l Defense Service Medal, Combat Infantryman's Badge, Vietnam Campaign Medal and Vietnam Service Medal. He served from September 1964 until he was honorably discharged September 1970. During his lifetime, Vernon worked for the Northern Cheyenne Police Department as a police officer and laborer for various programs on the reservation. He enjoyed reading, spending time with his grandchildren and attending powwows and gatherings where color guards were needed.

Survivors include his wife, Hilda, with whom he spent his last 10 years. Vernon loved his wife very much and she will miss him and all the good times they shared. Also surviving are his three sons, Adrian Spang of Michigan, Frank (Susan) Spang of Lodge Grass, Tyrone Woodenlegs-Tall Bull of Lame Deer; six grandsons; one granddaughter; brothers, Raymond (Emma) Littlebear of Busby, Edmund Tall Bull of Billings, Cleve Littlebear of Lame Deer; Littlebear Families, Tall Bull Families; and his special friends, Floyd "Bucky" Glendmore, Jack Threefingers, Winfield Russel, Rock Redcherries; and many other friends and relatives.

Wake services will be held at 8 p.m. in the Lame Deer Catholic Church on Sunday, Sept. 15. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, Sept. 16, at the Boys & Girls Club in Lame Deer. Interment will follow in the Busby Cemetery. Rausch Funeral Home has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Vernon was one of the first soldiers to arrive in Vietnam. He no longer will answer the military roll call for he has now gone on to serve the Supreme Commander.

## **Adolph Tallent**

## **BILLINGS GAZETTE**

FORSYTH — Adolph Tallent, 75, of Forsyth, died Monday, July 1, 2002, at his home, of cancer.

A prayer service will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 2, at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Forsyth. Funeral services will be at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 3, at Stevenson & Sons. Interment will follow in the Forsyth Cemetery.

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# Virginia Tammen

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## RED LODGE

— Virginia Tammen, 86, of Red Lodge, passed away peacefully at home on Wednesday morning, Feb. 6, 2002. Virginia and her family were grateful she could spend her final days in the comfort of her home.



MRS.  
TAMMEN

A former resident of Colorado Springs, Colo., Mrs. Tammen moved to Red Lodge six years ago. She was an avid reader, and enjoyed the Chinese game of mah jong, playing bridge, and spending time with her family. Her dachshund, Barney, was a faithful companion in later years.

Virginia was born on March 16, 1915, in Great Bend, Kan., a daughter of George E. and Pearl Lloyd Planck. She was raised in Kansas, and graduated from Great Bend High School.

She was a 1959 graduate of the Glockner-Penrose Hospital School of Nursing in Colorado Springs, and was employed as a licensed practical nurse for many years.

She worked as a surgical nurse and later as an office nurse for an orthopedic practice until her retirement.

Virginia was preceded in death by her first husband, Kar. Krueger, and her second husband, Herman A. Tammen. She was also preceded in death by two grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Survivors include four daughters, Jodie Scherer of Colorado Springs, Colo., Kathy (Larry) Schugart of Great Bend, Barbara (Alan) Seeling of Buena Vista, Colo., and Connie (Gary) Paulson of Red Lodge; a half-sister, Ruth Clark of Walnut Creek, Calif.; nine grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 8, in Smith-Olcott Funeral Chapel in Red Lodge. Memorials may be given to Beartooth Hospice, Box 590, Red Lodge, MT 59068.

In accordance with Mrs. Tammen's long-standing wishes, her body has been donated to the WWAMI Medical Science Program at Montana State University in Bozeman. Following cremation at a later date, inurnment will be at the Shrine of Remembrance, America the Beautiful Rose Garden in Colorado Springs.

## Floyd Tams

SPILLINGS GAZETTE

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PUYALLUP, Wash. — Floyd "Darwin" Tams, 66, formerly of Chinook, Mont., died Saturday, Feb. 23, 2002, of complications of Alzheimer's Disease.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, March 1, at Hagler Anderson Funeral Home in Helena. Graveside services will follow at Fort Harrison Veterans Cemetery.

## John J. Tangan

LIVINGSTON — John Tangan, 78, died Thursday night, May 30, 2002, at the Livingston Health and Rehab Center.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial services will be held at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, June 4, at the Livingston Congregational Church. Graveside committal with military honors will follow in Mountain View Cemetery. Franzen-Davis Funeral Home is in charge.

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## Lawrence Einar Tamas

ROUNDUP — Lawrence Einar Tamas, 83, of Roundup, died Saturday, March 2, 2002, at the Roundup Memorial Nursing Home.

Funeral and interment will be in Selma, Saskatchewan, on Tuesday, March 7. South Downside Chapel of Billings is

# Virginia M. (Mutton)

## Tarr

Our mother, grandmother and great-grandmother died in peaceful grace Jan. 31, 2002.

She was born Aug. 30, 1911, to Merta M. and Harrison J. Mutton who preceded her in death. On March 23, 1935, she married Loren Andrew Tarr and he preceded her in death on Nov. 29, 1982.

Virginia is survived by a sister, Mary L. Helsley; brother John M. (Jack and Grace) Mutton; stepson Loren M. (Nancy) Tarr of Brilliant, Ohio, and their children; stepdaughter Eula E. Stoll of Toronto, Ohio, and her children; her sons James R. (Nancy) Tarr of Billings, John C. (Denise) Tarr of Helena; grandchildren Karen M. (Don Balmer) Tarr, Jeffrey D. Tarr, Eric C. (Kelly) Tarr and Pamela J. (Greg) Western and three great-grandchildren.

Psalm 40:4. "Happy are those who make the Lord their trust, who do not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after false gods."

Virginia was an active long-time member of the Weirton Women's Club, the Covenant



**MRS. TARR**

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## FEB 07 2002

Presbyterian Church of Steubenville, Ohio, and in these last few years, a resident of the Aspen Meadows Retirement Community of Billings. A memorial service with internment following will be held 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 8, at the Covenant Presbyterian Church, Steubenville. Memorials to charities of ones choice in lieu of flowers is requested.

**JAN 25 2002**

**RED LODGE** — John passed away at Cedar Wood Villa, Jan. 18, 2002, of natural causes. John was born in Turine, Italy, on Oct. 7, 1907, son of Joseph and Louisa (Burro) Tarro. He came to Red Lodge at the age of 5, when his father was working in the mines. John became a man at a very early age; his father died of influenza in 1918. With a mother, two sisters and a brother to support, he worked odd jobs and later was employed at Plunket Hardware.

On Nov. 13, 1932, John married the love of his life, Jean Eckloc, of Bearcreek, in Columbus. During the years he followed the hardware business to Powell, Wyo., and Stroup Hardware in Billings for many years.

When the war came, he worked in the warehouse at Mouat mine, Badger Basin and Elk Basin in Wyoming. After the war, they moved back to Billings; he was manager of Yellowstone Hardware. In 1950, he went to work for Pure Oil in Worland, Wyo. Later, he was transferred to Moab, Utah. Then Pure Oil was purchased by Union Oil. As an operator, he worked there till he retired Nov. 1, 1972.

After retirement, they spent their summers traveling and fishing in Montana and winters in Moab, visiting good friends and family wherever they went. In

1983, they moved back to Billings and when his beloved Jean passed away, he moved back to Red Lodge.

Survivors include Jeanne (Dick) Harris; his caring nieces, Mary Rose, Louise Orler and Geri Ann McKittrick; five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; four other nieces; great-nieces, nephews; and many friends.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service was held Jan. 23, at Community Church in Red Lodge.

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**Daniel Tartar**

ASHLAND — Daniel "Buzz" Tartar, 76, of Ashland, died Friday, March 1, 2002, at the Deaconess Billings Clinic.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, March 9, at the Ashland Public Grade School Gymnasium. Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home of Miles City is in charge.

## Aileen Marie Tate

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Aileen Marie Tate died of natural causes at Deaconess Hospital in Billings, Montana, on Jan. 12, 2002. A memorial service will be 11:00 a.m. Wednesday at St. Peter's Episcopal Church.

Aileen was born on Nov. 5, 1919, in Miles City, Montana, to Ole and Marie Hagen. She lived with her parents and two brothers on the Hagen homestead until her mother's untimely death in 1926. She was then raised by her grandmother, Lena Kelty, until she attended high school in Miles City.

After graduating from high school, at age 16, Aileen went West with her brother, Herbert, to San Francisco. She attended nurse's training in San Francisco during the war years and developed lifelong friendships with her classmates with whom she communicated until her death. After the war, she moved back to Otter Creek and met Robert Tate, whom she married in Billings, Mt. in July 1947. In the next three years she had four children and her life's work as a mother began in earnest while Robert ranched and sold horses to support the family. The family moved to their



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ranch west of Sheridan, Wyo., in 1955, and it was there that Aileen spent the rest of her life as the loving and dedicated mother to her four children.

Aileen was an avid reader. She loved classical and Broadway music. She was very proud of her Norwegian heritage, and made numerous trips to Norway to visit her cousins in the old country. She loved to talk on the telephone to her children and many friends all over the country and in Europe. She was an inherently warm and gregarious person and a splendid conversationalist. She made all of the many horse buyers and guests at the ranch feel welcome and anxious to return for her ranch meals and genuine hospitality. Sharing love and affection was as natural as breathing for Aileen. She hugged and kissed virtually everyone as she greeted them or said goodbye.

Aileen served on the Beckton School Board, the Memorial Hospital Women's Auxiliary and had been a Hospice Volunteer.

Aileen was preceded in death by her parents, Ole and Marie, and her brothers, Daniel and Herbert. She is survived by her husband, Robert; her children,



Tom (Susan), Mimi (Jim), Richard (Alex), and Hardy (Patrice); her granddaughter, Martha; and her step-granddaughters, Amy and Audrey.

Memorials may benefit Hospice of the Big Horns and Vision Van Services at the Sheridan Public Library in care of Kay Roush, First Federal Savings Bank, P.O. Box 6007, Sheridan, WY 82801.

**DEC 31 2002**

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Robert Thomas Tate Jr., 86, died Monday, Dec. 23, 2002, of natural causes at his ranch.

At his request, there will be no funeral. A gathering of family and friends to celebrate his life will be held at a later date. Champion Ferries Funeral Home was in charge.

## Larry T. Tatman

RIVERTON, Wyo. — Larry T. Tatman, 47, died Sunday, Sept. 29, 2002, at St. Vincent Healthcare in Billings, from injuries suffered in a traffic accident.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Oct. 4, at Davis Funeral Home in Riverton. Interment will be in Mountain View Cemetery.

## **Daisy June Taylor**

**CIRCLE —** Daisy June Taylor, 84, died Tuesday, Sept. 17, 2002, at the McCone County Health Center in Circle.

Visitation will be from 3 to 9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 20, at Clayton

Memorial Chapel in Circle. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 21, at the First Lutheran Church in Circle. Internment will be in Greenwood Cemetery in Wolf Point.

## **Dottie Taylor**

KAYCEE, Wyo. — Dottie Taylor, 73, of Kaycee, died Tuesday, Dec. 10, 2002, in Casper.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 12, at the Harold Jarrard Park Building in Kaycee. Adams Funeral Home of Buffalo is in charge.

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# H. Scott Taylor

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THERMOPOLIS, Wyo. — H. Scott Taylor, 87, died Wednesday, Dec. 25, 2002, at Hot Springs County Memorial Hospital.

A memorial service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 28, at the First Baptist Church in Thermopolis. Mortimore Funeral Home of Thermopolis is in charge.

# Kathleen E. Taylor

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## BILLINGS GAZETTE

FROID — Kathy was born on Sept. 21, 1942, in Williston, N.D. She was raised in Froid with her nine brothers and sisters on the family farm. She graduated from Froid High School in 1960 and was married October of that year to George Taylor, a naval hull technician.



**KATHLEEN  
TAYLOR**

Kathy and George spent the next 20 years traveling as the Navy demanded but still found time to have five boys. In late 1979, the family returned to Froid after George's retirement. Kathy completed an associates degree in carpentry, graduating from UND-W in 1981. In 1983, Kathy became a Rural Mail Carrier, taking over her father's position. She continued to work for the Post Office until her retirement in April of 2002.

Kathy, who was lovingly known as "Toots," enjoyed spending time with family, playing Yahtzee, card games and of course playing BINGO. Kathy always said her greatest achievement was her children and nine grandchildren, whom she loved to visit. Kathy slipped into eternal

Ryan, Ashlee, McKenzie, Sean, Emily, Brandi, Jacob and Chloe; sisters, Judy, Bobbi, Lois, Joanne and Linda; and brothers, William, Ed, Mike and Dean.

Services will be 2 p.m. Wednesday, June 5, at the Froid Catholic Church. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be sent to the American Cancer Society or Hospice.

rest early June 1, 2002, and her family greatly misses her.

Kathy is preceded in death by her mother, Margaret Reiter (Deubner) and her father, William Reiter. Kathy is survived by her ex-husband, George Taylor Sr.; sons, George Taylor Jr. (Cindy), Tim Taylor, Les Taylor (Julie), Jim Taylor (Yvonne) and Ken Taylor (Heather); grandchildren, Wes,

## Kelley Serene Taylor

THERMOPOLIS, Wyo.

Kelley Serene Taylor, 23, died Sunday, Sept. 15, 2002, in Thermopolis.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 19, at the Risen Son Southern Baptist Church in Thermopolis. Mortimore Funeral Home of Thermopolis is in charge.



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## **Marvin Eugene Taylor**

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**HARDIN** — Marvin Eugene Taylor, 79, of Hardin, died Tuesday, April 30, 2002, at his home.

At his request, no services will be held. Cremation has taken place at Cremation or Funeral Gallery in Billings.

# Mary I. Taylor

Mary I. Taylor, 73, of Billings, passed away July 17, 2002, at her home.

Mom was born April 9, 1929, in Columbus, to Art and Mae (Hamilton) Nutting. She was raised in Reedpoint and attended school there.

Mom learned at a very early age to succeed in life you had to work hard. After school she would do the chores expected of a child born to a farming family. "Hard work never hurt anyone," she'd say.

After leaving Reedpoint, she owned and operated a restaurant in Eureka. In 1956, Mom moved to Billings. On April 12, 1957, she married William E. Taylor. Together in 1959, they opened B&B Tire Company. Mom worked side by side with Dad. In 1966 a Billings Gazette staff writer did an article on Mom. The article started out: Customers do a double take. "Armed with a "slick stick" and a power wrench, Mary Taylor is a pint-sized woman doing a man-size job in her husband's tire shop." She worked there approximately 10 years.

Some of her greatest joys were her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, hunting and dancing every Sunday. She also loved her roses and yard work. Mom loved the holidays, especially Christmas. As the family grew it

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## JUL 23 2002



**MARY TAYLOR**

became a challenge to find room for everyone on Christmas Eve, but Mom always made it work.

Mom was preceded in death by Dad in February of this year; son, PFC William E. Taylor, Jr.; and her siblings, Georgie, Arthur, Robert (Tom), Jim and Ruth.

Mom is survived by her children, Gary and Faith Taylor, Tara and Tom Haikin, George and Eileen Jensen, Rita and Gordon Sticka, Mary (Peewee) and Miles Sticka, and Wiley and Cindy Taylor; her brother, William Nutting of Billings, 18 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren; all of which she treasured.

Mom

From early in our memory we've known your love and care. Your wisdom and compassion was always there for us to share. Thanks for the times you worked

so hard, to make our dreams come true. Times you made us toe-the-mark, when it was hard for you to do. We're happy that we told you Mom, how fortunate and blessed we were to have you, for we had the very best!

Mom was laid to rest next to Dad July 19, at Mountview Cemetery. She is once again dancing with Dad, but in Heaven now.

# Mavis J. Taylor

JUN 09 2002

BILLINGS GAZETTE

PEQUOT LAKES, Minn. — Mavis Jean Taylor, 68, Pequot Lakes, died Wednesday, May 29, 2002, at St. Joseph's Medical Center in Brainerd.

She was born Dec. 6, 1933, in Billings, to Ellis Leslie and Nora Angeline (Trump) Taylor, and graduated from Billings High School. She married Frank Leo Taylor on March 14, 1952, in Billings. They moved to the Pequot Lakes area in the 1960s. They owned and operated the Broaster Drive Inn in Nisswa. She was a member of The

Evening Circle, Our Savior Lutheran Church in Pequot Lakes and the Order of the Eastern Star.

Survivors include her husband; two daughters, Connie Matros, East Bethel, and Debra K. Taylor, Prior Lake; a son, James Taylor, Park Rapids; four grandchildren; five sisters, Jeanine Huffman, Benton, Wash., Beverly Shleinger, Bozeman, Mont., Dorothy Wilson, Everett, Wash., Sharon Loveless, Ballantine, Mont., and Carol Letasky, Palmer, Alaska; and three brothers, Ellis "Bud" Taylor, Billings, Gerald Taylor, Ballantine, and Marvin Taylor, Boise, Idaho.

A daughter, Karen Lynne Taylor; her father; and a brother, William Taylor, died earlier.

Services will be 11 a.m. Monday, June 10, at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Pequot Lakes, with the Rev. David Stevens officiating. Memorials are preferred to the American Leukemia Society.

Arrangements are with Brenny Funeral Chapel in Baxter.

## **Muncie J. Taylor**

GLASGOW — Muncie J. Taylor, 75, of Glasgow, died Monday, Feb. 11, 2002, at the Frances Mahon Deaconess Hospital in Glasgow.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 14, at the Evangelical Church in Glasgow. Interment will be in Highland Cemetery in Glasgow. Bell Mortuary of Glasgow is in charge.

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**FEB 14 2002**

## **Nellie Taylor**

GILLETTE, Wyo. — Nellie Taylor, 86, of Gillette, died Tuesday, April 23, 2002, at Pioneer Manor Nursing Home.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, April 26, at First Christian Church in Gillette. Burial will be Monday, April 29, in Hillcrest Cemetery in Decatur, Neb. Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home of Gillette is in charge.

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

*April 26, 2002*

NOV 10 2002

Nora A. Taylor, 90, longtime resident of Billings, passed away Thursday, Nov. 7, 2002, at Eagle Cliff Manor. She was born Dec. 27, 1911, in Sherbonville, Ill., to Otto and Minnie Spry Trump. The family moved to the Huntley Project when she was five years old; there she was raised with her nine brothers and sisters.



**NORA TAYLOR**

Nora married Ellis Leslie Taylor on July 29, 1928, in Judith Gap. They had lived in several locations before moving to the Billings Bench in the middle '40s, when her husband became a railroad employee. Nora loved raising her family and her grandchildren. Nothing gave her more pleasure than cooking a big dinner and having her family around her. She also loved making cinnamon rolls and bread. Her husband Ellis died in 1956.

Survivors include five daughters, Jeanine Huffman of Benton City, Wash., Beverly (Ed) Schleinger of Bozeman, Dorothy Wilson of Everett, Wash., Sharon (Bob) Loveless of Ballantine, and Carol Letasky (Bruce Orr) of Palmer, Alaska; three sons, Bud (Jean) Taylor of Billings, Gerald

(Betty) Taylor of Ballantine, and Marvin (Laura) Taylor of Kuna Idaho; son-in-law Frank Taylor of Nisswa, Minn.; 24 grandchildren 42 great-grandchildren; and 12 great-great-grandchildren; two sisters, Martha Roybal of Billings and Betty (Vern) Curley of Monroe, Wash. Those who have preceded Nora in death are one son, William; one daughter, Mavis; two son-in-laws, George Huffman and Robert Wilson; daughter-in-law Betty Taylor; and grandchildren Karen Taylor, Sandra Anderson and Edward Schleinger, Jr.; one great-grandson and a great-great-granddaughter; three brothers and four sisters.

*The rows I hoe are long  
And sweltering is the sun;  
I know that I'll be tired  
When this day is done.*

*But there will be a harvest  
When I reap of what I've sown,  
And then the sweat and pain of  
    soil  
Will no more be known.*

*How hard it is to cultivate  
A truly Christian life,  
To hoe the sin and hatred out  
And leave what's pure and white.*

*But I will keep on hoeing  
And there will be a time  
When God will say, "Put down  
thy hoe,  
The fruits of heaven are thine."*

Funeral service will be 11 a.m., Wednesday, at Cremation or Funeral Gallery, Eighth and St. John's. Interment will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens. Memorials may be made to the Homesteader Hall in Huntley or to the Shrine Children's Hospital, Ronald McDonald House, or to the Boys and Girls Club. The family wishes to give special-thanks to the care givers of Eagle Cliff Manor.



## Norman C. Taylor

THERMOPOLIS, Wyo. — Norman C. Taylor, 74, of Thermopolis, Wyo., died Friday, Nov. 22, 2002, at Hot Springs County Memorial Hospital in Thermopolis.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 27, at Mortimore Funeral Home in Thermopolis. Burial will follow in Monument Hill Cemetery.

WILMINGTON DELAWARE

NOV 26 2002

## **Robert James Taylor**

**MAY 30 2002  
BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**ROCKY BOY** — Robert James Taylor, 43, drowned Monday, May 27, 2002, while attempting to assist boaters at Bonneau Dam at Rocky Boys Reservation.

Wake services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, May 30, at the Our Saviour Lutheran Church. Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, May 31 at the Our Saviour Lutheran Church. Burial will be at the RJ Bar Quarter Horse Ranch at Rocky Boy. Adams Funeral Home of Malta is in charge.

**MAR 17 2002****Steven Taylor**

**MILES CITY — Steven Taylor, 73, died on Thursday, March 14, 2002.**

Visitation will be Tuesday, March 19. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, March 20 in the Chapel of Stevenson and Sons Funeral Home. Interment will follow at the Custer County Cemetery.



**BILL TAYLOR**

## **William Eugene Taylor**

William Eugene Taylor passed away Wednesday, Feb. 6, 2002, of cancer.

Dad was born in Buford, N.D., on Jan. 8th, 1918, to Mae and Marshall "Mike" Taylor. Dad drove horses with his mother Mae from Buford to Billings at the age of 13. He joined the Navy on July 8, 1943, and served on the USS Alabama as a Gunner's Mate, Third Class. While in the service he received the Asiatic Pacific Area Campaign Medal-6 Stars, the Philippine Liberation Medal-2 Stars, and the World War II Victory Medal. He was discharged Jan. 25, 1946.

Dad returned to Billings and went to work for Wally for Tires. On April 12, 1957, he married Mary I. Nutting and together they opened B&B Tire Company in 1959. Dad retired at the age of 62 but continued to go to the shop daily to meet his coffee buddies up until his death.

Some of Dad's greatest joys were his children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, hunting, fishing and dancing every Sunday. His

favorite area to fish was the Cooke City area where he maintained a cabin.

