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**SEP 5 2002****Venita Rae (Carleton)  
Uchtman**

Our mother, Venita Rae (Carleton) Uchtman, left this life early Saturday morning on Aug. 31, 2002, after a heroic battle with pancreatic cancer.

Venita was the daughter of Pete and Nellie Carleton. She was born on Nov. 10, 1945, in Sheridan, Wyo., the youngest of five children. Her father passed away when she was a young child. Eventually, her mother married Dan Eggart, an extraordinary man. They moved to Sarpy Creek, outside of Hardin. Mom spent those years working on the ranch, raising hell with her brothers and attending high school.

She met Lawrence Uchtman and married him in 1963. They had four children — Linda Kay, Lola Kim, Teresa Ann and Leon Kerry. Lawrence worked construction and during those years, they traveled all over the United States. An unfortunate accident took Lawrence from her in 1968. After Lawrence's death, Mom moved back to Hardin. She worked as a bartender to support us.

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UCHTMAN**

She later met and married Marvin Baumgartner. They had two children — Tracy Lee and Darrel Duane. They divorced in 1976.

Mom worked hard, played hard and managed (somehow) to raise all six of us kids. Regardless of what we did, and still do, Mom never gave up on us or stopped showing her love and support.

She worked a variety of jobs, finally choosing a career in the food service industry. Mom was employed at the Gold Dust Casino and took great pride in her work. She truly enjoyed cooking.

Mom had three great loves: her grandchildren, her flowers and the Denver Broncos. All year long, she was involved in her grandchildren's lives and activities. During the spring and summer, it was her flowers. In the fall, it was football — specifically the Denver Broncos. "Mrs. Elway," as her friends affectionately called her, would not miss a single game during the season. A lifelong dream of hers came true when she attended two games — one in Denver and the other in New Orleans.

She is survived by her children, Kim (Paul) Braa, Teresa Uchtman, Kerry (Lynette) Uchtman, Tracy (Brad) Makinen, Darrel (Deann) Baumgartner; 19 grandchildren; three brothers, Robert, Pete and Burdette; one sister, Inez and her many wonderful friends.

Her oldest daughter, Linda and her parents, Nellie, Pete and Dan, preceded mom in death.

Mom believed that we should not mourn for her but instead celebrate her life. Therefore, no formal services will be held. We will hold an informal gathering of her family and friends on Saturday Sept. 7, at the Gold Dust Casino from 2 to 5 p.m.

**Alfred Ueckert**

BEACH, N.D. — Alfred William Herman Ueckert, 93, of Beach, died Wednesday, Sept. 25, 2002, at his home.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday, Sept. 30, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Beach. Interment will follow at the Lutheran Cemetery in Beach. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Beach is in charge.



## Gladys M. Uhas

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Gladys M. Uhas, 93, went home to be with Jesus on Jan. 10, 2002. She died peacefully at Valley Health Care Center of natural causes. She was born on March 21, 1908, in Conway, N.D. to Charles and Susan Corey. She was married to her life long companion, Emery Uhas, on March 24, 1934, in Miles City. They were an excellent example of long-term commitment to Christ and to their marriage. After living and working in Miles City for 10 years, they moved to California because Emery had enlisted in the Navy during World War II. They lived in Los Altos, Calif., and were employed in the San Francisco area until retirement.

Gladys and Emery accepted Jesus as their personal Savior more than 50 years ago. The "love of their life" was their ministry activity at First Baptist Church of Los Altos. Gladys was involved in the church library for many years and also assisted in the music program where Emery was actively involved. She began painting after retirement and became an exceptional acrylics and oil painter and sold several paintings in Los Altos. They also traveled extensively during their retirement years. In September 1999, they returned to Montana to be close to their nephews, Roger, Wayne, and Gary Brownson who they visited often during their years in California.

Gladys was preceded in death by her parents, three sisters, and seven brothers. Survivors include her loving husband of 67 years, Emery; a brother, Calvin, of Washougal, Wash. She is also survived by several nieces and nephews including Roger, Wayne, and Gary Brownson. She is also survived by a brother-in-law, T.J. Yuhas of Great Falls, and his four children, Jack, Diana, Patsy, and Kirk.

Memorial services will be held 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 15, at Smith Chapel West. Cremation has taken place and interment will be in Sunset Hills Cemetery in Bozeman. Memorials are suggested to the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, P.O. Box 779, Minneapolis, MN 55440-0779 or to Clydehurst Christian Ranch, 802 N. 27th Street, Billings, MT 59101.

# Chancey Ulmer

June 8, 1972 — Aug. 8, 2002

To the Gypsy  
 That remains  
 She faces freedom  
 with a little fear,  
 well I have no fear,  
 I have only love  
 and if I was a child  
 and the child was enough,  
 enough for me to love.  
 She is dancing away from you  
 now

she was just a wish  
 and her memory is all that is  
 left for you now

you see your gypsy...  
 I still see your bright eyes  
 and I've always loved you  
 and it all comes down to you....  
 — Stevie Nicks

POWELL, Wyo. — Chancey was taken tragically by a car accident on Aug. 8, 2002. She left behind her family in Powell: Dad, John; Mom, Norma; and her sister, Alex. She also leaves behind her extended family in Billings, whose lives she touched for the past nine years: J.D. Peters, Jonnie Peters, Eddie and Sarah Peters and boys.



**CHANCEY  
 ULMER**

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Terri and Walker Peters, Hyram and Cecelia Peters, Trina Blue Earth and her faithful dog, Kilia.

She showered her love unto us and to animals and we will deeply miss her.

Services are pending.

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# Chancey DeeAnn Ulmer

POWELL, Wyo. — Chancey DeeAnn Ulmer, age 30, passed away due to a traffic accident on Thursday, Aug. 8, 2002.

She was born on June 8, 1972, in Billings to John F. And Norma Jean (Shipman) Ulmer. She had a great love and compassion for animals. She loved being outdoors, arrowhead and rock hunting and cliff diving. She is survived by her mother, Normal Jean Herd; father and step-mother, John and Myrna Ulmer; sister Alexa Jean Herd, all of Powell; and numerous other family members.

Visitation will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. on Monday evening at the Miratsky-Easton Funeral Home. Funeral Services will be held at 10 a.m. on Tuesday at the Park County Fairground Multi-Purpose Room in Powell. Burial will follow in Crown Hill Cemetery.

## Merlin A. Ulrich

Merlin A. Ulrich, 84, of Billings, went to be with the Lord on March 3, 2002, at Valley Health Care Center.

Merlin was born in Hysham on April 18, 1917, the son of Peter and Lena Ulrich. He was raised and educated in Illinois. He married Lucille H. Bright on Nov. 10, 1935 at Sparlin, Ill. She preceded him in death in 1995.

Merlin worked in construction and they lived in Illinois, Pennsylvania, South Carolina and Oklahoma. They moved to Billings in 1974.

Merlin is survived by four daughters, Merlene (Robert) Tracy of Ohio, Barbara (Larry) Rumsey of Michigan, Carol (Mike) Coughlin of Fromberg and Patti (Gary) Sallee of Billings; two sons, Merlin B. (Twila) Ulrich of Pennsylvania and William (Wendy) Ulrich of Minnesota; 18 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren. He is also survived by two sisters: Opal Gries and Lillie Hauter, both of Illinois. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Erma; six brothers and four sisters.



**MR. ULRICH**

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**MAR 05 2002**

Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Thursday, March 7, at Smith's Downtown Funeral Chapel in Billings. Interment will be at Mountview Cemetery. The family will greet friends between 7 and 9 p.m. Wednesday, March 6, at the chapel.

# Kathryn 'Kay' F. Ulrickson

Kay Ulrickson, 85, of Billings, passed away Jan. 17, 2002, at St. Vincent Hospital, after several months of illness and failing health.

She was born on Oct. 23, 1916, in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, a daughter to Ira and Kathryn (Moffat) Olmstead. The family moved to Denver in 1920, and Kay graduated from Cathedral High School in Denver. She worked as a secretary for St. Philomena's Parish, Cassidy Hicks Wallpaper Co., Doer Co., Inc., Rio Grande Western Railroad, McKesson & Robbins, General Mills and Mountain States Telephone and Telegraph.

Kay married George Washington Ulrickson on Nov. 15, 1941, in Denver. Following their marriage, they moved to Orange, Texas, during WWI, where her husband welded warships for the U.S. Navy. In 1944, they moved to Laramie, Wyo., and then to Billings in the winter of 1948. While in Billings, she worked for H&R Block as a consultant and receptionist for several years. In 1970, she began working for Billings Central Catholic High



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School. In 1978, she became secretary for St. Bernard's Parish, retiring on Sept. 15, 1985.

Kay was a humble woman with a happy disposition, a hearty laugh and a very generous heart. She lived her faith every day, offering a warm smile, an open heart and home, and lots of prayers to those in need. Through her strength of compassion, she taught us how to be good parents, teachers and friends. She had a gift for making people feel welcome, wanted and loved unconditionally. Ever thankful for help she received, she ended each conversation with "God Bless You." Mom, He did bless us with you!

Kay was very active in her Catholic faith. She was a member of Secular Franciscan Order, serving as president, secretary and director of vocations. She was also a member of Council of Catholic Women, serving as president, vice president and secretary; Catholic Daughters of America, serving as secretary; and St. Christopher's Circle, serving as president, vice president and secretary.

Kay was preceded in death by her husband, George; her son, Jack; and her sister, Marie Walker. She is survived by her children,

her four sons, William (Phyllis) of Lambert, Joseph (Shelley) and Jim, both of Billings, and George (Karen) of Edgar; her five daughters, Mary (Jim) Brady of Malta, Frances (Jim) Michael of Missoula, Dorothy (Joe) Joyce, Kathy (Jim) Robins and Aggie (Pete) Bimney, all of Billings; her daughter-in-law, Ginny Erickson of Wolf Point; 27 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. She will be missed by many who thought of her as "Grandma."

The family wishes to express their sincere gratitude to Drs. Frank Michels, Eric Drugman, Douglas Roane, James McMeekin, the nursing staff and pastoral team at St. Vincent Hospital and the paramedics who came to her aid.

Vigil service will be held at 6 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 20, at St. Bernard's Parish. Funeral Mass will be offered at 10 a.m. Monday, Jan. 21, at St. Bernard's Parish. Rite of Committal will be at Holy Cross Cemetery. Memorials may be made to St. Bernard's Parish, 226 Wicks Lane, Billings, MT 59105. Micheliotti-Sawyers Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

# Carl Umland

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~~WILLIAMS GAZETTE~~

COLUMBUS — Carl Stanley Umland was born on March 20, 1909, to Barthold and Emma (Cleveland) Umland on the family ranch located west of Luther, in the area called Upper Butcher Creek. He has been living in Beartooth Manor in Columbus for the past four years, where he passed away Sunday, June 16, 2002.

Carl attended Upper Butcher Creek School and high school in Red Lodge.

Carl worked for the Great Western Sugar Company for about 10 years; then worked as a sheet metal worker in Billings for about 35 years. He was the first person in Montana to receive retirement benefits from a newly formed Sheet Metal Worker's Union.

He was a member of the First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and a member of the Al Bedoo Shrine for over 60 years. He was a lifetime donor to the Shriner's Crippled Children's Hospital in Spokane.

Carl is preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Elizabeth Marie (Harvey) Umland; his brothers, Charles B. and Elmer R. Umland; a stepbrother, Louis Yates; and a sister, Dorothy Burns-Edwards. His survivors include a brother, John A. (Barbara) Umland of

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Absarokee; his daughter, Shirlee (Roger) Hecker of Billings; a son, Charles W. (Joy) Umland of Barrie, Ontario, Canada; a son, Ronald C. Umland of Billings; grandchildren, David Hecker of Lincoln, Neb., Steffanie (Paul) Recanzone of Sandy, Utah, Denise (Keith) Demming of Toronto, Canada, Mark (Lara) Umland of Toronto, Canada, Angela Valdez of Salt Lake City; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Cremation has taken place and a private memorial will take place at a later date. His ashes will be placed next to his wife in the Umland family plot in Red Lodge.

Memorials should be sent to the charity of choice. Smith Funeral Chapel-Laurel and Columbus was in charge.

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## **Jeanette A. Urbach**

Jeanette A. Urbach, 69, of Billings, died Tuesday, March 12, 2002, at St. Vincent Healthcare.

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



## Walter Vern Urbigkit

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THERMOPOLIS, Wyo. — Walter Vern Urbigkit, 50, of Thermopolis, died Friday, May 17, 2002, in his airplane, while returning from Denver to his home in Thermopolis.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, May 24, at the airport hangar in Thermopolis. Cremation has taken place. Mortimore Funeral Home of Thermopolis is in charge.

# Ann Mae (Beck) Urist

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Ann Mae (Beck) Urist, 67, died peacefully at the home of her daughter in Billings, on June 19, 2002, surrounded by family.

Born May 22, 1935, to Ralph and Mae (Campbell) Beck in Morrill, Neb., she was one of five children. They moved to Riverton, Wyo., where she would eventually meet and marry Ellis (Tom) Urist. She followed him to many locations during their first

20 years of marriage as a military spouse. She spent 18 years owning a restaurant with her husband and being a mother figure and mentor to many of the teens who worked for her.



**ANN URIST**

Diagnosed with lung cancer on March 25, 2002. Only 13 days after starting cancer treatment, she suffered a massive stroke on April 21, that left her paralyzed on one side and unable to speak. She chose to fight the disease, always with the hope that she would beat it. The battle wasn't long, and the path seemed especially difficult for her, but she remained courageous. Ann's husband and daughter were able to care for her at home with the help of Big Sky Hospice, but more importantly

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with the love and devotion of her twin sisters-in-law, Patsy (John) Dorman of Thermopolis, Wyo., and Patty (Dennis) Harper of Casper, Wyo. They were here for Ann (and the family) every day and night since April 22.

An avid reader, especially Stephen King novels, Ann also enjoyed Kinkadee art, collecting Beanie Babies and spending time outdoors either traveling or camping and fishing. But two of her most precious treasures were her grandchildren, Christopher and Megan Dillon. The endless hugs and kisses they gave filled her with great joy to her final days. She spent her life taking care of family and loved ones, freely giving what she could and sacrificing whatever was needed. Ann was preceded in death by her parents, brother, and infant son. She is survived by her husband of nearly 46 years (their anniversary would have been June 22) Tom of Thermopolis; son Cory of Nashville; daughter Susan (Mike) Dillon of Billings; and two grandchildren Chris and Megan; brothers Robert (Joan) and Richard (Jeanne); and a sister Sharon.

Our loving wife, mother, grandmother, sister and friend has taken the last journey to be in the loving arms of our Lord. We miss you and love you, and we'll cherish the memories you left with us. Though we may cry tears

of sadness at "our" loss, we also cry tears of joy at "your" triumph. Be with God and those who've gone before, for we are soon to be together again.

Funeral services will be Monday, June 24, at 2 p.m. at the Community Federated Church in Thermopolis, Wyo. Interment

will follow at Monument Hill Cemetery. Mortimore Funeral Home is entrusted with the arrangements. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Big Sky Hospice, or a charity of choice.

**MAR 10 2002****Susie Skurok Uroszek**

**BUFFALO, Wyo. —** Susie Uroszek, 93, died Friday, March 8, 2002, at the Amie Holt Care Center in Buffalo.

Services will be at 10 a.m., Tuesday, March 12, at the St. John's Catholic Church. Graveside services will follow at 1 p.m. in the Sheridan Municipal Cemetery. Friends may donate in Susie's memory to the Holy Name School in Sheridan. Adams Funeral Home is in charge.

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## **Stephen Urs**

**GLASGOW — Stephen Urs, 89, died Saturday, Sept. 7, 2002, at Valley View Nursing Home in Glasgow.**

**Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 12, at Bell Mortuary Chapel in Glasgow. Burial will be in Highland Cemetery in Glasgow.**

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**Dennis Allen Usgaard**

GREYBULL, Wyo. — Dennis Allen Usgaard, 61, of Greybull, died Sunday, March 31, 2002, at West Park Hospital in Cody.

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

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## Susie Vaira

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LAMBERT — Susie Vaira, 64, of Lambert, died Monday, Aug. 12, 2002, in a farm accident.

Susie is survived by her husband and friend of 44 years, Eddy; her nine children, Tammy, Travis, Twyla, Rusty, Brady, Rocky, Quentin, Katrina and Leandra; 12 grandchildren, Keegan, Alyssa, Sabin, Jasmine, Cassandra, Alex, Cody, Talya, Zacharia, Triston, Kelsey and Giovanna; as well as her two brothers, Floyd, Jr. and Robert Whiteman. She is preceded in death by infant grandchild Bryan; and her parents, Floyd and Lilly Whiteman.

Funeral services will be held for Susie Vaira at 10 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 16, at Pella Lutheran Church in Sidney. Interment will be in the Sidney Cemetery under the direction of the Fulkerson Funeral Home of Sidney.



## **Violet M. Valentine**

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**JAN 19 2002**

LEWISTOWN — Violet M. Valentine, 77, died Wednesday, Jan. 16, 2002, at St. Vincent Healthcare in Billings.

Cremation has taken place. At her request, no services will be held. Creel Funeral Home of Lewistown is in charge.

**Dorothy "Dor"**  
**(Etchemendy)**  
**Valgamore**

JUN 30 2002  
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NYE — On Saturday, June 29, 2002, our beloved Dorothy ended her pain and suffering quietly in her home with her family all around her.

Dorothy was born on March 30, 1926, to Martin and Isidora Etchemendy in Buffalo, Wyo. In 1943 she moved to Miles City and graduated from Custer County High School in 1944. After high school she returned to Sheridan, Wyo., and began her career with Mountain Bell Telephone



**DOROTHY VALGAMORE** Company. In July of 1945 she married Bruce Wood. Two of her three children, Doug and Ronda, were born in Sheridan before moving to Forsyth in 1950, where they owned and operated the Lariat Bar. Her third child, Johanna, was born in Miles City in 1952. Lewistown became her home in 1960 where she built, owned and operated the Tastee Freeze. After selling the business in 1964 she resumed her career as a telephone operator with Mountain Bell and transferred to

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Billings in 1968. Being introduced to Dale Valgamore by close friends, they began a friendship and love that led to marriage on May 12, 1972. She retired from Mountain Bell in 1975 and moved to their beautiful home on the Stillwater River in Nye. Dorothy and Dale recently enjoyed a celebration of their 30 wedding anniversary with family and friends.

Dorothy and Dale were partner owners/operators of the Cowboy Bar & Supper Club in Fishtail from October of 1983, and she enjoyed that business until June, 1987. Those four years were among her fondest memories. *She had fallen in love with this beautiful Stillwater country and it's people.* Even after the bar was sold, she sought out the means to continue contact with as many as possible. She spent a summer as a "flag girl" for the Nye/Stillwater Mine highway improvement project and later re-vamped her porch to accommodate Nye's first (and last) exclusive video rental store.

Dorothy's passions were *life itself, her family and friends* and of course her search for the "right" poker machine was a constant work in progress. She enjoyed the trips that she and Dale would take to Ingomar to visit daughter Johnna and her family. The "loop" became an annual trip that took them to Reno, Nev., to visit daughter

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Ronda, and to Henderson, Nev., for son Doug, and their families. That loop also included Oxnard, Calif., to visit Dale's sister and her husband. *She will always be remembered for her sense of humor, her SMILE and the laughter that she believed was a necessary part of life.*

She is survived by her beloved husband and friend, Dale; her three children, a son, Doug Wood (Mickey) of Henderson, Nev., two daughters, Ronda Kerr Stevens (Casey) of Reno, Nev., and Johnna Newman (Howard) of Ingomar; and a brother, John Etchemendy of Miles City; nine grandchildren, Ricci Larsen, Ashlee Newman Ketchum, Chase Wood, Gilean Newman, Matt Kerr, Kael Wood, Megan Kerr, Kristy Stevens and Katie Stevens; and five great-grandchildren, Lindsey, Troi and Tyler Larsen, Zoey Wood, and Casey Ketchum. Plus many loved nieces, nephews and two brother-in-laws, Tom Nevland and Ray Reid of Miles City.

She was preceded in death by her father and mother; her two sisters, Venancia Nevland and Margaret Reid, both of Miles City; and a brother, Johnny D. Etchemendy as an infant.

A Celebration of her Life will be at the Nye Community Church in Nye at 2 p.m., Wednesday, July 3, . Cremation has taken place, and inurnment

will be in the Nye Cemetery. Smith-Olcott Funeral Chapel of Red Lodge is in charge of arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, the family would like any and all donations to go to PEAKS, c/o The Northern Rockies Cancer Center, P.O. Box 369, Billings, MT, 59103; or Big Sky Hospice- Stillwater Team, P.O. Box 1109, Columbus, MT 59019.

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## **Clyde James VanAken**

**JUDITH GAP** — Clyde James VanAken, 50, of Judith Gap, died Tuesday, July 9, 2002.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 13, at Judith Gap Cemetery. Perkins Funeral Home of Harlowton is in charge.

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**Donald Roy Vandall**

WOLF POINT — Donald Roy Vandall, 37, of Wolf Point died on March 31, 2002, at the Deaconess Hospital in Billings, of complications following surgery.

He was born Oct. 18, 1964, in Hardin, the son of the late Erwin "Joe" and Shirley Vandall.

**DONALD  
VANDALL**

He was raised and attended school in Wolf Point, graduating in 1982. Donnie participated in track, basketball and Babe Ruth baseball. He worked as a foreman at A&S Industries for 13 years. He was presently employed at IHS Pharmacy as a Certified Pharmacy Technician for six years.

He married Stephanie Holly Melbourne on Feb. 28, 1992, at the Poplar Catholic Church.

Donnie enjoyed working on cars, visiting friends, fishing at Lodge Grass, working on the computer, and his family.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, his maternal grandfather, and his father Joe.

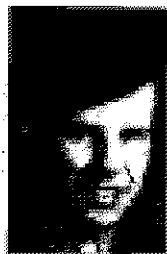
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Survivors include his wife Holly; four sons, James, Marcus and twins Michael and Christopher; his mother Shirley of Wolf Point; one sister Deborah (Mike) Vermette of Vermont; one brother Scott (Andrea) Vandall of Wolf Point; his grandmother Lavone Mason of Lodge Grass; and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

Visitation will be Thursday, April 4, from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. at Clayton Memorial Chapel in Wolf Point. The funeral will be at 10 a.m. on Friday, April 5, at Clayton Memorial Chapel, with Pastor Harry Bighorn, Sr., and Pastor Mike Kauffold officiating. Interment will be in Greenwood Cemetery. Clayton Memorial Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

# Frank A. Vandegenachte

## In loving memory



### MR. VANDEGENACHTE

Frank A. Vandegenachte passed away on Jan. 29, 2002, at the age of 80.

He was born on July 28, 1921, in Billings, to Charles and Mary Vandegenachte. He was raised on a truck farm in Billings Heights.

Frank graduated from Billings High School in 1939. He attended Billings Business College before entering the armed forces in 1942. After discharge from the service, Frank went to work for Yale Oil Co., which later became Exxon. He retired from Exxon at the age of 57.

Frank married his loving wife and sole partner Erma M. DeMeyer on March 18, 1943. He is survived by his wife Erma; daughter Linda; two grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and his twin brother, Charlie E. Vandegenachte and his wife; as well as many nieces and nephews.

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Frank enjoyed woodworking, gardening and being with his family and friends.

A rosary will be held at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary on Thursday, Jan. 31, at 7 p.m. The Funeral Mass will be held at Holy Rosary Church on Friday, Feb. 1, at 12 noon. Interment will be in Salt Lake City, Utah.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the American Cancer Society (Leukemia).

A special thank you to all the nurses on the third floor of the Deaconess Hospital who made Frank's final days so much easier.

Michelotti-Sawyers has charge of arrangements.



# Verna Van Delinder

Verna Van Delinder, 69, of Billings, died of cancer, Wednesday, May 8, 2002, at St. Vincent Medical Center.

She was born May 18, 1932 in Bozeman, one of four children to Vernon and Alice (Chesnut) Jones. Verna was raised in Bozeman and graduated from Bozeman High School in 1950. She attended Montana State University for a short while before meeting her future husband, Dallas Van Delinder. The couple were married in Bozeman on June 30, 1951. Verna and Dallas moved to Billings in 1953, where they raised their three children.

Verna was a professional homemaker; she loved her family dearly and enjoyed taking care of them. Her grandchildren were also a big part of her life. She enjoyed reading, home decorating and spending time in her flower garden.

Verna was preceded in death by her parents and brother Frank.

Verna is survived by her husband Dallas of 51 years; three children, Nancy (Randy) Besel, Curt (Shari) Van Delinder and Steven



**VERNA VAN  
DELINDER**

**MAY 10 2002**  
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A memorial service will be held at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary at 10 a.m. Monday, May 13. Interment will take place at Mountview Cemetery after the memorial service. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Big Sky Hospice, PO Box 35033, Billings MT 59107.

A reception at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church will follow the interment.

(Kimberly) Van Delinder, all of Billings; nine grandchildren; two brothers, Jack (Anita) Jones of Butte, and Dennis Jones of Bozeman; her brother-in-law, George Van Delinder of Belgrade; two sisters-in-law, Betty Kallin of Helena and Mary Skuderna of Rocky Ford, Colo.

**Thelma Sally**

## **Olafson Vandenberg**

Thelma "Sally" Olafson Vandenberg, 89, of Park City, passed away Aug. 17, 2002, at St. John's Lutheran Home in Billings, where she had resided for six years.

Thelma was born May 21, 1913, in Huron, S.D., a daughter of Alfred and Charlotte Olafson. Thelma's family homesteaded in Willard, and then moved to Laurel, where her father was

employed with the Northern Pacific RR. Thelma graduated from Laurel High School in 1932.

On June 7, 1937, she married Dick Vandenberg, who preceded her in death.

Thelma resided in Park City until moving to St. John's in 1996. She was the mother of three children. She was a member of the Park City Methodist Church. She actively volunteered for various functions in Park City where she was noted for her baked beans. Thelma was an excellent cook who always enjoyed preparing for her annual church dinner. She loved to raise flowers and work in her garden. She also enjoyed

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dancing with Papa Dick, sewing, knitting, crocheting and working crossword puzzles. There was never a task she couldn't or wouldn't tackle. Thelma's personality was to tell it like it is.

During her years at St. John's, she was confined to a wheelchair, but this certainly didn't slow her down. She went from one end of St. John's to the other in her chair.

Thelma was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; and a sister, Fern Willis. She is survived by two daughters, Sally (John) Clague and Kay (Marvin) Kappel; and one son Dirk (Jean) Vandenberg; seven grandchildren, Rick (Karen) Tinnes, Gary (Carol) Tinnes, Ronna (Garth) Williams, Shari Kappel, Brad (DeArlyne) Kappel, Julie (Tim) Hert and Dirk Vandenberg; three step-grandchildren, John D. (Cindy) Clague, James (Sherry) Clague, Joe (Christie) Clague; 19 great-grandchildren, Chad, Brea, Brandon, Justin, Kevin, Connor, Shaina, Erin, Jeff, Austin, Alexa,



**THELMA  
VANDENBERG**

Tyler, Taylor, Josh, Nathaniel, Jesse, Jacob, Patrick and Caitlin; two nephews, Wayne Willis and Keith (Helen) Willis.

Services will be held 2 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 21, at Smith Funeral Chapel-Laurel. Interment will be in Park City Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to St. John's Lutheran Nursing Home or Park City Methodist Church.

Thelma's family expresses their thanks for the excellent care she received while living at St. John's.

## Jerry James Vanderpan

**BOZEMAN** — Jerry James Vanderpan, 49, of Bozeman, passed away Oct. 19, 2002, of a sudden heart attack. He was born Dec. 23, 1952, in Scobey, to Gordon and Jonet (Crandell) Vanderpan.

He attended K-4 school in Chester and Eureka and graduated from Baker High School, where he played on the 1970 state championship basketball team.

He received his BA and MA from Western Montana College in education and his school administration endorsement from Montana State University.

For two years, he taught in Darby and then moved to Belgrade in 1980 and became the youngest principal in the state at age 26.

Jerry was a principal for 11 years before becoming assistant superintendent of the Belgrade School District in 1991. After 25 years of school service, he retired in June of 2001.



**JERRY  
VANDERPAN**

Jerry's interests included golfing, skiing, camping, traveling, reading, the movies and being with friends and family. Being from an athletic family, Jerry enjoyed all sports.

The winter of 2001, Jerry and Tracie fulfilled their dream of wintering in Jerry's favorite golfing Mecca of Palm Springs, Calif.

They had plans of spending summers in Bozeman with friends and family and winters in the warmth of Palm Springs meeting fellow snowbirds. Jerry was elated and honored to be a part of the 2002 Salt Lake City Winter Olympics as a volunteer for the downhill race team.

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Jerry is survived by his wife of 12 years, Tracie (Eayrs) Vanderpan of Bozeman; parents, Gordon and Janet Vanderpan of Baker; brothers, Terry (Lisa) Vanderpan of Fort Collins, Colo., Gary Vanderpan of Bozeman and Doug (Laurie) Vanderpan of Worden; sister, Shari (Lennie) Bernes of Molt; numerous nieces and nephews; and cherished friends Monte and Kate Beck of Bozeman and Ron Muri of Billings; and his faithful companion Barclay.

He was preceded in death by his nephew, Lance; and grandparents.

Jerry was loved by many and will be dearly missed by all who knew him.

Cremation has taken place. Celebration of Jerry's life will be Wednesday, Oct. 23, at 4:30 p.m., in the Belgrade High School Auditorium located at 303 N. Hoffman.

Those wishing to honor Jerry's life are encouraged to send contributions to the Jerry Vanderpan Scholarship at First Security Bank, 208 East Main, Bozeman, MT.

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## Maureen Vandersloot

**HARDIN** — Maureen Vandersloot, 72, longtime Hardin resident, passed away Thursday, Sept. 19, 2002, in the Big Horn County Memorial Hospital.

She was born Oct. 14, 1929, in Hardin, a daughter of Clyde and Anna Neilson Dygert. She grew up and received her education in Hardin.

Maureen worked as a waitress at the A & R Cafe and later for the Stockman Cafe. She was known for her efficient service.

She married Anthony "Tony" Vandersloot on Dec. 10, 1977, and the couple made their home in Hardin. Tony died in 1995.

Her parents and twin sisters Eileen and Julia, also preceded Maureen in death.

Survivors include her son Terry Carper of Hardin; four stepchildren, Allison Pederson Robyn Spaulding, Kelly Furgasor and Greg Vandersloot; as well as six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Cremation has taken place at Bullis-Eastern Montana Crematory. Memorial graveside services will be held 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 28, in the Hardin Fairview Cemetery. Bullis Mortuary of Hardin has been entrusted with the arrangements.

# Margaret Bue VanDewerker

BILLINGS GAZETTE

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Margaret Bue VanDewerker, 94, passed away Thursday, Nov. 14, 2002, at Aspen Meadows in Billings. She was born in Fargo, N.D., on Oct. 12, 1908, the daughter of Martin and Christina Olsen Bue.

She was raised in Ladner, S.D., and married Ellef Engen at a young age in Glendive in 1924. After their marriage they lived in Ladner on a farm. Mr. Engen died in 1937. She later married Lawrence VanDewerker in Ekalaka in 1941. They lived in Camp Crook, S.D., where her husband worked on a ranch. He passed away in 1989, and she came to Billings in 1997.

Margaret loved her family and enjoyed baking and cooking. She was a wonderful seamstress and was known for her beautician and hair cut activities. She was very involved in church affairs while living in Camp Crook.

Survivors include four daughters, Edna Matz and Sharon Stein of Billings; Bette Kappel of Laurel and Fran Spoon of Maryland; six sons, Harold (Bella) Engen of Massachusetts, Edgar (Marlene) Engen of California; Ted (Phyllis) VanDewerker of Missoula, Verle (Laurie) VanDewerker of Colstrip, Keith (Bonnie) VanDewerker of California, and Rick (Helen) VanDewerker of Billings; 18 grand-

children; 20 great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Helen (Kenny) Andreason of Minnesota, and Millie Stevenson of California. Margaret was preceded in death by her parents, three sisters, a brother and a grandson.

Memorial will be held at 10 a.m., Wednesday, Nov. 20, at the Community Bible Church in Camp Crook. Inurnment will follow at the Pine View Cemetery. Arrangements were by Cremation or Funeral Gallery.

## Willis Clair Vandiver

BILLINGS GAZETTE

JAN 29 2002

BOZEMAN — Willis Clair Vandiver, 82, of Bozeman, and former director of elementary education in Billings, passed away Saturday, Jan. 26, 2002.

A funeral service will be held 10 a.m. Friday, Feb. 1, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Bozeman Stake Center, 2915 Coulter Drive. Interment to follow services at Sunset Hills Cemetery.

Visitation Thursday, Jan. 31, from 5 to 8 p.m. at Dahl Funeral Chapel (the family will be present to greet friends from 6 to 7 p.m.) and Friday at the church from 9 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.

Memorials may be made to Bozeman Deaconess Hospice, c/o Bozeman Deaconess Foundation, 931 Highland Blvd., Suite 3200, Bozeman, MT 59715 or to the Bozeman Senior Center, 807 N. Tracy Ave., Bozeman, MT, 59715.



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MR. VAN DRIEST

## Gaylord Van Driest

**SHEPHERD** — Gaylord Van Driest, 75, of Shepherd, passed away on Friday, March 1, 2002, at his home.

Gaylord was born on Jan. 18, 1927, 15 miles northeast of Shepherd; the son of Frank and Lena (Carmichael) Van Driest.

In November 1945, Gaylord enlisted in the U.S. Army and served his country honorably in Korea. He received his honorable discharge on Dec. 10, 1946.

Gaylord married Hilda, his sweetie, on Oct. 26, 1953, in Columbus. Gaylord and Hilda celebrated 48 wonderful years together.

Gaylord ranched in the Bull Mountains and the Shepherd area all of his life and worked for 21 years at the Billings Livestock Commission Company.

His life was working his ranch; he was a true cowboy, always ready to help his neighbors' brand, feeding his cattle and closing his gates.

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"We will see you at the gate."

Gaylord is survived by his wife, Hilda; stepdaughter, Faye (Larry) Chace of Portland, Ore.; stepson, Joe (DiAnae) Joines of Oxnard, Calif.; three grandchildren, Sherri (Clint) Shoop, Cindy (Steve) Reinschmidt and Rick (Liz) Swecker; six great-grandchildren and seven great-great-grandchildren.

Gaylord is also survived by his sisters, Nina Harper of Roundup and Dorothy Lansberry of Kalispell and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Doris Craig.

Funeral services will be held 11 a.m., Tuesday, March 5, at Cremation or Funeral Gallery, with cremation to follow. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in Gaylord's name to Emmanuel Lutheran Church of Shepherd, or the Shepherd Volunteer Fire Department.

## **Russell S. Van Eaton**

LEWISTOWN — Russell S. Van Eaton, 91, died Wednesday, July 3, 2002, at the Central Montana Skilled Nursing Center.

At his request, there will be private graveside services in Idaho. Cremation has taken place. Creel Funeral Home of Lewistown is in charge.

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## Jack VanHoesen

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CLYDE PARK — Jack VanHoesen, 59, of Clyde Park, formerly of Bozeman, died Monday, May 27, 2002.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 1, at St. Margaret's Catholic Church in Clyde Park. Franzen-Davis Funeral Home of Livingston is in charge.

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## Vera Frances Vannoy

## BILLINGS GAZETTE

AUG 22 2002

WORLAND, Wyo. — Vera Frances Vannoy, 92, died Aug. 20, 2002, at St. Vincent Healthcare in Billings.

She was born Feb. 11, 1910, in Lyons, Kan., the daughter of Charles Alton and Alice Gertrude (Myers) Miller. Vera was raised on a farm near Lyons. In 1926, her family moved to the Plainview, Texas, area where she met her husband. On Dec. 17, 1927, she married Bentley Carroll "B.C." Vannoy in Plainview. They lived in Plainview until moving to Worland in 1931.

They started Vannoy Roofing Co. in the late 1930s, and she was secretary and bookkeeper for Vannoy Roofing until her husband retired in 1999. She had also worked as a clerk for a number of years at the Merz Bakery, the Ben Franklin store and at the local beanery for several years. The couple moved to the Pioneer Home in Thermopolis in September 1999. Mr. Vannoy died Jan. 20, 2001.

Vera was a member of the Worland Eagles Auxiliary. Her hobbies included doing needlework, playing the piano in the family band and being with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Survivors include her sons Jack C. (Phyllis) Vannoy of Billings, Mont., Martin E. "Gene" Vannoy of Park City, Mont., and James L. (Janie) Vannoy of Franklin, Tenn.; a daughter, Linda F. Humphreys of Worland; a sister, Irene Spadt of Worland; 12 grandchildren, and 22 great-grandchildren.

Visitation is from 9 a.m. Saturday until service time. Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Veile Mortuary Chapel, officiated by Rev. Tim Trippel of Grace Lutheran Church. Burial will be in Riverview Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Foundation, 4910 S. Ash St., Casper, Wyo., 82601-6320.

**JUL 25 2002****Lorraine VanScoik**

**GLENDIVE** — Lorraine VanScoik, 57, of Glendive, died Sunday evening, July 21, 2002, in Deaconess Billings Clinic. She was born on Aug. 6, 1944, in Chicago, a daughter of William and LaVerne Jarm.

Lorraine resided in Glendive, and for the past five years had been employed there as a cashier at Doc & Eddy's Casino. Her life revolved around her grandchildren, whom she dearly loved. She



**LORRAINE  
VanSCOIK**

was a great mother and aunt, and will be dearly missed by all her family and friends. In addition to spending time with her grandchildren, she also enjoyed a variety of needlework.

Survivors include her three children, Richard Lee (Christen) VanScoik, Cheryl Ann (Sam) Walker and Denise Marie (Joel) Waldman; four brothers, William, Henry, James and Edward Jarm; eight grandchildren, Jamie, Jessie, Erica, Aaron, Alexis, Eldorado, Alyssa and Rebecca; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be from 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday, July 25, in Smith-Olcott Funeral Chapel in Red Lodge. Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, July 26, in the Belfry Cemetery at Belfry.

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**Frederick Frank  
Van Steeland, Sr.**

Frederick Frank Van Steeland, Sr., 78, passed away Monday morning, March 4, 2002, at his home in Billings.

Fred was born in Custer, May 12, 1923, to immigrant Belgian parents Ferdinand and Silvia (Vermote) Van Steeland.

The family lived in various places east of Billings and the Shepherd area until 1929, when they purchased their farm. He was educated at Progressive and Pioneer schools and then entered the Army during World

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War II and was honorably discharged in November 1946. He then returned to the family farm and on Sept. 4, 1948, he married Rosemary Yurian in Billings.

Upon his mother's passing, he purchased the family farm in 1970 and remained in the dairy producing business until 1973. He continued to farm, raising hay and grain and also working the sugar campaign at Great Western and Western sugar companies until 1988. In 1997, he sold all his land except the homestead and

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resided there until his death.

Fred and Rosemary enjoyed dancing and participated in the Arthur Murray Dance Studio for 14 years. He served as a director of Midway Drain and was a member of the Elks Lodge, American Legion Club and the Moose Lodge.

Fred is survived by his wife of 53 years, Rosemary; sons Fred, Jr. (Susan) of Cut Bank, Daryl of Billings; a daughter Deborah Ward (Dave) of Spokane, Wash.; grandchildren, Callie, Jeffrey, Amy and Scott Handlin, Janelle, Brian, and Melanie Van Steeland; a great-grandson, Trenton Handlin. He is also survived by sisters Julia Iacopini and Irene Langeliers of Billings, family in Belgium and numerous nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his mother and father; brother Ray Van Steeland; and sisters Rachel Leenknecht and Victoria Kindsvogel.

Grampa Fred was a hard working, kind hearted, devoted family man who was deeply loved and respected. He will be missed by all who knew him.

Visitation begins at 8 a.m. Thursday, March 7, at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary. Vigil services will be held at 10 a.m. and funeral mass at 11 a.m. at Saint Bernard's Catholic Church on Friday March 8. Interment will follow at Mountview Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the charity of one's choice.  
Michelotti-Sawyers has charge of arrangements.



## Maxine Renz Vantine

SANTA CLARA, Calif. — Maxine "Tiny" Renz Vantine, 67, of Santa Clara, formerly of Poplar, Mont., died Thursday, Feb. 14, 2002, from ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease).

An evening prayer service will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 20, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Poplar. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 21, at the LDS Church. Cremation will take place following services. Clayton Memorial Chapel is in charge.

## Eleanor S. Van Valin

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POWELL, Wyo. — Eleanor S. Van Valin, 77, of Powell, died Sunday, Feb. 17, 2002, at her home.

Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 21, at Miratsky-Easton Funeral Home in Powell. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Friday, Feb. 22, at Miratsky-Easton Funeral Home. Cremation will follow the services. A private burial will be held.

**APR 04 2002****Mildred Van Zandt**

**HARDIN — Mildred J. Van Zandt, 100, of Hardin, died Tuesday, April 2, 2002, at the Heritage Acres Nursing Home in Hardin.**

**Services of remembrance will be at 4:30 p.m. Friday, April 5, at the First Congregational Church. Cremation has taken place. Inurnment will be held in Alabama. Bullis Mortuary of Hardin is in charge.**

## Reuben C. Vashler

Our brother Reuben C. Vashler died May 6, 2002, after a long illness of brain cancer.

Reuben was the oldest of four children born to John and Maria (Kessler) Vashler on May 9, 1924. Reuben grew up in Billings, graduating from Senior High School in 1942.



**REUBEN  
VASHLER**

He spent one year in active duty overseas and four years as an active reservist. He worked as a warehouseman in the Billings area and at Cenex refinery. He had a lifelong passion for fishing and golfing, where he made many lifelong friends.

Reuben is survived by his two sisters, Ruth M. Hein and Jeanette J. Wittman; and brother John J. Vashler. Also surviving are nephews and nieces and one aunt. He was preceded in death by his parents John and Maria Vashler, along with many aunts and uncles.

The family wishes to thank Dr. Maheras and Dr. Lamm for their assistance in Reuben's last days, and also the Deaconess hospital staff.

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A funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, May 9, at Cremation or Funeral Gallery on 29 Eighth Street West. Interment will follow at Mountview Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Northern Rockies Cancer Center, 1041 N. 29th St. Billings, MT 59101.

## **Kathryn M. Vaughn**

LEWISTOWN — Kathryn M. Vaughn, 86, of Lewistown, died Sunday, July 7, 2002, at the Central Montana Medical Center.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, July 10, at the Cloyd Funeral Home Chapel. Cremation has taken place.

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**LOREN VECHES**

## **Loren A. Veches**

God took someone special from us on Friday, May 10, 2002 to be with Him in heaven. Loren A. Veches, 85, was born on Jan. 8, 1917, to Joseph and Elsie Veches in Buffalo, Minn. He met and married his very special wife of 59 1/2 years, Esther Weiman. After their marriage of two days, he left and served in the U.S. Army for three years during WWII. They moved to Billings in 1953 where he worked as a mechanic until retirement in 1982. He was an avid fisherman and enjoyed floating the Yellowstone with his special friends.

He's survived by his wife; daughter Lorna (Alvin) Kruse; son Tim (Gaylene) Veches of Billings; grandchildren Mike (Vicki), Jennifer and Danielle Kruse, Tony, Joseph and Rachel Veches; great-grandsons Aaron and Caleb Kruse; and brothers Howard, and twin Vernon.

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He left us to join his parents; sister Louise; brother Harold; grandson Darin; and great-granddaughter Ashlee.

We will always remember you for family fish fries, popping peanuts in your mouth and your hat bill flipped up. Papa we miss you and love you.

Special thanks to the Unit 3 staff of Billings Health and Rehab for making his days brighter and putting a smile on his face.

Vigil services will be at 7p.m. on Monday, May 13, at Holy Rosary Church. The Funeral Mass will be held at 10 a.m., Tuesday. Rite of Committal with military honors will follow at Holy Cross Cemetery.

Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary has charge of arrangements.

**MAR 29 2002****Elizabeth K. Velline**

Elizabeth Kohler Velline, 98, died Monday, March 25, 2002, in Billings.

She was born in North Dakota. Her husband, Oscar, preceded her in death.

Survivors include a daughter Marion (William) Walton; a son, Douglas (Dolores) Velline; 13 grandchildren and 28 great-grandchildren.

Private funeral services will be held. Burial will be in Minnesota.

God hugged this beautiful Mother; she was loved by all who knew her.



## ZELMA G. VELTZ

**HARLOWTON** — Zelma Glendora Veltz, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and aunt, returned home to her Father in Heaven on Nov. 16, 2002, in Harlowton. She was born the ninth child of James and Geneva (Clark) Stone on March 5, 1917, in Comstock, Neb.

Zelma married Richard O'Connell on April 6, 1939, whom she later divorced. She then married George Brandenburg on Nov. 29, 1946. They were married 19 years, until his death May 13, 1967. She later married Joseph Veltz, Dec. 10, 1971.

Zelma enjoyed a happy childhood, surrounded by a large, loving family. Upon graduation from high school, she moved to Omaha. In 1946, she returned to her roots, moving to Arcadia, Neb., where she lived many happy years on the farm, with George and her children. In 1954, they moved to northern Idaho, where they lived until 1958. They eventually settled in Montana, where she remained until her death.

Zelma was an extremely hard worker. She faced difficult times and hardships with great strength and integrity. She had a generous, giving heart. Her greatest treasures were her family and friends. They are what made her "rich."

Zelma was as unique as her name. She will be deeply missed. She is survived by her loving hus-

band, Joseph Veltz, who loved and cared for her for almost 31 years. She is also survived by her four children, Marlene (Bill) Wettstein of Aurora, Ore., Carrie (Ron) Fulgham of Shoreline, Wash., Judy Ferguson of Salt Lake City and Robert (Sandy) O'Connell of Hubbard, Ore.; 13 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews; special friends, Helen Myse and Carol Naasz of Harlowton; two special sisters, Evelyn Tucker of Loup City, Neb., and Doris Gould of Clovis, Calif.

