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Bernice C. Babcock

BOZEMAN — Bernice C. Babcock, 85, passed away Sunday, Oct. 12, 2003, at Mountain View Care Center in Bozeman. She was born on Aug. 4, 1918, in Lewistown to Anton and Martha (Thurmodsgard) Carlson.

The family ranched near Two Dot for many years until the Great Depression forced them off the land.

During this time, Bee would ride horseback alone to her cousin's house 15 miles away. In 1933, the family moved to Bozeman, where Bee graduated from Gallatin County High School.

Bee married Wayne H. Babcock in 1938, and they made their home in Bozeman. They moved away from Bozeman during the war years and returned to Bozeman in 1945. The couple moved to Great Falls in 1959, and Bee resided there until moving to Billings in 1997. Her husband Wayne passed away in 1987.



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In June of this year, she moved back to Bozeman.

Bee participated in the lady's groups at the churches she attended, was an avid bridge player and was a consummate cookie baker. Bee took great pride in her housework and gardening.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Wayne; son, Keith in 1968; and two sisters, Louis Sloulin and Norma Everette.

Bee is survived by her son, Clark (Linda) Babcock of Bozeman and their children, Leif and Erin; daughter, Delores (Mike) Koury of Fort Collins, Colo. and their children, Gordon Koury and Krista Mayfield; great-grandchildren, Katie, Keith, Kori, and Kale; and many special cousins.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 14, at Hope Lutheran Church in Bozeman. Memorials in her name may be made to Eaglemount, 6901 Goldenstein Lane, Bozeman, MT 59715.

ZADA G. BABCOCK

BILLINGS GAZETTE

AUG 31 2003

Zada G. Babcock (Farnum), beloved wife, daughter, sister and friend, went to be with her Lord on Aug. 27, 2003, at 3:20 a.m. at Deaconess Billings Clinic after a strong fight with heart disease. Zada was born Sept. 13, 1938, to Bus and Lelia Farnum. She married Dr. W. Keith Babcock on Jan. 30, 1965, and together they raised five children.

She is survived and missed by her husband, Keith; children, Reno, Cheyenne (Arecelli), Codi Babcock, and Shelley Hodgson; mother, Lelia Farnum, sister, Leila Farnum; sister-in-law and friend, Shirley Farnum, 11 grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews and cousins. Zada was preceded in death by her dad, Bus Farnum; her brother, Buck Farnum; and her son, Clayton Babcock.

Most of Zada's professional life was spent working for the phone company from where she retired, leaving many friends who will greatly miss her. Most of her final years and "retirement" were spent helping and enjoying her children and grandchildren as well as spending time with her family and working with her church.

Services will be at Chapel of Hope (24 Nightingale, Lockwood) Wednesday, Sept. 3, at 11 a.m. Please join the family for lunch after the service. In honor of her spirit of giving, we ask that memorials be sent to the building fund of Chapel of Hope and the Montana Rescue Missions Men's Program.

Zada will be sorely missed by all those who loved her!

Cremation or Funeral Gallery is in charge of arrangements.

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Clifford Bach, 87, of Billings, formerly of Sidney and Savage, died Thursday, April 17, 2003, at his home in Billings.

He was born Aug. 24, 1915, in Brush, Colo., the son of Chris and Minnie (Hagler) Bach. In 1930, he moved to Savage with his family.

Clifford married Murlene Miller on Sept. 23, 1939, in Savage. They farmed in the Glendive and Savage areas until 1969, when they sold the farm and moved to Cascade. They owned and operated the Cascade Motel and Trailer Court until 1971, at which time they retired to Sidney. He worked for Richland County in Sidney until his retirement in 1981. In March of 2001, he moved to Billings.

Surviving him are his son, Darrell Bach of Seattle; a daughter, Joyce (Rick) Flom of Billings; two sisters, Alice Koehler of Helena and Helen Jonasen of Sidney; three grandchildren, Troy Kerner, Trudi Kerstine and Ray Bach; and four great-grandchildren. Clifford was preceded in death by his wife, Murlene; a son, Roger; and two brothers, Fred and Howard.

A memorial service will be 11 a.m. Monday, April 21, at the First Lutheran Church in Savage. A luncheon will be served following the services.

Smith Funeral Chapels of Billings is in charge of arrangements.

June Ondler Bach

June Ondler Bach passed away in her home on the morning of Wednesday, July 23, 2003, following an extended illness.

Born in Hastings, Minn., on June 18, 1931, to Ruby and Charles Laird, June grew up instilled with strong values, a love of learning, an appreciation of beauty and a wonderful sense of humor. After



JUNE BACH graduating from Hastings High School, June furthered her education at Hamline School of Nursing in St. Paul, Minn.

In 1953, she married her soul mate, Roland Bach, and the two of them began their 50-year romantic journey. Many job transfers and four children later, June and Rollie would find themselves in Montana, a state June would call home for the remaining 40 years of her life. She was employed as an RN at St. Vincent's Hospital for 30 years and was highly regarded by patients and coworkers for her competency and her compassion.

A charter member of Billings Studio Theatre Supporting Cast, June volunteered countless hours, making reservations in the box office, helping Rollie paint sets, decorating the theater tree at the Moss Mansion, planning opening

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night afterglows and adding her flawless taste and creative endeavors in myriad ways to theater benefits. Other interests included reading, traveling, entertaining, collecting stamps, cooking, flower arranging and crafts.

For all of Mom's many and varied roles, the one in which she was unparalleled was her role as wife, mother and nana. She made every holiday special, every birthday an occasion, every victory a celebration and every defeat bearable. She spun the magic of creativity and imagination and class around us, and in holding herself and those she loved to high standards, guaranteed that what she loved best will live on in those she loved best.

June's parents, one brother and one sister preceded her in death. She is survived by her husband Roland; daughters Sue Bach of Billings and Debra (Pat) Perrella of Roundup; son Jeffrey Bach of San Francisco; daughter Nancy (Michael) Williams of Lakewood,

Colo.; grandchildren Brian Bach and Erica and Jessica Williams; sisters Marilyn (Norman) Alpers of Simpsonville, S.C., and Sally (Dale) Swanson of McClouth, Kan., and sister-in-law Joann Laird of Storm Lake, Iowa.

A memorial service will be held at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 26, with a reception to follow at the family home. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be sent to the Billings Studio Theatre endowment fund or Big Sky Hospice.

Peter G. Bach

Peter G. Bach, 88, passed away Friday, Sept. 5, 2003, while at his son George's home in Billings.

He was born Oct. 15, 1914, in Glendive, the son of Peter and Katharine Ernest Bach. His mother and two older siblings came from Hungary on Aug. 5, 1907.



PETER BACH

Peter married Irene Schafnitz on Aug. 5, 1936.

He worked for Yale, Carter, Humble and Exxon Oil Company, retiring in 1972. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, camping and a good brain-teasing puzzle. He worked closely with his sons, teaching them how to maintain their automobiles, along with general maintenance and remodeling. He was an all-around handyman who you knew could fix anything and everything.

He was preceded in death by his loving wife, Irene; his parents; one brother; three sisters; and one grandchild.

He is survived by three sons, George (Patsy) of Billings, John (Sally) of Laurel, Paul (Charlotte) of Port Orchard, Wash.; two daughters, Susan (Jim) Davis of Jerome, Idaho, and Belva Henninger of Bremerton, Wash.; 21 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation will begin 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 7, at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary. Funeral Mass will be 11 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 9, at St. Bernard's Parish with Rite of Committal at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Memorials may be made to Big Sky Hospice, who helped George and Patsy make Peters ending days comfortable, St. Bernard's Catholic Church, or the charity of one's choice. Michelotti-Sawyers has charge of arrangements.

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Samuel John Bachman

LEWISTOWN — Samuel John "Sam" Bachman, 42, of Lewistown, died Monday, Nov. 10, 2003, at Season's Hospice in Rochester, Minn., of cancer.

Cryptoburial services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 21, in the family lot of the Knowlson Cemetery. There will also be a memorial service in Lewistown. Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home is in charge.

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Paris Bader

TEN SLEEP, Wyo. — Paris Bader, 91, of Ten Sleep, died Wednesday, Nov. 26, 2003, at Worland Healthcare & Rehab.

Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 2, at the Ten Sleep United Methodist Church. Burial will follow in the Ten Sleep Cemetery. Veile Mortuary of Worland is in charge.

Nadine Badertscher

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GILLETTE, Wyo. — Nadine Badertscher, 48, of Gillette, died Saturday, Feb. 8, 2003, at her home, of cancer.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday, Feb. 17, at the Linn-Hert-Geib Funeral Home Chapel in New Philadelphia, Ohio, with interment following in the Calvary Cemetery in New Philadelphia. Visitation in Ohio will be from 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 16, at Linn-Hert-Gibb Funeral Home Chapel. Visitation in Gillette was held Tuesday, Feb. 11, at Stevenson Funeral Home Chapel in Gillette.

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George B. Budget Jr.

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — George Bolen Budget Jr., 77, died Wednesday, Dec. 24, 2003, at the Sheridan VA Medical Center.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 31, at Kane Funeral Home. Inurnment will follow in the Ellis Cemetery.

Charles Badovinus

CODY, Wyo. — Charles Badovinus, 81, died Sunday, Feb. 2, 2003, at his home, of cancer.

Cremation has taken place. A celebration of life will be announced and held later. Ballard Funeral Home of Cody is in charge.

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Duane S. Badura

MANHATTAN — Duane S. Badura, 35, of Manhattan passed away Thursday, Nov. 27, 2003. He was born July 11, 1968, to Frank Badura and Esther Brian in Billings.

He was raised in Billings and spent time living in the Bay area in California. He resided in Gallatin County since 1988. Duane worked as a house painter, and had many hobbies and interests including fishing, the outdoors, and being a rock hound.

Duane is survived by his mother, Esther (Bill) Hoellein, of Vancouver, Wash.; sister, Crystal Altman; his son, Braden Badura; devoted aunts, Janice Reichert and Carolyn Hubbard; nephews, Matthew Lund and Thomas Iiams; and niece, Hailey Altman.

He was preceded in death by his father, Frank Badura.

A public visitation will take place at Dahl Funeral Chapel, 12 to 6 p.m., today, Dec. 1. A funeral mass will be 11 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 2, at Valley of the Flowers Catholic Church in Belgrade.

Memorial contributions may be made to First Security Bank, 208 E. Main, Bozeman, MT 59715. These donations should be made for deposit into a trust fund for Duane's son, Braden Badura.

Robert A. Bahls

PELLA GAZETTE

JAN 13 2003

SIDNEY — Robert A. Bahls, 82, died Friday, Jan. 10, 2003, at the Sidney Health Center.

Funeral services are 10 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 14, at Pella Lutheran Church. Interment will be in the Sidney Cemetery. Fulkerson Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Robert A. Bahls

BILLINGS GAZETTE

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SIDNEY — Funeral services for Robert A. "Bob" Bahls, 82, of Sidney, were at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 14, at Pella Lutheran Church, with Pastors George Karres and Alton Hillsland officiating. Interment was in the Sidney Cemetery under the direction of

Fulkerson Funeral Home of Sidney.

Robert Alfred "Bob" Bahls was born Oct. 7, 1920, at Cottage Grove, Minn., son of Alford and Dorothy (Dawson)



BOB BAHLS

Bahls. Bob lived on a dairy farm in Cottage Grove. He attended grade school in Minnesota until the age of 10, at which time the family had to move to Montana because of his dad's health. They purchased the homestead where he lived until the fall of 1991, when he retired and moved to his present home near Sidney.

Bob started farming at the age of 10, using workhorses for field work. He had his eye on a neighbor girl, Edna, for years, watching her at 4-H events and dances. Finally, he had a chance to meet her at a dance in Lambert. To this union, they had three children, namely Robert, Elaine and Linda.

The family rode in several area parades. They won best matched family and best matched horses many times. Every fall, he looked forward to going deer and elk hunting with his many uncle from Minnesota and area friends.

They raised dairy cattle, beef cattle, pigs and chickens. Later they raised registered quarter horses, which they trained and showed, winning several trophies and ribbons. They also held annual quarter horse sales on the ranch. Five years later, they started raising registered paint horses.

Bob and Edna enjoyed going to Canada, Colorado and North Dakota to horse sales, rodeos and shows. They went on several trips to national parks, and fishing in Canada.

Bob served as a school board member for several years at Three Buttes School. He donated blood to the American Red Cross for over 50 years, giving over 20 gallons. In 1972, he received a key to the city of Sidney in recognition of his donation of 10 gallons of blood on what was named Bob Bahls Day, Sept. 8, 1972. He was also a member of the Sidney Elks and Moose Lodge.

After retirement, he enjoyed watching western movies on TV, reading western books, playing pool and cards with Edna, chil-

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dren and grandchildren, and most of all, spending time with his lovely bride. He was a loving husband, wonderful father and grandpa. Bob also enjoyed doing woodworking, welding and working with leather. Some of the things he made are: a camper, doll bed, cabinet, a table, plus other small wood items, a swing set, bike rack, stock racks, calf branding tables plus welding for his neighbors; he made saddles, bridles and several lead ropes and halters.

Bob died Friday, Jan. 10, 2003, at his home.

He is survived by his wife, Edna Bahls of Sidney; a son, Robert (Lorean) Bahls of Sidney; two daughters, Elaine (Wilbur) Hill of Lambert and Linda Hanson of Sidney; six grandchildren, Chester (Lynda) Hill of Williston, N.D., David (Julie) Hill of Sidney, Elbert Hill of Lambert, Kelly (Misty) Bahls, Autumn Hanson and Tony Hanson, all of Sidney; four great-grandchildren, Jourdan and Collin Hill of Williston, and identical twins Elizabeth and Katharine Hill of Sidney; and a sister, Jean (Leonard) Odenbach of Savage.

He was preceded in death by his parents and an infant brother.

Dorothy Bailey

SIDNEY — Dorothy Bailey, 70, of Sidney, formerly of Wolf Point and Fairview, died Tuesday, Dec. 31, 2002, at the Sidney Health Center - Extended Care Facility.

Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 4, at the Fulkerson Funeral Memorial Chapel. Interment will be in the Sidney Cemetery.

SIDNEY GAZETTE

Jan. 3 2003

Suzanna 'Sue' Bailey

SUZANNA, wife — Suzanna
"Sue" Bailey, died Tuesday,
Oct. 21, 1931, at Western Health
Care Center.

Vigil services at 7:30 p.m.
Friday in Kane Funeral Home.
Place of the Christian Burial is at
10 a.m. Sunday at Holy Name
Catholic Church with burial in
Shelby Municipal Cemetery.

Allyn W. Bain

Allyn W. Bain, 61, went home to our Heavenly Father on Saturday, Aug. 9, 2003, after a courageous battle with lung cancer. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend.

Allyn was born on April 1, 1942, to parents, Lynn and Lois Bain in Malta.



ALLYN BAIN

After graduating high school in Miles City, he worked on ranches until he met his future wife, Mary Helen Castro in 1977. They married in 1982 and from their union had three children, Ryan (Amy), Sarah (Adam), and Emily. Allyn also had five grandchildren, Issac, Anthony, Jordan, Christian and Espy.

Allyn's hobbies included painting and boxing. He was an avid artist and was a member of the Billings Boxing Association. He worked most of his life in his trade field as a restaurateur. He also loved camping, fishing, and exploring the Bitterroot River and Mountains. Allyn's greatest passion was his empathy toward youth and the elderly.

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Allyn was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his wife; children; mother-in-law, Dora Briceno; two brothers, Buster (Shirley) of Corvallis, Mont. and Russell (Cindy) of Sula, Mont.; one sister, Chris (Dewy) Wildey, of Darby; Aunt "Punky" of Spokane; his uncle, Gene (Gladys) Carnahan of Great Falls; Aunt Marjean Carnahan of Malta; and Uncle Bill LaRoque of Missoula; and numerous in-laws, nieces, nephews and cousins.

We love you babe, dad, papa, and we will all miss you!

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 13 at Cremation or Funeral Gallery. Burial will be at Holy Cross Cemetery. Viewing will be from 2-7 p.m. Tuesday at the Gallery.

Bryson E. Bain

BILLINGS GAZETTE

AUG 19 2003

THERMOPOLIS, Wyo. —
Bryson E. Bain, 78, died Sunday,
Aug. 17, 2003, at the Canyon Hills
Manor in Thermopolis.

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

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Charles Bain

JOLIET — Charles Bain, 84, longtime resident of Joliet, passed away Monday, Nov. 3, 2003, in Joliet.

Charles was born April 9, 1919, on the family homestead north of Joliet, to Charles and Lois (White) Bain.

At an early age, the family moved to Missouri, where they resided for four years. Charles and his father moved back to Montana in 1924. His father married Ethel Blossom Joppa in 1928 and the family lived and worked on many farms and ranches in the Fromberg and Joliet area.

In 1939, they moved to the ranch north of Joliet, where Charles resided until his death.

Charles was preceded in death by his parents, Ethel and Charles; his half-brother and half-sister; and is survived by numerous cousins and many friends and his faithful dog Jack.

Graveside services will be held 10 a.m. Friday, Nov. 7, at the Rockvale Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Beartooth Hospital and Health Center Hospice or to Beartooth Hospital and Health Center Foundation. Arrangements are by Cremation or Funeral Gallery.

Frank Bair

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MILES CITY — Frank Bair, 36, of Miles City, died Friday, July 18, 2003, at the Holy Rosary Hospital.

Visitation will be from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday, July 21, at the chapel of Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, July 22, at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home. Interment will follow in Custer County Cemetery.

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Aaron R. Baker

BILLINGS GAZETTE

JAN 18 2003

CODY, Wyo. — Aaron R. Baker, 59, died Wednesday, Jan. 15, 2003, at West Park Hospital.

A celebration of life will be at 3 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 23, at the Governor's Room in the Irma Hotel. Cremation has taken place. Ballard Funeral Home of Cody is in charge.

Domeniq Kameron Baker

BILLINGS GAZETTE

Jan 10 2003

Domeniq Kameron Baker, infant son of Cassandrah Kindt and Scott Baker, passed away early Wednesday morning, Jan. 8, 2003, while he slept.

Domeniq was born in Billings on July 20, 2002. Immediately upon coming into the world, he

became the center of affection and joy for his mother and father, as well as grandparents, great-grandparents, great-great-grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins and many friends.



**DOMENIQ
BAKER**

Domeniq was quick to smile and greet everyone and brought joy to many hearts. Domeniq's loving smile and short time will be cherished by all that knew him.

Domeniq is survived by his mother and father; his grandparents, Amber and Galen Lackey of Rapid City, S.D., Kayrn and Leland Wood of Billings, and Greg and Gwen Kindt of Billings; and his aunts Nikki Kindt, Kori Wood and Kyria Wood and the rest of the Baker, Kindt and Rall families.

Visitation will be at ~~Stiff~~ West Chapel from 7 to 9 p.m. ~~on~~ Friday, Jan. 10. Funeral service will be 9 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 11, at American Lutheran Church in Billings. Interment will follow at Mountview Cemetery.

Memorials are suggested to the American Lutheran Church, 100 Lewis Ave., Billings, MT 59101.

JUN 15 2003

Donald W. Baker

The family of Donald W. Baker, who died on Oct. 4, 2002, invite you to a Celebration of Life Service for Don at 4 p.m. at the Western Heritage Center in Billings on June 30.

His family hopes you will join them. We look forward to you sharing your memories of Don.

Elmer Baker

LEWISTOWN — Elmer J. Baker, 76, of Lewistown, died Tuesday, Sept. 30, 2003, at the Central Montana Skilled Nursing Center.

Memorial Mass will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 7, at St. Leo's Catholic Church. Cremation has taken place. Cloyd Funeral Home of Lewistown is in charge.

Irene Baker

GLASGOW — Irene Ruyle Baker, 86, of Glasgow, died Friday, Aug. 29, 2003, at Peace Hospice in Great Falls, of cancer.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 20, at Bell Mortuary Chapel in Glasgow. A private family burial will be held.

JUN 28 2003

Jason Baker

WILLISTON, N.D. — Jason Baker, 38, of Williston, formerly of Billings and Hardin, Mont., died Thursday, June 26, 2003, at his home, of natural causes.

His funeral will be at 11 a.m. Monday, June 30, at Everson Memorial Chapel. Cremation will follow. Friends may call at the Everson Funeral Home of Williston, from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday, June 29, and from 9 to 11 a.m. Monday.

Mason Storm Baker

BILLINGS GAZETTE

JUL 24 2003

Mason Storm Baker, 13 months, of Billings, went to be one of God's Angels, on Monday, July 21, 2003.

Mason was born on June 12, 2002, in Shenandoah, Texas. He is the son of Christopher and Shauna Baker.



**MASON
BAKER**

Mason is survived by his parents and brother Jericho; grandparents, Dennis and Angelia Baker (of Texas), Carliss Williams (of Texas), Lawrence and Rose Trumble (of Kansas); a great-grandfather, Melvin Schreiner (of Texas); great-uncles and aunts, Frank Bird, Gail Schreiner, Bob and Janice Green (of Missouri), Earl and Esther Schroeder, Hank Fast, Bertha Flinn and Janie Carroll (of Kansas), Johnny and Rosie Gomez (of Kansas); uncles and aunts, Jerry and Tina Trumble (of Oklahoma), Regina Trumble and Uncle Frank (of Billings), Greg and Kathy Mortensen (of Utah), Alex and Sandra Mortensen, Scott and Jennifer Mortensen, LeRoy Baker, Linda Patrick, Amanda Cox, Ryan Baker, LaVeta Baker (of Texas); and several cousins.

Mason joined his grandma Ruth Trumble, great-grandmother LeVeta Nadine Schreiner, great-grandfather Jack Baker, great-grandmother and great-grandfather Fast, and great-grandmother and grandfather Trumble, and many great-uncles and aunts.

In leaving us, he has left us heartbroken and lost, but he will always live in our memories.

Funeral services will be held 10 a.m. Thursday, July 24, at Smith Downtown Chapel. Interment will follow at Terrace Gardens Cemetery.

Norma Baker

SCOBEE — Norma R. Baker, 82, died Tuesday, Oct. 19, 2003, at the DeWitt Memorial Nursing Home.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 22, at the United Methodist Church in Scooby. Cremation has taken place. Waller Funeral Home of Scooby is in charge.

Shirley Marrene Baker

Shirley Marrene Baker, 80, passed away at Horizon Hospice Home, April 14, 2003.

She was born Nov. 28, 1922, one of three children to Herman and Ovidia Hofacker. She grew

up and graduated from Billings High School in 1940. She was an accomplished pianist and gave several soloist recitals as a young woman.

She was active in Girl Scouts and in December 1938, was one of three girls who achieved the highest award in Girl Scouts, the Golden Eaglet award. One of the highlights of her life was that she was privileged to attend the 90th anniversary of Girl Scouting in America, held in Washington, D.C., on March 12, 2002. As a young woman, she worked for Billings Livestock Commission and Aldrich Lumber Co.

In May of 1946, she married her high school sweetheart, Willard Baker. Shirley was actively involved in supporting many youth groups, junior women and scouting.

Shirley enjoyed working crossword puzzles and playing games with her grandchildren. She loved sports and the outdoors, especially



**SHIRLEY
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trailing with her husband throughout the west. She loved the Oregon coast and Yellowstone Park. She had a good sense of humor and love of people. She was very active in her church and held several offices.

Shirley was preceded in death by her parents, Herman and Ovidia Hofacker.

The family would like to extend their deepest gratitude to Horizon Hospice Home for providing a loving, caring atmosphere.

She is survived by her husband of 56 years, Willard; brother Roger and his wife Myrtle Hofacker of Whitefish; sister Ina Anderson of Billings; sons, Scott and wife Linda Baker of Billings, and Mark and Debra Baker of Cheney, Wash.; four grandchildren, Todd Baker, Ryan Baker, Travis Baker and Tanya Baker; one great-grandchild Seraphin; and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. Friday, April 18, at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary. Memorials may be made to First Church of Christ Scientist, Treasure Trails Girl Scout Council or the charity of one's choice.

Dorothy Bakke

WILLIAMS GAZETTE

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PLENTYWOOD — Dorothy Marsh Bakke, 93, died Sunday, Aug. 24, 2003, at Sheridan Memorial Hospital.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 28, at Fulkerson Memorial Chapel in Plentywood, with interment in Plentywood Cemetery.

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Peter A. Bakker

Aug. 28, 1916 — Nov. 28, 2003

DAVIS, Calif. — Peter A. Bakker, formerly of Billings, died Nov. 28, 2003, in Davis, at the age of 87.

Pete was born Aug. 28, 1916, on his parents' homestead near Gillette, Wyo. He was the second of eight children born to Abraham and Elizabeth (Straatsma) Bakker. At a young age, Pete moved with his family to the Billings area.

In 1940, he married Gladys Card of Ryegate, Mont., and together they moved to Long Beach, where they remained through the years of World War II. During the war, Mr. Bakker worked as an electrician in both the aircraft and warship building industries. His oldest child, Jim, was born while the family lived in California.

At the end of World War II, they returned to Billings and Pete continued working as an electrician, first for Yellowstone Electric and later for Empire Electric. He was active in Local 532 of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW). He played an important role in getting the Montana Legislature to adopt building and safety codes for the electrical industry and was instrumental in establishing the Billings electrician apprenticeship pro-

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gram. Daughter Laura and son Richard were born while the family lived in Billings. During that time, with the help of Gladys and other family members, Pete built their family home in the Heights.

In 1960, Mr. Bakker and his family moved to Davis. Soon thereafter, he went to work as an electrician for the University of California, Davis, remaining there until his retirement in 1979. Pete was a member of IBEW Local 340, and proudly spent 62 years as an IBEW member. He was also a member of Athens Lodge, AF&AM in Davis.

Pete enjoyed an active retirement. He returned "home" to Montana every summer, where he and Gladys lived near McLeod. He loved to fish for trout on the nearby Boulder River. During those summers, he was able to renew many important friendships from the past. He and Gladys also traveled throughout the country with their fifth-wheel trailer. In 2000, Pete and Gladys moved to the University Retirement Community at Davis, where he enjoyed the company of many new friends and the activities in which he participated.

Mr. Bakker is survived by Gladys, his wife of 63 years; and children Jim and wife Susan Bakker of Carmichael, Laura and husband Bernard Bauer of Fresno and Richard and wife Deborah Miller-Bakker of Davis. He leaves behind four grandchildren, John

Bakker and wife Stacy Lorish, Matt Bakker and wife Maria Luisa Romero, Jennifer Bakker and Katy Bakker; and one great-grandchild, Braulio Romero Bakker. He is also survived by brothers William Bakker of Billings and Jack Bakker of Nye, Mont.; sisters Marie Brown of Warren, Ore., Betty Brown of Hood River, Ore., and Hilda Wallace of Billings.

Friends and relatives are invited to a memorial service on Wednesday, Dec. 10, at 3 p.m., in the auditorium of the University Retirement Community, 1515 Shasta Drive, Davis. The family plans an additional memorial service in Montana in the early summer. In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to an organization of the donor's choice.

MAR 29 2003

Alma H. Bellinger

WOLF POINT — Alma H. Bellinger, 93, died Wednesday, March 26, 2003, at the home of her son in Wolf Point.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 29, at the First Lutheran Church in Wolf Point. Interment will be in Greenwood Cemetery in Wolf Point. Clayton Memorial Chapel in Wolf Point is in charge.

Elmer R. Baldridge

UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA

NOV 11 2003

BOZEMAN — Elmer R. Baldridge, 49, of Bozeman, died suddenly in his home on Thursday evening, Nov. 6, 2003.

Elmer was born Oct. 11, 1954, in Byrdstown, Tenn., to Jessie Imogene Hensley Baldridge and Elbert Baldridge.

Education was the driving force in Elmer's life. After graduating from Mansfield (Ohio) Senior High School in 1972, Elmer attended Cedarville Bible College, and then he transferred to the Ohio State University, where he earned his BS in education (1979) and his MA (1982). In Montana, he earned his MS in math (2001) at MSU in Bozeman.

Besides his formal education, Elmer worked for the YMCA in Columbus and Mansfield. In Billings, he worked for Kenco Security and Moses Law Firm. During his years in Bozeman, he managed the Bozeman Inn, served as the County Superintendent of Public Instruction and most recently worked for Quarry Works and Select Stone, Inc. in Belgrade.

When he came to Montana, Elmer taught at Butte Central High School, Colstrip High School, Billings Central High School, and as a graduate assistant in the math department at MSU. Elmer worked many jobs in order to become the one thing that

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meant the most -- being a teacher. No matter what job he had, it was important that he be the best he could be. Each and every one of his students were important to him, as he cared about kids, and his students' reflections include, "Mr. Baldrige was the best." Students learning was his greatest reward. He was a TEACHER. As an educator, he was a genuine caring leader and as a friend, he was a generous man.

Elmer is survived by his father, Elbert; sisters, Darlene, Arlene, Melissa, all of Mansfield; a brother, James, of Johnsville, Ohio; numerous nieces and nephews; and many, many friends and teachers in Montana.

Final arrangements are under the care of Wappner Funeral Home in Mansfield.

Memorials may be sent to St. Margaret Mary's Catholic Church, Box 305, Colstrip, MT 59323.

K & L Mortuary Chapel in Three Forks is handling local arrangements.

Mae E. Baldry

BILLINGS GAZETTE

APR 02 2003

WOLF POINT — Mae M. Baldry, 85, of Wolf Point, died Monday, March 31, 2003, at Faith Lutheran Home.

Rosary will be at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 3, at Clayton Memorial Chapel in Wolf Point. Memorial services will at 10 a.m. Friday, April 4, at the Immaculate Conception Church. Inurnment will be in the Scobey Cemetery. Clayton Memorial Chapel is in charge.

Bert Baldwin

ROUNDUP — Bert Baldwin, 81, of Roundup, died Tuesday, Feb. 25, 2003, at Roundup Memorial Hospital and Nursing Home.

Cremation has taken place at Cremation or Funeral Gallery in Billings. Inurnment will be held at a later date.

BILLINGS GAZETT

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John Elwood 'Jack' Bales

John Elwood "Jack" Bales, 71, died on June 3, 2003, in Billings. He was born on Sept. 6, 1931, to Wendell and Lila (Dayton) Bales in Lemmon, S.D. On April 28, 1962, he married Karen Miller in Ellensburg, Wash. They made their home in Bowman, N.D., Roundup and Billings. He worked in road construction and in the oil field.

He is survived by his wife of 41 years, Karen of Roundup; his sister, Wynona Timothy of Minot, N.D.; four brothers, Wes (Nancy), Doug (Shirley), both of Billings, Eldon (Marje), Duane (Barbara), both of Casper, Wyo.; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and his sister Delores.

Graveside services will be held at the Spring Butte Union Cemetery in Adams Co., N.D., on Friday, June 6, at 2 p.m. A visitation will be at Evanson-Jenson Funeral Home in Lemmon, S.D., Friday, from 10 a.m. to noon. Dahl Funeral Chapel is making Billings arrangements.

Margaret Ballard

BILLINGS GAZETTE

AUG 27 2003

WIBAUX — Margaret Ann Ballard, 100, of Wibaux, formerly of Beach, N.D., died Sunday, Aug. 24, 2003, at the Fallon County Medical Complex in Baker.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 28, at St. Johns' the Baptist Catholic Church in Beach. Rite of Christian Burial will take place in St. John's Cemetery in Beach. Silvernale-Silva Funeral Home of Beach is in charge.

MAY 21 2003

Mary Helen Ballinger

CODY, Wyo. — On May 17, 2003, Mary Helen Ballinger, our beloved mother, grandmother, and friend, died of complications of pneumonia and a broken hip. Mary was born to William and Jessie Pirrie on May 1, 1916, in Schuyler, Neb. Mary came to Cody with her family in the year 1929. On April 23, 1935, she was married to Carl Marion Ballinger, who preceded her in death on June 29, 1979, after 44 years of marriage.



**MARY
BALLINGER**

Mary's pride and joy were her family. Her son, Mertyn Ballinger of Powell (wife Virginia); daughter Eloise Ballinger York of Meeteetse (husband Joe); and daughter Janet Ballinger Dutton of Cody (husband Roger), will all sorely miss her, as well as will her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Grandchildren include Twila York of Helena, Mont., Susie Dutton Wantulok (husband John) of Boise, Idaho, Cathy York Jordan (husband Gary) of Portland, Ore., Terri Ballinger May of Tacoma,

Wash., Brenda Ballinger Whitlock of Tacoma, Joel Adams (wife Margie) of Red Lodge, Mon Grandson C.W. Dutton preceded Mary in death on July 3, 1987.

Great-grandchildren include Brandt and Taylor May, Justin and Spencer Whitlock, Carly, Keller Erin and Kobi Wantulok, Jod Inbody, Graham, Elizabeth and Connor Sims, and Neil Adams.

Mary was one of nine children and is survived by sister Dorothy "Dot" Bates; and sisters-in-law Phyllis Lundvall (husband Lawrence), Bessie Pirrie and Ruthie Pirrie; brother-in-law Charles Meier; and numerous nieces and nephews, plus her many friends. Mary was preceded in death by her brothers Morris Lester, Melvin, William "Bud," Duane; and a sister, Marjorie Meier.

Mary was a well known and respected farm and ranch woman on both the Southfork and Northfork at Wapiti. She was a long-standing member of the Cody Methodist Church, where she took great joy in serving for many years. She was renowned for her hospitality and great cooking.

Mary was loved by many and she inspired all of those privileged to have experienced her courageous spirit, love of God, positive attitude, great sense of humor and strength of character. She was well known for her rendition of "Everything is Beautiful" that is what she truly believed of the world and people around her. Mary Bellinger will be held closely in the hearts of many as a truly beautiful person. May we all aspire to her kindness, faith, and courage.

A celebration of Mary's life will be held July 5, at the Methodist Church — time will be announced at a later date.

Keith Dennis Balongue

BILLINGS GAZETTE

JUL 24 2003

Keith Dennis Balongue, of Billings, born July 28, 1960, passed away of heart failure on July 16, 2003.

Keith was born in Arizona and with his adventurous spirit, resided in California, Wyoming, Washington and Montana. Everywhere he went, he touched someone's life in his own special way.

Keith is survived by his sisters, Linda Sneiderich and Sandy Decker of Chandler, Ariz.; his brother, Steve Kanalis of Cheyenne, Wyo.; and his aunt, Marge Kanalis of Mesa, Ariz. Keith is also survived by, as he was fond of saying, his "adopted family," Mark and Deborah Reiter of Cody, Wyo., James, Randi and Rani Reiter of Powell, Wyo., Angela Reiter of Kent, Wash., and Mary Jane Rickman of Nye.

Although we mourn his death, it was his wish we would celebrate his life, therefore no funeral services will be held. God speed!

NOV 11 2003**Andrew J. Banas**

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Andrew J. Banas, 85, of Sheridan, died Monday, Nov. 6, 2003, at the Sheridan VA Medical Center. Burial will be in Black Hills National Cemetery in Spearhead, S.D., with services held at a later date. Kane Funeral Home of Sheridan is in charge.

Charles Albert Banderob

BILLINGS GAZETTE

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BALLANTINE — Charles Albert Banderob passed away Nov. 11, 2003, at Eagle Cliff Manor.

He was born Feb. 28, 1905, in a log cabin near Bowler, Carbon County, Montana, the fifth of 10 children in the Frank A. and Emilie, MH Banderob family.

He moved with the family to the Huntley Project in the fall of 1907 to the homestead 1¼ miles north of Osborn. Soon after arrival



CHARLES BANDEROB

there, his elementary education began at the Wheatley School, which was ¾ miles north of his home and continued at the original Osborn School on the Osborn town site.

He attended high school at the Central School in Worden.

The years of his youth were spent living, playing and working on the family farm, learning to raise irrigated crops and livestock. By his early teens, the demand for wheat to support the WWI war effort spurred the family to buy dryland crop and cattle acreage between Billings and Hardin. In 1926, this wheat and cattle operation was taken over by Charlie and his four brothers, forming the Banderob Brother Farming Partnership.

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He and Elizabeth Grace Smeding were married on Nov. 7, 1927, in Roundup.

To that union were born five children, two daughters and three sons, in that order.

By 1932, they had established their family home on the original Blackwood Place across the road from his parents' homestead.

Dad joined the Montana Farmers Union in 1928 and within 10 years, he became very active in that organization as a field representative, helping to found many local chapters and cooperative enterprises. Later, he served as a member of the State MFU Board of Directors. During the 1930s, he

was leader of several bus tours from Montana to Washington, D.C., for Farmers Union members.

In the pre-WWII years (1935 to 1940), he was instrumental in initiation and early development of Yellowstone Valley Electric Cooperative (REA).

After semi-retiring from farming, his endeavors expanded to include a major role in establishment of the Huntley Project Museum of Irrigated Agriculture, directorship of the Community Action Program for the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council and formation of Montana Senior Citizens Association, serving as its first president. He also served as president of Mountain Plains Congress of Senior Organizations.

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He also promoted, directed and/or assisted Green Thumb, Vista and Seta programs in many community projects.

At age 91, he took his first European tour (with an extended family group) to the land of his forebears in Schlesweig Holstein, Germany.

Survivors include his sister, Marion Jones of Manhattan; his five children, Louise Novotny and Carolyn Sjostrom of Billings, Robert of Darby, James of Ballantine and William of Newark, Ill. He also is survived by 12 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren and 12 great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Elizabeth; his parents, Frank A. and Emilie; sisters, Johanna Travis, Antonette (in infancy) and Margaret Schultze; brother Frank C. William, Rudolph, Carsten (in infancy), Ernest; and grandson John W. Banderob.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, memorials be sent to the Huntley Project Museum, PO Box 353, Huntley, MT 59037, or a charity of the donor's choice.

Funeral service will be 1 p.m. Monday, Nov. 17, at the Huntley United Methodist Church. Interment will be in the Huntley Cemetery. Visitation will begin on Saturday, Nov. 15, noon, at Smith Downtown Chapel.

Patricia Banning

BILLINGS GAZETTE
APR 17 2003

BAKER — Patricia "Pat" Banning, 78, of Baker, died Tuesday, April 15, 2003, at Fallon Medical Complex in Baker.

Visitation will be from 2 to 7 p.m. Thursday, April 17, at the chapel of Stevenson Funeral Home in Baker, and from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, April 18, at Stevenson Funeral Home, with a prayer service at 6 p.m. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday April 19, at the American Lutheran Church. Burial will be in Bonnievale Cemetery.