Dad was preceded in death by his son, PFC 1st Class William E. Taylor, Jr.; his parents; sisters, Gert, Hallie, Angel and Vernice; brothers, Marshall Jr. and Bob. He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Mary; his children, Gary and Faith, Tara and Tom Haikin, George and Eileen, Rita and Gordon Sticka, Mary and Miles Sticka and Wiley and Cindy; **and a sister, Grace (Corky) Erfle.** Dad felt blessed to have 18 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren, all of which he treasured.

### **DAD**

From early in our memory we've known your love and care. Your strength was always near at hand, free for us to share. Thanks for times you worked so hard, to make our dreams come true. Times you made us toe-the-mark, when it was hard for you to do. We're happy that we told you Dad, how fortunate and blessed that we were to have you, for we had the very best!

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 12, at the Smith West Chapel, 304 34th St. W., with interment and military honors to follow at Mountview Cemetery. Visitations will be at

Smith Downtown Chapel, 120 N. 26th St., from Saturday afternoon through Monday evening, and then again prior to the service on Tuesday at Smith's West Chapel.

Special thanks to the 3rd floor Cancer Unit at the Deaconess Billings Clinic for their compassion and caring, and to the staff of the Rocky Mountain Cancer Center. Memorials may be made to the Cancer Unit at Deaconess Billings Clinic or the Rocky Mountain Cancer Center.

## Jessie Lee Tays

GILLETTE, Wyo. — Jessie Lee Tays, 91, of Gillette, died Sunday, May 26, 2002, at the Pioneer Manor Nursing Home.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, May 30, at the Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home Chapel in Gillette. Burial will follow in the Gillette-Mt. Pisgah Cemetery.

MAY 30 2002  
BILLINGS GAZETTE

## Opal Sulcer Teacher

MAY 23 2002  
BILLINGS GAZETTE

WHEATRIDGE, Colo. — Opal Sulcer died May 21, 2002, in Exempla Lutheran Hospice Care Center in Wheat Ridge. She was 91 years of age.

She had moved from the West Park Long Term Care facility in Cody, Wyo., to Life Care Center of Westminster on May 3.

Opal came to Cody in December of 1942, when she was hired to teach mathematics at Cody High School. She taught math in the Cody school system for 33 years, retiring in 1975.

Opal was preceded in death by her parents; all nine of her siblings; and her husband, James. Surviving are her son, James (Nancy) Sulcer; granddaughter Sandra (Taggart) Morrow, all of Arvada, Colo.; grandson Geoff (Paula) Sulcer; and great-grandson, Nathan Hayden Sulcer, all of Stow, Ohio; also surviving are numerous nieces and nephews and their families.

A memorial service will be held at the Cody Presbyterian Church, May 29, at 11 a.m.

A light luncheon will be served at the church following the service.

# Lucy Rose Tecca

MAY 15 2002

BILLINGS GAZETTE

LIVINGSTON — Lucy Rose Tecca, 85, of Livingston, died at her home early Saturday morning, May 11, 2002, following a short illness.

Rosary will be 7 p.m. Thursday, May 16, and Mass of the Christian Burial will be 10 a.m. Friday, May 17, both at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Livingston. The



LUCY TECCA

Rev. Dale Yurkovic will officiate. Graveside committal and burial will follow in Calvary Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Franzen-Davis Funeral Home in Livingston.

Lucy was born Jan. 31, 1917, in Los Angeles, the daughter of Louis and Bessie (Petella) Castro. She spent her early life in Los Angeles and attended Jefferson High School. On Jan. 29, 1933, she married Alfred John Tecca in San Diego, Calif., and the couple made Livingston their home. In 1947, they built Al's Grocery on D and Clark Streets, which Lucy managed and operated while her husband was employed with the railroad. In the early 1950s, he retired from the railroad and came to work full time at the gro-

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cery store. They sold the business in 1974 and retired.

Lucy was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, the Catholic Daughters, Livingston Christian Women, the "Over The Hill Gang" bible study group and the Women of the Moose. She was an excellent cook and, in her earlier years, enjoyed crocheting. Her greatest pleasure, however, came from spending time with and following the activities of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Survivors include a son, John A. Tecca of Livingston; a daughter, Dorothy A. Moore of Kent, Wash.; a sister, Lena Provencio of Southgate, Calif.; grandchildren and great-grandchildren, John Tecca, Jr. and his wife Melissa and their children, Kristen Tecca, John "J.T." Tecca, III, Bridger Tecca and Logan Tecca; Tony Tecca and his wife Jane and their children, Payton, Cena and Claree Tecca; William Moore and his wife Kelly and their children, Emma and Sidney Moore; Joe Tecca; Lloyd Moore; Rosemary Tecca and her son Casey Dooley Tecca; Cindy Tecca and Lee Tecca. Lucy was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; five brothers and sisters; and an infant son, Alfred John Tecca.

Memorials may be directed to  
St. Mary's School Scholarship  
Fund or St. Mary's Educational  
Trust, PO Box 646, Livingston,  
MT 59047.

## Nettie Teichroew

GLASGOW — Nettie Teichroew, 89, of Glasgow, formerly of Wolf Point, died Saturday, Feb. 16, 2002, at the Valley View Nursing Home in Glasgow.

Visitations will be from noon to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 20, at Clayton Memorial Chapel in Wolf Point. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 21, at Clayton Memorial Chapel. Interment will be in the Bethel Cemetery in Lustre.

**BILLINGS GAZETT**  
**FEB 19 2002**

## **Martin A. Teig**

**WILLIAMS GAZETTE**  
**NOV 14 2002**

**MARTINSDALE** — Martin A. Teig, 84, of Martinsdale, died Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2002, at Wheatland Memorial Hospital.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 15, at Perkins Funeral Home in Harlowton. Graveside committal will follow in Harlowton Cemetery.

**MAR 20 2002****MR. & MRS. TENDERHOLT****Clayton Robert 'CR'  
Tenderholt**

Clayton Robert Tenderholt, age 83, of Billings, passed away March 16, 2002, at the Deaconess Medical Center.

He was born Oct. 27, 1918, in Vermillion, Alberta, Canada. CR was the son of Andrew and Hilde Tenderholt. He attended schools in Sidonia Township, Lostwood, N.D. He served in the Armed Forces from 1936 to 1944 and he received an honorable discharge.

He moved to Montana, where he was employed at Mountain Bell and for Yellowstone County.

He married Mabel Ritchie in 1959, and together, they raised a family of seven children: Robert (Charlotte) Boone and family of Great Falls, Lois Ramierz and family of Fairfield, Calif. Pearl

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(Mike) Williams and family of Mukilteo, Wash., Mark Williams, Marlaine (Brian) Berentsen and family of Lynwood, Wash., and Jimmy (Deanna) Tenderholt, Largo, Fla., and family, and Clay (Bo) Tenderholt of Billings. Also surviving is a brother, Palmer Tenderholt of Stanley, N.D., and CR was one of 12 siblings. He is also remembered by his 19 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren, nephews and nieces.

He was an outdoorsman who enjoyed hunting and fishing, as well as buying and sell cattle and working the farm.

"He will be greatly missed by all who knew him."

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Thursday, March 21, at Peace Lutheran Church, 13th and Avenue D. Interment will be in Sunset Memorial Gardens. Memorials may be made to the family at 108 Nall Ave, Billings, MT 59101.

## Lee Tennant

MAR 16 2002

GLENDIVE — Lee Tennant, age 73, of Glendive, passed away on Thursday, March 14, 2002, at his home in Glendive.



MR. TENNANT

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, March 18, at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Glendive, with Father Joseph Ponessa officiating. Rite of Committal will be in the Dawson County Cemetery in Glendive. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Glendive is entrusted with arrangements.

Lee was born on March 4, 1929 in Wibaux, the son of Howard and Grace (Rogers) Tennant. He was raised and educated in Wibaux. On July 27, 1954, Lee was united in marriage to Nancy Forberg in Miles City. They lived in various communities in the western United States before settling in Glendive in 1961. Lee worked with Sletten Construction, building the I-94 bridges. In 1965, he started Lee's Tree Service, which he operated until his retirement in 1990.

Lee enjoyed hunting, fishing, and was a jockey in his younger days.

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Lee was preceded in death by his parents; his son, Donald; three brothers, Clay, Jack and Roger; and one sister, Helen.

Survivors include his wife, Nancy, of Glendive; four sons, David Tennant and his wife Paula of Great Falls, John Tennant and his wife Laurie of El Dorado Hills, Calif., Terry Tennant of Lewistown and Arthur "Tom" Healy and his wife Bonnie of Billings; two daughters, Denice Schindler of Stanford and Patty Jo Healy of Miles City; his brother, Ted Tennant of Glendive; his sister, Dolores Hager of Glendive; 14 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

# Albert Terpstra

# BILLINGS GAZETTE

AUG - 5 2002

LAUREL — Heaven accepted a soft-spoken, humble soul at 9:30 a.m., Aug. 3, 2002, when Albert Terpstra passed peacefully at his home.

Albert was born May 22, 1921, to Ben and Mary Terpstra. When his dad died in 1927, the year Albert was in the first grade at Hillcrest School, he went on to complete the ninth grade, having to quit and work full time to help his mother support the family.

On April 22, 1947, Albert married Evangeline (Tiny) Schaffer. In their 55 years of marriage, they farmed and ranched in the Billings, Duck Creek, Rock Creek and Laurel areas. Albert loved trees and planted many trees as monuments to each farm he lived on.

Albert's greatest joy was in the Lord, going fishing and eating at Great Harvest Buffet. He will always be remembered as an honest, hard worker, willing to help anyone, crafting of his own furniture, his love of telling jokes and stories. His word was his honor. He never wanted to be a burden to anyone. He also loved animals and made pets of many of his cows.

He is survived by his wife, Tiny; and his four daughters, Carol Terpstra and son, R.J., Linda Owen and son, Travis and daughter, Shelley (Scott) Knapp, Connie (Joe) Evans and daughter, Noel, Donna (Steve) Stone; a brother, Arthur (Delores) Terpstra; and a sister, Irma Shepard.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his sister, Louise Griffith, a niece, two nephews, and other relatives and friends too numerous to mention.

Visitation will be 1 to 5 p.m. Monday, Aug. 5, at Smith Funeral Chapel. The family has requested private services. Memorials may be made to Big Sky Hospice.



## Madge R. Terry

WILLINGS GAZETTE

FEB 27 2002

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Madge R. Terry, 85, died Tuesday, Feb. 26, 2002, at Sheridan Manor.

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

## **Vickie Terry**

GILLETTE, Wyo. — A gathering of family and friends to honor the life of Vickie Lynn Terry will be from 1 to 3 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 12, at Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home Chapel in Gillette.

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**NOV 12 2002**

**Emily J. Tesarek**

**COFFEE CREEK** — Emily J. Tesarek, 90, died Sunday at the Missouri River Medical Center in Fort Benton.

Graveside memorial services will be at 10 a.m. Friday in the Coffee Creek Cemetery. Cremation has taken place. Cloyd Funeral Home in Lewistown is in charge.

# Edna Tesch

MAY 25 2002

## BILLINGS GAZETTI

Edna Tesch, 90, of Billings, died Thursday, May 23, 2002, at the Billings Health and Rehabilitation Center.

Edna was born in Bird Island, Minn., on Sept. 14, 1911, a daughter of Emal Tesch and Lillie Minks Tesch. As a child, she



**EDNA TESCH**

moved with her family to Montana and at the age of 14 began working for the O.V. Howe Dairy in Laurel, continuing there for 21 years. After leaving the dairy, she worked as a laundress with the Billings Laundry, today known as Big Sky Linen, for the next 33 years.

Edna loved flowers and always had her yard full of them, as well as a large vegetable garden that she shared with relatives and friends. Embroidery and baking were favorite pastimes she too would share with those she loved.

Many of Edna's relatives have preceded her in death, including her parents, Emal and Lillie; two brothers, Herb and Bud Tesch; two sisters, Vera Schleinger and Viola Creech; and two nephews, Ernie Schleinger and Richard Tesch. She is survived by her sis-

ter, Lou and her husband Don Brodsho; her nephew's wife, Bette Mae Tesch; a special nephew, Ed Schleinger and his wife Bev; numerous nieces and nephews; and two very special friends and neighbors, Dave and Debbie Boyd.

Edna will be greatly missed, but we will all remember the fun and good times we've had rather

than those times of illness and sorrow. Visitations may be made from 1 to 8 p.m. on Sunday, May 26, and from 8 to 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, at the Smith Downtown Chapel. A graveside service will be held at 12 noon on Tuesday, May 28, at Sunset Memorial Gardens. Smith Downtown Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

## **Sister Rose Paul Tetyak**

LEAVENWORTH, Kan. — Sister Rose Paul Tetyak, 89, a Sister of Charity of Leavenworth, formerly of Anaconda, Butte and Billings, Mont., died Monday, June 24, 2002, at Saint John Hospital in Leavenworth.

A vigil will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 26, in Ross Chapel of the Sister of Charity Mother House in Leavenworth, where friends may call after 4 p.m. Mass of resurrection will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, June 27, in Ross Chapel. Interment will follow in Mount Olivet Cemetery on the Mother House grounds. David Funeral Chapel is in charge.

**JUN 25 2002**  
**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

## **Allen M. Tew**

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

Allan M. Tew, aged 57, of Billings, found peace from his battle with cancer early Friday morning, May 10, 2002.

He was preceded in death by parents Melvin Otto Tew and Ruth Moore-Tew, and by his brother, Kenneth Flatness. He is survived by his siblings, David Flatness of Denver, Colo., Lawrence Flatness of Seattle, Wash., Eleanor McDaniel of Columbus; his three sons, Michael and Eric Tew of Grand Rapids, Mich., and Adam Tew of Clyde Park; ten grandchildren of Grand Rapids, Mich.; and long-time friend, Joan Harris.

Brother, Father, Grandfather, Friend. He will be missed.

## Mildred Aileen Thaut

BILLINGS GAZETTE  
NOV 26 2002

Mildred Aileen Thaut, 67, of Billings, passed away Nov. 25, 2002, of cancer.

She was born Dec. 27, 1934, to Saunder and Esther Hein in Billings. They lived on the family dairy farm west of Billings. She attended Elementary School at Elder Grove and graduated from Senior High School.



**MILDRED  
THAUT**

Mildred married Carl L. Thaut on June 27, 1953, and would have celebrated 50 years together in June of 2003.

Mildred retired after working more than 20 years at Western Security Bank.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Survivors include her husband Carl; daughters, Lori Heimbichner (Skip) and Gail Harmoning (Henry); and her four grandchildren, A J and Maggie Heimbichner, and Andy and Eli Harmoning. She is also survived by her three sisters, Gladys (Leo) Besel, Sharon (Roger) Rieger and Sandy (Jerry) Strecker, as well as several nieces and nephews; three aunts, Millie Yeager, Mary Kramer and Delores Yeager; and several cousins; and many good friends and, especially Bonnie

Scilley, and her cancer support group.

Mildred enjoyed cooking for the holidays, family gatherings and, most of all, being a "gramma."

A special thank you to the physicians, nurses and other support staff who assisted "Mom" on her journey.

"We love you and will miss you."

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 29, at Pilgrim Congregational Church. Visitation will be Wednesday, Nov. 27, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Smith Downtown Chapel.

Interment will be at Sunset Memorial Garden. Memorials to the Pilgrim Congregational Church or Big Sky Hospice.

## **Kim A. Theirel**

Kim Theirel, 46, of Billings, died Monday, Sept. 16, 2002, at Deaconess Billings Clinic.

Graveside services and inurnment will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Sept. 20, at Mountview Cemetery. Cremation has been held at Cremation or Funeral Gallery.



## Frank J. Theisen

LIVINGSTON — Frank J. Theisen, 89, of Livingston, died Friday, Jan. 4, 2002, at Livingston Health & Rehab Center.

Vigil will be at 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 6, and Mass of Christian Burial will be at 9 a.m. Monday, Jan. 7, both at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Livingston. Graveside committal and burial will follow in Calvary Cemetery. Franzen-Davis Funeral Home of Livingston is in charge.

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## **Tommie Jean Theriault**

**HARLOWTON —** Tommie Jean Theriault was born Jan. 1, 1938, in White Sulphur Springs. She died Sept. 27, 2002, in Harlowton.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Andy Ross and Mabel Gabriels; and one sister, Susan Melody.

She is survived by her six children, Julene, Bill, Quint, Milt, Wade Theriault and Amber Theriault Masolo; 21 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Memorial services will be Oct. 2, at 2 p.m. at the Mountain View Community Church, White Sulphur Springs, officiated by Reverend Barry Stevens.

Private family burial will be in Mayn Cemetery.

Reception following ceremony at the Senior Citizen Center.

# Adele M. Thiel

BILLINGS GAZETTE

FEB 22 2002

Adele M. Thiel, 90, of Billings, passed away on Wednesday morning, Feb. 20, 2002, at Deaconess Billings Clinic Medical Center.

Adele was born on Aug. 21, 1911, in Napoleon, N.D., a daughter to Gustav and Louise Mathews.

She attended St. Alexius School of Nursing in Bismarck, N.D., and was a nurse at St. Vincent's for many years. After her years there, she was a school nurse at Eastern Montana College before going into public health nursing at Browning and Rocky Boy.

Adele married Peter J. Thiel on Oct. 12, 1940, in Mott, N.D. He preceded her in death on July 28, 1961.

She is survived by two daughters, Marie Frederick of Denver and Sue Grant of Noatak, Alaska; four grandsons, Mike and Mark Frederick of Denver, Tim (Lynette) Grant of Anchorage, Alaska, and Leroy (Meghan) Grant of Galena, Alaska; and one great-grandson, Rory Grant.

A rosary will be recited at 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 24, at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary. Funeral Mass will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, Feb. 25, at St. Thomas the Apostle Church. Cremation will follow services.

Memorials may be made to St. Thomas the Apostle Church, 221 Colton Boulevard, Billings, MT 59102. Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

## JUL - 7 2002

RED LODGE — Clifford W. Thiel, 81, of Red Lodge, passed away on Sunday, June 30, 2002. He was born in Park City on Sept. 27, 1920, a son of Earl and Ada Thiel.

On Dec. 16, 1939, Clifford married Verla Nelson in Columbus. She preceded him in death on Jan. 30, 2001.



**CLIFFORD  
THIEL**

Clifford served with the U.S. Army in the Philippines during World War II. He was employed as a truck driver and heavy equipment operator until retiring. Cliff enjoyed visiting with friends and meeting people.

Survivors include one son, Buzz (Tracy) Thiel; two daughters, Laverna (Gene) Kohler and Jeani (Dick) Moore; two brothers, Lewis Thiel and Harvey Thiel; two sisters, Edna Smith and Thresa Papez; eight grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. Also surviving are many special brothers and sisters-in-law, and nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m., Wednesday, July 10, in Smith-Olcott Funeral Chapel. Cremation has taken place, and interment with military honors will be in the Red Lodge Cemetery. Memorials may be given to the charity of one's choice.

## Vernie F. Thiel

Vernie Fredrick Thiel, 87, of Billings, passed away Friday afternoon, Aug. 9, 2002, at Billings Health and Rehabilitation Center.

Vernie was born on Aug. 26, 1914, in Lambert, a son to Julius and Mattie (Sharbono) Thiel. He married Katherine Hill on Nov. 5, 1937, in Glendive. Katherine passed away on July 14, 1978.



**VERNIE THIEL**

Vernie is survived by his three sons and one daughter and their children, Clyde (Bonny) Thiel and their children, Choyia and Rob; Jerry (Margaret) Thiel and their children, Vicky Wittman, Kelly Thiel and Becky Carpenter; Larry (Marlene) Thiel and their children, Shawn, Mark and Cory; Sharon (Bob) Christie and their children, Sherry Smith, Terry Mort, Randy Mort, Cliff Christie, Betty Ross and Gayle Sullivan; his son-in-law, Wayne Kopp and his children, LoLita Batt, Shane Kopp, Kip Kopp and Justin Kopp; 33 great-grandchildren and numerous great-great-grandchildren.

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Vernie was preceded in death by his wife, Katherine; daughter Emma Kopp; his six sisters; his three brothers; and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 15, at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary. Interment in Sunset Memorial Gardens. Memorials may be made to a charity of one's choice.

Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

## **Genevieve Marie Thielman**

**GLENDIVE** — Genevieve Marie Thielman, age 79, of Glendive, passed away quietly in the Glendive Medical Center Extended Care Facility on Tuesday, Oct. 22, 2002.

Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Oct. 25, at the Dawson County Cemetery, with Pastor Howard Schreiber officiating. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Glendive is entrusted with arrangements.

She was born on June 15, 1923, in Bloomfield, Neb., the daughter of Ed and Ruth Hamann. Gen was educated in rural Dawson County schools and attended Dawson County High School. She was united in marriage to Harold Thielman on Sept. 28, 1940. Genevieve owned and operated the Sunshine Beauty Shop in Glendive. She was also actively involved with working on the family farm, located west of Bloomfield, Mont. Gen and Harold retired in the fall of 1985 and enjoyed their retirement with a special group of friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her stepfather Charles Bush; her husband Harold; and an infant daughter.

Gen loved to read and had created her own small library in her home.

Genevieve is survived by her daughter, Judy Huncovsky and her husband Gary of Glendive; three grandchildren, Amy Hopfauf and her husband Paul, Greg Huncovsky and his wife Rachel, and Andee Huncovsky; three great-grandchildren, Michael, Landon and Izaak.

Memorials are suggested to the Glendive Public Library, 200 South Kendrick Avenue, Glendive, MT 59330.

## **Eva A. Thielmann**

LEWISTOWN — Eva A. (Gremaux) Thielmann, 85, died Tuesday, June 18, at the Central Montana Medical Center.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, June 24, at the Creel Funeral Chapel in Lewistown. Interment will be in the Lewistown City Cemetery.

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**Emma 'Toots' Thievin**

**AUG 24 2002**

NASHUA — Emma "Toots" Bondy Thievin, 65, died Wednesday, Aug. 21, 2002, at her home.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church with burial in the Nashua City Cemetery. Bell Mortuary is in charge.



## Dagny Nesson Thom

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DILLON — Dagny Nesson Thom, 91, of Dillon, formerly of Billings and Lewistown, died Thursday, Jan. 3, 2002, at Parkview Acres Care and Rehabilitation Center.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 8, at First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Dillon. Interment will be in the Central Montana Memorial Gardens in Lewistown at a later date. Brundage Funeral Home of Dillon is in charge.