Zelma was preceded in death by numerous family members. She looked forward to a glorious reunion.

Special thanks and appreciation to all those who lovingly cared for Zelma during her long illness.

A memorial service will be held in her honor at Wheatland Memorial Hospital in Harlowton, at a later date. Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. on Nov. 20, at "The Gathering Place" in Arcadia, Neb. Interment will follow at Arcadia City Cemetery, where she will be laid to rest among numerous beloved family members. Memorials may be made to the charity of one's choice. Dahl Funeral Chapel, Billings, is making the arrangements.

## Isla L. Venn

GLENDIVE — Isla L. Venn, 91, died Friday, Feb. 1, 2002, in the Glendive Medical Center.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 5, at Our Savior Lutheran Church. Interment will follow in Dawson Memorial Cemetery. Silvernale-Silha funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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## Carl Venne, Jr.

**CROW AGENCY** — Carl Venne, Jr., 29, of Crow Agency, died of injuries sustained in a one-car rollover accident south of Hardin on Feb. 17, 2002.

He was born Oct. 1, 1972, in Billings, a son of Carl and Edwina Little Light Venne, Sr. He received his education in Hardin and Oklahoma. While in school, he actively participated in basket-



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ball, baseball and was sought after as football quarterback. He attended Little Big Horn College and represented the college on the college rodeo circuit. Carl later attended the

Sage Truck Driving School and upon his graduation, worked as a truck driver for various construction companies on the reservation. He was a hard worker, holding jobs with the Crow Tribe as a carpenter and security guard for the Crow Casino.

Carl was a rodeo person at heart. He parlayed his talents into being named the 1999 Champion Rookie header and Rookie of the Year for the Crow Roping Association. He served as the 2000 Crow Fair racing commissioner and initiated the First Crow Action, featuring Crow-bred racing horses. Traditional

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activities were a strong influence in his life; he was honored as the "pipe carrier" for the Black Lodge District. He was a junior champion arrow thrower for the Black Lodge District as well as being an accomplished war dancer. Every endeavor seemed to come naturally for him.

He was a member of the United Pentecostal Church, Greasy Mouth Clan and a child of the Ties the Bundle Clan.

Survivors include five sons, Eli and Beau Venne of Fort Smith, Casey Dale Venne of Billings, Gregory Venne and Jarvas Pat Big Lake of Crow Agency; his parents, Carl and Edwina Venne, Sr. of Crow Agency; three sisters, April (Michael) He Crow of Hardin, Mallory (Jess) Real Bird of Billings and Zena (Thurlow) BirdinGround of Crow Agency; six adopted brothers, Sheldon (Lori) Fitzpatrick and Harrison Old Elk of Crow Agency, Verdale (Sharon) Collins of Garryowen, Emery White Hip of Lodge Grass, Kyle Little Light of Crow Agency and Barry Wall of New Mexico; adopted sister, Tiffany Little Light of Crow Agency; his grandparents, Ed Little Light of Hardin, Clara Bear Don't Walk of Lodge

Grass and Pius Crooked Arm and Vincent Crooked Arm of Crow Agency; numerous cousins, aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews; his companion for many years, Carrie Hugs; his extended families include most families throughout the reservation.

Funeral Mass will be held 1 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 20, at the St. Dennis Catholic Church Social Room. Interment will follow in the Hardin Fairview Cemetery. Bullis Mortuary has been entrusted with the arrangements.

## Rafael Vera

Rafael Vera, age 80, of Billings, formerly of Miles City, passed away Nov. 15, 2001, at the St. Vincent Healthcare in Billings.

Rafael was born on June 9, 1921, in Apam Hidalgo, Mexico.

He attended a few years of school before moving to the United States at the age of 16, settling in Crystal City, Texas, where he worked as a

farmer. He met Francisca Hernandez and they were married in 1950.

They moved to Hysham, where he worked for area farmers. They later moved to Horton, Mont., where he started working for the Burlington Northern Railroad Section House. They then moved to Miles City in 1967, after the Railroad Section House closed, and he continued to work for the railroad.

He moved to Billings in 1980, where he continued working for the railroad, retiring after 30 years. Rafael resided in Billings until the time of his death.

Rafael enjoyed fishing, rock hunting for agates and gardening.

Rafael is survived by three sons, Michael Vera, Joe Vera and Rafael Vera, Jr.; two daughters;



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Anita Vera and Rosa Vera, all of Miles City; an ex-daughter-in-law, Joyce Vera; three grandchildren, Mariah French, Malloreya Vera and Elais Vera; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; a daughter, Maria Vera; a son, Modesto Vera; ex-wife, Francisca Hernandez Vera.

Memorial service will be held Friday, March 1, at 3 p.m., in the chapel of Stevenson & Sons.

**JAN 29 2002****Marvin L. Verley**

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Marvin L. Verley, 64, of Sheridan, died Saturday, Jan. 26, 2002, at Memorial Hospital of Sheridan County.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 30, at Kane Funeral Home in Sheridan.

## Ray Vernia

MISSOULA — Ray Vernia, 63, of Missoula, formerly of Livingston, passed away on June 3, 2002, at Village Health Care Center in Missoula of emphysema and COPD. He was born on April 9, 1939, in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, the son of Winifred and Paul Vernia.

Ray was raised and educated in Thompson Falls where he played high school football. He joined the National Guard until he was able to join the U.S. Army and served in France. After his honorable discharge, Ray worked construction in Harlowton for a company based in Great Falls. This is where he met his wife-to-be.

Ray married Susan Montana Nilsen, daughter of Walter and Blanche Nilsen, on Sept. 4, 1965, and they had two children, Karol Lynn and Raeann Susan, born in Harlowton.

He then began working for the Milwaukee Road in Harlowton. Ray worked construction and drove truck until his health forced him to retire.

His hobbies included car racing and fishing. His greatest enjoyments were spending time with his children and grandchildren and spending time in the

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mountains. Ray was very devoted to his family. He was more than just a father and grandfather, he was your best friend. Ray was always there to listen and offer advice. He fought long and hard to recover after his stroke, but he lost the battle to his emphysema.

Ray was preceded in death by his parents and a granddaughter. He is survived by his wife Susan of Missoula; two daughters, Karol Hattok and husband Lee of Atchison, Kan., and Raeann Halstead and husband Michael of Lolo; three brothers, Glen, George and Lawrence Albert; three sisters, Dorothy Martin, Mary Frankie and Barbara Pearman; and seven grandchildren, Jessica, Jeffrey and Jamee Hattok, Kendra and Kacee Vernia, and Jessica and Makinze Halstead.

Services will be held on Friday, June 7, at 1 p.m. at Garden City Funeral Home, with a reception following at the home of Raeann and Michael Halstead in Lolo. The family suggests that memorials be made to Community Medical Center or to Village Health Care Center. Arrangements are under the care and direction of Garden City Funeral Home and Crematory.



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## Laura House Vernon

GLASGOW — Laura Elizabeth House Vernon, 83, of Glasgow, died Thursday, March 7, 2002, in Bellevue, Wash.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday, March 19, at Community of Christ Church in Glasgow. Burial will be in Highland Cemetery in Glasgow. Bell Mortuary of Glasgow is in charge.

## Frank Arthur Vesel

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JAN 30 2002

ROUNDUP — Frank Arthur Vesel passed away Jan. 26, 2002, at the Roundup Memorial Nursing Home. He was born Feb. 28, 1913, to Anton and Francis German Vesel.

He attended Roundup High School and graduated in 1931. He attended the University of Montana where he played football. Frank played baseball with Roundup American Legion All Stars team. In 1938, he played on a minor league team in Washington and also had a tryout with the St. Louis Cardinals in 1931.

Frank joined the Army during World War II and was in the 24th Division 34th Infantry, serving in Hawaii and Australia. He received an honorable discharge in 1945 and returned to Roundup to live and work at the family-owned New Elk Cafe until it closed.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his brother Tony; and sister Ann.

Graveside services will be Thursday, Jan. 31, at 11 a.m., at the Roundup City Cemetery, with military honors.

Wier Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

# Lemert L. 'Lem' Viers

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His body said, "It's time for a peaceful passing." Lem was born Nov. 26, 1901, in Blackwell, Oklahoma Territory, the son of T.H.Mc. Viers and Tanie Woodworth Viers.

He married Lela E. Bone on Feb. 3, 1924, in Blackwell. His occupations included building contractor, fruit and vegetable wholesaler; freight trucks owner/operator; grocery owner; and Rubber Stamp Shop owner.



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He moved to Kansas City, Mo., in 1939, and to Big Timber in 1944. While in Big Timber, he worked for Sawyers Grocery before moving to Billings in 1949.

He was owner of the Airway Center Grocery and the Rimrock Foodliner. He worked for Selby Reprint before opening The Rubber Stamp Shop.

He was an active member of the First Christian Church of Billings. He served in many ways for over 50 years of membership. He was a member of Billings Lion Club, AARP, Masons, Camera Club, SCORE, Friendship Force and HOSTS (Help One Student to Succeed). He volunteered at Garfield Elementary School from age 94 to 99. He was honored as

the Volunteer in the Community by the Billings Education Association in 1999.

As a Lion, his volunteer service included preparation of eyeglasses to be distributed by VOSH (Vision Optometric Service to Humanity). He made mission trips to Kenya, Nigeria, Jamaica and Guatemala with VOSH teams while in his 90s.

He enjoyed travel and was always ready for a trip. In addition to the VOSH trips, he visited Thailand and Russia with Friendship Force. Other travel included trips to Hong Kong, Japan, Liberia, Nigeria, a train trip on the Siberian Railway to Lake Bikal, and a cruise through the Panama Canal, where he celebrated his 97th birthday.

Survivors include a sister, Veneta F. Whitmer of Chouteau, Okla.; brother-in-law, Rev. Acie Burgess of Temple Hill, Md.; sons, Lyal and Marilyn Viers of Ridgecrest, Calif., Dr. Wayne and Veda Viers of St. Louis, Mo.; daughters Charles and Joyce Lindberg of Red Lodge, Marcia Seitz of Billings; 13 grandchildren and 30 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Lela; great-grandson

Cody Haynes; sister Ruby Burgess; and brother-in-law Joe Whitmer.

Letter dated Aug. 9, 1967, to Lem, "With much love and may we all prosper until the Lord calls us home." Your father, T.H.Mc. Viers.

He will be remembered for his ability to quote poetry and his habit of sharing "words of wisdom and humor" with clippings from many sources. His hobbies included making doll beds, plant baskets and bookshelves. On Sunday, Jan. 6, 2002, he embarked on the trip for which he had been preparing for 100 years.

Memorial service will be 10:30 a.m. Monday, Jan. 28, at First Christian Church, 522 N. 29th St. Private interment has taken place at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Memorials may be made to First Christian Church or Temple Hills Baptist Camp, Box 23576, Billings, MT 59104-3576.

Smith's Downtown Chapel in charge of arrangements.

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**María de la paz Villegas** BILLINGS GAZETTE

SIDNEY — María de la paz Villegas, 21, of Sidney, formerly of Eagle Pass, Texas, died Sunday, April 14, 2002, at Billings Deaconess Clinic, of cancer.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, May 9, at the Extended Care Chapel in Sidney. Interment was in Sacred Heart Cemetery in Mexico.

Fulkerson Funeral Home of Sidney is in charge of local arrangements.

## **Verlyn Lee Vincent**

GLENDIVE — Verlyn Lee "Red" Vincent, 78, died Friday, Aug. 9, 2002, at the Glendive Medical Center.

A memory service will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 14, at the chapel of the Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home in Glendive. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 15, at the Glendive Alliance Church. Interment will follow in the Dawson Memorial Cemetery in Glendive.

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## **wayne wallace Violet**

Longtime resident of Billings Wayne Violet died at the age of 76 in his home on Tuesday evening, June 11, 2002, after a struggle with cancer.

He was born in Minnesota, the third child of Fred and Esther Violet on May 29, 1926. He married Margaret Robinson on Aug. 14, 1943, in Billings. They had two children.

He is survived by his wife Margaret; son, Allan (Mildred) Violet of Colstrip; daughter, Sherie (Randy) Scharosch of Wheatland, Wyo.; brother Fred (Ev); sister Shirley (Joe) Barth; six grandchildren, Amber (Gary) Ramsey, Allan G. Violet Jr., Toby (Chrystal) Violet, Cory (Tracy) Buechler, Shaya Buechler and Shelby Scharosch; three great-grandchildren, Chelsea Ramsey, Taylor Ramsey and Jayde Violet, and numerous aunts, uncles, nephews, nieces and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters, Lillian and Annie. Wayne will be greatly missed by ALL that knew him.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Monday, June 17, at Cremation and Funeral Gallery at Eighth Street and St. Johns Ave. Following the service, there will be a reception at the Elks at 934 Lewis Ave. Memorials can be sent to the Big Sky Hospice.

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# Arthur W. Visser

JAN 24 2002

**JOLIET**  
Arthur W. "Art" Visser, 81, of Joliet, formerly of Roberts, died early Tuesday morning, Jan. 22, 2002, in Deaconess Billings Clinic.



**MR. VISSER**

Art was born on Oct. 21, 1920, in Three Forks, a son of Clarence and Luella LaRue Visser. He was raised on the family homestead in the Milligan Canyon area near Three Forks.

On Oct. 22, 1942, he married Bertha "Bert" Tillman in Great Falls. Art then served with the U.S. Army in the South Pacific during World War II. Following his honorable discharge, he returned to the homestead where he farmed and ranched. Art and Bert later farmed and ranched in the Harrison and Three Forks areas prior to purchasing a ranch at Roberts in 1968. In 1973, they sold the ranch and moved into Roberts where they operated a laundromat. Art and Bert were later divorced.

On July 28, 1977, Art was married to Mina Rowland in Luther. They moved to Basin, Wyo., where they owned and operated a hotel. Mina died on Sept. 3,

1978. Art returned to Roberts and later settled in Joliet.

Mr. Visser was very proud of his grandchildren and their accomplishments. He greatly enjoyed visiting his friends on a daily basis, and was a member of the American Legion Carbon Post #17 of Red Lodge.

Art was preceded in death by an infant son, Michael; a sister, Jeanette Wright; his first wife, Bert Visser; and his close friend and companion, Marilyn Byrd of Joliet.

Survivors include one daughter, Sandy Obert of Roberts; one son, Doug (Vicki) Visser of Sandpoint, Idaho; one step-daughter, Edna (John) Collins of Roberts; one brother, Dale Visser of Las Vegas; eight grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, three step-grandchildren and five step-great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews. Art is also survived by his loving friend and companion, Arlene Steiger of Joliet.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 26, in Smith-Olcott Funeral Chapel in Red Lodge. Interment will be in the Roberts Cemetery. Memorials may be given to the Joliet Ambulance Service or to a charity of one's choice.



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BILLINGS GAZETTE

## John Vladyka

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — John Vladyka, 85, of Sheridan, died Wednesday, April 24, 2002, at the VA Medical Center in Denver.

Viewing will be from 7 to 5 p.m. Sunday, May 5, at Champion Ferries Funeral Home in Sheridan. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, May 6, at St. Peter's Episcopal Church. Interment will be in the Sheridan Municipal Cemetery.

# Frank G. Vodicka

BILLINGHAM GAZETTE

NOV 09 2012

Frank G. Vodicka, our beloved husband, father, dad, brother, friend, and grampa, passed away Nov. 7 at the Veterans Hospital in Salt Lake City.

He was born Jan. 14, 1948, in Lewistown to Frank Joseph and Jen Vodicka. He was a veteran, serving in Vietnam, Korea and Germany.

He is survived by his wife, Carolyn; children, Stormy Gallagher (Sean), Xerxes Ray, Joyce Patterson (Dan), John Chestnut (Lisa); seven grandchildren; brothers Joe, Ed, Jack, and a sister, Gwen.

Memorial services are at 3 p.m. Nov. 11 at The Vista at Mission Ridge, 3840 Rimrock Road. A reception is at 4 p.m. at the Card Room of the Gold Dust Casino, 1310 W. 15th.

## Frank J. Voeller, Jr.

Frank J. Voeller, Jr., 78, of Billings, passed away peacefully at home on Oct. 22, 2002. He was born on May 19, 1924, in Rugby, N.D., a son to Frank and Helen Voeller, Sr.

Frank was raised in the rural farm home of his parents near Barton, N.D., where he received his education in a country school. He joined the U.S. Navy and served during WWII until his discharge in August 1946.

Frank married Barbara Brossart 55 years ago at the Little Flower Church in Rugby, N.D., on Dec. 30, 1946.

The couple with three small children moved to Billings in January 1952. Frank was employed as an automobile mechanic until he opened his own car repair business in 1970. At the time of his death, he was a member of St. Pius X Church.

Frank was a loving husband, father and grandfather. He enjoyed flowers, auctions, flea markets, polka dancing and traveling in their motor home.

Frank is survived by his wife Barbara; his daughters, Jean Voeller of Powell, Wyo., and Judy (Terry) Cleveland of



**FRANK VOELLER**

Anderson, S.C.; his son, Douglas (Nancy) Voeller of Billings; his grandchildren, David, Joseph, Michael, Justin and Nicole; his sisters, Liz Carlson of Rugby and Bernice Eberle of Devils Lake, N.D.

Frank was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Katherine; brothers Pius, Antone and Anton; and a grandson Robert.

Cremation has taken place. A vigil rosary will be at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 24, at St. Pius X Church.

A memorial mass will be offered at 11 a.m. Friday, Oct. 25, at St. Pius X Church. Memorials may be made to Big Sky Hospice, PO Box 35033, Billings, MT 59107, or to the charity of one's choice.

Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

## Jerry Vogel

BILLINGS GAZETTE

NOV 16 2002

PLENTYWOOD — Jerry Vogel, 64, died Thursday, Nov. 14, 2002, at Sheridan Memorial Hospital, in Plentywood.

A funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 19, at Plentywood Lutheran Church. Burial will be in Plentywood Memorial Cemetery. Fulkerson Funeral Home of Plentywood is in charge.

**JUL 28 2002**

COLUMBUS — Rose Vogel, 93, of Columbus, passed away Friday, July 26, 2002, at Stillwater Community Hospital in Columbus.

Rose was born Oct. 23, 1908, at Flasher, N.D., a daughter of Peter and Anna Mary (Schaff) Doll. She received her education at Fallon, N.D. She married Jacob Vogel, Jr., on Nov. 23, 1926, at Fallon and they farmed east of Flasher until retiring in 1970.

**ROSE VOGEL**

They moved to Columbus where Rose has lived for 32 years.

Her hobbies included being a housekeeper, playing cards, gardening, fishing, making quilts, cooking and canning.

She was preceded in death by her husband in February of 1971; daughter Rose Virginia Vogel in August of 1942; grandson Ed Kessler in February of 2001.

She is survived by eight children, John (Betty) Vogel, Cecelia Kessler, Kathy (Kevin) Anderson, Lorenz Vogel, Robert Vogel, Ann (Merlin) Van Winkle, Peter Vogel, Betty (Jerome) Graner; 22 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

A vigil service will be held at 7 p.m., Tuesday, July 30, at Smith Funeral Chapel in Laurel. Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m., Wednesday, July 31, at St. Anthony Catholic Church in Laurel, with Rite of Committal in Mountainview Cemetery at Columbus.

## **Olga 'Ollie' Vogele**

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**JUL 22 2002**

**GLENDIVE —** Olga "Ollie" Vogele, 76, died Saturday, July 20, 2002, at the Eastern Montana Veterans Home in Glendive.

Graveside services will be 10 a.m., Wednesday, July 24, at the Dawson Memorial Cemetery in Glendive. Interment will be in Dawson Memorial Cemetery. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

**MAR 05 2002**

## **Reuben E. Vogele**

**GLENDIVE** — Reuben F. Vogele, 82, of Glendive, died Sunday, March 3, 2002, at the Eastern Montana Veterans Home in Glendive.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 6, at the Chapel of the Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home in Glendive. Interment will be in the Dawson Memorial Cemetery in Glendive.

# Craig L. Voigt

BILLINGS GAZETTE

AUG 16 2002

Craig L. Voigt, 58, of Billings, died Aug. 13, 2002, at Saint Vincent Hospital, of natural causes.

He was born Jan. 17, 1944, the son of Leonard and Minerva (Dietz) Voigt in Aberdeen, S.D. Craig attended grade school in Lemmon, S.D., and graduated from Circle in



**CRAIG VOIGT**

1962. He was involved in Demolay in Glendive. He continued his education at Northern State University, receiving his bachelor's degree in History and Political Science. Attending the University of Montana, he earned a master degree in political science.

Craig worked in sales for several different companies and most recently was promoting and marketing health supplements for Trivita. His hobbies included woodworking and he was an avid reader. Craig was a Bible scholar and enjoyed sharing the scriptures with his family and friends.

He is survived by his sister Kandace (Robert) G. Braun of Mina, S.D.; his brother, Dr. David W. (Eileen) Voigt of Lincoln, Neb.; and three nephews and two nieces. Craig was preceded in death by his parents and his wife Loubel.

A memorial service is planned for Monday, Aug. 19, at 10 a.m. at Dahl Funeral Chapel in Billings, with a reception to follow. The interment will take place at a later date in Aberdeen.



## Benjamin A. Voltz

Benjamin A. Voltz, 75, of Billings, passed away Sunday, June 9, 2002, at the Deaconess Billings Clinic.

The son of Andrew and Margret Spatt, he was born May 7, 1927, in Aitkin, Minn.

He has made his home in Billings since 1965 and enjoyed hunting and fishing. He had worked as a welder for many years. During WWII, he served in the Marine Corps. He had been married to Sharon Allen.

A loving father and grandfather, he is survived by three daughters, Teresa Banks of Billings, and Tami Melton and Tracy Pitford of Carrollton, Texas; six grandchildren; his brother Melvin of Bloomington, Minn.; and two sisters, Adeline of Pennsylvania and Denver of Brainerd, Minn.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial services will be 10 a.m. Thursday, June 13, at Harvest Fellowship, 631 Hallowell Lane.

Michelotti-Sawyers has charge of arrangements.

## David H. Vondall

POPLAR — David Harold Vondall, 36, drowned near Poplar, June 27, 2002.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, July 5, at the Poplar Culture Center. Interment will be in the Poplar City Cemetery. Clayton Memorial Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

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**JUL 16 2002****Earl B. Voorhees**

**THERMOPOLIS, Wyo. —** Earl B. Voorhees, 94, died Sunday, July 14, 2002, at Worland Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, July 18, at Mortimore Funeral Home in Thermopolis. Burial will follow in Monument Hill Cemetery.

NOV 11 2002

**ABSAROKEE** — John Zeno Vorhes went to be with his savior Jesus Christ on Nov. 8, 2002, at the family home in Absarokee after a brief illness.

John was born in Shawnee, Okla., on Dec. 19, 1921, the son of Stacy B. and Vera May (Munn) Vorhes, the first of four children. John graduated from Shawnee High School before enlisting in the Army Air Corps, where he served in Texas and Iowa as a Photographic Specialist for aerial gunnery as a member of the 47th Bomber Wing.

John was united in marriage with the love of his life, Frances Louise Harden, on Sept. 2, 1941 in San Angelo, Texas. After WWII, John went to work for Dow Chemical in Freeport, Texas, before attending East Central State College in Ada, Okla. John had a particular fondness for photography and worked in the field of photography for both the military and private sectors. John was also a longtime employee of the city of Tulsa, Okla. John's lifetime love of the Lord Jesus lead him to become a minister later in life. John and Frances lived in Oklahoma and Texas until retiring to Absarokee in 1972.

John was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Wesley Vorhes. John is survived by his wife, Frances; daughters, Carol Qualls of Inola, Okla., Lynn

(Robert) Stephenson of Miles City; a son, Mark (Martha) Vorhes of Claremore, Okla.; his sister, Doris Mae Sager of Shawnee, Okla., a brother, Stacy M. (Doris) Vorhes of Absarokee; 8 grandchildren, Tonya Qualls, Todd Qualls, Beth Ann Watts, Kimberly Adams, Julie Adams, Chris Lucas, Nathan Lucas and Elizabeth Vorhes; along with numerous great-grandchildren, all of which he adored.

Interment is planned in Claremore, Okla.

Smith Funeral Chapel-Columbus was in charge of arrangements.

# Ada V. Vralsted

JUL - 2 2002

## BILLINGS GAZETTE

Ada Vralsted, 70, of 425 19th St. West, Billings, passed away Thursday, June 27, 2002, at her home, after a long and hard fight with heart disease. Ada was born May 10, 1932 in Richmond, Va.



**ADA VRALSTED**

She met and married her husband, Dale, while he was serving in the U.S. Marine Corps in Norfolk, Va., in 1953.

Ada was a loving and devoted wife and mother for many years. Her family will miss her very much. "Thank you for always being there for us, Mom."

She is survived by her sons, Tim (Karen) Vralsted of Laurel and Randy Vralsted of Portland, Ore.; her daughter, Cindy (Jon) Thornley of Layton, Utah; her sister, Della (Jerry) Duncan of Murray, Ky.; three brothers, James (Ellen) Wolfe of Ogden, Utah, George (Thelma) Wolfe of Layton, Utah, and Roger (Carol) Wolfe of Wytheville, Va. She is also survived by four grandchildren, Stacy Butler, Steffany Vralsted, Allyson Thornley and Nickolas Thornley; one great-grandchild, Jaden Vralsted; and many nieces and nephews. Ada was preceded in death by her husband, Dale, in August, 1993.

A memorial service will be 1 p.m. Wednesday, July 3, at Smith's West Chapel, 304 34th St. West. Cremation has taken place. Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association; 2812 First Ave. N.; Billings, MT 59101.

## **Eli Vuletich**

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**AUG 11 2002**

Eli Vuletich, 82, was born in 1920 to Smilja and Marko Vuletich. He passed away late Thursday night, Aug. 8, 2002, leaving behind a loving son, Mark and his wife Cathy Vuletich, along with loving grandchildren, Melissa and Marcus; a loving daughter, Debbie Vuletich; and nephew Mike Zervas. As per his request, no memorial service will be held. In charge was Cremation or Funeral Gallery.

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## Rev. Richard M. Waag

Richard M. Waag was born on August 4, 1921, a son to Rachel and Olaf Waag in Glendive. He was raised on a purebred Hereford cattle ranch near Bloomfield. He attended Richey High School, graduating in 1939. He went to Concordia College in Moorhead, Minn., and in 1952 he received a Masters of Theology degree from Luther Theological



**REV. RICHARD  
WAAG**

Seminary in St. Paul, Minn.

He married Dorothy Otto on August 10, 1949, and served his first parish in Nezperce, Idaho. He also

served Lutheran congregations in Plentywood, Great Falls, and Bothell, Wash., prior to his retirement in 1980. Dick served as an interim pastor in numerous locations including Seattle, Issaquah, Wash., Kennewick, Wash., Hingham, Worland, Wyo., and Billings.

Dick's greatest passion was preaching the good news of Christ's love and ministering to others. He also enjoyed working on home projects and spending time with his family and friends. He had a generous, kind spirit, a

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ready smile and an infectious sense of humor. He will be truly missed.

Richard died unexpectedly of natural causes on June 21, 2002, while enjoying a long awaited trip to Norway to visit relatives with his son, David.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy of Billings; his four children, Dr. David (Diana) Waag of Berryville, Va., Rev. Kenneth (Julie) Waag of Great Falls, Steven Waag of Woodinville, Wash., and Mary Beth (Norris) Peterson of Tacoma, Wash.; his nine grandchildren, Joel and Bryan Hall of Seattle, Wash., Matthew, Sarah and Anna Waag of Great Falls, Melissa and David Castelblanco of Bothell, Wash., and Kevin and Kelsey Peterson of Tacoma, Wash. He had four nieces, one nephew and a host of friends.

Dick was preceded in death by his daughter, Margy Hall and his sister, Dorothy Colter.

Memorial services will be at 4 p.m., Wednesday, July 3, at American Lutheran Church. Memorials may be made to the American Lutheran Church, 5 Lewis Ave., Billings, MT 59101 or to the Global Missions of the ELCA, 8765 West Higgins Rd., Chicago, IL 60631.

Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

## Betty Irene Wadman

BILLINGS GAZETTE  
JAN 25 2002

ROUNDUP — Betty Irene Wadman went to be with her Lord on Jan. 21, 2002, after a courageous battle with lung cancer.

She was born Aug. 4, 1927, on her grandfather's farm in Iowa.

Her childhood years were spent in Albert Lea and Bricelyn, Minn. The family moved to Roundup in 1943.

Surviving her are five of her children and a sister.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 26, at the Zion Lutheran Church. Wier Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

**SEP 16 2002**

**Blanche V. Wadman**

WINNETT — Blanche V. Wadman, 80, died Saturday, Sept. 14, 2002 at Roundup Memorial Hospital.

Memorial Services will be 2 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 18, at the Winnett Methodist Church. Wier Funeral Home is in charge of arrangement.

## **Blanche V. Wadman**

**WINNETT** — Blanche Vivian Wadman, of Winnett, died on Sept. 14, 2002, at Roundup Memorial Hospital.

Blanche was born to Robert and Maude McAdam on Aug. 13, 1922, in Frannie, Wyo. She was the fifth of 13 children.

The McAdams' livelihood was in the oil industry, and following the discovery of oil at Cat Creek in 1923, the family moved there. A move to Ballantine followed, and in 1934, a final move to Cut Bank, where the family settled. Blanche attended school and remained there until her early 20s.

In 1945, Robert was again working in Cat Creek and suggested Blanche take a job at Lil's Cafe, owned by Lillian Wadman. Upon her father's advice, she took the job and moved to Winnett. One year later, Blanche received a wedding proposal from Vic Wadman, Lillian's brother. The couple was married, and in 1947, their only child, Kenneth Jay Wadman, was born.

Blanche remained a resident of Winnett for over 50 years and has many lifelong friends there.

She worked in the same building for 32 years, first for Herwigs, which later became the D&E Cash Store.

One year after retirement, Blanche became a grandmother. Angela was born in 1976, followed by two boys, Blake in '78 and Derek in '82.

Blanche's devotion to her grandchildren was evident to anyone who entered her house. The childhood notes to Grandma still hanging from the fridge, or the kindergarten drawing framed in the living room.

Blanche's genuine good nature gained her the friendship of many people in her 80 years. People were naturally drawn to her kind spirit and generosity. She took great pride in the care she gave her family and treasured time spent in good company.

Blanche was preceded in death by her husband Vic; parents Robert and Maude; brother Lloyd of Conrad and Bob McAdam at the Baton Death March during WWII.

Blanche is survived by her son, Jay (Roxanne) Wadman of Lakeside, Carol Wadman of Roundup; three grandchildren, Angela (Aaron) Rafferty of Billings, Blake (fiancee Nyla) and Derek Wadman, all of Roundup; four sisters, Mary Norton of Redding, Calif., Glennette Duncan of Farmington, N.M., Annie Blaire of Riverton, Wyo., Mona (Paul) Arnott of Great Falls; six brothers, Frank (Helen), Casper, Wyo., Don (Helen), Casper, Chuck (Arlene), Grand Junction, Colo.; Max McAdam of Farmington, N.M., along with numerous nieces and nephews.

Blanche is also survived by her many close friends, especially those in Winnett.

Services will be held Wednesday, Sept. 18, at 2 p.m., at the Methodist Church in Winnett. Memorials in Blanche's name can be made to the Winnett Public Library.

## **Phillip M. Wadsworth**

Phillip Marion Wadsworth, 55, died Friday, July 5, 2002, in Billings.

Cremation has taken place. A private family service will be held. Dahl Funeral Chapel is in charge.

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## JUL 29 2002

PLENTYWOOD — A funeral service for Dorothymae (Dorothy) Wagenson will be 11 a.m. on Tuesday, July 30, 2002 at Plentywood Lutheran Church. Pastors David Curtright and Barb Westhoff will officiate and burial will be at Emmaus Cemetery. Dorothy, 77, died early Friday morning, July 26, 2002, at Sheridan Memorial Hospital after a long battle with diabetes and its complications.



**DOROTHY-  
MAE  
WAGENSON**

Dorothy was born May 5, 1925, in Santa Maria, Calif., the third of five daughters born to parents Alexander and Elsie Dorothy (Bianchi) Merkuris. She graduated from Santa Maria High School in 1944 and Sacred Heart School of Nursing in Havre in 1947. Dorothy married Henry Tommerup of Westby in 1951 and they farmed in Westby. Henry passed away in 1962. Dorothy worked at Sheridan Memorial Hospital in Plentywood for over 30 years, 19 of those as the night nurse.

In 1963, Dorothy married Duane Wagenson and they made their home in Plentywood. Dorothy was the oldest kid in town and had more toys than any of her grandkids. She loved to play He-Man, Barbie dolls, trucks, read books and color for hours with her grandkids, who were her pride and joy. She also enjoyed watching TV, working crossword puzzles and playing card games with family and friends. She loved music and sang with Sweet Adelines and loved to entertain with her player piano. She was a member of Emmaus Lutheran Church of rural Westby until it closed.

Survivors include her husband, Duane of Plentywood; son, Alex and his wife, Robin of Billings; and a daughter, Debra Anderson and her husband, Craig of Plentywood. Also surviving are five grandchildren: Jonathan and Michael Tommerup and Carmi, Dane and Kristen Anderson, four sisters and many nieces and nephews.

Fulkerson Funeral Home of Plentywood is in charge of arrangements.

# Father William L. Waggenor

BILLINGS GAZETTE  
DEC 09 2002

**BUTTE** — Father William Waggenor, 82, died on the afternoon of Dec. 5, 2002, at St. Patrick Hospital in Missoula.

William Louis Waggenor was born in Butte on June 11, 1920, the son of W. L. Waggenor and Anne Haggerty. He attended schools in Butte and graduated from Carroll College in Helena.

He is a veteran of World War II, serving with the 4141 Quartermaster Service Company, 5th Engineer Special Brigade. While serving in the European Theater, he participated in the Invasion of Normandy, landing on Omaha Beach on D-Day, June 6, 1944.

Following his military service, he attended St. Edward Seminary in Seattle, Wash., and was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Helena on April 30, 1952.

After a summer assignment at Browning, Father Bill served as registrar at Carroll College for 12 years. He was assigned as Pastor of St. Thomas the Apostle Parish in Helmville in July of 1964. He moved to St. Bartholomew Parish in White Sulphur Springs in July of 1969 and to St. James Parish in Plains in July of 1972. In 1975, St. William Parish in Thompson Falls was added to his responsibilities. In July of 1980 he was assigned as Pastor of St. Teresa of

Avila Parish in Whitehall, where he served until being appointed Pastor of St. John the Baptist Parish in Frenchtown in July of 1983. In September of 1984 he became Pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in Ronan, where he served until accepting Senior Status in the Diocese in July of 1990. In April of 2002, Father Bill celebrated his 50th anniversary of priesthood.

His parents and his brother preceded him in death. He is survived by five cousins: James Haggerty, John Haggerty, Margaret Haggerty, Elizabeth Baldrige and Alice Armes.

Visitation begins at St. Patrick Church in Butte at 3 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 9, with the Vigil Service at 7 p.m. The Funeral Liturgy will be celebrated on Tuesday at 11 a.m. at St. Patrick Church. Burial will be at the Priests' Plot at Holy Cross Cemetery. A luncheon will follow at St. Ann Parish Hall, 2100 Farragut.



# Claire A. Wagner

Claire Austin Wagner, 87, passed away Wednesday, Dec. 11,

2002, at his home in Billings. He was born Dec. 15, 1914, in Billings, to Josiah and Nettie Wagner. His family lived in Broadview, Reed Point and Plevna before settling in



**CLAIRE  
WAGNER**

Billings. In high school, he was on the state championship basketball team in Plevna. Claire graduated from Billings Senior High School in 1932 and married his high school sweetheart, Pauline Quarles.

Claire owned a hamburger shop, worked as a sporting goods salesman for Montgomery Ward, and sold Hoover vacuum cleaners. During WWII, he worked construction on the Alaskan Canadian Highway, in the shipyards in Kirkland, Wash., and in construction of the nuclear plant in Richland, Wash. He started a plumbing and heating business in Roundup in 1945, then returned to Billings in 1947, where he worked as a superintendent for Christensen Plumbing & Heating. In 1952, he started Wagner's Mechanical, Inc. in Red Lodge and moved the business to Billings in 1953. He

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retired in 1982 and turned the business over to his son, Mike. He was proud of the fact that his grandchildren now are active in the business he started.

Claire was president of the Montana State Plumbers Association in the mid-1960s and was president of Billings Builders Exchange in the 1970s. In 1949, he began recovery with Alcoholics Anonymous and celebrated 53 years of sobriety Sept. 28. He touched the lives of hundreds with his work in the 12-step program in AA. He enjoyed bowling and was a 30-year member of the Laurel Golf Club, where he introduced the game and love of golf to his son and grandsons.

Claire is survived by his daughter, Penelope (Gerald) Peabody of Mercer Island, Wash.; and his son, Michael (Barbara) Wagner of Billings; grandchildren, Pamela Wagner of Red Lodge, Daniel (Jacque) Wagner, David (Jennifer) Wagner, Holly Wagner, all of Billings, Victoria (Douglas, Sr.) Hansen of Mercer Island, Mary Jane Peabody of Port Townsend, Wash.; great-grandchildren, Claire Marie Wagner, Alec

*(Signature)*

Ziegler, Madeline Hansen, Doug Hansen, Jr. and Helen Hansen. His wife, Pauline, and his brother, Dr. Vern Wagner, preceded him in death.

A memorial service is scheduled for 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14, at First Presbyterian Church, located at 13th St. West and Poly Drive.

The family suggests that memorials be sent to Big Sky Hospice, PO Box 35033, Billings, 59107 or the Salvation Army, 2100 Sixth Ave. N., Billings, MT 59101.

## **Elsie A. Wagner**

What a joyous reunion must have occurred on Sept. 28, 2002, when our sister, Elsie, was reunited with our beloved mother, dad, two brothers and two sisters and the Lord said, "Welcome Home Elsie."

Elsie was born in Herreid, S.D., on July 10, 1917, the eldest daughter of George and Kathryn Wagner. She graduated from high school in Haynes, N.D. and attended Dickinson State Teachers College. She worked for many years in the restaurant business; a loyal and dedicated employee, she was known as one of the best waitresses. She spent most of her life serving people and was later employed by J.C. Penney in Dickinson, N.D. and also in Billings..

Growing up during the depression she knew how to make a dollar s-t-r-e-t-c-h. Never in robust health, Elsie relied on her faith in the Lord to carry her through her trials. She was a long-time member of the Methodist Church and attended the Walk To Emmaus and After School Bible Club at EUM.

Known for her kind, gentle and compassionate manner, several friends thought of her as sister. She had a hardy laugh and some friends said they hadn't laughed in years until they met Elsie and her sister, Edna.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two sisters and two infant brothers. Surviving her are her brother, Curt Wagner; sisters Edna Tippett, Ellyia (Lee) Kyle and Mata Wagner; brother-in-law, Brian Ellingson; nieces great-nieces and nephews and one great-great niece.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 1, at the Evangelical United Methodist Church, 4th and Broadway. Cremation or Funeral Gallery is in charge of arrangements.

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**Lydia Wagner**

CIRCLE — Lydia Wagner, 94, of Circle, formerly of Glendive, died Friday, April 5, 2002, at the McCone County Medical Assistance Facility and Nursing Home in Circle.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, April 10, at the Evangelical Church of North America in Circle. Interment will be in the Riverview Cemetery at Circle. Visitation will be from 1 to 5 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 9, at the Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home in Glendive, and from 11 a.m. Wednesday, until time of services, at the church in Circle.

**MAR 21 2002**

**Raymond Fredrick Wagner**

Raymond Fredrick Wagner, 74, passed away on March 20, 2002, in Billings, after a courageous battle with cancer.

Ray was born April 19, 1927, in Mandan, N.D., to Roy J. and Sarah C. (Brandenburg) Wagner. He grew up and received his education in Mandan. He joined the United States Navy and was discharged in July 1946. He was a proud World War II veteran.

He lived and worked in the Mandan area for several years, including working for Burlington Northern railroad. Ray transferred to Glendive in the late 1950s and retired from BN in 1978.

Ray spent his life enjoying his children, grandchildren, hunting, fishing, square dancing and being a rock hound. He spent his summers in the Kalispell area, enjoying the mountains he loved. Winters were spent in Quartzite, Ariz., looking for crystals, gold and spending many hours outside.

Survivors include two sisters,

Louise Vietz of McClusky, N.D., and Caroline Wagner of Albuquerque, N.M.; two brothers, Edward Wagner, Dickinson,



**RAYMOND  
WAGNER**

N.D., and Allen Wagner, Wenatchee, Wash.; three daughters, Radene Oswald (Steve), Glendive, Connie Wagner (Ron Engel), Bismarck, N.D., and Sarah

Magee (Steve), Billings. He is also survived by five grandchildren, Becky Mallow (Chris), Fargo, N.D., Peter Degel, Bozeman, Nicklos See, Bismarck, Rachel Holshue, Boise, Idaho, and Jacob Holshue, Billings. He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers Donald and Kenny.

A family memorial and cremation have taken place. Smith Downtown Chapel in Billings is in charge of arrangements.

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**Bill Walte**

GLENDIVE — Bill Walte, 79, died Tuesday, April 9, 2002, at the Glendive Medical Center.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Sunday, April 14, at the United Methodist Church. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home is in charge.

## **Leota Mae Wakeley**

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**FEB 26 2002**

CODY, Wyo. — Leota Mae Wakeley, 96, died Sunday, Feb. 24, 2002, at West Park Long Term Care Center in Cody. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 26, at Riverside Cemetery. Ballard Funeral Home of Cody is in charge.

## Hildegarde L. Walbon

BILLINGS GAZETTE

JAN 16 2002

Hildegarde L. Walbon, 87, passed away Sunday at her home in Billings. She was a devoted wife and mother, and as one of Jehovah's Witnesses, she had a keen desire to share the Bible's comforting message with everyone she met. She also loved gardening.

She is survived by two daughters, Elaine Oksenholt of Billings and Jean Mattics of Mobile, Ala.; one brother, Kurt E. Lindner of Great Falls; three grandchildren and one great-grandson.

Hildegarde was preceded in death by her husband, Clarence Walbon, in 1989.

Memorial services will be at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 26, at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 405 S. 36th St. W.



# Michael Dean Walby

JUN 19 2002

BILLINGS GAZETTE

Michael Dean Walby, age 49, of Billings and formerly of Glendive, left this world at his home in Billings, surrounded by the love to his family, to be with our Heavenly Father, on June 16, 2002, after a long and courageous battle with leukemia.



**MICHAEL  
WALBY**

A vigil service will be held at 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 21, at the Chapel of the Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home in Glendive. Memorial Mass will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 22, at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Glendive, with Father Joseph Ponessa officiating. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Glendive is entrusted with arrangements.

Mike was born Feb. 26, 1953, in Miles City, the son of Mick and Josephine (Thomas) Walby. Mike married Marlene Diefel on June 19, 1987, in Glendive. He worked at BOSS Inc. in Glendive from November of 1977 until June of 1998. He then worked at the job he loved most, fixing up old houses.

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Mike was all about life and happiness and everything it could hand him. He had an outlook on life that many people take for granted. He loved life and loved being with the ones that were dear to him. He especially liked being around family and friends and a good ol' game of cards. He was a true and loyal friend and would help anyone who asked for his help.

Mike is survived by his wife Marlene Walby of Billings; three sons, Scott Walby of Billings, Charles Walby and his wife Anne of Kansas City, Mo., and Chris Walby of Phoenix, Ariz.; one daughter, Tierney Walby of Billings; his mother, Josephine Plummer of Billings; two brothers, Jerry Walby and his wife Vivian of Littleton, Colo., and Larry Walby of Billings; two sisters, Sheila Walby of Sidney and Cindy Walby of Sunnyvale, Calif. He was blessed with two beautiful granddaughters, Tiffany (Charles and Anne), and Kylie (Tierney); and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Mick Walby; and two sisters, Cheryl Knowles and Linda Walby.

Mike, my son, husband, father, brother and friend, we love you and miss you. You will never be forgotten and will never be replaced in our hearts. We know you will always be nearby.

# Mary 'June' Waldhauser

JUN 12 2002

BILLINGS GAZETTE

Mary "June" Waldhauser, 89, of Billings, died Monday, June 10, 2002, at St. John's Lutheran Nursing Home, where she has lived the past 15 years.

June was born on June 9, 1913, in Pine Bend, Minn., a daughter of Alex and Mae Maltby. She graduated from So. St. Paul High School in 1932 and married her high school sweetheart, Fran Waldhauser, Dec. 15, 1934.

June was a very happy, outgoing person — she loved life, loved



**MARY  
WALDHAUSER**

people and her Lord and Savior. She was very active in her Church — held many offices and sang in the choir for years until her health caused her to discontinue. She loved music, singing, dancing and enjoying good times with family and friends.

June had a happy working career with the Bureau of Land Management, retiring in 1981 at the age of 68. She and her husband were blessed with five beautiful children and 50 years of golden memories.

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She was preceded in death by her loving husband Fran in 1985; her mother and father; a brother, Harold Maltby; and a sister, Susanna Drake.

Surviving are two sons, George and wife Rose of Illinois, and Edward and wife Tonya of Billings; three daughters, Peggy, and Bobbie and husband Jerry Koch of Billings, and Betty and husband Ted Schlepp of Three Forks; and a granddaughter she and her husband raised, Vickie Lynn (Waldhauser) Cooke; 12 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; and a number of nieces and nephews.

The family would like to thank her church family and the staff of St. John's for the friendship and loving care given their mother over the years.

Memorial services will be 3 p.m. Thursday, June 13, at First Presbyterian Church.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to First Presbyterian Church, or St. John's Lutheran Home Foundation.