Adele Barbe

BILLINGS GAZETTE

JAN 12 2003

RECLUSE, Wyo. — Adele Barbe, 77, died Wednesday, Jan. 8, 2003, at her daughter's home of natural causes.

Visitation will be from 2 to 6 p.m. on Tuesday at Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home in Gillette. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m., Wednesday, at the Christian Church in Gillette. Burial will follow at the Recluse Cemetery.

DEC 02 2003

Floyd C. Barbour

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Floyd C. "Stub" Barbour, 98, of Sheridan, died Wednesday, Nov. 26, 2003, at his home.

Visitation will be from 8 to 10 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 2, at Champion Ferries Funeral Home in Sheridan. Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, at Champion Ferries Funeral Home. Burial will be in the EEs Section of the Sheridan Municipal Cemetery.

Theresa Barbula

BILLINGS GAZETTE

APR 11 2003

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Theresa Barbula, 81, of Sheridan, died Tuesday, April 8, 2003, at Sheridan Manor.

The rosary will be at 7 p.m. Friday, April 11, at Kane Funeral Home in Sheridan. Mass of the Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 12, at Holy Name Catholic Church. Interment will follow in the Sheridan Municipal Cemetery.

JUL - 9 2003**Leona V. Bardell**

GLASGOW — Leona V. Bardell, 100, died Tuesday, July 1, 2003, at the Frances Mahon Deaconess Hospital.

Services will be at 9 a.m. Tuesday, July 15, at the First Methodist Church with burial in Highland Cemetery. Bell Mortuary is in charge.

JUN 04 2003

Marvin W. Barton

ROSEBUD — Marvin W. Barton, 85, of the Rosebud area, died Saturday, May 31, 2003, at the Friendship Villa Care Center in Miles City.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, June 6, at the Beall Mortuary Chapel in Forsyth. Cremation has taken place and interment of the urn will be held at a later date.

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Kathryn 'Kay' Bardwell

RENO, Nev. — Kathryn "Kay" Bardwell, 86, formerly of Thermopolls, Wyo., died Friday, Dec. 5, 2003, in Reno.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Monument Hill Cemetery in Thermopolis. Mortuary Funeral Home is in charge.

Marcella E. Bares

BILLINGS GAZETTE

FEB 7 2003

BISMARCK, N.D. — Marcella "Sally" E. Bares, 90, of Beach, died Tuesday, Jan. 28, 2003, at her daughter's home in Bismarck.

She was laid to rest on Feb. 1, at St. Michaels Cemetery in Sentinel Butte.

NOV 23 2003

Paulette Bergen

KILLEEN, Texas — Paulette Bergen, 53, formerly of Montana, died Saturday, Nov. 22, 2003, in Temple, Texas.

Services will be at 1 p.m. on Tuesday at Crawford-Bower Funeral Home Chapel in Killeen.

MAR 28 2003

Elizabeth Barina

SHERIDAN, Wyo.

Elizabeth Barbara "Betty" Barina, 88, of Sheridan, died Tuesday, March 25, 2003, at Memorial Hospital of Sheridan County.

The rosary will be at 7 p.m. Friday, March 28, at Kane Funeral Home in Sheridan. The funeral mass will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 29, at Holy Name Catholic Church. Interment will follow in the Sheridan Municipal Cemetery.

NOV 19 2003

Frances Barker

Frances Scanlan Barker passed away Tuesday, Nov. 18, 2003, at the Graceful Living Home.

She was born in Bozeman, Aug. 24, 1909. With her parents, she migrated to a homestead north of Hardin. She attended country school and then graduated from Hardin High School. Frances then attended business school in Denver and then worked at the Holly Sugar Co. office in Sheridan, Wyo., until 1931.

She married Robert Barker, a pharmacist in Hardin, November of 1931. They owned and operated the Barker Drug in Hardin until moving to Billings in 1963. They had one daughter, Joanne, and she preceded her mother in death

in 1997.

Survivors include son-in-law Wendell Stanton of Billings; and a brother, Joe Scanlan of California; besides her many friends in Billings. She also has been preceded in death by her husband Robert and a brother, Rob.

She was a longtime member of the Christian Science Church and loved by so many.

A gathering of friends will be 11 a.m. Friday, Nov. 21, at Cremation or Funeral Gallery, where cremation has been held. Inurnment will follow at Mountview Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Christian Science Church in her memory. Arrangements were by Cremation Society of Montana, Cremation or Funeral Gallery.

Tiffany Barker

GILLETTE, Wyo. — Tiffany Barker, 28, of Evanston, died April 16, 2003, at the LDS Hospital in Salt Lake City, from injuries she received in an automobile accident.

Visitation will be from 2 to 5 p.m. Tuesday, April 22, at the Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home Chapel in Gillette. Funeral service will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday, April 23, at the Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow in the Gillette-Mt. Pisgah Cemetery.

BILLINGS GAZETTE
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NOV 15 2003**Anna L. Barnes**

LIVINGSTON — Anna L. Barnes, 74, of Livingston, died Wednesday, Nov. 12, 2003, at Livingston Memorial Hospital.

A family visitation was held at Pausen-Davis Funeral Home & Crematory, after which cremation took place. Memorial services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 15, at the First Baptist Church in Livingston.

Marjorie L. Barnes

BILLINGS GAZETTE

JAN 18 2003

SHERIDAN, Wyo. —

Marjorie L. Barnes, 90, of Sheridan, died Tuesday, Jan. 14, 2003, at Sheridan Manor.

Memorial services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 21, at the First Christian Church in Sheridan. Inurnment will be in the Elks' Section of the Sheridan Municipal Cemetery. Champion-Ferries Funeral Home of Sheridan is in charge.

Billy M. Barney

BILLINGS GAZETTE

AUG 10 2003

GREAT FALLS — Billy M. Barney, 74, died Friday, Aug. 8, 2003, at the hospital of natural causes.

Billy was born on Jan. 19, 1929, in Miles City. After his schooling in Billings, he served in the U.S. Army. Later, he returned to serve in the Army during the Korean War. He also served in the U.S. Navy, and he became an active member of the VFW.

Later, he worked as a typewriter technician for Peterson Typewriter for 22 years in Billings, moving to Great Falls in 1973. There, he worked at Anderson Office Machines.

Billy enjoyed art, leather working and gardening.

Survivors include daughters, Tonia (John) Crawford of Billings, Sandra (Daniel) Huffman of Great Falls; and son, Danny (Lorna) Barney of Sparks, Nev. He has five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial services will be 2 p.m. Monday, Aug. 11 at O'Connor Memorial Chapel in Great Falls. Burial will be at Highland Cemetery. O'Connor Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Pauline Barney

NOV 30 2003

Pauline Barney, resident of St. John's Lutheran Home passed away Nov. 29, 2003.



PAULINE BARNEY

Pauline was born in 1905, to Henry and Annie Hartung in Tacoma, Wash. Early in her life the fam-

ily moved to Montana where they contracted as beet farmers. They eventually settled in Laurel.

Pauline married Joe Bourne in 1922. They owned and operated the Laurel Cafe for 32 years. Pauline and Joe had six children: five girls and one boy. Ray (deceased), Dorothy Everett who resides in Houston, Texas; Irene Hegg, Elaine Stellingwerf (Jack), Delores Kautzman (Art) and Betty Mehling, all of Billings. After Joe's death Pauline married Francis Barney, they were together until he passed away in 1968.

Pauline had six brothers and two sisters; all are deceased except for a sister, Eva Schneider who resides at St. John's Lutheran Home. The deceased brothers and sister are: Alec, Henry, Tony, Adam, Carl, Herman and Mollie Frank. Her immediate family at

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last count was 23 grandchildren, many great-grandchildren and nine great-great-grandchildren.

Pauline will be remembered for her baking skills she presented while operating the cafe and during her years of employment in the bakery at St. Vincent Hospital.

Pauline's daughters wish to take this opportunity to thank the entire staff at St. John's for the outstanding care and devotion given to their mother during her stay. We know she would say a special thank you to the activities department whose members recognized her love of music.

8 Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be held at the Ocee Chapel at St. John's Lutheran Home 3940 Rimrock Drive, Billings. A private family interment will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. John's Lutheran Home or to the charity of one's choice.

Smith Downtown Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Allen Barnhart



ALLEN BARNHART

Allen Barnhart, being an early riser, departed at sunrise, Sept. 9, 2003, on a once-in-a-lifetime journey to be with the Lord and his departed wife Frances.

Born April 10, 1918, on a farm outside Buffalo, Mont., the only brother to five sisters, son of Otis Ray and Mary Elise (Stingley) Barnhart, Allen grew up farming and ranching in the Lewistown area around Heath.

World War II found him as a CPA pilot, and the Army Air Corps issued him a crew of nine men and a B-17 Flying Fortress bomber. His orders were to depart from England, go over German territory, leave the bombs there and get back to England in one piece. He followed his orders and did this for 35 missions.

Allen married Frances Baxter and had two children while living in the Lewistown area. They moved to a farm west of Billings in 1952 and added a child. On the 80 acre farm, they had sheep and an egg business. Allen also had a custom swathing and combining business in the Yellowstone Valley. Allen's word and handshake was as good as a written contract.

Allen enjoyed hunting, fishing, hiking and dancing. He walked, five miles a day for health and fun, and did this for about 35 years, rain or shine.

Allen and Frances were charter members in the St. Andrews United Presbyterian Church. Allen lost Frances, his wife of 49 years, to cancer in 1988. Allen's later years were shared with the companionship of Hazel Huff.

When health required a little help, the family setting of Canyon Ridge Personal Care Home took Allen in as part of their extended family and for the last two years of his life, shared their love and attention with him.

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Allen is survived by his three children, Sharon Fisher and husband Dave, a close hunting and hiking partner, Dean Barnhart and his wife Dwyn, who helped with Allen's needs and care, and Dale Barnhart; three sisters, Joan Söelter, Erna Rae and Ruth Vaughn; nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Allen was preceded in passing by his wife, Frances; parents, Ray and Elsie Barnhart; sisters Inez and June.

Inurnment of cremated remains will be at Lewistown Cemetery, Saturday, Sept. 13, at 10 a.m. with military honors. Celebration of Allen's life will be at St. Andrews Church, 24th West and Cook, at 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13.

Memorials may be made to Big Sky Hospice.

Michelotti-Sawyers has charge of arrangements.

"Good journey to you, Dad, you are remembered and loved..."

NOV 29 2003

Leland Barnhart

MILES CITY — Leland Miles Barnhart, 74, of Miles City, died Thursday, Nov. 27, 2003, at his home, of cancer.

Visitation will be from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday, Dec. 1, at the chapel of Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 2, at the Grace Bible Church. Interment will follow in the Custer County Cemetery.

Phyllis Jean Barnhart

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THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

JUN 18 2003

God saw her getting tired and
a cure was not to be;

So he put his arm around her
and whispered, "Come with me."

With tearful eyes we watched
her suffer and saw her fade
away.

Although we loved her dearly,
we could not make her stay.

A golden heart stopped beating,
hard working hands at rest,

God broke our hearts to prove
to us he only takes the best!

CODY, Wyo. — Phyllis was
survived by her daughter Jo Ann,
husband Carl Ulmer, grand-
daughter Cheyenne and grand-
son Cyrus; son Jere, his wife
Kathy, granddaughter Kayla,
grandson Jeremy, his wife Renee
and great-grandson Caleb who
brought her so much joy;
Phyllis's lifelong companion and
trusted friend, Bruce Kruger; sis-
ter, Roberta Brus; and brother,
Wesley Wilson, his wife Joan;
and her many nephews and
nieces and great-nephews and
great-nieces.

She was preceded in death by
her son, Bob Barnhart; her
granddaughter, Janna Barnhart;
and the father of her children,
Marion J. Barnhart.

Private funeral services will
be held at a later date.

John Albert Barrett

LAS VEGAS — John Albert Barrett passed away peacefully in the company of family members in Las Vegas on Aug. 28, 2003, at the age of 83.

John was born in Red Lodge, Mont., on Oct. 22, 1919, to Will Barrett and Margaret Sanderson Barrett. He graduated from Carbon County High School and was a member of the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC).



**JOHN
BARRETT**

John worked for Douglas Aircraft in Los Angeles, where he met and married Gerry Nussbaum on April 5, 1941. They remained a devoted couple for 62 years.

John served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. Between 1943 and 1957, he lived in Bozeman, Red Lodge, Roundup, Mont., and northern Wyoming, holding a variety of jobs. From 1957 through 1963, he and Gerry owned and operated the Chuck Wagon Cafe in Red Lodge. From 1963 through 1973, they owned and operated the Sportsman Cafe in Cody, Wyo., where John also cre-

ated and operated the Wyoming Trout Ranch. From 1973 to 1976 they owned and operated the Treasure State Luncheonette in Billings and later John worked there for the Montana Department of Natural Resources. They retired to Helena, Mont., in 1976, where he remained until 1994, when they moved to Las Vegas.

John was preceded in death by his parents; his sister Elizabeth and his brothers, Eugene and Bud. He is survived by his wife, Gerry; brothers and sisters-in-law Bernard and Helen Barrett and Jim Barrett of Red Lodge, Bill Barrett of Helena and Pat and Janet Barrett of Cody; sons and daughters-in-law, Steve and Janis Barrett of Bozeman, John and Teresa Barrett of Las Vegas, Evan and Gail Barrett of Butte, Mont., Bruce Barrett and Adair Kanter of Missoula, Mont., Mark Barrett and Maria Battaglia of Las Vegas, and Joe Barrett and partner Robert Fisher of San Francisco; 12 grandchildren and their spouses, eight great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

At his request, John's remains have been cremated. Funeral services are scheduled for Red Lodge, on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 10 and 11. A vigil and family visitation will take place Friday night at 7 p.m. at St. Agnes Church Hall. A Mass of Resurrection will take place on Saturday at 10 a.m. at St. Agnes Catholic Church. Burial will be at Rockvale Cemetery. The family recommends memorials to local hospice organizations. Messages of condolence can be sent to Gerry Barrett at 5242 Evaline, Las Vegas, NV 89120.

Patrick Robert Barrett

CODY, Wyo. — Patrick Robert Barrett, 76, passed away Sept. 26, 2003, in Cody, surrounded by his family.

Pat was born Dec. 17, 1926, in Red Lodge, Mont., to Will and Margaret Sanderson Barrett, the seventh son of a seventh son, in a strong Irish Catholic family. He attended school in Red Lodge and graduated from Klein High School. He was then drafted into the Army and was a tech sergeant in World War II, serving as part of the occupying force in Japan.

After his military service, he attended Eastern Montana College and was the co-captain of the football team. He then went to work in the petroleum industry. He worked a while also for his brother Barney at the Rex Cafe, across from Navy Gate 1 in San Diego, an experience he talked about much in his life.

On May 24, 1958, he married Jane Puhto, the love of his life, in Red Lodge. In 1961, they moved to Cody, where he went to work at Husky Oil as an operator until they closed the refinery down. He bought some production and operated a small oil company for a few years.

Janet and Pat raised their five children in Cody and he was a devout family man. His life centered around family and their activities. In 1993, his granddaughter Ashley arrived and in 1999, his granddaughter Hannah arrived. They were the highlight of his life and they fondly called him "Papa." They will miss him very much.

Pat had a great love for all sports, horses and horse racing, was a staunch Democrat and enjoyed discussing the latest political issues. Pat especially enjoyed his trips to Ireland, England and Scotland, going back to where his ancestors came from. He spoke often of the trip he and Janet took to Ireland and Finland with his wonderful mother-in-law, Ina Puhto. Pat was a Golden Gloves boxer and started the boxing program in Cody in the mid-70s.

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The greatest loves of his life were his family and grandchildren. He is survived by his wife Janet; brothers Barney (Helen) and Jim of Red Lodge, Bill of Helena, Mont.; and his children, John (Sue) Barrett of Missoula, Mont., Joyce (Don Wolff) Barrett of Red Lodge, Jeanne (Steve) Majusiak, Julie (Fred) Snelson and Patrick Barrett, all of Cody; grandchildren, Ashley Majusiak and Hannah Snelson; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Pat was preceded in death by his parents; sister Elizabeth; and brothers Eugene, Bud and John; his beloved mother-in-law Ina and father-in-law Reino Puhto.

A vigil will be held Wednesday, Oct. 1, at 7 p.m., at St. Anthony's Catholic Church. A Mass of Resurrection will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 2, at St. Anthony's Catholic Church, with burial at Riverside Cemetery in Cody.

MAY 10 2003

Dorothy 'Agnes' Barrigan

POMONA, Kan. — Dorothy "Agnes" Barrigan, age 83, of Pomona, passed away Wednesday, May 7, 2003, at her home.

She was born April 19, 1920, in Dietz, Wyo., the daughter of Stewart and Merna Patton (Gault) McDowell. She grew up in Sheridan, Wyo., and graduated from the Sheridan High School in 1938. She later moved to Hardin, Mont., where she later met her husband.

On Aug. 22, 1948, she was united in marriage to James Edward "Jim" Barrigan at Hardin. They shared nearly 44 years of married life together before the death of her husband on Aug. 17, 1992.

Agnes was a homemaker and farmwife. She also worked as a secretary for the Social and Rehabilitation Office in Montana. She also worked at other occupations during her lifetime. She resided in Hardin and Billings, before moving to Ottawa in 1978. Agnes and Jim made their home in Pomona since 1988.

She enjoyed crocheting, gar-

dening and fishing with her husband and family.

She is survived by three daughters, Jean Barrigan of Pomona, Merna Kincaid of Hardin and Janie Fiehler and her husband Bob of Wellsville; two sons, Tom Barrigan of Pomona and Jim Barrigan of Billings; six grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Jim; and an infant son, Patrick Barrigan.

Graveside services and interment will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 10, at the Woodlawn Cemetery in Pomona. Mrs. Barrigan will lie in state at the funeral home after 4 p.m. Friday. Memorial contributions may be made to the Senior Citizen Center at Pomona, which may be sent in care of the Lamb-Roberts Funeral Home, PO Box 14, Ottawa, KS 66067.

Shirley Ann Barth

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Shirley Ann Barth, 70, of Billings, ended her courageous battle with cancer, Jan. 11, 2003, at home, surrounded by her family.



**SHIRLEY
BARTH**

Shirley was born in Aiken, Minn., on July 19, 1932, to Fred and Esther (Ward) Violet. She moved to Montana with her family in 1935. Shirley married Joseph Barth on Sept. 4, 1954.

Shirley's joy in life was caring for her husband, children, grandchildren and great-grandchild.

She is survived by her husband, Joe; sons, Gary Coats, Gregg Barth; daughters, Melody Wasson, Tana Chavez, Marcy Barth; one brother, Fred Violet, Jr.; three granddaughters, Kerri, Ashley, Kristen; grandson, Dusty; and great-granddaughter, Hailey. Shirley was preceded in death by two sisters, Eileen and LeAnna; and one brother, Wayne Violet.

Memorial service will be 11 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 16, at Cremation or Funeral Gallery, Eighth St. West and St. Johns. Memorials may be made to Big Sky Hospice, Box 35033, Billings, MT 59107.

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JAMESTOWN, N.D. — Willie Bartle, 77, Jamestown, died July 30, 2003, at Hi-Acres Manor Nursing Home, Jamestown.



**WILLIE
BARTLE**

Willie was born June 27, 1926, in Russell Township, La-Moure County, the son of Orville and Belle (Hird) Bartle. He was born in the house that he lived in for about 65 years. He attended country school and went to high school in Edgeley, graduating in 1944. He farmed from 1948 to 1990. He married Pearl Hirth on Oct. 16, 1954, in Dickey, N.D. Willie served on the LaMoure Creamery Board, Russell Township Board, various church boards of both Willow Grove and Dickey Methodist churches and the Edgeley Alumni Association. Willie was also involved in the state Republican party. Health problems caused him to retire from farming and they moved to Jamestown in the fall of 1992. They then joined the First Church of the Nazarene in Jamestown in 1997.

After his retirement, he enjoyed building tractors and other wooden toys that he showed in several parades and gave to many children.

Willie is survived by his wife Pearl of Jamestown; two daughters, Tanya (Kenneth) Worrall Rolla (two grandsons, Travis and Jonathan Worrall), and Renae (Al) Merkel, Billings; a brother Dean (Naomi) Bartle, Fargo; and two sisters-in-law, Marion Bartle LaMoure, and Jo Bartle, Mesa, Ariz.

He was preceded in death by his parents, an infant son, baby sister and four brothers, LeRoy, Kenneth, Glen and Leland.

Funeral service will be at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 2, at the First Church of the Nazarene with Revs. Richard Reynolds and Donald Crippen officiating. Visitation will be from 1 to 9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 1, at Eddy Funeral Home. Burial will be in Mt. Hope Cemetery, Edgeley.

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Alice Bartlett

ASHLAND — Alice (Three
Bartlett, 58, of Ashland,
died Tuesday, Nov. 4, 2003, at St.
Vincent Healthcare.

Funeral services will be at 7
p.m. Friday, Nov. 7, in the Social
Hall of the St. Labre Mission
Church near Ashland.

Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m.
Saturday, Nov. 8, at the Church.
Burial will be in the St. Labre
Catholic Parish Funeral Home
in the Northern Cheyenne
Cemetery in charge.

Marjorie L. Barz

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Marjorie Louise "Marj" Barz, 91, passed away on Jan. 28, 2003, at Valley Health Care Center. Marj was born on April 27, 1911, in Fremont, Neb., the daughter of Herman and Ida Louise (Larsen) Petersen. She was the valedictorian of her class at Fremont High School, and she and her late husband, Carl, were debate partners on



**MARJORIE
BARZ**

the Fremont State Championship Debate Team. At the University of Nebraska, Marj was a member of Pi Beta Phi Sorority and she graduated in 1932 with a double major in English and Journalism and a French minor.

The following two years Marj taught school in North Bend, Neb., and on July 1, 1934, she and Carl Barz were married in Fremont. They then moved to Fairbury, Neb., where Carl managed a wholesale grocery warehouse for H.P. Law Company. It was there that their three children, Mary Lou, Art and Dan, were born. In 1953, the Barz family moved to Billings where Carl served as president of Northland Steel Company for 31 years.

Family was always important to Marj, and she spent many hours following school activities and enjoying outdoor adventures. She was involved in numerous community activities and served on the Treasure State Girl Scout and YWCA Boards. In addition, she was a deacon at First Presbyterian Church and an active member of Chapter Y of PEO, the American Association of University Women, Rotary Ann, and the United Presbyterian Women.

Marj was also noted for her excellent culinary talents. Employees at Northland Steel Company and First Interstate Bank West enjoyed her holiday treats for many years. Playing bridge was another of her favorite hobbies, and it was not unusual for her to play two or three days per week. As the years went by, some of her partners were decades younger!

The family would occasionally tease Marj about her sports enthusiasm. She would often be watching two sports events at the same time on different televisions. For years she and Carl had season tickets to both Senior and West High sporting events, and they really enjoyed watching their granddaughter and grandson play sports for

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West High. The most recent sports story occurred in 2001, when Marj, at age 90, went to a local sports bar so she didn't have to miss seeing "Big Red" play. Yes, she was the ultimate University of Nebraska Cornhusker fan!

Another passion that Marj had was for travel. Over the years she and Carl visited Alaska, Hawaii, the Fiji Islands, several European countries, China and India. They always returned with interesting souvenirs and stories.

Marj was preceded in death by her husband, parents and two brothers, Louis and Ralph Petersen. She is survived by her daughter, Mary Lou Camp (David) of Carson City, Nev.; son, Art (Sandy) of Billings; and son, Dan (Diane) of Polson. She is also survived by six grandchildren, David Gibb Camp (Kathy) of Richland, Wash., Susan (Dave) Landers of Longmont, Colo., Darcy Barz of Palatine, Ill.; Karla (Rick) Stauffer of Grapevine, Texas; Tonya (Tyler) Bush of Carmel, Ind., and Rocky Barz of Billings. Other survivors include great-grandchildren, Paul and Kevin Landers and Matthew and Dulcinea Camp; a niece, Kathy (Steve) Moen of Seattle, and a nephew, Bruce Petersen of Las Vegas; and a host of special friends.

The family would like to extend their thanks to the staffs of Valley Health Care Center and Aspen Meadows for their quality care of Marj over the past several months.

Memorial services will be held on Saturday, Feb. 8, at 2 p.m. in the Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary, 1001 Alderson Ave., Billings. A reception for guests will follow the service.

Memorials may be made to the First Presbyterian Church, 2420 13th St. West, Billings, MT 59102, to Chapter Y of PEO, c/o Pat Colberg, 1819 S. Mariposa Lane, Billings, MT 59102, or to the charity of your choice.

Godspeed, Grandma! We will always remember you as the little white-haired lady in the little white car, speeding the streets of Billings en route to another social engagement.

Dale Nowlan Bashor

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DALE BASHOR

Dale N. Bashor, 86, of Billings, passed away Wednesday, Nov. 19, 2003, after a long illness.

Dale was born July 19, 1917, in Winner, S.D., the son of Harley and Cleo (Nowlan) Bashor.

His family moved to New Mexico, where he graduated from Albuquerque High School and attended the University of New Mexico, where he played football. Dale entered the Army, Feb. 23, 1942, and served with General Patton during WWII. He was honorably discharged from the Army on Nov. 1, 1945.

Dale met the love of his life, June Richards and the couple were married on Nov. 24, 1944, in Galesburg, Ill. Dale worked for Burlington Truck Line Co. that ran from Chicago to Billings. In 1956, the couple moved to Billings, where he went to work as a mechanic for Nash/Davis Machinery and later Midland Material. Dale retired from Midland Material in 1983.

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He enjoyed fishing and spent many hours at the cabin on the Stillwater River. Dale also enjoyed wood carving, oil painting, cutting rock and reading. He was also a life member of the Elks Club.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Dale is survived by his wife of 39 years, June; and their two sons, Gregory of Billings and Jerry of Sandy, Utah; his sister, Alice Arnold of Ventura, Calif.; and his Aunt Marie Nowlan of Grand Junction, Colo.; also four grandchildren.

Cremation has been held and a private memorial will be held at a later date. Arrangements are by Cremation or Funeral Gallery.

Rita Chromy Basile

MAY 03 2003

Rita Basile passed away peacefully, surrounded by her great-nieces and nephew, on April 30, 2003, at Eagle Cliff Manor in Billings.



RITA BASILE

Rita was born in Conway, N.D., on May 26, 1916, a daughter to Antoinette Dusek Chromy and Francis (Frank) Chromy.

Rita attended St. Michaels Elementary and Mahnomen High School in Mahnomen, Minn.

Rita came to Billings in 1943 and worked for D.J. Cole Department Store and Fuch's Dress Shop.

Rita and her husband, Michael Basile, owned and operated the Bella Vista Supper Club atop the Rims. Mr. Basile died in 1962. Rita also worked at the Airport Sky View Terrace from 1965 until 1990, when she retired.

Rita was a member of St. Bernard's Catholic Church and a past member of St. Patrick's Co-Cathedral.

Rita is a past regent of Catholic Daughters Court St. Cecilia 1151 and belonged to the Eagles Auxiliary, American Legion and Moose Chapter O.

Rita was preceded in death by her husband, Michael Basile; her parents; and four brothers, Cyril Benedict, Frank and Joseph Chromy; a nephew, Ken Chromy; and a stepdaughter, Alice Basil Mortensen.

Rita is survived by six nieces and one nephew, Marilyn Wilson Mrs. Michael (Darlene) Spahr Judith Workman, Bonnie Riegler Kathy Slyter, Lynett Christopher and Leon Chromy three step-grandchildren Annette Smith, Georgi Wadsworth and Maxine Benson 21 great-nieces and nephews those from the Billings area include Scott Wilson, Mrs. Tim (Michelle) Cavan, Mrs. Rich (Cheryl) St. John and Mrs. Kip (Nancy) Farnum; and a special friend, Cliff Braaton.

A memorial mass will be offered at 10 a.m. Monday, May 5, at St. Bernard's Catholic Church.

Memorials may be made to St. Francis Schools, 511 Custer Ave., Billings, MT 59101.

Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

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Elizabeth J. 'Betty' Baskett

LIVINGSTON — Elizabeth J. "Betty" Baskett, 76, of Livingston, died of pancreatic cancer, at her home, late Wednesday evening, Oct. 29, 2003. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 1, at Franzen-Davis Funeral Home, 118 N. Third St. in Livingston, and from 10 to 11 a.m. Monday, Nov. 3, at Holbrook United Methodist Church. The Rev. David Greep will officiate. Cremation will follow the services and burial of the cremated remains will take place at a later date at Mountainview Cemetery in Big Timber. Arrangements are under the direction of Franzen-Davis Funeral Home and Crematory, 118 N. Third St. in Livingston.

Betty was born Sept. 26, 1927, in Columbus, Wis., the daughter of R. Milton and Margaret (Williams) Jones. She graduated from Columbus High School and then took nurse's training at Presbyterian Hospital of Chicago, graduating with the degree of RN in September 1948. Just prior to graduating, she met a brash young intern at Presbyterian, L. McLean Baskett, who convinced her to marry him rather than attend the

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University of Wisconsin Hospital in Madison to get her bachelor's degree in nursing. She always said she was a sucker for freckles, and at that time, Dr. Baskett was a champion in that field. So they married in January of 1949 in the First Presbyterian Church of Columbus.

After completing training in Chicago, Dr. Baskett volunteered for the U.S. Army in May of 1951, during the Korean War. He and Betty, and Baby Susan, were first sent to Camp Atterbury, Ind., and later to the U.S. Army hospital in Heidelberg, Germany. Following his discharge in 1953, they moved

to Livingston, where he joined the practice of Drs. Lueck, Pearson and Clemons. They have made Livingston their home ever since.



**BETTY
BASKETT**

Betty was a member of Holbrook United Methodist Church and Chapter AP of the PEO Sisterhood and remained active in both until her recent illness.

Although she did some nursing in Germany, she later became a full-time homemaker and mother in Livingston. She was very proud of her 100 percent Welsh heritage, and fortunately had the opportu-

NOV 01 2003ELIZABETH J.
BASKETT

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...nity to visit Wales a few years ago. She possessed a typical Welsh singing voice, an alto, and was always right on pitch.

Survivors include her husband, L. McLean Baskett of Livingston; and three children of whom she was the proud mother, Susan B. Lovely and James L. Baskett, both of Billings, and Richard M. Baskett of Missoula. She is also survived by three grandsons; a sister, Janet Esizsek of Palos Heights, Ill.; a brother, John C. Jones of Davis, Calif.; and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and two brothers, Robert Jones and O. Richard Jones.

To those of us who survive her, she was one very special person, and it is difficult to say, as is done in Germany, "Auf Wiedersehen."

The charities which were most special to Betty were Livingston Memorial Health Care and Hospice, the Holbrook United Methodist Church Endowment Fund and Chapter AP of PEO.

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Herbert Bassett

CODY, Wyo. — Herbert LaMonte "Monte" Bassett, 84, of Cody, died Tuesday, June 24, 2003, at his home.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, June 28, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Wyoming Avenue Chapel in Cody. Interment will follow in the Riverside Cemetery. Ballard Funeral Home of Cody is in charge.

Elwyn LeRoy Bastian

MILES CITY — Elwyn LeRoy Bastian, 71, of Miles City, died Wednesday, June 4, 2003, at his home.

Visitation will be held Sunday, June 8, at the chapel of Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City, with a vigil service at 6 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. Monday, June 9, at the Sacred Heart Church. Rite of committal will follow in the Eastern Montana Veterans Cemetery.

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Giovanni 'John' Bastoni

John was born to Giulio and Georgia Bastoni on Oct. 13, 1944. He lost a courageous battle with cancer on Jan. 30, 2003, at his home. He was 58.

His joys in life were his grandchildren, hunting, fishing and his upholstery. He worked for many years at the Seat Cover Center. He owned and operated Upholstery Unlimited for many years and most recently worked with Milo's Upholstery. His greatest passion was to take an old vehicle and turn the interior into car show quality.

Surviving him are his wife, Nancy, his daughter, Christine, and her husband, Jim Muri, grandchildren, Mandy and Tyler Muri of Billings; his brother, Albert (Marvel) Bastoni of Laurel; his mother-in-law, Margaret Beise; sister-in-law, Mary (Bill) Zent of Billings; brother-in-law, Jerry Dhoey of Great Falls, and his nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death were his parents and Nancy's father and step-father.

Graveside services will be Monday, Feb. 3, at Holy Cross Cemetery, at 3:30 p.m. A gathering of friends and family will be held after the services at Chris and Jim's house at 2952 Georgina Drive. Cremation has taken place.

Goodbye for now. We will miss you.

Otis Bateman, Jr.

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — No services are scheduled for Otis "Lucky" Bateman, Jr., 80, of Sheridan. Kane Funeral Home of Sheridan was in charge.

Curtis 'Curt' Bates

ROBERTS — Curtis "Curt" Bates passed away quietly at his home near Roberts on Wednesday, Oct. 1, 2003, after a short but tough fight with cancer. Curt was born on Dec. 6, 1939, to Clyde and Lorene Bates at Ada, Okla., and he was proud of his Oklahoma heritage. He was married to Peggy Eaton in Shawnee, Okla., in 1958. Three children were born to this union, Darla, Connie and Todd. He married Louise "Lou" Wallace in Chadron, Neb., in 1984.

He left Oklahoma in 1964 and began a long career as a U.S. forest ranger, starting in northern California. The Forest Service career took him to several Western national forests, ending up as forest supervisor of the Custer National Forest, with headquarters in Billings.

During his 30 years as a forest ranger, Curt became a strong advocate of horse use in the Forest Service, in particular, the use of the Missouri Fox Trotter. He helped create a lasting impression of horse use in modern times. In addition to horses and other duties, he devoted many years to fighting forest fires, which culminated with the Yellowstone fire of 1988, where he was a Type I incident commander.

Curt was proud of the fact that he was in the Forest Service when the agency knew what its job was and wasn't afraid to do it. He continued on with his Forest Service career, which ended in 1993 on the Custer National Forest. Upon retiring, he and Lou began raising livestock, particularly Missouri Fox Trotters, on their small ranch near Roberts.

Curt's priorities in life were his relationship with his Lord and

Savior, Jesus Christ, and his family and friends. He enjoyed the horses, ranch work and all outdoor activities, but realized always that his greatest achievement



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was the manner in which his life may have touched others and their walk with the Lord.

He is survived by his wife and soul mate, Lou, of Robert; daughter Darla Wade of Sheridan, Wyo., and her sons Travis, Brian, Zac and Matthew; daughter Connie (Ron) Wedemeyer of Bakersfield, Calif., and their daughters Sydne and Lexi; son Todd (Amber) Bates of Heber City, Utah; stepdaughter Kelli (Brent) Theyson of Littleton, Colo.; and stepson Kevin (Wendy) Wallace and their son, Blake of Littleton; and stepson Kirk Wallace of Denver. Also surviving are Curt's sister, Barbara (Kurt) Buntin of Duke, Okla., and brother Robert (Dahna) Bates of Albuquerque, N.M., and two nieces and one nephew.

In addition to these relatives, who he loved very much, he is survived by many, many friends, who at times were as close as family.

Funeral services will be held 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 4, at the Edgar School Gymnasium, followed by a cowboy procession to Rockvale Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Carbon County Hospice or Gideons, Int.

Smith Funeral Chapel-Laurel was in charge of arrangements.

Kenneth A. Bates

CLEARMONT, Wyo.

Kenneth A. Bates, 84, of Clearmont, died Monday, Sept. 29, 2003, at the West View Care Center in Sheridan.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 4, at the Adams Funeral Home Chapel in Buffalo. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 3, and from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Saturday, at Adams Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will be in Willow Grove Cemetery.

DEC 23 2003**Edward Paul Battin**

MILES CITY — Edward Paul Battin, 73, passed away on Saturday, Dec. 20, 2003, at his home.

Visitation is on Tuesday with services at 10 a.m. Wednesday, all at Stephenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City. Interment will follow in the Eastern Montana State Veteran Cemetery.

Elizabeth Maershbecker Bauer

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FORSYTH — Elizabeth Maershbecker Bauer, 98, of Forsyth, formerly of Hysham and Billings, died Wednesday, Feb. 12, 2003 at the Rosebud Health Care Center in Forsyth.



**ELIZABETH
BAUER**

Elizabeth was born July 14, 1904 in Austria-Hungary, the daughter of Nicholas and Anna Weber Maershbecker. The family immigrated to the United States in 1907 aboard the freighter, Carpathia. She lived in Pennsylvania from 1907 to 1909. In April of 1909, the family left by railroad to homestead in Hebron, N.D.

On July 30, 1921, Elizabeth married George R. Bauer in Forsyth. They lived and farmed in the Hysham area for 50 years. Elizabeth moved to Billings in 1972 to live with her daughter, Bernadine. She loved gardening, flowers, crocheting, and was known to be a fabulous cook.

She is survived by her sons, Frank (Genevieve) Bauer of Billings, Max (Janice) Bauer of Forsyth, and John Bauer of Los

Angeles; her daughters, Bernadine of Billings, Cecelia (Harry) Downey of Butte, Yvonne (Norman) Olson of Seattle; her daughter-in-law, Tamara Bauer of Billings; a sister, Katherine Phillips of Milwaukee, Ore.; a brother Nicholas Maershbecker of Houston, Texas; 21 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren; and four great-great grandchildren.

Elizabeth was preceded in death by her husband, George; her sons, George, Jr. and James; and an infant daughter, Elizabeth.

Funeral Mass was celebrated 11 a.m. Monday, Feb. 17, at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Forsyth. Interment followed in the Forsyth Catholic Cemetery. Beals Mortuary of Forsyth is assisting the family with these arrangements.

Peter Baum

LONG BEACH, Calif. — Peter Baum, of Long Beach, 95, died Tuesday, Oct. 14, 2003, at Long Beach Memorial Medical Center.

Peter was born on Jan. 30, 1908, in Lincoln, Neb., to Jacob and Katherine Margaret (Bell) Baum. In 1911, his family moved to Montana and homesteaded on the Huntley Project, near Worden, where Peter grew up.

He married Ella Lee Agee on April 23, 1933, in Riverside. Peter was a master machinist at the Texaco Refinery in Wilmington, and retired in 1973.

Peter is survived by his wife of 70 years; daughter, Amy (Ken) Pivernetz; four grandchildren, Debra Sandy, Lisa (Mike) Anthony, Kimberly (Dan) Felix, Jonathan Pivernetz; five great-grandchildren; stepsister, Lydia Kindsfather of Laurel; sisters-in-law, Marie Baum, Martha Baum, both of Billings, Lydia Walters of Worden; and many much-loved nieces and nephews.