## Dagny Nesson Thom

Dagny Nesson Thom died on Jan. 3, 2002, at Parkview Acres Care and Rehabilitation Center. She lived in Dillon, Mont., for 13 years, most recently at The Next Best Place. She was a life-long member of the Lutheran Church and was active in her church in Dillon. Dagny, or Dottie as she was known, was born in Renner, S.D., on Oct. 11, 1910. Her parents, Ben and Mary Nesson were Norwegian, who like so many others, eventually brought their families to Montana. Mary (Marit Ostgaard) came to the United States from Merager, Norway, when she was six years old. Ben was born in South Dakota to parents who also emigrated from Merager, Norway, in the late 1880s. Dakota was still a territory at the time.

Dottie's Norwegian heritage was an integral part of her life and makeup. She used to say prayers in Norwegian and enjoyed the typical fare of lutefisk and lefse on holidays. Dottie, her parents and siblings came to Lavina, Mont., from South Dakota and homesteaded on the prairie. Until she entered Lavina High School at the age of 11, Dottie attended a one-room school in the country. Her school teacher played the piano and agreed to teach Dottie and her two friends if they would stay and clean the blackboards after school. That was the start of Dottie's life-long career as a

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pianist. Her parents had the only piano in the area so all the young people would come to her house to practice. One of the young people who came to her house to practice with his band was her future husband, John Thom. He was five years older so he had to wait for her to grow up before they could date. But date they did, he even took her for an airplane ride with that barnstormer of the 1920s, Charles Lindberg. She loved it. They were married on Oct. 5, 1929, in Lavina and honeymooned in Billings. She became the pianist for Thom's Merry Maker's Orchestra, which played for dances all over Central Montana for over 37 years. They eventually settled on a wheat farm at the foot of the Little Snowy Mountains. All three children attended school in Moore. In 1961, they sold their farm and moved to Billings. The later lived in Lewistown, Great Falls, and Anaconda before moving to Dillon in 1987. Dottie lived life to the fullest as a wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and friend. She loved to learn and keep current with news and politics, reading at least one daily newspaper until her death, play

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Bridge and Pinocle, cook, sew, fish, hunt, go camping, travel, and visit with friends. She played the piano for over 80 years and inspired a love of music in her children and grandchildren. Her most enduring qualities were her sense of humor and non-judgmental nature. She always accepted people as God made them.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John; her parents, Ben and Mary Nesson; her brothers, Jesse Marvin and Richard Nesson; her sister, Amy Duty; her son-in-law, Charles Heitmann; infant granddaughter, Vicki Lynn Thom, and many dear friends. She is survived by her children: daughter, Loraine (Don) Crosser of Dillon, son Jack (Gail) Thom of Moxee, Wash., daughter Patti Heitmann of Billings; eleven grandchildren: Cathleen Crosser of Lancaster, Calif., Carolyn (Brad) Vining of Glendale, Ariz., Mike (Ann) Crosser of Dillon, Ron (Audre) Thom of Billings, Doug (Mary Ann) Thom of Butte, Sheree (David) Johansen of Seattle, Wash., Corey and Michael of Moxee, Wash., Jennifer Thom of Tusten, Calif., Craig (Pamela) Heitmann of Haltom City, Texas, Michelle (Richard) Bollinger of Denton, Texas; nine great-grandchildren: Tony Vining of Peoria, Ariz., Tim Vining of San Diego, Calif., Cody, Katie and Kelly Thom of Butte, Alec Bollinger of Denton, Texas, Jacqueline

Bradford of Yakima, Wash., Tarah and Sydnee Crosser of Shelley, Idaho; sisters-in-law, Lois Thom of Billings and Janet Nesson of Great Falls, 26 nieces and nephews and many friends.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial services will be held at First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Dillon on Tuesday, Jan. 8, at 11 a.m. Interment will be at the Central Montana Memorial Gardens in Lewistown at a later date. Memorials may be made to: First Evangelical Lutheran Church, Barrett Memorial Hospital, or the Dillon Public Library.

## **Janivee U. Thom**

**LIBBY** — Janivee U. Thom, 65, of Libby, died Tuesday, Sept. 24, 2002, at the Libby Care Center from natural causes.

Survivors include four sons, LeRoy D. Thom and wife Zetta of Libby, Keith E. Thom and wife Jane of Libby, Ricky A. Thom and wife Jamie of Kinta, Okla., Bruce W. Thom of Libby; two daughters, Louise Atkinson and husband Dan of Lakeside, Rita B. Peiffer and husband Ken of Kalispell; one brother, Charles Smith and wife Lorraine of Hastings, Neb.; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Services will be Saturday, Sept. 28, at 11 a.m. at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Libby. Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. Sept. 27. Graveside services and interment will follow on Monday, Sept. 30, at 10 a.m. at the Central Montana Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Lewistown.

## Janivee U. Thom

**LIBBY** — Janivee U. Thom, 65, died Tuesday, Sept. 24, 2002, at the Libby Care Center, from natural causes.

She was a Libby resident and member of the Pipe Creek community for over 30 years. She was born in Plainville, Kan., Jan. 2, 1937, the daughter of Charles C. and Ethel (Wise) Smith. At the tender age of 3, her parents purchased a ranch in Roundup, where she grew up as a rancher's daughter. Her love of horses and country living remained in her heart and was evident in her hobbies and love of Western books and movies. She was a good neighbor, friend, loving mother and devoted wife.

Jan met and married her husband, LeRoy C. Thom from Lewistown, on May 29, 1953, at Roundup. Being a farmer and construction worker required them to travel frequently in Idaho, Wyoming and Montana, where they finally settled down with their six children in the Libby area in 1967.

In addition to Western movies, Jan enjoyed gardening, needle crafts and leather working. She was an avid reader and kept all the used bookstores and frequently family and friend scrambling to keep their shelves full of books she had not already read.

Survivors include four sons LeRoy D. Thom and wife Zetta of Libby, Keith B. Thom and wife Jane of Libby, Ricky A. Thom and wife Jamie of Kinta, Okla., Bruce W. Thom and Laurie Orr of Libby; two daughters, Louise Atkinson and husband Dan of Lakeside, Rita B. Peiffer and husband Ken of Kalispell; one brother Charles Smith and wife Lorraine of Hastings, Neb.; and numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Services were already held.

## **Anna J. Thomas**

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

Anna Joan Thomas, 92, passed away Monday, May 13, 2002, at Billings Health and Rehabilitation Center. She was born Feb. 25, 1910, in Richardton, N.D., to John and Catherine Feisthamel.

Anna married Thurman Thomas in 1930. They made their home in Billings. She was a charter member of the Holy Rosary Church, where she was involved in Altar Society and St. Ann's Circle. She excelled at homemaking and gardening.

Anna is survived by her daughter, Deanna Thomas of Billings. She was preceded in death by her husband; her parents; three brothers and one sister.

At Anna's request, a private graveside committal of ashes at a later date will be in Holy Cross Cemetery. Dahl Funeral Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

## Dante Raymond Thomas

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LIVINGSTON — Dante Raymond Thomas, infant son of Jason and Rebecca (Stewart) Thomas of Livingston, died at birth early Tuesday morning, March 19, 2002. Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Saturday, March 23, in the chapel of Franzen-Davis Funeral Home, 118 North Third Street in Livingston. Graveside committal and burial will follow in Mountain View Cemetery.

His parents, Jason and Rebecca, will grieve the loss of their firstborn son, along with their family and friends. They will keep the memory of the joy he brought with him for the short nine months they shared with him.

Survivors include his parents, Rebecca and Jason Thomas of Livingston; his maternal grandparents, Patty and Raymond Stewart of Cle Elum, Wash.; his parent grandparents, Sandy and Cecil Thomas, Jr., of Phillipsburg, Kan.; his maternal great-grandmother, Mary Lou Stewart of Two Dot; and his paternal great-grandparents, Clella and Cecil Thomas, Sr., of Agra, Kan., and Artyce and Bud Forreft of Phillipsburg, Kan.; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Memorials may be directed to  
 the Dante Thomas Memorial  
 Fund, Livingston Federal Credit  
 Union, 111 North B St.,  
 Livingston, MT 59047.

## Edward Gerald Thomas

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Edward Gerald Thomas was born March 3, 1922 in Klein, the son of John Llewellyn and Grace Cooney Thomas. He attended Klein elementary and high schools and received his bachelor and master degrees in education from the University of Montana (1948 and 1951). Ed was most proud of his Doctor of Philosophy degree from the University of Wisconsin, which he received in 1974 at age 52.



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Ed served in the U.S. Army during World War II and then taught in the public schools of Melstone, Fort Benton, Laurel and Billings, as well as being an elementary school principal in Madison, Wis. After retiring from the Madison school district in 1986, he moved home to Billings with his wife, Helen.

Ed is preceded in death by sister, Dorothy Prodger and his parents. In 1944, he married his wife, the former Helen Zupan, in Elkhart, Ind. Survivors include his daughter, Colleen G. Hudgens and her husband, Stephen Hudgens of Santa Clara, Calif. Ed is also survived by his son, John and wife,

Meg Thomas, as well as grandchildren, Erin, Clare and Devin in Gainesville, Fla.

Edward G. Thomas was a beloved husband, father and grandparent. He was a quiet and unassuming man, who although never asking for much from people, always encouraged them to do their very best ... which they did.

Ed, "Eddie," dad, grandpa — you will be missed.

Private services for the family with inurnment will be held at Sunset Memorial Gardens Mausoleum. Arrangements were by Cremation or Funeral Gallery.



## Edward Howard Thomas

LIVINGSTON — Edward Howard Thomas, 88, of Livingston, died Thursday, Oct. 10, 2002, at his home.

Cremation has taken place at Franzen-Davis Funeral Home & Crematory in Livingston.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 15, at Grace United Methodist Church.

## **Esther Marie Thomas**

CLEARMONT, Wyo. —  
Esther Marie Thomas, 89, of  
Clearmont, died Monday, May 13,  
2002.

A vigil service will be at 11 a.m.  
Wednesday, May 15, at St. Mary's  
Catholic Church in Clearmont. A  
rosary service will follow. Full  
services will follow in Rushville.  
Neb. Adams Funeral Home of  
Buffalo is in charge.

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## **Geneva Thomas**

Geneva Thomas, 71, of Billings, passed away Sunday, Aug. 18, 2002, at Billings Health and Rehabilitation Community.

Graveside memorial services will be held at a later date in Emmett, Idaho. Cremation has taken place at Cremation or Funeral Gallery.

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## Helen P. Thomas

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RED LODGE — Helen Pauline Thomas, 80, died Sunday, Jan. 13, 2002, at Beartooth Hospital Nursing Home. She was born Oct. 21, 1921, in Guernsey, Wyo., to William and Fannie Allen.

On Jan. 5, 1938, she married Warren Lee Hales in Hot Springs, S.D. In 1939 she graduated from Manville High School in Wyoming. Helen and Warren had a daughter and son. They later divorced.

On April 10, 1948, she married Ralph L. Thomas in Lusk, Wyo. In the same year they moved to Cody, Wyo. They moved to Red Lodge in 1958 where they owned and operated Harley's Cottages. In 1964 the Thomases built and operated the Sundance Supper Club. Helen worked with Ralph running these two businesses.

They retired in 1980 and enjoyed their new house and trips to Mexico. She enjoyed her families, friends, flowers and hummingbirds.

She is survived by daughter, Jo Canfield and son-in-law, Tiny Canfield of Clark, Wyo.; grandson, Clint Canfield of Powell, Wyo.; brother, Bud Allen and his wife Betty of Lusk, Wyo.; sister-in-law, Irene Roth of Hot Springs, S.D.; brother-in-law, Hank Montgomery of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; five nieces and two nephews.

She was preceded in death by her infant son, Robert Warrer Hales; her parents; her husband Ralph L. Thomas; her brother-in-law Everette Thomas and his wife Grace; and sister-in-law Ruth Montgomery.

At Helen's request, there will be no services. Cremation has taken place at the Cremation or Funeral Gallery, Billings. Memorials may go to a charity of your choice.

We love and miss you, Mother.

# Joseph C. 'Joe' Thomas, 89

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SIDNEY — Mass of Christian Burial for Joseph C. "Joe" Thomas, 89, of Sidney, will be 2 p.m. Friday, Aug. 2, at the St. Matthew's Catholic Church with Father Greg Staudinger presiding. Interment will be in the Richland Memorial Park under the direction of Fulkerson Funeral Home of Sidney.

Joseph Conklin Thomas was born on Sept. 12, 1912, to parents Gaar Montrose Thomas, Sr. and Mae Agnes Herbst in Minneapolis. The family moved to rural Fairview when Joe was 8 years old. Joe graduated from Fairview High School in 1931 and he believed he was the last living classmate. After high school, he worked at various farming jobs until he and his brother Gaar Thomas started their first business adventure by buying the Standard Oil service station in Fairview.

On Aug. 16, 1939, Joe was united in marriage to Eva C. Stewart in Missoula. They resided in Fairview. Eva died May 25, 1979.

In 1949, Joe and his brother Gaar were in business together as the Thomas Brothers Implement. Joe and Gaar sold the business in 1972, at which time Joe continued to work at the dealership until he retired. He retired from the implement business only to begin

another career in photography. During his photography career, he took more than 1,400 weddings and also took graduation pictures and family reunions.

Joe met and was united in marriage to Alice (Chisholm) Prevost on June 30, 1984, in Sidney, and moved to Sidney.

Joe loved his family and enjoyed cooking and baking for family gatherings. By way of thanking people who helped him in some way, he showed his appreciation by giving them baked goods. He is community famous for his lemon meringue pies.

He was a member of the Fairview School Board, Lions Club, Fairview Camera Club, Richland County Fair Board and Square Dance Club.

Joe died at his home Monday evening, July 29, 2002.

Joe is survived by his second wife, Alice of Sidney; two daughters, Kay Thomas of Minneapolis and Jolene Thomas-Higman of Billings; two sisters, Marjorie Thorsen of Wheat Ridge, Colo., Delores Peterson of Sidney; a brother, Dennis Thomas of Williston, N.D.; eight grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. Stepchildren include Faye Woods of Laurel, George Prevost of Sidney and Philip Prevost of Billings; eight step-grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his first wife, Eva; a daughter, Sue VanderJagt; two brothers, Harvey and Gaar Thomas; and a sister, Eloice Brice.

**APR 13 2002****Margaret Eileen Thomas**

**MILES CITY —** Margaret Eileen Thomas, 83, died Thursday, April 11, 2002, at her home.

Vigil services are at 6 p.m. Wednesday at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home. Mass of Christian Burial is at 11 a.m. Thursday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Rite of Committal will follow in Custer County Cemetery.

# R. Keith Thomas

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HELENA — Keith Thomas, 71, of Helena, died Saturday, Sept. 7, 2002, at St. Peter's Hospital, Helena.

Keith was born on a ranch in Whitetail, on Dec. 9, 1930, to LaRue (Saunders) and Hayden Thomas. He was the third child of five siblings, Ken, Hayden, JoAnn and Janet. Keith spent his early years growing up in Scobey, where he excelled in many sports, especially basketball. In



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Scobey, he also learned to play pool and he later played competition pool in Arizona. The family moved to Billings in 1946.

Keith continued to thrive in sports at Billings Senior High School (1947-1948). He earned a basketball scholarship from the University of Utah in 1949, where Keith played for two years. He returned to Billings and finished a stellar basketball career from 1950-1953 at Eastern Montana College. A strong competitor, Keith led the Yellowjackets in scoring, and his leadership was significant in the team's success.

On June 6, 1954, Keith married Shirley Ann Riemar in Ballantine. Keith and Shirley spent the next 48 years of marriage creating a wonderful life and family. Keith worked in the family construction business from 1955-1957. He then started his career in education as a teacher/principal in Richey, where he coached basketball, football, and drove the school bus.

Keith next accepted the guidance counselor's position at Park High School, in Livingston. He spent three years at Livingston, before moving to Glasgow for one year as an Elementary Principal and then on to Great Falls, where he spent the next 21 years as an Elementary Principal. Keith earned a Master's in Counseling and a Master's in Administration from Montana State University.

Throughout his life, Keith enjoyed sports immensely. A great athlete himself, he continued to follow sports for the rest of his life. He enjoyed coaching and watching his children and grand children as they progressed through the years. Keith also enjoyed automobiles very much. He unofficially owned over 100 vehicles over the years.



Keith is survived by his wife Shirley; and four sons, Andy and his wife Elna of Billings, Tracy and his wife Wanda of Billings, Terry and his wife Wendie of Dillon, Tyler Rick and his wife Pam of Spokane, Wash.; and 10 grandchildren. He is survived by his two sisters JoAnn Thelen of Billings and Janet Bouchee of Helena. He was preceded in death by his brothers Ken and Hayden Thomas.

Funeral services will be 3 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 12, at Mayflower Congregational Church, Billings. The interment will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, Sept. 13, at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Memorials may be made to Intermountain Children's Home, 500 S. Lamborn, Helena, MT 59601 or the charity of one's choice.

Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary has charge of arrangements.

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## **Robert Jacob 'Jake' Thomas**

**ROUNDUP** — Robert Jacob "Jake" Thomas, 67, of Roundup, passed away on March 25, 2002, at his home, of natural causes.

Jake grew up in South Milwaukee, Wis., spent most of his life in New Brighton, Minn., and enjoyed his last few years in Roundup.

He married Susan Grote and together, they had four children, Kathryn (David) Fischer, Karen, Bennett and Kristin. Jake is also survived by his sister, Dorothy (Fried) Biederman of Apple Valley, Calif.

Friends are welcome to visit at the Arcade in Roundup on Saturday, March 30, from 6 to 8 p.m.

Memorials are preferred to the Minnesota Volunteer or the Animal Humane Society.

Wier Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

# Cora May Thompson

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NOV 05 2002

THERMOPOLIS, Wyo. — Cora May Thompson, 93, died Saturday, Nov. 2, 2002, at the Central Wyoming Hospice Center in Casper.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 6, at the Church of Latter-day Saints in Thermopolis. Burial will follow in Monument Hill Cemetery. Mortimore Funeral Home of Thermopolis is in charge.

# Edythe Bearskin Thompson

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WOLF POINT — Edythe Bearskin Thompson died on Saturday, May 11, 2002, at the age of 85.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, May 15, at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Wolf Point. Reverend Father Steve Zabrocki will be the celebrant of the Mass of the Resurrection. A vigil service will be held on Tuesday and preceded by the rosary, by the Catholic Daughters, starting at 6:45 p.m. at the church.

Edythe was born on June 28, 1916, at Lohmiller to Edward and Jessie (Wetsit) Bearskin. As was the tribal custom, she spent her childhood in the home of her grandparents, Her Blanket and John Bearskin. She attended the Oswego Day School, run by the Mormon Church at Chicken Hill. She graduated from the Poplar High School and the Great Falls Business College. She worked for the BIA until her marriage to George Thompson, Sr., on June 13, 1939. In later years she worked for Culligan, Ben Franklin, Golden Arrow and the Hi-way Market. She was one of the first Head Start teachers in Wolf Point.

Edythe and George raised a family of sons and lived in Poplar and Oswego until 1957, when they moved to Wolf Point. Judge Thompson died in 1979. She is

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survived by her sons, Dean and his wife, Patsy, Michael and his wife, Linda; her daughters-in-law Janice (Jim) Thompson and Kathy (Pat) Thompson; four grandsons, James, Russell,

Mitchell and Patrick George; three granddaughters, Claudia, Terry and Georgia; one great-grandson, Drew Edward; and one sister, Anna Belle White Eagle. She is also survived by sons adopted in the Indian way, Jim Reynolds, Tom Christian, J.T. Brownlee and Ronald Smith; adopted daughters Patricia McGeshick and Patricia O'Rourke. She leaves behind several very special friends, Grace Henry of Newtown, N.D., Dorothea Grow, Anne Stensland, Gordon and Violet Desjarlais.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, George, Sr.; and their sons, George, Jr., Darrell, her infant son, Edward, Jim and Patrick; and one brother, George Bearskin.

Edythe enjoyed traveling and visiting. In 1980 she attended her first Kateri Tekawitha Conference, and continued to travel to the conferences all over the United States, until she could no longer go because of poor health. She was an active participant in the Cursillo movement, the Catholic Daughters, American Legion Auxiliary, Degree of Honor Lodge, and in the St. Mary Society of Montana

and North Dakota.

She will be remembered as a grand lady well versed in the traditional ways of the Assinboine and she will be missed by all.

Clayton Memorial Chapel is in charge of the arrangements. Burial will be in the family plot in Greenwood Cemetery in Wolf Point.

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**Ella Thompson**

POWELL, Wyo. — Ella Thompson, 85, died Thursday, Feb. 28, 2002, at Powell Hospital.

Viewing will be at noon, Tuesday, March 5, at Miratsky-Easton Funeral Home in Powell. Graveside service will be at 1 p.m. in the Powell Cemetery.

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## **Frank Thompson**

**MILES CITY —** Frank Thompson, 53, of Miles City, died Monday, April 8, 2002, at his home.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, April 11, at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City. Interment will be in Eastern Montana Veteran's Cemetery.

**MAR 14 2002****Gladys V. Thompson**

Gladys V. Thompson, age 82, of Billings, passed away Tuesday, March 12, 2002, at Deaconess Billings Clinic, after a brief illness.

: Gladys was born on May 25, 1919 in Albion, Mich., to Herman and Helen Gates. She married Lloyd W. Thompson on June 19, 1937, in Lansing, Mich.

: Gladys was preceded in death by her parents and brothers, Robert and Howard Gates.

: She is survived by her husband of 64 years, Lloyd; one son, Rev. Richard L. Thompson and his wife Dianne of Watertown, Wis.; one daughter, Carol J. Sturm of Polson, one brother, Charles B. Gates of Scotch Plains, N.J.; five grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

: Visitation will be 2 to 5 p.m., Sunday, March 17, at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary. Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Monday, March 18, at Mount Olive Lutheran Church, with interment in Mountview Cemetery.

: Memorials may be made to Mount Olive Lutheran Church.



## **Gregory S. Thompson**

CRESTED BUTTE, Colo. — Gregory Stephen Thompson, 45, formerly of Cody, Wyo., died Tuesday, Sept. 24, 2002, in Crested Butte, as the result of an aortic aneurysm.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 28, at Ballard Funeral Home in Cody. Interment of Cremains will be in Riverside Cemetery in Cody.

# James Roy Thompson

James Roy Thompson, 58, of Billings, died Sunday, Jan. 27, 2002, at his home, of sudden heart failure. He was born May 23, 1943, in Billings, a son of Roy A. and Alice C. Peterson Thompson. He graduated from Billings Senior High and was a U.S. Army veteran.

Jim founded Billings Alarm Company in 1972, later selling his successful venture and obtaining his BS degree in computer science from MSU-Bozeman. Jim then worked for Encode Corp. until his death.

Jim was a member of the IOOF and Rimrock Lodge #149, Scottish Rite, Al Bedoo Shrine and the Jesters. He was a long-time member of the Oriental Band, currently serving as its director. Jim was a renowned instructor in lodge work and past master of Lodge 149.