## Ervin Arthur Waldie

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

MILES CITY — Ervin Arthur Waldie, 91, of Miles City, died Thursday, Aug. 1, 2002, at the Holy Rosary Health Center.

Visitation will be held Monday, Aug. 5, at Stevenson & Sons in Miles City, with a prayer service at 6 p.m. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 6, at Grace Bible Church. Interment will be held at a later date on the family ranch.

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## **Blanche Victoria Wales**

**POWELL, Wyo. —** Blanche Victoria Wales, 94, of Powell, died Thursday, March 28, 2002, at the Powell Hospital.

Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday, April 1, at Miratsky-Easton Funeral Home in Powell. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday, April 2, at Miratsky-Easton Funeral Home. Burial will be in Hillside Cemetery in Greybull.

## Agnes G. Walker

LIVINGSTON — Agnes G. (Mercer) Walker, 101, of Livingston, died Friday, Nov. 22, 2002, at Livingston Health & Rehab Center.

Cremation has taken place at Franzen-Davis Funeral Home & Crematory in Livingston. Memorial services will be held at a later date.

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**Donald C. Walker**

**WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS**

Donald C. Walker, 49, died Saturday, Aug. 31, 2002.

Memorial services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 4, in the Twichel Funeral Home Chapel.



## Harriet R. Walker

LAUREL — Harriet R. Walker was born in Alder, April 17, 1909, to Henry A. Walker and Christina Yost Walker. She died Sept. 2, 2002.

Harriet graduated from Fromberg High School in 1927. That fall, she entered nurses training in Portland, Ore., and graduated as a registered nurse in 1930. She took post-graduate courses in Minneapolis and Chicago and then was a staff member of the maternity clinic at the University of Oregon Medical School.

In 1943, she enlisted in the Army as a field nurse. She served as a captain in the 57th Field Hospital in Northern Africa, Southern France and Normandy, France, until 1946.

After WWII, she worked as a head nurse in hospitals in Boise, Seattle, Portland and Long Beach. She also earned her bachelor of science degree from the University of Oregon.

In 1971, at the age of 62, she volunteered for the Peace Corps, where she served as a maternity specialist in Bolivia, South America, and Liberia, Africa.

Upon retirement from the Peace Corps, she lived at The Beatitudes Retirement Home in Phoenix. In 1995, she returned to Montana and lived with her sister, Mildred Ross, in Fromberg and, later, at the Evergreen Laurel Care Center.

She enjoyed reading, theater and traveling. Some of her travels took her to the British Isles, Japan, the Holy Lands, Egypt, Greece, Australia, New Zealand, Alaska and many other parts of the United States.

Her kind, loving and generous disposition won her many friends. She was always ready and eager to help and to serve others.

She was preceded in death by her parents and four sisters and two brothers. She is survived by her sister Mildred Ross, and numerous nieces and nephews and their families.

Harriet was a member of the Fromberg United Methodist Church. Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 5, at the Fromberg United Methodist Church with inurnment to follow at the Rockvale Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Fromberg United Methodist Church in Fromberg, MT, 59029, or to the charity of one's choice.

## Mildred Isabell Walker

Mildred Isabell Walker, 88, of Billings, passed away Sunday, Oct. 27, 2002, at Aspen Meadows Nursing Home.

She was born Feb. 16, 1914, in Lowry, Minn., the daughter of Albert Gahard and Helen Melvina Johnson Nygaard. Her family moved to

Zahl, N.D.,

where she was raised, and she graduated from Crosby High School. She married Herman Russell Walker on Nov. 26, 1936, in Billings. When she married Herman, she gained a family of three daughters and a son. Later, the family was increased with the birth of two more daughters.

Mildred worked for Merle Norman Cosmetic Studio, Western Livestock Reporter and Willis Sales. She was president of Compass Club and enjoyed the Pinochle Club.

She was an excellent cook and enjoyed entertaining family and friends. She loved Christmas and gave gifts of her beautiful handiwork, sewing, quilting, landscape and china painting. She also loved gardening and flowers. She had an excellent sense of humor in spite of a long, serious illness.



**MILDRED  
WALKER**

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She was a special to her caregivers at Grand Park Assisted Living and Aspen Meadows Nursing Home, whom her family greatly appreciated.

Survivors include her stepchildren, Marion (Bill) Moots of Ballantine, Betty Barkemeyer of Billings, Jim (Gini) Walker of Fullerton, Calif., and the family ranch in Montana; two daughters, Jacqueline Miller of Wheatland, Wyo., and Geraldine Brown of Granada Hills, Calif.; two sisters, Ruth Tollefson of Astoria, Ore., and Evelyn (Ludy) Spanich of Hoquiam, Wash.; one brother LeRoy (Verna) Nygaard of Modesto, Calif.; one sister-in-law, Hazel Nygaard; 17 grandchildren; numerous great-grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; stepdaughter Eve Hatten; and a brother, Lloyd Nygaard; and two grandsons, Billy Moots and John Barkemeyer.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 31, at the Shiloh Methodist Church, 1810 Shiloh Road. Interment will be at Sunset Memorial Gardens. Smith West Chapel in charge of arrangements.

## **Rose Marie (Gonzales) Walker**

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

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KENT, Wash. — Rose Marie (Gonzales) Walker was born in Billings, Mont., on March 23, 1965. After graduating from high school, she moved to Washington until her death, June 29, 2002.

Survivors include two sons, Jeremiah and Joshua of Washington; father, Joe Gonzales; mother, Clara Johnson; brother, Chris Gonzales, and four nephews and two nieces, all of Billings.

Services will be held at the Salvation Army Chapel, 1200 Sixth Ave. N., at 10:30 a.m., July 10.

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## Virgil W. Walker

After a valiant battle with cancer, he succumbed on Sunday, April 7, 2002, to join his two daughters.

Virgil was born Dec. 23, 1931, in Imperial, Neb., to Frank and Clairra F. "Knotwell" Walker. He



**VIRGIL  
WALKER**

graduated from Chase County High School in 1949. Following graduation, he joined the Air Force, where he began his medical career as a Radiological Technologist. He attended the College of

Great Falls, majoring in Pre Med, for two-and-a-half years before moving to Billings. Virgil and Dr. Walter Francke started Saint Vincent School of Radiology Technology. He was a mentor to his students, and was instrumental in establishing the Permit Tech Program. Virgil was the office manager for Eastern Radiology Association until the practice was purchased by Saint Vincent Hospital. At that time, he started his own business doing the medical billing for the group. In 1997, he retired to become a full time "Hobby Rancher and

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Tinkerer" at the Seven W Quarter Circle Leisure Ranch. Nothing gave him more pleasure than to be out "playing rancher." He often said that he was born 100 years too late.

Many years were spent devoting time to help his profession by serving as Past President for the Montana State Society of Radiology Technologist, Past President of the Midland Empire Society of Radiology Technologist and serving out his terms on the various boards.

In June of 1959, he met the soul mate of his life, Meridee Baldwin and were united in marriage on May 6, 1960. Together, they had three daughters. He is survived by his daughter Sheryl Lee and son Tom (Adair) Walker from his previous marriage; his wife Meridee Walker; his daughter Tracey (Russ) Kendall; eight grandchildren; two great-grandchildren, and many nieces, nephews, brothers and sisters. He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Ed Walker, and two daughters, Tamara and Christina.

His social activities included the love of the outdoors, and preservation and safety of the wildlife. He served as Past President of the Billings Rod and Gun Club, and spent many years helping the youth develop safe hunting habits. He aided in the preservation of wildlife by turn-

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ing his hunting trips into camping trips with his buddies, by letting the elk continue to live. Many of his friends and family have wonderful memories of stories and experiences that they shared with him.

His love of sculpture prompted him to found the Big Sky Sculpture Garden at Rose Park for all to share in the beauty of the artists.

His family and many friends will cherish the memories they have of him as the most generous man, who was always ready and willing to lend a helping hand in any situation.

"Papa," we know that you are in a better place and that you will be watching over you and yours and Leisure Ranch. Your sense of humor and the constant barrage of teasing that was so much a part of your life will be greatly missed by all of your loving family and friends.

A memorial service will be held at 4 p.m. Friday, April 12, at the Dahl Funeral Chapel, with a reception to follow.

Interment is in Sunset Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Big Sky Hospice, PO Box 35033, Billings, MT 59107 or Adult Cystic Fibrosis Center, Dr. Rodman. Checks may be made payable to CU Foundation, 4200 East Ninth Ave., Campus Box A065, Denver, CO 80262.

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**Robin Wayne  
Walking Eagle**

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**JUL 19 2002**

RONAN — Robin Wayne Walking Eagle, 39, died Tuesday, July 16, 2002, in Ronan.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 20, at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in Poplar, with burial at the Riverside Cemetery following. Lunch will be served at the Our Lady of Lourdes after the burial. Clayton Memorial Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

# Sandra Kay Walker

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RICHEY — Sandra Kay "Sandy" Walker, 50, of Richey, died Sunday, Aug. 18, 2002, at Deaconess Billings Clinic, following a brain aneurysm.

Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 22, at the Silvernale-Silha Funeral Chapel in Richey, and one hour prior to service time at the school. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, at the Richey High School. Interment will be in the Richey Cemetery in Richey. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Glendive is in charge.

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## Leona Walks

Leona "Lena" Walks, 70, of Billings, passed away Saturday, June 29, 2002, in the St. Vincent Hospital.

Duxbeechaawia (Bear Woman) was born March 8, 1932, in St. Xavier, a daughter of George and Emma Kennawash Walks. A descendant of Chief Pete Kennawash of the Chippewa-Cree Nation. She grew up and attended schools at the Buckskin, St. Xavier Mission school and later nursing school in Missoula. Upon completion of her nurses' training, she worked at the Hillside Nursing Home in Missoula for many years.

Lena married Patrick Phares in 1976 in Missoula and the couple made their home in Hardin in 1979. Mr. Phares died in 1988.

She was a member of the Pentecostal Church, Big Lodge Clan and a child of the Greasy Mouth Clan. During her younger years, she enjoyed hunting, fishing, horseback riding, but as she grew older, she enjoyed beading, quilting and listening to country western music.

Her parents; daughter, Henrietta; son, Dean; and siblings, Mary, Geneva, Charlie, Dan, Rosemary Big Hair and Gilbert Walks, John

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Montgomery, Emily Lovelace, Elizabeth Hatten, Margaret Brown; and two grandchildren, Joseph Reed, III, and Sasha Brien, preceded Lena in death.

Survivors include six daughters, Mary (Gary) Whiteman of Crow Agency, Susan Jefferson of Malta, Theda (Wayne) Rogers, Tina LaHaye, Trudy Hatten and Lisa (David) Contreraz of Billings; three sons, Harold (Tara) Jefferson of Washington, Ervin (Carla) Jefferson of Wyola and Mike Hatten of Billings; two sisters, Annie Walks of St. Xavier and Dortha Adams of Crow Agency; 23 grandchildren, Mike, JR, Marsha, Nicki, Buddy, Helen, Joey, Tyson, Kirsten, Wade, Tina, Stephen, Harold, Marina, Timbo, Dennis, Nacoma, Lisa, Deanna, DJ, Salena, Lyssah, Javier, David, Jr.; and seven great-grandchildren, Jasmine, Ray, Nikki, Cameron, KJ, Mariah and baby David.

Wake services will be held 11 a.m. Thursday, July 4, in the House of Hope Church.

Funeral services will be held 2 p.m. Friday, July 5, in the Bullis Funeral Chapel. Interment will follow in the Fairview Cemetery. Bullis Mortuary of Hardin has been entrusted with the arrangements.

To the #1 Grandma with  
Love  
I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now  
I'm free  
I'm following the path God  
laid for me...

I took His hand when I  
heard His call

I turned my back and left it  
all, I could not

stay another day to laugh, to  
love, to work, or play.

Tasks left undone must stay  
that way

I found that peace at close  
of the day...

If my parting has left a void  
then fill it with remember-

ing  
joy.

A friendship shared, a laugh,  
a kiss, ah yes,  
these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times  
of sorrow, I

wish you the sunshine of  
tomorrow.

My life's been full, I savored  
much — good friends,  
good times, a loved one's  
touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all  
too brief

Don't lengthen it now with  
undue grief.

Lift up your hearts and  
share it with me and all thee  
God wanted me now;  
For He,  
He set me free...

— Joey  
Much Love

I love you, Grandma, I will  
always be with you. You have  
always had a place in my heart  
and you always will. I have  
enjoyed the time I got to spend  
with you here on earth. You  
were there when I needed you  
to love me, to care for me. I  
never needed anything but  
love and you were there to give  
it to me. I will always and for-  
ever love you. I will always  
remember you, you will always  
be in my heart and on my  
mind. Love you.

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## **Priscilla Wall**

Priscilla Wall, 71, of Billings, died Friday, Oct. 4, 2002, at Deaconess Billings Clinic.

At her request, no service is planned. Cremation has been held at Cremation or Funeral Gallery.

**JUL 22 2002**

Jean Wallace was born in Roundup on May 17, 1927, the daughter of W. W. Mercer and Fern Hall Mercer. She died Friday morning, July 19, 2002, at the Horizon Hospice Home of cancer.



**JEAN  
WALLACE**

Jean grew up in Roundup and was active in school music, girl scouts and Rainbow Girls, and was awarded its highest honor, the Grand Cross of Colors. She attended Concordia College from 1945 to 1949. She sang for three years in the Concordia Choir under the direction of Paul J. Christensen. The choir toured Norway during the summer of 1949.

From 1949 to 1951, Jean taught world history at Billings Senior High School and was the sponsor of the "Hi-Tri" Club, a club associated with the YWCA. As such, Jean was the music counselor and cabin counselor at several YMCA camps in Montana and Colorado the summer of 1950.

On June 10, 1951, Jean married Willard "Wally" Wallace in Roundup. They both taught at Billings Senior High School

until 1957, when she retired to raise their family and Wally went into school administration. In 1979, Jean returned to Senior High as an aide in Special Education and then music secretary until 1989.

She was a member of the First United Methodist Church and Chapter AE, PEO. Besides her family and her Lord, she loved Choral and symphonic music, nature, especially song-birds, wildlife and wildflowers fishing at their beloved "place" at Nye on the West Fork of the Stillwater, reading, playing bridge and baking decorated sugar cookies for the holidays.

Jean was preceded in death by her parents and brother, Wallace W. Mercer. She is survived by her husband of 51 years, Wally; son David of Denver, Colo.; daughter and son-in-law Susan and Merle Raph of Shelby; five grandchildren, Buddy and Katie Wallace of Colorado, and Callie, Ben and

Tanner Raph of Shelby; several nieces and nephews; her sister-in-law, Jody Mercer; and brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law Russell and Clarice Wallace of Fargo, N.D., and Lloyd and Linda Wallace of Glendale, Ariz.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m., Monday, July 22, at the First United Methodist Church following a private family interment at Mountview Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the First United Methodist Church Building Fund, 2800 Fourth Ave. N., Billings, MT 59101, Billings Symphony, 201 N. Broadway, Billings, MT 59101, Cottey College, 1000 West Austin Blvd., Nevada, Missouri 64772-2790, or to the charity of one's choice.

Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

## **N. Paul Wallace**

Norman Paul Wallace, 73, of Billings, passed away at his home, of cancer, on Wednesday, July 10, 2002.

Survivors include his wife Hilda; one son, Tom; a brother, Raymond; and a sister, Jan Rude, all of Billings; a son-in-law, Vance Anderson; grandchildren Ty, Vandi and Beau, all of Bainville.

Preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Richard; and his daughter, Linda Anderson.

Cremation has been held. No service is planned. Memorials are suggested to Big Sky Hospice.

Arrangements were by Cremation or Funeral Gallery.

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## **Rick W. Wallace**

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**DEC 27 2002**

STORY, Wyo. — Rick W. Wallace, 48, of Story, died Tuesday, Dec. 24, 2002, at his home.

At his request, cremation has taken place at Kane Funeral Home and Crematory in Sheridan. Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 27, at Kane Funeral Home.

## Walter Hines Wallace

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**JAN 30 2002**

Walter Hines Wallace, 87, of Billings, died Sunday evening, Jan. 27, 2002, in a fire at his home. The son of Ernest and Eugenia Wallace, Walter was born May 25, 1914, in Mineral Wells, Texas. He married Helen Blackford on Aug. 31, 1935.

During WWII, he was involved in a research project at John Hopkins University. He returned to Montana in 1946 to continue working for Hines Motor Supply Co., retiring at age 82 after 63 years with the company.

Walter was a private pilot and enjoyed flying and coffee with his friends.

He was preceded in death by his wife in 1972; and a brother, Ernest Joe Wallace, II.

Survivors include four sons, David G. Wallace of Ryegate, Terry A. Wallace of Santa Fe, N.M., Walter H. Wallace, Jr., of Missoula, and Ernest Joe Wallace, III, of Suquamish, Wash.; 14 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. Cremation has taken place. At Walter's request, no services are planned.

Cards of condolence may be sent to David G. Wallace, 320 Highway 12, Ryegate, MT 59074-9738.

Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary has charge of arrangements.



**MAR 19 2002****Deanna Ellen Waller**

**FORT PECK —** Deanna Ellen Waller, 48, of Fort Peck, died Monday, March 18, 2002, at Frances Mahon Deaconess Hospital in Glasgow, of heart failure.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 23, at First Lutheran Church in Glasgow. Burial will be in Lebanon Cemetery in Brinsmade, N.D. Bell Mortuary of Glasgow is in charge.

## Edna Waller

## BILLINGS GAZETTE

CULBERTSON — Edna Waller, 85, of Culbertson, died Sunday, April 28, 2002, at Mercy Medical Center in Williston, N.D., due to complications from hip surgery.

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Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, May 1, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Culbertson. Burial will be in Hillside Cemetery, Culbertson. Friends may call at Trinity Lutheran Church from 3 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 30, and for one hour before service time on Wednesday. Fulkerson Funeral Home of Williston is in charge.

# Arthur Victor Walter

BILLINGS GAZETTE  
JUL 30 2002

Arthur "Art" Walter, 79, of Billings, passed away early Monday morning, July 29, 2002, at St. Vincent Hospital.

Arthur was born on Sept. 7, 1922, in Billings, a son of Adolph and Amelia (Nagel) Walter. He spent his childhood on the family farm east of Billings. In 1940, he met his love-to-be, Grace Emily Sievertsen and they were married on Oct. 24, 1942.



ARTHUR  
WALTER

Through the years, Art and Grace farmed and ranched in Billings, Hardin, Rapelje, Rockvale, Laurel and finally back in Billings where they stayed until retiring from farming in 1973. They then moved to some family property on the corner of Rosebud Lane and Coburn Road where they built a new home and Art went to work for Ford Implement in Billings. He stayed there until health reasons caused him to retire. Art lived out his years caring for his family and his yard and garden.

Mr. Walter was very devoted to his family and one of the last things he told Mom was "You are the light of my life; together we

raised one heck of a family." A will be missed very much by his family and everyone that knew him. We all have a special angel looking down on us.

Survivors include his wife of 59 years and nine months, Grace Emily Walter; two sons, Jim (Deanna) Walter of Lebanon Ore., and Wally (Phyllis) Walter of Columbus; a daughter, Nancy (Jack) Schmidt of Billings; daughter-in-law, Wanda Walter of Red Lodge; three sisters: Alvina Lackman of Billings; Shirley (Chuck) Rodgers of Laurel, and Beverly (Clinton) Ralston of Puyallup, Wash.; three brothers: Robert Walter of Laurel, Richard (Sharon) Walter of Billings and Kenneth (Vicki) Walter of Clark Wyo.; 14 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two brothers Clarence and Ed Walter; two sisters, Bert Neibauer and Doris Popelka; a son, Thomas Walter, and a granddaughter, Heidi Walter.

Visitations will begin Wednesday morning, July 31, at the Smith West Chapel, 304 34th St. West. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Aug. 1, at the Smith West Chapel, with interment to follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens. Smith West Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

## Floyd A. Walter

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BILLINGS GAZETTE

PLENTYWOOD — Funeral services for Floyd A. Walter will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, June 12, at the Plentywood High School Gym. Clarence Nelson and Steve Watts will officiate at the service; interment will be in Plentywood Memorial Cemetery. Floyd, 76, died Friday afternoon, June 7, 2002, at Sheridan Memorial Hospital in Plentywood.

Floyd was born Aug. 31, 1925, at Whitetail, the son of John and Phyllis (Kins) Walter. He grew up on the family farm and attended nearby rural school and graduated from Whitetail High School. He married Priscilla Myers June 9, 1955, at Minot, N.D. They made their home on the farm at Whitetail but later moved to Plentywood, returning to the farm in the summer months.

A gentle, quiet man who lived his life in the love of the Lord, Floyd loved the farm and working with his family to nurture and harvest the bounty of the land. Priscilla died Nov. 30, 1989; and Floyd married Betty Henke, June 7, 1991, at Conrad. They have made their home in Plentywood, continuing to farm through last year in spite of Floyd's declining health. As Floyd reflected on his life, his fondest memories were of "getting out there and raising a

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crop" with his family. He recalled images of waves of grain ready for harvest; rich, black summer-fallow and windrows of hay with the rich scent of harvest in fall's prairie breeze. Special times were his daughter Ramona's valedictory address, and a trip to Alaska the year after Linda was married. Betty recalls trips to Boise, Idaho, and to Great Falls to visit their families, working together during harvest, and especially the joy of going to Convention together.

Floyd is survived by his wife, Betty, of Plentywood; by two daughters, Linda Sevig and her husband Tim of Boise, and their children Michael, Michelle and Wendy; and Ramona Doll and her husband, Lon of Billings. He is also survived by a brother, John and his wife Jeannine of Salt Lake City. Besides his parents and first wife, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Merle and Max.

Fulkerson Funeral Home of Plentywood has charge of arrangements.



**ALBERT WALTERS**

## **Albert H. Walters**

Albert H. Walters, 82 of Billings, passed away Monday, Sept. 2, 2002, at Deaconess Billings Clinic.

The son of Noah and Neva Walters, Albert was born Aug. 30, 1920, at Barber. He graduated from Ryegate High School. He served in the Army during WWII.

He married Frances Schaff in Ryegate Feb. 3, 1947. She preceded him in death on March 2, 1990.

Albert worked at Courthouse Texaco, White Trucking and at Pierce Packing for over 20 years. He loved fishing, camping and his dog Sam. Although he was not able to go on his own the last few years, he never missed an opportunity to go with his family.

Survivors include his daughter, Linda Walters of Billings; son, Clint and his wife Jamie Edgar; a grandson, Chad of Billings; a sister, Alta Mari Maack and her husband Chris of Ocean Park, Wash., and two brothers, Leonard and his wife Marge of Billings and Alvin and his wife Helen of Great Falls.

He was preceded in death by his wife Frances, his parents Noah and Neva, a brother Jack and sisters Belva and Eleanor.

The family will greet friends from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary. Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Friday at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary. Interment with military honors will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Memorials may be made to the Welch Heart Center, 1020 N. 27th St., Billings, MT 59101

## Charles Lewis Walters

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BILLINGS GAZETTE

RATHDRUM, Idaho — Charles Lewis Walters, 79, died May 13, 2002, at his home in Rathdrum.

He was born Jan. 10, 1923, to David and Emma (Starkweather) Walters in Melstone, Mont., and moved to Billings when a teenager. After high school, he joined the Navy and spent the rest of his young adult life in Billings, where he learned his life vocation of carpentry.

He had one brother, Clarence,

who predeceased him.

He is survived by Lorraine, his wife of 35 years; and his four daughters from his first marriage to Lucille Wakley, Mrs. Jerry (Dolores) Borsvold of Bullhead City, Ariz., Mrs. Garry (Dorothy) Leikam and Mrs. David (Denise) Larson of Billings, and Linda King of Seattle. He is also survived by nine grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Memorials can be made to the American Lung Association.

## **Emma B. Walters**

DAYTON, Wyo. — Emma B. Walters, 79, of Dayton, died Thursday, Oct. 24, 2002, at her home.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Monday, Oct. 28, at the Dayton Community Church. Interment will be in the Dayton Cemetery. Kane Funeral Home of Sheridan is in charge.



**AUG 30 2002**

Esther Goodman Walter, 84, of Billings, passed away Wednesday, Aug. 28, 2002, at St. Vincent Healthcare.



**ESTHER  
WALTER**

The daughter of Fred and Eva Dietz Goodman, Esther was born Oct. 11, 1917, in Hesper. She was raised and educated in Billings and was bap-

tized, confirmed and married at Pilgrim Congregational Church.

On Jan. 1, 1936, Esther married Arthur Walter. Together they had three children, two sons, Larry Eugene Walter (Shirley) of Missoula and Ronald Arthur Walter (Elva) of Red Lodge, and a daughter, Rita Ann Hefron (Michael) of Bloomington, Ind. She is also survived by two sisters, Violet Kramer of Billings and Deann Downs of Molt; four brothers, Edward Goodman of Billings, Bob Goodman of Arizona, Irvin Goodman of Billings and Fred Goodman of Livingston, six grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband Arthur, July 14, 1988, her parents, Fred and Eva Dietz Goodman, two sisters, Deloris and Louise, and a brother, Raymond.

Esther loved quilting quilts, sewing and baking rolls for her children. She was a life-long member of Pilgrim Congregational Church where she belonged to the Friendly Circle.

Esther had lived the past four months at Magnolia Place and was very grateful for the friendship and care shown her.

Funeral services will be 9:30 a.m. Saturday at Pilgrim Congregational Church with interment at Mountview Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Arthur E. and Esther Goodman Walter Scholarship Fund, Pilgrim Congregational Church, 409 S. 36, Billings, MT 59101 or the charity of one's choice.

Michelotti-Sawyers has charge of arrangements.

## C. Robert Walton

JUN 19 2002

BELLINGHAM GAZETTE

SHELL VALLEY, Wyo. — C. Robert "Bob" Walton, 74, of Shell Valley, formerly of Greybull and Basin, died Sunday, June 16, 2002, at his home.

Family and friends will pay tribute to Bob at 10:30 a.m. Friday, June 21, at his home, 889 Highway 14, Shell Valley. In case of inclement weather, it will be at the Shell Community Hall. A picnic lunch will follow services. Cremation has taken place. Atwood Family Funeral Directors, Inc., of Basin is in charge.

# Daisy J. Waltz

BILLINGS GAZETTE

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Daisy Jeanne Waltz passed away Sunday, Dec. 1, 2002, at the Deaconess hospital in Billings. She was born July 18, 1929, in Billings, to Harold and Pearl Jones. She attended Garfield School and then school in Drummond. In 1965, she was united in marriage to William "Bill" Waltz in Wyoming.



**DAISY WALTZ**

Daisy was a member of the Eagles Club in Laurel. She was happiest cooking for her family, whether they were camping, hunting or fishing. As an excellent cook, she was famous for her homemade bread and cinnamon rolls. She also enjoyed sewing. Daisy was a very giving person and was always there for her family; she loved taking care of kids, grandkids and neighbor kids.

Daisy is survived by her children, Wesley Schaff of Billings, Lorrinda "Lori" Daniels of Algona, Wash., David Schaff of Kent, Wash., Theresa Koch and Tina Bissett, both of Billings, and Robin "Bobby" Calvin of Rosebud; 12 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and three brothers.

Preceding her in death were her husband Bill Waltz; son Daniel Schaff; brother Bert Jones; and grandson John Calvin.

A memorial service for Daisy will be 1 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6, at Dahl Funeral Chapel, Billings, with a reception following.

## Mary K. Wambach

BILLINGS GAZETTE  
JAN 21 2002

DENTON — Mary K. Wambach, 78, died Thursday, Jan. 17, 2002, at Saint Vincent Healthcare in Billings.

Funeral Services be 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 24, at the Denton Bible Church. Interment will be at the Stanford Cemetery. Creel Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

**DEC 18 2002****RYEGATE**

— Clyde

Wambolt, 68, of Ryegate, passed away on Sunday, Dec. 15, 2002, from a short battle with cancer and a long battle with emphysema.



**CLYDE  
WAMBOLT**

Clyde was born in Sanders on Oct. 24, 1934, the youngest of 13 children to Fred and Pauline Wambolt. He was raised on a farm in Kinsey and went to school in Miles City. Clyde enlisted in the U.S. Navy on June 16, 1953, and served our country for nine years. He was honorably discharged on Nov. 30, 1962.

On Sept. 1, 1956, Clyde married Barbara Goldstein in California and lived there until he moved to Billings in 1970, where he drove truck for Corcoran Trucking. On June 11, 1977, he married Susan Schaff and began working at Rimrock Foundation as a drug and alcohol counselor, continuing until emphysema forced his retirement in 1996. Clyde and Susan moved to Ryegate to live on the Schaff family farm.

Clyde had a great love for family, camping, fishing and hunting. He enjoyed telling jokes, stories and making people

laugh. Clyde was a wonderful husband, father and friend. We will miss him very much. **WE LOVE YOU, DAD!**

Mr. Wambolt was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Robert, Fred Jr., and George; and a sister, Mary. Survivors include his wife of 27 years, Susan; his children Stewart (Trea) Anderson of Casper, Wyo., Kathy Ungvarsky of Berkeley, Calif., Sharon Powers of Ryegate, Bryan (Jana) Wambolt of Billings and Carlett Wambolt of Columbus; grandchildren, Justin, Kyle, Conner, Jon, Chris, Ashley, Eric and Bailey; brothers, Alex (Marion) of Tucson, Ariz., Leo of Nipoma, Calif., and Edward (Pauline) of Billings; sisters, Rose Reinhardt of Billings, Pauline (Jim) Haggerty of Miles City, Helen (John) Dlouhy of Lincoln, Neb., Virginia McDonald of Billings, and Lydia (Jack) Sherman of Federal Way, Wash.; and many nieces and nephews.

The family would like to say a special Thank You to the staff of Hospice Home for everything you did for us. Memorials are suggested to Big Sky Hospice Home, 1019 Neptune, Billings, MT 59105.

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Cremation has taken place and there will be a service and celebration of his life at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 21, at the Smith West Chapel, 304 34th Street West. A reception will be held at the chapel following the service.

## George W. Wambolt

On Tuesday, Dec. 3, 2002, George passed away peacefully at Billings Health & Rehab Center. He was born June 14, 1930, in Hysham, to Fred and Pauline Wambolt. He grew up in the Miles City area. In his younger years, he worked with his brothers and sisters on the farm. He served in the Army from 1949 to 1952. He worked for many years as a truck driver, retiring from Consolidated Freightways in 1994.

In 1952, he married Marilyn Graham and they had a daughter, Linda. He married Mickey Randall in 1977. George was an avid fisherman and hunter. He enjoyed camping with his family and friends. He was a great handyman and enjoyed fixing anything and everything his family brought to him. He was the local lawnmower repairman.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his brothers, Robert and Fred Jr.; and sister, Mary.

He is survived by his wife, Mickey; daughter, Linda Haselton; five stepchildren, Sharon and (Dan) Schutz, Cookie and (Gary) Coats, Cindy and (Larry) Smith, Denny and (Jean) Randall and Marlene and fiancé (John Martinez); five grandchildren,

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Shelly and (Jason) Pierce, Keri and (Greg) Zent, Dusty Coats Kristina and Kimberly Randall two great-grandchildren Tristan Pierce and Hailey Zent brothers, Alex and (Marion) Leo, Edward and (Pauline) Clyde and (Susan); sisters Rose, Polly and (Jim) Haggerty, Helen and (John) Dlouhy, Ginny McDonald and Lydia and (John) Sherman; several nieces and nephews; and sister-in-law, Janie Martin.

George will be missed by his family and many friends.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, at The First Congregational Church, 310 N. 27th.

Memorials may be made to The First Congregational Church or the charity of your choice.

## **Andrew R. Wantulok**

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**FEB 14 2002**

ROSEAU, Minn. — Andrew R. Wantulok, 40, of Roseau, formerly of Cody, Wyo., died Monday, Feb. 11, 2002, from injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 19, at First Presbyterian Church in Cody. Interment will follow in the Riverside Cemetery. Ballard Funeral Home of Cody is in charge.



## **Charles Warclub, Jr.**

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**DEC 28 2002**

DENVER — Charles "B.J." Warclub, Jr., 49, of Denver, formerly of Poplar, Mont., died Saturday, Dec. 21, 2002, after a brief illness, at the Denver Veteran's Hospital.

A memorial service will be at 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 29, at Clayton Memorial Chapel in Wolf Point, Mont. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, Dec. 30, in the Clayton Memorial Chapel. Burial will be in Chelsea Cemetery.

## Douglas I. Ward

LEWISTOWN — Douglas T. Ward died Jan. 18, 2002, at the Central Montana Hospital, from a stroke. Doug was born April 20, 1921, in Somerset, Colo., to Emery and Lillian (Peterson) Ward. He attended schools in Price, Utah, and Carbon College (Price branch, University of Utah), where he played football. In 1943, he joined the Army Air Force and was trained to fly B17s and B25s, and became one of the legendary "Hump Pilots," flying 43 missions over the



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Himalayas, carrying fuel and supplies to allies fighting the Japanese in the Burma and Chinese theater of WWII, during which he was awarded three Bronze Stars.

He married his high school sweetheart, Gayle Cox of Helper, Utah, who was in nurse's training in Salt Lake City. On July 3, 1942, they eloped to Preston, Idaho, evading Holy Cross Hospital's rules against nursing students marrying. Following Doug's officer commission and Gayle's graduation from nurse's training in September 1943, they spent several months at Marfa Air Base Texas, where he was a flight instructor, before his assignment

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to Asiatic Pacific Theater of Operations.

His daughter Pamela (Butcher) was born in 1944 while he was flying a mission over the "Hump" on which day the hydraulic system on his B25 failed as he struggled to clear the Himalayas, forcing an emergency landing in China — both events unknown at the time to each other. Following his Asian tour of duty, he spent the remainder of WWII training pilots in Texas.

After the war, Doug attended law school at the University of Utah at the top of his class, but elected not to take the bar exam because of the large number of law school graduates following WWII, and instead switched to studying engineering, which had better career opportunities.

He entered the steel industry, where he was employed by U.S. Steel (Orem, Utah), Hammond Iron (Provo, Utah, and Casper, Wyo.), Eaton Metal Company (Rapid City, Billings, Salt Lake, Denver), the Southern California Water District as senior production supervisor on the Northern California Water Pipeline Project, May Steel Corporation

(Wisconsin) and the Stelite Corporation (Indiana). He built a reputation as one of the top production managers in the steel industry.

Often during his career, he was hired by corporations in financial trouble to restructure their production systems to remain solvent. (He could operate a slide rule as fast as most people today use a calculator and loved to solve math and engineering problems.) One of his memorable projects, while with Eaton Metal Corporation, was to bid, supervise the construction and deliver to their South Dakota sites the massive Titan missile tunnel junctions (underground structures which trains could be driven through).

In 1976, Doug retired from the steel industry "rat race" and purchased the interest in the Lewistown health food store the Pantry from the partner of his daughter Pam that he and Gayle operated until finally retiring and selling it to his grandson Ross Butcher in 1993.

A high-energy person, he immersed himself in photography, rock hounding, woodworking, decorative welding and golf, in addition to being a prolific reader. He was a 27-year friend of Bill W. and was instrumental in founding Lewistown's Triangle Club. He also enjoyed his friends in the Outlook Club and the intellectual stimulation

of their monthly meetings. His motto for encouragement of his wife Gayle during difficult times was "illegitimi non-carborundum," which was very characteristic of Doug, who had a great sense of humor, and was a superb storyteller, which he developed during his years of high school and college, debating and later in Toastmasters.

His parents and a sister, Verda Beck, preceded him in death.

He is survived by his wife Gayle of Lewistown; a daughter, Pam (Ed) Butcher of Winifred; sons, Douglas E. (Karen) of Fresno, Calif., and Jesse (Shary) of Covina, Calif.; a sister, Nancy (Jay) Peterson of Provo, Utah; brother-in-law, Ray (Mary) Cox of Provo; sisters-in-law, Arva (Theron) Moss of Tustin, Calif., and Judy (Andrew) Tripaldi of Phoenix. Surviving grandchildren are Trevis, Ross and Becky Butcher, Kari Christopherson, Kristen Reid, Matt, Jeremy, Kelly, Eric, Ryan and Stephanie Ward; and 18 great-grandchildren; plus numerous nephews and nieces.

Funeral services for Douglas T. Ward will be at the First Christian Church in Lewistown on Friday, Jan. 25, at 10 a.m., with Mike Dean officiating. Interment will be at the Winifred Cemetery, with lunch following at the

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Winifred Lutheran Church.

Memorials are suggested to the Anchor Boys Academy (Havre), the Pinehaven Youth Ranch (St. Ignatius), the Central Montana Foundation or to the charity of the donor's choice.

Creel Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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## Harold B. Ward

Harold B. Ward, 83, of Billings, passed away Wednesday, March 6, 2002.

Graveside service will be held in Cement, Okla., at 2 p.m. Monday, March 11. A family and friends dinner will be held at noon in the Cement Fellowship Hall.

Harold Benjamin Ward was born April 3, 1918, in Cement, son of Charles Floyd Ward and Mary Cathrine Rogers Ward. He married Phyllis Francis Moser, July 5, 1937. Harold worked in the family business until the outbreak of World War II. He enlisted in the navy and served in the South Pacific. Following the war, he took advantage of the GI Bill and attended the Oklahoma State University, graduating in 1952, with bachelors and masters degrees in soil. After graduation, he went to work for the Bureau of Reclamation and moved his family to Riverton, Wyo.

Between 1954 and 1956, he led the land classification unit for the Yellowtail Dam site while living in Hardin. He continued working for the Bureau of Reclamation in Cody, Wyo., Townsend, Great Falls and finally in Billings, where he retired in 1978.

He is preceded in death by Patricia Ann Ward, infant daughter.

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He is survived by his wife, Phyllis M. Ward, of the family home; and five children, Charles and Sharon Ward, Centralia, Wash., Wayne and Beverly Ward, Thermopolis, Wyo., Jim Ward, Great Falls, Steve and Sherry Ward, Great Falls, and Sue and Tom Zack, Keller, Texas. Also, he is survived by a sister, Gee and Floyd Norton, Anadarko, Okla., and a brother, Kyle and Mary Ward, Duncan, Okla.

His life continues on in 12 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Harold had a passion for life, flowers, golf, hunting and fishing.

## Margaret L. Ward

Our dear mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, cousin and good friend, Margaret, died unexpectedly at her home on Monday, Nov. 25, 2002.

Margaret was born Sept. 30, 1916, to Lillian and Robert Stratton in Missoula. She attended St. Francis Elementary School and graduated from Loyola Sacred Heart Academy, where she received a scholarship in piano. These were the depression years and she chose instead to attend business college and then worked at Thornton Hospital in Missoula.

In 1937, Margaret married Robert Flint in Missoula and they moved to Billings, where they lived until Bob enlisted in the Army Air Corps in 1943. While assigned at Mercedes, Calif., Bob was killed in a military training accident in February, 1944. Margaret and Bob had one daughter, Virginia (Ginny). After Bob's death, Margaret and Ginny returned to Helena.

In August, 1948, Margaret married George W. Ward. Shortly thereafter, Margaret, George and Ginny moved to Billings, where George was



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employed at, and ultimately retired from, Exxon. They expanded their family with a son Curt, and a daughter, Teri. Margaret and George actively supported their three children through the Billings parochial school system. In the mid-1960s, Margaret began working at Montague's Jewelers as their bookkeeper, where she worked for more than 25 years.

For many years Margaret was involved with St. Patrick's Co-Cathedral in numerous volunteer capacities including the choir, St. Monica's Circle and the Altar Society. Soon after her retirement, Margaret began volunteering at St. Vincent's Healthcare in the AVSAT department and only last summer received an award as their "most senior volunteer."

She also volunteered every Wednesday at the Sacred Heart Renewal Center. Margaret loved to play cards of any kind and was an extraordinary problem solver, whether she was doing the Sunday crossword puzzle, jigsaw puzzles or helping her family

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work through both light and serious life-impacting decisions.

Margaret leaves behind a wonderful group of friends, including the Monday Night Bridge Club, which has met monthly for the past 52 years. This group, and her many other very special friends have shared births and marriages of their children, births of grandchildren, deaths of their spouses as well as passings within their own ranks.

Margaret and George were able to enjoy many years of their retirement together, golfing, traveling and gardening. They looked forward to family gatherings, spending time with relatives and lifelong friends, and quiet time together. George died in 1994.

For those who knew Margaret, they will remember her as a "very special person" who was active, gracious, outgoing, warm and giving. Her family will remember her as a loving person who nurtured, supported, mentored and anchored them.

She is survived by her daughter, Ginny and her husband Charles Tribe of Missoula; her daughter, Teri of Billings; her son, Curt and his wife Jan of Centreville, Va.; 16 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; her sister and brother-in-law, Bette and P. H. Radley of Helena; and close relatives. She was preceded in death by her parents and her husbands.

A vigil service will be held at 5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 29, at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary. A funeral mass will be offered at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 30, at St. Patrick's Co-Cathedral. Casket is closed. Cremation will follow services. Memorials may be made to the charity of one's choice.

Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.



## **Robert Horace Ward**

**MAY 08 2002  
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LIVINGSTON — Robert Horace Ward, 83, of Wilsall, died Monday, May 6, 2002, at Livingston Memorial Hospital. Cremation has taken place at Franzen-Davis Crematory in Livingston. Private services will be at a later date.

# Rose 'Rosie' Ward

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## ROSE WARD

JOLIET — Rose "Rosie" Ward, 93, of Joliet, passed away Thursday evening, May 9, 2002, at her daughter's home. She was born on March 26, 1909, in Red Lodge, a daughter of Joseph and Mary Obert. She was raised and went to school in Roberts.

On Nov. 22, 1930, Rosie was married to Chris C. Ward in Fromberg. Rosie and Chris farmed side by side at Carbonado. Rosie mowed hay with a team of horses, and later they custom combined together. She also raised chickens, milked cows and tended her garden. Rosie and Chris were married for 54 years before his death in 1984. She maintained her home on the farm until her death.

Rosie was an accomplished seamstress, and she enjoyed knitting and crocheting. She was a longtime active member of St. John's Catholic Parish in Joliet.

Survivors include two daughters, Celeste (Chet) Schwend,

Vigil services will be held at 7 p.m. Sunday, May 12, in St. John's Catholic Church in Joliet. The funeral mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Monday, May 13, in the church. Interment will be in Rockvale Cemetery, with Smith-Olcott Funeral Chapel of Red Lodge in charge of arrangements.

and Margaret (Norman) Dewell, all of Joliet; nine grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband; six brothers; one sister; and one grandson, Steven Dewell.

## William H. 'Bill' Ward

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HOBSON — William H. "Bill" Ward, age 91, of Hobson, died peacefully in his sleep on Tuesday, April 30, 2002, at the Central Montana Medical Center following a short illness. William was born to Isom and Mary Ward in Hobson on Nov. 30, 1910. He was the oldest living resident of Hobson prior to the time of his death.

He attended school at Kolin. On Aug. 22, 1929, at Harlowton, Bill was united in marriage to Marjorie Hebb.

They farmed and ranched in the Hobson, Moore and Denton areas



**WILLIAM  
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their entire lives, retiring in 1999. He loved his occupation and enjoyed showing-and-telling about his crops to family and friends. He drove school bus in the 1930s; picked fruit while in California; worked for Clyde Gore as a mechanic and in his early teens worked in the Judith Basin Flour Mill. He was also a guide for Bill Korrell for 15 years, taking hunters into Middle Fork.

In addition to farming, Bill loved the mountains. In the mid-1970s, he purchased a cabin in the Little Belt Mountains, where he

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spent as much time as he could with family and friends. He loved to hunt elk with his sons, sons-in-law and grandsons. He knew the Belt Mountains and its roads as well as anybody around and always had a story to tell. He always wanted to know what was over the next hill, as sitting still was not in his vocabulary. He also enjoyed owning and operating his own plane. He flew for several years and had many memorable flights with his family and hunting partners.

He was a big kid at heart, as was the case when he went to Disneyland. He enjoyed going to California with his wife to see his sister in the 1970s and 1980s. He supported his family in their athletic endeavors and liked playing the piano, harmonica, accordion and dancing. His door was always open to anybody and he was always willing to help someone in trouble. There were no strangers to him but rather someone to carry on a conversation with. He liked playing pinochle with his family and had some hot games as well as playing pitch. He was a regular at Eddies Corner for over 60 years, having coffee with friends and neighbors. He will be remembered as a strong-willed person and someone who never gave up, as was evidenced by his endurance to live as long as he could and fight to the end.

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## William H. 'Bill' Ward

Bill was a member of the Eagles, the Judith Masonic Lodge and the Shrine.

Survivors include his wife of 72 years, Marjorie "Jodi" of Hobson; four sons, Don (Dolores) Ward, Joe (Shirley) Ward, Dave (JoAnne) Ward, all of Lewistown, and Bob (Penny) Ward of Fairfield; four daughters, Jean Stevenson of Hobson, Kate Stoner of Cascade, Betty Stiner of Great Falls, and Barb (Mike) Headlee of Billings; 33 grandchildren and 42 great-grandchildren. In addition, he is survived by a brother, John (Sylvan) Ward of Windham; and a daughter-in-law, Marilyn Ward of Helena. Bill was preceded in death by his parents, Isom and Mary Ward; sisters, Stella, Alma and Bertha; sons, Raymond and Billy; a brother, Art; a nephew, Dennis Ward; and granddaughter, Stacie Ward.

The family wishes to thank all those who cared and prayed for him and his family during his illness. In the midst of his loss, it is also a great comfort for his family to have been blessed with his long life and many happy memories.

A memorial service for William Ward will be held at the First Christian Church on Saturday, May 4, at 11 a.m. Cremation has taken place.

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

## **Delsa Wardell**

OTTO, Wyo. — Delsa Dalley Jones Wardell, 96, died Thursday, May 16, 2002, at the home of her daughter, Jeanette Tolman, in Otto.