Peter was preceded in death by his parents; stepmother, Anna Elisabeth (Floth) Walters; daughter, Margaret Lee Sandy; three sisters, Katherine who died in infancy, Betty Enders, Esther Schneider; four brothers, Jack, Conrad, Bill, George; step-sisters; Mary Propp, Frieda Walters; stepbrother, Adam Walters.

Memorial service was held on Monday, Oct. 27, Memorial Chapel, Forest Lawn Cemetery, Long Beach, immediately followed by entombment. Masonic service officiated by Mr. Francis C. Tanner, P.M.

Agnes C. Baumgartner

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SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Agnes C. Baumgartner, 96, formerly of Buffalo, died Saturday, Jan. 4, 2003, at Sheridan Manor.

Rosary services will be at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 8, at Kane Funeral Home in Sheridan. A Mass of Christian Burial will be 10 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 9, at Holy Name Church. Interment of remains will be at a later date in Willow Grove Cemetery in Buffalo.

Margaret Mary Baumgartner

HELENA — Margaret Mary Baumgartner, age 82, passed away peacefully with loved ones present, on Sept. 11, 2003, at the Beehive Homes in Helena.



**MARGARET
BAUMGARTNER**

Margaret was the ninth of 10 children born July 12, 1921, to Mathias and Mary (Dengel) Baumgartner.

Margaret graduated from Billings High School in 1940, followed by a degree at the Billings Business College.

With WWII raging and women oftentimes taking jobs war-related, Margaret was employed by Burlington Railroad and Northern Pacific Transportation in the parts department. Margaret retired in a secretarial position after 40 years of service to this company.

Bowling was her favorite sport and she won many trophies. She donated these to the Special Olympics before moving to Beehive Homes.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers Jake, Pete, Matt, Francis I, Francis II, Bill and Hank; sisters Mary and Anna.

Survivors include sisters-in-law Ruth Baumgartner of Livingston, and Fern Frey of Missoula; brother-in-law Frank Bradbury of California; eight nieces and three nephews. Companions, dear friends and caregivers for many years in Helena are Jeannie Pfeffer and Lloyd Lippman.

A special thanks to all the caregivers at Beehive Homes. She loved them and they loved her in return. Two very special people at the home made her life complete. Those were P.J. (Emineth), who was Margaret's nurse, and joined her each evening before bedtime to recite the rosary. The second was Leslie Ludwig, who gently and lovingly cared for Margaret in her special way. Taking her to appointments, talking to the doctors in such a professional way and always loving Margaret for the special lady she always was.

Most important and precious in Margaret's life was family. She was a devoted daughter, sister and aunt.

She was so giving that her mother once told her, "You'll never have a dime! You'll either buy something for someone or give everything away."

Margaret was a 60-year member of the Little Flower Catholic Church. Her father helped build this church in 1931...and he was a donor of the bell. When Margaret lived in Billings and heard the bell chime at noon she always said, "It gives me warm fuzzies."

Cremation has taken place. Memorials to a charity of donor's choice.

Memorial services will be held at Smith Downtown Chapel, 120 N. 26th St., Billings, 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 20. Interment will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Smith Downtown Chapel of Billings Hagler-Anderson Funeral Home of Helena were entrusted with arrangements.

Louie Lawrence Bauwens

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

MAR 24 2003

FROMBERG
Louie Lawrence Bauwens passed away on March 21, 2003, doing what he loved, driving his truck.



**LOUIE
BAUWENS**

He was born in Billings on Feb. 10, 1937, to Lawrence and Victoria

(Segers) Bauwens. He was raised and educated in Fromberg.

He married Maris E. Steffan on Feb. 22, 1955. Together they farmed in the Fromberg area from the spring of 1955 raising sugar beets, grain and registered Hereford cattle for the next 37 years.

He was very active in the community. He was a leader for 10 years in the Golden Eagles 4-H Club. He served on the Fromberg Volunteer Fire Department for 40 years, 20 of those years as fire chief. He was a Carbon County Fairboard member for 30 years, just retiring this past winter. He served on the Fromberg School Board for 10 years. He also was reserve police officer for the town of Fromberg for a number of years.

He enjoyed riding horse for Lonnie Bell's March of Dimes Ride from Fromberg to Billings for several years.

He loved working with the kids and settled money disputes at the Carbon County Fair over the years.

He loved and enjoyed his family, especially playing pinochle and rummy at any time. He was always the first one to offer help to family and friends. He made the "rounds" of family to deliver M&Ms to the grandkids and now the great-grandkids.

He is survived by his wife, Maris; his son, Rick (Jo) Bauwens; his daughters, Teresa (Mark) Prins of Spencer, Wis., and Tina (Brad) Sticka; his grandchildren, Rikki (Bob) Zentner, Samantha (Andy) Rose, David (Michaela) Bauwens, Guy Bauwens, Chris Stewart and Kurt Prins; his great-grandchildren, Colette, Colter and Colby Zentner, and Breyden and Timothy Rose. He is also survived by his brother, Morris (Jody) Bauwens; sister, Mary Tucker; brother, Dirk (Kathy) Bauwens; step-brother, Mark Lievens; step-sister, Rita Bowman; sisters-in-law, Evie and Cherle Bauwens; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his two sons, Keneth and Timothy; his brothers, Roger and Albert; his parents; and step-mother, Mariette.

LOUIE LAURENCE
BAUWENS

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He will be missed by friends and family, especially at the holidays. Cards will never be the same. Good-bye Louie. We all love you!

Memorials may be sent to the Carbon County 4-H Council in care of the Extension Office in Joliet or to St. Joseph's Church in Fromberg.

A Rosary service will be 7 p.m. Monday, March 24, at St. Joseph's Church. Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Tuesday, March 25 at St. Joseph's.

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Donald Baxter

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FAIRVIEW — Donald Baxter died Sunday, May 25, 2003, at St. Vincent Healthcare in Billings.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, May 29, at the St. Matthew's Catholic Church in Sidney. Interment will be in the Fairview Cemetery. Fulkerson Funeral Home of Sidney is in charge.

Willie E. Baxter

At the age of 80, Willie Baxter died peacefully at his home, surrounded by his wife and children, on Monday, Sept. 15, 2003.

Willie was born in Andes, Mont., on Feb. 16, 1923, and was the son of Floyd and Dorothy Baxter.

Willie met Shirley Thiel in Sidney, and they were married on Aug. 3, 1953. They then moved to Western Montana. Willie was a construction worker, following construction jobs around the state, building roads, pipelines, campgrounds, as well as numerous other jobs. Willie started his own construction company in 1968, Willie E. Baxter & Sons Construction.

Willie loved hunting, fishing and camping and doing leather craft, which he enjoyed sharing with his family. He also loved watching sports and whenever possible, Willie attended the sports his grandchildren were involved with. In his later years, he could be found most afternoons rummaging scrape piles and auction sales, finding numerous treasures.



**WILLIE
BAXTER**

Willie leaves behind his wife of 50 years, Shirley; sons Edward (Nancy) Baxter of Billings, Da (Jo Lee) Baxter of Layton, Uta and daughter Dee Harper (Ro Blood) of Billings; grandchildren Cherie (Jerry) Grow, Sandy Baxter, Bradley, Shanna and Christie Baxter, Brandon (Jamie Schmidt, Steve Blood; great grandchildren, Kaylee, Blake and Logan Schmidt.

Willie is also survived by brothers Carl, Richard, Norman, Donald and Louis; sister Blanche, Grace, Evelyn, Dolly, Darlene and Donna. His parents Floyd and Dorothy Baxter; and his sister Ruth preceded him in death.

Visitation for Willie will be Thursday, Sept. 18, from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. at Dahl Funeral Chapel. Funeral Services will be 1 p.m. Friday, Sept. 19, at Dahl Funeral Chapel, with interment in Mountview Cemetery.

MAY 30 2003

Lyle Wayne Bayers

LOS ANGELES — Lyle Wayne Bayers, 90, of Los Angeles, passed away at his home on Thursday, May 8, 2003. Lyle was the son of Walter and Lena Bayers.

The Bayers family moved to Montana in 1915 and lived in Lewina, Roundup, Musselshell, Reed Point and Billings.

Lyle moved to California in 1943 to work for Douglas Aircraft and was involved in the aircraft industry until retiring in 1972. In 1943, he married Katherine Sherman, formerly of Huntley, Mont.

Survivors include his wife, Katherine; sons, Larry (Juanita) of Palmdale, and Mark of Los Angeles; and daughter, Maxine (Ken) Sopher of Athol, Idaho; seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Lyle also has one brother, Max (Florence) of Minnetonka, Minn.; and four sisters, Marie (Sidney) Fraser of Reed Point, Marval (Ronald) Kaping of Los Angeles, Lorraine (Albert) Wilson of Knoxville, Tenn., and Janice (Erie) Gross of Hardin, Mont.

Memorial services were held on Tuesday, May 13, and interment was in Holy Cross Cemetery in Culver City.

Edwin Johnston Bayne

Our hero, Ed Bayne, passed away peacefully on Saturday, July 19, 2003.

Edwin Johnston Bayne was born on Aug. 6, 1915, to Andrew and Matilda Bayne. His father was a "tough ol' Scot," and his mother a gentle angel who imparted upon Ed



EDWIN BAYNE

and his younger brother Doug equally the values they would carry their entire lives. It is impossible to imagine two brothers who could have been closer than Ed and his "little" brother Doug. Ed was raised in Billings and attended Roosevelt and McKinley Elementary schools and graduated from Billings High School in 1935.

Ed first got involved in Legion baseball at the age of 12. He played in the program for more than five years during which he played third base on Billings' first American Legion State Championship team in 1930. He played both basketball and football for the BHS Broncs and started on the varsity squad in both from his freshman to senior years. He helped lead the Broncs to three straight state football titles. He received a football scholarship to Washington State

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and played four years as a single wing quarterback and punter. He also played shortstop on the Washington State baseball team. As a sophomore, he received recognition in the Pacific Coast Conference in both sports. He was an Honorable Mention All-American in his junior year in football.

After graduating from Washington State, Ed returned to Billings and played semi-pro baseball for the Billings Merchants' team. Later he would help direct the Midland Empire Semi-Pro Baseball League. He was also a member of the Stockmen, a nationally recognized AAU basketball team before the days of professional basketball and traveled around the country playing in tournaments. Ed later served as the District Commissioner for the AAU basketball league.

On Nov. 5, 1940, Ed married his high school sweetheart, Marcella Ballard. He considered her the "best catch" he ever made. Their devotion and love for one another was a constant and theirs was the perfect part-

nership in every sense. Together they raised three children who learned what the word family really meant by the example their parents set every day of their lives.

When his country called, Ed answered and served in the Coast Guard during World War II in the Aleutian Islands and South Pacific for three years. After returning from the war, he went back to the job he loved at the Billings Fire Department. He was proud to serve the city of Billings and was honored to work alongside his fellow firemen. He and his fellow firemen worked hard to give food, clothing, and money to families in need. Through the fire department he became involved and was chairman of one of the first muscular dystrophy fundraising drives in Billings. Anyone who knew Ed Bayne, knew that if he had a dollar in his pocket, he would try to give it to someone who needed it more than him. He retired from the fire department in 1968 as a captain.

In 1948, at the special request of Fred Daylis, Ed agreed to take over the American Legion baseball program for one year. He returned to the program in 1950-51 as an assistant coach and helped guide Billings to two consecutive state championships.

In 1952, he took over as head coach for the second time (of three) and led Billings to its first state championship of his coach-

ing tenure. Over the years, his teams experienced an incredible level of success. He coached state championship teams in five different decades. During his tenure, his teams won 23 state championships, and he guided the Royals to 17 regionals, five sectionals, and four Legion World Series Tournaments. While Ed was proud of the athletic achievements of his players, he always made education his top priority. He was instrumental in helping arrange over 300 college scholarships for players.

Ed was a member of the Elks Club, was given a lifetime membership to the Midland Roundtable, was a director on the MetraPark Board for years, served on the Montana Governor's Physical Fitness Advisory Council, was a member of Al Bedoo Shrine Temple and Pryor Masonic Lodge, and was a lifetime member of American Legion Post 4.

Ed was given many civic and athletic awards over the years. But he didn't coach sports for any awards and recognition he would receive. Although quite honored, he always felt uncomfortable receiving them. He did not coach for any monetary gain that went along with coaching as there was none. Instead, he dedicated his life to coaching the boys he loved that played for him as if they were his own sons and wanted to help them become better men.

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Ed leaves a lasting legacy of the love he had for his family, friends, and "the boys." He was the greatest husband, father, brother, grandfather, and great-grandfather in the world.

Ed is survived by his wife of 62 years, Marcie Bayne; his brother and sister-in-law, Doug and Margaret Bayne; his children, Ed, Jr. (Diane) Bayne, Jack (Claudia) Bayne, and Marcia (Greg) Pehlke; his grandchildren, Kim Townsend, Keri (Burke) Kufeld, Tina (Chris) Bishop, Mark (Kara) Bayne, Melissa Bayne, Mike (Jessica) Pehlke, DeAnna (Patrick) Price, Kristi (Eric) Feit, Christy (Jesse) Ellerbee, and Chelsey Bayne; and his great-grandchildren, Kylie, Taylor, and Bailey Kufeld, Brielle, Cierra, and Madison Bishop, Halle Bayne, Alexandra and Victoria Pehlke, and Kristian Price.

Services will be 1 p.m. Wednesday, July 22, at First United Methodist Church (2800 4th Ave. N.). In lieu of flowers, memorials can be sent to the Eddie Bayne Memorial Fund for the Betterment of Youth, c/o First Interstate Bank, P.O. Box 30918, Billings, MT 59116, or to a charity or service organization of your choice. Smith Downtown Chapel is assisting with arrangements.

Cecelia E. Beadle

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LAUREL — Cecelia E. Beadle, 68, passed away the evening of Wednesday, Feb. 12, 2003, at home, surrounded by her family.



**CECELIA
BEADLE**

Cecelia was born Aug. 10, 1934, in Laurel, the daughter of Henry and Katherine Batt. She was the youngest of six children.

Cecelia married Ervin Beadle of Roundup on July 30, 1955. Together, they built their home in Laurel.

She was a lifetime member of St. John's Lutheran Church and active in the Lutheran Women's Missionary League.

Cecelia enjoyed cooking, baking and working in her garden, along with bowling and playing bunco. But first and foremost, she enjoyed taking care of her family and grandchildren.

Cecelia is survived by her husband Ervin of Laurel; son Mark (Cindy) of Billings; daughters, Barbara (Jim) Mothershead of Oskaloosa, Iowa, and Susan (Joe) Kusek of Billings.

Her grandchildren are Kristi Mothershead of Iowa City, Iowa, Katie and Nolan Mothershead of Oskaloosa, Iowa, Erin and Olivia Kusek of Billings.

Cecelia is also survived by her brother Ruben (Joan) Batt of Billings; sisters Helen LaVoy of Billings and Myrna (William) Knaub of Laurel; sister-in-law Lois Batt of Billings, along with five nieces and 11 nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brother Marvin Batt and sister Clara Kuchta.

Visitation will be held Sunday, Feb. 16, from 2 to 5 p.m. at Smith Funeral Chapel of Laurel. Funeral services will be Monday, Feb. 17, at 2 p.m., at St. John's Lutheran Church, with interment in Laurel Cemetery.

Memorials are suggested to St. John's Lutheran Church, Big Sky Hospice or Trinity Lutheran School.

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Gerald Calvin Bear, Jr.

BROCKTON — Gerald Calvin "Jerry" Bear Jr., 19, of Brockton, died Sunday, May 18, 2003.

A wake will begin at 3 p.m. Thursday, May 22, at the Brockton Cultural Center, with a prayer service at 7 p.m.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, May 23, at the Brockton Cultural Center. Interment will be in the Ft. Kipp Cemetery.

Clayton-Stevenson Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

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Aiden Bearcomesout

LAME DEER — Aiden Gabriel Bearcomesout was born Nov. 25, 2003, and returned to the Creator (Mahe'o) on Nov. 26, 2003.

Survivors include his parents, Dennis Red Woman and M. (Kills by the Water) Loren Bearcomesout of Lame Deer; great-grandparents, Gerald (Rita) Red Woman and Ethelene Jefferson of Lame Deer; maternal aunts and uncles, Picard (Vera Wolfblack) Wadda, Garette (Gin Rowland) Wadda, Jay Michael Wolfblack and Sheri Michael Wolfblack of Lame Deer; Sativa Wolfblack of Billings; paternal great-grandparent, Vera Beauchamp of Wolf Point; grandparents, Herman (Sharon) Bearcomesout, Charles Bearcomesout, Llevando (Phyl-lis) Fisher, Maryann, Mike and Peter Bearcomesout; paternal aunts and uncles, Neela (Leland) Jim of Maryland, Linda and Tawyna Bearcomesout of Lame Deer and numerous other aunts, uncles and cousins

We will always remember
you and love you.
Ne'stae'va'jo'se-vo'oma'tse
(We will see you again).

Private family graveside services were held in the Bearcomesout Family Cemetery. Bullis Mortuary of Hardin was entrusted with the arrangements.

Harry Bearcub, Jr.

PORTLAND, Ore. — Harry Bearcub, Jr., 61, formerly of Poplar, Mont., died June 20, 2003, in Portland.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, July 17, at the Chelsea Cemetery. Clayton Stevenson Memorial Chapel is in charge.

JUN 28 2003**Earl H. Beard**

Earl H. Beard, 87, of Billings, formerly of Las Vegas, died Thursday, June 26, 2003, at Billings Rehabilitation Center.

He was born July 14, 1915, at Morgan, Utah, the son of George and Norah (Nanney) Beard. At the age of 6, he and his family moved to Las Vegas. He graduated from Las Vegas High School and attended fire college in Las Vegas.

Earl served in the U.S. Army during WWII. He returned to Las Vegas, where he worked for the railroad and operated a shoe shop.

He married Evelyn Smith in 1939 in Riverside, Calif.

Earl worked for the North Las Vegas Fire Department for 30 years, retiring as captain in 1983. Due to ill health, he and his wife moved to Billings in September 2000 to be near family.

Earl was a member of the Masons, Scottish Rite, York Rite, Shrine, Order of Eastern Star and the White Shrine, all in Las Vegas.

Survivors include his wife, Evelyn, of Billings; two daugh-

ters, Joy A. (John) Eshelman of Worden and Earlene (Winfred) Johnson of Tulaahoma, Tenn.; son, David (Helen) Beard of Ridgecrest, Calif.; eight grand children and five great-grand children. He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister Dorothy Beard Solomon.

Funeral services will be held p.m. Wednesday, July 2, at the Palm Downtown Mortuary in Las Vegas. Entombment will be in the Palm Mausoleum.

Smith's Downtown Chapel in charge of Billings arrangements.

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Nellie Tallbull Beartusk

LAME DEER — Nellie Tallbull Beartusk, "Ma'esee'ta'e - Red Medicine Woman," 74, of Lame Deer, passed away in her home surrounded by family on Saturday, Nov. 22, 2003.

Nellie was born on Jan. 5, 1929, to Charles and Mary (Brady) Tallbull at Muddy Creek. She received her education at the Northern Cheyenne Boarding School in Dundy and grew up around the Muddy Creek and Lame Deer areas. She married Jerome Beartusk, Jr., on Feb. 2, 1960 and the couple made their home in Lame Deer. She worked as a Community Health Representative (CHR) in Lame Deer and was a Foster Parent for many years, opening her heart and home to all. Nellie enjoyed being around her grandchildren, crossword puzzles, reading, embroidery, and beadwork.

Nellie was preceded in death by her parents; stepfather, Albert Tallbull; her husband, Jerome "Jiggs" Beartusk, Jr.; her daughter, Bernadette Ann Beartusk; and her brothers, Bill, Charles, Henry, Joe, Matthew and Russell Tallbull.

Survivors include her daughters, Jeri (Merlin) Beartusk, Jeromena Beartusk, Myrtle Beartusk, Jermaine (Horace, Jr.)

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Little sun, Lucinda (Michael) Burns, Lillian Sullivant, and Althea (Clifford) Foote; her son, Harlan (Barbara) Tallbull; brothers, Nelson Tallbull and Jacob Tallbull; 30 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and one remaining sister-in-law, Ella Tallbull.

Wake service will be at 7 p.m., Monday evening, at the "White House" in Lane Deer. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 25, at the LDS Church in Lane Deer. Burial will follow at the Tallbull Family Cemetery at Muddy Creek. Bull's Mortuary of Hardin has been entrusted with the arrangements.

MAY 10 2008

Kevin P. Benschman

WOLF POINT — Kevin P. Benschman (Wounded By Airman) 43, died Wednesday, May 7, 2008, at the Northeast Montana Health Services Facility in Wolf Point, as the result of a recent vehicle accident.

Visitation will be from 3:00-8:00 p.m. Saturday, May 12, at the Clayton Memorial Chapel in Wolf Point. Funeral services will be at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, May 13, at the Clayton Memorial Chapel. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in Wolf Point.

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Mildred Beauchman

GLASGOW — Mildred Saindon Beauchman, 93, of Glasgow, died Wednesday, June 25, 2003, at Frances Mahon Deaconess Hospital in Glasgow.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, June 30, at the Evangelical Church. Interment will be in Highland Cemetery. Bell Mortuary of Glasgow is in charge.

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Robert L. (Bob) Beaver

A memorial service will be conducted Saturday, Oct. 18 at 10 a.m. at the Johnson Mortuary chapel in Kalispell, Mont., for Robert L. (Bob) Beaver, 82, who died Oct. 5 at the V.A. home in Columbia Falls, Mont.

Mr. Beaver was a former Northwest Community College faculty member.

He was born Nov. 20, 1920, in Denver, Colo., to Laird and Edith Beaver of Bayard, Nebr. After graduating from Bayard High School, he attended Nebraska State Teachers College. On Nov. 15, 1941, he married Donna Mae Stertz of Bridgeport, Nebr.

He joined the U.S. Navy in 1942 and served in the Pacific Theater of World War II. Following his honorable discharge in 1946, he attended the University of Wyoming where he received a bachelor's degree in mathematics, with minors in physical science and speech.

He taught high school math, physics, English, and speech in Superior from 1948-1957. He attended the University of Denver from 1951 to 1953 and received a master's degree in speech. He resumed teaching in Superior in 1953 and served as principal from 1955 to 1957.

In 1957, he attended Harvard University on a National Science Foundation fellowship to study the teaching of mathematics and physics.

He moved his family to Powell in 1958. He was an instructor of math and physics at Northwest Community College from 1958 to 1961 and assistant professor from 1961 to 1966.

In 1967, he moved to Kalispell where he was a founding faculty member of Flathead Valley Community College. He taught mathematics, physics and speech until he retired in 1979.

For many years, Mr. Beaver was active in the Democratic Party. He was a life member of the NRA and enjoyed hunting and fishing with family and friends. He kept numerous tropical fish aquariums and was an avid winemaker.

Survivors include his wife Donna of Kalispell; daughter, Kaye Brabec and husband Michael, of Ann Arbor, Mich.; his son, Jack Beaver and his family with Valerie Bronson, their sons, Norm and Jake Larsen and daughter Alyssa Larsen, all of Kalispell; and four grandchildren.

For those who wish, memorial donations to the Veterans Home in Columbia Falls, P.O. Box 250, Columbia Falls, MT 59912 would be appreciated by the family.

Lula Beaver

THERMOPOLIS, Wyo. —
Lula Beatrice Beaver, 91, died
Friday, March 14, 2003, at Hot
Springs County Memorial
Hospital.

Cremation has taken place.
Graveside services will be at 4
p.m. Saturday, March 22, at
Monument Hill Cemetery in
Thermopolis. Mortimore Funeral
Home of Thermopolis is in
charge.

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Brad A. Beavers

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Former Powell man killed in Gillette mine

A former Powell man was killed Tuesday morning, Sept. 9 in a mining accident south of Gillette.

Brad A. Beavers, 36, was fatally injured at the Belle Ayr Coal Mine about 20 miles south of Gillette, when he was struck by a tow rope hook that broke loose while he and another man were attempting to free a stuck vehicle, according to RAG Coal West spokesman Steven Laird.

No one else was hurt.

Beavers is the son of Jim and Barb Beavers of Powell.

He had worked as a produc-

tion technician at the mine for about four years, Laird said.

Beavers was transported to the Campbell County Memorial Hospital.

Laird said company officials are assisting Mine Safety and Health Administration officials and the Wyoming Mine Inspector in conducting an investigation into the accident.

Laird said RAG management and employees extend heartfelt condolences to his family.

Funeral services are tentatively planned for 3 p.m. Saturday at the Park County Fairgrounds.

Brad Allen Beavers

GILLETTE, Wyo. — Brad Allen Beavers, 36, of Gillette, died Tuesday morning, Sept. 9, 2003, in an accident at RAG Belle Ayre Mine.

Brad is the firstborn son of Barb and Jim Beavers of Powell. He was born Aug. 22, 1967, and grew up in Powell while attending elementary and middle schools. He graduated from Powell High School in 1987.

Following his graduation from high school, Brad learned and fine-tuned various traits and skills at different jobs with an assortment of companies, including, but not limited to: Crown Hill Cemetery, Sunlight Ranch, Jim's Exxon, Border's Exxon, Bill's Welding, Preator Construction, S & S Building and finally RAG Bell Ayre Mine.

Brad enjoyed the people he worked with and was a hardworking young man. He always had a smile and was forever scheming for the next prank on or with anyone fortunate enough to share workspace with him.



**BRAD
BEAVERS**

In June of 1994, Brad married Khristina Gwathney at his parents' cabin in the Beartooth Mountains. Brad and Khris lived in Powell until early 1999, when Brad took a job working with S & S Builders and moved his family to Gillette. Later that same year, Brad accepted a position driving Haul Truck for RAG Bell Ayre Mine.

Together, Brad and Khris have two cherished children, Bret Nicole (8), and Steven Jeffrey (2). Brad especially adored his children and viewed them as his pride and joy. During a conversation, he was once asked what he thought his greatest accomplishment was. Brad replied, "My kids; they are the most important and incomparable accomplishment of my life."

Brad savored spending time with his family any time he could, but especially at the cabin in the Beartooth Mountains, where he enthusiastically shared his love and knowledge of the outdoors with Bret and Steven. He enjoyed hunting, camping, hiking, horseback riding and packing, fly fishing and tying, float tubing, boating and just being in the outdoors.

Brad was a truly generous loving man with a heart of gold. He honestly did not know the meaning of selfish. As a father and husband, he was simply outstanding. He always looked for and often found the best way to lovingly keep his family happy, safe and together. As a friend, he was exceptional. He was always will to lend a helping hand, look out for the next guy, wanted **everyone** to be safe, give anyone the benefit of the doubt and was, above all, honest. In a short time, he touched so many lives in such a truly unforgettable way. He is loved and will be missed by all who knew him.

Brad was preceded in death by his brother, Bret; Granddad and Grandma Buck; and Granddad Bever.

Brad is survived by his wife, Khris Beavers; and two children, Bret and Steven Beavers, of Gillette; Grandma Mary Liz Bever; parents Barb and Jim Beavers; brother, Brian Beavers, sister-in-law, Erin Beavers, nephew Andy Beavers, of Powell; and many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews and many, many amazing friends.

Memorials may be directed to the college fund for his two precious children at First Interstate Bank in Gillette or Big Horn Federal in Powell.

A memorial service will be held in his honor 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13, at the Fairgrounds in Powell. A second memorial service in Gillette is still pending. Per Brad's known preference, attire will be casual and comfortable.

Miratsky-Easton Funeral Home in Powell is in charge of arrangements.

Molly Bechtold

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Molly Bechtold was called to her eternal home on Feb. 6, 2003, at the age of 89. She had been a resident at Valley Health Care Center for nearly five years.



**MOLLY
BECHTOLD**

Molly was born to Katherine and Andrew Manweiler on the Atlantic Ocean coming from Germany on June 25, 1913. She grew up in the Shepherd area and was the second oldest of 10 children. While there, she met Carl Bechtold and they were united in marriage on March 9, 1933. Together, they raised three sons and one daughter. They lived in many places throughout Montana and Wyoming, spending many years in Joliet.

She loved working in her garden and embroidering gifts for others. Molly was a member of Joliet Garden Club, Billings Bench Woman's Club and Joliet Lutheran Ladies Aid, where she enjoyed doing quilting and other projects to help the needy.

Molly is survived by her children, Fred, Ralph, Kenneth and his wife Virginia Bechtold, and Helen and her husband Richard Bailey, all of Billings; sisters, Frieda and

her husband Jack Gilmore of Powell, Wyo., and Lillian Scheafer of Billings; brother, William Manweiler and his wife Marie of Rockvale; 11 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews. Her husband Carl preceded her in death on July 18, 1984; along with her parents; three sisters, Mary Neff, Pauline Sikora and Amelia Heidema; three brothers, Carl, Alex and Henry Manweiler.

"Mom, we love you and will miss you, but your pain is gone now and you can be with Dad in heaven. Godspeed."

Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 11, at 11 a.m., at the Atonement Lutheran Church, with interment in Joliet Cemetery. Memorials may be made to American Cancer Society, 550 N. 31st, Suite 103, Billings, MT 59101. Dahl Funeral Chapel is making all the arrangements.

Emeria Beck

GILLETTE, Wyo. — Emeria Beck, 46, died Friday, Jan. 16, 2003, in Denver after an extended illness.

Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 21, at Mount Pisgah Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., Monday, Jan. 20. Stevenson Funeral Home of Gillette is in charge.

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Harvaco E. Beck

HARRY -- Harvaco E. Beck, 70, of Harry, died at her daughter's home in Harry on Dec. 2, 2003.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at the Chapel of Parham & Sons Funeral Home in Harry.

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HARDIN —
Maxine Beck, 84, longtime Hardin area resident, passed away Feb. 24, 2003, in the Big Horn County Memorial Nursing Home.

**MAXINE BECK**

She was born Nov. 16, 1918, in Plains, a daughter of Charles and Julia Malinak Maxson. She grew up in western Montana and received her education in Missoula, graduating from Missoula County High School in 1935.

While in school, she and her sister sang on the KGVO radio in Missoula and were known as the Maxson Sisters. She later attended college and became one of five certified dental assistants in Montana at the time of her graduation.

In the late 1930s, she moved to Big Horn County and worked many years as a dental assistant for area dentists. She later worked for the Big Horn County Extension Service for many years before her retirement.

Maxine married Harry Harlin and was later divorced. She later married Henry Beck and was later divorced.

She enjoyed reading, listening to music and watching old

movies. She was a member of the Christ E & R Church Daughters of the American Revolution and the American Red Cross.

Survivors include her daughter, Julianne (Harvey) Pitsch of Hardin; two sons, Robert (Sharon) Harlin of Hardin and William Beck of Oregon; her sister, Wiletta Purcell of Billings; her brother, Chuck Maxson of Alaska; her four grandchildren, Patrick (Mindy) and Mike Harlin, Brad Pitsch and Lisa (Dusty) Weber; and her four great-grandchildren, Bailey, Brooke, Mekayla and Ryan.

Funeral services will be held 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 28, in the Bullis Funeral Chapel. Interment will follow in the Fairview Cemetery. Bullis Mortuary of Hardin has been entrusted with the arrangements.

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

Leonard Leo Becker

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SUN CITY, Ariz. — Leonard Leo Becker died Thursday, April 3, 2003, in Sun City, Ariz., from complications of pulmonary fibrosis.

Leonard was born Dec. 13, 1935, in Billings. He graduated from Billings Central High School in '54. He married Marie Jean Schryver in August of '57, and he graduated from Eastern Montana College in '62 with a degree in education. His first teaching position was in Busby for one year before moving to Hardin to teach. In '67 they moved to Livingston where he taught junior high math until retiring in '88. He thoroughly enjoyed teaching, coaching, and working with kids. His students will remember all his wacky ties and the stories behind them all.



**LEONARD
BECKER**

Leonard loved spending time with his family and friends. His kids were raised to appreciate his love for the outdoors by camping, boating, tubing, hiking, fishing, and hunting. Leonard's smile was infectious. He loved telling jokes and making people smile. He never met a stranger!

His exuberance for life was contagious! In addition to being a wonderful husband, father, friend, teacher and Santa, his finest role was being a grandpa or "Bumpa," as his grandkids called him. When his health required that he be on oxygen, he was determined to continue to live life to its fullest. He put his oxygen in a backpack and kept right on going. He truly was a people person and he touched many lives. He will be dearly missed.

Survivors include his beloved wife, Marie, of 46 years; his two sons, Timothy of Salt Lake City, and Thomas (wife Maree) of Livingston; his two daughters, Michelle Goodwine of Livingston and Melissa Becker of Peoria, Ariz.; and four cherished grandchildren, Baily and Chaz Goodwine, Chad and Phillip Becker, all of Livingston. He is also survived by one brother, Donald Becker of Portland, Ore.; and three sisters, Helen Straw and Babe Goggins of Billings and Lorraine Cooke of Hacienda Heights, Calif., as well as numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in

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death by his parents, and
Florence Becker.

A memorial service will be
held at St. Mary's Catholic
Church at 11 a.m. on Tuesday,
April 3, with a celebration of
Leonard's life to follow in the
evening at St. Mary's School. Due to
Lenten observance, flowers will
not be displayed at the church.

Michael W. Becker

Michael W. Becker, 77, of Billings, passed away on Monday morning, Sept. 29, 2003, at St. Vincent Health-care.

Mike was born on July 16, 1926, in Bismarck, N.D., a son to Conrad and Beata (Barnhardt) Becker. He was raised and educated in Bismarck prior to entering the U.S. Army. While in the U.S. Army, Mike served in the European Theater during World War II.

Following his honorable discharge, Mike returned home before moving to Billings.

On June 21, 1952, Mike married Beverly D. Sherman in Billings. Mike worked as a machinist for H.S. Engine, Great Northern Tool. In 1962, Mike started working at the Western Sugar factory, retiring in 1991.

Mike was past commander of the American Legion, Post 4, past member of VFW, BPOE 394 and the Knights of Columbus. He was also a past president of the Teamsters' local. Mike enjoyed fishing, skiing and golfing with his family and friends and also his volunteer work at Eagle Mount.



**MICHAEL
BECKER**

Survivors include his wife Beverly; his three sons, Michael & (Kathryn) Becker of Portland Ore., Mark D. (Susan) Becker of Billings and Kevin D. (Christine) Becker of Albuquerque, N.M.; his three daughters, Andrea (Larry) Workman of Shepherd, Melissa (Ron) Dye and Karen Lloyd, both of Billings; two brothers, Jack Becker of Sidney and George (Irene) Becker of Renton, Wash. two sisters, Florentine (Herbert) Bohlman of New England, N.D. and Mary Jean Bauer of Bismarck; 17 grandchildren, Nell, Emily, Chloe and Sophie Becker, Amber and Tyler Becker, Zoe Becker, Larry, Bob, Chris, Chad and Lindsey Workman, Shane, Anna, Danielle, Mike and Sean Dye; and three great-grandchildren.

A vigil service will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 2, at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary. The funeral mass will be offered at 11 a.m. Friday, Oct. 3, at St. Thomas the Apostle Church. Interment with military honors will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens. Memorials may be made to Eagle Mount, 2822 Third Ave. N., Billings, MT 59101 or to the charity of one's choice.

Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

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Nellie E. Becker

GLENDIVE — Nellie E. Becker, 86, of Glendive, died Tuesday, Nov. 11, 2003, at the Glendive Medical Center Extended Care Facility.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 15, at the chapel of the Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home in Glendive. Interment will be in the Dawson Memorial Cemetery.

Russell Becker

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SIDNEY — Russell Becker, 44, of Sidney, died Friday, April 18, 2003, at his home.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 29, at Fulkerson Funeral Home Chapel in Sidney. Cremation has taken place.

Warren J. Becker Sr**FORSYTH**

Warren J. Becker Sr., age 79, passed away on Nov. 19, 2003, at St. Vincent Healthcare in Billings, following a courageous battle with several illnesses. Warren

**WARREN BECKER, SR.**

was born on Jan. 23, 1924, the son of John R. and Eugenia (Fink) Becker in Laurel. Warren moved with his family to various areas in the United States until settling in the Howard Valley west of Forsyth. Following his schooling, Warren returned to the farm and worked until he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in January of 1944.

Warren entered the Marine Corps as a volunteer through Salt Lake City. He was sent to the Marine Corps Base in San Diego, where he spent six weeks in basic training. Warren was then shipped overseas to serve in the South Pacific during World War II. He was later assigned to a unit that was involved in final combat action cleanup and surrender of enemy forces on several islands.

Warren was later attached to the First Marines Unit, which was sent into the invasion of Okinawa and Iwo Jima Islands. Warren also served in a special unit, which took new and special equipment into combat for field tests. Some of the equipment that Warren and his unit tested, such as the night vision equipment, is used a great deal today. Warren was then transferred to Headquarters Company and served with the commanding officer as an orderly.

Warren's unit was extensively involved with the surrender and capture of enemy forces from Okinawa. Following Okinawa, he was sent to Tiensen, China, for over a year to disarm and take as prisoners of war those of the enemy that would accept a surrender and repatriation to Japan.

Warren served in two campaigns along with the 13 months in China. Those that refused to surrender, the unit would then engage the enemy to force their surrender. In July of 1946, Warren was ordered home by the Commandant of the Marine Corps for immediate processing and separation from service.

Shortly after Warren returned to the United States, he met Dorothy Kurkowski. They were married on Aug. 3, 1947, in the Immaculate Conception Church in Forsyth. Together, they made their home on the family farm west of Forsyth. Warren later

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was a part of starting the Valley Auto Store. He was involved with the International Harvester Company as a pilot delivering parts to farmers and ranchers throughout the community, while also working as a police officer at night. He was then employed with the Electrolux Corporation as a salesperson in which he traveled throughout the eastern part of Montana. After that, Warren and his family moved to California where he worked at a manufacturing company producing concrete pumps. He later worked for the North American Rockwell Company in Tulsa, Okla., which made parts for the Apollo missions as well as for the Boeing 747 airplanes. They returned to Montana where Warren worked for Hallett Minerals in Vananda, and then later he started the Big Sky Service Station as well as the

Big Sky Cafe. At the age of 59, Warren received his real estate license and was the broker/owner of Big Sky Realty. Warren also served as mayor of Forsyth for a

four-year term and later retired due to failing health.