Jim was very proud of his children and very dedicated to the Oriental Band.

Jim is survived by his mother, Alice; his devoted companion, Betty Allison; his three children, Whitney (Suavi) Oden, Tyler (Hyla) Thompson and Travis Thompson; stepdaughter Danielle "Tami" Faircloth; five grandchildren; and his brother, Keith (Jeancarroll) Thompson; and four nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his

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father, Roy, two weeks ago.

Viewing will be Wednesday Jan. 30, and Thursday, Jan. 31 only, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Cremation or Funeral Gallery Funeral 11 a.m. at the Shrine Auditorium with music supplied by the Oriental Band. Interment will follow at Sunset. A reception will follow at the Shrine Memorials may be sent to the Oriental Band, c/o Al Bedoo Shrine, PO Box 20673, Billings, MT 59104, or Tyler Thompson, 6303 Grand Ave., Billings, MT 59106. Arrangements were made by Cremation or Funeral Gallery.

# Klareen 'Kay' Thompson

PLENTYWOOD — Funeral services for Klareen "Kay" Thompson will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 26. Clarence Nelson will officiate at the service at the Sheridan County Civic Center with interment in Plentywood Memorial Cemetery. Kay died suddenly of natural causes in her Plentywood home Saturday morning, Dec. 21; she was 82.

Ruth Anna Klareen Carlson was born Nov. 28, 1920, at Welch, Minn., the daughter of Ture and Agnes (Olson) Carlson. When she was 2 years old, the family moved to Montana and settled on a farm five miles northeast of Raymond. She grew up on the family farm, attended the Reed school and graduated from Plentywood High School in 1938.

She was doing housework for the Christian Vesterby family when she met Bob Thompson; they were married on her birthday, Nov. 28, 1939. They lived and worked in Plentywood before they began farming six miles northeast of Plentywood. They raised small grains, registered Hereford cattle, poultry . . . and their family of four children on the farm. "Kay" helped Bob with the

farming, but her first concern was always to care for her family: she found great satisfaction in the day-to-day joys of providing three meals a day, and seeing that everyone always had clean clothes. She also began working as a nurses' aide at Sheridan Memorial Hospital where her concern for both patients and their families touched many people.

Bob died March 8, 1978, and in September of 1979 "Kay" moved to Plentywood, where she continued to work at the hospital until she retired after more than 30 years of dedicated, caring service. Always self-sufficient, "Kay" enjoyed her independence, and even with declining health she kept active in the community with a smile and cheerful greeting for everyone she met. Gatherings for Sunday morning Fellowship and Wednesday evening Bible studies were the highlight of her week.

"Kay" is survived by four children and their families: Larry and Belinda live in Grand Junction, Colo., Les and Pat live in Broadus, Bev Thompson and her husband Buzz live at

Forsyth and Barbara Rowland and her husband Steve live at Junction City, Ore. She has 10 grandchildren: Michael, Kristi, Daren, Kevin, Robyn, Todd, Trent, Heidi, Darci, and Dustin; and five great-granddaughters: Dani, Kallie, Siena, Adelyne, and Kayle. "Kay" was preceded in death by her parents and husband, and by brothers Dean, Dale, and Harold, and sisters Fern, Wilma, and Gladys, and by three siblings who died in infancy.

Fulkerson Funeral Home of Plentywood has charge of arrangements.

**MAR 02 2002****Lucille Duffee Thompson**

**LOVELL, Wyo.** — Lucille Duffee Thompson, 88, of Lovell, died Wednesday, Feb. 27, 2002, at New Horizons Care Center in Lovell.

Viewing will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday, March 3, at Haskell Funeral Home in Lovell. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, March 4, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Burial will be in the Lovell Cemetery.

## **Lucille E. Thompson**

**FORSYTH** — Lucille E. Thompson, 106, of Forsyth, died Sunday, Jan. 27, 2002, at the Rosebud Health Care Center in Forsyth.

Funeral services will be held 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 1, at the Seventh Day Adventist Church in Custer. Interment will follow in the Custer Cemetery. Beals Mortuary of Forsyth is in charge.

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# **LuLu Marie 'Pattie' Thompson**

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**  
**DEC 08 2002**

WILLISTON, N.D. — LuLu Marie "Pattie" Thompson, 98, formerly of the Volt Community north of Wolf Point, died Friday, Dec. 6, 2002, at the Bethel Lutheran Home.

Visitation will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 8. Funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 9, at the First Lutheran Church in Wolf Point. Clayton Memorial Chapel is in charge.

# **Madeline Janae Thompson**

**BILLINGS GAZETT**

**DEC 21 2002**

Madeline Janae Thompson, infant daughter of Kurt Thompson and Susan Fox, was born and passed away Thursday, Dec. 19, 2002, at the Deaconess Billings Clinic.

Cremation has taken place. Private family memorial services are planned.

Michelotti-Sawyers has charge of arrangements.



# Marcia D. Thompson

BILLINGS GAZETTE

DEC 10 2002

Marcia D. Thompson, 86,

passed away Sunday, Dec. 8, 2002, at Billings Health and Rehab Community. She was born Jan. 13, 1916, in Okabogi, Iowa, the youngest of 10 children born to R.M. and Priscillia (Johus) Davis.



**MARCIA  
THOMPSON**

Her mother was an invalid who Marcia cared for. Her mother died when Marcia was a senior in high school.

On Dec. 24, 1936, Marcia was united in marriage to Herman O. Thompson in Sioux City, Iowa. They farmed the Davis Ranch in Milford, Iowa, and a ranch in Stanford. They spent two seasons in Yellowstone Park, where Marcia was a cook at Old Faithful Inn. In 1948, they moved to Billings. Marcia worked in the catalog department of Sears for many years, retiring in 1978.

Marcia was a longtime volunteer for Boys and Girls Club of Billings and Unity Church of Christianity. She was a member of the Graduates, a local service organization.

Marcia was preceded in death by her husband Herman in 1986; her parents and her siblings.

A memorial service will be held at Unity Church of Christianity in January. Memorials may be made to Yellowstone County Boys & Girls Club in Billings.

# Marjorie Fern (Beach) Thompson

Marjorie Fern (Beach) Thompson passed away Oct. 26, 2002, at the Eagle Cliff Manor.

Marjorie was born Sept. 25, 1907, in Barnard, Kan., daughter of Lloyd G. and Rose Ellen Beach. After her mother's death in 1909, she and her sister Ruth were raised by Alfred and Mary Frances Gledhill in Gaylord, Kan., where she graduated from high school in 1925.

In Papillion, Neb., on Feb. 1, 1927, she married Albert Jackson Thompson, a dental student at Creighton University, Omaha, Neb. She worked as a waitress while Jack finished school and then helped him set up his first dental office in Bushnell, Neb.

After WWII, Marge, Jack and their son Jim moved to Billings.

She enjoyed being a housewife, mother and grandmother. Her interests were birds and flowers; using the many books available, she taught herself to identify the birds and wildflowers found in Montana and the U.S. She enjoyed fishing, golfing and having an active role in the lives of her grandsons.



**MARJORIE  
THOMPSON**

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Marge was preceded in death by her sister, Ruth Baysdorfer; her son, James Willis Thompson; and her husband, Albert Jackson "Jack" Thompson.

She is survived by her daughter-in-law, Wanda Thompson of Billings; four grandsons and their families, Jackson Thompson of Norfolk, Va., Paul and Jennifer Thompson and their daughters Amanda and Jamie of Roundup, Raymond Thompson and his son Adam of Billings, Donald and Carolyn Thompson and their children, Matthew, Crystal and Nicole of Okinawa, Japan; and other numerous nieces and nephews in Colorado, California and Canada.

No services planned; cremation has taken place. There will be a gathering of family and friends at 2820 Arvin Road, Saturday, Nov. 2, between 1 and 3 p.m.

## Michael D. Thompson

LOVELL, Wyo. — Michael D. Thompson, 61, died Friday, Oct. 11, 2002, at North Big Horn Hospital in Lovell.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial services will be held at 10 a.m., Monday, Oct. 14, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Byron. Interment of the remains will be in Crown Hill Cemetery in Powell. Haskell Funeral Home of Lovell is in charge.

## Roy A. Thompson

BILLINGS GAZETTE  
JAN 14 2002

Roy A. Thompson, 88, of Billings, died Saturday, Jan. 12, 2002, at his home.

Roy was born Sept. 10, 1913 on a farm near Kenmore, N.D. He married Alice Peterson on April 23, 1939 at Kenmore.

After their marriage, they moved to Montana and settled at Billings in 1941. Roy worked for Northwest Freightlines until 1954. He then became a self-employed contractor of which he did until recently.

Roy enjoyed fishing and hunting. He was a member of Corinthian Lodge #72, A.F. & A.M., Laurel; the Scottish Rite Bodies and Billings Star Lodge #41, I.O.O.F. (Odd Fellows Lodge).

Survivors include his wife, Alice; sons, James R. Thompson of Billings and Keith A. (Jean Carroll) Thompson of Laurel; two brothers, Walter Thompson of N.D. and Otis Thompson of Calif.; five sisters, Marsha Hetland, Evelyn Sedlacek, Martha Marks, Frances Welsch and Rosella Sauerer, all of California; seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Roy was preceded in death by a sister, Grace Vadnais and a brother, Clarence Thompson.

Memorial service will be 10 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 17, at Smith's West Chapel, 304 34th St. West.

**MAR 26 2002****Verneil Thompson****VERNEIL THOMPSON**

**MILES CITY** — Verneil Thompson, 84, died March 21, 2002, at the Miles City Holy Rosary Extended Care Center.

She was born Aug. 15, 1917, in Akron, Ohio, to Homer and Enga Baird.

Verneil received her nurse's training at the Akron City Hospital, where she met James R. Thompson, MD. After Verneil graduated from nursing school, she married James in Akron on April 22, 1939 and they soon moved to Miles City.

Verneil found great satisfaction as a homemaker, raising her three sons.

Through the years, she belonged to a countless number of organizations to which she volunteered much of her time. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church, Order of Eastern Star, Rebekah

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Circle, Republican woman's group, PEO, Red Cross, bridge club and the Miles City Concert Association. She volunteered her time to Meals On Wheels, Hospital Gift Shop, the distribution of senior taxi tickets, served as chairperson of the Council on Aging as well as doing all the reports for the congregated meals. Verneil strongly supported blood donation. She was very happy being Mrs. Bloodmobile for more than 30 years with the Red Cross.

Her parents; husband; and daughter-in-law, Merry Ann (Ruste) preceded Verneil in death.

Survivors include three sons, James (Roxanne) R. Thompson II of Spanaway, Wash., William B. Thompson of Arlington, Texas, and Jack (Viki) L. Thompson of Larkspur, Colo.; a brother, Francis Baird of Akron, Ohio; eight grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren.

Cremation has taken place in the Bullis-Graves Eastern Montana Crematory.

Family and friends will gather for a memorial service at 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 26, at the Miles City First United Methodist Church. Bullis-Graves Memorial Chapel of Miles City has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Should friends desire, memorial contributions may be made to The First United Methodist Church, American Heart Association, The American Cancer Society or charity of donor's choice.

**Virginia Elgean  
Thompson**

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**AUG - 4 2002**

THERMOPOLIS, Wyo. — Virginia Elgean Thompson, 80, formerly of Emblem Bench and Greybull, died early Friday morning, Aug. 2, 2002, at the Wyoming Medical Center in Casper.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 6, at the Zion Lutheran Church in Emblem, with burial to follow at the Emblem Cemetery. Atwood Family Funeral Directors, Inc. is in charge.

**MAR 13 2002**

## **Sharon R. Thomson**

**MALTA — Sharon R. Thomson, 62, of Malta, died Saturday, March 9, 2002, at the Phillips County Hospital.**

**Mass of the Resurrection will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 16, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Malta. Burial will be in the Malta Cemetery. Adams Funeral Home of Malta is in charge of arrangements.**



# Evelyn Thormahlen (Pee Wee Goins)

Evelyn Thormahlen (Pee Wee Goins) passed away Tuesday, July 9, 2002, at her home.

Evelyn was born April 4, 1932, in Billings, to Elva A. and George D. Campbell. She grew up in Billings and married Rod Goins. They had two sons, Randy and Dick. Evelyn worked 20 years for Ramsey Ranch Wear.

Later she married Robert Thormahlen and they had a daughter, Misty Dawn. In 1976, they moved to Fairbanks, Alaska, where she lived for 17 years before returning to Billings.

She loved her sister, friends and family. Evelyn enjoyed dancing, western music, watching rodeos, her yard and gardening, and fishing.

Evie took care of her 2 year old grandson for nine months while Misty was attending school. She so enjoyed her little grandson.

She is survived by her sister, Esther M. Myers; two sons and their wives, Randy and wife Karen of Buckeye, Ariz., and

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Dick and wife Stacy of Billings a daughter, Misty Dawn of Fairbanks; grandchildren (Misty's children), Taylor Shea and Jessie, and (Randy's children) Ramey, Rae Lynn and Ryan, great-grandchildren, (Ramey's children) Monica, Mathew and Nathan, (Rae Lynn's children) Landin and Linzie, and (Brian's children) Alyson and Madisen; a niece Deanna; and nephews Bret and Donnie. She is also survived by friends, Blanche, Mildred, Shirley, Rod and Barb, Jim and Kathy, and Glen and Minnie.



**EVELYN  
THORMAHLEN**

Funeral services will be 1 p.m. Saturday, July 13, at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary. A reception will follow the service at the Senior Citizen Center, 360 N 23rd.

Memorials may be made to the Chase Hawks Memorial Fund.

## **James E. Thorsen**

**SIDNEY** — James E. "Jim" Thorsen, 58, of Sidney, formerly of San Jose, Calif., died Friday, July 5, 2002, at the Kaiser Permanent Medical Center in Sacramento, Calif.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, July 11, at the St. Matthew's Catholic Church in Sidney. Interment will be in the Sidney Cemetery. Fulkerson Funeral Home of Sidney is in charge.

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## James E. 'Jim' Thorsen

SIDNEY — Mass of Christian Burial for James E. "Jim" Thorsen, 58, of Sidney, are 10 a.m. Thursday, July 11, at the St. Matthew's Catholic Church, Sidney, with Father Greg Staudinger presiding.

James Edward Thorsen was born in Bremerton, Wash., son of Fenton and Grace (Petrik) Thorsen. He was raised in Billings. Jim left Montana to join the U.S. Navy on Sept. 26, 1961, and served as an A03 (E-4) for 4 1/2 years on the aircraft carrier USS Hancock. Jim received an honorable discharge, Jan. 25, 1966. He continued to live in California, and met his wife, Mary, in San Jose. They were united in marriage, March 3, 1972, in Reno, Nev. They raised a family of three.

Jim's heart was always in Montana and he had always planned to return after retiring. Jim retired and they moved to Sidney, December 2000. Jim's life in Sidney was short, but full of a lot of wonderful memories of times spent with family and friends.

Jim "Thor" can be described as a patriotic man who enjoyed life to the fullest without regrets. He maintained lifelong friendships with childhood friends, Floyd and Bernice "Nice" Johnson, Dick and Janice

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Jacobson, Gideon and Donna Wolf and Bo Cheadle. His favorite holiday was Christmas, which he spent with family and sometimes friends of family. Everyone enjoyed and looked forward to having him wear "Santa's" hat while HO-HOing as he rang the jingle bells as he walked down the hallway waking up the youngest of the family in the early years and later HO-HOing while ringing the bells before anyone could open their Christmas gifts as midnight.

Jim enjoyed gardening, fishing, watching and attending the NASCAR Winston Cup and sprint car races. He also enjoyed watching and attending baseball, especially the San Francisco Giants, San Diego Padres and Chicago Cubs.

He was a member of the USS Hancock Association and always enjoyed participating in the Hancock reunions, where he met and made many Navy friends. He collected race car memorabilia and Lionel trains.

Jim was loved by all who knew him and he will be greatly missed.

James Edward Thorsen, devoted husband, father and loving grandfather, died July 5, 2002, at the Kaiser Permanente Hospital in Sacramento, Calif., of cancer.

Jim is survived by his wife, Mary, Sidney; children, Donna Pillado, Sharon Clement of San Jose, and Mario Thorsen, Rio Linda, Calif.; brother, Orrin "Buz" and wife Laureen Thorsen of Aloha, Ore.; three grandchildren, Cecilia and Adrian Pillado of Corpus Christi, Texas, James Clement, San Jose; nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Grace and Fenton Thorsen.

## Clarence Three Irons, Jr.

LODGE GRASS — Clarence C. Three Irons, Jr., 18, of Lodge Grass died Thursday evening, Nov. 14, 2002, of injuries sustained in a one-car accident near Lodge Grass.

His Indian name, Iilapaa-chaho (He Who Has Many Many Friends), was given to him by the Crow elder Pius Real Bird. He was born Dec. 19, 1983, in Crow Agency, a son of Clarence and Joselyn Alden Three Irons, Sr. He grew up and attended schools in Lodge Grass, graduating in 2002.

While in high school, he actively participated in football, basketball, Indian club, FFA and his favorite, Rodeo Club. He excelled in high school rodeo in team roping, calf roping and bull dogging, and represented Lodge Grass High School at several high school rodeo finals. He was currently enrolled at Little Big Horn College, where he was a member of the college rodeo team. He currently was in seventh place overall in the Big Sky region. His rodeo talents enabled him to take part in numerous All-Indian rodeo associations events, often winning buckles and saddles.



**CLARENCE  
THREE IRONS,  
JR.**

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Indian, as he was affectionately called, was a member of the Baptist Church, Ree Society, Big Lodge Clan and a child of the Back War Deeds Clan.

His grandfathers, Joe Alden, Sr., and Bill Three Irons preceded him in death. Survivors include his parents, Clarence and Joselyn Three Irons; his brothers Greg (Kateri) of Crow Agency, Cameron (Louise) of Lodge Grass, Alvin (Kristi) of Billings and Clay (Carrie) of Fort Smith; his companion, Alisara Jackson; his grandmothers, Louise Three Irons of Crow Agency and Ruth Alden of Lodge Grass; his grandfather Sam Bird in Ground, Jr., of Garryowen; 11 adopted brothers, Shane Littlebear of Canada, Stoney Lane of New Mexico, Rowdy Alexander of Dillon, Aspen Brugh of Wyola, Raymond Champ of Billings, Regis Hogan of Crow Agency, Roland Redfield, Jr., Brian Old Bull, Elijah Bear Below, Preston Guardipee and Beau Plenty Hawk of Lodge Grass; one adopted sister, Britney Wyles of Wyola; his nieces, Kaliagh, Mikayla and Victoria; his nephews, Rope, Eli and Beau, whom he enjoyed spending time with; all of his roping friends; his

extended family, including the Bird in Ground, Alden, Pickett, Backbone, Falls Down and Left Hand families; as well as his special circle of rodeo and college friends, including Duke Dixie, Ole Els, Prince Brockie, James Brown and the Fredericks.

Funeral services will be held 11 a.m., Monday, in the Lodge Grass High School Gymnasium. Interment will follow in the Lodge Grass Cemetery. Bullis Mortuary of Hardin has been entrusted with the arrangements.

## Dean Three Irons

**CROW AGENCY** — Dean Curtis Three Irons, of the Black Lodge District, was involved in a tragic automobile accident that took his life on Oct. 2, 2002.

He was the first son and the third of nine children born to Clarence and Iris Iron Three Irons, living and growing up in the family home at Dunmore,

At the time of his passing, he was 52 years of age. He was born Dec. 19, 1949, in Crow Agency, a clan member of the Ties the Bundle and child of the Greasy inside the Mouth Clan.

He received his education through the I7-H School District, starting at the Crow School, on into Hardin High School and received his diploma in May 1970. He had a love for running that was evident when he was a young boy. He ran every chance he had, many times running from the family home in Dunmore to Crow Agency and back home, a distance covering approximately eight miles.

The athletic talent and fine coordination he had was evident early in his youth when he played basketball and ran on the track team for the Crow School. When he started his high school years at Hardin, he participated in all the male interscholastic sports for the Hardin Bulldogs,

being a three-sport letterman. He lettered three years in football as wide receiver, he lettered three years as a track team member, running the mile, he lettered two years in basketball, playing any and all positions he was asked to play. He was truly an all-around athlete. His natural talent and coordination made it easy for him to participate in any competition. He looked like a veteran of many years when he participated in the team roping for a short time. After his high school years, he continued playing basketball on a team known as the Garryowen Mustangs. This team won many tournaments and winning a National Independent Basketball Tournament.

After high school, Dean went on to further his education, attending Haskell Junior College, Lawrence, Kan., majoring in business administration. He came back to Crow country and continued his education at Eastern Montana College.

After this, Dean joined the work force, working in many positions for the Indian Health Service, Bureau of Indian Affairs and Crow Tribal Government.

He was a member of the Crow Montana Indian Fire Fighters, fighting wildfires all over the United States. He fought fire through the 2002 wildfire season.

It was important to Dean that he was physically fit and that, coupled with his love for running, he participated at every opportunity in the area distance foot races, known as the 3K and 5K. Many times, Dean won these races. Many local people saw

him as he made these runs to Crow Agency and back to D u n m o r e . When he was not running, he would be riding his bicycle. Though he

owned a car, on trips to Crow Agency, were made by running or riding the bicycle.

Throughout life, he participated in the Arrow Throwing competition for the Black Lodge District. He had some fine mentors in this game, his father Clarence and his maternal uncle, Wallace Iron, who were known for their pinpoint accuracy in this game. For many years, Dean served as coach of the Black Lodge youth arrow throwers, coaching his nephews (Daryl and Sean Three Irons and Conklin Big Lake), their friends and his sons, Emery and Jade, winning several championship titles for



**DEAN THREE IRONS**

He was a strong participant in some of the Crow Traditional religious ceremonies but he also enjoyed those times when he fellowshiped and attended church services at the Crow Foursquare. He loved the Crow language, listened and shared taped stories with his family, enjoying the humorous stories.

Dean was given a colt by Jim Big Lake that was known as "Soap Creek Kitten." He devoted many hours grooming and training this colt. This colt went on to win a feature race of the annual Great Crow Fair known as the "Crow Bred Futurity" in 1983.

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Eight children survive Dean: Emery and Jade of Dunmore, Tanya Three Irons of Denver, Dean Jr. of Ft. Washakie, Wyo., Leslie (Stoney) Elk Shoulder of Dunmore, Kelly (Barry) Bright, Wings of Crow Agency and Bradley and Stacie of Dunmore. From these children came six grandchildren. Sibling survivors are: Daisy (Ed Stamper) Three Irons of Rocky Boy, Avis, Lana and Keith Lenn Three Irons and Rachel (Corky) Old Horn of Dunmore, Wallace (Tana) Three Irons of Hardin, Darla (Samuel) Horn and Valerie (Jeffery) Stewart of the No Water District; two paternal aunts also survive him, Mae Fog in the Morning House of Black Lodge and Myrtle Elizabeth Smart Enemy of Pryor; and one maternal aunt, Ruby Iron Goes Ahead of Pryor.