Viewing will be from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, May 21, at the Burlington-Otto LDS Chapel, where funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Interment will follow at the Otto Cemetery.

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## **Lucile M. Warford**

**MILES CITY —** Lucile M. Warford, 72, died Tuesday, Sept. 24, 2002, in a Great Falls Hospital due to complications of lung-liver cancer.

Funeral services will be at 5 p.m. Friday, Sept. 27, at Fifth Avenue Christian Church, with a reception to follow. Graveside services will be at 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 28, in the Custer County Cemetery in Miles City. Family and friends will meet at 2:30 p.m. at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City to proceed to the cemetery.

## Alvin Warner

TERRY — Alvin "Buck" Warner, 77, of Terry, died Wednesday, Jan. 23, 2002, at the Prairie County MAF.

Visitation will begin Sunday, Jan. 27, at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Terry. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday, Jan. 28, at Community Presbyterian Church. Interment will follow in the family lot of Prairie County Cemetery.

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

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## Mildred E. Warner

BILLINGS GAZETTE

JUL - 3 2002

GLENDIVE — Mildred E. "Millie" Warner, 82, of Glendive, died Saturday, June 29, 2002, in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

Memorial services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, July 5, at the Zion Lutheran Church in Glendive. Interment will be in the Dawson Memorial Cemetery in Glendive. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Glendive is in charge.

## Ronald A. Warren

BILLINGS GAZETTE

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WINIFRED — Ronald A. Warren, 73, of Winifred, died Wednesday, Nov. 20, 2002, at Central Montana Skilled Nursing Center.

Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 23, in the Winifred Cemetery. Cloyd Funeral Home of Lewistown is in charge.

**MAR 29 2002****Dorothy Washam**

**MILES CITY —** Dorothy Washam, 85, of Miles City, died Thursday, March 28, 2002, at the Friendship Care Center in Miles City.

Visitation will begin Friday, March 29, at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 30, at Stevenson & Sons. Interment will follow in the family lot in Custer County Cemetery in Miles City.

**APR 05 2002**

## **Mariesther Waterman**

**GRASS RANGE —** Mariesther Waterman, 94, died Tuesday, April 4, 2002, at the Central Montana Medical Center in Lewistown.

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

**RICHEY —**

Stella Amelia Larson Waters, age 98, of Richey, died at the McCone County Nursing Home in Circle, on Friday, Sept. 20, 2002.



**STELLA  
WATERS**

Funeral services for Stella will be held 2 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 26, at the United Methodist Church in Richey with Reverend Susan Twidwell officiating. Interment will follow in the Richey Cemetery. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Homes of Glendive is entrusted with arrangements.

Stella Amelia Larson Waters was born to Norwegian immigrant parents, Lars and Bertha, Christmas Day, 1903, in Cottonwood, Minn. She joined sister Minnie, Lars' daughter from his first marriage. Sister Anna and brother LeRoy were born later in Cottonwood. In 1907, the Larsons moved to a homestead near Medicine Lake, where brother Norman and sister Thelma were born. The Larson children were all baptized into the Lutheran faith.

Stella was a leader who played on Medicine Lake's first girls basketball team. She graduated salutatorian of her class and went on to college at the Montana Normal School in Dillon. She became a teacher and took her first teaching position in Plentywood. She later moved to Fallon, Nev., where she taught commercial subjects at the high school level. During the Great Depression, she sent the lion's share of her paycheck home to her parents who struggled on the dry land farm.

Her passion for travel was cultivated in the late 1920s when she traveled solo to China to visit teacher friends and explore. Years later, found among her few earthly possessions were silk tapestries and snapshots of temples and rickshaws, memories of her China trip.

In the early 1930s, Stella moved to California, living in Los Angeles and eventually moving to the San Francisco Bay Area, where she stayed for many years. She taught high school typing and shorthand at Hayward High. Her sparse apartment was evidence of her frugal ways. She played tennis and hiked to stay fit.

In the late 1940s, Stella took a teaching sabbatical and lived in South America for one year. Souvenirs of her travels included llama bedspreads and colorful wool vests shared with her siblings, nieces and nephews.

Stella was devoted to her nieces and nephews and their children. Over the years, she was the aunt who passionately gave undivided attention and unconditional love to the children and grandchildren of her brothers and sisters. Whether Stella took kids on nature walks and swimming or to art museums and theatrical productions she relished in the event just as much as the kids. She provided travel experiences and college financial assistance to many of the young relatives always stressing the value of education and travel.

In the 1960s, Stella pursued her interest in family history by taking another sabbatical, this time to Norway. She spent a year

scouring churches and contacting distant relatives piecing together her genealogy. Feeling that it was never too late to learn, she decided in her mid-sixties to learn the language, taking Norwegian speaking and writing lessons. Upon Aunt Stella's return, the nieces and nephews once again received wonderful and curious gifts. The hand knit Norwegian sweaters and keepsakes to this day.

After a teaching career that spanned 45 years, Stella retired in 1969. She stayed on at her apartment in Hayward, frequently visiting sister Anna in San Francisco. Stella was a member of the Sons of Norway and the Sierra Club. She continued to travel the United States visiting relatives. While in Richey visiting sister Thelma Jensen, she met family friend Otis Waters. Otis had been widowed in 1972 and by 1975, the two were discovering a special friendship. Otis visited his brother in California and also visited Stella in Hayward. Over several years a sweet romance blossomed and the two were married in 1977. They honeymooned in Palm Springs for a month before returning to live in Richey.

Stella's first marriage at 73 years old was a delight to all. She surprised the family and herself. She loved belonging to Otis' large extended family: Dale (Mickey), Stanley (Erda), Keith (Joyce), Verna Kemmis (Eldon), Lynn (Jackie), and Delbert (Patsy) and was proud of the six children, their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She enjoyed Otis' church, Richey United Methodist Church. She enjoyed the fellowship of the Richey Senior Citizens Center. Meals on Wheels provided many a noon-time visitor to their home. She paid special attention to Otis' children and grandchildren. The small town welcomed her and watched over her, especially after the symptoms of Alzheimer's disease became apparent. Her long walks were carefully and lovingly monitored by the caring souls of Richey.

The Waters shared 14 years before Otis died in 1991 at the age of 101. Soon after, Stella moved to the nursing home in Circle and nieces Janet Hansen Beery, Richey, and Nancy Hansen, Chinook, were appointed as her guardians. Joyce Waters, who was the daughter Stella never had, continued to visit Stella weekly. Stella died at the nursing home on Sept. 20, 2002. Her niece Janet Beery was with her at the end.

Stella was preceded in death by sisters Minnie (Harry) DeSilva, Anna (Harold) Olson and Thelma (Ole) Jensen; brothers LeRoy (Katherine) Larsen and Norman (Vernie) Larson nephew Dale (Romelle) DeSilva and by the love of her life, husband Otis.

Survivors include 11 nieces and nephews, Harold (Lou) DeSilva, Yvonne DeSilva, Barbara Olson (Dave) Gialdini, Donald (Sandy) Larson, Shirley Larson King, Susan Larson (Loren) Olson, Norman (Sandy) Larson, Jr., Alan (Darlene) Hansen, Gerald (Kathy) Hansen, Robert (Lyla) Jensen and Mary Jensen (Bryan) Dige, as well as 27 great-nieces and nephews.

Stella's life was a celebration of education, travel, energy and love for family.

**MAR 08 2002**

## **George C. Watkins**

LOVELL, Wyo. — George Clarence Watkins, 77, died Tuesday, March 5, 2002, at St. Luke's Hospital, in Kansas City.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 9, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Lovell. Burial will be in the Lovell Cemetery. Haskell Funeral Home of Lovell is in charge.



*D. Maurice Watson*

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## "TOOTS"

WICKENBURG, Ariz. — D. Maurice Watson, age 87, of Salome, passed away April 12, 2002, at Wickenburg Extended care.

Maurice was born on March 16, 1915, in Dayton, Wyo., son of Hugh and Flora (Thompson) Watson. At the age of 16, he moved to the Crow Reservation with a small band of sheep. He returned to Sheridan, Wyo., to finish high school and graduated in 1934. He returned to Montana, where he and his brother Malcolm were in the sheep business.

He married Virginia Secrest, Nov. 3, 1944, in Hardin. They moved to Worden, Mont., where they bought a motel. Later, they moved to Billings where he

worked 11 years for Rector Feed Lot. From there, they moved to Helena, where he worked for Asarco.

He retired in February 1982, and after traveling around the country for several years, settled in Salome.

He is survived by his wife Virginia of Salome; two sons, Howard (Sally) Watson of Three Forks, Mont., and Lyle (Barbara) Watson of Princeton, Ind.; three grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

He has two nephews, Ronald and Hugh Watson. His parents and two brothers preceded him in death.

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

## **Ernest C. Watson**

LOVELL, Wyo. — Ernest C. Watson, 84, of Lovell, died Sunday, Feb. 24, 2002, at North Big Horn Hospital in Lovell.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 27, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Lovell. Burial will be in the Lovell Cemetery. Haskell Funeral Home of Lovell is in charge.

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# Fred Watson

## BILLINGS GAZETTE

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Fred Watson was born on Aug. 18, 1924, in Gibbon, Okla., to Earl and Estella Watson. He died peacefully at home on Saturday, Dec. 7, 2002.

He served in the Air Corp. during World War II.

Mom and Dad had their first date on Nov. 21, 1943, and were married on April 6, 1947.



**FRED  
WATSON**

Survivors include his wife Lois; children Rebecca (Occo) De Jongh of Vancouver, Wash., Allen of Las Vegas, Nev., Sandra (Paul) Hartman of Billings; grandchildren Kirk De Jongh, Lara de Jongh, Kari Hartman, Michelle Hartman; great-grandson Jacobus Harter; brother Robert of Tulsa, Okla.; sister-in-law Lawanda Hostetler and her children that became his own after the death of his brother, Ralph.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Ralph.

Fred was a member of Central Christian Church, where he served as elder. He was also a member of the Ashler Lodge #29 A.F. and A.W., Scottish Rite, and Al Bedoo Shrine. He recently received recognition for 50

years of membership with the Masonic Lodge. Dad loved to sing and perform and cherished his membership in the Al Bedoo Shrine Chanters. Fred was a volunteer driver for the Scottish Rite transportation van and enjoyed the opportunity to help others. He was a member of the American Legion.

Fred had a number of jobs throughout his life, most centered around farming and sales. In 1957, Mom and Dad purchased a farm near Fairfield and moved their family from Oklahoma. In 1962, Fred accepted a job with Old Northwest Agency, where he worked until his retirement in December of 1985.

Dad loved to fly his airplanes and owned a number of planes in his flying days. Dad's other passion was buying cars. It was not unusual for him to trade cars a number of times during the year, and would declare each time, "This is the last car I will ever own." We learned early not to become too attached to one of Dad's cars.

After Fred's retirement in 1985, he and Mom traveled to a

number of places. He was a devoted grandfather and derived great joy from his grandchildren.

We would like to especially thank Big Sky Hospice, Dr. Muskett, Dr. Terry and Dr. Hagen for their outstanding care and compassion that they have shown our family.

Cremation has taken place at Smith's Crematory. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m., Tuesday, Dec. 10, at the Central Christian Church.

Memorials may be sent to Central Christian Church, 1221 16th St. W.; Scottish Rite Transportation, 514 14th St. W., Billings, MT 59102; Big Sky Hospice, P.O. Box 37003, Billings, 59107; or the American Heart Association, 2812 First Ave. N., Billings, 59101.

## **Helen D. Watson**

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

MOTT, N.D. — Helen Watson, 81, died Friday, Aug. 16, 2002, at the MedCenter One Hospital in Bismarck, N.D.

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Funeral services will be 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 20, at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Mott, with burial at 3 p.m. in the North Dakota Veterans Cemetery. Visitation will be from 1 to 7 p.m. Monday. Evanson-Jensen Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

**MAR 12 2002**

**Katharine V. Watson**

MALTA — Katharine V. Watson, 85, of Malta, died Sunday, March 10, 2002, at the County Inn, of natural causes.

Wake services will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 13, at St. Mary's Catholic Church. Mass of the Resurrection will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, March 14, at St. Mary's Catholic Church. Burial will be in the Malta Cemetery. Adams Funeral Home of Malta is in charge.

## Patricia I. Watson

BILLINGS GAZETTE

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HARDIN — Patricia Ida "Patsy" Watson, 62, of Hardin, passed away Saturday evening March 30, 2002, in the Big Horn County Memorial Hospital.

She was born Dec. 2, 1939 in Hardin, a daughter of Clarence and Selina O'Brien Keeler. She grew up in the St. Xavier area, receiving her early education at the St. Xavier Catholic Mission School. She completed her education in Hardin, graduating from Hardin High School in 1957.

Patsy married Thomas L. Watson on Jan. 11, 1958 in Hardin and the couple made their home in Hardin. She worked for the Montana State Liquor Store in Hardin for 16 years, retiring in 1989.

She was a faithful member of the St. Joseph Catholic Church. She was an avid bowler, who bowled for over 40 years in the same league. In her spare time, she enjoyed tole painting, playing cards and crafting. However, she loved to care for and watch her children and grandchildren.

Her father, Clarence and sister, Marjorie preceded Patsy in death.

Survivors include her husband, Thomas; her son, Jerry of Hardin; two daughters, Cindy (Brian) Fassett of Casper and Tina (Ron "Shorty") Benzel of

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Hardin; her mother, Selina Keeler of Hardin; three sisters, Theresa (Harold) Halderson of White Sulphur Springs, JoAnn Potts and Betty Christman of Hardin and three granddaughters, Jami Benzel, Tabitha (Mike) Edwards and Kimberly Fassett.

Rosary will be recited 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Bullis Funeral Chapel. Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Wednesday, April 3, in the St. Joseph Catholic Church. Rite of Committal will follow in the Hardin Fairview Cemetery. Bullis Mortuary of Hardin has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Should friends desire, memorial contributions may be made to the Big Horn Hospital Foundation, Hardin, MT 59034.



**Joseph H. Watt**

**JUN 20 2002**

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Joe Watt, 96, of Sheridan, died June 13, 2002.

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, June 20, at Kane Funeral Home in Sheridan. Interment will be in Sheridan Elks Cemetery.

## Barbara Graham Watts

Barbara Graham Watts died unexpectedly Wednesday, Oct. 2, 2002. She was an actress, an educator and a lifelong lover of the arts.

Barbara was born on June 27, 1920, in Taft, Calif., to Alberta Journey and Frederick Graham. She grew up in Taft and attended Taft Junior College, where she first experienced the joy of acting. Barbara garnered the Best Actress award at the annual, statewide Pasadena Playhouse drama festival and earned a scholarship to attend the College of the Pacific in Stockton, Calif.

In Stockton, she met her future husband, Meredith Watts, on Dec. 7, 1941, the day Pearl Harbor was bombed. Meredith was stationed at Stockton Air Base. After a whirlwind courtship, they married on April 4, 1942. While Meredith was stationed in England for three years, Barbara completed her bachelor's degree in elementary education and music in December, 1942, and then moved to San Francisco, where she worked for the Southern Pacific Railroad.

Following the war, Barbara and Meredith reunited and made their home in Roundup, where Meredith practiced law. Barbara had three children: Saralyn, born in 1947, John in 1950, and Virginia in 1956. The family moved to

Bozeman in 1957, and Barbara earned a secondary teaching credential for English, music and drama from Montana State College.

She taught English and drama at Bozeman Senior High School from 1960 to 1963. During her tenure at the high school, Barbara produced musicals and dramas and took teams to competitions in speech and drama. She won a Best Director award, and several of her students won Best Acting awards. Barbara was also very active in Bozeman's Loft Theatre and in Montana State College drama productions, playing such roles as Medea, Hedda Gabler, and Amanda Wingfield.

In 1963, the family moved to Fullerton, Calif., where Barbara taught English at Fullerton Union High School, for one year, and at Troy High School until her retirement in 1978. During her tenure at Troy, she took a sabbatical to pursue course work in classical studies at University of California, Irvine.

In 1980, Barbara and Meredith returned to Bozeman to enjoy retirement in their home in Grandview Heights. Barbara spent the remainder of her life savoring time with her family, including her grandchildren, Noah and Vanessa Watts, Maya Bronston, and Garrett and Corey Chase.

Barbara made it a point to contribute to the communities in which she lived. In Roundup, she was president of the Community Concert Association, an active member of the Dine and Dance Club and the Square Dance Club, and a past president of Chapter N, PEO. Barbara also entertained the community as a member of the American Legion Women's Trio and the Congregational Church Choir. In Bozeman, she was a charter member and past president of Chapter AU, PEO. She was also past president of Chapter SG, PEO, in California.



**BARBARA  
WATTS**

Upon her return to Bozeman, Barbara volunteered at the Bozeman Public Library, delivering books to homebound library patrons. She was an avid supporter of the Bozeman Symphony, the Intermountain Opera and the arts community in general. She served on the Montana

State Chapter, PEO Continuing Education Committee and also co-chaired the PEO state convention in 1993.

Barbara filled her spare time with trips with Meredith. They explored Greece and England, cruised the Inland Passage, and traveled throughout the United States. This past year, she fulfilled two dreams by attending a performance by Placido Domingo at New York's Metropolitan Opera House and visiting the Getty Museum of Art in California.

Barbara was preceded in death by her parents, Fred and Alberta Graham; and her sisters, Gertrude Kallok and Virginia Cardin (Robert). She is survived by her husband, Meredith Watts of Bozeman; her brothers, George Graham (Dorothy, deceased) of Santa Barbara, Calif., and Fred "Sandy" Graham (Lucy, deceased) of Billings; her children, Saralyn Watts Sebern (Douglas), John Graham Watts (Roberta Fog in the Morning) and Virginia "Ginny" Watts (Ron Chase); and grandchildren, Noah Watts of Los Angeles, Vanessa Watts, Bozeman, Maya Bronston, Livermore, Calif., and Garrett and Corey Chase, Bozeman.

BARBARA GRAHAM  
WATTS

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Barbara will be buried at Sunset Memorial Gardens in Billings. A memorial will be held at the Dahl Funeral Chapel, 300 Highland Boulevard, Bozeman, at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 8. The memorial will be followed by a reception at the Pilgrim Congregational Church, 2118 South Third Ave., in Bozeman.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Chapter AU, PEO for educational projects, c/o Mrs. Tim Johnson, 618 Wintergreen Lane, Bozeman, MT 59715.

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## Helen Wayman

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**FEB 07 2002**

RED LODGE — Helen Wayman, 92, of Red Lodge, formerly of Powell, Wyo., died Tuesday, Jan. 22, 2002, at Beartooth Hospital and Health Center in Red Lodge.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be at 1 p.m. Monday, Feb. 11, at Community Church in Red Lodge.

# Lorraine Gertrude Weast

BILLINGS GAZETTE

JAN 21 2002

RED LODGE — Lorraine Gertrude Weast, 93, of Red Lodge, passed away Friday, Jan. 18, 2002, at Beartooth Hospital and Health Center.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Monday, Jan. 21, at the St. Olaf Church in Red Lodge.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Lorraine's name may be made to St. Olaf Church, HC 50 Box 4345, Red Lodge, MT 59068. Arrangements were by Cremation or Funeral Gallery.

## **Kim Dale Weaver**

**JUN 14 2002**  
**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

WORLAND, Wyo. — Kim Dale Weaver, 53, of Worland, died Tuesday, June 11, 2002, at Washakie Medical Center.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Monday, June 17, at St. Alban's Episcopal Church. Cremation has taken place. Cremated remains will be interred at St. Alban's Columbarium. Veile Mortuary of Worland is in charge.

## Margaret A. Weaver

BILLINGS GAZETTE

WORLAND, Wyo. — Margaret A. "Nicki" Weaver, 77, died Thursday, Nov. 28, 2002, at Deaconess Billings Clinic.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 7, at the United Methodist Church in Worland. Burial will follow at Riverview Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Worland. Veile Mortuary is in charge.

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## Frances Helen Webb

THERMOPOLIS, Wyo. — Frances Helen Webb, 88, died Monday, April 29, 2002, at Life Care Center in Casper.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, May 3, at First Baptist Church. Burial will follow in Monument Hill Cemetery. Mortimore Funeral Home of Thermopolis is in charge.

## **Marjorie Francis Webb**

Marjorie Freund Spencer Webb was born Dec. 31, 1910, in Wagner, Okla., to Samuel L. and Laura Pasey Freund. Marjorie came with her parents to Montana in 1916, settling in Laurel, where she received most of her schooling, continuing on with high school in Billings.

Marjorie was first married to Clem L. Spencer in 1931. He was killed in a plane crash in 1941. She later married Sidney L. Webb in Great Falls, on Feb. 28, 1949. He died on Feb. 27, 1974.



**MARJORIE  
WEBB**

Kiddie Shop as a sales clerk for 10 years.

She worked at the Senior High School cafeteria for three years and later at the ABC

For 20 years, Marjorie loved traveling with her husband. She loved to read, especially her daily Bible. Marjorie was always willing to lend a helping hand to anyone in need. Since May of 1928, she was a member of the Billings First Christian Church. During her younger days, she was very active in her church. Marjorie had been a member of Edna Hedges Chapter Eastern Star for over 50 years, when the chapter closed in 1995; she became affiliated with the Moss Agate Chapter 126, and was a charter member of the White Shrine of Jerusalem, Mizpah 4, and also the AARP.

Marjorie is survived by one sister, Loretta Jean Hobbs of Billings; several nieces and nephews, and many cousins. She was preceded in death by her parents; a sister, Marian; and a brother, Clyde.

Visitation will be Thursday, Oct. 24, 12 noon to 8 p.m., at Dahl Funeral Chapel. Memorial service will be Saturday, Oct. 26, 10 a.m., at the First Christian Church. Burial of ashes in Mountview Cemetery.

# Rae Silbernagel-Webb

BILLINGS GAZETTE

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WOODLAND, Wash. — At the young age of 51, Rae Webb went back to our Lord on Monday, Dec. 16, 2002, after a short battle with cancer.

She was born on July 2, 1951, to Raymond and Betty Zelka in Hardin, Mont.

She will be missed and is loved tremendously.



**RAE SILBER-  
NAGEL-WEBB**

Her survivors include her parents; her loving husband, Calvin Webb, Woodland, Wash.; three daughters, Antionette Trembly, Vancouver, Susan Mayer, Woodland, Paula Miller, Billings; two sons, Andrew Silbernagel, Woodland, Aaron Silbernagel, Vancouver; four sisters, Debbie Hardy, Bobbie Vernoy, Toni McNeil and Kristi Harris; two brothers, Ron Reitler of Laurel, Mont., and Sean Zelka of Palm Springs, Calif.

Memorial services will be in Vancouver, at the Church of Christ on Alderson Road, on Saturday, Dec. 21. Memorial services later in Billings at Church of Christ.

## Jordan J. Webber III

**BRIDGER** — Jordan Webber, age 76, left this world in just the way he wanted. Early on a spring day in May, he left the house with his dog to set water in his irrigated pasture. Before he got the water running, he must have tired. He lay down in the tall grass beside the ditch to take a nap, and never awoke.



**JORDAN  
WEBBER III**

Smith-Olcott Funeral Chapel of Red Lodge is in charge of arrangements. Vigil is Friday, May 24, 7:30 p.m., at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Bridger; Funeral Mass, Saturday, May 25, at 2 p.m.; interment at the Bridger Cemetery following the service. Friends and neighbors are requested to bring irrigation shovels to assist with his burial. Please send memorials to Clarks Fork Rural Fire District or Clarks Fork Valley EMS.

Jordan J. Webber III was the last of nine children born to immigrant parents, German-French Jordan J. Webber II and Hungarian Rosalia Pospisil Webber on Aug. 24, 1925, in the family farmhouse near Elysian School outside Billings. In 1928, the family purchased their farm

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south of Bridger. Jordan attended New Prospect Grade School, walking every day, three miles, uphill, in deep snow, both ways, and graduated from Bridger High School in 1943.

That summer, he joined the U.S. Army Air Force, and completed an extensive two-year training program as a photo reconnaissance pilot in highly modified Lockheed P-38 Lightning fighter planes. With all armament removed to make room for cameras, the plane's only defense was speed. Casualty rates for reconnaissance pilots, already very high in Europe, were expected to be much worse when invading Allies faced the fierce defenses of Japanese home islands. Jordan was ready to ship out for service over Japan in August 1945 when the atomic bombs ended the war. Jordan's wife and offspring owe a debt of gratitude to Col. Paul Tibbets and his B-29 bomber, the Enola Gay. Thanks to them, Jordan survived the war to marry and raise a family, though because he had not left U.S. soil as a serviceman, he could never join the Veterans of Foreign Wars, a lifelong regret.

Along with thousands of other pilots, Jordan was mustered out of the Army Air Force in December 1945 with an honorable discharge, but he continued to fly for a while in B-24 bombers as a member of the Air Force Reserve, receiving his honorable

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discharge in 1956. Except for his family, his flying days were the highlight of his life.

Jordan worked at various jobs in Billings for a couple of years before he got up the courage to ask Edward DeRudder, Sr., father of his high school sweetheart Bertha Marie, for her hand in marriage. The gruff, taciturn old Belgian thought about it for a bit, chewed his snoose, spit, and agreed. On a sunny day in January 1947 with a warm chinook wind blowing, they were united in the old Sacred Heart Church, Bridger. Next day the temperature dropped to 30 below. Their timing was good ... they could keep each other warm.

Jordan and Bertha lived in Billings for a couple of years before moving to their first farm near Silesia in 1950. In 1952, they moved to the Webber clan's farm south of Bridger. While they raised five kids, he farmed in the summer and worked winter jobs at the rock quarry near Frannie, Wyo., and at the sugar factory in Billings. The family at one time or another had large numbers of cattle, or sheep, or hogs, or the last enterprise, egg-laying chickens. He worked full-time for the USDA Soil Conservation Service for several years, but in 1966 went back to farming full time. Then in 1971, Jordan made a

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major career change: he gave up farming and became an electrician and instrument repairman at the Billings Exxon Refinery. In the early '70s, he and Bertha built their lovely log home on land next to the family farm now owned and operated by his son, Roger, the third generation of Webbers to do so. He worked at Exxon until a heart attack in 1987 persuaded him to take medical retirement in 1988.

After recovery, he spent a lot of time working with Roger on the farm and loved to help out, though the family sometimes joked that he drove farm equipment like he was flying fighter planes again, throttle to the wall. He cared for a large lawn and tended a vegetable garden, usually boasting 48 heads of cabbage. Most of those went to the Billings Rescue Mission each autumn, for which fact the family was grateful.

Jordan donated considerable time to the construction of the new Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Bridger in 1956, and was active in church affairs throughout his life. It was he who built the mud grate still in use at the church's front door with the words "Sacred Heart" woven into the steel. He served on the Bridger School Board as a member, and as its chairman when the grade school building was replaced in 1966. He served as board member or president of

the Dry Creek Ditch Company on a number of occasions, and on the Farmer's Union Co-op board. Many of his engineering efforts at land leveling and water control while working for SCS are still in use today around Carbon County. After retirement he drove bus for the Bridger Public Schools, and served for several years with the Clarks Fork Valley Ambulance Service as a volunteer Emergency Medical Technician until arthritis got the better of him.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his brothers George, Fred and Joe; his sisters Cecelia and Celestine; and an infant daughter, Mary Anne. He is survived by his sisters Rosalie Christman of Bridger, Francis Christman of Spokane, Wash., and Anna Geiger of Billings. His own surviving family includes his wife of 55 years, Bertha; daughters Cecelia Doupe of Burns Lake, British Columbia, and Anita Coghlan of Billings; sons John (Becky) of Billings, Roger (Kathleen) of Bridger, Robert (Collette) of Joliet; 11 grandchildren, Kerista, Richelle, Josh, Becky, Jordan, Hallie, Helen, Nicholas, Taylor, Austin and Shayla; and one great-grandchild, Macy.

Jordan was an intelligent, self-taught man possessing many skills of mind and hands. The

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than 30 years had passed since his own parents died, he still missed them every day. So it shall be for those who survived, knew, and loved Jordan. Happy landings.

product of German, Hungarian and French ancestry, he was a man of strong convictions that may have appeared to some as bull-headedness, but most times served him well. Throughout his life, he held the temperament of a fighter pilot. He once wistfully observed that even though more



## Martha H. Webber

JUN 06 2002  
BILLINGS GAZETTE

COLUMBUS — Martha H. Webber, 95, of Columbus, formerly of Livingston and Wibaux, passed away Wednesday, June 5, 2002, at Beartooth Manor, Columbus.

She was a daughter of Ernest and Sophie Hagemann, born April 4, 1907, at Leaf River, Ill.

She married Hubert Webber, Oct. 25, 1927, in Billings. The couple ranched north of Wibaux until 1946; then they moved to Livingston. Martha resided there until 1987, when she moved to Columbus.

She was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ Of Latter Day Saints in Absarokee.

Martha was preceded in death by her husband Hubert, July of 1961; and by her parents; and one infant son, Kenneth; two grandsons; and one great-granddaughter.

Survivors include two daughters, Gladys Olson of Columbus and Delores (Wayne) Pitts of Renton, Wash.; two sons, Maurice Webber of Ronan and Leroy (Nancy) Webber of Blackfoot, Idaho; 18 grandchildren and 30 great-grandchildren.

Services will be held 11 a.m. Monday June 10, at Smith Funeral Chapel-Columbus.

Interment will be 1 p.m. Tuesday, June 11, at the Wibaux Cemetery, Wibaux.

Memorials are suggest to the charity of your choice.

## **Wilbur W. 'Webb' Webber**

**LAUREL** - Wilbur W. Webber, 86, died Friday, Jan. 11, 2002, at Laurel Evergreen Health and Rehab Center.

A son of Lola and Will Webber, he was born Aug. 31, 1915, on his parents homestead between Joliet and Edgar.

Wilbur (Webb) and May Hatheway were married for 61 years and had two sons, Bob and Bill. They lived on the family farm where he farmed and then worked for N.P. Railroad for over 25 years, sometimes having to walk through the fields to get home because of the snow. He also worked at the Edgar Beet Dump, was a 4-H leader and an

Honorary FFA Chapter Farmer. He loved to fish and had traveled in the western United States, Canada and Alaska. He especially enjoyed going to Thermopoli where he liked the mineral water.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two sisters and a grandson. Survivors include his wife, May; two sons, Bob and Bill, both of Boise, Idaho; five grandchildren; five great-grandchildren and a host of friends and other relatives.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be held Saturday, Jan. 19, at 2 p.m. at Smith Funeral Chapel in Laurel.

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## Joan R. Weber

FORSYTH — Joan R. Weber, 60, of Forsyth, died Saturday, March 16, 2002, at the Deaconess Billings Clinic.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, March 19, at the Beals Mortuary Chapel in Forsyth. Cremation has taken place. Interment of the urn will follow at a later date in Platteville, Wis.

## **Katherine F. Weber**

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**FEB 25 2002**

MISSOULA — Katherine F. Weber, 57, formerly of Billings and Glendive, passed away Friday, Feb. 22, 2002 at Evergreen Healthcare in Missoula.

Katherine (Kay) was born on July 11, 1944, in Aberdeen, S.D., the daughter of Vern and Gertrude Weber. She moved with her family to Glendive in 1955 and graduated from Dawson County High School in 1963. Kay moved to Billings in 1978, where she resided at Prairie Towers until 1992.

Kay is survived by two brothers, Jerry (Gloria) Weber, Joliet and Pat (Janet) Weber; one sister, Karen (Craig) Swenson, all of Billings; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Her devoted mother, Gertrude Weber, father, Vern Weber and brother, Joe Weber, predecease Kay.

Graveside services will be in Glendive at Dawson County Cemetery. Arrangements are pending.

# Natalie 'Dolly' M. Weber

## BILLINGS GAZETTE

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Our energetic, vibrant, full of life "Dolly" and "Nanny" has passed away. We thought she was invincible and would live to be 100! Although she pursued a "healthy" lifestyle, we were shocked when she had a massive stroke on June 16, 2002. She died at Horizon Hospice Home on Monday, July 1, 2002, at the age of 82.



**NATALIE  
WEBER**

Natalie "Dolly" was the youngest of seven children born to Elizabeth Batt and Jacob Michael who were German immigrants from Russia. "Dolly" was

born in Laurel on Nov. 30, 1919. She grew up in Laurel and Park City. After graduation from Park City in 1938, she attended nurses training for a brief period. She married Alexander Weber in Laurel on April 11, 1941. They had two children: Sandi and Doug.

"Dolly" worked at Western Drug and volunteered many years for American Legion baseball. She was a stay-at-home grandma, taking care of her adoring grandchildren who called her "Nanny."

She loved to work in her yard, help others, and keep busy. She was a stable "rock" for all her relatives and friends. No one was a stranger once you met her. She loved to talk to people and made many friends along the way. After Alex's death in 2000, "Dolly" moved into Aspen View where she very much enjoyed the social companionship and "retirement." While at Aspen View, Dolly energized others with her great sense of humor, ran errands, and, with her keen memory, recalled things for others. Dolly was a very caring woman of great strength physically, mentally and spiritually.

She is survived by her children, Sandi Weber Burns of Billings and Doug Weber (Laura) of Peoria, Ariz.; her sister, Emily Michael Blotkamp of Billings; grandchildren; Brandon Burns, Brett Burns (Erika) and Meg Weber; great-grandchildren; Brenna Burns and Tyler Burns. Also surviving are many close nieces and nephews.

Dolly was preceded in death by her parents; her husband Alex Weber; son-in-law Jim Burns; and her siblings, Jacob Michael, Henry Michael, Herman Michael, Lydia Gifford and Mabel Graves.

Services will be at Trinity Lutheran Church at 537 Grand Ave. on Friday, July 5, at 10 a.m. Interment will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens. In lieu of flowers, please send memorials to Horizon Hospice Home, PO Box 35033, Billings, MT 59107. Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

## William Weber, Sr.

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BILLINGS GAZETTE

William "Bill" was home with his family at his side when he passed away on May 29, 2002. Bill was born on April 24, 1910, to John and Susanna Weber. He spent his whole life working the family farm homesteaded by his father just south of Billings. Bill was happiest driving the tractor and continued his life work until shortly before his death.

Bill married Marie Heimbichner in 1928; they were to celebrate their 74th wedding anniversary in July. Together, they worked hard to make the farm a success and to raise a devoted family. Bill was always present for activities involving his grandchildren and great-grandchildren, no matter what, family came first.

Even though he was a man of few words, Bill had an ability to lend an ear and a bit of comfort or advice to all who sought it. His dry sense of humor and practical jokes will always be cherished by those who loved him.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents; brother Sam; and two sons, Donald and William, Jr. He is survived by his wife Marie, daughter Joanne Dodd; son James Weber and wife

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Elaine; and daughter-in-law  
Marcia Weber all of Billings;  
brothers, John Weber of Billings;



**WILLIAM  
WEBER**

and George  
Weber of  
Portland, Ore;  
grandchildren  
Valarie Weber;  
Robin (Tim)  
D e g u a r a  
Donald (Carol)  
Weber of  
Billings, Tracy  
Weber (Marc  
Martin) of

Seattle and Randi (Dave) Ellis of  
Antioch, Ill.; six great-grandchild-  
ren; a great-great-grandchild;  
and many nieces and nephews.

The family extends a special  
"Thanks" to the Big Sky Hospice  
caregivers, Joyce, Tammy,  
Joanne and Jami.

Funeral service will be 2 p.m.  
Friday, May 31, at the Pilgrim  
Congregational Church.  
Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to  
noon on Friday at the Smith  
West Chapel. The casket will be  
closed at the church. Interment  
will be at Mountview Cemetery.  
Memorials may be made to the  
Big Sky Hospice at PO Box  
35033, Billings 59104 or the  
Pilgrim Congregational Church,  
409 S. 36th St., 59101.



# Michael Eugene 'Mike' Webster

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A wonderful son, husband, father and friend, Michael Eugene Webster, 46, died unexpectedly of a massive heart attack on Feb. 16, 2002, with his wife Kathy at his side.



**MR. WEBSTER**

Mike was born June 9, 1955, to Brady and Dorrine Schumm Webster. He graduated from Cascade High School in 1973. It was there he met his best friend, Kathy Standley, whom he married Aug. 30, 1975, in Great Falls.

After attending the University of Montana and graduating from the law school in 1980, he worked at Crowley Law Firm in Billings from 1981 until his death.

A dedicated family man, Mike loved spending time with his wife and four children. He was an ardent Billings Senior Bronc and University of Montana Grizzly fan.

All four of his children benefited from his coaching help in various sports. Mike was generous, caring, kind and had a great sense of humor.

A man of humble faith, Mike was involved in Cursillos and Bible studies and was a sterling

example to his family, making sure that they were grounded in faith as well. He attended St. Pius X Church regularly.

As a natural teacher and excellent speaker, Mike was asked to speak at many Cursillo activities and legal seminars. His positive influence on his own children was shared with many of his children's friends. He always knew the right things to say when his loved ones were upset.

He enjoyed fishing with his dad Bill and his sons Caleb and Ben. One of his passions was collecting baseball cards, and he loved the Baltimore Orioles.

Mike is survived by his wife Kathy; children Heather and husband Ben Sather of Missoula, Caleb, Hannah and Ben; parents Bill and Dorrine Kapptie, all of Billings; sister and brother-in-law Tammy and Mark Osentowski of Warrenton, Ore.; his mother-in-law Bertha Standley of Cascade; and numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and other relatives.

He was preceded in death by his father Brady Webster in 1956; an infant sister; his grandparents Walter and Esther Schumm, Brady and Ella Webster, William

and Anna Kapptie; father-in-law Lester Standley; and a very close friend, ~~Mr.~~ Hamlett.

The family requests memorials to Billings Senior High Bronc Booster Special Fund, c/o Stan Tuomi, 425 Grand Ave., Billings, MT 59101 or St. Pius X Building Fund, 717 18th St. West, Billings, MT 59102.

Vigil services will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 19, and Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 3 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 20, both at St. Pius X Church, 717 18th St. West. Rite of committal will be at Calvary Cemetery. Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

**JUN 14 2002**  
**BELLINGS GAZETTE**

## **Louise Katherine Weeks**

**THERMOPOLIS, Wyo. —** Louise Katherine Weeks, 86, died Tuesday, June 11, 2002, at Canyon Hills Manor in Thermopolis.

Rosary will be at 7 p.m. Friday, June 14, at Mortimore Funeral Home in Thermopolis. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 15, at St. Francis Catholic Church. Burial will follow in Monument Hill Cemetery.

## **Cloyd D. Wegley**

Cloyd D. Wegley was born Aug. 12, 1959. His life ended unexpectedly, Oct. 6, 2002, at St. Vincent's Healthcare.



**CLOYD  
WEGLEY**

Survivors include a son, Zachary; and a daughter, Janna, in Houston; his mother, Bonnie Anderson; sisters, Danita Johnson and Mary Jacobson, all living in Billings; and his maternal grand-

mother, Gertrude Anderson, Williston, N.D.

He has many relatives and longtime friends from many places, including Montana, North Dakota, California, Minnesota and Texas.

He was preceded in death by his father, Quentin C. Wegley, Billings; paternal grandparents, Cloyd and Muriel Wegley of Williston; and his maternal grandfather, Walter Anderson, Epping, N.D.

He was a skilful, hardworking craftsman with many interests who enjoyed his life.

A gathering of family and friends is planned for Saturday, Oct. 12, at Charlie Brown's, starting at 1 p.m. The family home at 1049 Whispering Pine Drive, will be open on Sunday, Oct. 13, at 1 p.m. All are welcome! Let's celebrate Cloyd's life together.

# Lois Ann Weidinger

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Lois Ann Weidinger, 87, was born Nov. 29, 1914, the daughter of Alfred and Elsa Jones. She was raised on their homestead on the Huntley Project. Her father affectionately called her "Molly," and she loved to be outdoors especially working at his side.



**LOIS ANN  
WEIDINGER**

She graduated from Huntley Project High School in 1932 and married Joseph Weidinger in November of that year. A devoted mother and an active church member, she also worked as a cook at Edgar School and at Huebner's Drug Store and St. Vincent Healthcare in Billings. After retirement, she volunteered in the Gift Shop at St. Vincent Healthcare. She enjoyed dancing and was an avid card player.

Lois was preceded in death by her husband, Joe; daughter, Cathy; grandson, Kevin; son-in-law, Dick Klein; her parents; brothers, Bill and Bob; and sister, Rene Hauf.

Survivors include a brother and sister-in-law Dick and Evelyn Jones of Powell, Wyo.; a sister Ruby Snyder of Huntley; brother-in-law, Ron Hauf of Billings; sis-

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## **Sallee Weinberg**

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Sallee Weinberg, 93, of Sheridan, died July 25, 2001.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 5, at the First Christian Church in Sheridan. Kane Funeral Home of Sheridan is in charge.

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## Lillian Rose (Pipe) Weinberger

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WOLF POINT — Lillian Rose (Pipe) Weinberger (a.k.a. "Gaye"), age 64, of Wolf Point, by the way of the Chelsea Community, went to the Spirit World on Oct. 30, 2002, at Deaconess hospital in Billings.

She was born in Poplar, on Jan. 15, 1938, to Jack and Elaine (Red Elk) Pipe, Sr. She was raised in the Chelsea Community, and attended school at Chelsea Day School and Poplar in her early years. She moved to Great Falls for a time, then returned to the Wolf Point area. She married Floyd Weinberger of Box Elder and had one son, who passed away as an infant.

She attended the Dakota Presbyterian Church and Morning Star Baptist Church in Wolf Point. When she returned to the Wolf Point area, she was fortunate to have two families, the Pipes and the Beauchamps, whom she became close with.

She was an excellent traditional food cook, she was a hard worker, and she enjoyed playing bingo. In her early years, she made crafts, crochet, quilting and beadwork.

She was preceded in death by her parents; an infant son, George; nine brothers and four sisters. She is survived by her husband, Floyd of Poplar; five

brothers, Herman Pipe of Poplar, Jack Beauchamp of Glasgow, Larry Beauchamp of Wolf Point, Harry Beauchamp of Oswego and Elmer Beauchamp of Great Falls; four sisters, Helen Pipe of Wolf Point, Thelma Bruno of Great Falls, Linda Grand of Frazer and Sharon Beauchamp of Polson.

Funeral services are Saturday, Nov. 2, at 10 a.m., at the Morning Star Baptist Church in Wolf Point, with wake services Friday, Nov. 1, starting at 3 p.m., with a prayer service at 7 p.m., at the Wolf Point Community Hall. Pastor Billy Bird officiating services. Interment will be in the Chelsea Cemetery. Clayton Memorial Chapel in charge of arrangements.

# Charles Michael Weinschrott

At the age of 79, Charles Weinschrott died at his home in Billings on Saturday, Jan. 19, 2002. Charles was born Sept. 21, 1922, in Baker, the son of John and Frances (Herold) Weinschrott, and graduated from Plevna High School. After attending MSU in Bozeman with a major in engineering, Charles returned to the family farm following the death of his father, and then began his career in sales.

Charles lived in Plevna, Bozeman, Baker, Great Falls and Billings, and for a time, lived in the Seattle-Tacoma area before returning to Billings, where he has resided since. He is a lifelong member of the BPOE Elks, past president of the Billings Kiwanis Club, lifelong member of the AGR House Fraternity and an active member of the Yellowstone Corral of the Westerners. Charles loved the history of the Custer Battlefield and was an active member of the CBHMA.

Charles leaves behind his son



**MR.  
WEINSCHROTT**

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Bob and wife Michele; daughter Heidi and husband Dan Yantz, both of Milwaukee, Wis., and Michaela Oldfield of New York City. Other survivors include his grandchildren, John and Krista Oldfield of New York City and Jacob and Nicholas Weinschrott of Milwaukee. He also leaves behind his two loving sisters, Mary and Agnes; and his dear friend, Mary Whittington. His parents preceded him in death.

A vigil will be 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 24, at Dahl Funeral Chapel. Funeral Mass will be 10 a.m. Friday, Jan. 25, at St. Thomas The Apostle Church. Charles will be buried in the Plevna Cemetery on Friday at 3:30 p.m. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the MSU Foundation, Weinschrott Family Scholarship Fund.



# **Kathryn Elizabeth Weintz**

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**  
**NOV 12 2002**

HYATTVILLE, Wyo. — Kathryn Elizabeth Weintz, 88, of Hyattsville, died Saturday, Nov. 9, 2002, at the Bonnie Bluejacket Memorial Nursing Home between Basin and Greybull, Wyo.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 13, at the United Methodist Church in Hyattville. Visitation will be one hour prior to services at the United Methodist Church. Burial will follow in the Ten Sleep Cemetery in Ten Sleep. Atwood Family Funeral Directors, Inc. of Basin are in charge.

## Helen M. Weinzetl

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Helen Weinzetl, 91, passed away at home on Jan. 5, 2002. She was born in West Bend, Iowa, May 30, 1910, a daughter of Joseph and Anna Reiter. At the age of eight, she moved with her parents to Currie, Minn., and attended Catholic school.



**MRS.  
WEINZETL**

On Oct. 28, 1940, Helen married Martin Weinzetl in Currie and then moved to Pompeys Pillar, where they farmed for the next 50 years. In 1990, Helen and Martin sold their farm and retired to Billings where she currently resided.

Helen enjoyed decorating her home, cooking and her family. She was an active member of St. Mary's Altar Society and St. Cyril and Methodius Church while living at Pompeys Pillar, and St. Bernard's after moving to Billings. She also volunteered at St. John's Nursing Home and thoroughly enjoyed her card clubs.

Survivors include three sons, Don and wife Darlene of Shepherd, Dave of Necedah, Wis., and Ken of Encinitas, Calif.; two brothers, John and George Reiter of Currie; four grandchildren, Donna Weigard, Carla and Monica Weinzetl of Belgrade and Zachary

Weinzetl of Bozeman, and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband Martin, four sisters, and six brothers.