He enjoyed camping, fishing, gardening, canning, reading, but he especially enjoyed his family and friends. Warren is survived by his wife Dorothy of Forsyth; his children, Vonnie Ferguson (Dick) of Forsyth, John Becker (Marcheta) of Laurel, Denise Becker of Miles City, Tom Becker (Mila) of Forsyth, Dan Becker (Carla) of Colstrip, George Becker (Janet) of Forsyth, Shelley Gross of

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Billings, Betsy Gehrke (Ron) of Gillette, Wyo., and Renee Keyes (Mark) of Billings; his grandchildren, Warren Becker III (Christina) of San Diego, Amber Uhren (Jeff) of Billings, Brandi Fowler (Jeff) of Hamilton, Amber Schock of Miles City, Ashley Schock of Billings, Angie Schock of Laurel, Jeremy Brockel, Justin Brockel, and Damien Brockel, all of Billings, Cameron Brockel of Miles City, Tommy Becker, Jr. of Minneapolis, Jerry Becker of Alhambra, Ill., Alexandria Becker of Forsyth, Jeffrey Becker of Fort Carson, Colo., Jethro Becker of Phoenix, Ariz., Angela Hawker of San Francisco, Danny Becker (Angel) of Billings, Korry Becker of Colstrip, David Becker and Katrina Becker of Forsyth, Jana Becker of Miles City, Nick Gross of Saipan, Willy Gross and Ashley Gross of Billings, Kylie Gehrke and Kaylen Gehrke of Gillette, Courtney Keyes and Caitlin Keyes of Billings; his great-grandchildren, Skylar Wanke and Cayden Fowler of Hamilton, Brady Uhren and Emily Uhren of Billings, Colter Brockel, Mikaela Brockel and Alex Brockel of Billings, Riley Becker, Kobe Becker and McKenna Becker of Billings. Step-grandchildren and great-grandchildren, Sheri Seleg (Joe), Zachary, Myranda and Kelsey Seleg of Forsyth, Jennifer

Johnson (Bob) and Laura of Albion, Wash., and Bobbi George (Wade) and Jakob and Garrett of Glendive, and Justin Ferguson of Gillette.

Warren is also survived by two sisters, Esther Eastman and Gladine Nehus, both of Great Falls; one brother, Roderick Becker, of Belgrade; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, and one brother, Robert Becker.

A funeral mass will be 2 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 25, 2003, in the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Forsyth. Burial will be in the family lot of the Forsyth Cemetery. Visitation will be 11 a.m. until 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 24. A vigil will be held at 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 24, in the Chapel of Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Forsyth.

Memorials can be made to the American Lung Association or to a charity of one's choice.

Condolences can be sent to the Becker family at www.stevensonandsons.com

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

Valeria S. Becker

Valeria S. Becker, 86, passed away Wednesday, April 2, 2003, at Billings Health and Rehabilitation Community in Billings. She was born on March 9, 1917, in Clinton, Iowa, to Victor and Anna Sorensen. She graduated from Lyons High School and attended Mt. St. Claire College in Clinton where she received her associate's degree.



**VALERIA
BECKER**

Valeria lived in Clinton, Washington D.C., San Francisco, Sacramento, Calif., and Sedalia, Mo., before moving to Billings in 1956. On Feb. 12, 1943, she was united in marriage to Clarence M. Becker. They met while working together in the Government Printing Office in Washington D.C., just prior to the outbreak of World War II. She was preceded in death by her husband, who passed away in 1983.

Valeria enjoyed playing the clarinet and was extremely active in various groups within her church. She had an invariably sunny disposition, loved meeting new people and brought joy to all who came into her life.

Valeria is survived by two sons, Brian Becker from Annapolis, Md., and Eric Becker of Bellevue,

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Wash.; grandson Scott T. Becker of Atlanta; granddaughter Lisa M. Becker of Milwaukee; grandson Jeremy E. Becker of Seattle; granddaughter Lori K. Becker of Kirkland, Wash.; and great-grandson Jack R. Shuick of Milwaukee.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m., Monday, April 7, at First English Lutheran Church. Visitation will be at 4 to 6 p.m., Sunday, at the Dahl Funeral Chapel. Interment will be in Mountview Cemetery. Memorials may be made to First English Lutheran Church.

Fred Beckert

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Fred Beckert, 95, of Billings, died Thursday, Feb. 13, 2003, at Canyon Ridge Personal Care.

Cremation has taken place at Cremation or Funeral Gallery. Inurnment will take place at Rockvale Cemetery at a later date.

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Paul Beckley

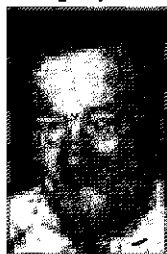
GILLETTE, Wyo. — Paul Lee Beckley, 76, of Gillette, died Monday, June 16, 2003, at the Sturgis (S.D.) VA Center of cancer.

Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, June 19, at the Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home Chapel in Gillette. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, June 20, at the Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home Chapel. Interment will follow in the Mt. Pisgah Cemetery in Gillette.

Gerald F. 'Gerry' Beckman

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Gerald F. "Gerry" Beckman was born on May 30, 1932, in Bottineau, N.D. He passed away from natural causes on April 7, 2003. Gerry worked for Peavey Company for 20 years and was a district manager for NC+ Hybrids until his retirement.



**GERRY
BECKMAN**

He was a member of Walleyes Unlimited, life member of the VFW and a member of the National Rifle Association.

Gerry loved to hunt, fish and spend time with his grandchildren. He left so many dear friends behind to miss his good fishing stories, helping hands and his patriotic spirit.

Survivors include his wife, Cathy; children, Melanie Shull, Grant Beckman, Forrest Beckman, Paul Beckman and Jeremy Beckman; stepchildren, Kim Stein, Kelly Mittlestadt, Karla Foster, John McCreary and Jim McCreary; eight grandchildren; and brothers Ervin and Allen. He was preceded in death by his grandson David.

Services will be held on April 10, at 2 p.m., at the VFW Post

6774, 637 Anchor, in the Billings Heights. Cremation or Funeral Gallery is in charge of funeral arrangements. The remains will be scattered in the Bob Marshall Wilderness.

Memorials may be made to the National Rifle Association or to the charity of your choice.

George Beckner

George Beckner was born Dec. 13, 1933, in Seattle, to George and Roberta Graham. His mother died when he was 6 weeks old. His grandmother, Carrie Graham, came to live with the family and raise George. George's mother was called Berta and in her honor, George was called Bert until age 12.

**GEORGE
BECKNER**

George's father died when George was 7½. His grandmother died when George was 8. He went to live with George and Mary Beckner in Ayer, Mass. The Beckners later adopted George.

In April 1946, the Beckners moved to Inglewood, Calif. George graduated from high school in 1952. He served two years in the United States Army, and for 18 months, served as a medical aidman in the 288th Armored Field Artillery Battalion in Hanau, Germany.

Upon returning to the United States, George received an honorable discharge from the army. He later attended college and graduated with a bachelor's degree. He married Laverne Hall in June of 1961. They resided in Gardena, Torrance and Simi Valley, Calif., where George taught school.

In 1974, the family moved to Billings, where George was employed with the Ryan Grocery Company. He serviced nonfoods in the IGA Stores in Southern and Western Montana.

George joined the Russell Stover Candies sales force in 1985. His territory included all of Montana, most of Wyoming, the panhandle of Idaho and part of Eastern Washington.

In June of 1990, George suffered a heart attack. After a two-month rest, George was able to continue working for Russell Stover Candies until March 1994, when he was diagnosed with congestive heart failure. This condition resulted in a medical retirement from Russell Stover Candies.

George loved his family and his home. He enjoyed Montana, its plains, its mountains and wildlife and its seasons. He really enjoyed life itself.

He leaves to mourn his beloved wife, Laverne; two sons and their wives, Larry and Amber of Great Falls, John and his wife Lynn of Billings; four grandchildren, Wesley, Justice, Duncan and Annie; and half-sister Carolyn Dion.

A graveside service will be held 11 a.m. Friday, Oct. 24, at Yellowstone Valley Memorial Park on Grand Ave. Viewing will be held Thursday, Oct. 23, 5 to 9 p.m., at Smith's West Chapel, 304 24th St. West.

Justin Alan Becktold

AUGUSTA — Justin Alan Becktold, 31, died Thursday, Oct. 23, 2003, at his home.

He was born April 8, 1972, in Great Falls, a son of Kenneth and Virginia Giest Becktold. He was raised in Billings and graduated from Skyview High School and then went on to graduate from the University of Idaho with a BS degree in agricultural education.

Justin married Michelle Weeks on Aug. 16, 1997. They made their home in Augusta, where Justin taught Vocational Agriculture and assumed the position of Head Football Coach and FFA advisor.

He enjoyed everything to do with hunting and wildlife and felt that he truly lived in God's country in Augusta.



**JUSTIN
BECKTOLD**

His grandparents, Carl and Molly Becktold and John and Bertha Giest; and his cousin, Candy Giest preceded Justin in death.

Survivors include his wife, Michelle (Weeks) Becktold; and his father-in-law, Randall Weeks of Augusta; Justin's parents, Kenneth and Virginia (Giest) Becktold; his sister, Kerri (Becktold) Smith and her husband, Gregory Smith; his nephew, Beau Mulvaney; and his step-nephews, Isaac and Rainer Smith, all of Billings; and his biological grandmother, LaVonne Brown of Missoula. Numerous aunts, uncles and cousins, also survive him.

Memorial services will be 2 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 29 in the Billings Atonement Lutheran Church. A service will also be held in Augusta at 4 p.m. Monday, Oct. 27 at the football field.

Bullis Mortuary of Hardin has been entrusted with the arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Augusta High School vocational education department.

Ira F. Beeler

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Ira F. Beeler, 86, died peacefully Thursday, Jan. 23, 2003, at the Valley Health Care Center.

Ira was born in Elsmore, Kan., on Jan. 27, 1916, the son of Lewis Frederick and Mae Kelly Beeler. The family moved to Billings in 1930. He graduated from Billings Senior High School in 1933 and received his law degree in 1941 at the University of Montana, graduating with honors. He practiced law locally until his retirement.



IRA BEELER

He married Dorothy K. Harlan of Billings on Dec. 21, 1941 (a day he referred to as the shortest day of the year and the longest night). She preceded him in death in 2001.

Ira's hobbies including amateur winemaking, traveling, fishing, hunting, camping and backpacking into the Beartooth Mountains.

He served in the U.S. Navy with the Pacific Fleet during WWII.

He is survived by a nephew, Paul L. (Patricia) DeWitt, MD, of Largo, Fla.; a niece, Carla Reinke of Seattle; and a sister-in-law, Helen Beeler of Ventura, Calif.

Memorial will be 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 25, at Cremation or Funeral Gallery, Eighth and St. Johns. Private inurnment will be at Sunset Memorial Gardens. Memorials may be made to the charity of choice.

Robert L. 'Bob' Beery

BILLINGS GAZETTE

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WOLF POINT — Robert L. "Bob" Beery, of Wolf Point, and Green Valley, Ariz., died Jan. 2, 2003, in Anacortes, Wash.

He was born on May 16, 1918, in Sidney, to L.J. and Maude (Varney) Beery. He spent his childhood on the homestead near Vida and attended country grade schools in McCone County. He graduated from Wolf Point High School in 1937, attended the University of Utah and earned a business degree from Kinman Business College in Spokane, Wash.

Bob married Elenore Muus on Sept. 14, 1940. She remained the love of his life and they celebrated their 62nd anniversary in 2002. Two children were born to this union: a daughter, Janice, and a son, Jim.

Bob was a farmer. He loved the cycle of springtime to harvest and farm equipment — his favorite times were the long days of seeding or harvesting on John Deere equipment. He also was a businessman. He worked for the Production Credit Association in the early 1940s and later served on its board of directors. He was a founder of Citizen's First National Bank in Wolf Point and served on its board of directors for many years. In the early 1950s, he was involved in an oil field supply business. In the 1960s and 1970s,

he was an owner of Triple Supply, a farm supply business in Wolf Point, and in the 1980s and '90s, was an owner of the Homestead Inn in Wolf Point.

He also was very civic minded. He was proud of the years he spent serving on the Wolf Point School Board of Trustees, where he was actively involved in the turbulent years following the high school fire and the construction of a new high school building. He served on the board of directors of the Farmers Union Elevator in Wolf Point for many years, during which time he was instrumental in shipping the first unit train of spring wheat from Montana to the West Coast, and in the construction of a concrete terminal elevator in Wolf Point.

He was an active member of First Lutheran Church in Wolf Point and an associate member of Desert Hills Lutheran Church of Green Valley. He was a member in several organizations, including the Elks, Masons, Scottish Rite and Al Bedoo Shrine.

He was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his wife, Elenore of Wolf Point, Green Valley, and currently residing in Anacortes; his daugh-

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ter, Jan Larson of Anacortes; son Jim and his wife Gen of Wolf Point; grandsons Derek Beery of Missoula and Dwight Lundstrom and his wife Shanna of Oak Harbor, Wash.; and great-grandchildren Jacob, Tucker and Hayley Lundstrom. He is also survived by several cousins in the Vida, Richey and Circle area, and by many friends in eastern Montana and Green Valley.

Dad taught us to love God and family, to care for the land and for animals, and to interact with laughter and care for those whom we encounter on our journey through life. He taught by example and will be missed by many.

Family services were held on Wednesday, Jan. 8, at Oak Harbor Lutheran Church. Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be held in Wolf Point at a later date. Memorials may be directed to the Shrine Children's Hospitals, the Wolf Point Schools Foundation (220 Fourth Ave. South, Wolf Point, MT 59201), or the charity of your choice.

John L. Behles

WILMINGTON GAZETTE

JAN 10 2003

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — John L. "Jack" Behles, 68, of Sheridan, died Jan. 7, 2003, in Victoria, Texas.

Vigil services will be at 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 10, at Champion Ferries Funeral Home in Sheridan. Funeral Liturgy will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 11, at Holy Name Catholic Church. Burial will be in the Elks' Section of Sheridan Municipal Cemetery.

Louis M. Behlow

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Pastor Louis M. Behlow, 52, of Sheridan, died Thursday, Feb. 20, 2003, at Memorial Hospital of Sheridan County. Memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 22, at Champion Ferries Funeral Home in Sheridan.

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Alex Behm

RIALTO, Calif.— Alex Behm, formerly of Laurel, Mont., died peacefully in his sleep Oct. 23, 2003 at his residence.

Alex and his wife Lorenc were married in Laurel and lived there until they moved to Oregon in 1968 and to California in 1978.

He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. His passion in his retirement was making copper-craft pictures and being affiliated with the Democratic Club.

He is survived by his spouse, Lorene; son, Duane (Annette) and their children, Lori, Patrick, and Michele all of Laurel; son, Richard (LaDonna) and their children, Trey, Taryn, Tamela and Tyler all of Riverside; daughter, Marquette (Ron) of Portland, Ore.; and two sisters, Kate Lackman of Missoula, Mont., and Emma Schoessler of Billings.

His extended family members include seven grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. on Monday Oct. 27 at McNearney Family Mortuary in Rialto.

Memorial donations in lieu of flowers may be made in his name to Odyssey Health Care (Hospice), Ramrod Senior Park, or the American Heart Association in San Bernardino.

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Nell B. Algard-Beltz

A graveside memorial service for Nell B. Algard-Beltz will be held at 10 a.m. July 7, at Sunset Memorial Gardens, 1721 Central

Billings, Mont. She was born Nov. 26, 1904, in Billings, Mont.

Funeral services will be held at Valley West Funeral Chapel & Security Mortuary Services were made by the funeral home.

She was a former resident of Big Timber and Roundup.

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Steve Lee Belcher

Steve Lee Belcher, 52, of Billings, passed away Tuesday, May 20, 2003. Steve was born March 11, 1951, in Miles City. Steve spent most of his life in Billings, graduating from West High School in 1970. Steve was active in the community.

Steve is survived by his father, Willie (Willie) Belcher of Billings; his mother, Virginia (Verna) Belcher of Billings; sisters, Barbara (Barbara) McCave of Billings; brother, Mark (Mark) Belcher of Chicago; brother, Paul (Paul) Belcher of New Orleans; and Leo (Kim) Belcher of Bozeman.

At Steve's request, cremation will take place.

A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, May 23, at the National Gallery.

Darlene Belew

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GREAT FALLS — Darlene Janice (Henning) Belew, 65, of Great Falls, died Thursday, April 24, 2003, at her home, of renal failure.

Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, at Croxford and Sons Funeral Home in Great Falls. Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday, April 28, at Highland Cemetery. Burial will be in Highland Cemetery.

Darlene D. Belgarde

WELLSVILLE GAZETTE

BROCKTON — Darlene D. Lone Fight Belgarde, 56, of Brockton, died Tuesday, Aug. 26, 2003, at Deaconess Billings Clinic, of cancer.

A wake service will be at 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 29, at Brockton Cultural Center. Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 30, at Brockton Cultural Center. Interment will be in Riverview Cemetery. Bell Mortuary of Glasgow is in charge.

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Paraska Belinski

Divine Liturgy of Christian Burial for Paraska Belinski, 104 of Billings, is Friday, March 14, 2003, at 10 a.m. at St. John's Ukrainian Catholic Church in Belfield, N.D., with Fr. Taras Miles and Fr. Michael Belinsky, C.S.C., concelebrating. Interment will follow at St. John's Ukrainian Cemetery.



**PARASKA
BELINSKI**

Visitation is Thursday, March 13, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Stevenson-Mischel-Olson Chapel continuing at St. John's Catholic Church from 4 to 9 p.m. with a Paraska at 7 p.m. led by Fr. Taras Miles.

Paraska (Haverlock) Belinski died on Monday, March 3, 2003, at St. John's Lutheran Retirement Home in Billings, where she had been a resident since April 17, 1979.

Paraska was born to Joseph and Alice (Pawluk) Haverlock on Aug. 5, 1898, in Galacia, Austria. She immigrated with her parents to the United States around 1900, settling in the Zenith-Belfield, N.D., area. Paraska married Nick Belinski on Nov. 4, 1914, in Ukraina, N.D., in St. Demetrius Catholic Church

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To this union were born three daughters and two sons. After their marriage, they homesteaded in the Badlands northwest of Belfield, moving briefly to the farming community of Belfield; thereafter moving to Little Falls, Minn., in 1937. In early 1940, the family moved to the Savage-Sidney, Mont., area, where they resided until their retirement in September 1960.

Paraska is survived by two sons, Sam Belinski, Austin, Minn., Wm. (Lori) Belinski, Billings; two daughters, Marie Basaraba, Columbia Falls, Mont., and Marcella (Victor) Paluch, Los Angeles; 19 grandchildren; 41 great-grandchildren, and 28 great-great-grandchildren. She is also survived by two sisters, Katherine Haverlock, Los Angeles, Genevieve Neesley, Corona, Calif., and one brother, Andrew Haverlock, Dickinson, N.D.

She is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Nick; one daughter, Pauline Tabatt; one grandson, Gregg Paluch; four brothers, Mike, John, Jim and Sam; two sisters, Anna Orbanosky, Mary Taraba; one daughter-in-law and two sons.

Memorial donations may be made to St. John's Lutheran Home Chapel Fund, Billings, MT.

Remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at stevensonfuneralhome.com.

Charlotte Bell

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PARK CITY — Charlotte Bell, 71, of Park City, passed away Wednesday morning, July 2, 2003, in her home.

Charlotte was born April 7, 1932, in Park City. She was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Charlotte was very active in the Senior Citizens Center and held the office of vice president.

On June 15, 1963, Charlotte married William Bell in Park City. They spent most of their life farming at Park City. They retired in 1984 and she continued to care for her garden, flowers and lawn. Charlotte enjoyed her outings with her friends, Marge and Verla. She loved her family and enjoyed being around them as often as she could. Friends and family remember her as a very caring and giving person.

Charlotte is preceded in death by her husband, Bill; three brothers, Carl, Sol, Herman; three sisters, Emily, Martha, Lucille; and one grandson, Tyler Ostwald.

She is survived by two sisters, Rachel Dove of Billings and Fay Gabel of Riverton, Wyo.; along with five children, Bonnie (Dennis) Harper of Park City, Sandy (John) Raiha of Butte, Ben (Sharlene) Hilderman of Fort Pierre, S.D., Laurie (Mark)

Ostwald of Elk River, Minn., James W. Bell of Phoenix. Charlotte had eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

"We will miss you, mom, but know that you are in a better place. You will be in our hearts forever."

Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Thursday, July 10, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Park City, with interment at Sunset Memorial Gardens in Billings. No visitation. Smith Funeral Chapel-Laurel is in charge of arrangements.

Lawrence Hubert Bell

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GLASGOW — Lawrence Hubert "Red" Bell, 69, of Glasgow, died Thursday, April 17, 2003, at the Horizon Hospice Home in Billings, of a brain tumor.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, April 21, at Bell Mortuary Chapel in Glasgow. Interment will be in Highland Cemetery in Glasgow.

Mitchel D. Bell

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LAUREL — Mitchel D. Bell was born March 9, 1957, and was raised and educated in Billings. He graduated from Billings West High School in 1975. He enlisted in the Army in the fall of 1975 and was honorably discharged while stationed in Germany. Mitchel married Connie Ludwigs on July 14, 1978, in Germany. He remained there for the next seven years, working as a machinist. His son Kevin Timo, was born April 29, 1979. They divorced and he returned to the U.S. in 1986.

He continued working as a welder and machinist, most recently at MRL in Laurel, where he made his home.

Mitchel was an avid golfer and had many friends at the Laurel Golf Club. He also enjoyed fishing and being in the great outdoors.

He passed away June 30, 2003, while traveling in Arizona.

He was preceded in death by his father, Billy E. Bell.

Survivors include his mother, Edna L. Bell of Billings; his son Kevin of Germany; two sisters, Barbara (Craig) O'Rourke of Rathdrum, Idaho, and Dianna (Dave) LaFurge of Billings.

Cremation has taken place and memorials services are planned for a later date.

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

Sara K. Owen Bell

GLASGOW — Sara Kirk Owen Bell, 54, passed away on Feb. 2, 2003, from inflammatory breast cancer at her home surrounded by her family and friends. She was a remarkably talented woman, beautiful to the core, and will be sadly missed by all who knew her. Sara's ability to rise above the specter of cancer, live to her utmost and bring joy and love to those around her was simply astounding.



SARA BELL

She was born Dec. 18, 1948, to Dr. James Griffith and Louis Margaret Owen. She lived in Vancouver, Wash., through her graduation from Hudson Bay High School in 1967. She graduated from the University of Washington School of Nursing with a BSRN in 1971. She married Dr. Gordon Lynn Bell on July 1, 1978, in Eugene, Ore. and moved to Glasgow to begin a prairie life as a wife, mother and nurse. They were blessed with three daughters, Katharine, Amy and Margaret. All three are very successfully involved with higher education. Her busy life also involved many hobbies, especial-

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ly singing, writing and cooking, plus volunteer positions with the Hospital Guild, the City-County Library and endless support to her children's activities.

Sara is survived by her father, Dr. James Owen (Vancouver, Wash.); her husband, Dr. Gordon Bell; three daughters, Katharine Lynn (senior in nursing in Missoula), Amy Elizabeth (senior pre-med in Bozeman), and Margaret Ann (freshman in Bozeman); cousins, nieces and friends, who have become so close as to feel like immediate family. She was preceded in death by her mother, Lois Margaret; and her sister, Lynn Margaret Owen Balz.

During her last days, Sara exhibited the poise, compassion and concern for others for which she has always been known. Her illness could not detract from her beauty and spirituality and for this she will always be remembered.

Funeral services will be 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 5, at the Glasgow High School Auditorium. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the FMDH Foundation, The American Cancer Society or a favorite charity.

Bell Mortuary in Glasgow is in charge of arrangements.

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Kristi Michelle Belle

Kristi Michelle Belle, age 40, of Billings, passed away Sunday, Dec. 14, 2003, at St. John's Lutheran Home.

Kristi was born in Sacramento, Calif., on March 22, 1963, the daughter of Virginia and Richard Bell. As a child, Kristi was educated in



Billings and **KRISTI BELLE** attended Burlington Elementary, Lewis & Clark Middle School and West High where she graduated in 1981.

Following high school, Kristi moved to Phoenix where she worked as a nursing home housekeeper. Her last position started in 1993 at St. John's Lutheran Ministries where she was very proud to be part of the housekeeping team. Her employment ended in 1998 due to her declining health and struggle with Huntington's Disease.

Kristi enjoyed art and music of all types. She especially cherished the time she spent with her valued friends and family, including special friends Sheila Kessler, Kathy Barta, Patty Driscoll, Melanie Jessen, and Honey Sheline.

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Surviving Kristi are her parents, Virginia and Richard of Laurel; step-brothers, Todd and his wife, Karen Bell of Fromberg and Deane and his wife, Laurie Bell of Seattle; grandmother, Edna DeHaven of Garrison, N.D., along with many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

Kristi is preceded in death by her sister, Susan in 1998 and by her grandfather, Leonard DeHaven.

Kristi's family would like to express their sincere thanks to the staff at St. Johns for their wonderful care and compassion for Kristi over the past two years.

A Celebration of Life Service is to be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 18, at Ocos Johnson Chapel in Chapel Court at St. John's Lutheran Ministries, 3940 Rimrock Road, Billings.

Memorials may be made to the St. John's Foundation, 3940 Rimrock Road, Billings, MT 59102, or to Huntington's Disease Society of America, 158 W. 29th St., 7th floor, New York City, NY 10001-2100.

Michelotti-Cawners is in charge of arrangements.

Stanley Bellrock Jr.

LODGE GRASS — Stanley Bellrock Jr., 54, of Lodge Grass, passed away early Friday morning, Sept. 19, 2003, in the Crow Agency IHS Hospital. Bi'awakussa Isi'tcheesh "Likes the spring season" was born March 24, 1949, in Crow Agency, a son of Stanley Bellrock Sr. and Elsie Rides the Horse. He was a direct descendent of Chief Bellrock.



**STANLEY
BELLROCK JR.**

His family and close friends also knew him as Ilukaashe "Proudly standing." He grew up in the Pryor area and received his education in Billings and Edgar. He was a member of the 1966 Montana State Basketball championship team for the Edgar Wildcats. Stanley later attended the Denver Art School to enhance his professional aspiration of becoming an artist. He painted old west scenes, skulls and shields that are displayed throughout the North-western United States. In his spare time, he played the guitar.

Stanley was a traditional person who loved Crow Hand-games and Sun Dances. He assisted the Pryor District to a Senior Handgame championship as a Back-up Guesser. He also led the Lodge Grass District to two Senior Tournament titles as a Medicine Man in 1991 and as a Head Guesser in 2002. He completed a Sioux Sun Dance piercing ceremony, as well as participating in several Crow Sun Dances.

He married Ruth Falls Down on Oct. 4, 1988, in Sheridan, Wyo. and the couple made their home in Lodge Grass. He was a member of the Ties the Bundle Clan and a child of the Bad War Deeds Clan.

His parents and a brother, Llewellyn, preceded Stanley in death.

Survivors include his wife, Ruth of Lodge Grass; his daughters, Bethany of Lodge Grass, Brandi of Washington, Brooke of Lame Deer and Roberta Falls Down of Billings; his sons, Dennis Swain of Missoula and Clifton (Valerie) Falls Down of Pryor; an adopted son, Dean Don't Mix of Lodge Grass; four sisters, Emma (Owen) Richardson, Melissa (Joe) Lopez, Charlotte and Julie Rides the Horse of Billings; two brothers,

Gordon (Phyllis) Pfaff Bull of Pryor and William Rides the Horse of Billings; 13 grandchildren, including a granddaughter, Tamara Aramjo, he was raising as his own. He also helped raise three other grandchildren, Darwina Falls Down, Stanley and Whitney Bull Tail; his aunts, Elizabeth Smart Enemy, Leona Rides the Horse, Amy Chief Stick and Margaret Big Head; his uncles, Samuel (Adaline) Plain Feather and Phillip (Martha) Beaumont; a special niece and nephews, Carrie Chasing Hawk, James (Roberta) Kellum and Henry Rides the Horse. He is also survived by his special friends and brothers, Steve Yapuncich and Duane (Donna) Boyer; as well as his extended family including the Bird Hat, Little Owl, Beaumont, Howe, Big Lake, Smart Enemy, Flat Lip, Top Sky, Gopher, Standing Rock, Small and Chief Goes Out families.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Monday, Sept. 22, in the Bullis Funeral Chapel. Interment will follow in the Pryor Cemetery. Bullis Mortuary of Hardin has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Aspen J. Belobraidic

Aspen J. Belobraidic, 24, of Billings went home to his Lord and Savior early Thursday morning, Aug. 14, 2003.

Born to Dudley and Kathleen Austin, Aspen was raised by his mother and adoptive father John Belobraidic. He grew up in Billings, graduating from West High School.



**ASPEN
BELOBRAIDIC**

Aspen worked as lead operator for Cedar Park Water and Sewer for four years and was currently an operator for Yellowstone Power Plant. He enjoyed the outdoors, camping and his family and friends. He was known for his humor, honesty and work ethic. Aspen had a big heart and was always willing to help others. Putting their needs and feelings ahead of his own. He was a member of Emmanuel Baptist Church and the IBEW.

Survivors include his parents, Kathleen and Ron Press of Billings, John and Mary Belobraidic of Missoula, and Dudley and Carol Austin of Willislika, Alaska; brothers and sisters, Aaron, Jenna and Allen Belobraidic of Billings and Shawn Belobraidic of Missoula; foster

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brothers and sister, Jennae Swift of Billings, Corey Wright of Chicago and Chris, Robert and Michael Marshall of Visalia, Calif; grand parents, Ken and Beth Hall, Ralph and Dee Belobraidic and Bev Austin, all of Billings; as well as numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

I would be true for there are those

who trust me,

I would be pure for there are those

who care,

I would be strong for there is much

to suffer,

I would be brave for there is much

to dare,

I would be friend of all, the foe, the friendless,

I would be giving and forget the gift,

I would be humble for I know my weakness,

I would look up, and laugh, and love,

and live.

And you did.

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C.M.L.

Aspen, you will be missed by all, but we will see you soon.

Visitation will begin 2 p.m. Monday, Aug. 18, at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 19 at Emmanuel Baptist Church with interment in Rockvale Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Skate Park at Emmanuel Baptist Church or Rev. Mac and Carol Cole, Big Horn Baptist Church, Ft. Smith, MT.

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Matthew J. Belus

Aug 31, 2003

BUFFALO, Wyo. — Mass of Christian Burial for Matt Belus, 8-year-old son of Dave and Leesa Belus, who passed away in an accident at the family ranch on Sunday, Aug. 31, 2003, will be celebrated Thursday, Sept. 4, at 10 a.m., from the St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Buffalo, with Father Charles Taylor as celebrant. A rosary will be recited Wednesday, Sept. 3, at 7 p.m., from the Catholic Church. Visitation will be held from the Adams Funeral Home Chapel on Wednesday, from 8 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. Friends may donate in Matt's memory to the Meadowlark Elementary School Computer Program in care of the Adams Funeral Home.

Matthew John Belus was born on April 24, 1995, in Buffalo, to Dave and Leesa Belus. He was a third grader at Meadowlark Elementary in Buffalo at the time of his death. Matt loved his family, with whom he lived an active, happy life on the ranch north of Buffalo. He loved riding with his dad on the tractor to plow

and feed the cows in the winter. He was an enthusiastic student who looked forward to school, especially math, reading and computers. His teachers, Mrs. Ruby and Miss Greiner, Mr. Gagliano, Miss Walker and Mrs. Marton were very special to him. His favorite year at school was preschool, which he called "pretty school" because of Mrs. Urruty, his teacher.

Matt was active in sports, especially soccer, wrestling and rodeo. In 2002, he was third in the state in his weight class. He had won numerous awards at the Johnson County Cowgirl and Youth Rodeos. He was the Junior All Around Runner-up in 2003. Matt was proud of his U10 Blast Soccer Team who was undefeated in 2002, and enjoyed the camaraderie of all his fellow teammates and coaches.

He cherished the time he spent on the family ranch, dragging calves at brandings on his horse, Doc, as well as team roping and hunting. He was an avid outdoor kid and loved fishing and shooting his bow and arrow. In his short eight years, Matt crammed in more fun than most people enjoy in a lifetime. His teachers and classmates remember him as a kind, caring young man who was always concerned about others and that everything was fair for everyone.

Matt is survived by his mom and dad, Leesa and Dave Belus; and sister Megan, all of Buffalo; his maternal grandparents, Al and Flo Steiert of Medicine Hat, Alberta; his paternal grandmother, Elizabeth Belus of Buffalo; numerous aunts, uncles and cousins, and a great host of friends, young and old.

Jacqueline Maxine 'Jackie' Bement

LAME DEER — Jacqueline Bement, age 81, of Lame Deer, passed away on Wednesday, Dec. 24, 2003, at St. Vincent Healthcare in Billings after a brief illness.

Jackie was born on Oct. 28, 1922, in Miles City, the daughter of Clarence and Emma (Burns) Bement. She was raised and attended schools in Lame Deer and also attended high school at Sacred Heart Catholic School in Miles City. After her schooling, Jackie began working for the Northern Cheyenne Tribe in Lame Deer.

She worked for 30 years as the treasurer for the tribe. After her retirement as treasurer, Jackie began working as the payroll clerk for the Northern Cheyenne Housing Department which she contin-

ued until the time of her death.

Jackie was a very caring and loving person, and was seldom seen without a smile on her face.



**JACKIE
BEMENT**

She enjoyed watching rodeos, especially team roping and always anticipated calving season, wanting to see the first-born calf of the year. Jackie loved her family and raised her granddaughter Bobbi Ann as her own.

Jackie is survived by her daughter, Alice Carlyne Wolf Black of Billings; her husband, James Wolf Black of Busby; her granddaughter, Bobbi Ann Old Crow and great-granddaughter,

Crystal Lynn Old Crow of Forsyth; her sister, Camille Duffy of Billings; her brother, Carl Bement of Lame Deer, and several nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Jesse and Mickey Bement and a sister, Geraldine Bement.

A Rosary service will be held on Sunday at 6 p.m. at the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Lame Deer. Funeral services will be held on Monday at 10 a.m. at the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Lame Deer. Interment will be held at a later date, Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home of Forsyth is in charge of the arrangements. Should friends wish, condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.stevensonandsons.com.

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Jesse G. Bement

ASHLAND — Jesse G. Bement, age 78, of Ashland, passed away on Tuesday, Dec. 9, 2003, in his home surrounded by his family after a short, courageous battle with cancer.

He was born on March 14, 1923, in Missoula, the son of Chauncy and Emma (Burns) Bement. He grew up in the Lame Deer area and attended school at St. Labre Mission. Most of his childhood years were spent with his grandparents, James and Julia Burns, and also with Grandma "B."

Jesse worked for the Bureau of Indian Affairs Roads Department for 17 years and for Bechtel Construction in Colstrip. He then went to work at St. Labre where he dedicated 43 years of his life. He was employed there until illness prevented him from working.

Jesse was united in marriage to Eldora Spotted Wolf on Oct. 10, 1943, at St. Labre Mission. Together, they made their home in the Lame Deer area and later moved to Ashland. To this union, six children were born.

Jesse enjoyed feeding his long-horn cows, farming and spending time in his garage. He was always doing something to keep busy. He

**JESSE BEMENT**

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especially enjoyed his job as a security officer where he spent the majority of his time, as well as having his part time co-pilot, Eldora, with him.

He is survived by his wife Eldora; three sons, Robert (Delores), Jimmy (Annie) and George (Georgia) Bement, all of Ashland; one daughter, Darlene (Jerry) Small of Kirby. They also raised a special grandson, Clayton (Anita) Small of Busby. Jesse is also survived by two sisters, Jackie Bement of Lame Deer and Camille Duffy of Billings; one brother, Carl Bement of Lame Deer; 14 grandchildren; 38 great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Jesse was preceded in death by his parents, two daughters, one brother and one sister.

A funeral mass will be on Saturday at 10 a.m. in the St. Labre Catholic Church in Ashland. Visitation will be on Friday from 1 to 5 p.m. in the Chapel of Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Forsyth. At Jesse's request there will not be a wake service, and cremation will take place after the funeral mass on Saturday.

The Bement family would like to express sincere appreciation to Dr. Purcell, Deaconess medical staff, Horizon Hospice Home staff, Northern Cheyenne Board of Health and Northern Cheyenne Ambulance Department, your services were very much appreciated.

Memorials can be made to the
Horizon Hospice Home 1019
Neptune Blvd., Billings, MT 59106
or to Big Sky Hospice in Billings.

Condolences can be sent to the
Bement family at [www.stevenson-
nandsons.com](http://www.stevenson-
nandsons.com).

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

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Eudora McKellips Bemis

Eudora McKellips Bemis, age 92, passed away peacefully in her sleep Dec. 11, 2003, at her son Dean's home in Billings.

She was born June 7, 1911, north of Billings at Comanche, the daughter of Tilghman and Iowa McKellips. Eudora grew up at Comanche during the Montana homestead era, attended grade school there and graduated from Broadview High School in 1930. She married Everard Bemis June 23, 1940. He preceded her in death in 1987. They made their home in Billings where they raised two sons and a daughter.

Eudora was a homemaker and a loving, gentle mother and grandmother and will be remembered for her green

thumb with plants. She always raised a beautiful flower garden and a large vegetable garden, sharing her bounty with her family and friends. She loved working with crafts and was always making gifts and decorations for her family, which they will always cherish.

She is survived by a sister, Alena Chestnut of Billings; three children, Frank (Donna) Bemis of Choteau, Dean (Virgene) Bemis of Billings, Eileen Dennis of Billings; four grandchildren; six great-grandchildren, and her special dog Susie.

Private family services are planned.

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

Norine (Leiby) Bender, age 90, of Billings passed away Wednesday, Feb. 19, 2003, at the Valley Health Care Center.

Norine was born Oct. 8, 1912, in Roundup. She received her education and graduated from Billings Senior High School.



**NORINE
BENDER**

On April 5, 1931, she married Gus Bender in Columbus. Together they ranched south of Billings on Blue Creek Road until 1964, when they moved to Billings to operate Bender's Auction on 34th Street W. and Central. Norine helped operate the business and was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary.