Dean was rich in relatives and also survived by the many brothers and sisters, cousins, and the treasured nephews and nieces.

Funeral services will be held, 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 5, at the Crow Foursquare. Interment will follow in the Crow Agency Cemetery.

Bullis Mortuary of Hardin has been entrusted with the arrangements.

## Louise L. Thrush

## BILLINGS GAZETTE

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Louise L. Thrush, 83, of Sheridan, died Friday, July 5, 2002, at Memorial Hospital of Sheridan County.

Visitation will be from 4 to 6 p.m. Sunday, July 7, at Champion Ferries Funeral Home in Sheridan. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, July 8, at Champion Ferries Funeral Home. Burial will be in Sheridan Municipal Cemetery.

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Rita Pauline Thykeson, 91, of Billings, died peacefully Sunday, Dec. 29, 2002 at Valley Health Care Center.

She was born April 11, 1911 in Trail City, S.D., the daughter of Henry J. Ducheneaux and Nellie DuBray. She graduated from Haskell Junior College, Lawrence, Kan.

She was employed at Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, S.D. for one year, then she was transferred to Billings. Pauline worked for P.W.A. and W.P.A., Indian Construction from 1934 to 1940. Pauline returned to work in 1943 with the U.S. Geological Survey, Mining Branch, Billings, as an accountant, and she retired in May, 1971. She married Robert O. Thykeson in Billings on June 6, 1940. He preceded her in death on May 29, 1990.

Pauline is survived by numerous beloved nieces and nephews in South Dakota and beyond and will especially be missed by her nieces, Judy Campanelli, Luella Nickeson, and Laura Schmier; and nephews, Wayne Zundel and Mark Zundel; and her great friend and caregiver, Lee Roy Zundel.



**PAULINE  
THYKESON**

Pauline was special, she was characteristically direct and sometimes blunt but behind this demeanor, was a kind hearted, charitable and funny lady that everyone loved. Those who knew her will cherish the many warm memories.

Cremation has taken. A graveside service will be at 12 Noon, Tuesday, Dec. 31, at Mountview Cemetery. Memorials, in Pauline's name, may be made to a charity of one's choice.

Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

## Dorene Anita Udall Tierney

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HARLOWTON — Dorene Anita Udall Tierney died on Saturday, March 30, 2002, at the Wheatland Memorial Hospital in Harlowton.

Dorene was born July 28, 1924, in Calgary, Alberta, Canada, the daughter of Charles Hoyt Udall and Bertha Stintson Udall. The family later moved to Polson, where Dorene spent her childhood. She graduated from Polson



**DORENE  
TIERNEY**

High School in 1944. Dorene's ties to the Flathead were shared with her children; it was always a special place to the entire family.

Dorene married her husband, Eugene William Tierney, Sr., in Polson, in August of 1945. They moved to the Tierney family ranch east of Harlowton in 1948. Dorene added a new family to her life after her marriage; she joined John and Goldie Tierney, Gene's parents, in the Shawmut area. John and Goldie were a very important facet of Dorene's life, she cared for them as if she were their daughter.

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Dorene and Gene raised their children on the banks of the Musselshell River, east of Harlowton. Dorene was a source of great pride and inspiration to her children. She was the mom who allowed her children to have big ice skating parties on the pond, the mom who made sure the 4-H Club and Girl Scouts always had a leader and the mom who always put her children's needs and wants before her own.

Dorene truly made the ranch a home for her family. It was not only home to Dorene's children, but also a pivotal part of her grandchildren's lives. No matter where they were scattered, all of her grandchildren called the ranch home, too. It was Dorene's love that drew them back. She was the grandmother every child wished they could have. Memories of riding motorcycles, sledding, hiding Easter eggs and golfing in the yard with Grandma right in the middle will be held dear by all of her grandchildren.

Dorene will always be remembered for her wonderful sense of what a home should be. One of her greatest loves was to have her family around her for a holiday meal. Everyone who ever attended a branding at the Tierney's could attest to Dorene's skill as a fine cook.

Dorene was one of the most caring and giving people in the community. She was always concerned about the needs of others

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and spent her life caring for other people. She was consistently the first person to offer a helping hand to anyone in need. She was recognized by Governor Racicot as Senior Citizen of the Year for 1997, for her work in the community. Dorene was a very simple woman who did not seek recognition for her deeds; they were simply done as a matter of the heart.

She was active in the Jawbone Creek Country Club, Women of the Moose and Saint Joseph's Parish Altar Society.

Dorene was preceded in death by her parents, Charlie and Bertha; a sister, June; and her husband, Gene. Surviving are her sister, Beverly Wetzel of Polson; her son, Bill Tierney and wife Debbie of Billings; a daughter, Pam Tierney Crisafulli and her husband Joey of Glendive; her son Rob and his wife Jodi of Harlowton. Dorene also leaves behind her grandchildren, Curtis Tierney of Bozeman, Tracy Tierney Chandler and her husband Dr. John Chandler of Houston, Texas, Mick Crisafulli of Glendive, Brittney and Ryle Tierney of Plentywood, Timberly Tierney of Helena; and step-granddaughters Alexis and Kayla McCarthy of Harlowton.

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Rosary will be held at St. Joseph's Parish in Harlowton on Wednesday, April 3, at 7 p.m. Funeral mass will be held at 1 p.m. on Thursday, April 4, at Saint Joseph's Parish.

A memorial fund will be established to benefit Wheatland Memorial Hospital, Harlowton Women of the Moose and Harlowton Senior Citizens Center. Memorials may be sent to the Dorene Tierney Memorial Fund, c/o Bill and Debbie Tierney, 3717 Otis Lane, Billings, MT 59102.

Perkins Funeral Home of Harlowton is in charge of arrangements.

## **Orville G. Tiesen**

**MAY 20 2002**  
**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**SIDNEY — Orville G. Tiesen, 71, died Saturday, May 18, 2002, at the Mercy Hospital in Williston, N.D.**

**Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Wednesday, May 22, at the Ebenezer Congregational Church in Sidney. Burial will be in the Bethlehem Menouite Cemetery. Fulkerson Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.**



# Phyllis Tieszen

SAVAGE — Phyllis Tieszen, 69, of Savage, died Thursday, Nov. 21, 2002, at her home.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, Nov. 25, at the Yellowstone Community Church in Savage. Interment will be in the Riverview Cemetery in Savage. Fulkerson Funeral Home of Sidney is in charge.

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# Kathleen 'Kae' Tihista

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SIDNEY —  
Mass of  
Christian Burial  
for Kathleen  
"Kae" Tihista,  
67, of Sidney,  
will be 10 a.m.  
Monday, Jan. 14,  
at the St.  
Matthew's  
Catholic  
Church, with Father Greg  
Staudinger presiding. Interment  
will be in the Sidney Cemetery,  
under the direction of Fulkerson  
Funeral Home of Sidney.



**MRS. TIHISTA**

On Dec. 23, 1935, Kae (Borton) Tihista arrived in fine style in Glasgow. Kae attended school in Glasgow until 1942, when the family moved to Chicago, where her father worked for the Department of Treasury. A few years later, her father took a position in law enforcement, which later brought them back home to Glasgow, where she attended the remainder of her school years.

Kae graduated from Glasgow High School in 1953, and then worked for Farmers Stockgrowers Bank in Glasgow. Deciding a short time later to see the world, she traveled to Beverly Hills, Calif., where she loved the sun and worked for the Bank of America. In 1958, she moved to Kalispell, where she was united in marriage to Mitchell "Mitch" Tihista.

They came to Sidney and raised a family. Kae worked for the Richland National Bank (Stockman Bank) from 1976 to 1995, until she retired from her position as assistant vice president of operations. She served on both the Richland Homes and Richland Opportunity Boards and was honored to be part of those.

After retiring from the bank, Kae picked up her hobby of sewing and delighted in making lots of wonderful articles, "grammy garments" for her grandchildren and the rest of us who begged; and she was always quick to honor the "last minute" alterations for the little girls' dance outfits. Kae had a tremendous affection for her puppies,

who will miss her terribly. All who came to her home were greeted with enthusiastic barks long before they got to they door.

Kae's most precious love of all was her family. She was always there for us, no matter what. We have always been in awe of this fine lady, as she had time for everything and everyone. We will greatly miss her presence at

the table, long visits on the phone and our talks over the fence. Kae loved her "groupie" buddies and their regular get-togethers. (We are certain the get-togethers will continue with her).

Kae was involved with the Hospice Program in Sidney, where she spent many hours quietly sitting with the families, always with a pot of stew or cookies in tow for them. Kae was also involved in the St. Matthew's Catholic Church, where she participated in many Curisillo's and regularly hand-made the 100+ colorful name tags for the participants yearly. The day after Thanksgiving, 2001, Kae went to California to care for her sister, Tric, who had been diagnosed with cancer.

On Jan. 2, 2002, in early hours of the morning, Kae suffered a catastrophic cerebral aneurysm. On Jan. 7, 2002, at Little Company of Mary Hospital in Torrance, Calif., Kae left this world in fine style, surrounded by her family and daughters, singing "You Are My Sunshine." We are pretty sure Pat was there, too, coffee waiting.

Those who remain on this earth to honor her memory are her husband, Mitch; daughters, Lisa (Bryan) Riedmann, Nicole (David) Pope, all of Sidney; granddaughters, Jennifer, Caitlyn, Sheridan and Renee; grandson Jordan; and sister, Tric

(Darrel) Lacy of Redondo, Calif.; brother-in-law Ronnie (Mary) Tihista of Great Falls; sister-in-law Helen Marks of Pasadena, Calif.; several much-loved nieces and nephews.

Kae was preceded in death by her mother, Beryl; father, Hugh; and sister, Lola Rae.

## John Robert Timlin

MINNEAPOLIS — John Robert Timlin, 78, formerly of Lewistown, Mont., died Tuesday, Nov. 19, 2002, at Augustana Home in Minneapolis.

A graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Monday, Nov. 25, in Mount Calvary Cemetery in Lewistown. Creel Funeral Home of Lewistown is in charge.

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NOV 22 2002

## **Paul Edward Timm**

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**JUL - 2 2002**

GLASGOW — Paul Edward Timm, 83, of Glasgow, died June 25, 2002, in Seattle.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, July 8, at Bell Mortuary Chapel in Glasgow. Interment will be in Highland Cemetery.

**OCT 11 2002**

## **Florence Timmerman**

**PLENTYWOOD** — Funeral services for Florence Timmerman will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, Oct. 11. Pastor David C. Curtright will officiate at the service at Plentywood Lutheran Church; interment will be in Plentywood Memorial Cemetery. Florence died Tuesday morning, Oct. 8, 2002; she was 82.

Florence was born at Minot, N.D., Aug. 14, 1920, the daughter of Bart and Mary (Johnson) O'Connell; her father died in 1925. Florence grew up, attended schools and completed her teaching degree in Minot.



**FLORENCE  
TIMMERMAN**

Her first teaching job brought her to Plentywood, where she taught for 30 years. Even after she retired in May 1983, she often worked as a substitute teacher and advisor for younger teachers. Florence taught English and business subjects and was respected by her peers and her students as a superb educator.

She married Irvin "Shorty" Timmerman in Glendive on May 27, 1946; they have lived in Plentywood since then. Florence was a loving mother and was admired by all for her self-discipline and organization. Never idle, she enjoyed knitting and quilting and was widely known for her work in ceramics. Florence was a perfectionist, always humble, and never sought recognition, simply wanting to do the best she could to make our community a better place.

Florence is survived by her husband, Shorty; and three sons, Gary and his wife Devora of Vista, Calif., Joel and his wife Donna of Sammamish, Wash., and Craig and his wife Sandi of Belgrade. She is also survived by three grandchildren, Gary and Devora's children Alison, Stacey and Chad; and by a sister, Loretta Kerr and her husband George of Twin Falls, Idaho. Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by a sister, Genevieve Richards, whose husband, Sid, lives at Whidbey Island, Wash. She also has many nieces and nephews and others who thought of her as a second mother.

Fulkerson Funeral Home of Plentywood has charge of arrangements.

# Ronald Samuel Tinnes

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**  
NOV 25 2002

LEWISTOWN — Ron Tinnes, formerly of Laurel, went home to be with his Lord on Thursday, Nov. 21, 2002, in Lewistown, due to emphysema and heart failure.

Ron was born Jan. 13, 1936, in Billings to Samuel and Barbara (Meissner) Tinnes. He graduated from Laurel High School in 1955.

In his younger years he lived life to the fullest, enjoying all sports, music, cars, mechanics, hunting and fishing. In high school he worked at the Laurel swimming pool where, after rescuing a drowning child, he was promoted to manager. After completing high school, Ron worked at the Northern Pacific Railroad; he also attended Boise Barber School and became a master barber working in Harlowton and Columbus.

Despite his mental struggles, Ron was a truly good person. He was kind, honest, rich in faith and he loved the Lord.

His beloved parents preceded him in death. He is survived by his loving twin sisters, Diane (LeRoy) Summers and Lorie (Syl) Schied; sons Rick and Gary;



**RONALD  
TINNES**

daughter Ronna and their families; one aunt, Olive Ryan; nieces Kristi and Sheri; nephews Syl and Mike and their extended families; and many cousins.

We love you and will miss you, Ron. Peace be with you.

Funeral services will be 3 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 26, at Smith's Downtown Chapel, 120 N. 26th St. in Billings. Interment will follow at Mountview Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Hub; 515 N. 27th St., Billings, Mont. 59101.

**JUL - 2 2002**

Barbara Jean Tinsley, 68, of Billings and formerly of Livingston, died at her home early Sunday morning, June 30, 2002, following a courageous battle with cancer.

**BARBARA  
TINSLEY**

Funeral services will be 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, July, 3, in the chapel of Franzen-Davis Funeral Home, 118 N. Third St. in Livingston. Graveside committal and burial will follow in Mountain View Cemetery. The Rev. Earl Kainz will officiate.

Barbara was born May 11, 1934, in Livingston, the daughter of Robert H. and Helen S. (Gray) Boucher. She spent her early life and attended schools in Livingston, graduating from Park County High School in 1952. On May 24, 1952, she married the love of her life, Charles D. "Bill" Tinsley in Livingston and in 1954, she moved to Billings. Barbara was employed in the construction industry for over 40 years, but her most cherished times were the many years spent as an operations manager and dispatcher for the Barry O'Leary Company in Billings. Her husband died on Sept. 11, 1971, and Barbara retired in November of 1999.

Barbara greatly loved and was devoted to her work, but her family always came first. She enjoyed hosting weekend gatherings at her home so family and friends could watch Denver Bronco games together. As an avid fan, she often traveled nationally to go to Bronco games. She was the "pillar" of the family and her door was always open to anyone, especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Barbara was a great scrabble player and there were few who could beat her. She also enjoyed her garden and the time she spent planting and nurturing flowers.

Survivors include her daughter, Cheryl Harris and her husband Allen of Chino Valley, Ariz.; her mother, Helen Boucher of Laurel; a sister, Mable Johnson and her husband Milt of Billings; two brothers, John Boucher and his wife Connie of Dothan, Ala. and



Billy Boucher and his wife Aina of Laurel; four grandchildren, Tom Osen and his wife Sarah of Billings, Stephanie Tinsley-Harris and her husband Mike of Phoenix, Ariz., Steve Tinsley and his close friend Jamie of Prescott Valley, Ariz., and Theresa Achten and her husband T.R. of Billings; six great-grandchildren, Ty and Paige Achten of Billings, Nicholas and Emily Harris of Phoenix and Payton and Camden Osen of Billings; and numerous nieces and nephews. In addition to her husband, Barbara was preceded in death by her father, Robert Boucher, and a son, Robert Tinsley, on Nov. 11, 1995.

If so desired, memorials may be directed to Big Sky Hospice, PO Box 35033, Billings, MT 59107-5033.

## **Barbara Jean Tinsley**

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**JUL 1 - 2002**

Barbara Jean Tinsley, 68, of Billings, and formerly of Livingston, died Sunday, June 30, 2002, at her home.

Funeral services will be 1:30 Wednesday, July 3, at Franzen-Davis Funeral Home, 118 N. 3rd, Livingston. Burial will follow in the Mountain View Cemetery.

**APR 02 2002**

## **John Tiskus**

**POLSON —** John Tiskus, 54, of Polson, died Sunday, March 31, 2002, at his home, from a brain tumor.

Arrangements are pending. Grogan Funeral Home, Polson and Dahl Funeral Home, Billings are in charge.

## John Peter Tiskus

APR 05 2002

POLSON — John Peter Tiskus, 54, died at his home in Polson on Sunday, March 31, 2002.

He was born to John and Kathryn (Greeley) Tiskus in Cambridge, Mass., on Dec. 20, 1947. He and his family moved to Montana when John was 5 years old. He attended Catholic schools in Billings and graduated from Billings Central High School.



**JOHN TISKUS**

John graduated from the University of Montana with a degree in economics. In 1976, he joined the Merrill Lynch office in Billings. He worked as a financial advisor there for 10 years. He joined Dain Bosworth as a financial advisor and transferred to Polson in 1993, where John worked as a financial advisor at Security State Bank & Trust Company. John remained as the in-house financial advisor after Security State Bank & Trust Company was purchased by First Interstate Bank.

John married Berl M. Fleury on Nov. 18, 1983, in Billings. There, they had two daughters, Jenny and Kate. John was an

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active community member. He served on the Parent Advisory Board, the Chamber of Commerce, Rotary, the City/County Planning Board and the Elks.

John loved baseball and spread his love for the game by coaching Little League and Girls Softball. He played softball for 25 years as a member of the Tiger Sports Family. Fantasy baseball and watching Red Sox games were among his favorite pastimes.

John was preceded in death by his mother, father, and an infant son, Joey.

He is survived by his wife Berl and daughters Jenny and Kate of Polson; brother Bill of Billings; an aunt, Helen Staid of Baton Rouge, La.; cousins Jim, John, Mark and Paul Staid; and two nephews, Dennis and Jay Lee.

John's memory will be celebrated in a memorial service on Saturday April 6, at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Polson at 2 p.m.

A memorial service will also be held in Billings at the Dahl Funeral Chapel on Friday, April 12, at 2 p.m. and inurnment will follow at Holy Cross Cemetery, Billings.

The family suggests memorial donations be made to the Polson Girls Softball Association or Laker County Hospice. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Grogan Funeral Home, Polson.

## Bruce Tisor

BILLINGS GAZETTE

JUL 20 2002

LA JOLLA, Calif. — A memorial service for Bruce Tisor, son of Lawrence and Esther Tisor of Billings, will be held Monday, July 22, at 9:30 a.m. in Our Savior Lutheran



**BRUCE TISOR**

Church, 707 W. Third St. Lawrence and Esther will soon celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary.

Bruce, a 1957 graduate of Laurel High, died June 24 in La Jolla. He was 62 and had been suffering from cancer.

Bruce graduated from the University of Montana where he was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity.

He and his wife, Kathleen, who had been married 37 years, founded the Glass Doctor business in San Diego in 1993. He previously was comptroller with Aerojet, an aerospace/commercial company with annual sales of \$1 billion.

## Charles S. Tjaden

BILLINGS GAZETTE

NOV 12 2002

FT. LUPTON, Colo. — Charles S. Tjaden, born Nov. 27, 1934, in Malta, Mont., to Vern and Alice Tjaden, died at his home in Ft. Lupton Nov. 9, 2002, of lung cancer.

He went to schools in Fairfield, Mont., where the family was raised. He drove big rigs for many years on the Alcan and all over the U.S., then worked as a diesel mechanic until his retirement several years ago. He loved to work in his garage, fish and travel. But most of all, he loved to have good talk and companionship with his friends.

Preceding him in death are his father, Vern; and brother, Vern, Jr. Survivors include his wife, Mable, Ft. Lupton; mother, Alice; sisters, Mrs. Jack (Charlene) Brown, and Mrs. Mike (Linda) Spartz, of Billings, Mont.; four daughters, Kay Anderson, Tammy of Huntington Beach, Calif., Mrs. Richard (Alice) Macho, Missoula, Mont., Mrs. Mark (Heather) Gorder of Billings; five stepchildren, Mike, Rhonda Pieri, Jerry, Stephen and Alana, all of the Ft. Lupton area; 14 grandchildren, three great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

We thank you, husband, son, brother, uncle and father, for showing us that death is not without dignity, and that peace is found within the soul.

## **Helen M. Desy Todd**

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**JAN 18 2002**

Helen M. Desy Todd, 86, passed away Wednesday, Jan. 16, 2002, at Valley Nursing Home.

Helen was born Sept. 15, 1915, and raised in Lewistown. Helen was the daughter of Irene and Evelyn Desy. Her grandparents, Francis and Virginia Janeaux, were one of the early settlers and founding families of Lewistown. Helen married Thomas Todd and had two children, Linda and Richard. She was a lifelong devoted catholic.

Helen is survived her daughter Linda (Las) Vitez and son Richard; her sister-in-law Julia Desy; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial services will be 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 19, at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary. Interment will be 2 p.m. Saturday at Calvary Cemetery, Lewistown.

Michelotti-Sawyers has charge of arrangements.



# Marlin M. Todd

BUFFALO, Wyo. — Marlin Todd, (Ho'nehevee'ese - Wolftooth), age 46, went to be with the Lord Saturday, Feb. 1, 2001, after an extended illness. He was born on Easter Sunday on April 16, 1954 to David Todd and Doris Wolf-tooth. He was affectionately know as "Bunny Boy" to his sisters.

He attended school in Buffalo. Marlin grew up working on the oil rigs of Wyoming. As his health failed, he changed his occupation to Director of Maintenance, KOA campsites and most recently employed as a clerk with Cenex Corporation in Buffalo.

Riding motorcycles was his passion, as was fishing and camping with his friends. Crazy Woman Canyon was his favorite campsite. He also enjoyed working on computers. He was an enrolled member of the Northern Cheyenne Tribe and proud of his heritage.

Marlin married Lynette Linstrom in July, 1988 and recently divorced.

Survivors include three sisters, Lynda (Ed) Lone Fight of Billings, Karen Locher of Lame Deer, Mary Jo Cody of Eugene, Ore.; one brother, Tim Littleboy of Carson, Wash.; an aunt, Mary Underwood of Lame Deer; many nieces and nephews and two stensons. Steven and Michael

## BILLINGS GAZETTE

# FEB 04 2002

Lindstrom, whom he loved dearly. His camping and fishing buddies include Larry D. Green, Larry Turk, Ben Baldwin and Keith Baldwin.