Vigil services will be 7 p.m. Tuesday at St. Bernard's Parish. The Funeral Mass will be 10 a.m. Wednesday at the Parish with Rite of Committal at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

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

Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary has charge of arrangements.

## **Teresa Victoria Weir**

MILES CITY — Teresa Victoria Weir, age 94, of Miles City passed away peacefully on June 10, 2002 at the Friendship Villa in Miles City.

Teresa was born in Billings, on Nov. 5, 1907, the daughter of Michael and Victoria (Froelich) Rothschilder, a pioneering family of Montana and North Dakota. Following her graduation, she worked at the Met Cafe in Miles City. In 1933, Teresa moved to Seattle, where she helped in the shipyards with the war project during World War II. It was in 1950 that Teresa met and fell in love with Mr. Richard Weir and they were soon after married in Seattle. In 1965, after Mr. Weir's death, Teresa moved to California to live with her son and grandchildren and later moved back to Seattle. In 1976, she moved to Miles City, where she lived with her brother John, who cared lovingly for her until her death.

Teresa spent a lot of her time giving to others. She was a devoted Catholic and a lifetime member of the Catholic Church. She was a member of the Sacred Heart in Miles City. She spent many hours volunteering for the University while in Leavenworth, Wash. Teresa was known for her baking and loved baking for her family. The most important thing

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in Teresa's life was her family.

Teresa is survived by her brother John Rothschiller of Miles City; three grandchildren, James Rader Lewis of Moraga, Calif., Michael Steven Lewis of Orinda, Calif., and Tamara Lewis Attard of Orinda, Calif.; four great-grandchildren, Michael Steven Lewis, Jr., David James Lewis, Margaux Ellen Attard, Courtney Anne Attard; a special niece Ramona Zimmer. She is preceded in death by her parents, Michael and Victoria Rothschiller; her son, Robert John Lewis and his wife Joan (Mendenhall) Lewis; an infant sibling; four brothers; Jacob, Mike, Pete and Anton; and her six sisters; Celia, Katherine, Jane, Mary, Clara and Elizabeth.

Rite of Committal will be held on Tuesday, at 1 p.m. on June 11, at the Calvary Cemetery in Miles City. Friends and family will meet at the funeral home at 12:30 p.m. and proceed to the Cemetery. Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home of Miles City is in charge of the arrangements.

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

# Catherine 'Cathy' Weisgarber

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Catherine "Cathy" Weisgarber, 82 of Billings, passed away Monday, July 29, 2002, at the Stillwater Community Hospital, Columbus.

The daughter of Jacob and Mary Ruff, Cathy was born Aug. 28, 1919, in Billings and attended school in Billings. Cathy married August Weisgarber April 26, 1939, in Billings.



**CATHERINE  
WEISGARBER**

She was a member of Little Flower Catholic Church for 54 years.

She enjoyed sewing, flower gardening, and camping and fishing with her husband. She loved bright colors and always wore bright clothing. Her favorite saying whenever she was confused or didn't understand something was "nuh"!

Survivors include two daughters, Doris Weisgarber of Columbus and Judy Dorsett of Billings; and a son, Richard of Billings; a brother, John Ruff of Billings; three sisters, Clara Reiter and Lydia Papka of Billings and Frieda Sauer of Greeley, Colo.; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband August, March 18, 1992; her parents; two brothers, Jake and Victor; and two sisters, Molly and Mary.

Vigil services will be 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 1, at Little Flower Catholic Church. Funeral Mass will be 11 a.m. Friday, Aug. 2, at the church, with Rite of Committal at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Memorials may be made to Little Flower Church.

## **Fred N. Weisgerber**

*Nov. 10, 2002*

WESTPORT, Wash. — Fred Weisgerber, 78, formerly of Bridger and Fromberg, Mont., died Wednesday, Nov. 6, 2002, at Olympia.

Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. on Nov. 12, at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Bridger. A memorial Mass will be at 10:30 a.m. on Nov. 13 at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Interment will follow in Bridger Cemetery.

## **Fred N. Weisgerber**

*Nov. 11, 2002*

WESTPORT, Wash. — Fred N. Weisgerber, passed away Nov. 6, 2002, in Olympia, Wash.

Fred was born Dec. 29, 1923 to Nicodemus and Elizabeth (Senn) Weisgerber in Kromeau, Saskatchewan, Canada. As a child, they moved to Dickinson, N.D. They later moved to Montana. He graduated from Fromberg High School in 1943. Fred enlisted in the military in 1944 and served in WWII in Europe. He also served in Korea. Fred retired from service in January, 1968. After retiring, he worked as a civilian at Foremost Dairy World Company in Vietnam. He later moved to Westport, where he made his home. He enjoyed fishing with his friends and visiting his family. He was a member of St. Paul's Catholic Church in Westport.

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He leaves behind two brothers, Joe of Farmington, N.M. and Nick (Sarah) of Vernal, Utah; six sisters, Ann Timmons of Laurel, Gen (Ben) Roth of Bridger, Clara (John) Roth of Fairfield, Calif., Rose Mary (Marvin) Weathermon of Powell, Wyo., Loretta (Ed) Allen of Loma Linda, Calif., Georgia (Joel) Hayes of Fair Oaks, Calif.; sisters-in-law, Frances Weisgerber, Bridger, Margaret Weisgerber, Laurel, and Vera Weisgerber of Washington; 38 nieces and nephews; and numerous great and great-great nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and three brothers, Sam, Matt and Jack Weisgerber.

A vigil service will be 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 12, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Bridger. A Memorial Mass will be 10:30 a.m. Nov. 13, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Interment will follow at Bridger Cemetery. If you wish, memorials may be made to Girls and Boys Town in Nebraska, Boys Town, Neb. 68010.

## **Richard Weishaar**

**LAUREL** — Richard Weishaar, 86, of Laurel, passed away Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 4, 2002.

Richard "Dick" was born in Elgin, N.D., on June 14, 1916, a son of Jacob and Magdalena (Sievert) Weishaar.

He was raised and educated in Elgin.



**RICHARD  
WEISHAAR**

Dick served in the U.S. Army during WWII. After basic training at Fort Snelling, Minn., and Clayton, La., he was assigned to the 164th Infantry Regiment, American

Division and served in the Solomon Islands at Guadalcanal. During his service, he received the Purple Heart, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon and other campaign ribbons.

Following his discharge, he married Esther Frank on Feb. 15, 1944 in Laurel. Richard and Esther lived in Laurel, where he began working for the Cenex Refinery as a controlman on

April 4, 1944.

He retired in 1980 after 36 years.

Richard always enjoyed having a few cattle around and was particularly partial to the Charolais breed.

He also enjoyed riding motorcycles which included dirt bikes and Harley Davidson cycles.

He is survived by his wife, Esther; daughters, Betty Rowton and Dollie Trainer; and son, Dale Weishaar; grandchildren, Gina Durden, Jay Rowton, John Simpson, Tina Weyrauch, and Jennifer Kirchhevel; great-granddaughter, Kayla Rowton and great-grandson, Nicholas Rowton; brothers, Alvin Weishaar and Ray Weishaar; sisters, Laura Frederick and Marty Tubbs; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Richard was preceded in death by his parents; brother Aaron; and sisters Ella and Violet.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial services will be held 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, at Smith Funeral Chapel-Laurel, with Rev. Huston Green officiating. Memorials may be made to the charity of one's choice.

# Anna (Thormahlen)

## Weiss

Anna was born in Bridger, March 14, 1910, to Detlef and Minna Thormahlen. She died at Aspen Meadows, Billings, Feb. 12, 2002. When she was a girl, she attended school with her sisters and brothers in Bridger. She then went to Billings for employment; there, she met Joseph Franklin Weiss



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and they married on March 8, 1932. They raised eight children and lived most of their married life in Billings.

Anna loved her family and church. She was a lifetime member of Trinity Lutheran Church, LWML and Lockwood Women's Club. Through her faith, she brought her children and grandchildren to the Lord.

Anna is survived by her eight children: Anzelpia (Charles) Peabody, Joliet; Joann (Gordon) Miller, Omak, Wash.; Elliott (Bertha) Weiss, Scappoose, Ore.; Joseph (Gloria) Weiss, Fromberg; Mary (George) Kroll, Columbus; Stephen (Peach) Weiss, St. Helens, Ore.; Hugh (Sandy) Weiss, Billings; Ruth (Jim) Wilt, Vancouver, Wash.;

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22 grandchildren; many great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her parents; six brothers, Bill, Herman, Walter, Earnest, John and Albert; one sister, Emma Lowman. Surviving brother and sisters are: Elfrida Rangitsch, Anaconda; Almada (Alex) Mills, Laurel; Charles (Shirley) Thormahlen, Las Vegas; and George (Jo) Thormahlen, Fromberg.

In 1963, Anna was lovingly adopted by the McNamer family: Bill and Elizabeth and their children, Bruce, Sarah, Bridget, Amy and Deirdre. Anna cared for their family and the love and respect was shared until her death. They will always have her in their hearts.

Mother got around (Greyhound Bus) in her earlier days and spent years in Oregon, California, Bozeman and Billings, caring for those she loved.

Mother was an avid Scrabble and pinochle player; she could play at the drop of a hat. She also enjoyed quilting and jigsaw puzzles, which she shared with everyone.



Anna's funeral will be Feb. 18, 11 a.m., at Trinity Lutheran Church, 537 Grand Ave. Graveside services will be at Bridger Cemetery, 2:30 p.m., and gathering and refreshments afterwards at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Bridger. Should friends desire, memorials may be made to Trinity Lutheran Church or charity of choice.

The family thanks all the caring staff at Aspen Meadows, loyal friends and Pastor Poovey.

God granted Anna the serenity to accept the things she could not change, courage to change the things she could, and the wisdom to know the difference.

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## **August Weisser**

**WISHEK, N.D.** — August Weisser, 87, died ~~Saturday~~ <sup>Saturday</sup> morning, March 23, 2002, at the St. Alexis Hospital in Bismarck, N.D.

Funeral services will be 1 p.m. Wednesday, March 27, at the St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Wishek. Haut Funeral Homes is in charge of arrangements.

## **B. Irene Welch**

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**AUG 18 2002**

ANACORTES, Wash. — B. Irene Welch, 56, died Thursday, Aug. 15, 2002, in Bellevue, Wash.

Funeral services were in Anacortes on Saturday. Graveside services will be 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 20, in the Central Montana Memorial Gardens in Lewistown. Cloyd Funeral Home is in charge.

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## **Beatrice Edna Welch**

**WOLF POINT —** Beatrice Edna (Brown) Welch, 81, of Wolf Point, died Thursday, Sept. 12, 2002.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 17, at the Clayton Memorial Chapel in Wolf Point. Wake services will begin at 3 p.m. Monday, Sept. 16, at the Wolf Point Community Hall, with a prayer service at 7 p.m. Interment will be in the Chelsea Cemetery.

## **Thelma Bernice Welch**

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**JAN 03 2002**

**MILES CITY —** Thelma Bernice Welch, 74, of Miles City, died Saturday, Dec. 29, 2001, in Brandon, Fla.

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

JAN 01 2002

**Thomas Hugh Welden**

**THERMOPOLIS, Wyo.** — Thomas Hugh Welden, 84, died Friday, Dec. 28, 2001, at Hot Springs County Memorial Hospital in Thermopolis.

Memorial services will be at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 6, at First Baptist Church. Burial will follow in Monument Hill Cemetery. Mortimore Funeral Home is in charge.

## **Charles Wellman**

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**MILES CITY —** Charles Wellman, 80, of Miles City, formerly of Broadus, died Dec. 3, 2001, in Miles City.

**AUG 14 2002**

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday, Aug. 19, at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Broadus. Interment will follow in the family lot in the Valley View Cemetery in Broadus.

## Laura Wetsit Wells

WOLF POINT — Laura Helen Wetsit Wells, 92, of Wolf Point, died Sunday, Aug. 11, 2002, at her home.

A vigil service was held Tuesday, Aug. 13, at the Wolf Point Community Hall. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 14, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Wolf Point. Interment will be in Oswego Catholic Cemetery in Oswego. Bell Mortuary of Glasgow is in charge.

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**AUG 14 2002**



## Selma M. 'Sally' Wells

LEWISTOWN — Selma M. "Sally" Wells, 94, died Tuesday, Aug. 20, 2002, at the Central Montana Medical Center.

At her request, cremation has taken place, and there will be a private inurnment of the cremains at the Lewistown City Cemetery. Creel Funeral Home is in charge.

BILLINGS GAZETTE

AUG 22 2002

SEP 12 2002

**Vincent N. Wells**

**HELENA** — Vincent Neil Wells, 40, of Helena, died Monday, Sept. 9, 2002.

We will be celebrating Vince's Going Home at 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 14, at Crystal Creek Campground. A pot luck will follow. Retz Funeral Home of Helena is in charge.

**MAR 19 2002**

**Anna Belle Weltner**

**SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Anna Belle Weltner, 79, of Sheridan, died Saturday, March 16, 2002, at Memorial Hospital of Sheridan County.**

**Cremation has taken place. No services are planned. Champion Ferries Funeral Home of Sheridan is in charge.**

## **Alice M. Wenholz**

HELENA — Alice M. Wenholz, 88, formerly of Forsyth, died Thursday, Aug. 29, 2002, at the Masonic Home.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 4, at the Forsyth Cemetery. Beals Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

**Ellen Marie Wenz****JUL 21 2002**

Born Aug. 29, 1943, was called to Heaven on Thursday, July 18, 2002. She was a loved mother, daughter, sister, and friend. She is sorely missed by all.

Survived by her three sons and their families; Will and Darcy Wenz of California, Karl G. and Heather Wenz of Billings, John V. and Adrienne Wenz of Arizona; grandchildren Alexandria, Austin, Gustav, Greta, and Annaliese; her parents Victor and Della Rohlfing of Billings, her brother Mark and his wife Charla Rohlfing of Idaho.

A service will be held at Apostles Lutheran in Billings on July 21 at 3pm. Memorials may be made to Apostles Lutheran School.

**APR 12 2002****Richard C. Wenz**

PLEVNA — Richard C. Wenz, 84, died Tuesday, April 9, 2002, at the Fallon Medical Complex in Baker.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at the Emmanuel Evangelical Free Church in Plevna with burial in the Plevna Community Cemetery. Stevenson Funeral Home in Baker is in charge.

## **Arthur J. Werley**

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**JUL 27 2002**

MILES CITY — Arthur J. Werley, 67, of Miles City, died Wednesday, July 24, 2002, at the Veteran Hospital in Salt Lake City.

Visitation will be held Tuesday, July 30, at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City, with vigil services at 6 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, July 31, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Rite of committal will follow in the Custer County.

## **Dolores C. Werner**

**POPLAR** — Dolores C. Werner, age 69, of Poplar, died Oct. 7, 2002, in Cedar City, Utah. She was born in Casper, Wyo., on Oct. 14, 1932, and was raised in Riverton, Wyo., until 1951, when she moved to Poplar. She was raised by her mother and stepfather, Ed and Ferne Barnes.

Dolores married Lawrence Werner in Wolf Point in 1952. She was a homemaker and loving mother and raised five sons. She loved reading, ironing, and loved the show "Walker, Texas Ranger." She also enjoyed baking. She loved riding horses. Dolores will be dearly missed.

Dolores was preceded in death by her father and stepfather. She is survived by her husband Lawrence of Poplar; her five sons, Mitch Barnes of California, Larry Werner of Cedar City, Douglas Werner of Troy, Ill., Darrell Werner of Poplar and Mike Werner of Grandview, Mo.; her mother Ferne Barnes of Riverton, Wyo. She is also survived by 16 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Visitation will be held at Clayton Memorial Chapel in Poplar on Oct. 10, from 5 to 8 p.m. Funeral services will be held Friday, Oct. 11, at 10 a.m. at the Poplar Assembly of God Church, with Pastor Roger Hunt officiating. Interment will be in the Poplar City Cemetery. Clayton Memorial Chapel is in charge of arrangements.



## **Rosemary Werner**

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**AUG 27 2002**

GILLETTE, Wyo. —  
Rosemary Werner, 75, died  
Saturday, Aug. 24, 2002, at  
Campbell County Memorial  
Hospital of cancer.

Visitation is from 5 to 7 p.m.  
Wednesday before the  
vigil/Rosary at 7 p.m. at  
Stevenson Funeral Home. Mass  
of Christian Burial is at 11 a.m.  
Thursday at St. Matthew's  
Catholic Church.

## John D. 'Jack' Wertz, Jr.

BILLINGS GAZETTE

CLYDE PARK — John D. "Jack" Wertz, Jr., 73, of Clyde Park, died Friday, Jan. 18, 2002, at his home.

Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Jan. 21 and from 9 a.m. to noon, Jan. 22, at Franzen-Davis Funeral Home in Livingston. Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Tuesday at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Livingston. Graveside committal and burial will follow in Clyde Park Cemetery.

JAN 21 2002

## **Edna Ann West**

Edna A. West, 90, of Billings, passed away into the arms of her redeemer, at St. John's Lutheran Home, Monday, Sept. 9, 2002.

She was born Dec. 6, 1911, to Theodore and Anna (Clemens) Thom and grew up in Eldridge, N.D.

Edna received her RN degree from St. Alexius School of Nursing and

then moved to Baker, where she worked in her chosen field.

She was married to Vernon L. West on May 29, 1937, in Baker. They resided in Baker, Miles City and Sheridan, Wyo., prior to coming to Billings in 1955.

Edna's life revolved around her devotion to her family and her strong Christian life at Trinity Lutheran Church. Her faith and love for others touched everyone, especially those who graciously cared for her at St. John's Lutheran Home.



**EDNA  
WEST**

Edna was preceded in death by her husband, Vernon in 1961. She was also preceded in death by three brothers and one sister.

Edna is survived by her daughter, Janice (David) Gumpf of Riverside, Calif.; son, Tom (Sandra) West of Billings; six grandchildren, Pam (Curt) Tucker, Tim (Hannah) West, Tom S. (Joni) West, Kristen (Steve) McGarrah, Ann (Todd) Babcock and John (Deanna) Gumpf; 10 great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held 10 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 12, at Trinity Lutheran Church, with inurnment following at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in Edna's name to Trinity Lutheran Church or St. John's Lutheran Ministries. Arrangements were by made Cremation or Funeral Gallery.

## Mary Lou West

BILLINGS GAZETTE

AUG 15 2002

DAYTON, Wyo. — Mary Lou (Napier) West, 82, of Dayton, died Monday, Aug. 12, 2002, at Sheridan Manor.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Aug. 16, at the Dayton Community Church in Dayton. Burial will be in the Dayton Cemetery. Champion Ferries Funeral Home of Sheridan is in charge.

## Francis O. Westhoff

LEWISTOWN — Francis O. "Ody" Westhoff, 82, of Lewistown, died Wednesday, Oct. 16, 2002, at his home.

Liturgical services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 19, at St. Leo's Catholic Church, with vigil services at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 18, at the church. Committal will be in Mount Calvary Cemetery in Lewistown. Cloyd Funeral Home of Lewistown is in charge.

## Jack August Westphal

BILLINGS GAZETTE  
FEB 23 2002

MINOT, N.D. — Jack August Westphal, 76, of Minot, formerly of Outlook and Plentywood, Mont., died Wednesday, Feb. 20, 2002.

A Funeral Mass will be at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 27, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Plentywood. A public vigil will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 26, at St. Joseph's Church. Burial will be in Outlook Cemetery. Fulkerson Funeral Home of Plentywood is in charge.

# Laurie Westvelt

MAY 08 2002

## BILLINGS GAZETTE

LEWISTOWN — Minnie Laurie Westvelt, age 97, daughter of Forest Grove pioneers, died at the Central Montana Skilled Nursing Center on Thursday, May 2, 2002, following a lengthy illness.

Laurie was born April 3, 1905, at Forest Grove, to August Thomas and Minnie Adele (Jackson) Westvelt. She graduated from Fergus High School and stayed in the dormitory while attending school. Following graduation, she attended Normal School and did student teaching at Cheadle.

On June 25, 1928, she married William Hinkley. They later divorced.

While she was married, Laurie worked as a cook on ranches in Wyoming and worked summers in Glacier National Park. She taught school in Tyler, Garneill, Forest Grove, Becket, Black Butte and Acton. She also worked at Powers Department Store in Lewistown, the Missoula Mercantile, and managed the drapery and gift departments at Hart Albin in Billings for many years.

Laurie was a member of the International Altrusa Society, the Audubon Society and the Geology Club, and she knitted caps for newborns at St. Vincent's Hospital in Billings. She enjoyed

brother, Robert Westvelt of Hamilton. In addition, she is survived by six nieces and one nephew.

A private family memorial service will be held at a later date. Cremation has taken place.

Memorials are suggested to the Forest Grove Cemetery Fund.

Creel Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

knitting, crafts, rock hunting and collecting; and bird watching. She also enjoyed traveling and made trips to South America, Alaska, New England and Nova Scotia, Southeast Asia, Japan and Australia.

Survivors include two sisters, Carolyn Westvelt of Helena and Esther Pierce of Lewistown; and a

## Shirley A. Wetsch

Shirley A. Wetsch, 59, of Billings, formerly of Forsyth, died Saturday Jan. 5, 2002 at the Deaconess Billings Clinic.

Shirley was born Jan. 19, 1942, in Mandan, N.D., the daughter of Frank and Laura Wuest Gress. She came to Forsyth at an early age with her family where she attended schools, graduating from Forsyth High School in 1960. Shirley attended Northern Montana College before returning to Forsyth. Shirley went to work at the Speedway Diner, where she helped operate the family business until the mid 1970's, when she went to work for Boggs Chevrolet-Olds. She continued to work of Boggs until 1995, when she moved to Billings, where she worked various jobs until the time of her death.

Shirley enjoyed reading, with her claim to fame as to have read every book in the Rosebud County Library. She also enjoyed cooking and gardening.

She is survived by her son David (Charla) Wetsch of Denver; two grandchildren, Brandon and Rebecca Wetsch of Denver; her brother, Jack Gress of Forsyth; her sister, Sharon (Paul) Schlafke of Idaho; an uncle, Ed (Ella) Wuest of Billings; and her former husband, Duane Wetsch of Forsyth.

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JAN 07 2002

Graveside Services will be 11 a.m. Jan. 9, at the Forsyth Cemetery with interment to follow. Beals Mortuary of Forsyth is assisting the family with these arrangements.



## Raymond L. Weyer

MAY 28 2002

BILLINGS GAZETTE

WESTHOPE, N.D. —

Raymond L. Weyer, 64, of Westhope, formerly of Wibaux, died Saturday, May 25, 2002, in a Fargo hospital.

Visitation will be from 1 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, May 28, at Nero Funeral Home in Westhope. A scriptural prayer service will be at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, at St. Andrew's Catholic Church in Westhope. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, May 29, at the St. Andrew's Catholic Church. Burial will be in the Westhope Cemetery.

## **Donna Whaley**

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**JUL 26 2002**

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Donna Whaley, 75, of Sheridan, died Sunday, July 21, 2002, at Westview Healthcare Center.

Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to noon, Monday, July 29, at Kane Funeral Home in Sheridan. Graveside funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, July 29, in the Sheridan Eagles Cemetery.

## Frederick Whaley

BILLINGS GAZETTE

JAN 29 2002

WORLAND, Wyo. — Frederick Jackson Whaley, 27, of Worland, died Saturday, Jan. 26, 2002, at Washakie Medical Center, as the result of a train/car accident.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 29, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Stake Center. Visitation for family and friends will begin at 10 a.m. Private burial will take place at a later date.

Bryant Funeral Home of Worland in charge.

**Keith D. Whaley**

DAYTON, Wyo. — Keith D. Daley, 62, of Dayton, died Monday, July 15, 2002, at Memorial Hospital of Sheridan County.

Visitation will be held all day on Friday, July 19, at Kane Funeral Home in Sheridan. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 20, at Dayton Town Cemetery.

JUL 18 2002

# Allison Marie Wheeler

BILLINGS GAZETTE

DEC 24 2002

Allison Marie Wheeler, infant daughter of Matt and Renee Wheeler, was born and passed away, Saturday, Dec. 21, 2002, at St. Vincent Hospital.

Allison is survived by her parents and brother and sister Casey and April, of Laurel; grandparents, Dick and Isabel Torbert and Mike and Linda Wheeler of Laurel; and numerous other loving family.

"I was here but a very short time.

Just long enough to touch the hearts

and to feel the love

Of those that will always be mine."

—R.A. Torbert

Cremation has taken place. Private family services are planned.

Michelotti-Sawyers has charge of arrangements.

## **Donald E. Wheeler**

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

POWELL, Wyo. — Donald E. Wheeler, 86, died Monday, April 22, 2002, at the Powell Hospital.

Visitation will be from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Thursday, April 25, at Miratsky-Easton Funeral Home in Powell. Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday, at Crown Hill Cemetery, with burial following.

APR 25 2002

**FEB 23 2002**

**HARDIN —**  
Margaret Wheeler, 86, longtime Big Horn County resident, passed away Wednesday evening, Feb. 20, 2002, in the Billings Deaconess Medical Center.

**MRS. WHEELER**

She was born March 10, 1915, in Audrain County, Mo., a daughter of Floyd and Mary Jane Kincaid Curry. She grew up and received her education in Missouri, graduating from high school in 1933. She moved to Montana and Big Horn County in 1936.

Margaret married Lawrence Wheeler on July 25, 1942, in Alameda, Calif. The couple made their home in Lodge Grass from 1946 until 1954, when they moved to Hardin. She worked in the Big Horn County Treasurer's office for many years, before being elected to two terms as County Treasurer. She retired in 1978.

She took great pride in her yard and always toiled in her bountiful garden. She enjoyed sewing, quilting and macramé. However, she most enjoyed watching her children and grandchildren participate in athletic and scholastic events.

Margaret was a member of the Big Horn County Senior Citizens.

VFW Auxiliary, Big Horn County Memorial Hospital Auxiliary Jailhouse Gallery, Big Horn County Historical Society and the AARP.

Her husband, nine brothers and one sister preceded Margaret in death.

Survivors include two daughters, Ethyl (Jim) Herbel of Hardin and Thelma (Chester) Pickard of Arkansas; one son, Francis (Betty) Wheeler of Billings; her sister Cora (Stu) Wolcott of Colorado eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Cremation has taken place in the Bullis Eastern Montana Crematory. Memorial funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Monday, Feb. 25, in the Bullis Funeral Chapel. Inurnment of the ashes will follow in the Little Big Horn Battlefield National Cemetery. Bullis Mortuary of Hardin has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Should friends desire, memorial contributions may be made to the Big Horn County Hospital Foundation or the Big Horn County Historical Museum.

**Margaret D. 'Marge'  
Wheeler**

**MAY 27 2002**  
**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

POWELL, Wyo. — Margaret D. "Marge" Wheeler, 77, died May 23, 2002, at the Powell Nursing Home.

Visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday, May 27, at Miratsky-Easton Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, May 28, at the First Southern Baptist Church. Burial will follow in the Crown Hill Cemetery.



## **Vincent L. Wheeler**

**FAIRVIEW** — Vincent L. Wheeler, 89, of Fairview, died Sunday, June 16, 2002, at the Sidney Health Center.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, June 20, at the St. Catherine's Catholic Church in Fairview. Interment will be in the Fairview Cemetery. Fulkerson Funeral Home of Sidney is in charge.

**JUN 18 2002**

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

## Dale Austin Whitaker

BILLINGS GAZETTE

DEC 09 2002

Dale Austin Whitaker, 71 of Billings, passed away Thursday, Dec. 5, 2002 at his home.

The son of Herbert E. and Opal Whitaker, Dale was born Feb. 18, 1931, in Scottsbluff, Neb. In 1937, the family moved to Billings, where Dale was raised and educated, graduating from Billings High School.

Dale married Essie Dubois in Billings May 17, 1954. She preceded him in death Sept. 11, 1999.

In 1972 Dale retired as a Detective Lieutenant after serving 20 years with the Billings Police Department. Following retirement, they made their home in Salem, Ore., until returning to Billings in 1977.

Survivors include his sister Nancy Emmons and brother Jerry Whitaker of Salem and numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be 2 to 5 p.m. Tuesday at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary. Graveside services will be 10 a.m. Thursday in Mandan Union Cemetery, Mandan, N.D.

## Alice Bell White

Alice Bell White, 78, of Billings, formerly of Crow Agency, peacefully passed away Friday Dec. 6, 2002, following a short but courageous battle with cancer.

She was born Feb. 28, 1924, in the Sarpy Creek area south of Hysham, a daughter of Wallace and Sarah Denny Newman. She received her early education at the Bear Creek School and later completed her education in Crow Agency, Sweet Grass and Hardin High School.

Alice Bell married Gus A. Salvesson and they were later divorced.

Alice Bell was a successful businesswoman, who owned and operated the Sage Motel and Cafe near Crow Agency for nearly 20 years, where she developed many long lasting friendships. After the sale of her business, she moved to Forsyth and later to Billings.

Alice Bell, a lifelong Christian, was a faithful member of the Emmanuel Baptist Church of Billings. She also belonged to the Jasmine Chapter, Order of Eastern Star; VFW Auxiliary,



**ALICE BELL  
WHITE**

## BILLINGS GAZETTE

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Senior Citizens, Daughters of the Nile and District Four Fiddlers of Montana. Alice Bell was an outgoing, social person and always enjoyed dancing and traveling. She also enjoyed reading and writing poetry. However, Alice Bell treasured her family, most especially the new great-grandbabies. Alice Bell was a strong matriarch who instilled the value of family in her children and grandchildren.

Her parents and two brothers, Thomas and Sid Newman preceded Alice in death. Survivors include her daughter, Sonja (Lee) Gustin of Billings; three sons, Allen (Pauline) Salvesson of Joliet, Dwain (Millie) Salvesson of Billings and Denny Paul Salvesson of Boyd; her longtime companion, Gene McLeod of Billings; her brother, W. Albert (Jean) Newman of Ingomar; ten grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held 2 p.m., Monday, in the Bullis Funeral Chapel. Interment will

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follow in the Hardin Fairview Cemetery. Bullis Mortuary of Hardin has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Alice Bell will be remembered as a nurturing parent and grandparent and an understanding friend to all who knew her. We all will miss her humor, kindness and good nature. We remember our Alice Bell's favorite words of wisdom, "Life here on earth was a dressing room for eternity."

MAR 06 2002

## Deborah White

ROUNDUP — Deborah White, 47, of Roundup, died March 2, 2002, at St. Vincent Healthcare in Billings.

Cremation has taken place at Smith's Crematory. Memorial service will be at 3 p.m. Sunday, March 10, at Kingdom Hall of the Jehovah's Witnesses in Roundup.

JUN 09 2002

BULLIS FUNERAL CHAPEL

# Edna L. White

WYOLA — Edna L. White, 92, of rural Wyola, passed away Friday, June 7, 2002, in the Big Horn County Memorial Nursing Home, following an extended illness.

She was born Aug. 13, 1909, in Dayton, Wyo., a daughter of William L. and Lizzie Frasier Gilbert.

The family moved to a ranch on the upper Little Horn river valley, where she was raised. She received her education in Sheridan, Wyo., Lodge Grass, and graduated from Hardin High School. Edna married Hugh Gordon in Helena in 1927 and was later divorced. She lived most of her life in the Wyola area. Edna married Henry F. White, Sr., March 5, 1946, in Columbus, Mo. White died May 28, 1995. Edna loved to garden and crochet.

Survivors include three children, Barbara White of Wyola, Henry F. White, Jr., of Rio Rancho, N.M., and Tom Gordon of Las Vegas.

Funeral services for Edna White will be 10 a.m. Wednesday, June 12, in the Bullis Funeral Chapel. Interment will be in the Lodge Grass Cemetery. Bullis Mortuary of Hardin is entrusted with arrangements.

## James White, Jr.

LODGE GRASS — James Frederick White, Jr., 59, of Lodge Grass, passed away Wednesday, Jan. 30, 2002, in the Crow Agency IHS Hospital.

He was born Nov. 9, 1942, in Pryor, a son of James White, Sr. and Sara Hawk. He was raised by his grandmother, Dora Travels Hawk. He received his early education in Pryor and Lodge Grass before completing his education in Bismarck, N.D. He received training to become a plumber, electrician and carpenter.

Following his education, he returned to the Lodge Grass area and worked for the Sarpy Creek mine and the Crow Agency IHS Hospital. He most recently worked as a custodian for the Crow Tribe, retiring in 1991 due to ill health.

James married Annabelle Hunts the Arrow on July 7, 1961, in Sheridan, Wyo., and the couple made their home Lodge Grass.

He was a member of the Pentecostal Church, Ties the Bundle Clan and a child of the Piegan Clan. He enjoyed arts and crafts, traditional hand games, singing gospel songs, hunting and fishing.

His parents, grandparents; daughter Sarah White; son James White, III; and grandchild, Kurtlynn Iron, preceded him in death.

Survivors include his wife,

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# FEB 01 2002

Annabelle of Lodge Grass; three daughters, Doreen (Grant) Stewart of Crow Agency, Marilyn (Richard) Chief of Lodge Grass and Phalene (Marc) Little Light of Wyola; one son, Jeremy White of Lodge Grass; four grandchildren whom he raised, Nicole Iron, Avery White, Thomas and Crystal Young Running Crane; two adopted daughters, Diane (Dana) Wilson of Crow Agency and Laurie Three Irons of Minnesota; four adopted sons, Jay Young Running Crane of Browning, Robert Bear Chum of Lame Deer, Darrell Three Irons of Minnesota and J.R. (Jennifer) White Pryor; his brother, Bruce (Elizabeth) White of Crow Agency; three sisters, Mary Lou (Heywood Sr.) Big Day, Patsy Stands and Barbara (Chris) Comes Up of Pryor; three adopted brothers, Dewey (MaryAnn) Bulltail of Billings, Paul (Bertha) Nomee, Jr. and Wales (Lavern) Bulltail of Lodge Grass; four adopted sisters, Regina (Tronson) Blaine, Eva, Doris and Carol Bulltail of Lodge Grass; he is also survived by Elizabeth White, Bonnie Hawk, Claudette Black Hawk and Marjorie Hoops,

whom he considered as his sisters; 17 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; his aunt, Elizabeth Smart Enemy of Pryor; and members of the White, Nomee, Smart Enemy and Black Hawk families.

Funeral services will be held 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 2, in the Lodge Grass Catholic Church Gymnasium, with Pastor David Turns Plenty officiating. Interment will follow in the Lodge Grass Cemetery. Bullis Mortuary of Hardin has been entrusted with the arrangements.



## **Sebastian Wade White**

JUN 03 2002

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

Sebastian Wade White, infant son of Wade and Kari Lynn White, was born and passed away Saturday, June 1, 2002 at St. Vincent Healthcare.

Sebastian is survived by his parents of Billings; grandparents, John and Carolyn Karhu of Basin, Wyo., Pat and Edna White of Lander, Wyo.; and great-grandparents, John and Betty Karhu of Cody, Alice Roberts of Palo Alto, Calif., George Avery of Lander, and Marcene White of Powell.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Wednesday, June 5, at Faith Chapel with interment in Yellowstone Valley Memorial Park.

Memorials may be made to Care Net Pregnancy Center of Billings, 2321 Broadwater Ave., Billings, MT 59102.

APR 07 2002

**Philip White Clay, Sr.**

**CROW AGENCY** — Philip White Clay, Sr., 81, retired Gospel minister, passed away Friday, April 5, 2002, at his home following an extended illness.

He was born Feb. 13, 1921, in Crow Agency a son of Vernon White Clay, Sr. and Fannie Stewart. He was adopted at an early age by Perry Black Hair and Pretty Hail and was raised with Edith Bird in Ground and Priscilla Gardner. He grew up in the Pretty Hail Homestead area and attended schools in Crow Agency, Hardin and the Chemawa Indian School in Oregon. Following his education, he returned to the Crow Agency area to assist his father in a ranching operation.

Philip married Peggy Joyce Plenty Hoops in 1940 and she died in 1956. He married Vera Ann House in Feb. of 1958 in Billings and the couple made their home in the Black Lodge area.

He worked as a carpenter and plumber for many years and assisted in the construction in most major building throughout the Crow Reservation. However,



**PHILIP WHITE  
CLAY, SR.**

his dedication to the Lord enabled Philip to become an ordained minister with the International Assembly of God Church. He served as a minister for over 35 years, some of which included the building of his own Black Lodge Full Gospel Church. His inspiration was the bulwark of the savings of many souls. As the Lord continued to move in his life, he preached from a Gospel Tent, to the airways of KHDN radio and churches throughout the United States, Japan and Korea. He also led the Native American Contingent for the annual Prayer Breakfast for the U.S. President's Inauguration.

Philip was a member of the Ties the Bundle Clan and a child of the Whistling Water Clan.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Monte Ray; eight sisters, Edith Big Lake, Marie Yellowtail, Emily Lincoln,

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Rachel and Betty White Clay, Helen Rincon, Mae Stiff Arm and Jenny Armajo; and eight brothers, Archie, Guy, Robert, and Joseph White Clay, Gabbie Rincon, Tom Yellowfoot, Jim Walking Chief and Mike Fitzpatrick.

Survivors include his wife of 42 years, Vera; seven daughters, Veronica White Clay of Crow Agency, Rebecca Lee (Dennis) Buffalo and Verna (Franklin) Jefferson of Hardin, Rachel (Fred) Beatty, Rebecca Lynn (Calvin) Jefferson, Clydine White Clay and Dawna (Robert) Nelson of Black Lodge; four sons, Vidal (Susan) White Clay of Lodge Grass, Hugh (Karen) White Clay, Philip White Clay, Jr. and Franklin (Rebekah) White Clay of Black Lodge; his adopted daughters, Annie Rincon and Elsie (Larry) Dooley of New Mexico, Davine Morrison of Black Lodge, Francine Small of Lodge Grass, Verna Koch of N.D., Phylene Big Man and Claudia (Tim) Bernardis of Hardin; his adopted sons, Ramsey White Clay, Taylor White Clay, and William House of Black Lodge, Roger (Doreen) Nelson of N.M., Peter (Marla) Grey Bull of Lodge Grass, Henry "Sargie" Old Horn of Dunmore, Joe (Penny) White

Clay and Lance House of Crow Agency; two sisters, Martha White Clay and Alice Mae LaForge of Crow Agency; three brothers, Harold White Clay of Fort Smith, Vernon (Carol White Clay and Tommy (Cheryl) White Clay of Crow Agency; his adopted sisters, Edith Bird in Ground of Garryowen, Mary Lou (Heywood Sr.) Big Day of Pryor, Laura He Does It of Ft Smith, Wila Brien of Lodge Grass, Eloise White Clay of Hardin and Priscilla Gardner of Crow Agency; his adopted brothers, Kenneth (Christine) Yellowtail of Wyola, Starr (Hazel) Not Afraid of Ft Smith Eli Armajo of Wyoming, Johnny Arcoran of South Dakota and Bill Gros Ventre of Lodge Grass; 29 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; his aunt, Mary Agnes Shane of Crow Agency, and his extended family members including the Stiff Arm, Brady, Capture, Fox Stewart, White and Morrisor Families.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, April 10 in the Crow Agency Multi Purpose Building. Interment will follow in the Crow Agency Cemetery. Bullis Mortuary of Hardin has been entrusted with the arrangements.

## Jonny A. Whitedirt

MISSOURI GAZETTE

NOV 04 2002

LAME DEER — Johnny A. Whitedirt, 37, died Saturday, Nov. 2, 2002, at IHS Clinic in Lame Deer.

Wake services will be 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 5, at the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church. Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 6, at the church. Burial will be in the Whitedirt Family Cemetery on Muddy Creek Road. Rausch Funeral Home of Lame Deer is in charge of arrangements.

## Doren Emery White Hawk

**BROCKTON** — Doren Emery White Hawk, 57, died on Aug. 31, 2002, of congestive heart failure near Fort Kipp.

Doren was born on Aug. 25, 1945, in Poplar, the son of Benedict and Agnes White Hawk. He grew up in the Poplar and Riverside Community and attended schools in Poplar.

He was married to Ethelene DeMarrias and was later divorced.

Doren worked on various farms. He enjoyed basketball, fishing and hunting and was a big Brockton Warriors fan. He was also the town mechanic and loved working on cars.

He was preceded in death by four brothers, Mervin, Benedict, Donovan and Allen.



**DOREN WHITE  
HAWK**

Survivors include a friend and companion Ethelene White Hawk; brother, Philmore White Hawk of Poplar; two sisters Birdie White Hawk of Poplar and Ramona White Hawk of Fort Collins, Colo.; and Fary Youngman whom he raised a his daughter. He is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews. Shawn DeMarrias Layne Long Tree, Brockton; Rattling Thunder, and Vincen Long Tree all called him grandpa and he thought the world of them.

A wake will be held on Thursday, Sept. 5, at the Brockton Cultural Center. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. on Friday, Sept. 6 at the Brockton High School with Rev. Fr. Michael Schneider officiating. Interment will be in the Riverview Cemetery near Brockton. Clayton Memorial Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

## Cody Rae Whiteman

Cody Rae Whiteman, age 4, went to be with her Lord Jesus Christ on Monday, Oct. 21, 2002.

Cody's Indian name was Hoo'kohta'e (Corn Woman) named after her cousin Hiliary Hart, Cody's mom Sheryl and great-aunt Margie, who all share the same name.



**CODY  
WHITEMAN**

Cody was born in Denver on Sept. 25, 1998, to the proud parents of Dennis and Sheryl Whiteman, Sr. She is survived by her parents; little sister and partner Nicole; and little brother Justin; both of the family home. Other survivors include grandparents Ray and Alfretta Hart Sr. of Lame Deer, Larry and Ava Whiteman of Lodge Grass, and Velma Fitzpatrick of Crow Agency; great-grandfather Fred Whitewolf, Sr. of Lame Deer; great-aunt Margie Shoulderblade of Lame Deer; uncles Ray (Martina) Hart, Jr. of Browning, Dale Hart of Lame Deer; aunts Sarah (Henry) Goes Ahead of Garryowen, Denise Goes Ahead of Crow Agency; uncle Manuel (Cindy) Whiteman of Hardin; aunt Kathleen (Ruben) Yellowtail of

Lodge Grass; uncle Ros (Roberta) Whiteman of Browning, as well as numerous cousins and friends. Also thanks to Justin Todd Herod.

The family would like to send a heartfelt thanks to St Vincent Healthcare and pediatricians, Deaconess Pediatrics and others who cared for Cody. A special thanks to Jennifer Miller, RN, and Dr. Paul Kelker for caring for Cody with love and dignity. Cody loved you all and each of you who cared for her was special to her. She touched many lives because she had the love of Jesus Christ.

Cody! We love and miss you, sweet girl. You filled our lives and hearts with joy.

Visitation will be 9 a.m. to 12 noon, on Wednesday, Oct. 23, at the Dahl Funeral Chapel. A funeral service will be 2 p.m. Wednesday, at Faith Chapel in Billings. A wake service will be Wednesday evening, and funeral service at 11 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 24, at Mennonite Church in Lame Deer. Interment will be in the Whiteman Family Cemetery in Lodge Grass.

## Robert Whitfield

BILLINGS GAZETTE

JAN 19 2002

MILES CITY — Robert Whitfield, 62, of Miles City, died Thursday, Jan. 17, 2002, at the Holy Rosary Health Center in Miles City.

Visitation will begin at 10 a.m. Monday, Jan. 21, at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 22, at Stevenson & Sons. Interment will follow in the family lot of Custer County Cemetery.

HEATHER DAWN  
WHITING

BILLINGS GAZETTE  
APRIL 27, 2002

See obit for Derek Lee  
Hearn



# Evelyn Marie Whitlock

BILLINGS GAZETTE

MAR 07 2002



MRS. WHITLOCK

DEPOE BAY, Ore. — Evie Whitlock was born into a loving family at her grandmother's big house in Greycliff, Mont., Nov. 29, 1935. She passed away peacefully at her home in Depoe Bay, Feb. 28, 2002, surrounded by her loving family.

Her father, Bill M. Adams, was a driver for Consolidated Freightway, and Evie attended schools in Billings, Laurel, Bozeman and Butte, Mont., and in Minot, N.D. She married Dan Whitlock in Boise, Idaho, in 1956, and raised three children, David, Shannon and Sule.

Moving to Depoe Bay from Bozeman in 1983, Evie devoted her time and energy to that community and its people for all of the following 19 years of her life. She was honored by the Depoe Bay Chamber of Commerce as their Woman of the Year in 1994.

She is survived by her husband, Dan Whitlock of Depoe

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Bay; her sister, Sharon Shideler of Boise; son David of Waldport; daughter Shannon of Bellevue, Wash.; daughter Sule of Lincoln City; 11 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Evie actively supported her favorite charity, the Rask Family Memorial Fund in Portland, which provides for battered women and scholarships for students who need help. Friends wishing to do so may contribute to this fund in memory of Evie at The Paperwork Place in Depoe Bay.

In keeping with Evie's wishes, her ashes will be scattered at sea following Depoe Bay's annual Fleet of Flowers Memorial Day Weekend, a celebration Evie supported vigorously during all of her life in Depoe Bay. A potluck is planned following Evie's farewell.

"And then we left her there  
Among the flowers."



**MRS. WHITLOCK**

# LaRae Whitlock

Billings Gazette

NOV 09 2002

WORLAND, Wyo. — LaRae Whitlock, 27, died on Thursday, Nov. 7, 2002, at St. Vincent Healthcare in Billings.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, Nov. 11, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Stake Center. Burial will follow at Riverview Memorial Gardens. Bryant Funeral Home is in charge.

## **Linda Gail Whitmer**

**GLENDIVE —** Linda Gail Whitmer, 60, of Glendive, died Tuesday, Sept. 10, 2002, at the Glendive Medical Center.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, Sept. 13, at the Chapel of the Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home in Glendive. Interment will be at 12 noon, Friday, in the Richey Cemetery in Richey.