Norine is survived by her daughter, Donna Bender Kroh and husband John; two granddaughters, Sheri Haynes (Greg) and ShaLee Zitur (Chad); a grandson, Casey Hogue; and four great-grandchildren, Christopher and Taylor Haynes, and Zachary and Bowen Jacob Zitur, all of Billings. She was preceded in death by her husband, Gus, in 1991, a son, Donald, in 1986, and two brothers, William J. and J. Abram Leiby.

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Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, March 1, at Smith's West Chapel, 304 34th St. W. Interment followed at Sunset Memorial Gardens. Memorials may be made to Al Bedoo Shrine Transportation Fund, Salvation Army, Billings Animal Shelter, or a charity of one's choice.

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On Aug. 20, 2003, Rose passed away in Missoula, after spending her final four months residing with her son, due to failing health and leukemia.

Rose Florence Bender was born Jan. 22, 1917, to Phillip and Agnes (Dietz) Dinius at Glen Ullin, N.D. She attended Mott, N.D., public school system, where she lettered in women's basketball during the 1930s. Raised during the Depression, she was required to work for various area families at age 12, and at age 16 became a full-time nanny/housekeeper.

She was united in marriage to Elmer J. Bender at Baker on June 15, 1939. For 22 years, she and her husband owned and operated a business in Elgin, N.D., where she was an active member of various organizations.

On May 29, 1968, her husband of 30 years passed away, and in July 1970, she moved to Billings. While residing in Billings, she cared for her mother and brother, during which time she also worked for the Billings Senior Citizens Center. Rose never missed a day of work for 20 years. She officially retired on June 27, 1990, and occupied her time with hobby projects, collecting petrified rocks, reading, working in her yard, flowers.

embroidery work, and enjoyed visiting with all the wonderful neighbors she had during the years.

Surviving family members include her only son, Elmer Paul Bender, Missoula; one granddaughter, Suzanne Hughes of Pocatello, Idaho; and one grandson, Steven Bender, attending Montana State University in Bozeman; and numerous relatives and friends.

Rose was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Elmer J.; one daughter, Janice Ann, in infancy; two sisters, Bertha and Katherine; and two brothers, Jack and William.

Visitation is to be held on Saturday, Aug. 23, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Dahl Funeral Home, Billings, with services at Little Flower Catholic Church on Monday, Aug. 25, at 11 a.m., and interment at Holy Cross Cemetery. Family requests that all memorials be sent to the Little Flower Church in Billings, or your local Hospice program for cancer patients.

AUG - 6 2003*pg 1 of 2***MERRICK BENES**

GLENDIVE — Merrick Vladimir Benes, age 85, of Glendive, died on Sunday, Aug. 3, 2003, at the Glendive Medical Center, of pneumonia.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 7, at the Chapel of the Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home in Glendive, with Pastor Avis Anderson officiating. Interment will be in the Dawson Memorial Cemetery. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home is entrusted with arrangements.

Merrick was born on April 22, 1918, 15 miles southeast of Richey, on the homestead of his parents, Antonia and Frank Benes. Both of his parents immigrated from Czechoslovakia. Frank in 1905 and Antonia in 1912. At the age of 7, Merrick contracted polio. His mother used her healing skills and was able to save his leg. During the 1930s, Merrick worked on the Fort Peck Dam. He attended Morning Side Country School and graduated from

Richey High School with the class of 1938.

He then began farming with his father and in 1944 purchased a farm five miles south of Richey. Merrick met Lorraine Knutson at a dance in Richey and they were united in marriage on Nov. 16, 1947, in Richey. Together, they expanded the farm and raised three daughters, Laurel, Deborah and LaDonna. During this time he also served on the school board and the ASC Board.

Merrick was proud farmer of 65 years. Throughout his life, Merrick loved to talk politics and was an avid Democrat. He especially enjoyed dancing. All his life he appreciated nature, especially the deer, birds, the farm cats. He loved his cattle and they knew him when he called. Even after retiring, he made many trips to his farm, keeping active by taking care of his trees, equipment and generally enjoying being out in

Merrick

the country that he loved. He also enjoyed his grandchildren and great-grandchildren who all live in Montana.

Merrick is preceded in death by his parents and his grandson, Ryan Toomey.

Merrick is survived by his wife, Lorraine, of Glendive; three daughters, Laurel (Tom) Toomey of Glendive, Deborah (Mike) Novak of Billings and Rev. LaDonna Benes (Kim Tetens) of St. Paul, Minn.; four granddaughters, Jennifer (Dave) Stoner, Melissa (Patrick) Skillestad, Andrea (Tom) Mowat and Jenna Novak; two grandsons, Aaron and Brett Novak; great-granddaughters, Julia Stoner, Averie and Brecken Skillestad; great-grandsons, Jack Stoner and Douglas Mowat; his brother, Joe Benes of Richey; and his sister, Hanna Goss of Sidney.

My dearest husband, dad, grandfather, you may be gone for a moment from our sight, but you will live on in our hearts forever. Your loving wife, Lorraine.

Remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at www.silvernale-silha-funeralhome.com.

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Dale Berge

VOYAGING — Dale Berge, 83, of Volburg, died Friday, Nov. 7, 2003, at the Holy Rosary Health Center in Miles City.

Visitation will be Monday, Nov. 10, in the chapel of Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 11, at Grace Bible Church in Miles City. Interment will follow in the family lot of the Custer County Cemetery in Miles City.

Harry Bennett

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TERRY — Harry Earl Bennett, 84, died Thursday, Feb. 20, 2003, at the Prairie Community Nursing Home in Terry.

Cremation has taken place and a memorial service is being planned at a later date. Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home of Terry is in charge.

Josephine L. Bennett

Josephine Bennett, 91, died Tuesday, Sept. 9, 2003, in Aspen Meadows Nursing Home in Billings.

She is survived by her daughter, Mary and son-in-law Dennis Mahoney, six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Graveside services are planned at a later date at St. Peter's Cemetery in Lewiston, Maine.

Lobell Garman Bennett

Lobell Garman Bennett, age 76, died at home in Billings on Tuesday, Feb. 25, 2003. He was born to P.N. and Almira Buttermore Bennett in Hollywood on March 25, 1926. He joined sisters Katherine "Katie" and Mareme, and later brother Walter "Dick" completed the family.

He attended elementary schools in Alhambra and Pasadena, Calif., middle school in New Mexico, and graduated from high school in Pasadena. Lobell unfortunately contracted polio at age 13, from which his stepmother Mary Jane nursed him to health. He never let the polio's effects slow him or serve as an excuse. In 1943-45, he worked in defense plants for Douglas, Lockheed and Boeing. He attended Pasadena Junior College, then Washington State College in Pullman in 1945. In the summer of 1948, Lobell worked at a dude ranch, then taught school in McLeod. In 1949, he entered Montana State University in Missoula, and graduated in 1951 with a BA in education. In the summers of 1949-51, Lobell worked in Yellowstone Park as a cook's helper and bus driver. He



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BENNETT**

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taught school for a short time, then worked as a radio announcer at KFVO Missoula, KANA Anaconda and KOPR Butte.

On June 27, 1954, Lobell married Donna Fleshman in Dutton. That fall, he enrolled at the Graduate School of Theology in Oberlin, Ohio, and received a BD degree in 1957, becoming his family's fourth generation minister. He then took his first pastorate at and was ordained in the Congregational Christian Church in Brownhelm, Ohio. In June 1962, their first daughter, Dana Lynn, was born. In 1964, Lobell began serving the churches in Thompson Falls and Trout Creek, and later that year, their second daughter, Leslie Dawn, joined the family. He served churches in Butte (1969-71) and Missoula (interim 1971). Lobell helped his mother run the Bennett Cottage Grocery in Laurel in 1972, then moved the family to Billings to manage the Big Sky Apartments. He and Donna ministered to the low-income community there, as well as at Prairie Tower, until his retirement in 1993.

Lobell served the Billings and the Montana community in many ways over the years. He was counselor and director at Camp Mimanagish, president of the Montana Council of Churches

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(predecessor of Montana Association of Churches), cofounder and president of the Community Children's Choir, president and member of Parent Advisory Councils for Lincoln Junior High and Senior High, board member of Helping Hands, moderator and head usher at Mayflower Congregational Church, and coach and organizer for Billings girls' softball. He also made time to tutor his girls in math and drill them for spelling bees — they excelled in both. Lobell lovingly officiated at many of his nieces' and nephews' weddings, as well as those of his daughters.

Lobell and Donna enjoyed traveling and spending time with family. They journeyed to Australia and New Zealand, cruised the Mexican and Alaskan coasts, paddle-wheeled the Mississippi River, and flew to Boston to visit Dana and Dick with side trips to Maine, Cape Cod, Nova Scotia and Quebec City. They drove to the Oregon coast via visiting Leslie in Polson. Two of the most cherished trips they took were train trips across eastern Canada in 1997 and across western Canada in 1999, both with daughter Dana and son-in-law Mohammad.

Lobell was preceded in death by his parents and stepmother and his two sisters. He is survived by his beloved wife of 48-½ years, Donna; daughters Dana

(Mohammad) Karbassi of Billings and Leslie (David) Roche of Havre; grandchildren Hannah, Ryan, Benjamin and Tavan; brother Dick (Janet) of Connecticut; special nephew Doug (Jean) Gilman of California; "son" Dave Goldsworthy of Washington and "daughter" Colie Shields of Billings; and numerous friends and relatives.

Cremation has taken place, and memorial services will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Mayflower Congregational Church, 2940 Poly Drive, Billings, 59102; or to Big Sky Hospice, PO Box 35033, Billings, 59107.

Small in stature but so grand in spirit, Lobell inspired us to think through our words and actions. He supported us patiently, humorously, unwaveringly and with deep love. We miss you so much, and know you are with your God.

Robert Owen Bennett

Robert Owen Bennett, 69, of
Billings, died Friday, Oct. 3,
2000, at the VA Medical
Center in Billings.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Monday, Oct. 9, at the Billings Funeral Home. Burial will be in the Billings National Cemetery. The family requests that no flowers be sent. The family is being served by the Billings Funeral Home of Sheridan.

Roy Eugene Bennett

BILLINGS GAZETTE

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After a day of reflection and memories amid his family and friends, Roy died Feb. 8, 2003, at age 66, in Billings. Roy was born on March 22, 1936, the son of Elmer and Daisy Bennett.



ROY BENNETT

Roy graduated from Billings Senior High School and worked for the City of Billings for 34 years, serving first on the Traffic Department and then progressing from Traffic Superintendent to Superintendent of Sanitation and Landfill, and then finally serving his last four years as Operations' Superintendent. Roy served his country in the National Guard for nine years.

Roy enjoyed camping, fishing, hunting and motorcycle tours with the Rainmakers' Motorcycle Club. He was a devoted husband and father.

Roy survived by his wife Ginny; sons Joel (Kelly) Bennett and Rick (Therese) Mims; daughter Laura (David) Nelson-Voth; grandchildren; and three sisters; Helen (Sam) Melnick, Glenna Love and Ethel (Gary) Crosser, as well as many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his sister Isabe Hubbard.

After seven years of suffering with head trauma from a motorcycle accident, he has finally gone to be with the Lord!

Services will be held on Thursday, Feb. 13, at 2 p.m., at Emmanuel Baptist Church, 328 Shiloh Road. Donations may be sent to Deaconess Foundation for the Deaconess Hospital Caregiver Support Group.

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William W. Bennett

Basin, Wyo. — William W. "Bill" Bennett, 90, of Basin, died Monday, Nov. 3, 2003, while hunting elk in the mountains.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 6, at the United Methodist Church in Basin. Burial will follow in the Hillside View Cemetery in Basin. Arrangements by Family Funeral Directors, Inc., are in charge.

Jack Bennick

GILLETTE, Wyo. — Jack Bennick, 81, died Tuesday, Aug. 26, 2003, at Campbell County Memorial Hospital, of cancer.

Visitation will be from 1 to 4 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 28, at the Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home Chapel in Gillette. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, Aug. 29, at the First Baptist Church.

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Funeral Services

WALTER WYON - Crystal
 Funeral services for Walter Wyon, 81,
 of the Campbell County
 Hospital.

Funeral services will be at 11
 a.m. Tuesday at the Mt. Pleasant
 Cemetery Shelter in Gillette.
 Interment will follow at the Mt.
 Pleasant Cemetery. Visitation will
 be at 6 p.m. on Monday.
 Sherman Wilson Funeral Home
 of Gillette is in charge of arrange-
 ments.

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Charlotte Benson

GLASGOW — Charlotte Benson, 59, of Glasgow, died Sunday, Nov. 2, 2003, in Helena, of cancer.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 6, at Bell Mortuary Chapel in Glasgow. Burial will be in Highland Cemetery in Glasgow.

James M. Benson

BILLINGS GAZETTE

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James Mortensen Benson, 72, died Feb. 24, 2003, in Billings.

He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Clarabelle Baldwin Benson. He is also survived by his seven children, Debra (Brent) Parks of Billings, Jeffrey (Debi) Benson of Colstrip, Lance (Wendy) Benson of Billings, Lisa (David) Lewis of Billings, Karan (Michael) Reno of Mountain Home, Idaho, Bart (Laura) Benson of Billings and Joel Benson of Fort Lewis, Wash. He had 14 wonderful grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 27, at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 2929 Belvedere Drive. Interment with military honors at Yellowstone Valley Memorial Park Memorials to a charity of one's choice.

Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

Jane Benzel

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Jane Benzel, 69, of Sheridan, Wyo., formerly of Hardin passed away Saturday morning, Oct. 4, 2003, at the Sheridan Memorial Hospital. She was born Jan. 8, 1934, near Scottsbluff, Neb., a daughter of Peter and Lydia Schaneman. She grew up and received her education in the St. Xavier area.

Jane married Harold Benzel on Jan. 13, 1952, in Hardin and the couple made their home on the family farm north of Hardin for 42 years. The couple moved to Mabton, Wash. in the 1970s, where they owned and operated a vineyard before returning to Hardin in 1982.

She enjoyed gardening and the opportunity to observe good crops, but most especially enjoyed her grandchildren.

Her husband; parents; a daughter, Nancy Hoff; grandson, Denton Hoff; and brothers, Elmer, Jim and Harvey Schaneman preceded Jane in death.

Survivors include her son Greg and his wife, Linda (Dayton, Wyo.; her sister, Jane (Gordon) Peterman (Washington); her brothers, Fran (Katie), Jack and Don (Leah Schaneman of Washington; three grandchildren, Shane Hoff, Mile and Nathan Benzel; and two great-grandchildren, Ethan and Jordan.

The family appreciates the level of care that was provided to our mother while she was patient at the Sheridan Memorial Hospital.

Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday in the Bullis Funeral Chapel. Funeral services will be 1 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 9 in the Hardin First Congregational Church. 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 First Congregational Church, Hardin or the Big Horn County Historical Society.

Annals Knuth Beutz

Annals Beutz passed away on March 21, 2003, at her home.

She was born on Sept. 25, 1924, in Warden, to Philip and Marie Knuth. She moved to Billings and married Reinhold M. Beutz, who preceded her in death.

She is survived by her children, all of whom are deceased: Lynn (Tim) White and Robert (Betty) Beutz; and one grandchild, Frank. She is also survived by her sister, Emma Goshen of Billings, Esther Moore of Billings, Katherine Pettit of Billings, Moby Fox Sogren of Oregon and one brother, George Knuth of Texas.

There will be a graveside service at the Memorial Gardens on March 25, at 10 a.m. Smith-Dorsey's Funeral Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

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Lu H. 'Lucky Lu'

Benzinger

MALTA — Lu H. "Lucky Lu" Benzinger, age 79, died Thursday, June 19, 2003, at the Phillips County Hospital, of natural causes.

Viewing will be held at the Adams Memorial Chapel on Sunday, June 22. Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, June 23, at the Maka Lutheran Church, followed with burial of the ashes at the Malta Cemetery. Adams Funeral Home and Crematory of Malta is in charge of arrangements.

She was predeceased in death by her husband Harry and her daughter Donna. She is survived by her daughters, Lou Ann Benzinger of Pima, Ariz., Kari Opheim of Billings and Patty Benzinger of Billings; son, Lee Benzinger of Billings; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

**Rose Marie Comes
Last Mercier**

WOLF POINT — Rose Marie Comes Last Mercier, 73, died Wednesday, March 19, 2003, of natural causes.

A wake will be at 3 p.m., with prayer service at 7 p.m. on Monday, March 24, at the Wolf Point Community Hall. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. on Tuesday at the Wolf Point Community Hall. Interment will be in the Oswego Presbyterian Cemetery. Clayton Memorial Chapel is in charge.

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**Rose Marie
Comas Last Barcier**

WOLF POINT — Rose Marie Comas Last Barcier, 73, of Wolf Point, died March 19, 2003, at Park Home in Wolf Point.

A wake will begin at 3 p.m. Tuesday, March 26, with prayer service at 7 p.m. at the Wolf Point Community Hall. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, March 27, at the Community Hall. Interment will be in the Oswego Presbyterian Cemetery. Clayton Memorial Chapel is in charge.

Ardella J. Berg

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

MAR 16 2003

MARTINSDALE — Ardella J. Berg passed away at Deaconess Billings Clinic on Thursday, March 13, 2003, after a lengthy illness.

Ardella was born on Oct. 16, 1939, in Bonners Ferry, Idaho, to Richard and Minnie Smith. Ardella graduated from high school in Troy in 1957. On May 16, 1958, Ardella married Carl K. Berg and they moved to Martinsdale. She owned and operated Ardella's Cafe, her own restaurant, for five years in the early 70s.

Ardella's favorite pasttime was cooking for a large crowd. Ardella also enjoyed many other interests including reading, crocheting, playing cards or just passing time visiting with friends and family.

Ardella was an active member of Trinity Lutheran Church and Martinsdale Community Aid.

Ardella is survived by her three children, Carl (Debbie) Berg, Cathie (Ken) Garoutte, Ken (Kelli) Berg; seven grandchildren, Adam, Nathan, Lysee, Drew, Michael, Braidy and Caleb; her brother Melvin Smith; sisters Sheri Paasch and Bonnie Wrzesinski; her aunt Evelyn Mortenson; and numerous nieces and nephews. Ardella was preceded in death by her husband, Carl K. Berg.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Tuesday March 18, at Trinity Lutheran Church, Lennep, with Pastor Kristi Bummer officiating.

The family requests that any memorials be sent to Trinity Lutheran Church.

Perkins Funeral Home assisted the family with the arrangements.

Elihu D. 'Hu' Berg

Elihu D. "Hu" Berg, age 84, of Billings, died Wednesday, April 2, 2003, at his home.

He was born Feb. 25, 1919, at Sumner, Neb., son of Olaf and Maye (Barnes) Berg. He was raised in Nebraska and graduated from high school in Pleasanton, Neb., in 1936. He



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attended the University of Nebraska at Kearney, graduating in 1940. He served with the U.S. Army Air Corps from 1942 to 1945.

Hu married Janet L. "Jan" Campbell in 1944 at Westhampton Beach, Long Island, N.Y. After their marriage, they lived there until moving to Billings in 1946. He was a wildlife biologist for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Billings, retiring in 1976. He was an avid hunter and fisherman, and he volunteered at Friendship House of Christian Service; was a Boy Scout leader and merit badge counselor and coached Little League baseball and football.

He was a member of First Baptist Church, the Audubon Society, Nature Conservancy, ZooMontana, Pompey's Pillar Association, Montana

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Association for the Blind and Magic City Fly Fishers.

Hu is survived by his wife, Jan; three sons, Forrest E. (Christy) Berg of Bozeman, Jonathan P. Berg and William (Barbara) Berg, both of Portland, Ore.; and one daughter, Janelle M. Allen of Billings; 10 grandchildren, Dawn (Chris) Hunter, Barry Berg, Matthew Sarver, Lily Berg, Jesse Berg, Victoria Lozano, Greg Lozano, Weston Berg, Jennifer Allen and Beth Allen; and one great-grandson, Isiah Huggins-Lozano.

Private family services will be held at Smith West Chapel in Billings.

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

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Reuben N. Berg

FORT PECK — Reuben N. Berg, 86, of Fort Peck, passed away Sunday, Dec. 28, 2003, at Valley View Nursing Home in Glasgow.

Visitation will be 1 to 8 p.m. Tuesday with services at 10 a.m. Wednesday, all at Clayton Sorensen Memorial Chapel in Wolf Point. Interment will be in the Poplar City Cemetery.

Reuben N. Berg

BILLINGS GAZETTE

DEC 31 2003

FORT PECK — Reuben N. Berg, 86, of Fort Peck, passed away Sunday, Dec. 28, 2003, at Valley View Nursing Home in Glasgow. Reuben was born July 15, 1917, at the family home in Meeker County, Minn., to Paul and Ida Berg. He was one of 13 children. Reuben was baptized Sept. 16, 1917, at Ness Lutheran Church in Litchfield, Minn.



**REUBEN
BERG**

He attended a country school and worked at various jobs in the area. He married Ruth Ann Bachman on April 19, 1941. In 1949, he moved from Minnesota to Poplar where he worked hard to acquire his farm in 1961. A son, Craig Allen, was born July 18, 1955.

He took great pride in his farm and garden, providing potatoes for many friends and neighbors. He was an avid fisherman and hunter and hand crafted many ice fishing spears still used in this area. He belonged to St. John's Lutheran Church in Poplar, Northern Unlimited and District 5 Fiddlers Association.

Reuben married Helen Martin on Dec. 8, 1988. They lived at the Poplar farm until 1996 when they moved to Fort Peck.

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Reuben's first wife Ruth died in 1982 and his son Craig, in 1981. He is survived by his wife, Helen; three grandchildren, Brian (Rochelle) Berg and Keri (Paul) Furthmyre of Poplar and Courtney Berg of Hardin, and two great-grandchildren, Harlee Ryan Berg and Baylee Raye Furthmyre. One brother, Neil Berg of Wolf Point, and one sister, Nellie Martin of Grove City, Minn., sister-in-law, Phurney Berg of Litchfield, Minn., and numerous nieces and nephews also survive him.

His extended family included Helen's sons, Larry and Sara Martin and daughter Inga of Hood River, Ore., and Kevin and Doreen Martin of Culbertson and sons, Kile, Chase and Dylan. He enjoyed being a part of their lives.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Clayton Stevenson Memorial Chapel in Wolf Point with Pastor Martin Mock of Glasgow officiating. A reception will be held at the Sherman Motor Inn immediately following the service with interment following at the Poplar City Cemetery. Condolences may be sent to the family at esmc@nemonteknet or www.stevensonandsons.com. Clayton Stevenson Memorial Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Ruth Hoey Berg

LENNEP —
Ruth Laura
Hoey Berg
departed this life
to be with her
precious Lord,
Sept. 28, 2003.

She was born
in St. Louis, June
13, 1924, to Vera
(Olsen) and
Herbert Hoey.

The family moved to Bozeman in the midst of the Depression, when her father went to work for his brother Frank at Bozeman Sheet Metal in 1935.

At Gallatin High School, she discovered God's gift of singing. Blessed with an incredible soprano voice, she developed her talent under the direction of her beloved teachers Conrad Sandvig and Wilbur Anders. Through them, she discovered two other loves in her life, the Lutheran church and James Berg, who she married in 1943. They were to be together for 60 years. Upon their marriage, they moved to Lennep and the Berg Ranch, where she, totally unprepared, was thrust into ranch life, cooking for large ranch crews, gardening, canning and always singing. She loved the musical Berg family and cherished those evenings around the



RUTH BERG

piano, violin, trumpet and clarinet, doing music with Jim Oswald, Mr. Sandvig, Marion Ozzie, and Lois Marie. Daughters Connie and son Rick were born in those first five years.

Ruth was a gracious counselor and listener. Many people in varied forms of sadness and crises sat at Ruth's kitchen table and talked. She also evolved into a wonderful cook and the first moments of your visit would be spent watching her scurry to round up the coffee and food.

For over 25 years, Ruth organized and taught the local Sunday School and planned the traditional Lennep Church Christmas programs. She was Lennep-Martinsdale's designated singer. One local remarked, "You weren't officially married if Ruth didn't sing at your wedding." And what a grandma. How blessed were John, David, Kari, and Solveig to be rocked in Ruth's arms as she sang beautiful lullabies. Ruth and Jim traveled extensively and spent nearly 20 winters at their other home in Arizona.

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Her last few years were spent in the lost world of dementia, but her eyes would still light up and she would pat your hand when you sat by her side.

She is survived by her lifelong love, James (Jim) of Lennep; daughter and son-in-law Connie and Don Stoutt of Montrose, Colo.; son and daughter-in-law Richard "Rick" and Gayle of Lennep; brother Herb (Kathryn) Hoey of Mesa, Ariz.; grandchildren John and Jenn Bakken of Salt Lake City, David and Caroline Bakken of Denver, Karl and Charlie Marks of Pullman, Wash., Solveig Berg of Tacoma, Wash., and Lenny; and great-grandchildren Nicholas and Mariah Bakken.

Memorial services will be held at a later date. Family suggests memorials to Trinity Lutheran Church of Lennep-Martinsdale or the Alzheimer's Association. Twichel Funeral Home assisted the family with the services.

Theresa Loretta Berg

FT. WASHAKIE, Wyo. —

Theresa Loretta Berg, age 71, died at Morning Star Manor in Ft. Washakie, on Sept. 21, 2003. She was born in Shawmut, Mont., on Oct. 25, 1931, the daughter of Mathias and Martha (Zier) Fochs. Graveside services will be held in Harlowton, Mont., at 10 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 24.

She married Richard E. Berg, Sept. 24, 1949, in Shawmut. They ranched in Shawmut for many years and raised four children. They later sold the ranch and moved to Harlowton.

Following the death of her husband, she moved to Lander to be near family. Theresa liked to collect antiques, crochet, garden, going to yard sales and spending time with her family. She was a member of the Catholic faith.

She is survived by daughters Kathy Sue Skilbred, Glenrock and Brenda and Ed Leonardi Lander; and sons Brad and Cry: Berg, Schuylkill Hills, Pa., and Scott and Carrie Berg, Benton Ark. Also by a sister, Agnes Fochs, Shawmut; and brother Raymond Fochs, Shawmut; grandchildren, Angie Leonardi, Lander, Jill and Kraig Wilson, Grand Forks, N.D., Andrew, Matt Skilbred, Glenrock, Jake, Zach, Jordan, Caleb Berg, Schuylkill Hills, Zach, Bailey, Eli Berg, Benton. Also by numerous nieces and nephews. Her parents, husband and grandson Tucker Berg preceded her in death.

Edward F. Berger

LEWISTOWN — Edward F. (Benny) Berger, 80, died Saturday, Oct. 4, 2003, at his home.

Memorial services will be 11 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 8, in the First Presbyterian Church. Cloyd Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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SAND SPRINGS — Paul W. Berger, 82, of Sand Springs, died Saturday, April 12, 2003, at the Central Montana Medical Center, in Lewistown, of emphysema and congestive heart failure.

Visitation will be held Wednesday, April 16, in the Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home chapel in Jordan. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, April 17, at the VFW Hall in Jordan. A luncheon will immediately follow at the VFW Hall. Burial will be at 3 p.m. Thursday, in the family lot in the Dilo Cemetery at the Berger Ranch.

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SAND SPRINGS — America lost a modern-day hero when Paul W. Berger, age 82, of Sand Springs, passed away Saturday, April 12, 2003, at the Central Montana Medical Center in Lewistown, after years of courageously battling emphysema and congestive heart failure.

Paul was born April 7, 1921, in Kellogg, Idaho, the only child of Pete Berger and Ruth (Westman) Berger. Paul's dad homesteaded south of Content at the head of Carb Creek and Timber Creek on

**PAUL BERGER**

the Owlhoot Trail south of Malta and worked in the mines in Kellogg during the depression. His mother Ruth taught country school.

Paul's parents both died when he was a small child. He was raised by his grandparents, Andrew and Margaret Westman of Content and later his aunt Myrtle (Westman) Burke and Junior Burke in south Valley County. They lived on the Missouri River until, as Paul put it, "They drowned us out when they built the Fort Peck Dam."

Paul's formal education consisted of a year at Tallow Creek School and two or three in Malta. He quit grade school and worked on the home ranch until he was 13, when he decided if he was going to do a man's work, he wanted to earn a man's wages. He saddled up his white horse, Chum, tied on his bedroll and rode some 35 miles to the John Etchart ranch, where he was hired on punching cows, breaking horses and working 30 to 40,000 head of sheep, herding them up into the Porcupine and lambing about 15,000 head of ewes. Wages were \$30 dollars a month cowboying and \$40 for lambing. He also worked for Leila

and Mitch Oxarart for a time. When he was 15, he started driving a delivery truck for Tom Markle Transfer in Glasgow in the winter; he hauled loads into Iowa and up to Great Falls to haul generators for the Fort Peck Dam and hay to ranchers or whatever they had to haul. Paul said, "I didn't like it in town. In the summer-time, I had to get out in the country." He put 700,000 miles on their truck-hauling cattle in to the sale ring. Paul was told he had a job there anytime he wanted it.

Paul decided right away he was going to have a ranch someday. He saved his money and bought one cow at a time and kept them wherever he could find pasture. He said "I was just a snott-nosed kid and I was running cattle on the open range and people didn't like it." The winter of 1949 and '50 he leased the Marvin Browning ranch, and pastured his cattle with Marvin's, riding out in -65 degree weather to haul cake to the cattle on the edge of Fort Peck Lake. He spent many winters in cow camps alone, subsisting on venison, antelope and the makings of sourdough biscuits and hotcakes. Paul said, "I was doin' what I wanted to do...what more could you ask?"

Paul bought his first ranch from Fremont Gideon and later on, some irrigated land south of Glasgow. In 1958, he bought a ranch on Logepole Creek, north of Sand Springs and moved there.

Paul married Erma "Rosie" Pense in 1976. They divorced in 1999. Paul and Rosie were the victims of a collusion between federal Fish & Wildlife agents and CNN and one assistant U.S. attorney when 21 federal agents raided their ranch March 24, 1993, and accused Paul of poisoning eagles. Paul went to trial, was acquitted of all charges except a minor misdemeanor of improper use of a pesticide which he pled guilty to in order to get his pickups back on the ranch.

Paul became a hero to people from all walks of life, especially ranchers and farmers, when he sued U.S.F.W.S., CNN and the United States for trespass and trampling on his Fourth Amendment rights. Paul won a landmark decision in the Supreme Court of the United States that will help prevent further erosion of Constitutional Rights. Newspapers across the United States followed the case for eight years until CNN and the Federal Government settled with him in May of 2001. Paul was one of those rare people of character and principal who stood for what he believed in and 10 years after the raid, strangers would still approach him and thank him for fighting and winning a battle with overzealous government agents who most people felt used him and Rosie as a potential stepping

Paul W. Berger

stone to fame and glory on worldwide CNN telecasts.

Paul never asked for any breaks and only wanted to keep what he had worked for. He loved the Missouri River Breaks and when he stepped out the door he was in God's church.

Paul married Helen Duvall-Arthur, May 12, 2001. They have lived on the ranch spring through fall when Paul actively ran the ranch. Paul retired last year and they spent the last two winters in Lewistown.

Survivors include his wife; stepchildren, Lonnie (Jamie) Arthur of Fairfield, Lisa Counts of Belgrade, Lori (Del) Henke of Great Falls; adopted son, Mark Johnson, Katie and children Lennae, Ethan, Raina and Melanie of Sand Springs; adopted daughter, Barbara Berg of Lewistown and children Jon Berg of Butte, Paula and husband Torrey Sullivan of Missoula, Karen of Lewistown; and many grandchildren two great-grandchildren; his mother-in-law,

"Mom Duvall" of Landusky; and cousins Don Burke of Glasgow, Gwen Williams of Mission Viejo, Calif., Jean Sledge of Comanche, Texas, Paul Berger of Kalispell and Carroll, Ira and Gary Ferestad of Scobey; and many extended family; and his faithful sheepdog, Jack.

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Visitation will be held Wednesday, April 16, in the chapel in Jordan. Funeral services will be held Thursday, April 17, at 11 a.m. at the VFW Hall in Jordan. A luncheon will immediately follow at the hall. Burial will be held at 3 p.m. in the family lot in the Dilo Cemetery at the Berger Ranch with family and friends. Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home of Miles City is in charge of the arrangements.

Should friends desire, memorials may be made to the VFW Maintenance Fund in Jordan.

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Margaret E. Bergsing

LIVINGSTON — Margaret E. Bergsing, 98, of Livingston, died Tuesday afternoon, May 27, 2003, at Livingston Health and Rehab Center. Cremation has taken place at Franzen-Davis Crematory. Memorial services will be 1:30 p.m. Monday, June 2, at American Lutheran Church, corner of F and Lewis St. The Rev. Roger Churness will officiate. Arrangements are under the direction of Franzen-Davis Funeral Home in Livingston.

Margaret was born Sept. 9, 1904, in Elma, Iowa, the daughter of George and Grace (Young) Shelhamer. She came with her family to Montana and spent her early life and attended school on Rock Creek, east of Clyde Park. After graduating from high school in Clyde Park in 1926, she attended Intermountain College in Helena, majoring in English and graduating with a degree in education. Margaret taught at schools in Stanford and Barber, where she met Paul Bergsing in 1926. They were married on June 23 of that year, and Margaret continued to teach until 1934. They then moved to a ranch on the Musselshell River, at Barber, where they lived until 1947, when they moved to Shawmut. In 1950, the family came

to Livingston, and in 1952, she went to work at the Jet Cleaners and was employed there until 1962. They then moved to Corwin Springs and ranched until moving to Laurel. In 1968, Paul operated feed lots with his son, Paul Jr. until retiring in 1971 when the couple returned to Livingston.

Even in retirement, Margaret stayed busy. She was an excellent seamstress and worked out of her home, sewing and altering clothing until she was 93 years old. Paul died in 1989, and Margaret moved in with her son, Paul Jr. She was a member of the Women of the Moose, Order of Eastern Star, Sapphira Temple of the Daughters of the Nile, and was a member of American Lutheran Church for many years. She dearly loved her family, including her many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Survivors include three sons, Paul A. "Aussie" Bergsing Jr., of Livingston, Larry Bergsing and his wife, Kay, of Alliance, Neb., and Dean Bergsing of Livingston; a daughter, Peggy Moolick and her husband, Terry, of Chatteroy,

Wash.; two brothers, Eric Shelhamer of Billings and Clinton Shelhamer of Livingston; 11 grandchildren, Robert Bergsing and his wife, Debbie, of Butte, Paula Bergsing of Livingston, Kim Cockrum and her husband, Mike, of Colorado Springs, Colo., Curt Bergsing of Las Vegas, Kelly Bergsing and his wife, Desiree, of Livingston, Darren Bergsing of Salt Lake City, Jory Bergsing of Denver, Jerry Moolick and his wife, Kristen, of Spokane, Wash., Patty Schutz and her husband, Cary, and Tammie Yout and her husband, Rob, all of Spokane, and Max Bergsing and his wife, Nikki, of Livingston; step-grandchildren Doyle Lee and his wife, Michelle, and Tina Lee, all of Butte; 20 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. In addition to her husband, Margaret was preceded in death by her parents, four brothers, Asa, Jamie, Lloyd and Harold Shelhamer; and two sisters, Inez Egeler and Helen Waland.

Margaret will be missed deeply by all of her family and her many friends. "Rest in peace, dear lady."

If desired, memorials may be directed to the Shriners' Children's Hospital, P.O. Box 2472, Spokane, WA 99210-2472.

Patsy Jean Bergstrom

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FEB 13 2003

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Patsy Jean Bergstrom, 76, of Sheridan, died Sunday, Feb. 9, 2003, at Deaconess Billings Clinic.

A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 15, at Champion Ferries Funeral Home in Sheridan.

Paul L. Berlinsky

May 12, 1911 - April 1, 2003

Paul Berlinsky, 91, of Billings, passed away early in the morning at Parkview Care Center, Tuesday, April 1, 2003. He was a patient there for three years with Alzheimer's.

Paul was born May 12, 1911, in Sand Coulee; he was the second child of Peter and Eugenia Berlinsky.



**PAUL
BERLINSKY**

In 1939, Paul married Georgia Adams. They had two children, Rosemary and John. Paul later married Lola Hankel on Oct. 29, 1973.

He served in the U.S. Navy in World War II. His duties were rigger, metal smith and electrician.

Paul owned and operated The Billings Neon Sign Co. He was known to every one as the "Sign Man." He sold the sign company in 1973 and semi-retired. Two years later, he became president of the Grand Travel Co. with his daughter Rosie. They took many, many trips together. One trip he enjoyed tremendously was the trip to Rome to see the Pope.

Paul loved to read and was an excellent dancer. He loved music and played the organ and piano. Paul was a hard worker, some-

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times many long hours and many weekends, but he always had time for the Lord and his church, St. Patrick's Co-Cathedral. Paul belonged to several clubs. He was a longtime member of the American Legion, VFW, Elks Club, Moose Lodge, Shrine Lodge, YMCA, and past member of the Kiwanis.

Paul was preceded in death by his parents; his daughter, Rosie Clausen; and one brother and two sisters.

He is survived by his loyal and loving wife of 29 years, Lola; his son John Berlinsky; four stepchildren, Dennis Fode of Alaska, Sharon (Jerry) Creek of Redmond, Wash., Larry (Margie) Hankel, Marlene (Don) Janich of Billings and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren, as well as many step-grandchildren and step great-grandchildren.

We are lucky to have had Paul in our lives. We will miss him forever. He was a wonderful husband, father, and grandfather.

Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Foundation of Montana, 3010 11th Ave. N., Billings 59101.

At Paul's request, cremation has taken place.

A memorial service will be 1 p.m. Saturday, April 5, at St. Pius X Church.

Arrangements by Cremation or Funeral Gallery.

Evangeline 'Vangie' Bermes

MOLT — ~~Vangie~~ Bermes, 68, of Molt passed away in her home surrounded by her family, May 17, 2003. She was born in Linton, N.D., on Jan. 1, 1935, to Balzer and Mary Wagner, the fourth of 10 children. She went to school at St. Mary's in Bismarck. They moved to Billings in 1949 where she enrolled at Billings Central High School. Here Vangie met her lifelong partner to be, James Bermes.

Vangie and Jim were married June 20, 1953, and lived in a one-room bunkhouse on a farm by Molt until completion of a home they built. During the 16 years they lived there, Vangie was a school bus driver as well as a mother of three. In 1970, they moved to the Acton area and continued to farm. Jim and Vangie moved back to the Molt area in 1978.