Wake services will be at Rausch Funeral home on Monday night. Funeral services will be 1 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 5 at Petter Memorial Mennonite Church in Lame Deer with graveside services at the Lame Deer Cemetery. Fred Rausch, Funeral Director of Lame Deer/Billings is in charge of arrangements.

# Vivian R. Todd

## BILLINGS GAZETTE

JUL 15 2002

LEWISTOWN — Vivian R. Todd, 84, of Lewistown, died Saturday morning, July 13, 2002, at the Central Montana Skilled Nursing Center of natural causes. She was born Oct. 28, 1917 in Lloyd, Mont., the daughter of Guyburt and Jessie (Werk) Pasma. She received her schooling at Lloyd and in Havre and then worked as a waitress in the boarding house in Landusky. On Aug. 19, 1936, she was united in marriage to Willis L. Todd in Chinook. They moved to Lewistown, where he operated Todd's Aero Spraying until his retirement. They spent time traveling and were active members of the Good Sam Club. She enjoyed gardening and spending time with her family and friends.

She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, the Women of the Moose, the Eagles Auxiliary and Marie Chapter #36 Order of Eastern Star.

She is survived by two sons, Richard W. (Dick) and his wife, Cathy and daughter, Christine, all of Lewistown; and Robert R. (Bob) and his wife, Sandra and son, Chad and daughter, Leah; and four great-grandchildren of Enumclaw, Wash.; one sister, Roberta E. Winnen of Scappoose, Ore.; and several nieces and nephews.

Her husband preceded her in death in 2001.

Memorial services for Vivian R. Todd will be 11 a.m. Thursday, July 18, in the First Presbyterian Church. Cremation has taken place. The Cloyd Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Friends may make memorials to the Shrine Crippled Children's Transportation Trust, First Presbyterian Church or the charity of their choice and they may be left at the Cloyd Funeral Home.

## Clara Todoroff

MILES CITY — Clara Mary Todoroff, 93, of Miles City, died Wednesday, Feb. 20, 2002, at the Holy Rosary Extended Care.

Visitation will begin at 1 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 24, at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City, with a vigil service at 6 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. Monday, Feb. 25, at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Rite of committal will follow in the family lot in the Calvary Cemetery.

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**FEB 21 2002**

# Donna Rae Tokerud

BILLINGS GAZETTE

PAHRUMP, Nev. — Donna Rae Tokerud, 69, of Pahrump, formerly of Billings, died Friday, Aug. 9, 2002, at her home.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Monday, Aug. 12, at Pahrump Family Mortuary in Pahrump.

AUG 10 2002

**Elsie Christopherson  
Tolan**

**BILLINGS GAZETTE  
JAN 05 2002**

WOLF POINT — Elsie Lenora Christopherson Tolan, 74, of Wolf Point, died Thursday, Jan. 3, 2002, at the Northeast Montana Health Services Facility.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Monday, Jan. 7, at the First Lutheran Church. Clayton Memorial Chapel of Wolf Point is in charge.

# Fern Wells Tolbert

BILLINGS GAZETTE  
JAN 19 2002

Fern Wells Tolbert, 76, of Billings, passed away Thursday morning, Jan. 17, 2002, at Deaconess Billings Clinic.



**FERN  
TOLBERT**

Fern was born on March 10, 1925, in Lewistown, a daughter to Alfred B. and Alice Wells. She was raised in Cat Creek and Winnett. Her father was a legendary oilman and horseman.

Fern attended college in the San Francisco area. Following college, she went to work for Petro-Chem in Casper, Wyo.

In 1964, Fern moved to Billings, where she began her career as an executive with Northwest Crude Oil, Inc. Fern was one of the first women executives in the oil industry. Retiring in 1985, she continued to make Billings her home.

Fern loved to play bridge, and was a member of several bridge clubs.

She is survived by two children, Flynn Tolbert of Hollywood, Calif., and Rita Manko of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; and one grandchild, Brandon Rowlette.

A private family gathering is planned. Cremation has taken place. Memorials may be made to the Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch, 1732 S. 72nd West, Billings, MT 59106. Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary and Crematory is in charge of arrangements.

## **Marion D. Tolzien**

GLASGOW — Marion D. Tolzien, 88, of Glasgow, died Sunday, June 16, 2002, at Valley View Nursing Home in Glasgow.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, June 20, at Bell Mortuary Chapel in Glasgow. Interment will be in Highland Cemetery in Glasgow.

**BILLINGS GAZETT**

**JUN 18 2002**

## Sister Rose Tomlin

BILLINGS GAZETTE

DEC 09 2002

LEAVENWORTH, Kan. — Sister Rose Tomlin, 89, died Friday, Dec. 6, 2002, at Ross Hall of the Mother House of Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth.

Vigil is at 7 p.m. Monday, and Mass of Resurrection is at 11 a.m. Tuesday, both in Annunciation Chapel. Burial will be in Mount Olivet Cemetery on the Mother House grounds. Davis Funeral Chapel is in charge.



**APR 10 2002**

## **Mary Ann Tonneson**

**SIDNEY** — Mary Ann Tonneson, 72, of Sidney, died Monday, April 8, 2002, at the Sidney Health Care Center - Extended Care Facility.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, April 11, at the Fulkerson Funeral Home Memorial Chapel in Sidney. Interment will be in the Sidney Cemetery.

## Lyda Toohey

BROADUS — Lyda Toohey, 91, of Broadus, formerly of Ashland, died Thursday, Jan. 31, 2002, at the Powder River Manor in Broadus.

Funeral mass will be 10 a.m. Monday, Feb. 4, at the St. Labre Catholic Church with interment to follow in the St. Labre Mission Cemetery. Beals Mortuary of Forsyth is in charge.

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**  
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**FEB 12 2002**

## **Edgar Allan Topp**

- WOLF POINT — Edgar Allan Topp, 56, of Wolf Point, died Saturday, Feb. 9, 2002, at Deaconess Billings Clinic.

- Visitations will be from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 12, at the Morning Star Baptist Church in Wolf Point. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 13, at the Morning Star Baptist Church. Interment will be in Greenwood Cemetery. Clayton Memorial Chapel of Wolf Point is in charge of arrangements.

# Robert M. 'Bob' Toppins

BILLINGS GAZETTE

DEC 05 2002

GLENDIVE — Robert M. "Bob" Toppins, age 90, of Glendive, passed away on Monday, Dec. 2, 2002, at the Sidney Health Center in Sidney.

Memorial services will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6, at the Chapel of the



**BOB TOPPINS**

Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home in Glendive, with Pastor Paul Everett officiating. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home is entrusted with arrangements.

Bob was born on May 16, 1912, in New Salem, N.D., the son of Alexander and Elizabeth (Schultz) Toppins. They moved to Bismarck, N.D., where he graduated from Bismarck High School. Bob was united in marriage to Maylo Smith on Sept. 4, 1939, in Bismarck. In 1939, Bob went to work for the Northern Pacific Railroad as a telegraph operator, Yellowstone Division. In 1942, he broke in as a train dispatcher and was appointed chief dispatcher on June 1, 1956. Bob was elected justice of the peace in Glendive and served three terms. After 36 years of working for the Northern Pacific and Burlington Northern railroad, he retired from the railroad and public office.

Bob was known statewide for his hunting and fishing. He also bowled for 64 years, winning many trophies and tournaments. Bob was well known for growing his huge tomatoes and other vegetables and flowers for which he won many grand prize ribbons at the county fair.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents; and two daughters, Jo Ann Elizabeth and Deborah Mae.

Survivors include his wife, Maylo of Glendive; one son, Terry Toppins and his wife Carole of Missoula; one daughter, Tenley Toppins of Bozeman; five grandchildren.

# Maxwell Orlando Torgerson, Jr.

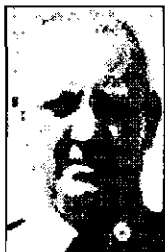
**BILLINGS GAZETTE**  
**NOV 25 2002**

Maxwell Orlando Torgerson, Jr., 72, of Billings passed away Friday, Nov. 22, 2002 at the Aspen Meadow Care Center.

Max was born July 22, 1930, in Billings, the son of Maxwell O. Torgerson, Sr. and Dena (Wissman) Torgerson.

Max was raised in Billings and graduated from high school. He entered the U.S. Army in 1946 where he served 21 years in France, Japan and other bases in the U.S. He retired as a SSG (P) as an Engineer Equipment Repairman. After his retirement from the Army, he went to work as a track driver in Frannie, Wyo. and Polson, Mont. He married Kalliopi Lazarides in April of 1972 in Billings. Max then worked driving truck for Empire Sand and Gravel until his retirement in the early 90's.

Max was instrumental in starting St. Elijah Orthodox Church and later the St. Nicholas Orthodox Church. Max enjoyed flying airplanes, fishing and hunting. He was a member of the



**MAXWELL  
TORGERSON  
JR.**

American Legion Post No. 4 and a member of the Teamster Union.

Survivors include his wife, Kalliopi of Billings; a step-son Kostas and his granddaughter, Sophia of Belgrade; two God-children, Franceina Vilos and Brandon Vilos, both of Worland, Wyo.; sisters-in-law, Tashia, Tina (Don) Oxley, Helen, Athina, and brother-in-law, Lasieth, all of them from Greece and some now living in Billings; and one nephew, Jack Cooksey; and nieces, Kathy and Jesenda.

A memorial service will be 6:30 p.m. Monday evening, Nov. 25, at the St. Nicholas Orthodox Church. The funeral will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday Nov. 25, at the St. Nicholas Orthodox Church at 4th St. West and Lewis Ave. Interment will follow at Terrace Gardens Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the St. Nicholas Orthodox Church at 401 Lewis Ave., Billings, Mont. 59106.

# Richard Hal Tormey

BILLINGS GAZETTE

MAR 16 2002

WORDEN — Richard Hal Tormey, 71, of Worden, passed away Thursday morning, March 14, 2002, at the St. Vincent Healthcare, following a battle with cancer.

He was born Sept. 21, 1930, in Colorado, to Vernon (Boon) and Virgie Tormey. He grew up in Alt, Colo., and then later moved to Moorcroft, Wyo., in 1954, where he met his wife, Vera Goetring-



**MR. TORMEY**

er. He went to

work for CB&Q Railroad, which later was taken over by BN, from which he retired 32 years later.

He enjoyed hunting, playing pool and spending time with his grandchildren and children. Most of all, he loved to camp and fish in the Big Horn Mountains, surrounded by his loving friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents; daughter Dorothy Crusch; and son Roger Tormey. Also, he was preceded in death by his beloved companion, Arleda Marcher.

Surviving relatives are his sisters, Ray Wallings of Burns, Wyo., and Majel Anderson of Casper, Wyo.; and his brother, Delbert Tormey of Midland,

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Texas; step-grandchildren, Debbie Castro of Chandler, Ariz., Gordon Marcher of Billings, Cindy McCade of Worden, and her children Erica, Felicia Anderson and C.J. McCade. Other grandchildren are Lenore Hubble, Joe Terry of Gillette, Wyo., D.R. Terry of Texas, Kelsey Leegard and Corbin Leegard of Gillette, Wyo. Also included are his great-grandchildren, Stetson and Tyler Terry.

Memorial services will be held at the Worden VFW Hall at 3 p.m. Saturday, March 16. Cremation has taken place. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Worden VFW Auxiliary or the charity of choice. Smith Downtown Chapel in charge of arrangements.

# Keith Torney

# BILLINGS GAZETTE

AUG - 9 2002

Keith Torney, born Aug. 16, 1937, died Aug. 6, 2002, of a coronary attack while doing what he loved — hiking in the mountains.

Keith was born in Kellogg, Idaho, to Emmett and Mildred Torney. He attended local schools in Kellogg and after graduating from Stanford University in 1959, volun-



**KEITH  
TORNEY**

teered for projects in the Philippines, Japan and Hong Kong, sponsored by the World Council of Churches.

In 1962, he earned a bachelor of divinity degree from Chicago Theological Seminary, which later awarded him an honorary doctorate in recognition of his outstanding pastoral leadership. In his professional career, he served a mission church in the Pilsen neighborhood of Chicago and a Japanese American Church, also in Chicago. For 18 years, he was the senior pastor of the First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, in Naperville, Ill. In Billings, he was senior pastor of the First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ; and later served as interim pastor at

Mayflower, United Church of Christ.

While in Chicago, he sat on the board of directors of the Evangelical Health Services and the Chicago Theological Seminary. In Billings, he served on the Board of Trustees of Rocky Mountain College, and the executive boards of the Billings Food Bank and the Montana Association of Churches. He was also a hospice volunteer and had recently joined the Kiwanis Club.

He received the Deaconess Foundation "Friends of Billings" Award and the national Roger A. Joseph Prize for his courageous response to the white supremacist events that rocked the Billings community in 1993.

Keith will long be remembered for his extraordinary sense of caring, his quick wit and his all-encompassing love of life and of all God's people. He lived life to the fullest. He loved growing flowers, hiking trails, enter-



aining friends, shopping for bargains, traveling the world, playing with his grandchildren and spending time at his cabin in Red Lodge.

He was husband to Pat; father to Kathy Lynch (husband Jerry), Liz Welsh (husband Tim) and Susan Torney; stepfather to Geoffrey Matson (wife Melissa) and Roger Matson; grandfather to Erin, Maggie, William, Nicole, Hannah and Gabriel; and son-in-law to Harvey and Mary Lou Kling. He was also pastor and friend to countless people.

A celebration of his life will be held at the First Congregational Church, United Church of Church, at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 10, followed by a lunch. Because he loved flowers, friends are asked to bring flowers from their garden to the service. Donations in his memory can be made to the charity of one's choice or any of the following groups:

The Keith Torney Scholarship Fund for Sons and Daughters of Pastors in the Montana and Northern Wyoming Conference, 2016 Alderson Ave., Billings, MT 59102;

The Heifer Project; PO Box 8058; Little Rock; AR 72203;

Big Sky Hospice, 123 S. 27th; Billings, MT 59101;

Messiah Festival Committee for the Northern Rockies Cancer Center; 1041 N. 29th St.; Billings, MT 59101

As Keith himself once wrote, "One of the most wonderful things about being a minister is that you meet so many people on the road. One of the hardest things is saying goodbye to them. And one of the loveliest things is the sharing that goes on between the hello and the goodbye." So we say goodbye, and we remember the loveliest parts.

## **Christian H. Torseth**

LEWISTOWN — Christian H. Torseth, 89, died Monday, Jan. 7, 2002, at the Central Montana Skilled Nursing Center.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 10, at Zion Lutheran Church. Cremation has taken place. Creel Funeral Home of Lewistown is in charge.

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**JAN 08 2002**

AUG 28 2002

**HARDIN** — Walter L. Torske, 59, of Hardin passed away Monday afternoon, Aug. 26, 2002, in the Big Horn County Memorial Hospital following a dignified, courageous struggle with cancer.

He was born July 30, 1943 in Hardin, a son of Walter C. and Rose Spetz Torske. He was raised and educated in Hardin and later attended Northern Montana College. On Oct. 6, 1979, he married Mary Harriet in Buffalo, Wyo., and the couple made their home on the family ranch southwest of Hardin.

His parents and two infant brothers preceded Walt in death.

Survivors include his wife, Mary; two daughters, Jeanne and Jamie and a son, Lyle, all of the family ranch; his brother, Darrel of Hardin; a sister, Kathryn and her husband, Jan Nielsen of Norway; his stepmother, Margaret Torske of Hardin; his step-brothers, Paul and his wife Myrna Miller and Wade and his wife Joan Miller of Lodge Grass and two nieces Ann Mari and Liv Nielsen of Norway.

Walt was a member of the First American Lutheran Church, Big Horn Stockgrowers Association and the Montana Wheat Growers Association.

He was a lifelong farmer and widely respected stockman. Walt searched for the perfect Hereford bull to go with his cows. A good

quarter horse brought him especially colts. He spent countless hours farming, trying to raise a bumper wheat crop, but calving season and seeding wheat were the special times of the year for him. He passionately watched his kids as they participated in sports including volleyball, softball, football, wrestling and baseball. He enjoyed a good game of bridge, pinochle and reading a good book. His soft-spoken manner and sharp wit will be sorely missed.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday in the First American Lutheran Church. Viewing will be held Wednesday in the Bullis Funeral Chapel. Interment will follow in the Fairview Cemetery. Bullis Mortuary of Hardin has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Should friends desire, memorial contributions may be made to the Big Horn Memorial Hospital Foundation, Big Horn County Museum or Big Horn 4-H Scholarship Fund.

The family would like to publicly thank Dr. Carol Greimann, Dr. Gary Ostahowski the nurses and staff at Big Horn County Memorial Hospital, Dr. Fred McMurry, Dr. Ben Marchello and Dr. John Terry and their staff for their kindness and care of Walt during his long illness.

## Helen Elizabeth Toulouse

BILLINGS GAZETTE  
NOV 28 2002

DUNDEE, Ore. — Helen Elizabeth Toulouse died at home and surrounded by family on Nov. 22, 2002; she was 83.

Helen Elizabeth Toulouse was born on Dec. 27, 1918, in Glendive, Mont. After graduating high school two years early, she moved to Billings, Mont., where she lived, worked and raised her children. She married her husband of 40 years and the father of her children, William Walter "Duke" Randall, in 1940; he died in 1980. She had a second happy marriage to Frank Toulouse; they married in 1983; he died in 1997. In 1999, she moved to live with her daughter in Dundee.

Helen is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Carole and Don Waddell of Dundee; her son, David Randall of Billings; grandchildren Jennifer Webb, Angie Randall, Nicole Leverich, Randy Waddell, Eric Randall and Laurreta Adolph; great-grandchild Elizabeth Webb.

A private family memorial is planned. The family would like to thank their friends, Providence Newberg Hospital social working staff, chaplain Greg Seelender, Dr. Thomas Croy and Legacy Hospice nurses for their exceptional help, understanding and reassurance at a difficult time.

Any memorials or contributions can be made to the Adult Day Services (NEDS) at Providence Newberg Hospital.

## WILHELMINA TOULOUSE

Wilhelmina H. Toulouse, 87, went home to Heaven, March 25, 2002. She died of natural causes. Wilhelmina was born on Nov. 30, 1914, to Henry and Clara (Rickter) Kuhle, in Newton, Kan. When she was a few years old, they homesteaded outside of Broadus.

They moved back to Newton so that she could get a better education. They lived in a three-room sod home that her father built.



**WILHELMINA  
TOULOUSE**

They family moved to Blackwell, Okla., when she was in high school.

Wilhelmina went on to graduate from college and earn her teaching degree.

She taught school around the area until her folks moved back to the ranch. She found a job in Lead, S.D., where she taught for one year.

Wilhelmina moved to Billings in 1943 and taught in the Billings School District at a number of different schools over the years.

She went on to get her master's degree in Education and Administration. She was school principal at North Park School until her retirement in 1976. She

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had taught for 42 years. She was a hardworking professional dedicated to the education of children.

After retiring, she traveled to many countries and around the United States. She also worked at the fair in the school booth for many years.

Wilhelmina met A.A. Toulouse at a dance outside of Roundup, and they married on June 2, 1947, in Miles City.

Wilhelmina was preceded in death by her husband in August 1973; and her parents. She is survived by her stepson and daughter-in-law, Levi and Sally Ann Toulouse; five grandchildren, Anthony Toulouse, Mary Ann Toulouse, Kimberly Shirko, Jennifer Lee and Wilhelmina Schussman, all of Washington; and eight grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Friday, April 5, at 10 a.m., at the Trinity Lutheran Church, 537 Grand Avenue. Burial will be later in the day in Broadus. Memorials may be made to the Church Building Fund. Dahl Funeral Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

## **Evan William Townsend** **'Our Little Man'**

Evan William Townsend was born Aug. 9, 2002, and died 28 days later, on Sept. 9, at Benefis Health Care in Great Falls.

Evan is survived by parents Robert and Amy Townsend of Billings; grandparents Norman and Catherine Evans of Billings, Jeanetta Townsend of Fairmont, W.Va., and William and Kate Townsend of Fairmont, W.Va. In addition, he is survived by great-grandparents Esther Evans of Laurel, Rudolph and Margaret Williams of Billings and Dona Townsend of Fairmont, W.Va. He will also be missed by a brother, Kenneth Stanley Townsend of Fairmont, W.Va.; as well as his uncles, aunt and cousins. His godparents for his brief life were Danny and Kellie Ensey. Evan was preceded in death by several great-grandparents, as well as brother, Trevor James Townsend, who also died as an infant.

Evan's short life was distinguished by his intense struggle to overcome hemangioendothelioma, and to that end he fought for life until the illness overtook him. His brief stay on earth was full of a tenacity that everyone who knew him will remember. His courage and determination will be forever remembered in our hearts. Evan was lovingly cared for by the staff in the neonatal intensive care unit at Benefis Health Care in Great Falls. The family is also grateful for the hospitality they received from the Benefis Gift of Life Program, which housed them for the four weeks of Evan's short life while they stayed with him in Great Falls.

A funeral will be held at Michelotti-Sawyers at 1001 Alderson Avenue in Billings, on Thursday, Sept. 12, at 2 p.m. A private burial will follow.

Memorials in Evan's memory may be sent to the Gift of Life Program at PO Box 7008, Great Falls, MT 59405.

# Charles Tracy

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Charles Tracy, 79, died Thursday, Jan. 24, 2002, at his home.

A private family memorial will be held at a later date. Cremation or Funeral Gallery is in charge.



## **Charlotte Belle Trainer**

RANCH CREEK — Charlotte Bell Trainer, 61, died Tuesday, Jan. 15, 2002 at her home.

Memorial services will be 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 18 in the chapel of Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City. Interment will be at a later date.

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**  
**JAN 16 2002**

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## **Robert Trainer**

**RANCH CREEK —** Robert "Bob" Trainer, 62, of Ranch Creek, died Friday, March 1, 2002, at his home near Volberg.

Visitation will begin Thursday, March 14, at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Friday, March 15, at the Grace Bible Church in Miles City. Interment will be held at a later date.

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## **Gioang Tran**

Gioang Tran, 58, of Billings, died Monday, April 8, 2002, after battling cancer for three years. He was born Sept. 16, 1943, in Trieu Phong, Quang Tri, Vietnam, the son of Phi and Sam Thi Tran. He had eight brothers and sisters.

On May 21, 1969, Gioang was united in marriage to Nghia Vu in Saigon, Vietnam. His family moved to Billings in July of 1992.

Survivors include his wife, Nghia; three children, Cuong Tran, Khanh (Eo) Duong and Thi Tran. He was a loving husband and father; he will be missed greatly.