**FEB 06 2009**

Charles L. Whitmore was born in Williston, N.D., Sept. 4, 1933, to Emily and Robert Whitmore. On Feb. 5, 2002, Charles lost his long and courageous battle with diabetes.



**MR.  
WHITMORE**

He attended school in Great Falls. He also enlisted and served in the Marine Corps. On May 27, 1966, he married Ardith Zuncich Jacobs in Great Falls. The family then moved to Billings in 1967, where he worked for Lynch Flying Service and Combs Airways. In 1970, he and Ardith started Yellowstone Cleaning Company Inc. Poor health forced his retirement from the business in 1991. His wife and son David continued to operate the business.

Some of Chuck's greatest joys in life were his children, grandchildren and traveling. Family vacations were very important to him. The family often vacationed to California and Mexico. When his own kids grew up, he made sure to take his grandkids on outings and vacations. Las Vegas was one of his favorite places to go because no matter what your age, you could play!!!

He traveled throughout the world, including Europe, The Orient, Poland, Spain and Mexico. He was also an avid sports fan, especially when it came to watching his grandson Derek play football. Our fondest recent memories are that he attended every Skyview football game this last fall. Even in the rain and snow, he sat bundled up in his wheelchair to cheer the Falcons on!! He rarely missed Mustangs baseball games and Bulls hockey games. When he couldn't attend, he listened on the radio.

Chuck was preceded in death by his parents and his brothers, Bob and Don. He is survived by his wife Ardith; daughters, Rosalyn (Richard) Cottrill, Debbie (Jimmy) Cassel and Carrie (Dave) Renville of Texas; and sons David and Dennis Whitmore of Billings, Randy Whitmore in Colorado and Charles Whitmore in Great Falls. His pride and joy were his grandchildren, Jennifer, Derek and Cale Cottrill, and Samantha and R.C. Whitmore of Billings, and Jodie and Jennifer of Texas; and four

great-grandchildren. Also, brothers Keith in Great Falls and Dave in Moses Lake, Wash.; and a sister, Delores in Kennewick, Wash. Dad, may God be with you as you continue your travels!!!

Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 8, at Smith West Chapel, 304 34th Street. Interment will follow at Terrace Gardens Cemetery with military rites. Viewing will be at Smith West Chapel, Wednesday, Feb. 6, 5 to 9 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 7, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., and prior to services on Friday.

# Carl Whitmyer

BILLINGS GAZETTE

APR 05 2002

Carl Whitmyer passed away at his winter home in Mesa, Ariz., on March 27, 2002. Carl was born to Cash and Edna Whitmyer at their homestead near Molt on June 1, 1924. He lived his younger years on the homestead, then moved to Park City, where he graduated from high school in 1942. He then moved to Billings and worked for the City Water Department until going into the plumbing business. In 1965, he started his own business as Carl's Plumbing and Heating.

May 8, 1948, he married Ruth Card and had three children. After retiring in 1989, they moved to their cabin in Absarokee to enjoy the beautiful country and summers. They spent the winter months in Arizona; first at Quartzsite and later in Mesa.

Carl was a charter member of Moss Agate Chapter #126 of the Order of the Eastern Star. He was Worthy Patron three times.

He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Ruth; sister Mary Etta Sohn of Havre; son Larry (Estelle) of Billings; daughter, Sandra (Jan) Hansen of Powell, Wyo.; daughter Judy (Richard) Reynolds of Highley, Ariz.; five grandchildren, great-grandchildren, along with many other devoted family members and friends. He is preceded in his passing by his parents and sister Ruth Metts.

Cremation has taken place and a memorial service will be held at Grace Methodist Church, 1935 Ave. B, in Billings, on April 9, at 11 a.m. In lieu of flowers, the family requests any contributions be made in his name to the charity of your choice or to RTA Hospice; 1102 E. McDowell Road, Phoenix, AZ 85006.

# Carrie Martin Whitson

ROANOKE GAZETTE

NOV 07 2002

Carrie Martin Whitson, 92, passed away Nov. 5, 2002, at Western Manor Nursing Home of natural causes.



**CARRIE  
WHITSON**

Carrie, born in Stuart, N.C., in 1910, moved to Montana in 1967 to be close to her son, Bobby L.

Martin, deceased.

Survivors are six grandchildren and families, Wes Martin, Brad Martin and Kelly Martin of Billings, Jeff Martin and Natalie Hall of Denver, Dani Martin of Bigfork; two sisters, Buelah Clark and Marilyn Allen, both of Roanoke, Va.; and a brother, Lester H. Martin of Yankeesville, N.C. She had 14 great-grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements are being handled at Smith Funeral Chapel-Downtown.

Viewing will be from 5 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 7, at Smith Funeral Chapel, and graveside services at 11 a.m. Friday, Nov. 8, at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Carrie was a personification of southern hospitality. Her dynamic nature and natural wit will be greatly missed.





LOIS WICK

## Lois E. 'Teep' Wick

Park City — Lois Elaine "Teep" Wick, 63, of Park City, passed away peacefully early Friday morning, Sept. 27, 2002, surrounded by loved ones.

Lois was born on Nov. 19, 1938, in Hewitt, Wis., a daughter to Charles and Florence Asplin.

Our mother had a smile that lit up a room and her laughter was so honest and boisterous. It was even contagious! She had an amazing voice, truly the voice of an angel. When she lifted it in song, she could make you feel whatever she wanted. On occasion when her big beautiful blue eyes filled with tears, Lois could melt the coldest hearts. Mom loved to read and write poetry. Her personalized floral arrangements were an expression of her love and warmth. Mom loved nothing more than cooking a "big" meal for her family, along with anyone else that might wander in, and then watching them enjoy it. But sitting on the river bank, pole in hand, waiting for a

bite, ran a close second. She was a wife, mother, teacher and friend. Her caring and sensibility was our guiding light.

Mom loved well and was well loved. She will be deeply missed and will be forever in our hearts.

Lois is survived by her daughters, Rosa Maddux of Billings, Katherine Whitaker of Red Lodge, Melody Hake of Pray, Penny Knight of Green River, Wyo., and Lora Wendt of Bridger; her brothers, Hubert Asplin of Moorhead, Minn., and Donald Asplin of Madison, Wis.; her sisters, Betty Asplin of Laurel, Addie Jean Suckow of Marquette, Mich., Velda Walker of Ossco, Wis., Lila Sackett of Eau Claire, Wis., and Lorraine Newlieb of Fergus Falls, Minn.; her nine grandchildren, Charity Boller, Kevin Lewellen, Buster Quesenberry, Kissy Nelson, Kyle Lewellen, Tammy Menefee, Dan Quesenberry, Braxton Knight and Leah Sticka; and three great-grandchildren, Cameron Quesenberry, McKenzie Menefee and Samantha Nelson.

Lois was preceded in death by her brother, William Asplin; and her sister, Florence Beyer.

A special mention to Leonard and Brenda Adams, Gloria Lovell and Mike and Charity Boller for loving mom so very well.

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 6, at Teep's home, 161 Old Mill Road, Park City. Cremation has taken place. Memorials may be made to the Beartooth Hospice, 600 W. 21, Red Lodge, MT, or to the Northern Rockies Cancer Center, 1041 N. 29th, Billings, MT 59101.

Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

## Dolores Y. Wicklund

BILLINGS GAZETTE

NOV 20 2002

HAVRE/CASPER, Wyo. — Dolores Y. Wicklund, 68, died Friday, Nov. 15, 2002, in Lincoln, Neb., from injuries received in an automobile accident on Oct. 31.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 22, at the Adams Memorial Chapel in Malta. Interment will be in the Malta Cemetery.

## Donald J. Wienke

JUN 17 2002  
BILLINGS GAZETTE

GLASGOW — Beloved Don Wienke, 47, of Glasgow, son,



**DONALD  
WIENKE**

brother and friend completed his life's journey and passed onto the ultimate and final adventure facing all of us on Friday, June 14, 2002. He was born Sept. 24, 1954, in Wolf Point to Chet

and Louise (Ferguson) Wienke.

Don endured and dealt with the crippling and ravaging effects of rheumatoid arthritis for almost four decades. During his 47 years of life, he had 10 major surgeries to counter the disease. In the end, a brain tumor was his final indignity and the reason for his passing.

As short as his life was, Don lived it to his fullest. His humor and passion for sports were legendary. He may have been restricted physically from many of the things we all take for granted, but mentally he was "sharp as a tack," even up until the time he was taken from us.

During his college years in Bozeman, he stayed with Ed and Dorothy Kober. Mrs. Kober was like a second mother to Don.

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Don spent 25 years as a partner and accountant at CHMS Accounting Firm in Glasgow. His clients and co-workers at CHMS were much more than numbers to Don. They were literally and figuratively his extended family and friends.

Anyone who doubts whether Don will be remembered long after his passing only need look at the Fort Peck Theater and Don's impact on the arts in Glasgow and Fort Peck. For many years, Don was a fixture on the Theater's Board of Directors and served as their Treasurer.

Don's influence and contribution will be felt long from now, after most of us are gone and forgotten.

Don's time with us was marked by remarkable courage and strength in the face of physical adversity that none of us can begin to fathom. He was many people's hero, simply for how he dealt with the short hand presented him.

His is dearly missed by his parents, Chat and Louise Wienke of Wolf Point; two brothers and their spouses, Wayne and Linda Wienke of Polson and Les and Ann Wienke of Wolf Point; a sister and brother-in-law, Lucy and Bill Buzzell of Hamilton; 14 nieces and nephews; and many, many friends.

Services will be 10 a.m. Tuesday, June 18, at Evangelical Church in Glasgow with Rev. Jay Ashbacher officiating. Burial will be in the Highland Cemetery. Bell Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

**APR 18 2002****Peter P. Wiens**

CAVE CREEK, Ariz. — Peter P. Wiens, 94, of Cave Creek, formerly of Lustre, Mont., died Monday, April 15, 2002, at the Hospice Care Center in Cave Creek.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, April 22, at the E. M. B. Church in Lustre. Clayton Memorial Chapel is in charge.

## **Roland Wiens**

**WELLINGS GAZETTE**

**FEB 09 2002**

LIVINGSTON — Roland Wiens, 75, of Livingston, died Wednesday, Feb. 6, 2002, at his home, of Parkinson's disease.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday, Feb. 11, at First Baptist Church in Livingston. Graveside committal and burial will follow in Mountain View Cemetery. Franzen-Davis Funeral Home of Livingston is in charge.

# Travis Lyn Wiens

BILLINGS GAZETTE

AUG 16 2002

WICHITA FALLS, Texas — Travis Lyn Wiens, 28, of Wichita Falls, formerly of Electra, died Monday, Aug. 12, 2002.

He was born May 8, 1974, in Wolf Point, Mont. On May 24, 1996, he married Stephanie



**TRAVIS  
WIENS**

Elizabeth Miller in Powell, Wyo.

Travis was a member of Life Tabernacle Church. He was very active with Life Tabernacle Church Street Rage Ministry.

He loved working and helping

other people. He has been a volunteer fireman for several different departments in Montana and Wichita County areas. He has helped various ambulance services on a volunteer basis prior to his full-time position with American Medical Response of Wichita Falls. Travis was a resident of Billings, Mont., until 1997.

Travis was an Emergency Medical Technician for American Medical Response.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 17, at Life Tabernacle Church, with Rev. Wendell P. Elms and Rev. Donnie Napier officiating. Interment will

be in Highland Cemetery in Iowa Park. The family will be at Dutton Funeral Home in Iowa Park from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 16.

Memorials may be made to the Wichita West Volunteer Fire Department, 7622 Seymour Highway, Wichita Falls, TX, Life Tabernacle Church Street Rage Ministry.

Travis is survived by his wife, Stephanie Elizabeth (Miller) Wiens of Wichita Falls; mother and stepfather, Vicki and Doug Sipe of Billings; father and stepmother, Kenneth and Deanne Wiens of Dillon, Mont.; mother-in-law, Rena Jo (Dutton) Miller of Electra; father-in-law Jonas Miller of Billings; brother, Kenny Wiens of Billings; stepsister, Kayla of Dillon; stepbrother, Justin Sipe of Billings; grandparents, Bud and Gloria Lund of Billings; grandmother, Katherine Wiens of Billings; grandmother, Essie Dutton of Iowa Park; niece, Ashley Wiens of Billings; nephew, Tanner Wiens of Billings; aunts, uncles and numerous cousins.



## **Ray E. Wilde**

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

CODY, Wyo. — Ray E. Wilde, 93, died Monday, Aug. 26, 2002, at West Park Hospital.

Memorial graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Riverside Cemetery. Cremation has taken place.

**AUG 27 2002**

## **Rachel Louise Wildman**

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**DEC 04 2002**

MILES CITY — Rachel Louise Wildman, 95, of Miles City, died Monday, Dec. 2, 2002, at Holy Rosary Extended Care.

Visitation will begin Thursday, Dec. 5, at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 6, at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home. Burial will be in the family lot of the cemetery in Knowlton at 2:30 p.m. Friday.

## Franklin Wiley

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**JAN 24 2002**

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Franklin Wiley, 85, of Sheridan, died Tuesday, Jan. 22, 2002, at Westview Health Care Center in Sheridan.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 24, in Sheridan Municipal Cemetery. Champion Ferries Funeral Home of Sheridan is in charge.

# DeWayne LeRoy Wilhelm

BILLINGS GAZETTE

FEB 12 2002

ROSEBUD — DeWayne LeRoy Wilhelm, 47, of Rosebud, died Friday, Feb. 8, 2002, at his home.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 13, at the Beals Mortuary Chapel in Forsyth. Interment will follow in the Forsyth Cemetery.

## Paul A. Wilhelm

LAUREL — Paul A. Wilhelm, 90, of Laurel, passed away Saturday, Oct. 26, 2002 at the Evergreen Laurel Health and Rehabilitation Center.

He was born May 18, 1912 at Dickinson, N.D., a son of Adam and Frances Miller Wilhelm. He married Rosemarie Warner Feb. 1, 1937 in Dickinson. She preceded him in death Feb. 11, 1990. Eight brothers and sisters, three children and four grandchildren also preceded him in death.

Paul had worked as a carman for the N. P. and B. N. Railroads, until his retirement in 1975.

Survivors include three daughters, Dolores Shandy of Burbank, Wash., Laretta Anton of Missoula, and Eileen (Larry) Fox of Laurel; 10 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

Paul loved his grandchildren and was known to many as Grandpa Willy.

Vigil Services will be 7 p.m. Monday Oct. 28, at Smith Funeral Chapel-Laurel and the Funeral Mass will be celebrated 10 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 29, at St. Anthony Catholic Church in Laurel. Memorials are suggested to Big Sky Hospice or the church.

MAR 16 2002

## Jacqueline Wilke

DODSON — Jacqueline "Jackie" Wilke, 74, of Dodson, died Tuesday, March 12, 2002, at Northern Montana Hospital in Havre.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday, March 18, at the Dodson School Gym, with a luncheon to follow at the Dodson Lutheran Church. Interment will be in the Dodson Cemetery. Adams Funeral Home of Malta is in charge.

## **Faye M. Wilkerson**

POWELL, Wyo. — Faye M. Wilkerson, 88, died Thursday, Oct. 10, 2002, at the Powell Nursing Home.

At her request, cremation has taken place, with private family services to be held at a later date. Miratsky-Easton Funeral Home of Powell is in charge.

**James A.  
Wilkerson, Sr.**

**JUL 30 2002**

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — James A. Wilkerson, Sr., 59, of Sheridan, died Thursday, July 25, 2002, at his home.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, July 30, at Kane Funeral Home in Sheridan.



## **William 'Bill' Wilkerson**

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

FEB 17 2002

MILES CITY — William "Bill" Wilkerson, 81, died Friday, Feb. 15, 2002, at Holy Rosary Extended Care.

Visitation will begin Wednesday at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home. Funeral Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at the Grace Bible Church. Interment will be in the family lot of Custer County Cemetery.

MAR 12 2002

## James Glen Wilkinson, Sr.

CENTENNIAL, Colo. — James Glen Wilkinson, Sr., age 65, passed away Saturday morning, March 9, 2002, at the Rose Medical Center in Denver.

James was born on May 31, 1936, at Ottumwa, Iowa, the son of William Robert and Grace Helen (Collier) Wilkinson. He moved to the Big Horn Basin in 1945. He received his schooling at Greybull and graduated from Greybull High School in 1955.

He married Patti Lynn Bluejacket on July 25, 1956, at Billings.

He served in Korea in the U.S. Army Special Forces from 1959 to 1960. He was a marketing manager for Amoco for 25 years. He enjoyed being involved with young people, so he was a baseball and basketball coach for Little League through semi-pro.

He was an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed hunting and fishing, which was his life.

He was an avid member of the NRA.

James is preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his wife, Patti Lynn Wilkinson of Centennial; four sons, Jim Wilkinson, Jr. and wife Kate from LaHonda, Calif., John Wilkinson

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of Denver, William Wilkinson and wife Tosha of Parker and Brian Wilkinson and wife April of Denver; one daughter, Tracy DeStefano and husband Bill of Castle Rock; two brothers, Bill Wilkinson of Sidney, Mont., and Tom Wilkinson of Edmonton, Alberta, Canada; one sister, Lavon Haun of Worland, Wyo.; and 10 grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, March 14, 2 p.m., at the Grace Fellowship Church in Greybull, with Pastor Michael McMillan officiating. Burial will follow at the Hillside Cemetery at Greybull.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial fund has been established at Big Horn Federal Savings Bank, 33 North Sixth Street, Greybull, WY 82426, with proceeds to go towards the Greybull Summer Recreation program.

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

## James Justin Wilkinson

OLYMPIA, Wash. — James Justin Wilkinson was born July 5, 1916, in Akron, Colo., and passed away at home in Olympia on Jan. 22, 2002. He was one of five children born to William P. and Alpha (Lee) Wilkinson.

James grew up in the farming and oil fields of northcentral Oklahoma and joined the army in January 1941, serving with the 45th Division. At the outbreak of World War II, he transferred to the 158th Regimental Combat Team (Bushmasters); he was discharged in 1945.

Upon returning to the United States, he married Anna Delaney, who preceded him in death.

James is survived by his two sons, Robert (Linda) of Billings; and Larry (Nancy) of Olympia; and stepson James Wilmeth of Olympia; four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren; and his sister, Nellie Anderson of Rose, Okla.

As a dedicated employee of Continental Oil Co., James and his family traveled to many different work sites: Texas, Colorado, Wyoming, Montana and Washington as pipelines were installed. James spent his retirement fixing lawnmowers, taking care of his cats and telling stories of his experiences to his neighbors.

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**JAN 24 2002**

Services and interment are under the direction of Forest Funeral Home in Olympia.

# Evelyn Swanson Wilks

Evelyn Swanson Wilks, 84, of Billings, died Sunday, May 5, 2002, at St. John's Lutheran Home.



**EVELYN WILKS** She was born Dec. 24, 1917, in Glendive, one of seven children of Fred and Marie Swanson, who had immigrated to Montana from Sweden. She was raised in Glendive, graduated from Dawson County High School, and married William Redmond in 1936. She moved to Billings with her family in 1955, and worked as a secretary at Midland Bank, First Congregational Church and Security Bank. She married Hal Wilks in 1962; he preceded her in death. She resided in St. John's Lutheran Home for the last five years.

Survivors include Marcia and Dick Spalding of Billings, Jim and Diana Redmond of Memphis, Tenn.; six grandchildren, Alison Spalding Evans (Mark) of Denver, Paige Spalding Fiscus (Kevin) of Billings, Leslie Spalding of Tampa, Fla., Erin, Shannon and Megan Redmond of Memphis, Tenn.; and four great-grandchildren, Matthew and Andrew Evans and Morgan and Jenna Fiscus.

Private cremation and memorial service are pending. The family requests that any memorials be sent to St. John's Lutheran Home, which provides so much to so many and their families in the twilight years.

"All the rivers run into the sea; yet the sea is not full; unto the place from whence the rivers come, thither they return again." Ecclesiastes 1:7 (KJV).

MAY 07 2002  
BILLINGS GAZETTE

# Ralph Dewey Wilks

Ralph Dewey Wilks, 76, of Billings, left his earthly domain on Friday, Nov. 15, 2002.

He was born on Nov. 8, 1926, to Ralph D. Wilks, Sr., and Mary B. Radigan in Billings. Ralph was one of seven children who were raised and educated in Billings.

He enlisted in the U.S. Navy in WWII, served in numerous campaigns including Hiroshima and the Korean War. He returned to Billings where he worked and held many positions in construction while maintaining his patriotic service in the Army National Guard, maintaining his love for his country. He entered into matrimony with Noreen Lynn Bohn of Pompeys Pillar. Together they had five children.



**RALPH WILKS**

Ralph was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; four brothers, Dick Wilks, Danny, Jeff and Claude Mullins; two sisters, Lillian Smith and Louise Letasky. He is survived by his children Curtis (Cheryl) Wilks, Denise (Ron) Kroll, Cary Wilks, Perry "Scott" (Cheryl) Wilks, all of Billings; and David "Rowdy" (Paula) Wilks of Reno, Nev. He is also survived by nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

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A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 19, at a Cremation or Funeral Gallery. A private interment will be at a later date.

*God saw he was getting tired  
And a cure was not to be  
So He put His arms around him  
And whispered, "Come with Me."  
With tearful eyes we watched  
him suffer  
And saw him fade away,  
Although we loved him dearly  
We could not make him stay.  
A golden heart stopped beating  
Hard working hands at rest  
God broke our hearts to prove to  
us  
He only takes the best.*

## Marvin D. Will

Marvin D. Will, 68, of Billings, passed away on Thursday morning, Oct. 17, 2002, at Deaconess Billings Clinic.

Marvin is survived by his wife, Kay; daughter, Michelle (David) Kilborn of Parker, Colo.; his mother, Lydia Will; and his sister, Verene Nelstead, both of Billings; his brother, Roger (Merilee) Will of Vancouver, Wash.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 19, at Mount Olive Lutheran Church. To honor Marvin's wishes, the casket is closed. Interment will follow at Yellowstone Valley Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Deaconess Billings Clinic Foundation, 2917 10th. Ave. North, Billings, MT 59101.

Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

## Glee McFadden Wille

THE BILLINGS GAZETT

DEC 30 2002

Glee Wille, beloved wife, mother, grandma and great-grandmother, left St. John's Lutheran Nursing Home to make the journey home on Dec. 29, 2002. She goes to join her Savior, her husband, Ray, and her family who made the journey home before her.



**GLEE WILLE**

Glee was born to Stanley and Leah McFadden in Mokenca, Ill. on Sept. 10, 1913. She was the youngest of eight children raised on the family farm.

As a young woman, Glee waited in Mokenca and "was glad to have a job" during the Great Depression. It was at this time she met and was courted by the love of her life, Ray Wille. They were married in Chicago in 1935.

She and Ray moved the family to Colorado in 1952. It was there that they opened an A&W Root Beer stand in Longmont, Colo. Together, they built a successful business and raised their family.

Glee leaves behind her children, Barbara (John) Mulvaney of Billings, Sandy (Michael) Price of Longmont, Colo., and Richard (Patty) Wille of Craig, Colo. She will also be fondly remembered

by her nine grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Glee was a loving and generous giver. She made kettles of vegetable soup and applesauce that was given to countless friends and family. She will be remembered for her wonderful smile, her tender caring, her love for her family and the handmade ornaments that were the highlight of every Christmas. She will be greatly missed.

A visitation for family and friends will be between 4 and 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 30, at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary. A Celebration of Glee's Life will be at 2 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 31, at St. John's Lutheran Home in the Alberta Bair Conference Room. Glee will be taken to Longmont, Colo. for funeral services and burial on Friday, Jan. 3.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials may be made to St. John's Lutheran Home, Rev. Ocee Johnson Chapel Fund, 3940 Rimrock Rd., Billings, MT 59102.

Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.



## Alice Priscilla Williams

GREYBULL, Wyo. — Alice Priscilla Williams, 95 years of age, died on Tuesday, July 23, 2002 at the Bonnie Blue-jacket Memorial Nursing Home between Greybull and Basin.

Priscilla was born in Gallatin, Mo., on Nov. 22, 1906. She and her parents Perry Hudson Shultz and Gertrude Shafer Shultz moved to Billings a year later. Priscilla's dad was a Billings police officer until his retirement.

While growing up in Billings, Priscilla became an accomplished pianist. After she graduated from high school, she worked for the gas company of Billings. On Dec. 14, 1924, Priscilla married Gerald Wayne Williams, son of Clarence J. Williams and Zora Kissick Williams of Billings. While living at 37 Ave. B, Priscilla and Gerald had a daughter who they named Priscilla Jean Williams.

A few years later Priscilla and her family moved to Powell. They weathered the Great Depression while Gerald worked at a Powell bank. Priscilla said they lived in five homes there. In 1934, Priscilla was installed as a member of P.E.O.

The Williams family moved



**ALICE  
WILLIAMS**

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back to Billings circa 1935 and they lived at 502 Yellowstone Ave. Priscilla's husband worked with his father and brother, Robert, at Williams Motor Co. In 1937, Priscilla and Gerald had a son who they named Gerald Wayne Williams Jr. Her family suffered through a flood later in 1937. The water filled the basement. Priscilla said she watched her washing machine bob up and down in the muddy water. Most of her irreplaceable heirlooms and photographs were lost.

In 1938, Priscilla's family moved to Greybull and just missed a flood there. She and Gerald ordered house blueprints from Washington, D.C. They hired Joe Sylvester and his son to build it. It was built on the land where a house owned by the late George Hinman was destroyed by flood and fire. Herb Asp and his dad laid the foundation, driveway and sidewalks. They also plastered the interior walls and ceilings.

Priscilla worked 25-years in the insurance business with her husband at the First National Bank of Greybull.

Her father-in-law, C.J. Williams, founded the bank in the early 1900s. In time, her husband became president of the bank. While Gerald served in the U.S. Navy during WWII, Priscilla assisted with the bank work.

Over the years, Priscilla became a 60-plus year member of and past worthy matron of the Fern Chapter #31 of Eastern Star. She was cited for 60-years of membership in P.E.O. in 1994. She was awarded an honorary pin the following year. Priscilla played the piano for various occasions throughout her life. She was treasurer of the First Presbyterian Church when Rev. Adams was here, a member of the American Legion Auxiliary and a charter member of the Greybull-Basin Golf Club.

Priscilla was an avid reader. She read the Bible from cover to cover and she managed to read miscellaneous nonfiction and fiction throughout her life. Priscilla belonged to a bridge club most of her life. In her 60s, she learned the art of pottery work. Then, well into their golden years, Priscilla and Gerald enjoyed about 10 winters as snowbirds in Phoenix. During these years, she became an accomplished oil painter. Her work consisted of landscapes and flowers.

Priscilla became a widow on Sept. 21, 1987. She lost one grandson, Wayne Gerald Williams in 1997. Her survivors are a daughter,

Jean Williams Wright, a son, Gerald W. Williams Jr.; two grandsons, Ronald Gene Wright and Wayne Allen Wright, all of Greybull, and a granddaughter Natalie Alice Williams Becker of Colorado Springs, Colo. Priscilla is survived by two great-grandsons, Keith Allen Wright and Kenneth Wayne Wright of Greybull, and six great-granddaughters, Dena Noel Wright Kittelson of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, Jo Lynn Wright Bird of Lodi, Calif., Shauna Wright Ewen and Shalena Ann Wright Taylor of Greybull, Lorrie Barnett Lipp of Greybull and Carrie Barnett Hesco of Palm Coast, Fla.

Visitations have been set for Thursday, July 25, from 4-8 p.m. at the Atwood Family Funeral Chapel in Greybull.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m., on Friday, July 26, at the First Presbyterian Church with the Rev. George Pasek officiating. Burial will follow at the Hillside Cemetery.

A Memorial Fund has been established at the First Interstate Bank in Greybull, proceeds going to the "National Federation Of The Blind"

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

**Arthur E. Williams****BILLINGS GAZETTE**

WILLMAR, Minn. — Arthur E. Williams, 80, of Willmar, formerly of Billings, died Thursday, Jan. 24, 2002, at Rice Memorial Hospital in Willmar.

Private memorial service will be held on Sunday, Jan. 27. Burial will be in Echo City Cemetery. Harvey Anderson Funeral Home of Willmar is in charge.

**JAN 26 2002**

## **Bernard L. Williams, Sr.**

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**DEC 24 2002**

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Bernard L. Williams, Sr., 83, of Sheridan, died Saturday, Dec. 21, 2002, at the Veteran's Affairs Medical Center in Sheridan.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 26, at Champion Ferries Funeral Home in Sheridan. Burial will be in the Fraternal Order of Eagles #186 section of Sheridan Municipal Cemetery.

## **Charles Frank Williams**

**BIG TIMBER** — Charles Frank Williams, 87, son of Ross and Ella (Fodness) Williams, passed away the morning of May 23, 2002, of intestinal bleeding, at the Pioneer Nursing Home in Big Timber.

He was born Nov. 2, 1914, at Chico Hot Springs. After a 34-year career in Fish and Wildlife civil service, he retired in Olympia, Wash., and recently moved to Big Timber to join his only surviving relative, a sister, Lois Williams.

Services will be 2 p.m. Wednesday, May 29, at First Congregational Church, with graveside committal following at Mountain View Cemetery. Lowry Funeral Home assisted the family with the services.

**MAY 25 2002**  
**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

## Harry A. Williams

BANNER, Wyo. — Harry A. Williams, 70, of Banner, died Friday, Dec. 28, 2001, at his home.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Jan. 4, at First Congregational Church in Sheridan. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery in Big Horn. Champion Ferries Funeral Home of Sheridan is in charge.

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**Harry Daryl  
Williams, Sr.**

LIVINGSTON — Harry Williams, Sr., 70, died Thursday, March 21, 2002, on his ranch.

Cremation has taken place. No services are planned. Franzen-Davis Crematory is in charge.

MAR 13 2002

**Jay A. Williams**

THERMOPOLIS, Wyo. — Jay A. Williams, 37, of Thermopolis, died Sunday, March 10, 2002, at his home.

Memorial services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, March 15, at Mortimore Funeral Home in Thermopolis. Cremation has taken place.





## John H. Williams

JUN 05 2002

BILLINGS GAZETTE

LIVINGSTON — John H. Williams, 53, of Livingston, died Monday, June 3, 2002, at his home.

Cremation will take place at Franzen-Davis Funeral Home & Crematory in Livingston, following a private family visitation. Memorial services will be at 3 p.m. Friday, June 7, at Absaroka Heights Southern Baptist Church in Livingston.

# John Marvin Williams

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

DEC 27 2002

POWELL, Wyo. — John Marvin Williams, 74, of Powell, died Christmas morning, Dec. 25, 2002, at the Powell Hospital.

He was born April 25, 1928, in Papinsville, Mo. He was the 10th child born to Pierce Wade and Suzanna Stewart Williams.

On March 15, 1952, he and Barbara Prather were married in Worland. Their marriage was solemnized in the Jordan River Temple on Oct. 11, 1985. Their union was blessed with three children.

He is survived by wife, Barbara; two sons, Dennis and wife Iris of Salt Lake City, John and Teresa of Casper; and one daughter, Vi Yates and husband Randy of Powell; 13 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren; two brothers, Gus Williams of Casper and Tip Dixon of Paulden, Ariz.

He was preceded in death by his parents, seven brothers and two sisters.

Funeral services are scheduled for 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 30, at the LDS Church in Powell.

Miratsky-Easton Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Billings, formerly of Thompson Falls, passed away on Wednesday, Sept. 25, 2002, at her home.

Judy was born on June 8, 1962, in Rochester, N.Y., the daughter of Chuck and Lola Bollinger. As an infant, she moved to Tennessee and then to Piqua, Ohio, where she graduated from Piqua High School. Judy then attended the local community college for a time before her adventurous free spirit brought her to Montana at the age of 21.

She found her home first in Missoula, surrounded by the mountains she loved. In Missoula, she met her future husband, Bob Williams. They were married on Nov. 1, 1985. In 1987, Judy gave birth to their jewel, Sarah, the daughter that would be the focus of her life. In the late 1980s the family moved to Thompson Falls, where they lived for 10 years. During that time, Judy was a manager at the Elks Lodge and also worked various other jobs. Judy enjoyed life in Thompson Falls, of which her family has many fond memories. In 1996, the family moved to Portland, Ore., where her husband attended college.



**JUDY  
WILLIAMS**

## **Judy L Williams**

In Portland, Judy drove school bus, a job she thoroughly loved. She was also famous for her great nachos and chicken potpie she made for her many friends. Judy always looked forward to getting back to Montana, and was happy when the family moved to Havre after Bob's graduation. She felt at home in Havre and made many friends there. While living up on the Hi-Line, Judy became a floral designer and also was a member of the Havre Eagles Lodge. She truly loved life in Havre and missed so many of her friends when the family moved to Billings in January of 2000.

Throughout all of her family's moves, Judy was a devoted mother and wife. She tried to make the best of her situation, always making new friends along the way. Recently, in Billings, Judy was excited about driving a school bus again. She loved to be around students.

Judy was delighted in entertaining friends and having company over. She was at her finest as the hostess. Judy will be remembered for her vibrant personality, her award winning smile and her special laughter. She loved to play card games, especially hand & foot. Her dog, Brandy, was a special comfort to her when times were tough. In addition to her beloved husband Bob, her daughter Sarah was the center and the love of her life.

Survivors include her husband, Bob; daughter Sarah; her parents, Chuck and Lola Bollinger of Penn Run, Pa.; two sisters, Jan (Doyle) Richardson of Stuart, Fla., and Jackie (Tom) Norman of Tullahoma, Tenn.; one brother, Jim (Yolanda) Bollinger of Evans, Ga.; her husband's parents, Ralph and Jean Williams of Missoula; as well as numerous aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

A vigil service will be held at 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 29, at St. Bernard's Parish. Funeral mass will be offered at 11 a.m. Monday, at St. Bernard's Parish. Cremation to follow services.

Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

## LaRue B. Williams

LaRue B. Williams, 91, of Laurel, passed away Saturday, Feb. 2, 2002, at Aspen Meadows, Billings. She was born Aug. 14, 1910, at Evanston, Wyo., a daughter of Ren and Mae Wood Burdett. She attended Evanston schools and graduated from Evanston High School in 1928 and then graduated from the education program at the University of Wyoming. LaRue was a teacher and taught three years in Evanston.

She married Harold E. Williams, May 28, 1932, in Laramie, Wyo. She lived in Evanston from 1910 to 1933, and then in Laurel from 1933 to 1999, then in Billings her remaining years.

LaRue and Harold worshipped at the Laurel United Methodist Church for 70 years. LaRue was a member and past President of Chapter "B" PEO.

Survivors include a son, Dick Williams (Hjalma) of Cheyenne, Wyo.; two grandchildren and one great-grandson; several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Fred and Eugene Burdett.

Memorial services will be held at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 7, at United Methodist Church, Laurel. Inurnment will be in

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Evanston.

Smith Funeral Chapel-Laurel was in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are suggested to: Chapter "B" PEO, or Corinthian Lodge Foundation, Box 536, Laurel, MT 59044, or charity of choice.



MARIANNE WILLIAMS

## Marianne Anna Williams

ROBERTS — Marianne Anna Williams, 69, of Roberts, went home to be with the Lord on Tuesday, April 30, 2002. She was born on Nov. 12, 1932, in Herrlingen, Germany, and married John E. Williams on Aug. 29, 1953, in Germany, where John was stationed with the U.S. Army at the time. In 1954, she came to America to start a new life with her husband.

They ranched until 1985, when John went home to be with the Lord. Following her husband's death, Marianne has lived with her daughters. She enjoyed gardening, bird watching, Bible study, and most of all, spending time with her family and friends. She will be greatly missed.

Survivors include four daughters, Anna Jiles (David) of Roberts, Esther Rohach (Jim) of Butte, Connie Haverland

Preceding her in death were her husband and her parents.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 4, in the Roberts Family Bible Church. Interment will be in the Rockvale Cemetery, with a reception to follow at the Joliet Hospitality Room. Smith-Olcott Funeral Chapel of Red Lodge is in charge of arrangements.

(Howard) of Billings and Joanna Hall (Brett) of Clarksville, Tenn.; one son, Robert Weis (Rosemarie) of Germany; nine grandchildren, Jim Spaulding, Charlie (Della), Justin and Cassie (Randy) Haverland, Brett Jr., Brian and Brennan Hall, Quincy Rohach and Chris Weis; and two great-grandchildren, Clayton Haverland and Jacob McHenry.

## **Mearl Ervin Williams**

**MAY 02 2002  
BILLINGS GAZETTE**

LIVINGSTON — Mearl Ervin Williams, 91, of Livingston, died Wednesday, May 1, 2002, at Livingston Memorial Hospital.

Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to noon, Friday, May 3, at Franzen-Davis Funeral Home in Livingston. Cremation will follow. Funeral services will be at 1:30 p.m. Monday, May 6, at the Franzen-Davis Funeral Home Chapel. Interment of cremated remains will follow in Mountain View Cemetery.



## Rodney L. Williams

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**NOV 29 2002**

LEWISTOWN — Rodney L. Williams, 53, of Lewistown, died Wednesday, Nov. 27, 2002, at his home, of non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma.

At his request, no services will be held. Cremation has taken place. Cloyd Funeral Home of Lewistown is in charge.

**APR 10 2002****Sarah Williams**

Sarah Williams departed this world to be with the Lord Friday, April 5, 2002. She was a devoted wife to Warren Williams for 50 years and bore him seven children: Mark Williams of Libby and Mathew Williams, Linda Oksanen, Lori Williams, Loretta Wheeler, Lisa Jones and Michael Williams, all of Billings. She was blessed with 30 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. She attended Chapel of Hope where she was loved by many dear friends. She will be greatly missed.

## Emma Williamson

**BILLINGS GAZETT**

**FEB 05 2002**

ROCK SPRINGS, Wyo. — Emma Estelle Williamson, 82, of Rock Springs, and Billings, died Friday, Feb. 1, 2002, at Deaconess Billings Clinic.

Cremation will take place before the services. A memorial service will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 6, at the Vase Funeral Home in Rock Springs. Friends may call at Vase Funeral Home one hour prior to services.

# Emma Williamson

BILLINGS GAZETTE

FEB 10 2002

ROCK SPRINGS, Wyo. — Emma Estelle Williamson, 82, of 214 Logan St. Rock Springs, and Apple Hill Assisted Living, of Billings, Mont., died at 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 1, 2002, at the Deaconess Billings Clinic in Billings. She was a longtime Rock Springs resident and former resident of Stansbury.



**MRS.  
WILLIAMSON**

She was born on July 3, 1919, in Russellville, Ark., the daughter of the late James and Mary Lou Scott Courington.

Mrs. Williamson attended schools in Russellville.

She married A.D. Williamson on May 3, 1936, in Russellville, and he preceded her in death on Dec. 22, 1993.

Mrs. Williamson was a homemaker, and was a member of the Fraternal Orders of the Eagles Auxiliary and Women of the Moose.

Survivors include two sons, Bob Williamson of Billings and Norman Williamson of Green River; three daughters, Pat Williamson and Brenda Lake, both of Rock Springs, and Barbara May of Las Vegas; two brothers, the late Sherman Scott

of National City, Calif., and Alfred Courington of Palatine, Ill. She has two sisters, Helen Pearson of Riverdale, Utah and Beulah Ferguson of Russellville; 21 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; one son, James Daniel Williamson.

Cremation took place at Rock Springs.

# Fairalee Williamson

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**FEB 20 2002**

**CROW AGENCY** — Fairalee Williamson, 27, of Crow Agency, died of injuries sustained in a one car rollover accident, Sunday, Feb. 17, 2002.



**FAIRALEE  
WILLIAMSON**

She was born Oct. 9, 1974, in Crow Agency, a daughter of Garlon Williamson, Sr. and Pansy Dawes Williamson. She received her education in Crow Agency, Hardin, Pretty Eagle School, and later, the Chemawa Indian School in Oregon.

Fairalee was an outgoing person who loved to visit with her friends. Her charismatic personality enabled her to be the life of the party. She was a security officer for the Crow IHS Hospital.

She was a member of the Pentecostal Church, Big Lodge Clan and a child of the Piegan Clan. She was an avid pool player and proud member of the champion Corner Pocket pool team.

Her daughter, Jazmine; sister Roberta Old Elk; grandparents, Dexter and Lorraine Williamson, Mabel Pretty on Top, Claude Dawes, Sr., Malinda Half; and nephews Todd and

Alan Curtis Old Elk preceded Fairalee in death.

Survivors include her son Juidici Williamson; her father Garlon Williamson, Sr.; her mother, Pansy Williamson of Crow Agency; her sister Crystal (D.Levi) Little Light Pryor, Gerogianna Old Elk, Chelsey Old Elk and Janet V (Shobe) Little Light of Crow Agency; six brothers, Porge (Gloria) Old Elk, III, Lyndon (Shawna) Old Elk, Lyle and Wesley Old Elk of Crow Agency, Ronald (Lynn) Williamson, Sr. of Billings and Garlon (Garla) Williamson, Jr. of Hardin.

Funeral services will be held 11 a.m., Friday, Feb. 22, in the Bullis Funeral Chapel. Interment will follow in the Crow Agency Cemetery.

Bullis Mortuary of Hardin has been entrusted with the arrangements.

## Robert F. Williamson

BILLINGS GAZETTE  
JAN 09 2002

DODSON — Robert F. "Bob" Williamson, 64, of Dodson, died Monday, Jan. 7, 2002, at his home.

Wake services will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 9, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Dodson. Mass of the resurrection will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 10, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Burial will be in the Hillside Cemetery in Dodson. Adams Funeral Home of Malta is in charge.

## Isa J. (Cleveland) Willig

BILLINGS GAZETTE

AUG 16 2002

Isa Willig passed away on Aug. 10, 2002, at the age of 93, of natural causes.

Born June 29, 1909, a daughter of John and Grace Cobler, in Pittsburg, Kan. Her young life was spent in Kansas, moving to Montana with her family in her teens. They settled in the Bozeman area, where she attended Willow Creek School, then worked as a telephone operator. Later, she met and married Earl Cleveland and raised their two children in the Polson area while working at the Funk Federated Store. They moved to Missoula prior to Earl's passing in 1966.

In 1969, she married Carl Willig and helped in the operation of a motel outside of Evaro.

After Carl's passing in 1987, Isa moved to Billings to be surrounded by her family.

She is survived by her son, Jim (Carol) Cleveland of Oklahoma; daughter Orlena (Gerald) Gabel of Huntley; and stepson Carl (Gretchen) Willig of Missoula. Isa had four grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

Cremation has taken place; a service to be held at a later date.

## Del Wilm

**BRIDGER** — Del Wilm, 74, of Bridger, passed away Oct. 21, 2002, in the loving care of his family. Del was born in Beulah, N.D., to George and Doris Wilm. Del and his family moved to the Bridger area when he was a young boy.

Del worked in the oilfields of North and South Dakota, Wyoming and Montana. At the age of 17, he entered the U.S. Navy. He served on the USS Hornet aircraft carrier for two years during WWII. After his discharge, he worked as a bartender for Duffy's and then operated the Stockman Bar for 20 years in Bridger. Del was also the business agent for Local 98 Laborers Union for several years. He then went to work on Units 3 and 4 at Colstrip until his retirement.



**DEL  
WILM**

Del is survived by three sisters, Evy Elton of Laurel, Carol Reichert of Billings and Betty (Gary) Skinner of Billings; one daughter, Beverly (Kelly) Sharon of Texas; three sons, George (Butch) Wilm of Bridger, Ron (Sally) Wilm of Nevada and Scott (Jeanette) Wilm of Laurel; 15 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Del was preceded in death by his father, mother and two brothers.

Dad and Grandpa, we will miss you and keep you forever in our hearts.

Funeral services will be held 2 p.m. Friday, Oct. 25, at Smith Funeral Chapel-Laurel, with interment in the Bridger Cemetery.



## Vicki Elaine Wilmont

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**  
**NOV 29 2002**

LEWISTOWN — Vicki Elaine Wilmont, 50, died Thursday, Nov. 28, 2002, at the Central Montana Skilled Nursing Center, of natural causes.

A private graveside memorial service will be held Monday, Dec. 2, at the Lewistown City Cemetery. Cremation has taken place. Creel Funeral Home of Lewistown is in charge.

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## Bernice Wilson

Bernice Wilson, 86, died April 15, 2002, at home, surrounded by her family. She was born Oct. 5, 1915, in Niotaze, Kan., to Wayne and Bessie (Houdasheit) Lindsey.

She grew up and graduated from high school in Caney, Kan. On July 4, 1935, she was united in marriage to Herbert Wilson in Sedan, Kan. Bernice was a homemaker, spending many hours raising her children and doing crossword puzzles. She loved being outdoors and truly enjoyed their camping trips to the Canyon Lands in Utah.

Bernice leaves behind sons; Max W. (Sheila) Wilson of Arvada, Colo., Jerry L. (Sandy) Wilson of West Richland, Wash.; daughter-in-law Jamie Wilson of Shepherd; brother Lloyd (Eddie) Lindsey of Montrose, Colo.; son-in-law Bob Shayler of Kaycee, Wyo.; as well as several grandchildren and great-grandchildren; loved ones and friends.

Her husband Herbert; son, Jackie D. Wilson; daughter, Carolyn Sue Shayler; sons, Ted L. Wilson, Garry R. Wilson; daughter-in-law Barbara A. Wilson; sister Louis Simpson; and brother Gordon Lindsey preceded Bernice in death.

Memorial services for Bernice will be 10 a.m. Friday, April 19, at Dahl Funeral Chapel. Burial of ashes will be in Douglas, Wyo. In lieu of flowers, please make memorials to the Hospice of your choice.

## **Douglas I. Wilson**

GILLETTE, Wyo. — Douglas I. Wilson, 78, of Gillette, died Saturday, Sept. 14, 2002, at Campbell County Memorial Hospital.