During her life, Vangie enjoyed her children and grandchildren as they proceeded through their lives. She had a love for reading, playing cards, embroidery, crossword puzzles, Bingo, and collecting stamps and coins. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Vangie is survived by her husband of 49 years, Jim, a son

Don (Terry) Bermes of Molt; daughter, Laurie (Lyle) Burge of Ryegate; and son, Pat Bermes also of Molt. She has four grandchildren, Tammy Bermes and

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Billings, Matt
Bermes of Molt,
and Nick
Burgess of
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nieces and
nephews. She
is survived by
two sisters,



**EVANGELINE
BERMES**

Hermina (Ben) Kolski of Great Falls and Helen Turner of El Cajon, Calif.; six brothers, Edwin Wagner of Mandan, N.D., Eugene (Mary Lou) Wagner of Sultan City, Calif., Al (Tiny) Wagner of Santee, Calif., Michael (Linda) Wagner of Jackson, Calif., Jim (Karen) Wagner of El Cajon, Calif., and Leo Wagner of Jackson, Calif. Vangie was preceded in death by her parents and one sister, Alice Jones.

A Rosary service will be 7 p.m. Monday, May 19, and a Memorial service at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 20, both at the Dahl Funeral Chapel. Interment will be in Yellowstone Valley Memorial Park.

Memorials may be made to Big Sky Hospice, PO Box 35033, Billings, MT 59107, or the charity of your choice,

Rather than mourn the loss of the flame, let us celebrate how brightly it burned.

Genevieve Bernhard

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FEB 15 2003

MILES CITY — Genevieve Beatrice Bernhard, 83, of Miles City, died Thursday, Feb. 13, 2003, at her home.

Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 16, at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, Feb. 17, at Stevenson & Sons. Interment will follow in the family lot in the Custer County Cemetery.

Loveen 'Bernie' Bernhardt

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Loveen "Bernie" Bernhardt, 84, of Billings, passed away from this life on Sunday, July 27, 2003.

He was born in Billings on Jan. 6, 1919, the ninth of 10 children, to Conrad and Anna Margaret (Oldt) Bernhardt. The family farmed west of Billings and in Laurel.



LOVEEN
BERNHARDT

He served in the U.S. Army during WWII from March 1942 to September 1945 and was honorably discharged after tours of duty that took him from England to Northern Africa. Sgt. Bernhardt was a tank retriever and mechanic with the 804th Tank Destroyer Battalion.

He married Eva Sikora on June 1, 1946, in Billings. For 53 years, they made their home and raised their family in Billings. To this union, five children were born.

Dad worked as a cabinetmaker for many years for Billings Sash and Door, Millwork Supply and Kober Construction. Loveen retired in 1984.

Loveen took pride in his vegetable gardens, especially his tomatoes, and his peaceful yard.

Nothing made him happier than spending time with his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, which were his pride and joy. In his younger days, he enjoyed hunting, fishing and camping.

He was a 50-plus year member of Pilgrim Congregational Church and a lifetime member and past commander of VFW Post 1634.

Loveen was preceded in death by his wife, Eva, on Feb. 14, 2000; his son and daughter-in-law, Clifford and Linda; five brothers, Conrad, Fred, Adolph, Jacob and Harold; and three sisters, Marie Sitzman, Freda Kembel and Esther Hatcher.

Loveen is survived by his four daughters and their families, Shirley and Rick Schaff, Patty and Marty Rukstad, all of Billings, Connie and Gary Waylander of Trussville, Ala., Terri and Kevin Palmer of Auckland, New Zealand; one brother, Sam of Billings.

Grandchildren include Michael and Cynthia Schaff, Jason Schaff, Rom and Deanna (Rukstad) Smith, Aaron Rukstad, Derek, Jared and Kinsey Waylander, Sierra, Casey and Cody Palmer; and great-grandchildren, Gus and Gavin.

Funeral services to celebrate Loveen's life will be held 10 a.m. Thursday, July 31, at Pilgrim Congregational Church, 402 S. 26th St. Interment will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens. Memorials may be made to Pilgrim Congregational Church or charity of choice.

Dad and Grandpa, you were deeply loved and will be missed greatly by all. We will remember you in our hearts and minds with pride. Thanks for pushing us in the right direction. We love you.

Joseph Bernhart

Joseph Bernhart, 84, of Billings, died at 11:30 a.m. Monday, May 23, 2003, at Billings Senior Center.

He was born Nov. 10, 1914, in Billings, the son of Joseph and Elizabeth Bernhart. His father worked in Billings and he was self-educated in Billings.

He served in the U.S. Army 40th Infantry Division and served in the European Theater.

He was a member of the First United Methodist Church and the Electrical Union, retiring from U.S. Quest.

Survivors include his son, Richard Medicine Horse Bernhart of Billings; his brother and wife, John and Evelyn Bernhart of Billings; and several nieces and nephews.

A graveside service will be held at Sunset Memorial Gardens at 11 a.m. Monday, June 2, 2003. A cremation has been arranged and a chapel service is planned at Smith Downtown Chapel in charge of arrange-

MAR 07 2003

Arthur Berry, Jr.

GILLETTE, Wyo. — Arthur Eugene Berry, Jr., 68, of Gillette, died Tuesday, March 4, 2003, at his home.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday, March 11, at the Williams-Wilson Funeral Home Chapel in Gillette. Interment will be in the Mount Pisgah Cemetery.

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Robert Barry

FAIRVIEW Robert "Deb" Barry, 64, of Fairview, died Sunday, May 25, 2003, at his home.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 31, at the Church of Jesus Christ, Latter-day Saints, Sidney. Interment will be in the Nohly Cemetery, Nohly Community. Fulkerson Funeral Home of Sidney is in charge.

James Berry

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AUG 28 2003

MILES CITY — James Berry, 67, of Miles City, died Tuesday, Aug. 26, 2003, at the Friendship Villa Care Center.

Visitation will begin Thursday, Aug. 28, at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, Aug. 29, at the Custer County Cemetery.

Tommie J. Berry

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FEB 26 2003

THERMOPOLIS, Wyo. —
Tommie J. Berry, 68, died
Sunday, Feb. 23, 2003, at a friend's
home in Casper.

Funeral services will be at 2
p.m. Monday, March 3, at
Community Federated Church.
Memorial services will be held
Tuesday, March 4, in Casper.

AUG 30 2003

LIBBY — Anna K. Bertelsen, 71, formerly of Billings, died Aug. 27, 2003, at Libby.

Anna was born at Bergen, Norway, on June 20, 1932, to Kristoffer Steffensen and Frida Stubbsve Steffensen; she spent her earlier years in the Bergen area. She married Leif Bornes in Norway in September of 1951; they came to America in 1953.

She and her husband had resided at Glasgow, where she worked as a nurse's aide and later moved to Billings, residing there for a number of years. While in Billings, she had worked as a clerk at Target. She and Leif later divorced.

She married Tim Bertelsen in 1970 and they came to Libby in 1975. They had owned and operated the Pioneer Junction Tavern in Libby for several years before retiring. Her husband Tim preceded her in death in 1996.

Anna enjoyed handcrafts, knitting slippers and crocheting many afghans for family members and friends. She also enjoyed dancing and was always proud to wear the American flag on any piece of clothing she had. She had been a member of Christ Lutheran Church and the VFW Auxiliary.

Survivors include her daughter, Jane Thorn and husband Keith of Libby; her son, Bjorn Bornes of Tulsa, Okla.; a daughter-in-law, Chris Bornes of Billings; brothers, John Steffensen of Oslo, Norway and Kare Steffensen of Bergen, Norway; grandchildren, Wade, Rob, Bjorn, Heather, Leif and Tove; and great-grandchildren, Tristan, Bjorn James and Gavin.

Services will be Tuesday, Sept. 2, at 11 a.m., at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home, with Pastor Les Nelson officiating; a family life tribute will be by Bjorn Bornes. Interment services will follow in the City of Libby Cemetery, with graveside rites by the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary. A reception will follow at the VFW Club. Friends may call at the funeral home from 1 to 6 p.m. Monday, Sept. 1

AUG 3 1 2003**James Andrew
Beslanowitch****May 11, 1935 - Aug. 28, 2003**

James Andrew Beslanowitch, 68, of Billings, died Thursday, Aug. 28, 2003, at his home.

The son of Joseph and Louise Beslanowitch, he was born May 11, 1935, in Laurel. Jim graduated from Billings Senior High School in 1954. He served in the U.S. Army, stationed in Germany.

As a child, Jim helped out in his father's grocery store, Joe's Market, which at the time was located at Third Street and Burlington. The store moved in the late 1950s to Fourth Street and Yellowstone. Jim eventually took over his father's business and ran it with his wife and son until he retired in 1999, after 53 years of business.

In 1960, he married Jean Marilyn Linse at First English Lutheran Church. They celebrated their 42nd anniversary last Nov. 6.

Jim loved fishing the Yellowstone and woodworking. At one point, he grew more than 100 orchids in his greenhouse.



**JAMES
BESLANO-
WITCH**

He is survived by his wife; son, Lance; daughter, Laura; and nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and sister, Helen Walter.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 2, at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary with interment in Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Memorials may be made to the charity of one's choice

Michelotti-Sawyers has charge of arrangements.

Anna Mae Best

BILLINGS GAZETTE

JUL 29 2003

LEWISTOWN — Anna Mae Best, 84, died Friday, July 25, 2003, at the Central Montana Skilled Nursing Center.

A memorial service will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 2, at the Creel Funeral Chapel in Lewistown. Cremation has taken place.

Dale K. Best

LEWISTOWN — Dale K. Best, 82, died Thursday, Oct. 9, 2008, at the Central Montana Skilled Nursing Center.

Visitation will be from 3 to 8 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 12, at the Creel Funeral Home in Lewistown. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday, Oct. 13, at the Creel Funeral Home. Burial will be in Central Montana Memorial Park.

Henry H. Best

BILLINGS GAZETTE

JUL - 8 2003

LEWISTOWN — Henry H. Best, 93, died Friday, July 4, 2003, at the Central Montana Skilled Nursing Center. Henry was born Aug. 28, 1909, in Shelby, Iowa, to Ernest L. and Laura A. (Davis) Best.



HENRY BEST

On Sept. 14, 1940, at Harrisonville, Mo., he was united in marriage to Anna Mae Shepherd.

Henry served in the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II from May 1944 to January 1946.

He was the manager of grain elevators in Denton and Lewistown and also served on the County Weed Control Board. He was a member of the American Legion in Denton, a volunteer for the Denton Fire Department, involved with the Boy Scouts, and was a member of the Masonic Lodge.

He enjoyed playing cards, bowling, fishing and gardening.

Survivors include his wife, Anna Mae Best of Lewistown; two sons, Randall L. of Lewistown and Russell R. (Kathy) of Spokane, Wash. In addition, he is survived by four grandchildren, Christina Campbell of Uln, Jeff Campbell of Rapid City, S.D., Michael Best and Lisa Best, both of Spokane; one great-grandchild, Willow Rose Campbell; and a son-in-law, Dennis Campbell of Uln.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Sherry A. Campbell; three sisters; two brothers; and his parents.

A memorial service for Henry H. Best will be held at the Creel Funeral Chapel on Saturday, July 12, at 1 p.m. Cremation has taken place.

Creel Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

DONALD EUGENE BETTISE
June 29, 1930 — April 9, 2003

BILLINGS GAZETTE
APR 11 2003

Donald Eugene Bettise, 72, died quietly on Wednesday, April 9, 2003, in his home, while his wife Patricia held his hand. They were married on Jan. 14, 1980, and danced for the next 23 years to their favorite song, "May I Have This Dance for the Rest of My Life."



DON BETTISE

Don was born in Treece, Kan., on June 29, 1930, one of four children. He was preceded in death by his mother, father, his brother Ray, and sister Norma. He is survived by his sister Gloria.

After graduating from high school, and after a brief employment with what became the Exxon Refinery, Don enlisted in the Navy in September 1950 and received an honorable discharge in June 1954. After his discharge, he again returned to Exxon until his retirement in 1983.

In 1959, after joining the Montana Officials Association, he refereed for 21 years at football and basketball games and was inducted into the Montana Officials Association Hall of Fame in 1985. He proudly and humbly accepted this honor. He said that "I quit refereeing

before I couldn't keep up with the kids anymore."

For many years, Don was proud to be a Mustang Booster and called it "the greatest organization I ever belonged to." He never missed an opportunity to praise the team and was even known on occasion to harass the refs. He requests that all memorials be sent to Cobb Field, c/o Gary Roller, PO Box 1553, Billings, MT 59103.

Don was an avid writer and reader. He was an entertainer by nature and made everyone laugh and feel good about themselves. Moments before he died, he was recalling a dream he just had where he and Mickey Spillane were having a schooner or two in Norfolk, Va. He was always the first one who insisted that one must "forgive and forget"; and in his last letter to his loved ones, he gave this advice, "I got mad quickly but I forgave quicker." His sense of humor and kindness healed those who were troubled and he was the Great Listener because he never took sides. His strength and his wisdom will be missed.

Don was cremated on

Thursday morning, April 10, and he would be grinning with pride if he knew how many friends and well-wishers have contacted his family within 24 hours of his death.

He is survived by his dearest love and wife, Patricia Ann; five children from a previous marriage, Shawn, Patrick and Terry Bettler, and Katharina Caldwell and Mariah Wally; four stepchildren, Lynda McCleary, Lou Loff, Lynette Schalth and Lori Borell; 11 grandchildren and one great-grandson, Malyn, who called "my Don." He is also survived by hundreds of friends one could only call very, very close.

A Memorial of Life for family and friends will be held on Friday, April 11, at the Lake Hills Country Clubhouse to do what he loved to do the most: be together and be happy.

AUG 11 2003

Mable Louise Betzer, 92, passed away Friday, Aug. 8, 2003, at Billings Health and Rehab Center after a lengthy illness.

Mable was born in Libertyville, Ill., on May 11, 1911, the daughter of Dean and Mattie Bennett. She attended schools in Libertyville, where she was one of the first female cheerleaders.



**MABLE
BETZER**

On Aug. 1, 1931, she married Dr. C.H. Betzer in Libertyville, and they moved to Billings in 1948 with their two sons, Dean and Robert. Mable was active in various community activities and was a past member of the Billings Symphony Society, Junior League, Deaconess Pink Ladies, a 50-year member of PEO AN Chapter and a member of the First Presbyterian Church.

Mable and Dr. Betzer moved to Green Valley, Ariz., after his retirement from dental practice, in 1972. They enjoyed 53 years of marriage before his passing in January of 1984. She continued to live in Arizona for a few years until moving to Texas and to Billings in 1996.

Survivors include her sons, Dean (Toni) Betzer of Billings and Robert H. Betzer of Dana Point, Calif.; three grandchildren, Dean S. Betzer Jr. of Tampa, Fla., Julie Ann (Del) Pierce of Billings and Darin Betzer, also of Billings; six great-granddaughters, all of Billings.

Mable was an inspiration to all of her family and friends. Her joy of living will remain with us forever.

Cremation has been held. Memorial service will be 10 a.m. Friday, Sept. 19, at Cremation or Funeral Gallery at 29 Eighth St. W. Memorials may be made to the charity of choice.

Gladys B. Beven

BILLINGS GAZETTE

APR 01 2003

LAUREL — Gladys B. Beven was called to be with the Lord on Monday, March 24, 2003.

Gladys was born May 27, 1941, in Laurel, the youngest of four children. She graduated from Laurel High School in 1960. She met and married Darrell Young of Helena on Oct. 21, 1961. They were married for 21 years before divorcing in 1982.

Gladys worked for the Defense Department in Seattle before moving back to her hometown of Laurel. Gladys lived her life to the fullest. She will be missed by all that love her.

She is preceded in death by her mother, Agnes Beven; father John Beven; older brother Johnny Beven; sister-in-law Delores Beven; daughter Jana Faustina; and grandson Jeffrey Faustina. She is survived by Kenneth and Arlene Beven of Laurel, Tom and Betty Beven of Billings; close friends Nancy and Pete Rehder of Laurel; children Jolene Young of Powell, Wyo., John Young of Shepherd, and Kenna Charles of Powell; grandchildren Clinton Young, Anthony Charles, Robin Charles, and Ethan Charles. She is also survived by several nieces and cousins.

Memorial to be held in July. Family to announce.

Gerald Bibby

GILLETTE, Wyo. — Gerald "Gerry" Bibby, 67, of Gillette, died Wednesday, Oct. 15, 2008, at the Cascade County Memorial Hospital in Gillette, of complications from prostate cancer.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Oct. 17, at the Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home Chapel in Gillette. Burial will follow in the Gillette-Mt. Pisgah Cemetery.

DEC 24 2003

Dale Kay 'Pete' Bice

Dale Kay "Pete" Bice, age 65, of Billings, formerly of Miles City and Terry, passed away on Sunday, Dec. 21, 2003, in Glasgow.

Pete was born in Terry on Jan. 10, 1938, the son of Clarence Harold and Erna Ellen (Mattoon) Bice. He was raised and attended schools in Terry. He enlisted in the United States Army

**PETE BICE**

where he served during Vietnam. Following his discharge from the service, he moved to Miles City where he began working with the Montana Highway Patrol for seven years before moving to Forsyth where he continued working for the Highway Patrol.

Pete married Gaby Deene Eschler on June 29, 1985, in Billings. They lived in Forsyth until he was transferred to a traveling squad, traveling the state training younger patrolmen. After he retired, he lived in Billings and worked for the United States Marshal's Service and as court security at the Federal Building in Billings, which he continued until the time of his death.

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Pete enjoyed going to their cabin at Rock Creek on Fort Peck Lake where he enjoyed watching birds and wildlife, reading and spending time with Gaby. He took Gaby's family as his own, and he loved spending time with his kids and grandkids. Pete was a good kindhearted man.

Pete is survived by his wife, Gaby Bice of Billings; two sons, Mike Fulkerson and his wife Lisa of Bozeman and Dennis Fulkerson and his wife Ronda of Las Vegas, Nev.; a daughter, Diana Wiggins and her husband Peter of Saudi Arabia; two brothers, Frank Bice of Minot, N.D., and Lynn Bice of Terry; eight sisters, Helen Love of Billings, Linda Bates of Billings, Adele Ferris of Scobey, Marlene Graham of Glasgow, Nancy Frye of Harvey, N.D., Janet Bice of Billings, Marian Leverton of Billings, and Judy Watts of Billings; seven grandchildren, Lisa (Jeff) Erkelens of Salt Lake City, Utah, Emily (Cary) Thein of Las Vegas, Angela Fulkerson of Helena, Tyler Fulkerson of Portland, Ore., Jason Fulkerson of Las Vegas, Joel Michael Fulkerson of Billings and Garrett Griffin of Bozeman; a great-grandson Jordan David Thein, and numerous nieces, nephews and great-nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his son, David Fulkerson; four brothers, Russell Bice, Neil Bice, Howard Bice and Glen Bice; and two sisters, Florence Rainey and Hazel Ramsey.

Visitation will be held Sunday in the chapel in Terry. Funeral services will be held on Monday at 2 p.m. in the chapel of Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Terry. Interment will follow in the Veteran Section of the Prairie County Cemetery. Condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.stevensonandsons.com.

Should friends desire, memorials may be made to the Rocky Mountain Cancer Foundation in Billings.

MAR 04 2003

Eleanor R. Bickel

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Eleanor R. Bickel, 69, of Sheridan, died Wednesday, Feb. 26, 2003, at her home.

Memorial services will be at a later date. Champion Ferries Funeral Home of Sheridan is in charge.

Louise T. Bickerdyke

BILLINGS GAZETTE

FEB 15 2003

Oct. 20, 1914 — Feb. 12, 2003

BELLE FOURCHE, S.D. — Louise B. (Teigen) Bickerdyke, 11th child of 12, and daughter of John J. and Christina (Bonefield) Teigen, passed away Feb. 12, 2003, at the Banner Health Care Center, Belle Fourche.

She was born Oct. 20, 1914, at Capitol, Mont., and received her grade school education at the Capitol School. She attended high school in Hemitt, Calif., and Camp Crook, S.D., graduating in 1932. Louise then attended Billings Normal School, Billings, and taught school at Capitol. On April 8, 1934, she married Ted Bickerdyke, and they resided on his homestead nine miles west of Capitol. Ted died in 1986, and Louise remained on the ranch until 1999, when she moved to Belle Fourche for assisted living and later that year to the Belle Fourche Health Care Center.

To this union, a son, Paul, was born on Dec. 7, 1934. Louise and Paul stayed home and herded sheep and tended to the ranch while Ted was shearing sheep in the spring.

Louise taught school for a few more years, and two girls joined the family: Theo, who was born in 1940, and Ruth in 1945.

Louise helped organize the first Extension Club in the

Capitol area. She participated extensively in the Carter County Cowbells and the Good Hope WELCA. She was a lifetime member of the Little Missouri Lutheran Church, which was founded by her parents and area residents.

Survivors include a son, Paul (Rose Mary), Absarokee, Mont.; daughters, Theo (Bruce) Yanzick, Absarokee, Ruth (Bill) Rosencranz, Capitol; 11 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were her husband, Ted (1986); two grandchildren, Mary Bickerdyke and Zane Yanzick; eight brothers and three sisters.

Services will be held March 1 at 2 p.m., at the Little Missouri Lutheran Church, Capitol. Family service at 1 p.m.

MAY 17 2003

**Funeral for Don Bidwell, 78, of
Tuesday, Wednesday, May 14,
2003**

Funeral services will be from 1 to 8
p.m. Tuesday, May 20, in the
chapel of Jorgensen & Sons
Funeral Home in Miles City.
Burial services will be at 2 p.m.
Wednesday, May 21, in the chapel
of Jorgensen & Sons Funeral
Home. Interment will
be in the family lot in the
Friedland Cemetery.

Nanie Bidwell

BILLINGS GAZETTE

APR 05 2003

BROADUS — Nanie Winifred Cain Bidwell, 85, of Broadus, died Thursday, April 3, 2003, at the Holy Rosary Health Center in Miles City.

Visitation will be from 1 to 6 p.m. Sunday, April 6, in the chapel of Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Broadus. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, April 7, at Stevenson & Sons in Broadus. Interment will follow in the Valley View Cemetery in Broadus.

Carolyn Lukes Biegenzahn

BILLINGS GAZETTE
AUG 22 2003

SPOKANE VALLEY, Wash. — Carolyn Lukes Biegenzahn, age 90, passed away June 30, 2003, in Spokane Valley. She was formerly of Billings.

She was born April 5, 1913, in Milnor, N.D., to Robert Joseph Lukes and Eleanora Klimesh, and married Edward William Biegenzahn, Sept. 28, 1943, in Livingston.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Edward, Dec. 1, 1990; parents; two brothers and one sister. She is survived by her daughter, Susan and husband Mark Curtin of Veradale; three grandchildren, Erik Frasier, Andrew Frasier, Laura Cadoret; two great-grandsons, Kaleb Frasier, Jacob Frasier, all of Spokane; sisters, Eleanor and husband Ken Ralston of Redding, Calif., Marie and husband Harlan Villers, Lillian and husband Greg Thomas; brothers, Edward and wife Ruby Lukes, Robert Lukes, all of Lisbon, N.D.; numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Carolyn was a resident of the Spokane area for four years. She was a member of Holy Rosary Catholic Church in Billings, a long-time member of Catholic Daughters and the Altar Society of Holy Rosary Church.

She was trained as an RN in France and worked at the Community Hospital in Minot, N.D. She had a daycare in her home for 18 years, with a particular fondness for little babies. She lived in Billings from 1944 to 1999, and managed the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store with her husband Edward from 1975 to 1977. Carolyn was a devout Catholic and had many different ministries throughout the church. She was an amazing seamstress, making over 4,000 clown dolls for Catholic Ministries. She will be deeply missed by her family and friends.

A Memorial Mass will be held at Holy Rosary Catholic Church, 501 Custer Avenue, Billings, on Friday, Aug. 22, at 11 a.m., Reverend Tom Beggin, celebrant. Inurnment will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens. Memorial contributions may be made to Holy Rosary Catholic Church, 521 Custer Ave., Billings, MT 59101. Hennessey-Smith Funeral Home, 2203 N. Division, Spokane, WA 99207, in charge of arrangements.

MAY 11 2003

Lucille Bierman

Born in her mother's house in Miles City on Feb. 29, 1924, the youngest of eight surviving children, Lucy came into this world

not much intended. Mom told us she didn't get her a real name until she was about three. She grew up tough in the bitter cold winters of Montana's depression cattle economy. She learned to ride a horse, shoot a gun, drive cattle, hold her liquor, and act like a lady along with her reading, writing and arithmetic. She graduated Billings Senior High School in 1942.



LUCILLE
BIERMAN

Lucy started work for the telephone company shortly after graduation but moved with her sister, Athalie, to California to lend her effort to the war. There she worked at the PX and enjoyed the more exciting life of California's wartime activities. Near the end of World War II, when it seemed the whole country was uprooted, she met and married Fred Bierman in Victorville, Calif. Fred was born and raised in New York City.

It's hard to mix Montana rancher and New York City. It was a lot of work to keep their world glued together. Lucy didn't like New York as well as she thought she would after the war ended, and it's hard for a shipbuilder to find work in Billings. Often as not, it was Lucy's paycheck that kept the family. Finally, in 1965 they found neutral ground in Portland, Ore., place Fred and Lucy both came to love.

Fred and Lucy prospered in Portland and as their three children grew and left home she learned to adjust to her changing life. She retired from her career with "Ma Bell" after 30 years, perfect attendance, in 1983. Freddy died in 1985.

I guess you can put the facts down easy and neat in a few paragraphs. It doesn't tell of the tears and blood and sweat of a lifetime struggling to maintain dignity in the face of American Twentieth Century stresses and tribulations. At times, going without basic needs to provide for your children. Making ends meet when they don't. We never

DEC 09 2003**LAUREL —**

Patricia L. Bies, 51, of Laurel, went home to be with her Savior, Jesus Christ, on Dec. 7, 2003, following a long battle with cancer. She was surrounded by her loved ones at the time of her death.

**PATRICIA
BIES**

Survivors include her husband, Glenn C. Bies; two sons, Glenn C. Bies (Angie) and Michael Bies; and two daughters, Elizabeth Bies and Linnae Bies.

She is also survived by her mother, Freddie Hill, and two brothers, Rick Hill and Roger Hill.

A funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday at First Baptist Church in Laurel.

Tricia accepted Christ as her personal Savior as a young girl and always looked for opportunities to serve Him. The highlight of Tricia's summers was the week spent at Castle Rock Baptist Camp, where she loved to counsel young people to accept Christ as their Savior and serve Him with their lives.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to Castle Rock Baptist Camp, 400 Seventh Ave., Laurel, MT 59044.

JUN 18 2003

John P. Biggle

John P. Biggle passed away on June 16, 2003, at the Horizon Hospice House in Billings, after a long illness.

He was born Aug. 8, 1932, in Los Angeles, to John and Lillian (Atkins) Caverly. Lillian later married Paul Biggle.



JOHN BIGGLE

After graduating high school in Los Angeles, he moved to Montana to work on a ranch with his uncle in the Spanish Peaks area. John served in the U.S. Army with an honorable discharge in October 1956. After he graduated with a degree in animal science at MSU, John worked as a land appraiser for the BLM.

In 1959, he married Marge Askew in Great Falls. Together, they had three children. John later received a master's degree in chemical engineering and worked at the Exxon Refinery for many years. After retiring from Exxon in 1986, John owned and operated L'eagle Wings, a local courier business. He then sold the business and retired to enjoy

many things in life.

He enjoyed road trips, visiting with his family and friends, learning the German language and sharpening his math skills. He also enjoyed sharing a beer and socializing with others. He relished the simple things in life, like garden tomatoes in August and strawberry ice cream. He enjoyed outdoor Montana, especially hunting with his son and brookie for dinner with his family.

John is survived by his sons Mike (Ragina) of Great Falls and Matt of Billings; his daughter Heidi (Todd) Morgan of Billings; his four grandchildren, Dejeaun Micheaun, Genelle and Kenny; a brother-in-law, Bob Carlson of Hawaii; and a special friend, Arkl Kline. He is preceded in death by his parents, his wife and his sister Carolyne Carlson.

John's ashes will be scattered by his family from an airplane over Granite Peak in the Absaroka Range. We give a special thank you to all the doctors, nurses and aides who helped John as he battled his illness. We will always remember John's generous spirit and will especially miss his ready smile and unique sense of humor. Dahl Funeral Chapel is making arrangements.

LaFonda Rose Big Leggins

BILLINGS GAZETTE

DEC 03 2003

LaFonda Rose Big Leggins died Nov. 19, 2003, near Hardin.

She was born Sept. 23, 1980, in Wolf Point, to the late Rhonda Big Leggins of Poplar. LaFonda attended school in Wolf Point and later in Billings until her 12th year of high school.



**LaFONDA BIG
LEGGINS**

LaFonda will be missed by all her family. Her nice personality will always be remembered.

LaFonda is survived by her grandmother Margaret Snell Big Leggins of Poplar; one sister, Orenda Big Leggins of Laurel; two brothers, Phillip Big Leggins of Great Falls and Andrew Big Leggins of Poplar; adopted brothers Reese Beecher, James Messerly and Wylan Jones; adopted sisters, Jamie Ereaux and Theresa Beecher. Also, two special people in her life were Marian Holman and family of Wolf Point and Darrell and Nellie Bear Cloud of Billings. Other grandparents: Agnes Ward, John and Rose Morsette of Poplar, JoAnn White Eagle, Melissa Cantrell, Irene Lowry and Flora Sparvier.

Aunties: Veronica (Ronnie) Lambert, Brenda Big Leggins of Poplar, Valerie (Kenny) Comes Last of Wolf Point and Shannon Alden; uncles, LaVal Big Leggins, Curtis Big Leggins, Garrett Big Leggins, Sylvester Big Leggins. And many relatives of Poplar.

Prayer services will be at Clayton Stevenson Memorial Chapel of Wolf Point, on Thursday, Dec. 4, at 7 p.m. Visitation will be from 4 to 7 p.m. on Thursday. Funeral will be Friday, Dec. 5, at 10 a.m., at Clayton Stevenson Memorial Chapel. Burial will be in the Poplar City Cemetery. Condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.stevensonandsons.com or by e-mail to csmc@nemontel.net. Clayton Stevenson Memorial Chapel of Wolf Point has been entrusted with the arrangements.

MAY 21 2003

Ethel Big Medicine

DUNMORE
— Ethel Big Medicine, Isba'asho-Xi'assaash, 65, of Dunmore, passed away Monday, May 19, 2003, in the Awekualawache Care Center following an extended illness.



**ETHEL BIG
MEDICINE**

She was born Aug. 4, 1938, in Crow Agency, a daughter of Edward, and Florida House Big Medicine. She was raised and received her education in Crow Agency. She worked for the carpet mill in Crow Agency from 1960 to 1978. Ethel attended Little Big Horn College, being one of the first to receive her Associate of Arts Degree in business, graduating in the spring of 1984. She began working at the college as the student registrar for 18 years, retiring due to ill health in 1998.

Ethel was an inspiration in starting the Indian club at the Little Big Horn College and she was a leader in their activities every year. She participated in the celebration of the accreditation in 1990, when the faculty and staff performed the Retrieving of

the War Bonnets Ceremony. She was continually instrumental in the sponsorship of the very important Daytime Tail Feather ceremony of the Black Lodge District.

Although Ethel never married, she dedicated her life to her family, career and her adopted son Morton Big Medicine.

Her brother, Silas Big Medicine; and one sister, Maxine Big Medicine, preceded Ethel in death.

She is survived by her adopted son, Morton Big Medicine; two sisters, Donna Dawes and Marietta Big Medicine; one brother, Walter Big Medicine; three adopted sisters, Frances Pretty Paint, Glenda Morrison and Dessie Old Horn; one grand daughter, Tamara Rose Big Medicine of Billings; and numerous nieces and nephews. Her extended relatives include the House and Old Horn families.

Funeral services will be held 7 p.m. Thursday, May 22, at the Crow Agency Multi-Purpose Building. Interment will follow in the Crow Agency Cemetery Bullis Mortuary of Hardin has been entrusted with the arrangements.

JAN 21 2003**Georgia H. Bilyeu**

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Georgia H. Bilyeu, 93, of Sheridan, died Thursday, Jan. 16, 2003, at Sheridan Manor.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 25, at Kane Funeral Home in Sheridan.

FEB 6 2003

LONG BEACH, Calif. — Dr. James Arthur Bird was born on Dec. 15, 1919, in Fairview, Mont., to John A. and Grace Philfer Bird. He passed away on Feb. 1, 2003, in Long Beach. Longtime Southern California residents, Jim and his late wife of 58 years, Virginia, also owned a summer home in Silver Gate.

Jim and Virginia Lee Starr met in the second grade in Fairview. Their friendship was sealed in marriage 19 years later on Aug. 4, 1944. In the meantime, Jim had moved to California to attend Compton College and California College of Physicians and Surgeons (later part of UC Irvine). He practiced industrial medicine for more than 40 years in South Gate, Calif., and resided in nearby Lynwood. He and Virginia were active members of the Lynwood Methodist Church and continued their church service at California Heights United Methodist Church when they moved to Long Beach in 1975.

Extended summer vacations in the Beartooths became a continuous 50-year tradition for Jim and Virginia and their family. Jim loved taking guests to Abundance, Fantan and Round Lakes for a day of fishing from his raft or into the Park to cast their lines into the Soda Butte or the Lamar. In addition to enjoying time in Montana, Jim and Virginia traveled through-

out the United States and abroad. He was a talented photographer and his professionally presented travelogues were the center of enchanting gatherings with friends and family. His love and knowledge of Alpine wildflowers are evident in the beautiful natural gardens at their cabin. Jim and Virginia were gracious hosts of bridge foursomes and barbecues. We will miss Jim's selflessness, his care and concern for others and his eternal optimism. We will miss the gatherings.

Jim was predeceased by his best friend and wife, Virginia, who passed away on Oct. 16, 2002. They are now reunited. Jim is survived by his son Tom of Sammamish, Wash., and his wife Barbara Carmody and stepchildren, Amy and Matthew; by his daughter, Jeanne Davenport of Los Angeles, her husband Richard, his cherished grandson, Jeffrey James Davenport; beloved sisters-in-law, Jean Starr Higham of Billings, Mont. and Marian Strom of Missoula, Mont.; and 12 nieces and nephews.

Graveside services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 8, at Forest Lawn, Long Beach. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to Mt. Republic Chapel of Peace, PO Box 1112, Cooke City, MT 59020.

Steven Bird

OLIVE —

Steven William Bird, age 51, of Olive, passed away at the Holy Rosary Hospital in Miles City on July 22, 2003, following a courageous battle with brain cancer.



STEVEN BIRD

Steve was born on Dec. 18, 1951, the son of Harold and Ann (Doran) Bird. He attended country grade school at Divide School near Coalwood. He graduated from Powder River County High School in 1969. He then went to college at Montana State University where he received his ag business degree. Steve leased the Abbott ranch in the late '70s before purchasing it in 1992. He had continued to farm and ranch until the time of his death.

Steve enjoyed golfing, bowling, annual elk hunting trips and playing cards, especially pinochle with his brothers. Steve watched the Weather Channel diligently and when it rained the ruts were never so deep that he couldn't get to golfing or bowling.

Steve was phenomenal. While the rest of us might not have been able to make it through his shop, he knew exactly where things were located. He also knew his

BILLINGS GAZETTE
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cows right to the very end. Steve had also served on the Powder River FSA County Committee. Steve's contribution to holiday dinners was always a bottle of wine. He enjoyed helping his family and neighbors and loved being around them all, whether it be for work or play.

Steve is survived by his mother, Ann Bird of Volborg; his sister, Lynette and husband Keith Kerbel of Billings; and six brothers, Gary and wife Mary of Massillon, Ohio, Ken and wife Terri of Volborg, Clifford and wife Kelly of Washburn, N.D., Ed and wife Rae Ellen of south of Miles City, Jim and wife Linda of Volborg and Rob and wife Kathy of Bismarck, N.D. He is also survived by eight nieces and seven nephews.

Steve was preceded in death by his father, Harold Bird, on Oct. 1, 1990.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, July 24, in the chapel of Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City. A vigil service will be held on Thursday, July 24, at 6 p.m. at the chapel of Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City. A Funeral Mass will be held on Friday, July 25, at 10 a.m. at the Sacred Heart Church in Miles City. Rite of committal will follow in the Calvary Cemetery in Miles City. Condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.stevensonandsons.com.

Should friends desire, memorials may be made to the St. David's Catholic Church, Broadus, MT 59317; Eastern Montana Cancer Center, 2600 Main, Miles City, MT 59301; or to the charity of one's choice.

Margaret Birgenheier

BILLINGS GAZETTE

JUL 15 2003

Margaret Birgenheier passed away July 14, 2003, at the age of 89.



**MARGARET
BIRGENHEIER**

She was born June 5, 1914, on a farm in North Dakota, the daughter of Carl and Maria Morel. She was raised and schooled in the country. She married Bernard Birgenheier on Feb. 18, 1935. The couple moved near Billings, where they farmed for many years and had five children. In 1950, they moved to Billings, where Margaret helped with the family income by cooking professionally and continued to raise her children. Margaret had recently told her family that the years spent cooking at the Kit Kat Cafe were some of her happiest times. She loved her family first and foremost and also took great pleasure in growing flowers and vegetables, as well as sewing and crocheting. Margaret was a charter member of St. Bernard's Parish.

She was preceded in death by her parents; daughter Mary; son Robert; and her husband of 65 years, Bernard.

She is survived by her son Raymond Birgenheier (Mary Frances) of Spokane, Wash.; daughter JoAnn McCracken (Ralph Fullerton) of Carlsbad, Calif.; son James Birgenheier (Lila) of Lenexa, Kan.; daughter-in-law Alice Birgenheier of Bozeman; 18 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren. She is also survived by brothers Peter, George and Nick Morel of Dickinson, N.D., Carl Morel of California; and sisters Catherine Rew of Spokane and Betty Janes of Bloomfield, Iowa.

Vigil services will be 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 16, at St. Bernard's Catholic Church, where a Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. on Thursday, July 17. Rite of committal will follow at Holy Cross Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to St. Bernard's Catholic Church.

MAY 10 2003

Isabelle Birkeland

BIG TIMBER — Isabelle (Todd) Birkeland, 88, of Big Timber, died Friday, May 9, 2003, at the Pioneer Medical Center in Big Timber.

Graveside memorial and burial will be 10 a.m. Saturday, May 31, at Mountain View Cemetery in Big Timber. A celebration of life will follow from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, at the SOB Ranch. Cremation has taken place at Cremation or Funeral Gallery in Billings.