A vigil service will be 7 p.m. Friday, April 12, at the Dahl Funeral Chapel, Billings. A funeral mass will be celebrated 10 a.m. Saturday, April 13, at St. Patrick's Co-Cathedral. Interment will be in Holy Cross Cemetery.

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## **Virginia Tredway**

**FLATHEAD VALLEY —**  
Virginia (Dart) Tredway, 84, of Flathead Valley, formerly of Miles City, died Tuesday, April 2, 2002.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, April 8, at the Custer County Cemetery. Family and friends will gather at the funeral home at 1:45 p.m. and proceed to the cemetery. Bullis-Graves Memorial Chapel of Miles City is in charge.

## **Jessie Althea Treftz**

**GLENDIVE** — Jessie Althea Treftz, 70, of Glendive, died Sunday, Sept. 8, 2002, at the Glendive Medical Center.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 12, at the Chapel of the Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home in Glendive. Interment will be in the Richey Cemetery in Richey.

## **Mable Trehearne**

CASPER, Wyo. — Mable Trehearne, 102, of Casper, died Sunday, Jan. 27, 2002, at the Shepherd of the Valley Care Center in Casper.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 2, at Adams Funeral Home Chapel in Buffalo. Burial will be in Willow Grove Cemetery.

**BILLINGS GAZETT**

**JAN 30 2002**

# Pauline N. (Roat) Tresner

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**  
**JUL - 8 2002**

**ABSAROKEE** — Pauline N. (Roat) Tresner, 73, of Absarokee, formerly of Red Lodge, passed away Sunday morning, July 7, 2002 in Deaconess Billings Clinic.

Pauline was born in Red Lodge on March 3, 1929, a daughter of Paul and Edith Roat. She was raised and educated in Red Lodge and graduated from Carbon County High School.



**PAULINE  
TRESNER**

On April 19, 1951, she married Charles W. Tresner in Red Lodge. They lived in East Helena until settling in Red Lodge in 1959. After retirement Pauline and Chuck were active members of the Red Lodge/Roberts Senior Citizens. Following her husband's death on March 14, 1998, Pauline moved to Absarokee.

In addition to her husband, Pauline was preceded in death by her parents; her twin brother, Paul Norman Roat; and a grandson, Shane Powell.

Survivors include her four children, Rosella (John) Mellen of Superior and her children, Kimberly, Annette, Charles and Mike; Janice (Roy) Powell of Absarokee and their daughter-in-law Michelle Powell; James E. (Valerie) Tresner of Helena and their children, Tiffany and Jason; and Thomas W. Tresner and companion Colleen of Red Lodge; one sister, Marion Krivtz of Lame Deer and her family; one brother, Jim Roat of Grass Range and his family; her special friend, LaVerna Pilati and her family; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, July 10, in Smith-Olcott Funeral Chapel. Graveside committal services will be held at 4 p.m. Wednesday in the Joliet Cemetery.

Memorials may be given to the Diabetes Association, 3203 Third Ave. N., Billings, MT 59101, or to the charity of one's choice.

## Iverene Mary Triepke

BILLINGS GAZETTE

JUL 30 2002

LEWISTOWN — Iverene Mary Triepke, 90, of Lewistown, died Monday, July 29, 2002, at the Colonial Manor in Whitefish.

Graveside services will be at 3:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 2, at Lewistown City Cemetery. Cloyd Funeral Home of Lewistown is in charge.



## **Joseph Leo Trierweiler**

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**JAN 22 2002**

BUFFALO, Wyo. — Joseph Leo Trierweiler, 90, died Friday, Jan. 18, 2002, at the Johnson County Healthcare Center.

Visitation will be from 1 to 10 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 22, at Adams Funeral Home in Buffalo. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 23, at the Adams Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will be in the Willow Grove Cemetery.

## **Einar C. Tronstad**

AURORA, Colo. — Einar C. Tronstad, 83, of Aurora, formerly of Baker, Mont., died Monday, Aug. 19, 2002, at St. Vincent North Hospital in Colorado.

A prayer service will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 21, at Stevenson Funeral Home in Baker. A funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 22, at American Lutheran Church in Baker. Burial will be in Bonnievale Cemetery.

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**AUG 20 2002**

## **Bernadie Trottier**

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**FEB 20 2002**

CHINOOK — Bernadine "Bunny" Stearns Ellery Trottier, 70, of Chinook, died Sunday, Feb. 17, 2002, at her home.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 23, at the Adams Funeral Home Memorial Chapel in Malta. Cremation will follow services and burial of the ashes will be in the Malta Cemetery.

## **Ben Trucke**

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

*MON, APRIL 27, 2002*

**BIG TIMBER** — Ben Trucke, 89, of Big Timber, died Friday, April 27, 2002, at Pioneer Medical Center.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m., Tuesday, April 30, 2002, at Lowry Funeral Home Chapel. Interment will follow in Mountain View Cemetery. Lowry Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

# Edna Mae (Garcia, Witman) Trujillo

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

Edna Mae Trujillo, 74, of Billings, passed away Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2002, at Billings Health and Rehab Community, after a long illness. She was born Jan. 8, 1928, in Denver, the daughter of Roger and Dora Mae Duran Trujillo. She was raised in Denver and moved to Billings in 1953.



**EDNA  
TRUJILLO**

Edna loved her family and enjoyed her drive outings around Billings, making phone calls to friends and family and attending church services at Little Flower Catholic Church. She enjoyed cooking for the Mexican Barbecues and community affairs.

Survivors include one brother, Dave Trujillo; three sisters, Ida Vasquez, Liz Morales and Dorothy Jimerez, all of Denver; six daughters, Edna Slevira, Donna Clark, Terry Kinman, Janice Barker, Pam (Mike) Schwenk, all of Billings, and Zoe Ann (Kenneth) Cornutt of Alabama; four sons, Steve Garcia, Joe Garcia and Rodney Garcia, all of Billings, Roger (LuAnn) Garcia

of San Diego, Calif.; and a very special adopted son, Len Wittman of the family home; 79 grand- and great-grandchildren.

Viewing Friday, Feb. 15, 6 to 8 p.m. at the Gallery. Funeral Mass will be 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 16, at Little Flower Catholic Church. Interment in Rockvale Cemetery. Potluck reception following at Little Flower Catholic Church. For any information, contact 254-7112. Arrangements were by Cremation or Funeral Gallery. Memorials may be made to the Len Wittman fund at 10 Monroe St., Billings, MT 59101.

# Elmer E. 'Al' Trulock

BILLINGS GAZETTE

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Elmer E. "Al" Trulock passed away July 28, 2002, at the Horizon Hospice Home. His wife and his son were at his side. He was born Jan. 5, 1927, in Laurel, to Ernest Ellis and Myrtle Philbin Trulock. He spent his early years traveling around the Hi-Line, where his father was a lineman for Mountain Bell. They later settled in Billings, where Al graduated from Senior High. In 1944, he entered the U.S. Navy and served during WWII in the South Pacific on the aircraft carrier "Saratoga." After his discharge, he returned to Billings and married Dorothy Leseman on March 24, 1951, at the First Baptist Church.



**ELMER  
TRULOCK**

Elmer has had various occupations throughout his life, building two custom homes. In 1961, he enrolled at Eastern Montana College, where he graduated after three years, with honors. He had worked full time at the Post Office downtown while attending college.

During the summer of 1964, he went to work for the National Park Service as a park ranger, at

Yellowstone National Park; from there, his career took him to Lake Mead Recreation Area, Boulder, Nev.; Lake Mohave, Ariz.; Glen Canyon National Recreation Area, Lake Powell, Utah; Mount Rainier National Park, Wash.; Big Bend National Park, Texas; Glacier National Park, Mont.; and Natural Bridges National Monument, Urah. He then transferred to Denver to work in the regional offices for the National Park Service. In 1983, he retired and moved back to Billings.

Elmer enjoyed camping, fishing, hunting and arrowhead searching with his family. He was a member of the Pryor Mountain Masonic Lodge, York Rite Bodies and Al Bedoo Shrine. He was also a member of the American Legion.

Survivors include his wife Dorothy; one son, Bill; and two granddaughters, Elizabeth (Mike) Kammer of Seattle and Barbara (Mike) Kleiber of Portland, Ore.

Funeral service will be 1 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 1, at Cremation or Funeral Gallery, Eighth and St. Johns. Interment will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens. Memorials may be made to the Big Sky Hospice, Box 35033, Billings, MT 59107, or the Horizon Hospice Home, 1019 Neptune Boulevard, Billings, MT 59105 or to the charity of choice.

## **Marilynn M. (Evans) Truscott**

Marilynn M. (Evans) Truscott, 75, died Tuesday, Oct. 15, 2002, at Billings Deaconess Clinic, after a long battle with breast cancer.



**MARILYNN  
TRUSCOTT**

She was born on Oct. 17, 1926, in Glendive, to Martin and Lesa Evans. She was raised on a ranch on Crackerbox Creek and educated in Glendive.

She attended Montana State University, majoring in home economics. She taught school in the Glendive area and married John B. Truscott of Deer Lodge, on Sept. 4, 1950.

Marilynn and Jack made their home in Forsyth, where they lived for over 40 years. They raised three children there.

Marilynn worked at Hallet Minerals, Vananda, Mont., and as the school business clerk in Forsyth for over 25 years.

Upon retirement, she moved to Billings, where she could travel easily and enjoyed playing cards with her numerous friends.

Marilynn is survived by her three children, a son, John B. Truscott and wife Susan of Billings; and two daughters, Jana Truscott Copps and husband Edward T., also of Billings, Doreen Truscott Schwartzenberger and husband, Steve of Longmont, Colo.; three grandchildren, Edward T. Copps, Jr. (Billings), Shevin and Sharee Schwartzenberger of Longmont; her sister, Solveig C. Hess of Glendive; and three cherished nieces and family in Glendive. She has family and friends in Norway as well. Both her parents and her husband preceded her in death.

Cremation has taken place, and a memorial service will be held Friday, Oct. 18, at 2 p.m. at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Billings. Memorials may be made in her name to the Ronald McDonald House or the Susan G. Koman Breast Cancer Foundation.

## **Lorraine Trythall**

Lorraine Trythall died Saturday, Jan. 5, 2002, at West Park Hospital.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 8, at the First Presbyterian Church, 2025 23rd St. in Cody, Wyo. Graveside service and reception to follow. Ballard Funeral Home is in charge.

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**JAN 06 2002**



## Lorraine Trythall

CODY, Wyo. — Longtime Cody resident and grand dame Lorraine Trythall, 86, died Saturday, Jan. 5, 2002, at West Park Hospital. Lorraine, affectionately known to her family as "The General," dressed her troops one last time, snapped one out smartly and roared off to her next mission. What a gal!

Jack thought so and married her in 1937. Jacqueline came along two years later and Duane joined them six years after that. Together, Lorraine and Jack ran The Big Scoop, local hangout for the high school crowd back in the '50s. As long as you behaved yourself, homework assistance, loans, advice and who was dating who became regular fare on the menu.

Lorraine's teaching career spanned 38 years here in Cody. Former students will recall the dread of being put in "ol' lady Trythall's class" because she was mean — she'd make you read. Lorraine was also an active member of the Does, Eastern Star,

Daughters of the Nile and the Eagles. She developed the Lifeline Program here at West Park Hospital and the statewide Car Seats for Kids Program. She made a difference.

The Great Depression had an everlasting impact on this woman who wouldn't dare waste anything — including her time and attention. Even so, she always drove a fine automobile and was spotted more than once shoveling snow in her black minicoat. She always went in style...

Family, however, was indulged. There was no request too small and no sacrifice too great. She saved her very best for us.

So raise your glass and give a toast to a woman of character and principle, a true lady, and our beloved bedrock in this windy little outpost.

Services will be held in Cody at the First Presbyterian Church, Jan. 8, at 2 p.m. Burial at Riverside Cemetery with reception to follow at her home.

## **Bryan Tucker**

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

**MILES CITY —** Bryan Tucker, 96, of Miles City, formerly of Ashland, died Monday, May 13, 2002, at the Holy Rosary Extended Care in Miles City.

Visitation will begin Wednesday, May 15, at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City, with vigil services at 6 p.m. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, May 16, at the St. Labre Mission in Ashland. Rite of committal will follow in the Willow Crossing Cemetery in Ashland.

# Della Tucker

Precious in the sight of the Lord.  
Is the death of his saints....Psalm  
116:15.

MAY 09 2002  
BILLINGS GAZETTE

Della caused heaven to rejoice May 8, 2002. She was born Oct. 3, 1943, in Bell, Calif., the third of three children born to parents, Clyde and Kathryn Miller. At 2 years of age, the family returned to Hysam, where they lived on



DELLA TUCKER

Sarpy Creek until 1954, when they moved to Billings. She graduated from Billings Senior High School in 1961 and Billings Business College in 1962. She was employed by Dunn and Bradstreet and later with Interstate Distributing. In 1965, she married Jon E. Tucker and they had three children, Edward, Sandra and Melissa.

Della loved her family and was a devoted wife and mother. Her talents were many, including gardening, sewing, crocheting and oil painting, of which she won awards at local fairs. Reading the Bible daily was her strength. Her faith and love of the Lord is what carried her and her family through the past many months as she gallantly fought cancer.

Della is survived by her hus-

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band of 37 years, Jon; their son, First Sergeant Edward Tucker of El Paso, Texas; and daughters, Sandra Vannoy and her husband William of Billings and Melissa Tucker of Boise, Idaho; and six grandchildren, David, Matthew and Kathryn Tucker of Mainz, Germany, and Jacob, Joshua and Jared Vannoy of Billings. Survivors include her brother Everett Miller and his wife, Linda; her sister, Susan Watts and husband Gerald; and a special nephew and niece, Tom and Dana Miller, all of Billings. She was preceded in death by her parents; and grandson Daniel Tucker.

Della and her family would like to thank Dr. Cobb, his staff, Dr. Lamb, Dr. Soriya and the many others involved in her care, plus Lori of Big Sky Hospice and Joyce. Also a special thanks to Pastor Lynn Howe and his wife Peggy, of West Side Baptist Church and the many friends who gave generously of their time, love, and prayers.

Della will be missed by all who knew and loved her but we know that someday we shall all be reunited for an eternity in a world free of pain, tears and sorrow. That is our hope in our savior, Christ Jesus.

Cremation has taken place and memorial services will be held 1 p.m. Saturday, May 18, at West

Side Baptist Church, 323 South  
32nd Street West, followed with  
burial in Yellowstone Valley  
Memorial Park. has  
Michelotti-Sawyers  
charge of arrangements.

## **Louise Tucker**

**JUN 30 2002**

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**MILES CITY — Louise Tucker, 78, died Friday, June 28, 2002, at the Holy Rosary Health Center in Miles City.**

**Visitation will be Monday. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. on Tuesday in the chapel of the funeral home. Interment will be at a later date in the family lot in the Custer County Cemetery. Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home of Miles City is in charge.**

**APR 16 2002****Luella Hanson Tucker**

**LODGE POLE —** Luella Hanson Tucker, 80, died April 10, 2002.

Wake services will be at 4 p.m. Tuesday, April 16, at the Medicine Bear Lodge in Lodge Pole. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, April 17, at the Medicine Bear Lodge. Burial will follow in the Lodge Pole Cemetery. Edwards Funeral Home of Chinook is in charge.

## **Richard Othell Tucker**

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

*APRIL 26, 2002*

GILLETTE, Wyo. — Richard Othell Tucker, 69, of Gillette, died Tuesday, April 23, 2002, at the Campbell County Memorial Hospital.

At his request, no services are planned. Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home of Gillette is in charge.

# Roy Tucker

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Roy passed away April 6, 2002, at St. Vincent Hospital. His children were with him when he passed away.



**ROY TUCKER**

He was born Jan. 3, 1936, the son of LeRoy Donald Benoit and Elaine Caroline Overseth in Pierre, S.D. He spent many of his days with his grandfather, Oscar Overseth,

whom he dearly loved.

He went to school in Mobridge, S.D., as a young boy, and later in Billings.

He married Delores Blotsky, May 28, 1955.

He rodeoed in the '50s and '60s, riding bareback and bulls. He won several championships.

He was well known as an artist and saddle maker. He worked for Connolly Saddlery and then had his own shop. He enjoyed making saddles and belts.

He was preceded in death by his mother, father, stepfather and infant brother.

He is survived by his children, Alvin Tucker; Deborah (Steve) Smith, grandchildren, Stephanie and Justin; Michelle Howard, grandchildren, Angela and Joshua, great-grandchildren,

Anthony, Alicia, Justice and Julia; Renee Tucker, grandchildren, Adam, Amanda and Kaycee; Zana Williams, grandchildren, Samantha and Sydney; Denise (Rick) Williams, grandchildren, Matt and Katie. He is also survived by his former wife, Delores Huschka.

Cremation took place at Smith's Funeral Home in Billings.



# Gloria Cecelia Farthing Roth Tudor

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**AUG 12 2002**

Gloria Cecelia Farthing Roth Tudor, 73, Billings passed away on Friday afternoon, Aug. 9, 2002, at Deaconess Billings Clinic after complications of a long illness.

Gloria was born on Dec. 12, 1928 in Dazy, N.D. She was the daughter of Merrill and John Roth. After moving to Montana, she completed her education then traveled around Montana working numerous jobs. Gloria married Jack Tudor on July 10, 1954 in Columbia Falls. Soon after their marriage, they moved to Great Falls, where she raised her family. Throughout those years, she worked at several jobs, including the Liberty Hat Shop, Gordon's Restaurant and Waters Rest Home. In 1993, after retiring, she moved to Billings where she enjoyed crocheting, reading the Bible and especially enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren.



**GLORIA  
TUDOR**

She was preceded in death by her four brothers, Bob Holland, Almer Holland, Merrill Holland and Herbert Wigen; her two sisters, Joyce Hugh and Mildred Laun; her husband, Jack M. Tudor; one son, John L. Tudor; and one daughter, Bonnie Farthing.

Gloria is survived by her four children, Owen Tudor and Diana Stidham, both of Great Falls and Charrisse Tudor and Roetta Moore both of Billings; her three sisters, Lucille Pratt of Jerome, Idaho, Mary Lou Best of Kalispell, Idaho; 15 grandchildren and one great-grandson.

She is deeply loved and will be greatly missed.

Graveside services will be 1:30 p.m., Tuesday Aug. 13, at Yellowstone Valley Memorial Park. Memorial services and a reception will follow graveside services at 2 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 13 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 2929 Belvedere Dr.

## Kyle L. Tuma

BILLINGS GAZETTE

JUL 14 2002

MALTA — Kyle L. Tuma, 17 years, drowned Friday, July 12, 2002, at the Bear Paw Lake south of Havre. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, July 17, at the Adams Memorial Chapel with burial in the Malta Cemetery. Adams Funeral Home of Malta is in charge of the arrangements.

Survivors include his parents, Lew and Carol Tuma of Malta; brothers Travis and Brandon Tuma of Malta; maternal grandparents, Joyce and Art Mord of Malta, Sharon and Bernard Deshner; paternal grandfather, Miles L. Tuma of Malta. He was preceded in death by his grandparents Mildred Tuma and Kenny Southwick.

Kyle was born on June 7, 1985, at Malta, the son of Lew and Carol (Southwick) Tuma. He was going to be a junior at Malta High School in the fall. Kyle enjoyed playing football, wrestling and track. He also enjoyed hunting, fishing and camping.

## **Pauline Tunnell**

**POWELL, Wyo.** — Pauline Tunnell, 68, died on Friday, June 14, 2002, at the Powell Hospital. Per her wishes, cremation has taken place.

Memorial services will be held at 10 a.m. on Thursday, June 20. Miratsky-Easton Funeral Home is in charge.

**JUN 16 2002**  
**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

## Donald J. Tunnickliff

Donald J. Tunnickliff, 81, of Billings, passed away Friday evening, Nov. 22, 2002, at Eagle Cliff Manor.

The son of John and Sis Tunnickliff, Don was born Dec. 16, 1920, at the family ranch near Roberts. Following his graduation from Roberts High School, he served in the Marine Corps during WWII.



**DONALD  
TUNNICLIFF**

Don married Marian Ekle in Red Lodge, Dec. 5, 1945. They made their home on the family ranch where Don worked rodeo stock with his father and grandfather. In 1948 they moved to Billings where he worked for the Exxon Refinery until retiring in 1978.

Family was always the center of Don's life. They would spend time at their trailer at Camp at the Boulder where he enjoyed the mountains and fishing. In 1990 the family purchased a ranch near Hardin where he would ride horses, herd cows, build corals and fix fence.

Survivors include his wife Marian; daughter Connie Dunn and her husband Robert; and son Darell and his wife Robin, all of

Billings; grandchildren Kaylean Lee and her husband Greg, Lynell Dunn and her two sons, Tyler and Klæe.

Funeral services will be 3 p.m., Tuesday, at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary with interment in Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Memorials may be made to the Red Lodge Home Of Champions Rodeo or the charity of one's choice.

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## **Arjorie Elene Turck**

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**NOV 05 2002**

**LEWISTOWN —** Arjorie Elene (Farnum) Turck, 86, died Friday, Nov. 1, 2002, at a Billings care center.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Nov. 8, at the Creel Funeral Chapel in Lewistown. Interment will be in the Lewistown City Cemetery.

# Arjorie Turck

BILLINGS GAZETTE  
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LEWISTOWN — Arjorie Elene Turck, 86, died Friday, Nov. 1, 2002.

Arjorie was born April 14, 1916, to William and Ruth Farnum. She married John J. Turck on Dec. 21, 1936. Arjorie stayed home with her children until the youngest was well along in school, also raising granddaughter Dannette Ruth.

Arjorie worked in the kitchen at St. Joseph's Hospital in Lewistown, retiring as food service supervisor in 1984. She was an active member at First Baptist Church and later First Christian Church.

Survivors include daughters, Elizabeth (Calvin) Bolton, Joan Mercado; son, Robert Turck; sisters, Leona Warner, Patricia Sonnenberg; 11 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews.

Arjorie was preceded in death by her parents; husband John in 1993; daughter, Karen Lee Stultz in 1986; and great-granddaughter, Crystal Sue Wilber in 1982.

Memorials to the charity of the donor's choice.

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**Keith Ivan Turck**

**HAVRE** — Keith Ivan Turck, 63 years of age, lifelong teacher and school counselor, died Dec. 31, 2001, at his residence, of a presumed heart condition.

Cremation has taken place.

Memorial service is 2 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 3,

at the Van Orsdel United

Methodist Church, with

Pastor Mike Parr and Terry

Dunn co-officiating.

Fellowship to follow

memorial service at Van Orsdel

United Methodist Church location.