Visitation will be from 9 to 11 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 17, at Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home in Gillette. Funeral services will be at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 17, at the First Presbyterian Church. Interment will follow in the Mt. Pisgah Cemetery.

# Harriet Wilson

Harriet Wilson, 81, went to be with her God, her Bob, and her daughter Sue on Friday, April 26, 2002. She was born near Dickson, N.D., on April 4, 1921, the daughter of Anton and Agnes (Roller) Hannel. She lived in Dickson until January of 1938 and then moved



**HARRIET  
WILSON**

to Billings. She married the love of her life, Robert Wilson, on Aug. 6, 1938. She had met Bob the year before while visiting relatives in Billings.

God blessed Bob and Harriet's marriage of 59 years with two daughters, Sandra Louise and Susan Gayle. Harriet's family was always her first priority. She found joy and fulfillment in being a wife, mother and homemaker. Her hobbies included cooking, baking, reading, playing cards and traveling. For six years, after Bob retired, they delivered Meals on Wheels, and Harriet also did other charitable volunteer work.

Harriet is survived by a daughter, Sandra Ross-Woods (Jessie) of Kalispell; six grandchildren, Jeffrey (Dara) Ross, Mark (Kathy) Ross, Tammy Hurt, Tammy (Jeff) Armentrout, Sherry Gordon and Scott (Carol)

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Ross; 11 great-grandchildren: Donny, Jeremy, Jason, Robert, Matthew, Jennifer, Tyler, Trevor, Rachel, Natalie and Courtney; and a great-great-granddaughter. Other survivors include a brother, Anthony Hannel; and a special niece, Virginia Feininger and her sister, Sharon Tackacs.

Preceding Harriet in death were her mother, husband Bob, daughter Susan, four sisters and a brother.

A rosary will be said on at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 1, at the Dahl Funeral Chapel. Harriet's memorial service will be at 11:30 a.m., Thursday, May 2, at Dahl Funeral Chapel. Interment will take place in Holy Cross Cemetery. Memorials may be made to a charity of one's choice.

Please don't cry and mourn for me

I'm where I had been longing to be

With God, my Bob and daughter Sue

With my mother, sisters and brother, too

Most of my life was Heaven on Earth

Because my darlings made it so

Now gone is all the loss and  
hurt.

That I felt since they had to go

So please don't weep and  
grieve for me

At last I'm where I prayed I'd  
be.

## **Harry L. Wilson**

**HARDIN** — Harry L. Wilson was born the first of four boys to William and Inez Wilson at Devils Lake, N.D., on Oct. 19, 1913. He passed away in Hardin on March 26, 2002.

Harry received his education on the Huntley Project, graduating from Huntley Project High School in 1932. He attended Eastern Montana Normal School, now MSU-Billings. After one year, he decided he didn't want to be a schoolteacher. He then spent one year working in the Custer National Forest in a CCC Camp near Ashland. Afterwards, he drove a school bus at Lodge Grass and met his wife of 50 years, Kathleen Carney. They were married on June 12, 1937, in Hardin, and started farming and ranching, doing what he liked best, growing and owning a good herd of cattle. He continued ranching until Kathleen's death in 1988.

Harry served on the local school board, was secretary of the Farmers Union Oil Company Board for 30 years, a charter member of the Hardin Elks Lodge, a member of the Big Horn County Livestock Assn., and a member of the Big Horn County Historical Society.

In 1990, Harry married his high school sweetheart, Arlene Patterson Walrath of Missoula, and they retired in Billings. Harry spent his last two years in Hardin at Heritage Manor.

Harry was preceded in death by his wife, Kathleen; two brothers, Calvin and Forrest; his wife, Arlene; and recently, his daughter, Patricia K. Aman.

Survivors include his son, Larry (Nancy) of Lodge Grass; a son-in-law, Stan Aman of Carson City, Nev.; a brother, Willard (Barbara) of Billings; a sister-in-law, Jean of Butte; five grandchildren, Tana (Dale) Stimpson, Karla (Eric) Lansrud, Guy (Emma) Aman, Tobb (Dreya) Aman and Rex (Lisa) Aman; eight great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held 2 p.m. Saturday, March 30, in the Bullis Funeral Chapel. Interment will follow in the Hardin Fairview Cemetery. Bullis Mortuary of Hardin has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Should friends desire, memorial contributions may be made to the Big Horn County Historical Society, Hardin, MT 59034, or a charity of the donor's choice.

## James A. Wilson, Jr.

BILLINGS GAZETTE

JUL 17 2002

HARDIN — James A. "Cactus" Wilson, Jr., 80, of Hardin, died Saturday evening, July 13, 2002, in the Heritage Acres Nursing Home.

He was born Nov. 6, 1921, in Garryowen, a son of James Wilson, Sr., and Rose Old Bear. He was raised by Lena Old Bear while he received his education in Crow Agency and Pierre, S.D.

Cactus was a cowboy and bronco rider who worked for the Antler Rancher and later as a house painter and maintenance man for the Montana Highway Department.

He was married to Myrtle BigMan until the time of her death. He remarried and later divorced. He was a member of the Four Square Church, Greasy Mouth Clan and child of Big Lodge.

Survivors include a son, Jerry Wilson of Crow Agency; and a daughter, Peggy Rising Sun of Hardin; his sisters, Alice Wilson of Hardin, Phoebe Dillon of Crow Agency, Jessie Halverson of Wyoming, Dora Johnston of Colorado and Agnes Old Bear of Benteen; his brother, David Yarlott, Sr. of Benteen; 10 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sisters, Nora, Mollie Harriett, Marie, Bertha and Susie Yellowtail; brothers, Bert, Henry and John; a son, Sherman.

Funeral services will be held 10 a.m. Wednesday, July 17, in the Crow Agency Four Square Church. Interment will follow in the Crow Agency Cemetery. Bullis Mortuary of Hardin has been entrusted with the arrangements.



## **Jane Wilson**

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Jane Wilson, 84, of Sheridan, formerly of El Paso, Texas, died Sunday, May 5, 2002, at Sheridan Manor.

Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, May 9, at Martin Funeral Homes in El Paso. Funeral services will be at 2:30 p.m. Friday, May 10, at the Fort Bliss National Cemetery in El Paso.

Kane Funeral Home of Sheridan is in charge of local arrangements.

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BILLINGS GAZETTE

## Jay D. Wilson

BILLINGS GAZETTE

DEC 12 2002

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Jay D. Wilson, 56, of Sheridan, died Monday, Dec. 9, 2002, at Memorial Hospital of Sheridan County.

Cremation has taken place locally with Kane Crematory and Funeral Home. Memorial services will be held at a later date.

APRIL 29, 2002

**WHITEFISH** — Joseph E. Wilson, Sr., 70, of Whitefish and a former Livingston resident, died Tuesday morning, April 23, 2002, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center, surrounded by his loving family. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, April 29 and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, April 30 at Franzen-Davis Funeral Home, 118 N. 3rd St. in Livingston. Funeral services will be 1 p.m. Tuesday, April 30, in the funeral home chapel. Graveside committal and burial will follow in Mountain View Cemetery.

Joe was born Oct. 5, 1931 in Livingston, the son of James P. and Mary (Frelich) Wilson. He attended grade school on the West Boulder and graduated from Park County High School in 1949. He was an avid sports fan and played intermediate basketball. He continued to enjoy the sports at all levels, as a player and spectator most of his life. Joe worked as a lumberjack and later entered the construction field, operating heavy equipment for numerous companies at many locations throughout Montana. He traveled extensively and left a lasting and memorable impression on everyone with whom he came in contact. He never arrived at a destination without knowing someone there and, upon his departure, having acquired new friends. Everything he did, he did "his way."

Joe was a member of the Moos and Eagle lodges and, in his earlier years, enjoyed hunting and fishing. He touched many lives and will be dearly missed by all who knew him.

Survivors include his daughters, Rose Rosenberry and her husband, Tad, of Columbia Falls; Karen Loucks and her husband, Bob, of Bozeman, and Joleen Wood and her husband, Chris, of Fremont, Calif.; his son, Joe "Pup" Wilson, Jr. and his wife, Penny, of Lincoln; his loving companion Bonnie Schlegel of Whitefish; two sisters, Mollie Hancock and her husband, Charlie, and Sandy Johnston and her husband, Sam, all of Livingston; two brothers, Jim Wilson and his wife, Martha, of Townsend and Windsor Wilson and his wife, Coral, of McLeod; 21 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews and four aunts, Jenny Adams, Marge Frelich, Anna Juvan and Irene Frelich, all of Livingston. He was preceded in death by his parents and a daughter, Linda Louisa Wilson.

Memorials may be directed to the charity of the donor's choice.

## **Mabel Hansen Wilson**

CULBERTSON — Mabel Hansen Wilson, 93, of Bainville, died Friday, Aug. 16, 2002, at the Roosevelt Memorial Nursing Home in Culbertson.

Rosary will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 21, at Everson-Clayton Memorial Chapel in Culbertson. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 22, at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Culbertson. Friends may call at the Everson-Clayton Memorial Chapel from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, and for one hour before service time at the church on Thursday. Interment will be in Hillside Cemetery in Culbertson.

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**AUG 20 2002**

# Marcia Wilson

JUN 23 2002

BILLINGS GAZETTE

BUSBY — Marcia "June Bug" Wilson was born June 23, 1959, in Hardin to Arthur H. Wilson and Rachael Cooley. June passed away Thursday, June 20, 2002, from injuries received in a one car accident near Kirby.



**MARCIA WILSON**

The original "Calamity Jane," she was born a hundred years too late for the free-style type of life she enjoyed. June grew up and attended school in the Busby area. She graduated in 1976 at the age of 16, and had earned the title of class salutatorian. She attended college in Rapid City, S.D., for two years, trying to attain a degree in agriculture. June was the first Female Boilmaker in Montana. She was a "Jill of all trades;" anything she set out to do, she accomplished with perfection. Most recently she was employed by Melvin Small in the Kirby area.

June was preceded in death by her parents, and younger sister, Ina Wilson-Heppner. She is survived by brothers Woodrow Wilson of Minneapolis, Minn., Alvin (Donna) Zimmer of Colstrip, Francis Wilson and Dan Vance, both of Busby; sisters

brated 43 years, we have scheduled a graveside service by the family home promptly at 7 a.m. on Sunday morning, with the Rev. Woody Brien officiating. Brunch will be served following the services. Rausch Funeral Home of the Northern Cheyenne Nation is assisting with the arrangements.

Percilla Zimmer (Henry), Patsy Riddle, Connie (Travis) Richardson, Bonnie (Dennis) Bear Don't Walk, and Leah Wilson.

Wake will be held starting at 8 p.m. at the family home near Busby on Saturday, June 22. Early morning was June's favorite time of the day and Sunday being her birthday, she would have cele-

## Marie B. Wilson

MAY 23 2002  
BILLINGS GAZETTE

Marie B. Wilson passed away Thursday, Aug. 9, 2001, of natural causes, at the Valley Health Care and Rehabilitation Center. She was 100 years old.

She was born Nov. 25, 1900, in Canada.

Marie lived in Sidney for many years, where her only son, Richard, was born in 1925. She and her family later moved to Billings, where she remained the rest of her life. She was married to her husband, Terry A. Wilson, for over 40 years.

Marie loved to garden and grow flowers. She cherished time spent with her family.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Terry A.; her son Richard T.; and her grandson Terry R. Wilson. Her grandson, Steven B. Wilson of Billings, survives her.

Cremation has taken place at Michelotti -Sawyers Mortuary & Crematory. Graveside services will be held at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, June 11, at Rockvale Cemetery. Rev. John J. Houlihan will preside.

**JAN 29 2002**

**RED LODGE**  
 — On Jan. 27, 2002, Oiva “Oliver” Wilson passed away quietly at home in the presence of his sons, reuniting with his beloved wife, Yoko, who preceded him in death less than two years ago. He was 75 years old.



**MR. WILSON**

Born on Dec. 28, 1926, Oliver was the youngest of the five children of John and Bertha Wilson of Roberts. Oliver farmed with his family until he enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1953. He served as a corporal in the Signal Corps, and was honorably discharged in 1955.

While stationed in Japan he met and courted Tsugi “Yoko” Kon. They corresponded for more than three years after his discharge until he went to Japan to marry her on Nov. 24, 1958, at the American Embassy in Tokyo. They returned to Montana to work the family farm in the Clear Creek area and to raise their two sons.

Upon retiring from farming 12 years ago, the couple moved to their acreage south of Red Lodge where Oliver pursued his interest in ironwork and blacksmithing by establishing

his business, My Toy. He enjoyed hosting traditional Finnish saunas and fishing the local creeks and lakes. Oliver was an active member and past exalted ruler of the Beartooth Elks Lodge.

He was preceded in death by his wife; his parents; his four siblings, Esther Hill, Aila Jarvie Ellen Lantta and Waino Wilson; three brothers-in-law George Hill, Willard Jarvie and Shinti Kon; one sister-in-law Shiyoe Kon; and his mother-in-law and father-in-law, Kyotaru and Kayo Kon.

Survivors include two sons Michael J. (Arlene) Wilson of Anchorage, Alaska, and Matthew J. (Madeline) Wilson and grandson Shane of Upland Calif.; brother-in-law Toby Lantta of Red Lodge; sisters-in-law Laura Wilson of Red Lodge and Kiseko Kon of Shizuoka, Japan; and numerous nieces and nephews.

In accordance with Oliver’s wishes, cremation has taken place and no service will be held. Smith-Olcott Funeral Chapel of Red Lodge is assisting with arrangements.

For those who knew and loved Oliver and Yoko Wilson, a remembrance and celebration of their lives will be held from 1 to 6 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 31, at the family home, 6633 Highway 212, two miles south of Red Lodge. Friends are welcome to stop by at any time that afternoon.

Oliver's last weeks were greatly eased by the kind and devoted efforts of the Beartooth Hospice program. Memorials are preferred to them at Box 590, Red Lodge MT 59068.



# Robert Wilson

BILLINGS GAZETT

MAR 16 2002

CROW AGENCY — Robert Stanley Wilson "Goes with The Eagles" 65, of Crow Agency, passed away March 14, 2002, in Crow Agency.



MR. WILSON

He was born Feb. 27, 1937, the son of John E. Sr. and Luella Charges Strong Wilson in Crow Agency. Robert was the first male child born in the old Crow Hospital where the Tribal building is today. His paternal grandparents were Charles (Smokey) Wilson and Pine Fire, his maternal grandparents were Charles Peter Charges Strong and Selma Merkle. He is the great-grandson of Goes Ahead and Pretty Shield.

Robert was named "Goes With The Eagles" (De'axkaash-heeleen-neesh) by his great-grandmother, Pretty Shield.

He was a member of the Big Lodge Clan and a child of the Greasy Mouth Clan.

Robert was raised in the Benteen area. He moved to Crow Agency where he was presently residing.

Robert worked at various jobs throughout his life. He worked as a BIA Policeman, a Heavy Equipment Operator, as well as a jockey and bronc rider. He was

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the crew boss on many fire crews, District Judge, a Procurement Officer for the Crow Tribe and worked with the crow youth Boys Boxing Club.

Robert enjoyed many outdoor activities, including hauling wood for Pretty Shield when he was a young boy. In his later years, he enjoyed hunting, fishing and driving around the hills as well as in town. He also enjoyed visiting with his family and friends, both in his home, when they came to visit, as well as out in the community. Robert had a large collection of old council papers and Resolutions, which he enjoyed reading.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, John E. Wilson, Jr.; "Beeps" and three sisters who passed away at birth.

Survivors include four sisters, Beverly Big Man, Arlene Wilson, Pauline (Dennis) McDonald of Crow Agency and Rosie (Larry) Fry of Omak, Wash.; three brothers, Richard (Annette) Couture, Sr. of St. Xavier, Laurence C. Wilson and Ivan Wilson of Benteen; his aunts, Pearl Hogan of Crow Agency and Alma Snell of Ft. Smith; numerous nieces and nephews. His extended family includes the Hogan, Jefferson, Goes Ahead Pretty, Stewart, Knows His Gun, Stray Calf and Longtail families. His special friends include Willy Peters of Crow Agency, Bobbi Paul and Shane Schenderline of Our Place

Funeral services will be held 2 p.m. Monday, March 18, at the Bullis Funeral Chapel. Interment will follow in the Crow Agency Cemetery. Bullis Mortuary of Hardin has been entrusted with the arrangements.

and the Beck family of Marshall Wells.

"Dear brother, if our love could have healed you, you would have been healed long ago. Go in peace to the other side land, we will miss you dearly."

## Robert F. Wilson

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Robert F. Wilson, affectionately known as "Bert," 93, passed away on Friday, May 3, 2002, at Aspen Meadows. He was born on June 28, 1908, in Chicago, Ill., a son to William J. and Ada (Harris) Wilson. Bert's father was

a rancher who came to Montana and homesteaded twelve miles south of Melstone. His father donated land on the ranch for Cabin Creek School.

Bert attended this school to obtain his elementary education and graduated from high school in Melstone.

Bert married the love of his life, Doris Ebeling on Aug. 31, 1940, in Terry.

Following their marriage, he attended Eastern Montana College and received his BA degree in 1941. In 1949, he received his Master of Education degree from the University of Montana in Missoula. He taught for 3 years in Terry, and for 32 years at Billings Senior High School.

Mr. Wilson is best known in Montana for the implementation of the Distributive Education Program. He worked in this pro-



**ROBERT  
WILSON**

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gram until he retired in 1973. Bert was the coordinator of the largest High School Distributive Education in Montana and one of the largest in the nation. In 1996, Mr. Wilson was inducted into the Montana DECA Hall of Fame when it was begun in the state and his name, along with five others, were the first six Montana members on the DECA National Hall of Fame.

He enjoyed music, reading and bridge. He loved to travel and he and Doris saw most of the continental U.S., Canada, Hawaii, Alaska, the Caribbean and the Bahamas. He was a very devoted husband, father and grandfather.

He was a member of the First English Lutheran Church. He served on the council for many years and was Financial Secretary and a member of the choir for 25 years. Bert was also a member of the Elks, Yellowstone Valley Retired Teachers Association, National Retired Teachers Association and the Billings Historical Society.

Bert is survived by his wife of 61 years, Doris; three children, R. Brent of Denver, Mrs. Janis (James) Rosenkranz of Anoka, Minn., and Mrs. Karma (Laurence) Anderson of Bismarck, N.D.; six grandchildren, R. Seth (Airon) Wilson, Dr. Shan Rosenkranz, Erik (Nina) Rosenkranz, Brynn (Michael) Culloton, Jordan Anderson and Joseph Anderson; two great-

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m., Tuesday, May 7, at First English Lutheran Church. Cremation has taken place. Memorials may be made to First English Lutheran Church, 1243 N. 31st St., Billings, MT 59101. Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary is in charge of services.

Wilson; sister, Mrs. Anne Grund of Boulder, Mont.; brother, Charles of San Marco, Calif.; and several nieces and nephews. Bert was preceded in death by a son, Larry Dee Wilson; his parents; his brothers, Thomas, William, James and Harold; and an infant sister.

## Rose M. Wilson

On Jan. 22, 2002, only four days short of her 70th birthday, Rose Wilson joined her husband of 50 years, John, and two departed daughters, Wendy Wilson and Cheryl Kanuit, and parents John and Marie Loucas, in heaven.



**MRS. WILSON**

After a three-month battle with cancer, saying goodbye to my best friend and mother is hard. I ask God to grant us, her family and good friends, the serenity to accept our loss and the courage to live our lives with the same wisdom, love and strength that she lived hers.

Rose was born Jan. 26, 1932, in Roundup. She graduated from Roundup High School in 1950. She worked at Ward City and Skaggs, but mostly she raised her family. Later in life, she enjoyed her Wednesday Card Club and baby-sitting her grandchildren.

She is survived by her daughter, Jonine (Chip) Smith; grandchildren, Tyson (Melanie) Kanuit, Kyle, Parker and Haley Smith; great-grandchildren, Mackenzie Kanuit and Tate Schmidt; and her lifelong friends, Mona Anderson, Loreen Reiter, Carol Gritten and many more.

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JAN 26 2002

We miss you, Rosie!

Memorial services will be held 2 p.m. Monday, Jan. 28, at Hope Evangelical Church, 5554 Grand Ave., Billings. Cremation has taken place. Private family interment will be held at Sunset Memorial Gardens. Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

## **Shirley Elaine Wilson**

Shirley Elaine Wilson, 67, of Billings, passed away Thursday, Oct. 24, 2002, at her home.

The daughter of Stanford and Ida Saarela, Shirley was born April 17, 1935, in Roberts. She graduated from Roberts High School and worked as a key-punch operator for Northwest Freightline and Exxon for many years.

Shirley married John M. Wilson, June 6, 1962, in Billings.

Survivors include her husband John; a brother, Louri Saarela of Boyd; a sister, Aina

Trimbo Jarrot of Billings; several nieces and nephews; and special friends, the Steve Kuehn family.

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

Visitation will begin 1 p.m. Monday, Oct. 28. The casket will be closed Tuesday, Oct. 29. Funeral services will be 1 p.m. Tuesday, at Michelotti-Sawyer Mortuary, with interment in Mountview Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Big Sky Hospice.

## Yvonne Jurkovich Wilson

SEATTLE — Yvonne (Toni) Jurkovich Wilson, 82, of Seattle, formerly of Red Lodge, Mont., passed away peacefully on Oct. 13, 2002, in Ida Culver Nursing Center in Seattle.

She was born on Sept. 2, 1920, in Washoe, Carbon County, Mont., a daughter of Vaso and Stana Jurkovich. She was raised in Red Lodge, where she attended schools, graduating from Carbon County High School in 1938. She attended Great Falls Deaconess School of Nursing, graduating in September of 1946. Yvonne was a licensed registered nurse in the states of Montana, Wyoming, California and Washington.

In 1957, she married Robert A. Wilson. They resided in Burlingame, Calif., until 1969, when they settled in Seattle.

Following meticulously the pledge of Florence Nightingale, she enriched the lives of all who knew her, both professionally and personally.

Yvonne had unwavering

faith in the Lord's power to watch over her and those she loved. Everyone knew she could be trusted in all things



YVONNE  
WILSON

Yvonne's passion was her family and friends, and we are all abundantly blessed for having known her.

Survivors include her husband, Robert A. Wilson of Seattle; three brothers, Eli Jurkovich of Eureka, Calif., and Ray and Nick Jurkovich, both of Red Lodge; and two sisters, Dorothy Christopherson of Seattle and Rose Jurkovich of Red Lodge.

Cremation has taken place, and private family services will be held at a later date. Interment will be in the Red Lodge Cemetery. Smith-Olcott Funeral Chapel is assisting with local arrangements.

## **PATRICIA Ann Oldis Wiman**

**BAKER** — Patricia Ann Oldis Wiman, 68, of Baker, went to be with the Lord on Feb. 3, 2002, after a courageous battle with emphysema and lung cancer.

Pat was born July 21, 1933, in Ollie at Grandma Schrader's home to Harold and Veva Oldis.

She lived at Alpha and Sentinel Butte, N.D., and then in Hornick, Iowa, where she helped her dad run the gas station, before returning to Baker in May 1948, where she has lived since.



**MRS. WIMAN**

In her teen years she worked at the Kit Kat Klub, Sawyer Grocery store and the Fallon County Dairy. She finished her high school education in Baker after she married. Her desire to learn continued with her love for crossword puzzles.

She married Kenneth B. Wiman on July 22, 1950, in Baker, where they shared 51 years of marriage. In the first few months of marriage, Kenny was a gravel hauler in the Forsyth area and Pat found out she got deathly sick from mosquitoes and wanted to go home. They returned to the ranch south of Baker, where Kenny

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pumped for Shell Oil as well as worked on the ranch. They later purchased the ranch from Kenny's folks. She was an accomplished seamstress and made the family's clothes for many years.

In her early years, she made many quilts and held quilting classes to teach others the art. She also spent many hours crocheting afghans for her family. In their younger years, they belonged to a square dance club and had many home-sewn matching outfits that she made. They spent many years on the family ranch south of Baker where many neighbors enjoyed supper and a game of cards. While on the ranch, she canned vegetables from the large garden they had every year.

She was known for her homemade buns and chocolate chip cookies. At the ranch, there were always extra kids around in the summer while the kids were growing up.

When the children started high school, Pat took a job in town at Russell's Clothing and then at Fallon County Times. She also helped Kenny with modular home sales as well as



the stock trailer sales and service business. When they started putting up modular homes in Baker, they lived in several new homes in Baker.

After retirement, they started pulling trailers for factory dealers and were able to see a lot of the country and made many good friends. When they decided to slow down, they purchased a motor home and spent many winters in Arizona, where she loved the warm weather. She also became interested in the new technology of computers, enabling her to send and receive e-mails and do genealogy research on the Internet.

She had a great love for genealogy and spent many hours researching the family history on all sides. Many friendships grew from her knowledge of genealogy research. Pat and Kenny spent many hours together in the hobby room on the computers. She loved having all the kids and grandkids home for family gatherings. She also was responsible for putting on several family reunions.

Survivors include the love of her life, her husband, Kenny; and four children, 10 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren: son, Kenneth Patrick "Rick" and wife Debi Wiman of Baker [Bryon and wife Marla Wiman (Summit and Rxxx) of Baker; Aimee and husband Joel

Wiedebush of Ipswich, S.D.; Conee Wiman and fiancé Jason Schaaf of Seattle; Errin Wiman (Austen) of Ipswitch]; daughter, Shirley Eller of Terry and special friend Rollie Maier [Mitch Eller of Rapid City, S.D.; Nicholas Eller of Terry]; twin daughters Fay and husband Julius "Jay" Swenson [Suzanne and Bradley Swenson] of Rapid City; and Kay Wiman and special friend Peter Todd Wilson of Baker [Lisa Wood of Bozeman; Mindy Wood of Baker]; sister, Jean and husband Gary Stanhope of Thermopolis, Wyo.; numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents Harold Oldis and Veva McGregor, and an infant sister.

Prayer service will be Monday, Feb. 4, at 7 p.m. in the Chapel of Stevenson Funeral Home. Funeral service will be Tuesday, 11 a.m. at The American Lutheran Church. Stevenson Funeral Home in Baker is in charge of the arrangements.

**AUG 14 2002**

**MALTA** — John R. Wimmer, 78, died Aug. 12, 2002, in Malta.



**JOHN  
WIMMER**

John was born to Robert and Marguerite Wimmer, Dec. 11, 1923, at Bellingham, Wash. He was raised in Dickinson, N.D., and graduated from Dickinson High School in 1941. He served

in the U.S. Army as a demolition specialist, spending time in the Pacific Theater including the Aleutian Islands.

John married Miriam Rogers in 1946 in Glendive; they later divorced. Miriam died in 1983. After military service, John found work with the Rodenberg's Honeyland in Wolf Point and later was employed at the Roosevelt County Abstract Co. as a Registered Abstractor for just over 25 years, after which he took a position with the State Department of Revenue in the Appraisal/Land Classification Department. While in Wolf Point, John also served as a Justice of Peace and City Judge.

John married Phyllis Mayhew in Wolf Point in 1967; she preceded him in death in 1997. After moving to Malta, John continued to serve as a city judge in the town of Malta while working

with the Department of Revenue until his retirement in 1994.

John was active in AA and well known for his participation with individuals and families in the AA program throughout Montana.

For many years, John served as a Boy Scout leader in Wolf Point and was active in the Catholic Church.

John's hobbies consisted of boating, fishing, woodworking and his favorite was flower and vegetable gardening. He is survived by his children, Nancy Wimmer and Kathleen of Malta, Roger of Wolf Point, Stephen of Buriem, Wash., Mary Durham of Havre, Jeanie Badger and Carol Lane of Denver, and Robert of Everett, Wash.; a sister, Betty Stanionis, of California; 15 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren and four stepchildren.

He was also preceded in death by two stepchildren and an infant brother.

Cremation has taken place and a memorial service will be held in Malta at a later date.

Friends and family are welcome to gather at the Roger Wimmer home on Friday, Aug. 16, from 5 to 7 p.m. for a tribute to John R. Wimmer — father, grandfather, friend.

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## Dorothy Winants

CODY, Wyo. — Dorothy "Dorrie" Winants, 86, died Sunday, May 5, 2002, at West Park Long Term Care Center in Cody.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, May 14, at West Park Long Term Care Center. Ballard Funeral Home of Cody is in charge.

# Elizabeth 'Betty' Winch

BILLINGS GAZETTE

DEC 10 2002

A lifetime resident of Montana, Betty died peacefully at Westpark Village Retirement Center on Monday, Dec. 9, 2002, where she has resided for the last 11 years.

Born Sept. 14, 1905, in Miles City, to Mary Eita and Frederick Kreidler. She married G. Dewey Winch in 1925 and they lived in



**BETTY WINCH**

Miles City, Aberdeen, S.D., and Billings, where he was the General Agent for the Railway Express Agency. She was a longtime employee of Montana Dakota Utilities

in Miles City. She was active in Eastern Star and First Church of Christ Scientist. Her hobbies were fly fishing and gardening.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1958.

She is survived by her daughter Beverly and son-in-law John Hoffman of Windermere, Fla.; two grandchildren, Deborah Troilo of Whitehouse Station, N.J., and Richard Hoffman of Arlington Heights, Ill., and four great-grandsons, Jason and Brian Troilo, and Michael and Steven Hoffman.

A memorial service at Westpark Village Retirement

Village is pending. Interment will be in Sunset Memorial Gardens.

In lieu of flowers, the family request donations be made to Big Sky Hospice, PO Box 35033, Billings, MT 59017.

**ma gartl Peggy**  
**Elizabeth Winchell**

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**  
**DEC 21 2002**

GLENDIVE — Margaret "Peggy" Elizabeth Winchell, age 80, of Glendive, passed away at her home on Thursday, Dec. 19, 2002.

A vigil service will be held at 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 22, at the Chapel of the Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home in Glendive. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, Dec. 23, at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church with Father Joseph Ponessa officiating. Rite of Committal will be in the Dawson County Cemetery. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home is entrusted with arrangements.

Peggy was born on Feb. 12, 1922, in Winner, S.D., the daughter of Leslie and Eva (Hanigan) Fox. She attended school through her junior year of high school in Winner where her father was the owner and publisher of the local newspaper. Her senior year, she attended and graduated from Abraham Lincoln High School in Council Bluffs, Iowa. She then received a two year teaching certificate from a South Dakota teachers college. Peggy taught for several years at Worland, Wyo., and Alexandria, S.D., and continued to



**PEGGY  
WINCHELL**

add credits to her education.

Peggy learned to operate the linotype machine while helping in her father's newspaper office as she was growing up. Due to a wartime shortage of manpower she came to Glendive to work for G.G. Houle, publisher of the Dawson County Review. She met and married Jay Winchell on Dec. 2, 1944, in Glendive. They continued to live in Glendive, where their three children were born and Peggy worked at the Dawson County Review. In 1954, the family moved to their ranch northwest of Glendive.

For a number of years, Peggy taught in rural schools and four years in the Savage school. She began working in the Glendive Public Library in 1974. In 1979, she became Library Director and during that time was responsible for establishing, setting goals for, and philosophy of, Friends of the Library. She also did fundraising and was responsible for receiving a grant to aid the Friends of the Library. Peggy retired in 1987. Peggy was a member of PEO, Friends of the Library, Book Club and Women of the Moose.

Peggy was preceded in death by her parents and her husband Jay on April 12, 2001.

Survivors include two sons, Thomas Winchell and his wife Carol, and David Winchell and his wife Patty, all of Glendive; one daughter, Sharon Herigstad and her husband Gerald of Wibaux; one sister, Elinor Bohnenkamp and her husband Don of Sun Lakes, Ariz.; one brother, Bob Fox of Omaha, Neb.; four grandsons, Scott Herigstad of Wibaux, Joel Winchell, Darren Winchell and Alex Winchell, all of Glendive.

## Margaret Anne Wind

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DEC 24 2002

SIDNEY — Margaret Anne Wind, 88, of Sidney, died Monday, Dec. 23, 2002, at the Sidney Health Center - Extended Care Facility.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 28, at the Pella Lutheran Church. Cremation has taken place. Fulkerson Funeral Home of Sidney is in charge.

## Shirley Wind

SAVAGE — Funeral services for Shirley Wind, 73, of Savage, are at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 2, at the Pella Lutheran Church in Sidney. Interment will be in the Riverview Cemetery in Savage, under the direction of the Fulkerson Funeral Home of Sidney.

Shirley Margaret (Olesen) Wind was born on Aug. 26, 1928, in Sidney, to Nels Samuel and Alice Elizabeth (Hansen) Olesen. Shirley attended school in Sidney and graduated from Sidney High School in 1946. On Dec. 30, 1946, she married Louis Eugene Wind at the Pella Lutheran Church in Sidney. They farmed near Savage until Gene's retirement in 1989, but remained at the family home in Savage. They had been married for 52 years when Eugene passed away on Sept. 1, 1998.

Shirley was homemaker and mother to her husband and four children. She found her greatest joy in doing special things for her children and grandchildren throughout her life. She was also known for being generously kind to all of the family pets. She enjoyed caring for a large garden and numerous flower beds and she also enjoyed baking and sewing. Her adventurous spirit found its way through numerous games of bridge and pinochle and was also known to accompany Eugene on lengthy motorcy-

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cle trips around the state. Later in life, she found time to resume her hobby of oil and watercolor painting.

She passed away on Friday evening, Dec. 28, 2001, at her home north of Savage, following a long battle with cancer.

Shirley is survived by two sons, Gordon Wind of Polson and Lloyd (Susie) Wind of Mountlake Terrace, Wash.; a daughter, Marian (Paul) Engelbrecht of Winchester, Ky.; four sisters, Audrey Sampson and Elsie (Ben) Eschenbacher, both of Sidney, Betty (Harold) Propp and Jane (Bob) Doran, all of Billings; and nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Eugene, son Robert, and brother Robert.



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## **Kenneth Wing, Sr.**

LOGEPOLE/FORT BELKNAP — Kenneth "Half Bear" Wing, Sr., Indian name, Mahto Hungay (Half Grizzly Bear), 70, died Monday, April 29, 2002, at the Northern Montana Hospital, of liver complications.

Wake services will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 1, at the Medicine Bear Lodge in Lodgepole. Funeral Mass will be 11 a.m. Thursday, May 2, at the Medicine Bear Lodge. Burial will be in the Wing Family Cemetery at Lodgepole. Adams Funeral Home of Malta is in charge.

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## Raymond E. Winkle

COLUMBUS — Raymond E. Winkle, 93, of Columbus, passed away Saturday, March 30, 2002, at Stillwater Community Hospital.

He was born in Kent, Wash., January 12, 1909, a son of Thomas and Florence Bonar Winkle.

His family moved to Hollister, Calif., where he met and married Mary Frances Underwood on April 22, 1934.

Raymond was a devoted father and loving husband and he and Mary raised four children. Ray was a skilled carpenter and painter. The couple moved to Columbus in 1995.

Survivors include his wife, Mary, of 67 years; two sons, Thomas E. Winkle (Barbara) of Columbus, and Robert R. Winkle (Eileen) of Lincoln City, Ore.; two daughters, Verna Lee Haas of Mariposa, Calif., and Bonnie Whittaker (Douglas) of Tacoma, Wash.; 11 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandson.

Services will be at 2 p.m., Wednesday, April 3, at Smith Funeral Chapel-Columbus. Interment will be in Mountainview Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

## Mathew J. Winkley

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**BIG TIMBER** — Mathew J. Winkley, 62, of Big Timber, passed away Wednesday, Nov. 13, 2002, of an apparent heart attack.

Mathew was born Oct. 28, 1940, in Miles City, to Jean Emmett and Dorothy (Klein) Winkley. Mathew served in the U.S. Army from 1962 to 1965. He worked many jobs all over Montana.

Mathew married Helen L. Pollari on Jan. 23, 1977, in Las Vegas. He owned and operated Matt's Grief Relief for the past 17 years where it was widely known "If Matt Couldn't Fix It — It Could Not Be Fixed." He was a member of the VFW Post No. 1579, Miles City.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Sam and Chuck Winkley; and one sister, Rustee Parrent.

Survivors include his wife Helen of the home in Big Timber; stepson Keith (Kasey) Krone and grandchildren Jensen and Brenna of Idaho Falls, Idaho; brothers George of Douglas, Wyo., Jim (Audrey) of Wilsall and Bert of Broadus; sisters, Helen Ridenour of Baker, Betty Stone of Shreveport, La., Clara Winkley of Miles City and Barb (Harold) Freier of Billings. Also surviving is sister-in-law Loretta Winkley; and brother-in-law Norm Parrent, both of Miles City. Numerous nieces and nephews, great-nieces

and great-nephews also survive Mathew.

Graveside services will be held 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 16, at Mountain View Cemetery, with Pastor Ron Countryman officiating. Military Rites will be given by American Legion Post No. 19. Lowry Funeral Home assisted the family with the arrangements.

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**Hazel J. Wintermute**

GILLETTE, Wyo. — Hazel J. Wintermute, 77, died Saturday, Aug. 31, 2002, at the Campbell County Memorial Hospital.

Visitation is from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday and services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, both at the Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home. Burial will be in the Gillette-Mt. Pisgah Cemetery.

**William Edward  
Wintermute**

GILLETTE, Wyo. — William Edward "Bill" Wintermute, 79, of Gillette, died Wednesday, Sept. 4, 2002, at his home.

A joint funeral service for William Wintermute and his wife, Hazel Wintermute, who died Saturday, Aug. 31, 2002, will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 7, at the Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home in Gillette. Burial will follow in the Gillette-Mt. Pisgah Cemetery. Visitation for the Wintermutes was held Friday.

## **Helen Gladys Winther**

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BUFFALO, Wyo. — Gladys Winther, 88, of Buffalo, died Saturday, Aug. 10, 2002, at the Johnson County Health Care Center.

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Visitation will be from 1 to 10 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 13, at Adams Funeral Home Chapel in Buffalo. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 14, at Willow Grove Cemetery.

## Jean Paul Wippert

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**BROWNING** — Jean Paul Wippert, 79, of Browning, passed away Wednesday, April 24, 2002, of natural causes.

Jean was born Dec. 8, 1922, to Josephine La Barge Paul and Edward Paul of Browning.

She married Hunter Wippert on Sept. 12, 1942. They began their life together in Browning before moving to Fisher Flats. They then moved to Seville before moving to Fort Washakie, Wyo. Jean and Hunter then moved to St. Ignatius for 10 years before retiring to Browning in 1985.

Jean worked hard to balance a nursing career and a family for 25 years. She was a natural caregiver to everyone she met.

Jean will always be thought of as a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and trusted friend. She had many people who loved her and whom she loved in return. Following Hunter's death, she found great comfort with Mrs. Bonnie Wippert and especially Mrs. Joanie Walker. They were her true friends, traveling partners and kindred spirits.

Jean touched the lives of many people, including her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Jean is preceded in death by her parents; four sisters, Aloise "Allie" Gilham, Alfreda McClusky, Leona Conway and Dorothy Paul; and five brothers, Clarence "Nooks"

Paul, George Paul, Lloyd "Pugsy" Paul, Roger Paul and Buzzy Paul.

She is survived by two sisters: Velma (Tiny) Smith and Noreen (Bee) Martin; 11 children, Herl (Phyllis) Graham of Browning, John (Deb) Wippert of Billings, Quentin (Carol) Gilham of Billings, Merlin (Terri) Gilham of Cut Bank, Barbara (Ed) Albert of Browning, Donna (Babe) White of Browning, Mary (Marty) Blue of Browning, Mike (Kai) Gilham of Babb, JoAnn (Beep) Grant of Browning, Terry (Kenny) White of East Glacier and Kerry Kay (Mike) McKay of Billings. She is also survived by 29 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Rosary will take place April 28, at Eagle Shields in Browning at 7 p.m. Services are Monday, April 29, 10 a.m., at Little Flower Parish in Browning.

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## Tom W. Wipplinger

NORTH PLATTE, Neb. — Tom W. Wipplinger, 45, of North Platte, formerly of Red Lodge, Mont., died Saturday, Sept. 7, 2002, in Pueblo, Colo.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 12, at the Steer Head Arena, outside of Hershey. Burial will be in Floral Lawns Memorial Gardens in North Platte. Carpenter Memorial Chapel in North Platte is in charge.



**MAR 02 2002****Evelyn I. Wirtala**

LOVELL, Wyo. — Evelyn I. (Barrett) Wirtala, 88, of Lovell, died Wednesday, Feb. 27, 2002, at the Powell Nursing Home.

Rosary will be at 7 p.m. Monday, March 4, at Haskell Funeral Home in Lovell. Funeral Mass will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, March 5, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Lovell. Burial will be in Salmon, Idaho.

**Harold Williams Wirth**

BYRON, Wyo. — Harold Williams Wirth, 79, died Saturday, Sept. 7, 2002, at the VA Medical Center in Sheridan.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 12, in the Byron Cemetery. Haskell Funeral Home of Lovell is in charge.

## Todd Wirtz

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OUTLOOK — Todd Wirtz, 73, died Friday morning, July 26, 2002, of cancer at his home.

A public vigil service will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday at the funeral chapel. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, July 29, at St. Bonafice Catholic Church. Interment will follow in the Outlook Cemetery. Fulkerson Funeral Home of Plentywood is in charge.

## **Lawrence Wirtzfeld**

**GLENDIVE —** Lawrence Wirtzfeld, 61, of Glendive, died Wednesday, Sept. 4, 2002, at the Glendive Medical Center.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Monday, Sept. 9, at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Glendive. Interment will be in the Lutheran Cemetery in Beach, N.D. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Glendive is in charge.

# Alice Marie Wiseman

**BAKER** — Alice Marie Wiseman, 94, of Baker, passed away Sunday, Dec. 15, 2002, at the Fallon Medical Complex.

She was born April 11, 1908, at St. Martins, Quebec, Canada, the daughter of Octave and Auxilia Parent (Parent). Alice's father passed away while she was young. Her mother then married Octave's brother, Louis, who became their father and helped raise the family. The family moved to Webster Community in 1914.



**ALICE  
WISEMAN**

returned to work after the children were raised.

On Oct. 6, 1928, she married Earl Wiseman at the Baker Community Church parsonage. Early on, they moved around the state as Earl worked with the drilling companies and pipelines. Her family will say that she always knew how to make a home filled with love wherever they lived. In 1942, they made their permanent home in Baker.

Alice grew up and attended country schools and eventually finished her schooling in Baker. She spent time working for Granger's in her early years before marriage and then

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Earl passed away in 1971.

She was proud of her involvement with the Eastern Star. Alice was a supportive hearing person. She was a good friend and caregiver. Alice had a zest for life right up until her death. Often, she could be seen driving around in her car — seemingly busy and on a mission. Truth is, she made it point to make her visits to different friends and family. She will be missed by her family and friends.

Alice is preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Earl; sons, Dalbert and Jim; a daughter, Alice Faye; brothers, Alex and Albert Parent; and sisters, Blanche Lewis, Rosie Hughes and Aurore Baker. She is survived by a son, Russell (Agnes) Wiseman of Grand Junction, Colo.; a daughter, Leona (Lloyd) Irvine of Billings; a daughter-in-law, Lorraine Wiseman of Baker; two brothers, James Parent of Benton City, Wash., and George (Annette) Parent of Post Falls, Idaho; three sisters, Beatrice Spring of Baker, Sister Annette Parent and Sister Jeanette

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Parent of Spokane, Wash.; 12 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A Rosary will be held on Thursday, Dec. 19, at 7 p.m., at the Stevenson Chapel in Baker. Funeral services will take place on Friday, Dec. 20, at 11 a.m. at the St. John's Catholic Church, Baker. Burial will be at the Bonnievale Cemetery. A reception will be held back at the church following the graveside rites. Stevenson Funeral Homes, Inc. of Baker and Ekalaka are in charge of the arrangements.

**DEC 15 2002**

LAUREL — Laura Jean Wissinger, 26, of Joliet and formerly of Gardiner, died Wednesday evening, Dec. 11, 2002, as the result of injuries she sustained in an automobile accident south of Laurel.

Visitation will be from 2 to 4 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 15, and from 9 to 11 a.m. on Monday, Dec. 16, at the Franzen-Davis Funeral Home in Livingston. Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Monday in the chapel, after which cremation will take place.

### **Officials release name of crash victim**

Officials have released the name of one woman involved in a head-on collision Wednesday south of Laurel, but are withholding the second victim's name pending test results.

Laura Jean Wissinger, 26, of Joliet, was driving a Chevrolet Blazer registered in Park County when it collided head-on with a Ford Taurus, said Carbon County Deputy Coroner Dan McJunkin.

Officials have not yet confirmed the identity of the driver of the Taurus, who was burned when a fire ignited after the wreck. Although investigators believe they know the woman's identity, it cannot be made public until positive confirmation is made. McJunkin said the woman recently moved to the area from out of the county and investigators will use her dental records to confirm the identification.

Autopsies completed Thursday determined both women died from blunt force trauma and before the fire started.

## Nellie M. Witcher

LAUREL — Nellie M. Witcher, 86, passed away Nov. 26, 2002, at Evergreen Laurel Health and Rehabilitation Center, of natural causes.



**NELLIE  
WITCHER**

She was born Jan. 31, 1916, to Dick and Grace Shandy of Silesia, and was raised on the Shandy homestead north of Joliet until she married Ray Moore, Sept. 10, 1933. They had a son, Leroy. On

June 2, 1939, Nellie married Ray L. Witcher and they had a daughter, Maybelle, and a son, Kenneth. Nellie resided in Joliet and worked at the Laurel Nursing Home and the Joliet Christian Church. Ray and Nellie also managed the cafe at the Horseshoe Night Club in Fromberg.

Nellie is survived by two sons, Leroy (Esther) Moore of Billings, Kenneth (Lena) Witcher of Joliet; and a daughter, Maybelle (Darrell) Magnus of Laurel; two sisters, Helen Brown of Forsyth and June Regnier of Billings; 10 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

Nellie was preceded in death by two husbands, Ray Moore and Ray Witcher; five brothers and one sister.