MAY 13 2003



ISABELLE BIRKELAND

Isabelle Todd Birkeland

BIG TIMBER— Isabelle Todd Birkeland, 88, passed away peacefully on May 9, 2003, at the Pioneer Nursing Home in Big Timber. She led a full and happy life during her earthly stay and leaves behind many memories of her generous, fun-loving spirit.

Isabelle loved singing, dancing and playing music on her violin, guitar or mandolin, especially at local "jam sessions." She thoroughly enjoyed carpentry, woodworking and gardening, passions she passed along to her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She loved to do leatherwork, making many belts, purses, wallets and even a miniature saddle, which she treasured. She also enjoyed rock collecting, lapidary work, silversmithing, fishing and hunting, along with a wide range of other pursuits.

Isabelle loved to learn, but she loved to teach even more — she often had children of family and friends at her side learning about whatever she doing at the time. She was an avid student of history and family events and gladly shared the information with anyone who cared to listen.

Isabelle was born Oct. 9, 1914, in Bozeman, the seventh of eight children of Robert and Elizabeth Todd. Isabelle loved riding horses (with dreams of becoming a famous trick rider), sharing life with her siblings, and working on the family farm near Gallatin Gateway. In 1918, Isabelle's father died of influenza, leaving the large family to carry on. Even though those times were hard, Isabelle always recalled them with fondness and pride in the crops and livestock the family produced. Isabelle attended grade school near Bozeman; in Arizona, where her family moved after the older boys were able to take over Gallatin Gateway farm; and in Reed Point, after her mother married Pleun Roobol. Isabelle was among those in the first class

graduating from Reed Point High School in 1933.

On Jan. 27, 1934, Isabelle married Eystein Birkeland, a sheep and cattle rancher on Lower Deer Creek near Big Timber. They had two daughters, Arlene and Gail, both of whom still live on the family's ranch. Eystein passed away in December 1971. Isabelle said recently that she had lived out her perfect life — raising horses and cattle and living in the most beautiful place in the world.

Isabelle was a charter member of Bridger Creek Federated Women's Club and of the T-Bone CowBelles (now T-Bone Cattlewomen). She was also a member of the Big Timber Rifle and Pistol Club, Montana Stockgrowers' Association, Sweet Grass Farm Bureau and Sweet Grass Preservation Association.

Isabelle is survived by her daughters, Arlene Pile and Gail Neal; grandchildren, Eleanor (Wayde) Cooperider of Helena, Jim Pile of Staunton, Va., Leslie Williams of Spokane, Wash., Monte (Shannon) Neal of Austin, Texas; great-grandchildren, Josh (Kendra) Fjare, Big Timber, Zachary and Tiara Pittman of Spokane, Alexis Kirkwood of Austin, Jacob Garbe and Cameron Pile of Staunton; great-great-grandchildren Morgan and Wyatt Fjare, Big Timber; brother

Robert "RL" Todd of Stevensville; and numerous nephews, nieces and their extended families. Isabelle loved all of her family and friends dearly.

Cremation of Isabelle's earthly remains has occurred. Inurnment will take place at 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 31, at Mountainview Cemetery in Big Timber. A short memorial service and a celebration of Isabelle's life will follow from 12 noon to 4 p.m. at the family ranch on Lower Deer Creek. Isabelle asked that the celebration resemble the atmosphere of the "Fish Fry" she used to hold each August, so her immediate family will provide barbecue beef sandwiches, baked beans and beverages. Extended family and friends are invited and may bring a salad or dessert. Memorials may be made to the Big Timber Volunteer Fire Department, whose service Isabelle deeply appreciated so many times throughout her life.

Sally J. Birkett

Sally J. Birkett, 81, of Billings, died Thursday, Jan. 16, 2003, at Billings Health and Rehabilitation Community Center, after a long struggle with Alzheimer's.

She was born May 31, 1921 in Minneapolis.

Sally married William "Bill"

Birkett in Miles City, Nov. 2, 1957. Together they operated "Off The Wall" until retiring in 1979. Bill preceded her in death Sept. 13, 1995.

She is survived by two daughters, Victoria (Dan)

Dickerson of Laurel and Tricia (Matt) Jenness of Worden; six grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; her sister, Louise Schimmsky; brother Walter Woytasek; and numerous nieces and nephews. She is also survived by her sister-in-law Lee Rostad, who was there for her in many ways. All our thanks for her continuous dedication to Mom.

In addition to her husband Bill, she was preceded in death by her parents and brother Edward.

The family would like to thank the Health and Rehabilitation Center staff who cared for Mom. She was in good hands and we are forever grateful.

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Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 18, at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary. Memorial Mass will be 1 p.m. Monday, Jan. 20, at St. Thomas The Apostle Church.

Memorials may be made to the Animal Shelter or Alzheimer's Research.



**SALLY
BIRKETT**

Nicholas Joseph 'Nick' Birrer

11/3/1939 to 6/5/2003

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

JUN 07 2003

Nicholas Joseph "Nick" Birrer, 63, died peacefully of natural causes at his home with his daughter and her family on June 5, 2003.

Nick was born on Nov. 3, 1939, to Joseph G. and Mabel P. (Poe) Birrer in Dillon. Upon graduating from high school, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy, serving for two years. On Nov.



**NICK
BIRRER**

25, 1963, Nick was united in marriage to Joan Marie Trimbo. Together, they had four children. Nick graduated from Rocky Mountain College in 1974 with a BA in Business.

Nick worked as an electrician on commercial and residential buildings in Billings and Las Vegas. In his younger days, Nick enjoyed hunting, fishing, boating and outdoor activities. Later on, he enjoyed taking care of his grandchildren. He was an avid reader and enjoyed reading most with a cat on his lap. He was also very good at cross-

word puzzles.

Nick is survived by his father, Joseph Birrer of Absarokee; his children, Nick Birrer Jr., Teresa (Dave) Spitzer, both of Billings, David Birrer of Glen Echo, Md., and Tara (Andy) Pleban of Marshall, Texas; his grandchildren, Marielle and Jordan Spitzer, Donovan Wintermyer, Andrew, Morgan and Lindsay Pleban; his sister and brothers, Beverly (John) Bermes, Eddy (Terry Kay) Birrer of Spokane, Wash., Mike (Carolyn) Birrer of Poplar, Lt. Col. John (Churl) Birrer of El Paso, Texas, Dan (Karen) Birrer of Katy, Texas, and Doug Birrer of Shenandoah, Pa.

He is preceded in death by his mother and his ex-wife. He was loved and will be missed by all.

Memorial services will be held Monday, June 9, at 1 p.m., at Dahl Funeral Chapel. Memorials may be made to the charity of your choice.

Ruben John Bischke

Ruben John Bischke joined the Lord on Thursday, Sept. 25, 2003, at the age of 79, after an extended illness.

Ruben was born Dec. 13, 1923, in Medina, N.D. He was the son of

John and Elizabeth Bischke. In 1932, Ruben and his family moved to the Huntley Project and Billings area. In 1945, Ruben joined the army in the 82nd Airborne



**RUBEN
BISCHKE**

Division, where he served in Germany. After military duty, Ruben moved to the Carolinas, where he was married to Margaret Elizabeth Curles until her death in 1989. Together, they had five children. In 1990, Ruben married Louise Wilson and moved back to the Billings area. He enjoyed fishing, camping, hunting, woodworking and gardening. Ruben's joy was his garden and flowerbeds. Ruben and Louise's home is surrounded by all his favorite flowers. He was a loving father and grandfather and will be greatly missed by all who loved him.

Ruben is survived by his wife Louise; sons Larry (Melody) of South Carolina, Tommy (Gennie) of South Carolina; daughters Gale (Johnny) Hobson of South Carolina, Joy Graham of Florida, Cindy (Mark) Mathews of Alabama; six stepchildren, Doug (Bonnie) Wilson of Billings, Kathleen Kastelitz of Billings, Jane (Jim) Pruitt of Monarch, Brenda (Matt) Schlutt of Michigan, Kim (Les) Theurer of Billings, Jody Goddard of Billings; sisters Vi Conde of Columbus, Ester Vanderhage of Washington, Ione (Harold) Walters of Billings; 24 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Special thanks to the staff of Rocky Mountain Dialysis Center and to Drs. Mock and Knostman.

If desired, memorials may be made to Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Shepherd.

A memorial service will be at a later date, with burial in Florence County National Cemetery, Florence, S.C.

Visitation will be at Smith's Downtown Chapel, to 9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 26.

Royal Jensen Bischoff

LOVELL, Wyo. — Royal Jensen Bischoff, 89, died Friday, Sept. 5, 2003, at North Big Horn Hospital.

Visitation will be 6 to 8 p.m. Monday, Sept. 8, at Haskell Funeral Home. Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 9, at the LDS Stake Center. Interment will be in the Lovell Cemetery.

JAN 25 2003

POWELL, Wyo. — Eugene T. "Doc" Bischoff, age 68, passed away in Powell, on Thursday morning, Jan. 23, 2003.

He was born on April 15, 1934, in Lovell, to Eugene O. and Helen (Tebbs) Bischoff. On July 2, 1953, he and Margaret Ann Halliwell, were married in Lovell. They later divorced. They lived in Lovell until 1964, when the family moved to Powell. He received his doctorate in Veterinary Medicine in 1964. He worked for Dr. Lee at Lee Veterinary Clinic (now Dr. Acker's) for 10 years before building the Powell Veterinary Clinic in its present location. He recently retired from the business.

He loved the mountains and enjoyed time spent on the family ranch that is located in the Big Horns. Anything that had to do with family and friends, "Doc" was involved in. He was very generous with his time and money and yet never asked for anything in return. He will be remembered for his ability of taking the time to serve his family and friends to the best of his ability.

He is survived by his former spouse Margaret of Powell; children, Pam Kysar and husband Jim of Powell and their children, Kasi Kysar of Bozeman, Mont., and Aimee Jo Jolley and husband Spencer and their children Kaya Jolley and Kynlee Jolley, all of

Cowley, Lyle Bischoff of Powell Val Cross and husband Dan and their children Kori Cross and Justin Cross of Powell, Max Bischoff and wife Maryann and their children, Chelsea, Tyrell and Cade of Burlington, and Deborah May and husband Lanning and their children, Maci, Miranda and Reece of Cowley; brothers Dan Bischoff and wife Kathy of Lovell, Mack Bischoff and wife Kelly of Sheridan; Jim Bischoff of Lovell and Dave Bischoff and wife Jackie of Lovell; sister Kay Hopkin and husband Neil of Lovell; and Judy Lewis and husband Mike of Lovell, a special friend, Tom Churchill and all his friends that loved and cared about him.

His parents; a brother, Ron; and sisters, Ann and Judy, preceded him in death.

Per his wishes, cremation has taken place and memorial services will be held on Monday, Jan. 27, 11 a.m., at the Eagles Club in Powell. Should friends desire, memorials might be made to Caring for Powell's Animals.

Miratsky-Easton Funeral Home, Powell, is in charge.

Blanche V. Bishop

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GLENDIVE — Blanche V. Bishop, age 89, of Glendive, passed away from this life on Thursday, July 24, 2003, in Glendive.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, July 29, at the Assembly of God Church, with Pastor Allen Bouslaugh and Pastor Don Fercho officiating.



**BLANCHE
BISHOP**

Interment will be in the Dawson County Cemetery. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Glendive is entrusted with arrangements.

Blanche was born on Aug. 4, 1913, in Savage, the daughter of George C. and Christina (Schell) Mitchell, the ninth of 11 children. She received her formal education in the Savage and Lambert area schools.

On Sept. 26, 1929, she was united in marriage to Earl A. Bishop at the parsonage of the Methodist Church in Glendive. Shortly after, they moved to Earl's home state of Iowa and lived in Council Bluffs until 1942. They returned to Montana and made their home in Glendive.

Blanche was a devout Christian lady and loved her

church, family and friends. She taught Sunday School for 30 years and is remembered well by her little "beginners." In early years, Blanche worked at several restaurants, as well as the old Healy Brothers Steam Laundry. She was a wonderful homemaker to her family and known by many for her good recipes but always for her "granny's brownies." Her children will rise up and call her blessed, for not only did she shower them with attention and love, but also with her many prayers.

Blanche was always busy doing for others — she never complained of her own needs. She has been a shut-in due to Parkinson's disease and has lived with her daughter and son-in-law for 11 years.

Earl passed away in 1985, followed by her sons, Mel, Bob, Jerry, Del, and her daughter, Florence. She is also preceded in death by one grandson, Allen Bishop, and her granddaughter, Michelle Golie. Also preceding her are 10 siblings, Eva, Helen, Myrtle, Florence, Ruth, John, Will, Jim, Glen and Bud.

Survivors include her sons, Don (Lorraine) Bishop of Glendive and Bill Bishop of Glendive; and her daughters, Dorothy (Dennis) Schock of Billings and Mary (Matt) Aspenlieder of Glendive; daughters-in-law, Gloria Bishop of Dickinson, N.D., Shirley Bishop of Glendive and Diana Monte of Winnett; and her son-in-law, Lyal Brugman of Great Falls; 40 grandchildren, 93 great-grandchildren and 21 great-great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at: www.silverdale-sil-hafuneralhome.com.

Delbert Lloyd Bishop

BILLINGS GAZETTE
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SPRINGFIELD, Mo. — Delbert Lloyd Bishop, 54, formerly of Glendive and Helena, Mont., died Sunday, Feb. 9, 2003, in Springfield, of an extended illness.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 13, at Smith West Chapel in Billings, Mont. Interment will follow at Terrace Gardens Cemetery. Visitation will be from 9 to 11 a.m. Thursday, at Smith West Chapel.

Earl C. Bishop

LEWISTOWN — Earl C. Bishop, 92, died Tuesday, Feb. 18, 2003, at the Central Montana Skilled Nursing Center.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 4, at the First Presbyterian Church in Lewistown. Inurnment will be at a later date in Longview, Wash. Cremation has taken place. Greel Funeral Home of Lewistown is in charge.

BILLINGS GAZETTE

FEB 26 2003

FEB 14 2003**MARY BISELL**

Mary Ellen MacDonal White Bissell

LAS VEGAS — Mary Ellen MacDonal White Bissell died peacefully at home in Las Vegas on Feb. 4, 2003, passing from her loving family to her loving God and her place in Heaven.

A chronology of the time she spent with us is less important than the way she used that time. For 75 years, Mary Ellen was daughter, wife, mother, grandmother, friend, teacher, mentor and spirit guide. She led by example and embodied courage, commitment, compassion, and faith. She lived each day of her life simply believing that God would provide for her and those she loved. Her final gift is her belief that a life well lived, filled with love and faith and kindness, earns the greatest of all gifts, life everlasting with Almighty God.

Mary Ellen's nine children know their mother loved them as unique and independent individuals. The primary goal of her life

was giving her children the tools to be happy in theirs. Her three daughters-in-law and two sons-in-law were as precious to her as her own children, and she loved them fiercely. Her 16 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren will miss their loving Grandmere but know she is always with them. The babies will grow up hearing stories about the wonderful woman who was their great-grandmother.

Mary Ellen's brother, cousins, sisters-in-law, many nieces and nephews, and innumerable friends mourn yet celebrate the life of a woman who inspired and took care of so many people.

Mary Ellen met, guided, befriended and was beloved by thousands of students and colleagues during the 22 years she taught, first in East Helena, Mont., then in Brooklyn, N.Y. They will always be grateful that she was part of their lives.

Mary Ellen taught us about unconditional love, to love even when loving didn't make sense. She loved when people were unlovable, believed in them when they were unbelievable, and prayed for them when they were lost. She asked for what they were unable to ask for themselves, God's grace. Her work

here with us is finished, and now she has gone home.

A memorial mass celebrating Mary Ellen's life will be said at the Cathedral of St. Helena in Helena, Mont., on Saturday, March 8, at 2 p.m.

Please do not send flowers. Donations to the Marsha Rivkin Ostler for Ovarian Cancer Research in Mary Ellen's honor are most welcome. Contact the office at 1221 Madison Street, Suite 1000, Seattle, WA 98104, or by phone at (206) 325-6200 or (800) 328-1124.

MAY 16 2003

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Naomi
Elsie Morris Bissell, 94, of
Sheridan, died Wednesday, May
14, 2003, at Westview Health
Care Center in Sheridan.

Funeral services will be at 11
a.m. Saturday, May 17, at
Champion-Ferries Funeral Home
in Sheridan. Burial will be in the
Eagles' Section of Sheridan
Municipal Cemetery.

Robert J. Bjorge

CULBERTSON — Robert J. "Bob" Bjorge, 84, of Culbertson and Bainville, died on Nov. 26, 2003, at Roosevelt Memorial Medical Center in Culbertson.



He was born **BOB BJORGE** on the farm near Lanark, Mont., on June 24, 1919, to Halton and Maggie Bjorge. He attended schools in Lanark and Culbertson and was graduated from Culbertson High School in 1937. After one year at Northern Montana College in Havre, he returned to the family farm and farmed and ranched all his life. He owned and operated Bjorge Oil & Trucking in Bainville for 36 years.

He was a board member of Culbertson State Bank, Farmers Elevator and Roosevelt Memorial Hospital for many years. He was a life member of both the Moose Lodge and Masonic Lodge.

Bob married May Robinson in Poplar in 1940. He had four children, Linda Stueland of Camp Douglas, Wis., Dale Bjorge of Whitefish, Dean Bjorge of Williston, N.D., and Thomas Bjorge of Bainville. He had eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Eldre Bjorge; and brother Ralph Bjorge.

Visitation was held one hour prior to the service, which was held on Monday, Dec. 1, at 11 a.m. at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Culbertson. Condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.stevensonandsons.com or by e-mail to csmc@nemontel.net. Clayton Stevenson Memorial Chapel is in charge of arrange-

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JUN 8 7 2003**Marv Bjorklund**

GLASGOW — Marv Bjorklund, 80, of Glasgow, died Tuesday, June 24, 2003, in Kalispell, of cancer.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 28, at First Lutheran Church in Glasgow. Burial will be in Highland Cemetery in Glasgow. Bell Mortuary of Glasgow is in charge.

DEC 11 2003

Myron Bjornstad

GILLETTE, Wyo. — Myron S. "Sonny" Bjornstad, 72, died Monday, Dec. 8, 2003, at the Campbell County Memorial Hospital of natural causes.

Visitation is from 3 to 7 p.m. Thursday, and memorial services are at 1 p.m. Friday at the Stevenson-Wilson Funeral

JUN 08 2003

Robert Merle Black, 66, formerly of Powell, Wyo., died Thursday, June 5, 2003, in Billings. Bob was born on Oct. 22, 1936, in Seattle, Wash., the son of Jack Black and Barbara (Pratt) Black.

Bob received a Bachelor of Arts degree in elementary education at Montana State University-Billings. During Bob's college years, he traveled to Spain as an exchange student, where he studied Spanish and taught English.

Bob married Nancy Mollet (now Nancy Grant) of Cody, Wyo., on Nov. 1, 1966, in Billings. Bob and Nancy served in the Peace Corps in Mexico shortly after they were married.

Bob owned R & S Construction in Casper and Powell, Wyo. Decorating and remodeling homes was one of Bob's many talents.

Bob was a member of the Roman Catholic Church. Bob loved reading, music and gardening. He participated in many bowling, golfing and bridge club events. We will remember him as a devoted family man and Christian.

Bob is survived by his mother Barbara Black of Billings; son Tyler (Keli) Black of Powell, Wyo.; daughters Chantel (Scott) Wiles of Ruskin, Fla., and Karin Black of Los Angeles, Calif.; sister Pam (Fred) Scott of Billings; grandchildren Morgan Wiles and Zak Black; nieces and nephews Tarey and Tanya Mayn, Jay Lieveke and Dione Scott, and Tawnia West.

Bob was preceded in death by sons Weston and Justin; sister Jackie Holeman; and his father, Jack Black.

Family and friends will gather at the graveside service at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, June 9, at the Crown Hill Cemetery in Powell, Wyo., with Father Peter Johnson of St. Barbara's Catholic Church officiating.

Memorials may be sent to Horizon Hospice Home, PO Box 35033, Billings, MT 59107, in Bob's name.

Arrangements are by Cremation or Funeral Gallery.

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Funeral services will be held at the EC

Funeral services will be held at the EC
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 the National Cemetery.
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 tributions may be made to
 the Friendship Center
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in 1960, in
 Iowa. He died in
 1998, after seven
 years. He was a vet who
 served his country on the USS
 Hawaii.

Survivors include wife of six
 years, Dana; home; chil-
 dren, Mark, David, and Grace;
 mother, Barbara; brothers,
 Charlie and David; sisters,
 Luanna and Pats.

Funeral services will be held at the EC

NOV 20 2003**Gary Black Eagle**

WOLF POINT — Gary Lyn Black Eagle, 42, of Wolf Point, died Sunday, Nov. 16, 2003, at his home.

Wake services will be 6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 20, at the Red Whip Center at Fort Belknap. Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Friday, Nov. 21, at the Red Whip Center, with burial in the Pony Hill Cemetery at Fort Belknap. Adams Funeral Home of Malta is in charge.

Luke Clayton Blackwell**JUN 11 2003**

HAVRE — Luke Clayton Blackwell, 11, passed away on Sunday, June 8, 2003, in a tragic auto accident, north of Zurich.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, June 12, at the Fifth Avenue Christian Church in Havre, with burial following at 5 p.m. in the Forsyth Cemetery in Forsyth.

Memorials in honor of Luke may be made to the Fifth Avenue Christian Church or to the Havre Hunter Safety Program.

Arrangements are by Edwards Funeral Home of Chinook.

Luke was born on Nov. 17, 1991, to proud parents, Michael and Loreena (Reena Gilje) Blackwell in Port Angeles, Wash. He lived with his family in the coastal Pacific Northwest and Forsyth, then later attended his first school years in Mandan, N.D., and Havre. Luke was one-of-a-kind and charmed everyone he met with his wit and endearing personality. He



**LUKE
BLACKWELL**

lived to fish, hunt and play football with his best friend (dad).

Survivors include his parents; a brother, Beau; a sister, MacKena, both of Havre; great-grandmothers, Alice Phillips of Forsyth, Maggie Blackwell of Humboldt, Tenn.; grandparents, Dave and Helen Blackwell of Humboldt, Keith and Vicki Gilje of Forsyth, Tony and Roxane Hepker of Maple Valley, Wash.; uncles, Clay, Wade, Michael; and aunts, Sherri, Misty, Jodi, Jolynn; and 16 cousins.

NOV 26 2003

William L. Blake

MONTICELLO, Wyo. —
William L. "Blackie" Blake, 59, of
Monticello; formerly of Cody,
died Saturday, Nov. 22, 2003.

A wake will be at 1 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 29, at the Elkhorn
Bar in Monticello. Ballard Funeral
Home of Cody is in charge.

DEC 15 2003

Leola Mae Larson Blake

WINDHAM, Mont. — Leola Mae Larson Blake, 89, died Saturday, Dec. 13, 2003, at her residence.

Funeral services will be 1 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 17, at Creel Funeral Chapel in Lewistown. Burial will be at Central Montana Memorial Gardens.

MAY 16 2003

Kathryn Blakeman

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Kathryn Elizabeth Blakeman, 96, of Sheridan, died Thursday, May 15, 2003, at her home.

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

APR 23 2003

William James Blankenship

SAN JUAN PUEBLO, N.M. — William James Blankenship, formerly of Billings, died April 16, 2003, at Veterans Hospital in San Juan Pueblo. "Bill" was born to Leonard and Rose Kennedy Blankenship on July 22, 1924. He attended Billings schools and served in the U.S. Army during WWII, where he received a Purple Heart. After his discharge, he married Geraldine F. "Jerry" Bolton on Jan. 1, 1946.

He moved to San Francisco, where he worked for Olso Cadillac until he retired and moved to San Juan Pueblo.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Lawrence and Albert; and sister, Mary Jane Roe.

Bill is survived by his wife Ann of San Juan Pueblo; sons and daughter, Tom, Don and Donna Blankenship of Billings; sisters,

Verda Blankenship of Billings, Katherine Jansma and Charlotte "Penny" Luper of Laurel, Connie Jerke of Del Rapids, S.D.; and



**BILL
BLANKENSHIP**

brother Donald Blankenship of Salem, Ore.

Services and interment have taken place in San Juan Pueblo.

Bill will be remembered for his contagious smile, warm heart and great sense of humor. He had a special musical gift and will be remembered for playing his guitar in the band he formed called "The Rocky Mountain Playboys."

Bill loved playing music and singing with his brothers Albert and Donald, who were also musicians.

DEC 08 2003

Frederick A. Blansky

HARDIN — Frederick Allen Blansky, 73, of Hardin, passed away Dec. 5, 2003, in the Deaconess Billings Clinic.



**FREDERICK
BLANSKY**

He was born June 21, 1928, in Kalispell, a son of William and Selma Merkel Blansky. He was raised in the North Valley area near Hardin. He farmed with his father and later began work of the Holly Sugar Corporation and the Campbell Farming Corporation, retiring in 1985.

Fred was a World War II and Korean conflict veteran. He was a member of the Disabled American Veterans and Hardin American Legion Post #8.

He married Gloria Remmele on May 5, 1969, in Billings and the couple made their home in Hardin. Gloria died in 2000.

His parents; a brother, William; and two sisters, Luella and Margaret preceded Fred in death.

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Survivors include his six nieces, Selma Struck of Hardin, Peggy Chavez of Sheridan, Wyo., Roseline Fry of Washington, Polly McDonald, Beverly Big Man and Arlene Wilson of Crow Agency; his four nephews, William Blansky of Florida, Chris Schmidt of Alaska, Ivan Wilson of Benteen and Lawrence Wilson of Crow Agency.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 9, in the Bullis Funeral Chapel. Interment with military honors will follow in the Hardin Fairview Cemetery. Bullis Mortuary of Hardin has been entrusted with the arrangements.

WILLIAMS GAZETTE
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Raymond Blaquier

HARLOWTON — Raymond Blaquier, of Harlowton, died Tuesday, Jan. 28, 2003, at Wheatland Memorial Hospital.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, Feb. 3, at Perkins Funeral Home in Harlowton. Graveside committal will follow in Harlowton Cemetery.

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Marjory Monquist

Funeral — Funeral services for Marjory Monquist, age 84, will be at 11 a.m. on Monday, June 22, at the Seobey Lutheran Church. Burial will be in the Seobey Cemetery. Marjory died June 19, 2003, at Daniels Memorial Nursing Home, after a long illness.

Marjory is survived by her husband, Gordon of Seobey; a daughter, Carol (Jon) Erbe of McKinney, Texas; three sons, Gordon (Betty) Monquist, Ron (Margaret) (Gladys) of Browning, Rick (Mary) of Missoula; one sister, Elizabeth Knoss of Rock Creek, Idaho; 11 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Marion Delores Bloomer

Nov. 17, 1927 — Feb. 5, 2003

Marion Delores Bloomer was born to Melvin and Catherine Bloomer at home in Grand Forks, N.D. Marion was the youngest of six children, four older brothers and a sister. She was schooled in Grand Forks, graduating from Central High School.



**MARION
BLOOMER**

After graduation, she began working for Woolworth's and was a faithful and valued employee for 43 years. She started at the lunch counter in Grand Forks and did a variety of jobs in the company: sales, office, management, a new store opener and in the receiving department. She retired from Woolworth's in Butte in 1991.

Marion was an active member of West Side Baptist Church. She loved people and had many friends, especially her T.O.P.S. group. Her hobbies were crafts, flower gardening, puzzles, being a Pittsburgh Steelers fan, and she always had a camera in her hand. Marion especially enjoyed her nieces and nephews and her nursery children.

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She was preceded in death by her parents, her father Melvin in 1960; and her mother Catherine in 1970; and her three brothers, Clarence, Lawrence and Lloyd.

Marion is survived by one brother, Charles Bloomer of Billings; one sister, Katherine Robertson of Pineville, La.; numerous nephews and nieces, that extends to grandnephews and grandnieces.

Marion suddenly entered the presence of her Lord from her home at 426 17th St. West, on Wednesday, Feb. 5, 2003, about 5:30 p.m.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be held 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 8, at the West Side Baptist Church, corner of Monad and 32nd Street West.

**Kathleen Red Eagle
Obituary**

OBITUARY— Kathleen Red Eagle, nee Dwyer, Whya, "The Black Woman," 95, died Thursday, Oct. 2, 2003, at Poplar Nursing Home.

A wake service will be at 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 6, at the Brockton Cultural Center. Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 7, at the Brockton Cultural Center. Interment will be in Greenview Cemetery in Brockton. Bell Mortuary of Brockton is in charge.

Freda D. Blue

BOZEMAN — Freda D. Blue, 82, of Bozeman, passed away Tuesday, Nov. 11, 2003, at Mountain View Care Center. She was born on Feb. 27, 1921, in Huston, Idaho, to W. Josiah and Mary Rowberry Burke.

Freda was the eighth of nine children and was raised and educated throughout Idaho and Montana. She graduated from high school in Charlo in 1940.

She married Felix Hamel on Oct. 12, 1940, in Charlo. To this union were born two daughters, Ila Doyne and Margery. The couple later divorced.

Freda gained employment at F.W. Woolworth in Billings, where she met and later married Wilbur L. Blue. They were married on Aug. 30, 1947, in Denver, where Wilbur was a student at Denver University. Wilbur adopted Doyne and Margery. Kenneth was later born to Freda and Wilbur.

For many years, the family made their home and livelihood in Billings. Wilbur passed away



**FREDA
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on Jan. 25, 1970. Freda remained in Billings until 1974, at which time she seized an employment opportunity in Bridger.

For many years, she managed the Maverik Country Store in Bridger. Upon her retirement in 1986, she moved to Bozeman to be closer to family.

In 1993, she suffered a major stroke, which would define the physical challenges she would face for the remainder of her life.

Freda was an active member of the Latter-day Saint faith and found great satisfaction in doing genealogy and frequently visit-

ing a variety of LDS temples, where she participated in many activities.

By far, her greatest joy in this life was her family, and in particular her grand and great-grandchildren.

There was never a doubt of her unconditional love and devotion to them.

Freda is survived by her daughter, Margery (Robert) Cunningham of Bozeman; son Kenneth L. Blue of Orem, Utah; grandchildren

Geri Cunningham (Chris) Vance of Billings, Rob (Valerie) Cunningham of Portland, Ore., and Shawn Cunningham of Portland; great-grandchildren Dylan, Alexi and Caleb Vance and Josie Leigh Cunningham. She is also survived by her sis-

ter, Emma Hawkins of Billings; brother Alma Burke of Bend, Ore.; sister-in-law Kathleen Burke of Cashmere, Wash.; and many nieces and nephews.

Freda was preceded in death by her parents, husband, daughter, Ila Doyne and her brothers and sisters, Ida Nelson, Lowell Burke, Sarah Bethune, Bill Burke, May Hamel and Rhea Hamel.

Freda's family would like to express our appreciation to the many loving caregivers at Mountain View who were such a big part of her life over the past four and a half years.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, Nov. 14, at 11 a.m., at the LDS Chapel at 2915 Coulter Ave., Bozeman.

A graveside service and interment will take place at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 15, at Sunset Memorial Gardens, 1721 Central Ave., Billings.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the LDS missionary fund, c/o Bishop Dwayne Heap, 9090 South 19th, Bozeman, MT 59718.

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David W. Blumer

HARLOWTON — David W. Blumer, 90, of Harlowton, died Tuesday, May 13, 2003, at his home.

Arrangements are pending at Perkins Funeral Home in Harlowton.

MAY 17 2003

Army veteran and retired carpenter, David W. Blumer, 90, died at his home Tuesday, May 13, 2003. David was born July 20, 1912, at Harlowton. He married Ruth Oliver in 1936. She preceded him in death in 1991. David served in the army in the Pacific Campaign during World War II, being discharged from service in 1945. He then worked as a carpenter until retiring in 1975. David was active in the VFW Post 1551, the American Legion Post 15, and the Harlowton Senior Citizens Center.

Survivors include his daughters, Lona Annmons of Boise, Idaho, Joan Walker of Boring, Ore., and son John Blumer of White Sulphur Springs; 10 grandchildren and 21 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one granddaughter and one grandson.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial service is at 1 p.m. Monday, May 19, at Perkins Funeral Home, Harlowton. Burial will follow at Harlowton Cemetery. Military graveside rites provided by Harlowton VFW Post 1551. Memorial donations may be made to the Harlowton Senior Citizens Center.

James L. Bly

POWELL, Wyo. — James L. Bly, 68, of Powell, died Wednesday, Oct. 29, 2003, at St. Vincent Healthcare in Billings.

Visitation will be from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 31, at Miratsky-Easton Funeral Home in Powell. Funeral services will be at 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 1, at Hope Lutheran Church. Burial will follow in Crown Hill Cemetery.

MAY 17 2003

Arthur J. Boock

Arthur J. Boock, 70, of Sheridan, died
May 15, 2003, in his
home. The funeral was held
May 17, 2003, at the
Sheridan Funeral Home. Burial
was in the Sheridan Cemetery.
The family requests that
donations be made to the
American Cancer Society.

Ernie E. Bochy

Ernie E. Bochy, 79, of 433 Beverly Hills Blvd., died Friday, June 27, 2003, at St. Vincent Healthcare after a short illness.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Helen, mother, father and two brothers.

Ernie was born on Aug. 12, 1923, in Custer, to Richard and Caroline Bochy.

He was the youngest of three boys. He was raised in Custer, then entered the army and was an instrument mechanic on airplanes. He married Helen Hill and was married for 43 years before her death in 1990. They raised three daughters.

Ernie was a longtime resident of Billings and was a brickmason. He retired in the mid-80s. He was a member of the Elks and American Legion and the Highlands Golf Club. He was a member of First English Lutheran Church and, in previous years, donated his time to repairing some of the brick work on the church. In his early years, he enjoyed hunting pheasants, fishing, golfing and playing cards. He enjoyed his friends and family.

**ERNIE BOCHY**

Survivors include three daughters, Sharon Wolf of Bozeman, Mrs. Gary (Angie) George of Billings, Mrs. Dale (Shelly) Bolt of Brainerd, Minn.; seven grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, July 1, at the First English Lutheran Church.

Memorials may be made to Big Sky Hospice and/or Special Olympics.

Smith Downtown Chapel is in charge of cremation.

Earl Bock

GILLETTE, Wyo. — Earl Grant "Dum" Bock, 75, of Campbell County, died Sunday, Oct. 7, 1933, at his home in Gillette.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Oct. 17, at the Servage-Wilson Funeral Home, Gillette.

Visitation will be from 8 a.m. until 10 p.m. at the Servage-Wilson Funeral Home. Burial will be at 1 p.m. at the Moorcroft cemetery in Moorcroft.

MAR 07 2003

Lester Boe

ST. MARIES, Idaho — Lester Boe, 73, of St. Maries, formerly of Big Timber, Mont., died Wednesday, March 5, 2003.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, March 10, at Big Timber Lutheran Church, with graveside committal following in Mountain View Cemetery. Lowry Funeral Home of Big Timber is in charge.

Ralph M. Boehm

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GLENDIVE — Ralph M. Boehm, 76, of Glendive, died Wednesday, Jan. 29, 2003, at the Eastern Montana Veterans Home in Glendive.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, Feb. 3, at the Chapel of the Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home in Glendive. Interment will be in the Dawson Memorial Cemetery in Glendive.

Robert Boehm

Robert Boehm was born May 4, 1945, to Claude and Esther Boehm in Billings. He served in the military. Robert lived in Auburn, Wash., where he worked for Boeing as a cook and also worked in a foam factory. He moved back to Billings due to ill health. Robert passed away Monday night, Oct 6, 2008.

Robert was known for his good cooking, his love of scenery, photography, and his toy poodles.

Robert is survived by his brothers, Grant (Shelene), Calvin (Becky), Cal (Saeko), Clyde, Bernard; and many nieces, nephews, and friends. We will miss your gentle spirit and sense of humor.

Memorial service will be 3 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 14, at First Baptist Church of Laurel 400 7th Ave.

DEC 10 2003

Richard B. Boehs

Richard Blair Boehs, 72, of Billings, formerly of Hardin, passed away Friday, Dec. 5, 2003.



**RICHARD
BOEHS**

He was born March 23, 1931 in Enid, Okla., a son of Jake and Bernice Blair Boehs. He grew up and attended schools in Fairview, Okla., where he graduated from high school. While in school, he actively participated in football, basketball and track, serving as captain of the basketball team. He later attended Oklahoma State University, receiving his degree in soil sciences. Dick enlisted in the U.S. Army and was honorably discharged as a 1st lieutenant from the Corps of Engineers.

Dick married Barbara Butler on June 30, 1950, in Enid, and the couple made their home in Poplar and Hardin until recently moving to Billings. He was employed by the Bureau of Indian Affairs from 1955 until 1978 as a land operations officer. In 1978, he began a farming operation north of Hardin.

Dick was a member of the First United Methodist Church, Masonic Lodge, Royal Arch Masons, Al Bedoo Shrine and was an active participant in the Big Horn Shrine Club Zigzag Patrol. He loved the outdoors, especially when he could be near his animals. He enjoyed studying geology, history and old atlases. However, his passion was that of an Oklahoma Sooners football fan.

His parents and a sister, Marilyn Hipsher preceded Dick in death.

Survivors include his wife, Barbara of Billings; three daughters, Cindy (Kent) Baker of Pennsylvania, Amy Hall of Billings and Sally (James) Martin of Virginia and his six grandchildren, Wesley, Ross, Eli, Jesse, Austin and Caroline.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial funeral services will be held 1 p.m. Friday in the Hardin First United Methodist Church. Private inurnment will follow at a later date in Oklahoma. Bullis Mortuary of Hardin has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Should friends desire, memorial contributions may be made to the charity of one's choice.

Michael Boelen

Michael Boelen, 87, died in Billings, Sept. 23, 2003, after a brief illness.

Mick was born on the dry land homestead of her parents off the Stillwater River on June 19, 1916, the first child of Fannie Petosa Nichol and Ed Nichol. Her family soon moved to the family ranch on the Stillwater. Mick rode her horse "Dolly" while attending Lower White Bird Elementary School. Her dog "Buster" attended faithfully with her for eight grades, but chose not to continue with the younger Nichol siblings after Mick entered Columbus High School.

She married Chuck Pfister in 1935. He died in a farm accident in 1943, prior to the birth of their second daughter, Patty. In 1957, she married Steve Boelen, who died in 1971.