Private family interment will

be held at a later date. Memorials

in Keith's honor may be made to

The Havre Lions Club, PO Box

248, Havre, MT 59501; The Havre

High School Athletics Department,

PO Box 7791, Havre, MT 59501;

or to a person's choice. Services and arrangements are under the direction of the Holland and Bonine Funeral Home.



**MR. TURCK**

Keith was born Oct. 8, 1938, to Paul and Lucille M. (Smith) Turck at Havre. Keith's father was employed by the Bureau of Indian Affairs. The family lived in Port Belknap, Browning, Poplar and Crow Agency, and Blackfoot, Idaho. He graduated from

Blackfoot High School in 1956, from MSC in Bozeman in 1960 and from EMC in Billings around 1966. On Aug. 13, 1961, he married Dee Ann Ryder in Billings. To this union, three children were born.

They taught in Bridger, 1961 to 1962. He was a Havre Public Schools counselor from 1962 until his retirement in 1995.

He was an active member of the Havre Lions Club and was secretary of the Havre Lions Club at the time of his death. His hobbies included golf, motorcycles and computers.

He was preceded in death by his father, Paul A. Turck in 1982; his mother, Lucille M. Smith Turck Tyler in 1999; and his twin brother at birth.

He is survived by his wife, Dee Ann Ryder Turck of Havre; sons, Geoffrey Turck of Seattle, Bradley (Mary) Turck of Devil's Lake, N.D., and Jason Turck of Seattle; and two grandchildren, Shelby and Spencer Turck of Devil's Lake.

## **Dr. Raymond Leo Turcotte**

**LAUREL** — Dr. Raymond Leo Turcotte, 83, of Laurel, passed away Sunday Sept. 1, 2002 at his home.

Dr. Turcotte was born to Henry and Rose Turcotte on his family's homestead in Reed Point on Dec. 24, 1918. His family later moved to Rolla, N.D., where he graduated from high

school. He was musically inclined and as a high school sophomore won the North Dakota Music Competition as a cornet soloist. He had a beautiful singing voice and always enjoyed singing at daily Catholic services.



**DR. RAYMOND  
TURCOTTE**

He served in the Army for 4 1/2 years, including 2 1/2 years overseas in the European theatre of World War II. Fighting in two landing battles, he was decorated with a Bronze Star and was a Purple Heart recipient. After the war, he attended Carroll College and graduated from the University of Montana with a degree in bacteriology. From there, he received his doctorate of veterinary medicine from Washington State University in Pullman. He set up his private practice in Laurel and practiced for almost 30 years. In 1963, he became one of the first veterinarians in the country to pilot his own helicopter as part of his veterinary practice.

While in college, he married Margaret Jeane Blotkamp from Billings and they had 12 children; six daughters and six sons. After 27 years of marriage, Jeane passed away in 1986. He married Genevieve Barclay from Laurel in 1987.



Survivors include his wife, Genevieve; his brother Edward of Billings; six sons, Timothy and Dan of Laurel, Patrick of Silt, Colo., Richard of Glenwood Springs, Colo., Kevin of Colorado Springs, Colo., Shawn of Honolulu Hawaii; six daughters, Michelle Turcotte of Seattle, Claudia Rowland of Sacramento, Cheryl Turcotte, Bonnie Banks and Lisa Biscay all in Denver, and Laurel Turcotte of Los Angeles. Ray and Jeane have 21 grandchildren.

Raymond's step-children include Kateri Trimble, John Barclay, Margaret Barclay, Pat Barclay, Mary Duncan, Marcella Wilson, Michele Kinsfater, and 20 step-grandchildren and 16 great-step-grandchildren. He was well loved and will be greatly missed.

Vigil services will be 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 3 at St. Anthony Catholic Church, Laurel. Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Wednesday Sept. 4 at the Church. Interment will be in St. Anthony Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the Church.

Smith Funeral Chapel-Laurel was in charge of arrangements.

# **Russell Douglas Turcotte**

**WILLINGS GAZETTE**

**NOV 16 2002**

HAVRE —Russell Douglas Turcotte, 19, of Havre, formerly of Wolf Point, died July 15, 2002, near Devils Lake, N.D.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, Nov. 18, at the Wolf Point High School Auditorium. Interment will be in Greenwood Cemetery in Wolf Point. Clayton Memorial Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

## **G. Noel Turnbough**

STORY, Wyo. — Noel Turnbough, 76, of Story, died Monday, Feb. 25, 2002, at his home.

Visitation will be from 1 to 10 p.m. Friday, March 1, at Adams Funeral Home in Buffalo. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 2, at the Chapel in Mount Pisgah Cemetery in Gillette. Graveside services will follow.

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

## **Jack James Turner**

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**NOV 18 2002**

**GLENDIVE — Jack J. Turner, 83, of Glendive, died Saturday, Nov. 16, 2002 at St. Vincent Healthcare in Billings**

**Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 23, at Kingdom Hall of Jehovah Witnesses in Glendive. Burial has taken place. Clayton Memorial Chapel is in charge.**

# Jeanne Turnquist

# BILLINGS GAZETTE

FEB 14 2002

Our beloved mother, Jeanne Elizabeth Turnquist, went to be with our Lord on Feb. 13, 2002. Jeanne was born to William and Leonore (Scarborough) Sanderson on Sept. 29, 1919, in Cash, S.D. She had a wonderful childhood growing up in Hettinger, N.D.



**MRS.  
TURNQUIST**

On Sept. 1, 1950, she married Byron A. Turnquist in Baker. They raised their family in Miles City and Billings. For many years, she worked at the Vaughn Ragsdale Store, Juro's and the Western Manor.

Jeanne kept very busy with her crafts, hobbies, fishing and camping. Jeanne and Byron loved their retirement years at Cooney Dam, where their door was always open to their many friends and family.

Jeanne is survived by her three sons, Don Venable of Billings, Roy "Dean" (Earlene) Turnquist of Missoula and William S. (Shawnette) Turnquist of Billings; nine grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; her sister, Marion (Andy) Stolzenburg; sister-in-law, Doris (Don) Winslow; and all her won-

derful nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; son Gary L. Turnquist; and brother Bill Sanderson.

Memorial services will be 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 15, at the Dahl Funeral Chapel. A luncheon will follow in the Dahl Hospitality Room.

# Katherine I. Turnquist

# BILLINGS GAZETTE

# FEB 07 2002

WIBAUX — Katharine I. Turnquist, age 86, of Wibaux, passed away at her home on Tuesday, Feb. 5, 2002.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, Feb. 8, at the Trinity Lutheran Church, with Diane Melbye officiating. Interment will be in the Wibaux Cemetery. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Wibaux is entrusted with the arrangements.

Katharine was born at midnight on Aug. 30, 1915, at Poplar, en route to Minot, N.D., the daughter of Preston Percy and Elise (Bergstrom) Lawrence. She was raised and attended schools in Richey. She also attended Montana State University in Bozeman (then MSC), graduating in 1937 with a teaching degree. Her first teaching position was at Wibaux. When she married in 1940, she was no longer eligible for a teaching contract.

Katharine married Edward Turnquist, a Wibaux resident, on June 22, 1940, in Richey. The couple lived in Baker, Sidney, Richey and back to Wibaux to fit employment circumstances. Upon the death of her husband in 1954, Katharine became a "single mother" (not a popular term at that time) of two small children. He was soon employed as the supervisor of the Wibaux Welfare Department, who need-

ed someone with a college degree. She was thus employed for six years, until an opening appeared on the teaching staff at Wibaux County High School. She reentered the teaching profession in 1960 and held that position until her retirement in 1977.

Upon retirement, Katharine became immediately involved in senior and volunteer activities. She joined Wibaux Senior Citizens and was president and secretary of that local organization at various times. With Action for Eastern Montana, she was privileged to represent the low income citizens of Wibaux County and serve two terms on the governing board. At one of the Action for Eastern Montana's quarterly meetings, Katharine gained some information about county food banks and with the aid of a staff member from Action and a local committee, a local food bank was established and has served our low-income residents ever since.

In 1987, Katharine was voted Senior Citizen of the Year for 17 Eastern Montana Counties, and enjoyed an all expense paid trip

to the Annual Governor's Conference. In 1989, she was named Montana Volunteer Of The Year. Also, with many hours of help from Action for Eastern Montana staff, a grant was applied for and approved to add to the meager inventory of Home Health equipment, then under the direction of the local Red Cross.

Katharine was preceded in death by her husband Edward Turnquist; her grandson Justin Burman; and her brother, Harold Lawrence.

Katharine is survived by a son, Larry Ed Turnquist and his wife Noreen of Glendive; two grandsons, Mike Turnquist of Fargo, N.D., and Loren Turnquist and his wife Christa and their three children in Livingston; her daughter, Jean Burman and her husband Joe of Wilbaur; two granddaughters, Janell Dschaak and her husband Tim and their three children of Wilbaur, and Jolene Obrigewitch and her husband Jay and their child of Beach, N.D.; her sister, Edith Schillinger of Circle; and her brother, Mallory Lawrence and his wife Vi of Helena; and numerous nieces and nephews.

## FEB 08 2002

**PRYOR** — Garnet Arvilla Iron Turns Plenty, 35, of Pryor, died of injuries sustained in a one-truck accident near Toluca, Mont., on Thursday, Feb. 7, 2002.



**MRS. TURNS  
PLENTY**

She was born April 20, 1966, in Crow Agency, a daughter of Garland and Monte (Morning) Iron. Her early childhood years were spent growing up in the Fort Smith-St. Xavier Area. At the age of 6 years, she was adopted by John and Carol Bull in Sight and received her education at the Pretty Eagle School and later St. Labre High school. She was an enthusiastic learner who readily made friends. While in school, she actively participated in basketball, cheerleading, track and rodeo club, excelling in all of her endeavors. She was an excellent horsewoman who often roped for her family members during their annual spring branding, as well as participating in the rodeo circuit in barrel racing events. She later worked as a heavy equipment operator.

Garnet was known for her cooking abilities and recently had begun a catering business in

Pryor, serving all types of gatherings. She was a member of the Pryor St. Charles Catholic Mission, Piegan Clan and a child of the Greasy Mouth Clan. During her younger years, she attended the Pentecostal church.

She married Vernon J. Turns Plenty on Sept. 3, 1995, in Billings and the couple made their home in Pryor.

Her parents, Garland and Monte, preceded Garnet in death.

Survivors include her husband, Vernon of Pryor; four daughters, Kristi Iron of Pryor, Lacey Hill of Lodge Grass, Theresa Backbone of Oklahoma and Bernice Shields of Billings; four sons, Tim and Herschel Hill, Jr. of Lodge Grass, Peter Turns Plenty of Crow Agency and Vernon Turns Plenty, Jr. of Pryor; her granddaughter, Allyssia Backbone; her grandmothers, Mae House, Laura Singer and Myrtle Smart Enemy; adopted parents, John and Carol Bull in Sight, Duane and Darlene Bixby; seven brothers, Waylon Iron of Hardin, Donovan Bull in Sight of Ft. Belknap, Travis Iron, John Bull in Sight, III, Randy,



Danny and Darr Three irons of Crow Agency; 17 sisters, Ruby Big Hair, Arethea Hoops, Iva Shane, Cathy Not Afraid and Georgianne Hoops of Crow Agency, Sharon Roehl of Hardin, Michelle Wilson of Lane Deer, Nicole Cadena of Oklahoma, Mary Jane Bird in Ground of Garryowen, Lucy Broken Rope and Wahkuna Bixby of Washington, Roberta Wilson of Billings, Arlene Hawley of Columbus, Willette Bixby of Oregon, Carlotta Half and Anita Bixby of Hardin; eight adopted brothers, Paul Morning, William Bixby, Jr., Arnold Costa, Dan and Greg Half of Crow Agency, Frank Half of Lodge Grass and Ettings Half of Pryor; her special nephews, Jasper Half, Dean and Micah Bull in Sight, Zachery Wilson, Brandon and Reuben Roehl; her aunts, Daisy Bad Bear, Mary Hoops, Clara Bell Hugs, Arvilla Plain Bull, Susie, DeAnn and Sonja Roundface; her uncles, Victor Morning, Sam Hoops, Norman Iron, Gerry Hoops Wilson, Sylvester, Bruce, Edward and Ray Iron and her surviving extended families including the Hugs, Turns Plenty, Morning and Irons.

Rosary will be recited 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 10, in the Bullis Funeral Chapel. Funeral Mass will be celebrated 1 p.m. Monday, Feb. 11, in the Pryor St. Charles Catholic Mission. Interment will

follow in the Turns Plenty Family Cemetery. Bullis Mortuary of Hardin has been entrusted with the arrangements.

**SEP 14 2002**

## **Michael James Tuttle**

**IDAHO FALLS, Idaho —** Michael James "Mike" Tuttle, 23, died Wednesday, Sept. 11, 2002, in Idaho Falls, due to injuries received from an ATV accident.

Memorial Mass will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 21, at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Cody, Wyo. Interment services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, at Mount View Cemetery in Basin, Wyo. Ballard Funeral Home of Cody is in charge.

## **Clara Kay Twedt**

**GLENDIVE** — Clara Kay Twedt, age 79, of Glendive, died on Sunday, Oct. 13, 2002, surrounded by her family, at the Glendive Medical Center in Glendive.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, Oct. 18, in the Chapel



**CLARA  
TWEDT**

of the Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home in Glendive, with Pastor Fred Kanagy officiating. Interment will be in the Dawson County Cemetery in Glendive.

Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Glendive is entrusted with arrangements.

Clara was born May 23, 1923, in Beulah, N.D., the daughter of August and Katie Becker. She was raised and educated in Beulah, N.D. Clara married the love of her life, Morgan Twedt, on Dec. 9, 1950, in Sheridan, Wyo.

Clara's home was always open to her family and friends, where they enjoyed her terrific home cooking, baking and hot coffee. She loved to visit with family and friends, read, work in her garden, and she especially enjoyed playing cards.

Survivors include one daughter, Audrey Miller and her husband Donald of Billings; two sons, Larry LeSueur and his wife Renee of Billings and Dennis Twedt and his wife Stephine of Baker; one sister; Tillie Little Soldier and her husband August of Zap, N.D.; five grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Clara was preceded in death by her parents; five brothers and three sisters.

## GLENDIVE

— John Warner Twedt, age 89, of Glendive, went to be with the Lord on Tuesday, Nov. 26, 2002, in Sidney.



**JOHN TWEDT**

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m.

Saturday, Nov. 30, at Our Savior Lutheran Church, with Pastor James Hageman officiating. Interment will be in the Dawson County Cemetery. Silvernale-Silba Funeral Home of Glendive is entrusted with arrangements.

John was born on Oct. 16, 1913, in Intake, Mont., the son of John K. and Hilda (Syverson) Twedt. He attended country school and quit at a young age to help his mother on the family farm and ranch. John was united in marriage to Marjorie Keysor on July 11, 1951, in Savage. They resided on the family ranch, where John enjoyed farming and ranching. John checked on his herd of Angus cattle every day and took care of them until last summer. John especially enjoyed being with his family. Holidays were a very important part of his life. He was a very dedicated husband, dad, grandfather and great-grandfather. John enjoyed rodeos, cattle sales and baseball games. He

enjoyed watching his grandchildren rodeo, play baseball, football, softball and basketball.

John was preceded in death by his parents; his brothers, Stanley and Glen; his sister, Margaret; and his grandson, Steve Berry.

John is survived by his wife, Marjorie, of Glendive; three daughters, Alice Moss and her husband Keith of Belgrade, Verna Baisch and her husband Jim of Glendive and Vi Berry of Glendive; two sisters, Ruth Prevost and Joy Mitchell, both of Glendive; one brother, Morgan Twedt of Intake; three grandchildren, Troy Lenneman, Amanda Baisch and Jimmy Baisch and the joy of his life for the last two-and-a-half years, his great-granddaughter, Allie Baisch; numerous nieces and nephews.

We will miss a good husband, dad, grandfather and great-grandfather.

# John P. 'Jack' Twichel

NOV 6 2002

MISSOULA — John P. "Jack" Twichel, 75, of Missoula, passed away on Monday, Nov. 4, 2002, at St. Patrick Hospital, of natural causes.

He was born on Aug. 13, 1927, in St. Ignatius, to Mark and Helen (Rampsberger) Twichel.

Jack was raised and educated in St. Ignatius. He enlisted into the U.S. Navy during WWII and served with the Navy Seabees. After returning from the service, Jack married Jean Brison in St. Ignatius on June 1, 1947. He owned and operated his own propane company in Plains, from 1959 to 1967, at which time he sold the company to Cal Gas. Jack continued working for them as a Regional Manager out of Billings, Helena and Spokane, Wash., until his retirement in 1987. Jack and Jean lived in Billings after his retirement until moving to Missoula in 1991.

Jack was a Past Commander of the VFW Post #3596 in Plains and he was a member of Pope John XXIII Catholic Church in Missoula.

Jack was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Harold



**JACK  
TWICHEL**

and Kenneth Twichel; and two sisters, Vivian Young and Marie T. Lee. He is survived by his wife Jean of Missoula; two sons, Brent Twichel and wife Peggy of Laurel, and Michael Twichel and wife Gena of Lakeside, Calif.; one brother, Tom Twichel and wife Marilyn of Helena; four grandchildren, J.D. Twichel of Port Orchard, Wash., Sarah Twichel of Bozeman, Kelly Twichel and Mike Tyler, both of Lakeside, Calif.; and numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated on Thursday, Nov. 7, at 10 a.m. at Pope John XXIII Catholic Church, with burial to follow at Old St. Mary's Cemetery. There will be a reception following the committal services at the church. Funeral arrangements are under the care and direction of Garden City Funeral Home and Crematory.

# Gary Leslie Twiford

# BILLINGS GAZETTE

## JAN 31 2002

TERRY —

Gary Leslie Twiford, age 45, of Terry, passed away on Tuesday, Jan. 29, 2002, at the Prairie County MAF in Terry.



**MR. TWIFORD**

Gary was born Aug. 2, 1956, the son of Ralph and Florence Twiford, in Baker. He grew up in Baker, attending school and graduating from Baker High School. On May 27, 1977, Gary married his love, Phyllis Stauss, in Baker.

He owned and operated the Green Dragon and Loft in Baker until 1987, when they moved to Terry. Gary then owned and operated the Roy Rogers Saloon in Terry until his death.

Gary and Phyllis have three wonderful sons, Brent, Todd and Troy. Gary and his family loved traveling. They often took vacations leading them to different places throughout the years. He loved being with Phyllis and his sons. They were the most important thing to him. Gary was a caring, thoughtful and generous man all of his life. He was the first to lend a hand to anyone that needed it. Throughout his life he made a difference in the lives of everyone around him. Gary is going to be dearly missed by his wife,

sons, the rest of his family and all those who knew him.

Gary is survived by his loving wife of 24 years, Phyllis; his three sons, Brent, Todd and Troy, all of Terry; seven sisters, Dora (Don) Thomas of Plainville, Kan., Donna Donaldson of Baker, Bonnie Twiford of Baker, Joyce (Ed) Glass of Baker, Leila (Ed) Buhite of Portland, Ore., Mary Bell of Evergreen, Ala., Etta (Larry) Hanson of Sidney; and one brother, Gene Twiford of Alabama. Gary was preceded in death by his parents, Ralph and Florence Twiford and one brother, Clyde Twiford.

Visitation will begin Thursday at the chapel in Terry. There will be a prayer service on Thursday, Jan. 31, at 7 p.m. at the Chapel. Funeral services will be held on Friday, Feb. 1, at 11 a.m. at Community Presbyterian Church in Terry. Interment will be held at a later date. Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home of Terry is in charge of the arrangements.

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

## **Albert N. Twomey**

MUSSELSHELL — Albert N. Twomey, 82, died Feb. 2, 2002, at his saddle shop.

Visitation will be from 5-9 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 6, at Wier Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 7, at St. Benedict's Catholic Church in Roundup. Interment will follow at the Musselshell Cemetery.

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**FEB 04 2002**

## Pierre Raymond Two Two

MAY 17 2002  
BILLINGS GAZETTE

**LAME DEER** — Pierre Raymond Two Two, infant son of Lenray Two Two Sr. and Danielle Stevens of Lame Deer passed away May 15, 2002, at his home.

Pierre was born on Nov. 15, 2001, at Crow Agency and named after his grandpas Pierre Ewing and Raymond Two Two. While his life was short, he brought much joy to his family.



**PIERRE  
TWO TWO**

Pierre is survived by his parents; two brothers, Lenray Two Two of Lame Deer and Kalen Kyle Sooktis of Billings; three sisters, Lashon Two Two, Trelyn Two Two, both of Lame Deer, and Taleah Redeagle of Ashland. He is also survived by his grandmas Lavern Ewing of Lame Deer and Ruth Ann Tiger Stevens of Billings; as well as his aunt Sandra Little Whiteman of Billings and his uncle Lionel Stevens.

Funeral services will be on Saturday May 18, at 11 a.m. in the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Lame Deer. Burial will

be in the family cemetery on Muddy Creek near Lame Deer. A wake service will be on Friday, May 17, at 7 p.m. in the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church. Stevenson and Sons Funeral Home of Forsyth is in charge of the arrangements.



## **Clifford E. Tyler**

**MAY 09 2002  
BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**LEWISTOWN — Clifford E. Tyler, 78, of Lewistown, died Wednesday, May 8, 2002, at Valle Vista Manor.**

**Graveside services will be at 3 p.m. Friday, May 10, in the Moore Cemetery. Cloyd Funeral Home of Lewistown is in charge.**

## Jacque L. Tyler

BILLINGS GAZETTE

NOV 12 2002

LAUREL — Jacque L. Tyler died Nov. 9, 2002, at home, after a courageous battle against cancer.

Jacque was born on May 27, 1948, in Thermopolis, Wyo., to Marjorie (Brown) and Martin Johnson.

She attended rural one-room schools and graduated from the eighth grade at Hamilton Dome. She attended high school in Thermopolis, graduating salutatorian of her class. After high school, Jacque attended Billings Business College and worked at several jobs, including reservations clerical work in Yellowstone National Park. After leaving the park service, she became the secretary to the superintendent of the West Yellowstone School District. In 1994, Jacque moved from New Hampshire to Cody, Wyo., to care for her father. At the same time, she was working for Wal-Mart as a cashier.

In 1997, she met the love of her life, Robert H. Tyler. They moved to Laurel and were married in 1999 at the Wedding Chapel on Rock Creek in Red Lodge.

Survivors include her husband, Rob of Laurel; her daughter, Grace (Marc) Desrosiers and granddaughter Megan; son James (Elisha) Quinney, all of Rochester, N.H.; and daughter Jill (Chris) LaGrange of Wellington, New Zealand; a brother, John

(Lianne) Johnson and their children, Lisa, Greg and Gayle.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

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