Nellie was an active life member of the VFW and Rebekah Lodge in Joliet. When she was able, she enjoyed gardening, flowers, dancing to the fiddle of Ray Witcher and her children.

Memorial services will be 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 4, at the Joliet Christian Church and inurnment will be in Rockvale Cemetery.

Memorials are suggested to the Joliet Christian Church or the Rebekah Lodge.

Smith Funeral Chapel-Laurel was in charge of cremation.



## **Carmen Julia Witter**

CODY, Wyo. — Carmen Julia Witter, 91, died Monday, Jan. 28, 2002, at the West Park Long Term Care Center.

Funeral services will be 10:30 am. Thursday, Feb. 7, at Ballard Funeral Home in Cody. Interment will be in Riverside Cemetery.

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## **Elsie Wohlberg**

HIGH RIVER, Canada — Elsie Van Luchene Wohlberg, High River, Alberta, formerly of Ballantine, Mont., passed away peacefully at her home in High River, on Sept. 21, 2002.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be held on Oct. 11, at 1 p.m., in Worden, Mont.

## Elsie Van Luchene Wohlberg



**ELSIE  
WOHLBERG**

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RIVER, Alberta,  
Canada — Elsie  
Van Luchene  
Wohlberg  
passed away  
peacefully on  
Sept. 21, 2002, at  
her home in  
High River.  
Elsie, daughter  
of Godfred and  
Elizabeth

Oblander, was born Nov. 9, 1918,  
in Ballantine, Mont.

She married Dan Van  
Luchene in 1936, where they  
farmed and ranched in the  
Ballantine area. Dan was killed  
in an automobile accident in  
1964. She worked at Coles  
Department Store for many  
years until she met and married  
Carl Wohlberg in 1974. They  
lived in Calgary and upon  
retirement, spent their winters  
in Pharr, Texas. They later  
moved to High River, Canada.

Elsie is survived by her hus-  
band, Carl; two daughters  
Joann (Joe) Feist of Ballantine  
and Sharron (Jim) Anderson of  
Butte, Mont.; two stepchildren  
Brian (Maddy) Wohlberg of  
Grand Prairie, British  
Columbia, and Heather  
(Angelo) Palmieri of Colorado  
Springs, Colo.; seven grandchil-  
dren; three step-grandchildren  
two great-grandchildren; one  
sister, Esther Van Luchene; and  
one brother, Mike Oblander,  
both of Ballantine.

Cremation has taken place  
and a memorial service will be  
held on Oct. 11, at 1 p.m., at the  
Bethlehem Congregational  
Church in Worden, Mont.

Memorials may be made to  
the American Heart Institute or  
a charity of your choice.

## Gene Wohlschlager

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GLASGOW — Gene R. Wohlschlager, 63, of Glasgow, died Sunday, Feb. 3, 2002, at Frances Mahon Deaconess Hospital, of emphysema.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 7, at First Congregational Church. A private burial will be held. Bell Mortuary of Glasgow is in charge.

## MARIE WOITT

**LAUREL** — Maria Woitt passed away Nov. 25, 2002, at her home in Laurel. She was born Feb. 19, 1925, in Kiev, Ukraine. She came to the United States from Germany with her family in October of 1951.



Maria was a **MARIA WOITT** wonderful cook. She loved her garden, flowers, music and family. She worked many years at First Security Bank in Laurel and was a faithful member of St. John's Lutheran Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents Sergie and Natalie Sergienko; two sisters, Valentina Ismailow and Eugenia Lamb; son-in-law Roger Wendorf and her first husband Victor Ungefucht.

Surviving are her husband Ervin Woitt of Laurel; three daughters, Erna Wendorf of Cottage Grove, Minn., Lilly (Alan) Waddell of Laurel and Ella (Leonard) Ostwalt of Forest Grove, Ore.; grandchildren, David Wendorf, Kevin Wendorf and Daniel Wendorf, Gina (Tod) Hardy, Ed (Lisa) Waddell, Justin (Brandee) Waddell, Jennifer Ostwalt and Kyle Ostwalt; great-grandchildren, Ashlyn Hardy, John and Jack Waddell; and various special nieces and nephews,

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extended family and friends.

Services will be held 10 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 27, at St. John's Lutheran Church, Laurel. Interment will be in the Laurel Cemetery.

The family wishes to express thanks to her caregivers and Big Sky Hospice. Memorials are suggested to Big Sky Hospice, River Of Life Fellowship Hall or St. John's Lutheran Church.

Smith Funeral Chapel-Laurel was in charge of arrangements.

## Joy L. Wold

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LAUREL — Joy L. Wold, 92, formerly of Laurel, passed away Dec. 31, 2001, at Cedar Wood Villa in Red Lodge.

Joy was born Oct. 27, 1909, in Sioux City, Iowa, a daughter of James L. and Idelle Boyer. The family moved to Missoula, where she attended school. In June of 1928, she married Paul A.



MRS. WOLD

Wold of Laurel, where they made their home. Mr. Wold died in 1971. Joy remained in her home in Laurel until June of 1996, when she moved to Cedar Wood

Villa in Red Lodge.

She was a member of Laurel United Methodist Church and Eastern Star.

Survivors include two sons, Paul M. Wold and wife Betty of Billings and Glenn Wold of Red Lodge; four grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren and one great-great-granddaughter. She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents and brother.

Funeral services will be held at Smith Funeral Chapel in Laurel on Friday, Jan. 4, at 1 p.m. Interment will be in the Laurel Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Beartooth Industries, PO Box 1147, Red Lodge, MT 59068 or charity of your choice.

## **Delores Wolf**

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**LAME DEER** — Delores Wolf, 49, of Lame Deer, died Monday, Dec. 23, 2002, at Deaconess Billings Clinic.

Wake service was held Friday, Dec. 27, at the Lame Deer Mennonite Church. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 28, also at the church. Burial will be in Lame Deer Cemetery. Rausch Funeral Home of the Northern Cheyenne Nation is in charge.

## Fae R. Wolf

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Fae R. Wolf, 86, died Thursday, Nov. 7, 2002, at Sugarland Ridge.

Services in Sheridan were Friday at Champion Ferries Funeral Home. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Sunday at Stevenson-Mischel-Olson Funeral Chapel in Dickinson, N.D. A service will be at 10 a.m. Monday at First Congregational Church in Dickinson with burial in the Dickinson Cemetery.



## June Wolfe

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Our dear mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend passed away March 27, 2002.



**JUNE WOLFE**

June was born on May 30, 1925, in Butte, the daughter of Elgin Allen and Mausel Sandlin. She grew up on the family homestead in Belfry and was raised by her father, Elgin, and stepmother, Harriet.

She married Michael A. Wolfe on Aug. 17, 1942, where they made their home in the Belfry area until Mike's death. After that, she lived in Bridger, Cody, Wyo., and then making her home in Billings.

June was preceded in death by her husband Michael in 1963; and a son, Clifford in 1969. She is survived by her longtime companion, Robert Brennan of Billings; four sons, Ronald Wolfe (Kathy) of Red Lodge, Richard Wolfe of Billings, Randy Wolfe (Sharron) of Billings and Larry Wolfe (Linda Preston) of Reno, Nev.; a daughter-in-law, Judy Wolfe of Billings; seven grandchildren, Mike Wolfe, Tanya Wolfe, Cory Wolfe, Zachary Wolfe, all of Phoenix, Ricki Wolfe, Maicie Wolfe and

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Michael Rich of Billings; and six great-grandchildren; also a brother, Calvin Allen of Billings; half-brother Alfred Allen of Billings; half-sister Rosemary Peterson of Billings; a half-sister Daisy Patten of Billings; and a half-sister, Bertha Bell Moore. We would also like to say thank you to a very special friend of Mom's, Linda Fisher.

June enjoyed gardening, traveling, and all of her family. She was always there to do favors and visit or just help out and never told anyone no. If you had the honor to be June's friend or a member of her family, you had something very special. She will be missed very much by all of us, but never forgotten.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 30, at Smith Downtown Chapel. Interment will follow at the Belfry City Cemetery.

Gramma — My Guardian Angel

I know you will always be with me, watching from above. I trust in you to protect me and guide me as I grow. If you see me shed a tear, don't worry, gramma, it's just a symbol of my love. I love you, gramma, Ricki.

## **sara nicole Wolfe**

MOORCROFT, Wyo. — Funeral services for Sara Nicole Wolfe, 17, of Moorcroft, will be 2 p.m. Thursday, April 25, at Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home Chapel in Gillette. Burial will follow service at the Rozet Cemetery, Rozet. Visitation will be Wednesday, April 24, 3 to 7 p.m., at the Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home.

Sara died April 20, 2002, from injuries received in a car accident.

Sara was born Feb. 17, 1985, in Sheridan to John and Candace (Sullivan) Wolfe. She was raised and educated in Rozet, attended Rozet Elementary School and was attending Moorcroft High School at the time of her death.

She was active in FCCLA, the Spanish Club and the Choir. She enjoyed attending rodeos and bull wars, dances and country music, laughing at comedy shows, animals, pictures of tigers and collecting Winnie the Pooh.

She is survived by her parents of Rozet; three brothers, Shaun of Rozet, Cory of Casper and Jason of Kansas City, Kan.; grandparents, Sam and Betty Wolfe of Rozet; one uncle, Greg and Amy Sullivan of Billings; two aunts, Colleen Fisher and family of Gillette, Marlene Wolfe and family of Upton; nine cousins, two nieces and two nephews.

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She is preceded in death by her maternal grandparents, Henry and Lyla Sullivan; and her aunt, Pat Carroll.

A memorial has been established to benefit DARE Program through Moorcroft High School.

Donations may be sent in care of Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home, 210 W. Fifth St., Gillette WY 82716.

## **Albert Paul Wolff**

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BUFFALO, Wyo. — Albert Paul Wolff, 80, of Buffalo, died Thursday, Dec. 19, 2002, at Amie Holt Health Care Center in Buffalo.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be held at a later date at the Veterans Home of Wyoming in Buffalo. Champion Ferries Funeral Home of Sheridan is in charge.

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**Elmer M. Wolff**

Elmer M. Wolff, 74, was born on Nov. 30, 1927, in Stutsman County at Medina, N.D., to Matt Wolff and Julia Hust Wolff. The family moved to Huntley Project when he was very young. He attended the Ballantine grade school and graduated from Huntley Project High School in 1946. The house they built and lived in is still being used today in Ballantine.



**ELMER  
WOLFF**

He worked for Payne/Saunders Lumber Co. in Worden throughout his high school years and continued working there until he moved to Billings and went to work for Carter Oil as a typist in 1947. He stayed with the company for 37 years; it had become Exxon by now and Elmer had become a crane operator.

He took early retirement in 1984 to enjoy life. He loved fishing, hunting and traveling.

He married Theodora Keebler in 1950. They divorced in 1972. To this union there were three children; Rita (Ross) Rosenberg of Miami, Fla., Craig (Paula) Wolff of Herndon, Va., and Elliot of Billings.

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In 1975 Elmer married Margaret Schneider. They were together until Margaret's death in 1998.

In 1999, he married Betty Reed, an old friend of the family.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Margaret; his parents; his brothers, Albert, Pete and Edwin; a sister, Helen (infancy); and step children, Arloa and Scott.

He is survived by his wife, Betty; his children, Rita, Craig and Elliott; his brother, Ruben of Boston; his sisters, Ida (Alvin) Hochhalter, Violet (Heinz) Tanke of Billings, and Ester Raines of Great Falls; step-children, Barbara (Bill) Smith of Virginia, Beverly (Paul) Mundschenk of Billings, Keith (Doris) Roberts of Ballantine, and Michael Roberts of Billings; grandchildren, Michael and Lauren Rosenberg, Tom Wolff, and Alexes and Lindsey Wolff; step-grandchildren, Kirk, Kent and Kevin Smith, Joe (Sandy) and Jeff (Kim) McCullough, Heathe, Kristy, Zara Thomsen, Amber, R.J. and K.C. Roberts, Alescia and Amanda Roberts; numerous great-grandchildren and many good friends, too numerous to mention all.

We love you as high as the sky and as wide as the ocean, with all our hearts.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, April 16, at Cremation or Funeral Gallery. Interment will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens. In lieu of flowers, memorials in Elmer's name may be made to the Worden Fire Department.

## Lyle C. Wolff

GILLETTE, Wyo. — Lyle C. Wolff, 74, of Gillette, died Thursday, March 14, 2002, in Arizona.

Joint funeral services for Lyle and Nadine Wolff will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, March 21, at Trinity Lutheran Church. Family will receive friends at visitation from 5 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, March 20, at Wilson Funeral Home in Gillette. Burial will follow services at Mount Pisgah Cemetery.

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**Nadine M. Wolff**

GILLETTE, Wyo. — Nadine M. Wolff, 68, of Gillette, died Friday, March 15, 2002, in Arizona.

Joint funeral services for Nadine and Lyle Wolff will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, March 21, at Trinity Lutheran Church. Family will receive friends at visitation from 5 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, March 20, at Wilson Funeral Home in Gillette. Burial will follow services at Mount Pisgah Cemetery.



## Edward Carl Wolski

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VANCOUVER, Wash. — Edward Carl Wolski, 84, of Vancouver, died May 11, 2002, in Vancouver.

He was born July 9, 1917, in Terrace, Mont. He was a grain farmer and also worked at Fort Peck Dam in Montana while it was being built. He supplemented his income working in oil wells, custom combining, and as a bartender for a time in Wolf Point, Mont., where he lived from 1949 to 1965; then he and his wife bought the Lake Bar and Hotel in Medicine Lake, Mont. They retired in 1978 and moved to Moses Lake. He enjoyed visiting with his family. He liked fishing, playing rummy, hunting and camping.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Eileen Wolski in 1996; and brother, George Wolski.

He is survived by one daughter, Mary Morin and husband Don of Battle Ground; a daughter-in-law, Barbara Wolski of Pasco; three sons, Theodore Wolski and wife Dale of El Cajon, Calif., Thomas Wolski and wife Bonnie of Robbinsdale, Minn., and Richard Wolski and wife Tina of Tigard, Ore.; one sister, Mertice Marottek and husband Frank of Poplar, Mont.; 11 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held in Battle Ground.

# Mary A. Woltermann

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**MARY  
WOLTERMANN**

### COLUMBUS

— Mary Ann Woltermann, 84, of Columbus, passed away Thursday, May 30, 2002, at her home. She was born Aug. 17, 1917, at

Chadbourne, Mont., a daughter of Harrison

and Maybelle Richardson. She graduated from Clyde Park High School in 1936. Mary was married to Ben Woltermann at Columbus on Feb. 14, 1936.

Mary was a member of Columbus Community Congregational Church, Women's Fellowship, Church Choir and Bible Study Group. She was also a member of Eastern Star and Senior Citizens. She enjoyed music, gardening and playing cards. Her family was real important to her.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Jettis, Dat and Chuck Richardson; sisters, Eunice Munding and Ethel Woltermann; and granddaughter, Amy House.

Survivors include her husband, B.C. (Ben) Woltermann; children, Myrna House, Cyndy (Bill) Colter, Roger (Becky)

Funeral services will be held 2 p.m. Monday, June 3, at Community Congregational Church in Columbus, with interment in Mountainview Cemetery. Visitation 5 to 8 p.m. Sunday, June 2, at Smith Funeral Chapel-Columbus. Memorials: Community Congregational Church.

Woltermann; brother, James Richardson; grandchildren: Michelle House, Brian House, David Colter, Curt Colter, Jennifer (Steve) Martin, Jill Woltermann, Josh Woltermann; great-grandson, Mason Martin; special niece, Betty (Mike) Fitzpatrick; son-in-law, Robert House and many other nieces and nephews.

## Donald Grant Wonch

Donald Grant Wonch, 48, of Billings, passed away Saturday, Dec. 14, 2002, at his residence.

Donald was born on June 27, 1954 in Cheyenne, Wyo., a son to Warren and Betty (Wagner) Wonch. He was raised and educated in Wyoming before moving to Billings, with his parents in 1965.



**DONALD  
WONCH**

Donald graduated from Senior High in 1973.

Following his graduation from high school, Donald worked for Lovell Clay and Northwest Peterbilt.

Survivors include his parents, Warren and Betty of Billings; his sister, DeLynn (Tim) Myers of Wahpeton, N.D.; his nieces, Carla (Dustin) Fleck and Michelle Myers; and his grandnephew, Grant Myers all of Mandan, N.D. He was preceded in death by his sister, Barbara Kay Wonch in 1953.

Cremation has taken place. Family memorial services and burial will be held in Cheyenne, Wyo.

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

Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

## **David John Wood**

GILLETTE, Wyo. — David John Wood, 30, died Thursday, Aug. 29, 2002, at St. Vincent Healthcare in Billings.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 3, at St. Matthew's Catholic Church in Gillette. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 4, at the Mount View Cemetery in Basin. Atwood Family Funeral Directors is in charge of arrangements.

## Patricia Lenore Wood

GROVE, Okla. — Patricia Wood, age 69, died Monday, Feb. 18, 2002, in the St. Johns Regional Medical Center in Joplin, Mo.

The daughter of Wylie Orr and Vauntreba (Worthington) Huggins, she was born on July 6, 1932, in Fairland. Pat attended the Hickory Grove Schools in elementary school and Livingston, Mont., for junior and high school. She was a telephone operator for 31 years, starting with the Mountain Bell Co. in 1950 and later AT&T.

She was the treasurer for the AARP in Grove and a member of the Garden Club and Homemakers Club. Pat was a member of the First Baptist Church.

She married James Lee Wood, Jr. on Dec. 6, 1952. They moved to Grove from Oceanside, Calif., in 1992.

Preceding her in death were her parents; and a brother, Wylie Paul Huggins.

Surviving are her husband, James Wood in Grove; two sons, James Wylie Wood in Yosemite, Calif., Richard Lee Wood in Phoenix; two brothers, Otis Huggins in Spring, Texas, Larry Huggins in Seattle; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

The funeral will be at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 23, in the First

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Baptist Church in Grove, with Reverend Robin Cowin officiating. The interment will be in the Fairland Cemetery. There will be a visitation for family and friend at the funeral home at 6 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 22. The services are under the Worley-Luginbue Funeral Home in Grove.

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**Rita Ann Wood**

LIVINGSTON — Rita Ann Wood, 62, of Livingston, died Saturday, April 6, 2002, at Livingston Memorial Hospital.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, April 12, at Franzen-Davis Funeral Home in Livingston.

## ROY Gene Wood

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REED POINT — Gene Wood, 50, of Reed Point, passed away Wednesday, Dec. 11, 2002, at home.

Gene was born Dec. 16, 1951, to William "Bill" and Helen (Thatcher) Wood in Columbus.

Gene was a longtime resident of Reed Point.

He is survived by his brothers, Wes of Albany, Mo., Charles (Dora) of Gillette, Wyo., Bob (Diana), Ervin (Peggy), both of Laurel, Boyd (Rozella) of Asotin, Wash.; sisters Ella (Dave) Jansma of Laurel, Alice (Vern) Harman of Post Falls, Idaho; and his special friend and caregiver, Dorothy Eustice of Reed Point. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Viola. Cremation has taken place and a memorial graveside service will be held 11 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 19, at the Reed Point Cemetery.

Memorials in Gene's name may be made to the American Diabetes Association, 3203 Third Avenue North, Billings, MT 59101. Arrangements by Cremation or Funeral Gallery.

## Veta Wood

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MALTA — Veta Wood, 82, of Malta, died Tuesday, Jan. 15, 2002, at Good Samaritan Center in Malta.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 22, at Bell Mortuary Chapel in Glasgow. Burial will be in Highland Cemetery in Glasgow.



## Blaine I. Woodard

**ROUNDUP** — Blaine I. Woodard, 83, of Roundup, passed away after a courageous battle with cancer on Thursday, Sept. 26, 2002, at the Roundup Memorial Nursing Home.

Blaine was born in Blakeslee on Dec. 1, 1918, to A. F. "Jack" and Mary Harris Woodard. He was a graduate of Roy High School, where he enjoyed sports like track, basketball and boxing. He also loved hunting, fishing and ranch life.

He was always active with his father on the ranch. Blaine and his brother, Jackie, operated the Red Barn Registered Hereford Ranches, in Roy and Grass Range. Blaine and his wife, Marie, raised his family of four girls and two boys on the ranch in Grass Range.

The Red Barn ranches were established in 1925, when the senior Jack Woodard purchased three cows with bull calves at

side. That was the beginning. From 1934 through 1938, the Woodard operated with the renowned Chatterton Cattle taken on shares. Bull calves were sold back to Chatterton, and heifer calves were retained. Well received in Central Montana show arenas and sale pavilions, Woodard's Red Barn Herefords enjoyed a fine reputation.

Later, on Oct. 26, 1951, Blaine, his father Jack, and brother Jackie, held their first annual production sale at the Red Barn Ranch in Grass Range, where they sold 18 bulls, 10 young bred cows, and 15 heifers.

Blaine, who was the first volunteer from the Roy area, achieved the rank of staff sergeant in the U.S. Army during WWII, and served as a demolitions engineer and photographer with the 95th infantry. His company received numerous commendations from Gen. George

Patton. Blaine later served in Patton's Third Army. After his service in the military, Blaine married Marie Pillsbury of Dover, N.H.

Blaine will be remembered as a hard worker who never quit until the job was done, as a Montana rancher who never got enough of it, and a wonderful father who always saw the brighter side of life and had a great sense of humor. We can still hear him in the mornings clanging the pots and pans together and hollering up the stairs, "Daylight's a burning and the dishes aren't done!"

Blaine was preceded in death by his mother, Mary; his father, Jack; and his younger brother,

Jackie. He is survived by his children, Joni Udelhoven of Hysham, Debra O'Neil of Roundup, Christy Woodard of Angora, Minn., Nancy Cain of Angola, Ind., Blaine R. Woodard of Williston, N.D., and John Lee Woodard of Hysham; sisters Virginia Norskog of Stanford, Theresa Burch of St. Paul, Minn., and Judith Wallinder of Billings; 15 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 5 to 9 p.m., Monday, at the Wier Funeral Chapel. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m., Tuesday, at the Assembly of God Church. Interment with Military Honors will follow at the Roundup City Cemetery.

# Mary Louise Woodcock

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MILES CITY — Mary Louise Woodcock passed away in the company of her family on Oct. 7, 2002, after enduring a long battle with cancer.



**MARY LOU  
WOODCOCK**

Mary Lou was born Sept. 7, 1926, in Miles City, the only child of Earle and Janet Hogan. She later attended schools in Tacoma and Auburn, Wash., before moving back to Miles City, where she graduated from Custer County High School in 1944. After high school, Mary Lou studied at Washington State College in Pullman.

In 1946, she moved back to Miles City, where she was assistant secretary-treasurer of the Miles City National Farm Loan Association. In March of 1949, she married Walter B. Woodcock in Miles City. Mary Lou and Walter moved to Billings in 1955, where they raised their two children, Lynne and James. Mary Lou returned to school at Eastern Montana College in the late 1960s, where she received her bachelors of arts degree in history, the equivalent in French literature and language and a teaching certificate.

After finishing her studies at Eastern Montana College, Mary Lou took a position managing the Ponderosa Inn Best Western Motel in Billings. While there she served on the board of directors of the Montana Inn Keeper Association. She was the first woman chairperson of the Convention and Visitors Bureau.

In 1979, she moved to Kalispell and opened and operated her bookstore, The Village Bookshop. While she operated her bookstore, she served on the Board of Directors of the Pacific Northwest Booksellers Association. During her experience with the bookstore and the booksellers association, she made many close friends.

Mary Lou enjoyed travel and made five trips to Europe. She especially held an interest in French history and culture.

In 1991, Mary Lou returned to Miles City, where she cared for her mother, Janet Hogan. After her mother's death, she purchased a condominium beside the golf course in Miles City. Mary Lou took great pride in her grandchildren and planned and carried out educational adventures with them from whale watching in Baja, white water rafting in the wilderness of Western Montana to dinosaur digging on Egg Mountain. Mary Lou was a member of the PEO and the Emmanuel Episcopalian Church of Miles City.

Mary Lou is survived by her daughter Lynne Cravath of Phoenix and her husband Jay and their two children Chloe Cravath Moore and Jeff Cravath; also, her son James Woodcock of Billings, his wife Marybeth and their son Tanner.

Cremation has taken place and a memorial service will be held on Oct. 19, at 11 a.m., at the Emmanuel Episcopalian Church of Miles City

If friends desire, memorials may be given to the Holy Rosary Hospice.

## **Chester Woodfill**

SIDNEY — Chester "Chet" Woodfill, 86, of Sidney, died Wednesday, Jan. 30, 2002, at the Sidney Health Center Extended Care Facility.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 3, at the Extended Care Chapel, Sidney. Interment will be in the Sidney Cemetery. Fulkerson Funeral Home of Sidney is in charge.

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## **Neva Salsbury Woodfill**

MISSOULA — Neva Salsbury Woodfill, 87, of Missoula, formerly of Sidney, died April 9, 2002, at Edgewood Vista, an Alzheimer's facility in Missoula.

Memorial services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 25, at Fulkerson Funeral Home Memorial Chapel in Sidney. Cremation has taken place. Interment of cremains will be in the Fairview Cemetery.

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## **William Ross Woodland**

The light of our lives dimmed with the passing of our beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend, William Ross Woodland, on Sept. 16, 2002.



**WILLIAM  
WOODLAND**

Bill was born on Dec. 2, 1928, in Downey, Idaho, to Morris and Loya Woodland, joining his older brother Scott and later his younger sister Mary Anna. His work on a dairy/potato farm instilled in him a strong work ethic that carried over into all aspects of his life. Bill graduated from the University of Idaho in 1950 and was commissioned an officer in the United States Air Force. He later found himself stationed in Greenville, S.C., where he met and married his "Kitten," Bette Jean Cromer. Together, they raised six children [Stephanie, Sandy (Brian), Karen (Paul), Bill (Christine), Greg (Brigid) and Mikki (Jeremy)]. Their family grew with the addition of 14 (perfect) grandchildren.

Dad worked for Pfizer for years, finally ending up in Billings in 1966. It was here that they met the rest of our "family" (Wee Priscilla, Pam, Mark and "Keefe" Allen). Over the years, they came to love Montana and the friends they had made there.

Dad loved a good story and joke and always had one or two ready. His love of trivia plagued every road trip we ever took. "How many mile markers between Billings and Bozeman?" "Who can name the two admirals at Pearl Harbor?" (Black and Short, Dad!) We will miss our impromptu quizzes and your wealth of advice. If ever we had a problem, Dad had a saying to deal with it. In fact, he's probably looking down on us now, black licorice in hand, saying, "If you would all eat a good meal, you would feel better," or "I know you miss me, but nothing in life is fair, sweetie."

After traveling for most of his professional career and determining that Pryor Creek Golf Course was 29 miles away, he formally announced that a 30 mile radius from home was his traveling boundary. In keeping with his wishes, Dad will be buried at Holy Cross Cemetery in Billings.

Dad, gone from this earth, but not from our hearts.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, Sept. 21, at 2 p.m. at the Shiloh Ward Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 2929 Belvedere Drive.

Friends and family may call Friday, Sept. 20, 6 to 8 p.m. at Smith Funeral Chapel, 304 34th Street W., and Saturday at the church from 1 to 1:45 p.m.

Interment will be in Holy Cross Cemetery.

E-mail condolences to the family at [llm@lindquistmortuary.com](mailto:llm@lindquistmortuary.com).



# Frieda G. Woodman

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Frieda G. Woodman, 79, of Billings passed away Thursday, July 25, 2002, at St. John's Lutheran Home. She was born in Aberdeen, S.D., the daughter of Philipp and Lydia (Mehlhoff) Guidice. She was happily married to Robert Woodman for over 30 years. They lived in California until his death in 1971. Frieda moved to Billings with her family in 1983. She loved cooking, crafting and socializing with her many friends.



**FRIEDA  
WOODMAN**

Cremation has taken place. A memorial gathering will be at 7 p.m., Tuesday, at the Alberta Baptist Chapel of St. John's Lutheran Home.

Arrangements were by Cremation or Funeral Gallery.

Survivors include her daughter, Kim Woodman of Billings; son James (Judy) Woodman of Laurel; one granddaughter, Stephanie (Chris) St. Croix of San Jose, Calif.; three great-grandchildren, Krystal, Brandon and Dana; two brothers, Ed (LaVerne) Guidice of South Dakota, and Albert Guidice of California; and one sister, Irene Hoffman of Oregon.

Frieda was preceded in death by her parents, husband and daughter, Sandra Woodman.

The family wishes to thank the staff at St. John's Lutheran Home for the excellent care they provided to Frieda.

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John D. "Jack" Woods, 76, of Billings, went to be with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on Thursday, Jan. 24, 2002. His death was due to complications related to lymphoma.



Jack was born Nov. 7, 1925, to Walter E. and Esther G. Woods in Glasgow. He was raised and finished high school in Saco. After high school, Jack served his country in the Navy during World War II on a hospital ship in the South Pacific. Upon his honorable discharge in 1945, Jack attended the University of Montana, where he graduated in 1950.

**MR. WOODS**

At the university, he met Patricia Carroll, whom he married on June 5, 1951. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with their entire family in Orlando, Fla., in 2001.

After college, Jack worked for General Mills as a salesman, living in Elgin, Ill. Jack, determined to return to Montana, started in the life insurance business in October of 1957 with Prudential and later Northwestern Life Insurance. He received numerous awards during his lengthy insurance

career.

Jack's commitment to his community was demonstrated on a very regular basis. His membership in organizations included the Rotary Club, the Optimist Club and the YMCA. He was also a member of the Shrine Black Horse Patrol and the Yellowstone Country Club where he was a regular golfer. Starting in 1989, Jack and longtime friend Phil Hauck spent five years accomplishing their goal of playing every golf course in the state. He also enjoyed skiing at Red Lodge Mountain and traveling.

Jack was preceded in death by his brother, William; and is survived by his wife, Pat; brother, Richard (Mary) of San Antonio, Texas; sons John (Cindy) and Mike (Kathy) of Billings, and Jim (Sasha) of Colorado Springs, Colo.; and seven grandchildren, Dayton, Morgan, Aleka, W.J., Michael, Joseph and Annie, all of whom he loved dearly.

Funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 28, at the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, 1108 24th St. West. Visitation will be at Smith West Chapel, 304 34th St.

West, from 5 to 9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 26, and noon to 8 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 27. Family interment will take place prior to funeral service at Terrace Gardens Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the Billings YMCA, 402 N. 32nd St.; the Shrine Burn Center, c/o Al Bedoo Shrine, PO Box 20673, Billings, MT 59104; or the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, 1108 24th St. West.

# Lenora C. Woods

Lenora C. Woods, 81, of Billings, formerly of Hardin, passed away Monday, May 27, 2002, in the St. Vincent Healthcare.

She was born Oct. 12, 1920, in Hartington, Neb., and grew up in the west Crofton, Neb.,-area, where she received her education. She moved into Crofton in 1937.

Lenora married Cleo G. Woods, March 15, 1943 in Pasco, Neb. The couple lived throughout Nebraska, South Dakota, Montana, moving to Hardin in the early 1950s. Mr. Woods died in 1996.

She was a member of the First Church of the Nazarene. She loved to read, work with ceramics and craft classes at the Valley Nursing Home. She enjoyed her children and grandchildren.

Two daughters and four brothers preceded her in death.

Survivors include five daughters, Linda Meredith of Utah, Cleo (Adam) Ketterling of Hardin, Alice (Dave) Openshaw of Huntley, Debbie (Rick) Deibele of Billings and Patty Anguiano of Pennsylvania; one



**LENORA  
WOODS**

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Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Wednesday, May 29, in the Bullis Funeral Chapel. Interment will follow in the Hardin Fairview Cemetery. Bullis Mortuary of Hardin has been entrusted with the arrangements.

stepdaughter, LaVonne Hermanson of Arizona; one son, Randy Woods of Billings; four sisters, Betty (Dean) Bowder of Nebraska, Lois (Al) Bergmann of Iowa, Judy Ebsen and Barb Ebsen of Nebraska; two brothers, Ersey Ebsen of Nebraska and Lyle Ebsen of California; 11 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

# Jeremy T. Woolston

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BROADUS — Jeremy Thomas Woolston, 32, of Broadus, died Monday, Feb. 25, 2002, at his parents' home.

Visitation will be at 1 p.m. Friday, March 1, at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Broadus. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 2, at the First Baptist Church. Interment will follow in the family lot in the Valley View Cemetery.

# Harold J. 'Hal' Woosley

July 29, 1922-July 11, 2002

BELLEVUE, Wash. — Hal Woosley of Bellevue passed away peacefully on July 11, 2002.

Born on July 29, 1922, in Worden, Mont., to James S. and Mary McMullin Woosley, pioneer farmers and cattle ranchers, Hal was raised on the ranch and farm near Red Lodge, Mont. Hal attended a one-room school and then went on to graduate high school in Buffalo, Wyo. He attended Hastings (Neb.) College, studying engineering, math and aviation.

He then became a bomber pilot in the B-24 Liberator and B-29 Superfortress during WWII. His passion for flying continued throughout his life and he was an active pilot for 52 years.

He was a successful sheep and cattle rancher, partnering with his father Jim Woosley in the W-Diamond Ranch in Ten Sleep, Wyo. He incorporated aviation in all aspects of his life including the management of cattle drives, hauling ranch and veterinary supplies, uranium



**HAL  
WOOSLEY**

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exploration and elk herd counting for the Fish and Wildlife Department. For many years Hal was involved in the Stockgrowers and Woolgrower associations as well as conducting cooperative research with the University of Wyoming in veterinary science, range management and agricultural economics, the results of which are still being referred to today by the U.S. Forest Service and Department of Interior.

Hal and his family moved to Bellevue in 1967 where he began developing commercial real estate. Hal founded Hal Woosley Properties, Inc., a commercial property investment and management brokerage, where his son T.J. is managing partner. Since 1967 Hal has been involved in many civic and professional commercial real estate organizations.

He has been active for 35 years with the Bellevue

Chamber of Commerce serving as vice president and director, chairing a myriad of committees addressing education, land use, taxation, transportation and governmental affairs as well as Rotary, St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Seattle Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, OX5, Kalif Shrine Temple. He is a former board member of First Mutual Bank and Overlake Hospital Foundation.

Hal is survived by his loving wife of 43 years, Marian; and his sons, T.J. (Carole; grandsons, Carter and James) of Bellevue, Todd of Bellevue, Ty (Helene) of Portland, Ore., and David of Seattle.

A kind and gentle man, Hal Woosley has left us for a better place and in the process has left our world a bit kinder and gentler, just by being who he was. Hal was much loved and respected by his family and friends. The most important things to him were his country, his community, his church and, especially, his family. He will be greatly missed.

The memorial service celebrating Hal's life was held Monday, July 15, at St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Medina, Wash. Remembrances to either the Overlake Hospital Foundation, 1035 116th Avenue NE, Bellevue, WA 98004 or St. Thomas Church, Medina, WA 98020 in Hal Woosley's name.

## **Brett Wooster**

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**AUG - 4 2002**

SPOKANE, Wash. — Brett Wooster, 29, of Spokane, formerly of Ekalaka, Mont., died Thursday, Aug. 1, 2002, at his home. Graveside service will be held at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 6, at the Beaverlodge Cemetery. Stevenson Funeral Home of Baker and Ekalaka is in charge.



# Brett Eugene Wooster

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BILLINGS GAZETTE

AUG - 5 2002

**SPOKANE** — On Aug. 1, 2002, Brett Wooster passed away at his home in the Spokane area. Graveside services will be 3 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 6, in Ekalaka.

Brett was born in Billings on Sept. 20, 1972. He spent his school years in both Ekalaka and Billings. He was active in sports and loved the outdoors. Hunting, fishing and rock collecting were his favorite outdoor pastimes. He also loved spending time with children. Brett's family was very important to him, and he was interested in finding out more about his family's ancestry. He served in the U.S. Air Force as a crew chief on C-130 aircraft at Pope AFB, N.C.

Brett moved to the Spokane area two years ago, where he rediscovered his relationship with the Lord. Brett was blessed and blessed all who knew and loved him, with his genuine smile, indomitable sense of humor and sincere heart.

No matter how difficult and painful life was, Brett always found the lighter side and could laugh his way through his pain.

Brett Wooster is survived by his grandmother, Lois Stewart of Ekalaka; mother, Paula (Jim) Harkins, of Billings; father, Erik (Kathie) Wooster of Desert Hot Springs, Calif.; brother, Rick (Anna) of Malmstrom AFB, Great Falls; daughter, Tamara; step-brothers and sisters; aunts and uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews, and many friends. He was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Harry and Dorothy Wooster of Billings; paternal grandfather, Richard Stewart; and uncle, Austin Stewart, both of Ekalaka.

He will be missed by all whose lives he touched (Psalms 121).

Stevenson Funeral Home of Ekalaka is in charge of the arrangements.

## Alton Wormald

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**NOV 27 2002**

CODY, Wyo. — Alton "Rusty" Wormald, 88, died Tuesday, Nov. 26, 2002, at West Park Long Term Care Center.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 2, at West Park Long Term Care Center. Private interment services will be held at Riverside Cemetery. Ballard Funeral Home of Cody is in charge.

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**Glenn C. Workman**

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Glenn C. Workman, 87, of Sheridan, died Friday, March 29, 2002.

Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, April 2, at Champion Ferries Funeral Home in Sheridan. Interment will be in the Sheridan Municipal Cemetery.

## **Ollie Mae Workman**

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**JAN 09 2002**

LOVELL, Wyo. — Ollie Mae Workman, 82, formerly of Lovell, died Saturday, Jan. 5, 2002, at Shepherd of the Valley Care Center in Casper.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 10, at Haskell Funeral Home in Lovell. Burial will be in the Lovell Cemetery.

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Sidney "Jack" Wortham went home to be with the Lord on Dec. 18, 2002. Jack was born Oct. 4, 1939, in Hot Springs, S.D., to Jack Wortham and Delores Olsen Petty. He was raised by his father and stepmother Shirley in Hot Springs.



**JACK  
WORTHAM**

Jack joined the Air Force at the age of 17 and spent five-and-a-half years serving in El Paso, Texas, French Morocco and Elsworth Air Force Base in Rapid City, S.D.

In 1959, he met the love of his life, Helen Titus, and they were married on Nov. 27, 1959. Together, they raised four children: Sheldon, Gregory, Kandice and Melinda.

After being discharged from the service, he worked from 1961 to 1965 at the VA Center in Hot Springs. He attended school in Watertown, S.D., for office equipment mechanics and in 1966, moved his family to Helena, to work for Western Office Equipment. He was transferred to Billings in November 1968. In November 1969, he went to work for the U.S. Postal Service as a letter carrier and worked there until his health began to fail in August 2002, when he was diagnosed

with a malignant brain tumor. Jack was a dedicated employee who enjoyed his job and the many friends he made while working there. At the time of his diagnosis, he had accumulated 3,000 hours of sick leave, so he never retired. In November 2002 he was presented with a gold ring and plaque for his 30 years of dedication and service from Billings Postmaster Dennis Kautz and District Manager Bob Klein.

Jack was a member of the West Side Baptist Church for 34 years, serving some of those years as financial secretary. He was very dedicated to his family and friends. He was kind and generous, always willing to help others with mechanical needs, remodeling projects or in any other way that he could. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, remodeling, working around his house, tinkering in his garage and spoiling his dogs. He was known for his sarcastic humor, his quick wit, and his love of history and ancient Egypt.

He is survived by his wife of 43 years, Helen; daughters Kandice and Melinda of Billings; son Sheldon of Tennessee; six grandchildren, Kristen, Kasandra

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and Katrina Steinback, Juantae and Ed Wortham, and Anthony Moore; mother, Shirley of Hot Springs, S.D.; brother, Lucky of Tucson, Ariz.; sisters Donna (Roland) March and Tiny McKnight of Hot Springs; and uncle Harold Wortham of Rapid City, S.D.; sister-in-law and husband Kenny and Linda Serry of Hot Springs; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his son, Gregory (then "adopting" Greg's fiancée Trish Moore Lybarger and her son Anthony Moore); parents, Jack Wortham and Delores Petty; grandparents Ray and Nellie Halls, Sid and Lilly Wortham; and a sister, Fayrene Schrader.

Jack's immediate family would like to give special thanks to those who were so lovingly dedicated to caring for him for the past four months: Kenny and Linda Serry, Donna March and his mother Shirley. We would also like to thank his friend and pastor of 29 years, Lynn Howe and his wife Peggy for their many visits, their spiritual guidance and encouragement and their prayers. Also to thank are his many friends from the U.S. Postal Service and the Billings Met Transit for their kindness and support.

Although we will miss him terribly, we are able to take comfort in knowing that he is free from pain and the ravages of dis-

ease and has been joyfully received into the kingdom of heaven, where we will meet with him again.

A greeting for family and friends will be Friday, Dec. 20, from 7 to 9 p.m. at Smith's Downtown Chapel. Funeral services will be held on Saturday, Dec. 21, at 2 p.m. at the West Side Baptist Church, 323 South 32nd St. West. Burial will be at 10 a.m. on Monday, Dec. 23, at the Evergreen Cemetery in Hot Springs, S.D., with a luncheon and gathering of friends and family to follow at the American Legion.

## Barbara Rose Wright

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**FEB 07 2002**

WOLF POINT — Barbara Rose Wright, 50, died Tuesday, Feb. 5, 2002, at the Northeast Montana Health Services Facility in Wolf Point.

A private graveside service will be held Thursday, Feb. 7, at the Webster Cemetery, Webster, S.D. Clayton Memorial Chapel in Wolf Point is in charge.

## Duane L. Wright

BELFRY — Duane L. "Snuff" Wright, 67, of Belfry, formerly of Cody, Wyo., died Tuesday, Oct. 15, 2002, at his home.

Memorial graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Oct. 18, at the Bull Creek Cemetery near Cody. Ballard Funeral Home of Cody is in charge.



## **Philip N. Wright, Jr.**

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**NOV 22 2002**

LIVINGSTON — Philip N. Wright, Jr., 78, of Livingston, died Nov. 12, 2002, at his home.

Cremation has taken place at Franzen-Davis Funeral Home & Crematory in Livingston. A time of refreshment and remembrance will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 23, at Yellowstone Motor Inn.

## Walter A. Wright

LEWISTOWN — Walter A. Wright, 91, died Monday, Sept. 23, 2002, at the Central Montana Medical Center.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Sept. 27, at the Creel Funeral Chapel in Lewistown. Interment will be in the Lewistown City Cemetery.

**Charles E. Wyatt**

THERMOPOLIS, Wyo.  
Charles E. Wyatt, 91, died  
Thursday, Sept. 26, 2002, at Hot  
Springs County Memorial  
Hospital.

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

## Eugene C. Wynn

BILLINGS GAZETTE

NOV 19 2002

LEWISTOWN — Eugene C. Wynn, 84, passed away Saturday evening, Nov. 16, 2002, at the Central Montana Medical Center.

Services are in the care of Creel Funeral Home of



Lewistown. Visitation will begin at the funeral home Wednesday, Nov. 20, from 1 until 8 p.m. Graveside committal service will be 2 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 21, at the City

**EUGENE  
WYNN**

Cemetery of Lewistown, with Pastor Mike Dean presiding. Memorials may be given in his name to a charity of the donor's choice.

# Morgan Marie Wyrick

JUN 15 2002

BILLINGS GAZET.

**BAKER** — Morgan Marie Wyrick of Baker passed away on Wednesday, June 12, 2002, at the Children's Hospital in Denver due to complications from leukemia.



**MORGAN  
WYRICK**

Morgan was born Jan. 23, 1993, in Baker to Bill and Debbie Wyrick. She had a sister, Kalli, 12 years old, and a brother, Duncan, 7.

Morgan was in the third grade at Lincoln Elementary School. She enjoyed going to school and playing with all of her friends. That was one of the things she missed the most while hospitalized in Denver. Morgan enjoyed ice skating, sledding, shooting baskets, and riding four-wheelers with her family. She also enjoyed playing Barbie's and dress-up, putting on pretend concerts, bike riding, jumping rope and swimming.

Morgan treasured special times with her sister, Kalli, and her special friend, Marni. While in the hospital, Morgan spent many happy hours playing cards and games, doing crafts and homework, or going to the play room. She spent a lot of quality time with her Aunt Gene watch-

WYRICK

ing movies or talking and teaching her new card games. The very special moments were with Kalli, playing games, making bead bracelets, or when Kalli would read to Morgan, or maybe just lay in bed with her.

Morgan took special efforts to get to know each one of her nurses (in Denver and Miles City) in a very personal way. "Ms. Morgan" to them, she always had a smile and a twinkle in her eye when she saw them. She was very interested in their lives and became involved with her hospital "family" of nurses, doctors and support staff. She made an impact on everyone of them. Morgan truly will be missed by anyone who was fortunate enough to know her.

Her family consists of parents Bill and Debby Wyrick; one sister Kalli Wyrick; one brother Duncan Wyrick; grandparents Clifton and Kay Varner of Baker, Ruth and Jon Gates of Florence, Dale and Juanita Wyrick of Helena; aunts Gene Wyrick and special friend Gina Jones of Denver, Shawna and Chad Smith of Cody, Wyo., Mikell Potter of Hamilton; uncle Mel Varner and special friend Cassie Nielson of Baker; special great uncle Bill Moline of Billings; cousins Logan and Laine Smith, Mikenzie Potter; great-grandmother Mildred Moline of Baker; and a very special friend, Marnie Wade.

Visitation will be from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday, June 17, at the Stevenson Funeral Home, and from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the American Lutheran Church. Prayer Service will be at 7 p.m. on Monday at the American Lutheran Church. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. on

Tuesday, June 18, at the American Lutheran Church in Baker. Burial will be in the Bonnievale Cemetery.

Stevenson Funeral Home of Baker is in charge of the arrangements.