Mick worked in the Northern Pacific Yards in Laurel during WWII, for Mountain States Telephone and at Sonny O'Day's. She and Steve enjoyed many lake and ocean fishing trips. After retirement, she lived a number of years in Laurel, then moved to Billings to be nearer other family members.

She is survived by daughters Shirley Lawrence and Patt Johnson, Lolo; sisters Paulin Hartman and Mary Arnold (Art. Fishtail); brother Jack Nichol (Lois); grandchildren Lynn Lucif (Greg), Janice Lawrence (Car Barrette), Kelly Lawrence and Justin Ruff; seven great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

A graveside memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Sept. 29, at Mountainview Cemetery in Columbus, with a reception following at Apple Village. Memorials may be sent to Horizon Hospice Home, 1019 Neptune Blvd., Billings, MT 59105, or to the charity of choice. No flowers, please.

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Fred Wayne Boeshans

HARDIN — Fred Wayne Boeshans, infant son of Wade and Stacy Schmidt Boeshans, died Nov. 22, 2003, in Hardin. He was born Sept. 28, 2003, in Billings.

Funeral services and burial will be held in Beulah, N.D. Bullis Mortuary of Hardin is in charge of local arrangements.

Berniece Boelter

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MISSION, S.D. — Memorial service for Berniece Boelter, age 70, of Mission, will be held on Saturday, March 1, at 1 p.m., at Sandoz Chapel of the Pines in Valentine, Neb. Inurnment will follow at a later date.

Mrs. Boelter passed away on Feb. 22, 2003, at Pine View Good Samaritan Center in Valentine.

Survivors include husband, Ronald of Mission; daughters, Debbie Taylor of Oakland, Neb., Vonnie Svendsen of Surfside, S.C.; son, Ed of Streeter, N.D.; brothers, Rod Grande of Washington, Eugene Grande of Montana; sisters, Leona Greene of Montana, Vivian Pinkerton of Oregon and Marion Crone of Oregon.

Sandoz Chapel of the Pines in Valentine is in charge of service arrangements.

A Billings man found slain in a South Side home was identified Thursday as Michael Timothy Boerner. Police said they have no suspects in the killing.

Firefighters found Boerner's body early Wednesday in the smoldering living room of a log house on Jackson Street. On Thursday, police said Boerner was a victim of homicidal violence, but they declined to release details of how he died or what was found inside the small house.

Little is known about Boerner, but court records show he was accused of stalking a woman last year. Police have not said they believe the stalking allegations and Boerner's murder are connected. Eight detectives continued to work on the case Thursday, Lt. Dave Hinkel said.

Autopsy performed

Yellowstone County Coroner Bill Jones said Boerner, 38, died sometime between midnight and 3:48 a.m. when firefighters responded to a 911 call of a fire at 40 Jackson St. An autopsy was performed Wednesday, but Jones declined to release information about Boerner's

injuries.

A neighbor said Boerner had moved into the rental home within the last three weeks. The small red house is less than a block from Orchard School.

Hinkel said police determined that the 911 call reporting a fire at the house was called in by a passer-by, but he declined to identify the caller. Drug agents also were called to the house when officers found several suspicious canisters, but Hinkel also declined to discuss what officers found. Police did say there was no evidence of an active drug lab found by the officers, some of whom donned protective suits while searching the residence.

Boerner's body was found in the living room, where a small fire had also been set, officials said. Fire crews removed the body and were able to quickly douse the blaze. The house sustained about \$25,000 in damages, mostly from smoke, fire officials said.

Hinkel said there was no sign of forced entry into the home, where Boerner apparently lived alone. Investigators have not located any

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weapons connected with the crime, he said.

Unknown victim

Hinkel said little is known about Boerner. He has a few minor traffic infractions on his record, and worked as a supervisor at a grocery store on State Avenue, a few blocks from where he was killed.

According to Justice Court records, Boerner was accused of stalking by a woman last year. The woman, who said she used to live with Boerner, filed for a temporary restraining order against him on March 21, 2002.

The woman said Boerner showed up at her residence repeatedly and vandalized her car by putting sugar in the gas tank. She said he showed up often at her work, called her at work and "repeatedly sends me threatening notes."

The woman said she believed she was in danger and asked for a court order to keep Boerner away from her. A judge signed a temporary restraining order

against Boerner that day. At a hearing last April, Boerner was ordered by Judge Pedro Rodriguez to have "no contact whatsoever" with the woman or her family. The restraining order expired April 2.

Robert John Boespflug

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GLENDIVE — Robert John Boespflug, 80, died Aug. 7, 2003, at the Glendive Medical Center. A Vigil Service will be held at 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 11, in the Chapel of the Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home in Glendive. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 12, in the Sacred Heart Catholic Church with Father Joseph Ponessa officiating. Rite of Committal with military honors will be in the Dawson County Cemetery.

Bob was born on May 12, 1923, in Dickinson, N.D., the son of John and Beatrice (Rice) Boespflug. He received his education in Dickinson schools before moving to Medora, N.D., where he was employed by the Civilian Conservation Corps. Bob moved to Glendive in 1941 where he worked for Mac's Tire Store until entering the United States Army.

Bob served in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater during WWII and was honorably discharged in 1946.

On Nov. 30, 1946, Bob married Helen Seeberger in Glendive. They made their home in Glendive until the time of his death. Upon his return home from the military, Bob started

working for the Northern Pacific Railroad where he remained until his retirement in 1984.



**ROBERT
BOESPFLUG**

Bob was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1125, the American Legion, Elks Lodge No. 1324, the United Trainmen Retirees and was a 4th

Degree Knights of Columbus. Bob was preceded in death by his parents, two sisters, Jean and Bonnie, and one brother, Leo.

Survivors include his wife Helen of Glendive; one daughter, Jane Dalbey and her husband Daniel of Billings; two sons, Dale Boespflug and his wife Pamela, of Great Falls and Steve Boespflug and his wife Laurie of Omaha, Neb.; one sister, Lenora and her husband Joe Corvi of San Francisco, Calif., and four grandchildren, Jeff and Jennifer Boespflug of Great Falls and Lisa and Ana Boespflug of Omaha.

Remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at: www.silvernale-silhafuneralhome.com

Catherine E. Bofto

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

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GREAT FALLS — Catherine E. Bofto, 87, of Great Falls, died early Sunday morning, June 29, 2003, at the Deaconess Billings Clinic following a prolonged illness.

She was born in Great Falls on June 27, 1916, the daughter of Joseph Motari and Mary Ellen Motari-Lucker.



**CATHERINE
BOFTO**

She attended school in Great Falls and graduated from Great Falls High School. Catherine met and married Elmer Bofto, also of Great Falls. Elmer and Catherine managed Bofto's Upholstery and The Upholstery Craft Shop in Great Falls for 40 years.

Catherine suffered a severely disabling disease in July of 1976 and since that time has resided in several nursing homes in Montana. Prior to her illness in 1976, she was an active member of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, loved gardening, canning, bowling, sewing, cooking, and especially her family and friends. Catherine was a gracious host and was always preparing meals and offering her love and hospitality to others. She will be greatly missed by her family, friends and loved ones.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her beloved husband, Elmer, who died in 1980; a son, Kenneth, who died Jan. 12, 1994; and brothers, Patrick Motari and Lawrence Motari.

Catherine is survived by two sons, David Bofto and his wife, Linda of Billings, and Steven Bofto of Loon Lake, Wash. She is also survived by a brother, Leonard Motari and his wife, Virginia of Great Falls, and by Patricia Wilson and her husband, Ken of Rancho Cordova, Calif.; grandchildren, Randy, Curt and Chris, sons of Kenneth Bofto, Shane, Sam and Beth, children of David and Linda Bofto, and Ronelle, Greg and Amy, children of Steven Bofto, all of Spokane Wash; and several great-grandchildren.

We love you, Catherine, and will always have our memories of the special, loving and caring person that you were. We know that God will find a special place for you.

Funeral Mass will be 11:15 a.m.
Thursday, July 3, at Our Lady of
Lourdes Catholic Church in Great
Falls. A vigil service will be 5 p.m.
Wednesday, July 2, at the
O'Connor Memorial Chapel in
Great Falls. O'Connor Funeral
Home is handling the arrange-
ments.

Memorials may be made to Our
Lady of Lourdes in Great Falls.

Jay Bohan

LIVINGSTON — Jay Harry Bohan, 84, of Livingston, died Sunday, April 20, 2003, at Livingston Health and Rehab Center.

Cremation has taken place. Graveside services and burial of cremated remains will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, April 29, in Mountain View Cemetery. Franzen-Davis Funeral Home of Livingston is in charge.

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Eugene Jacob Bohl

Gene Bohl died Dec. 18, 2003, at his home in the care of his loving family. He was born June 14, 1934, to Marie and Jake Bohl in Billings. He

**GENE BOHL**

grew up, was educated and made the choice to live his life in Billings.

He married Susan McCaffrey in Minneapolis. Together they raised four children but divorced after 20 years. They have remained dear friends, loving parents, grand and great-grandparents. No love was greater than the love he had for his grandchildren, and they for him.

Gene retired from Northern Pacific Transport, worked for Holeman Diesel, Barry O'Leary, and was self employed. His work ethic was such that retirement wasn't an option and he continued to work until the last month of his life. He was a master mechanic, but cabinet making and metal sculpturing were his first loves.

Gene is survived by his daughter, Robin Berg; son, Steven Bohl; grandchildren, Kelly, Ryan and Tyler; one great-grandson, Kaden; sister, Pearl Sherwood;

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son-in-law, Dick Berg; many old friends, and dog, Max.

Preceding him in death were his life's greatest losses, daughter Kelly and son Gene, as well as his parents Marie and Jake, sisters Julia Kehm and Joyce Weil.

A Memorial Service will be held at 1 p.m. Monday at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary. Cremation has taken place. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Big Sky Hospice.

"My Hero" by Tyler Berg

My #1 Hero

My #1 hero is my #1 Grandpa Gene because he protects me from danger and never puts me in the way of danger. In my opinion there is nothing he can't do and helps me when I'm in need or when I want something done or built such as when I built a cage to keep the birds off my strawberry plants. When I need something built I go to him and he tells me how to do it step by step.

Whenever I'm bored or not doing anything I get to go with him because he always has time to do stuff with me. But I'm afraid that time is running out because he has cancer. I know that he never gives up and he is strong in many ways. I also know that he will never give up and he will always be my hero in my heart and in my soul.

PaPa, always in our hearts, Kelly, Ryan, Tyler and Kaden.

William 'Bill' Bohle

BAKER — William (Bill) Bohle, 82, of Baker, passed away Friday, Sept. 19, 2003, at the Fallon Medical Complex.



**WILLIAM
BOHLE**

He was born Dec. 17, 1920, at Plevna, the son of Frederick and Barbara (Schlecht) Bohle. Bill grew up and attended school in Plevna and served in the U.S. Navy during WWII during the years of 1944-46. He married Mary E. Lausch on May 25, 1947 at the Peace Lutheran Church in Plevna.

Bill was employed by the Montana State Highway Department for almost 32 years, retiring in 1978. He was active as a Boy Scout leader and was also a member of the American Legion. Bill served in local Military Firing Squad for numerous years. After his retirement, Bill kept busy by helping and doing odd jobs for others. One of Bill's greatest pleasures was meeting with his "coffee buddies" every day.

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He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Rudolph Bohle; and two sisters, Arne (Bill) Singletary and Dorothy (Otto) Schmidt. Bill is survived by his loving wife, Mary; two sons, Jack (Donna) of Bellingham, Wash. and DuWayne of Castro Valley, Calif. a daughter, Joann (Butch) Bergstrom of Sheridan, Wyo.; two brothers, Henry (Mae) of Plevna and Ernie (Barb) of Billings; two sisters, Alvina (Ken) Wiman of Baker and Nettie (Bill) Wilkins of Nauvoo, Ill.; five grandchildren Holly (Tom) Gordian of Dickinson, N.D., Beth (Ron) Carpenter and Cheri (Sean) McFall, all of Bellingham, Wash. Bo Bergstrom and Jay Bergstrom both of Sheridan, Wyo.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, Bill's family has requested that donations be made to the American Lutheran Church in Baker. A Prayer service will be 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 22, at the Stevenson Funeral Home. A Funeral service will take place 11 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 23, at the American Lutheran Church, Baker. Burial will follow at Bonnievale Cemetery. Military rites will be presiding at the cemetery. A luncheon back at the church will be served following the graveside services. Stevenson Funeral Homes, Inc. of Baker and Ekalaka are in charge of the arrangements. Remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family.

Charles C. Bohn, Jr.

SENTINEL BUTTE, N.D. — Charles C. Bohn, Jr., 66, of Sentinel Butte, died Tuesday, March 18, 2003, in Dickinson.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 2 p.m. Friday, March 21, at St. John The Baptist Catholic Church in Beach. A vigil will be at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 20, in the Chapel of the Silvernale-Silva Funeral Home in Beach. Rite of Christian Burial will follow at St. Michael's Cemetery in Sentinel Butte.

Opal Bohnsack

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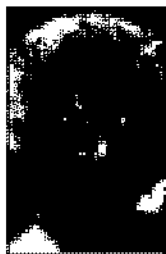
SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Opal May Bohnsack, 81, of Sheridan, died Sunday, Jan. 26, 2003, at Sheridan Manor.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 30, at Kane Funeral Home in Sheridan. Inurnment of cremains will be in the Sheridan Elks Cemetery.

Millie L. Bohrer

Millie L. Bohrer, 73, passed away on Oct. 3, 2003, in Billings after a short illness. Millie was born in Hebron, N.D. on Feb. 19, 1930, to Fred and Katherine Ochsner. She attended public school in North Dakota and graduated in 1948 from Bismarck High.

On June 10, 1950, she married Quentin Bohrer and together they raised four children. In 1970, the family relocated to Billings where Millie worked as a waitress at a local restaurant. In May 1976, Millie joined the Yellowstone County Sheriff's office accepting a position as a Matron for the county jail. She remained with the county for 15 years and retired in February 1992. Not wanting to truly retire, Millie took a job at the West Billings Walmart store where she worked for the past three years as Greeter.



**MILLIE
BOHRER**

Millie enjoyed a variety of activities but especially like music, dancing and bowling. Dear to heart though, was her faith family, friends, co-workers, 1 grandchildren, and one great grandchild. At the time of her death, Millie was looking forward to the birth of her second great grandchild in January.

Millie is survived by her daughter, Elaine Couture and husband, Wayne of Spokane Wash., three sons, Monty and his wife, Kelly of Sioux Falls, S.D., Scott of Billings, and Quentin Jr. and his wife, Janet of Denton, Texas; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Millie was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Edwin and Paul Ochsner, and Quentin Sr., her beloved husband of 45 years.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 7, at the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, officiated by Pastor Marohl. Interment will be held at the Yellowstone Valley Memorial Park.

Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary has charge of arrangements

The family requests that instead of flowers, memorials be made to the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd at 1108 24th Street West, Billings, MT 59102.

"When there is Love in the home, there is Joy in the Heart."

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Maureen Kathryn Boice

Maureen Kathryn Boice, 83 years old, leaving wife and three sons, died June 17, 1963, in Billings, his richest hill on the second away on Dec. 25, 1904, in Cheyenne, Colo., where she had moved to be closer to her daughter and son-in-law.

She was project secretary for Social Community Employment Services in Billings for many years, and was much loved by everyone who knew her.

Funeral service at St. Patrick's C. Cathedral at 12 noon, Friday, June 21, with interment of remains at Holy Cross Cemetery to follow.

She was born Maureen Boice, and died in 1963. She is survived by her daughter, Maureen, and her husband.

Funeral arrangements made to the Lithuanian Society of America.

JAN 30 2003**Pearl A. (Kallevig)
Boland**

TACOMA, Wash. — Pearl Boland, 91, of Tacoma, died Saturday, Jan. 25, 2003, at Allenmore Hospital in Tacoma.

Pearl was born in McHenry, N.D., May 24, 1911, and moved to Sidney, Mont., at an early age. She moved to Billings in 1942 and to Tacoma in the early 1970s.

Funeral services were held Jan. 28 at First Christian Church in Tacoma. Mountain View Funeral Home in Tacoma was in charge of the arrangements.

Russel Dean Boland**DEC 04 2003****RUSSEL BOLAND**

Russel Dean Boland was born Aug. 4, 1933, to Pearl Kallevig Boland and William Baxter Collins in Sidney. He passed into eternity on Dec. 2, 2003, of health complications.

While he spent most of his adult life in California, he yearned to return to Montana. He did so in 1994. Russ spent his retirement years hunting, fishing and on wagon trains.

Russel's grieving family consists of his brother, Floyd Boland (Shotz); niece, Tracy Sturtevant (Ed); nephews, Tim Boland (Rachel) and Tom Boland; great-nephew, Evan; daughters, LeAnn Piccioni (Gerry), Sandy McCaffree (Ed) and Jody Boland; grandchildren, Karl Piccioni, Andy Piccioni (Kristina), Sean and Katie Evans, Dean, Rikki, Brian and Clay McCaffree, Janel and Russel Keehn.

Russel also leaves behind many friends and relatives too numerous to mention.

Funeral services will be held at Cremation or Funeral Gallery on Friday, Dec. 5, at 1 p.m. Burial will be at the Shepherd Cemetery in his adopted home of Shepleed.

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Funeral
Funeral services for the late Mrs. Mary Ann (nee) [unclear] will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, March 10, at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Whitestown. Burial will be in the [unclear] Cemetery. Silvermaster Funeral Home of Whitestown is [unclear]

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Wayne R. Boling

LEWISTOWN GAZETTE
JAN 19 2003

LEWISTOWN — Wayne Richard Boling, 78, died Friday afternoon, Jan. 17, 2003, at Central Montana Medical Center of complications from diabetes.

Funeral services will be at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 22, at the Lewistown United Methodist Church. Burial with military honors by Denton American Legion Post 62 will be at Central Montana Memorial Gardens. Creel Funeral Home is in charge.

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**DONALD BOLLINGER****Donald J. Bollinger**

Donald J. Bollinger, 84, passed away Sunday, April 6, 2003. He was born in Billings, Sept. 20, 1918, the son of John and Emma Bollinger. He graduated from Huntley Project High School and attended Montana State University in Missoula and Kinman Business College in Spokane, Wash.

On Aug. 9, 1940, he married Mary Ann Westover. After his tour of duty in the Army Air Corps where he was a B-25 bomber pilot, they settled in Pompeys Pillar. He owned and operated a grocery store and implement dealership there. In 1957, he purchased Service Candy Co. and the family moved to Billings.

He was an avid golfer and was a longtime member of Yellowstone Country Club. Don belonged to the Masonic Lodge of Worden and the Al Bedoo Shrine.

His wife of 62 years, Mary Ann; and his twin brother, Dale, preceded him in death.

Survivors are his son, Jack (Kay); and daughter Jill Bentz (Terry); grandchildren Wendy Skalicky (Craig), Brett Bollinger (Shannon), Trenton Bentz; and great-grandson Andrew Bollinger.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial services will be 3 p.m. Friday, April 11, at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary. Private family interment will be at Yellowstone Valley Memorial Park.

Memorials may be made to the Al Bedoo Shrine Temple, PO Box 20673, Billings, MT 59104 for the Transportation Fund or the charity of your choice.

Nancy Sue Bollinger

SOUTHAVEN, Miss.

Nancy Sue (Merman) Bollinger, 60, of Southaven, formerly of Glendive, Mont., died Monday, Oct. 20, 2003, in Southaven.

A visitation will be at 7 a.m. Friday, Oct. 24, at the chapel of the Southaven Funeral Home in Southaven. Memorial mass will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 25, at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Glendive. Interment will be in the Dawson County Cemetery in Glendive.

Cynthia 'Cindi' Bomar

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Cynthia "Cindi" Bomar, 51, died Saturday, Aug. 2, 2003, in the Big Horn Mountains.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Trinity Lutheran Church. Champion Ferries Funeral Home is in charge.

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Lewis Loyd Bomar

BILLINGS GAZETTE

JAN 11 2003

Lewis Loyd Bomar, 72, of Billings, went to be with the angels, Wednesday, Jan. 8, 2003. Lewis was born in Fromberg on Dec. 6, 1930, to George and Luella Bomar.

He served in the Marine Corps during the Korean War. He was a Purple Heart recipient. Lewis worked for McIntyre Motors as a bodyman for 20 years. Then he worked for



**LEWIS
BOMAR**

Anderson Steel, followed by Stockton Oil as an over-the-road truck driver.

He is preceded in death by his daughter, Debra Kay Bomar, sister Marie (Vern) Josh, brother Johnny Bomar and both parents.

Lewis is survived by his wife, Somkid "Kitty"; his children, Rose (Crystal) Bomar of Tennessee, Aaron (JoAnn) Bomar of Washington, Tom (Carolyn) Yampradit of Billings, Bert Bomar of South Dakota, Cindy (Tom) Javier of Billings; 12 grandchildren, one great-grandchild; brothers Hank (JoAnne) Bomar of Helena, Bill (Berta) Bomar of Billings; many nephews, nieces, aunts and uncles.

Lewis will be missed by the Bomar and Hayworth families.

Services will be at Cremation or Funeral Gallery, Tuesday, Jan. 14, at 10 a.m. Graveside service will follow at Mountview Cemetery. Reception following at VFW Hall on Anchor.

In memory of Lewis, memorials may be sent to Somkid Bomar, 309 Lincoln Lane, Billings, MT 59105.

Virginia Mae Bondurant

BILLINGS GAZETTE

FEB 26 2003

LIVINGSTON — Virginia Mae Bondurant, 77, of Livingston, died Sunday, Feb. 23, 2003, at Livingston Health and Rehab Center.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 27, at Franzen-Davis Funeral Home in Livingston. Graveside committal and burial will follow in Park View Gardens Cemetery.

Thomas E. Bonko

BILLINGS GAZETTE

DEC 14 2003

BENTEEN
— Thomas E. Bonko, 74, long-time Benteen area cowboy, passed away Saturday, Dec. 13, 2003, at his home. -



**THOMAS
BONKO**

He was born June 12, 1929, in the Pryor Creek area, a son of John and Ella Cashen Bonko. He grew up and received his education in Pryor. He began a life as a cowboy, working for several cattle outfits including Curley Wells, Harvey Wilcutt and the Kennedy Cattle Company. Tom worked for the Bureau of Indian Affairs in the Forestry Department for several years, before returning to the love of his life, that of a cowboy and caring for his horses. He was very proud of being a part of the 1989 Montana Cattle Drive.

Tom married Mary Yarlott on Oct. 22, 1965 in Sheridan, Wyo., and the couple made their home in the Benteen area.

His parents; son, Mitchell and brother, Richard Bonko preceded Thomas in death.

Survivors include his wife, Mary of the family home; his daughters, Vicki Bonko of Garryowen, Ella (Shawn) Iron of Crow Agency, Crystal Falcon of

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Billings, Delmyrna Yarlott and
Vernelle (Sheldon) Dawes of
Bentzen; his sons, Heato (Kathy)
Morrison of Utah, Pyrtle Wilson
of Billings, Paul (Roberta)
Spotted Horse, Jr. of Hardin,
Stanley Whitman, Dan
Hornberger, Robert, Sara and
Thomas (Geraldine) Booker, Jr. of
Bentzen; his adopted son, Bert
Old Bear of Bentzen; a sister,
Adaline (Lee) Roberts of Porsyth;
his brother, Robert (Joann)
Booker of Arizona; 18 grandchil-
dren and eight great-grandchil-
dren.

Funeral services will be held 1
p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 16, in the Bullis
Funeral Chapel. Interment
with military honors will follow
in the Hardin Review Cemetery.
Bullis Mortuary of Hardin has
been entrusted with the arrange-
ments.

Destry Bonsell

BILLINGS GAZETTE

JUL - 8 2003

EKALAKA — Destry Bonsell, age 16, of Ekalaka, passed away Saturday, July 5, 2003, at Fallon Medical Complex in Baker, from injuries sustained in a motor vehicle accident.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 9, in the Chapel of Stevenson Funeral Home, Ekalaka. Funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Thursday, July 10, in the Carter County High School Gymnasium. Burial will be in Beaverlodge Cemetery. Remembrances and condolences may be left for the family at www.stevensonfuneralhome.com.

Constantine G. 'Gus'

Booras

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Gus was born on Jan. 19, 1919, in Sheridan, Wyo., to Anastasia and George Booras. He grew up in Sheridan and graduated from Sheridan High School. Gus attended the University of Colorado for two years at Boulder, where he played football with Wizard White. He then returned home to help in the family grocery store while continuing his business education.

In May of 1942, Gus enlisted in the U.S. Army and served as a paratrooper with the 17th Infantry. He rose to the rank of captain while seeing action in France. Gus was injured during each of the two jumps in France, which was the beginning of the physical problem that plagued him for 59 years. He was honorably discharged in 1946.

Gus married Ann Pilch in August of 1942 in Little Rock, Ark. Upon his return to Sheridan, he worked in the family grocery business. Later, he worked as an accountant for Mullinax Engineering and then for Peter Kiewit and Sons. In 1967, Gus took a position as purchasing agent for the Billings School District, retiring in 1982.

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Gas was particularly fond of sports, participating in baseball, football, and bowling. He was an enthusiastic follower of the sports activities of his sons and grandchildren.

Gas is survived by his wife, Ann, of 60 years; his daughter, Stephanie (Addy) Anderson of Boise, Idaho; his sons, Stephen (Pete) and Gregory (Pam), both of Billings, and Peter (Shannon) of Boise, Idaho; 10 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

A memorial service (Memmosino) will be held at 6 p.m. Monday, March 3, at St. Nicholas Church. An orthodox funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, March 4, at St. Nicholas Orthodox Church. Interment with military honors will be in Sunset Memorial Gardens.

To list of flowers, those who wish to make a contribution to the Gas Soces Memorial Fund, in care of Stephanie Anderson, 1120 N. Rockwood St., Boise, Idaho, or to St. Nicholas Orthodox Church, 401 Lewis Ave., Billings, MT 59101.

Funeral Home: Sawyers Mortuary
Billings, MT 59101

WILSON, Mrs. Catherine R.
Mrs. C. R. Wilson, died
September 15, 2003, at the
Cancer Center in
Cambridge, Massachusetts.
Funeral services will be 10 a.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 17, at the
Catholic Community Church in
Boston. Burial will follow in
Cambridge. Visitation
will be from 9 a.m. and from
12 p.m. to 4 p.m. at
the church.

AUG 21 2003

POPLAR — Shelly Rose Booth, 39, of Poplar, died Tuesday, Aug. 19, 2003, at her home. Cause of death is pending investigation.

Vigil services will be Thursday, Aug. 21, at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in Poplar, with rosary at 7 p.m. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, Aug. 22, at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church. Interment will be in Poplar City Cemetery. Clayton Stevenson Memorial Chapel is in charge.

Delmer E. Borer

Del Borer passed away Wednesday, Oct. 29, 2003, at Deaconess Billings Clinic, after a short bout with cancer. He was 75 years old.

He was born in Forsyth, on Aug. 27, 1928, to William and Louise Borer.

He married MaryAnn Hoffman on June 13, 1959, and they had four children, two sons, Dana and Evan who both live in Billings, and two daughters, Sarah Heiser of Billings and Karen Borer of Roseburg, Ore. He is also survived by one grandchild, Amber Heiser, and one sister, Arlene Inglis of Phoenix. He was preceded in death by both parents; two brothers and two sisters.

Del retired after 30 years from the Montana Highway Department in January 1979. During that time, he served a six-year term on the City Council in Miles City. He spent the next two years as the office manager for Morrison-Maierle, Inc., in Miles City. He worked for several contractors after that. He enjoyed golf, bowling and yard work.

There will be a memorial service at the Smith Funeral Chapel West, on Monday, Nov. 3, at 1 p.m. No flowers, please. The family asks instead that donations be made to the Northern Rockies Cancer Center in Billings or to a charity of your choice.

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Vlasta Marie Borovansky

At the age of 85, Vlasta Marie Borovansky passed away Monday, Jan. 27, 2003, at Evergreen Nursing Home in Billings.

Born on Oct. 6, 1917, Vlasta was one of eight siblings for Antonie (Sala) and Joseph Cap, at Irons, Mich. The family later moved to Chicago.

Vlasta married Joseph E.T. Borovansky on Jan. 28, 1937, and together, they had two daughters.

Vlasta was employed by Aetna Casualty & Life Insurance Company as a claims adjuster and worked in the Chicago Metropolitan Area and Downers Grove Area for 37 years, retiring in 1987.

After retirement, she left Chicago to live with her youngest daughter at Crown Point, Ind., and was an active member of the Faith Baptist Church.

On Nov. 1, 1999, she moved to Worden to live with her eldest daughter and to be nearer her great-grandchildren.

Vlasta is survived by her daughter, Vlasta "Val" and her husband Elmer J. Gabel of Worden; daughter Beverly Stanislawski of Crown Point, Ind.; sister Libbie and husband Arnold Pekarek of Cicero, Ill.; grandchildren, Allen J. Gabel and wife Gina of Colorado Springs, Colo.

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Thomas W. Gabel and wife Theresa of Bellevue, Wash., Jennifer L. Gabel of Worden; and great-grandchildren, Heather M., Gabriella J., Whitney L. Zimmermann and Clint Trask of Worden, and Matthew L. and Erik T. Gabel of Bellevue, Wash.

She was preceded in death by her husband; parents; and brothers, Joseph, Otto, Laddie and Milton; and sisters, Mildred Rod and Betty Keas; and son-in-law, George Stanislawski.

Memorials can be sent to Rocky Mountain College Continuing Education Fund. Cremation has taken place with arrangements by Cremation or Funeral Gallery.

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Joseph R. 'Joe' Borris

Joe Borris was born June 14, 1924, at Scobey, the son of Pete and Johanna (Tkachyk) Borris. He passed to the arms of his Savior, June 1, 2003, following



JOE BORRIS

a courageous battle with lung cancer. He was at home, surrounded by his loving family. Joe was 78 years of age.

Much of Joe's younger life was spent in Eastern Montana. He entered the U.S. Navy in 1943, serving in the South Pacific aboard the USS LST 668 as MOMM 2C. He was honorably discharged in 1946.

Following the military, Joe spent time in the states of Washington and Idaho. He moved to Billings in 1958. He tended bar at the Circle Inn, Northern Hotel, Skyview Terrace, the Owl's Roost and the Turf. He was also employed by School District 2 and worked at Senior High and Broadwater Schools, also Ryan Grocery.

Joe married Mary (Hogan) Jolley on May 23, 1961. The love of their lives were their children and grandchildren, very proud of each achievement made by each child. Joe loved to cook, and was at his happiest when camping in the Beartooths and preparing a feast for family and friends. His pickup with camper served as a pantry, and often awed his guest with the quantity and quality of food. He will always be remembered for his ribs and sauerkraut and baked beans.

Joe was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his wife; two daughters, Tracey Borris of Billings, Laura Burns of Tucson; and a son, Robert (Madilene) Jolley of Livingston; six grandchildren, Kristin Burns of Denver, Jennifer Burns of Tucson, Shelly VanDyken of Manhattan, Terry Steffins of Clyde Park, Kari Towner of Belgrade and Josh Jolley of Livingston; four great-grandchildren; two brothers, Paul Borris of Roundup and Willis Borris of Florence; and many nieces and nephews. He also left his loving dogs, Max and Megan.

He was enabled to remain in his home during the entire term of his illness. This was due to the unselfish giving of his wife and daughters, and all the devoted people of Hospice and the doctors and nurses of the Billings Clinic and the Cancer Center. Joe was blessed with excellent care.

Memorials may be made to Big Sky Hospice, PO Box 3004, Billings, MT 59107.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial services will be held 3 pm, Friday June 6, at Cremation Memorial Gallery.

Martin Borst

BILLINGS GAZETTE

KALISPELL — Denver Martin Borst, 88, died Friday, July 11, 2003, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

Memorial services will be 1 p.m. Monday, July 14, at Lion Hill Baptist Church in Martin City. Urn burial will take place at 4:30 p.m. Monday, at Crown Hill Cemetery in Cut Bank.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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Philip Bosard

BILLINGS GAZETTE
JAN 18 2003

Philip Bosard, 70, of Billings, died Thursday, Jan. 16, 2003, at Aspen Meadows.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 21, at Mountview Cemetery. Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary is in charge.

Clarence Bosse

Clarence August Bosse, 77, formerly of Wheaton, Kan., passed away Friday, Oct. 17, 2003, in the Saint Johns Lutheran Nursing Home after a lengthy illness.

He was born Aug. 31, 1926, in Wheaton, Kan., a son of August and Anna Bosse, one of five children. He lived and worked on the family farm until 1945 when he enlisted in the Army as a Medic. He married Erma Regnier in 1950. He continued farming until 1956. They moved to Colorado where they spent most of their lives in Castle Rock. Here, they raised three children. Later, Clarence and Erma moved to Park County, Colo., Florida, back to Kansas, and finally to Montana to be closer to family.

Clarence spent his life as a farmer, surgical technician, EMT, security office, and fireman. Clarence was a member of Our Savior Evangelical Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod. He enjoyed being with his family, playing chess, checkers, horse-shoes, bowling, hunting, hiking, sightseeing, and square dancing.

Clarence was preceded in death by his parents; and two brothers, Ivan and Galen.

Survivors include his wife, Erma of Billings; three children, Shirley (Ken) Osborne and Johnny Bosse of Billings, Teresa (Randy) Candland of Littleton, Colo.; his sisters, Renita (Arlo) Fischer of Wheaton, Kan.; and Lorena (Melvin) Kolterman of Onaga, Kan.; and seven grandchildren, Kara, Kendra, Dusty, Kenny, Ethan, Jake and Chad.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 21, at our Savior Lutheran Church, 1603 St. Andrews Drive. Interment will follow at Terrace Gardens Cemetery.

Contributions may be made to The Alzheimer's Association or Saint Johns Lutheran Home in Billings.

W. Betts

of Billings, for-
died Saturday,
Holy Rosary
City.
Services will be at 1
Sept. 6, in the
Chapel in Hardin.
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NOV 18 2003

Local News

HARLOWTON — Cecil "Bud" Bouchard, 75, of Harlowton, died Nov. 16, 2003, at Wheatland Memorial Hospital.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 19, at St. John's Church, Harlowton. Burial will follow in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Furkin Funeral Home of Harlowton is in charge.

Obituary

DEATH — Lillian Boschard,
77, of Sidney, died Wednesday,
Oct. 15, 2008, in Billings.

Funeral services will be at 10
a.m. Saturday, Oct. 25, at the
Methodist Episcopal Church
in Billings. Burial will be in the
Crestview cemetery. Fullerton
Funeral Home of Sidney is in
charge.

Thelma Boucher

BILLINGS GAZETTE

APR 17 2003

CIRCLE — Thelma Annetta Boucher, 93, of Circle, died Wednesday, April 16, 2003, at McCone County Nursing Home in Circle.

Visitation will be from 2 to 8 p.m. Thursday, April 17, at Clayton Memorial Chapel in Circle. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, April 18, at the Clayton Chapel. Interment will be in the Veterans Plot of Riverview Cemetery.

Marjorie Anne Boulware**NOV 13 2003**

MILES CITY — Marjorie Anne Boulware, age 77, of Miles City, passed away on Tuesday, Nov. 11, 2003, at the Holy Rosary Health Center.

Marjorie was born in Belfield, N.D., on March 22, 1926, the daughter of Louie and Laura (Lebo) Pelissier. She was raised on the ranch at Medora, N.D., and attended schools in Belfield, where



**MAJORIE
BOULWARE**

she graduated from high school. She went to college at St. Mary's Nursing School at Rochester, Minn., and was a cadet in the Nurses Corps during the war. She worked in the VA Hospital in Milwaukee.

She then moved to Miles City, where she worked as a nurse in the operating room at Holy Rosary Hospital. She later met and married Bill Boulware on Jan. 1, 1948, in Miles City. They moved to Bozeman, where Bill went to college and Marjorie worked in the hospital as a nurse in the operating room for two and a half years. They returned to Miles City, where

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they operated the family ranch at Locate. In 1966, they moved to Miles City, where the children went to school. Marjorie worked at the Holy Rosary Hospital until 1976. In 1982, she began working as a licensed commodities broker at the sales yards in Miles City and she worked there until 1992. Marjorie was on the board of directors at the First Interstate Bank for 10 years until 2001.

Marjorie enjoyed playing bridge, following politics and the stock market, watching football and pursuing her genealogy by traveling to Quebec, Montreal, Maine and Salt Lake City with her sister Elsie.

Marjorie is survived by her husband Bill Boulware of Miles City; two sons, Jeffrey Schuyler Boulware and his wife Holly of Brookings, S.D., John Francis (Jack) Boulware of San Francisco; daughter, Jimi Lou Woodward and her husband Gary of Miles City; by six grandchildren, Tori Moss of Gillette, Wyo., Tate Woodard of Miles City, Schuyler Boulware, USAF 2nd Lt. of Shreveport, La., Jonathan Boulware of Merritt Island, Fla., Erik and Thomas Boulware of Brookings, S.D.; and a sister, Elsie Trotter of Cawston, British Columbia. Preceded in death by her brother Bernie Nelson Pelissier and a half-sister, Jean Jacobson.

Interment will follow in the family lot in the Custer County Cemetery. Condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.stevensonandsons.com.

Memorials may be given to the North Dakota Cowboy Hall of Fame, 1110 College Drive, Suite 212, Bismarck, ND 58501 or charity of one's choice.

Visitation will be held Friday, Nov. 14, in the chapel of Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City. A prayer service will be held Friday, at 6 p.m., in the chapel of Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City. Funeral service will be Saturday, Nov. 15, at 1 p.m., at the Emmanuel Episcopal Church.

Margaret Newton

CHELSEA, Wyo. — Margaret Newton, 90, died Thursday, Oct. 26, at the Campbell County Hospital.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m. at the Christian Church. Burial will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 27 at the Campbell County Home.

NOV 01 2003

Mae Bowen

BOISE, Idaho — Mae Josephine Bowen, 91, of Boise, formerly of Livingston, Mont., died Thursday, Oct. 30, 2003, in Boise.

Graveside committal services and burial will be at 2:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 3, at Mountain View Cemetery in Livingston. ~~Franklin-Davis~~ Franklin-Davis Funeral Home of Livingston is in charge.

NOV 04 2003

Michael F. Bowen

COLSTRIP — Michael F. Bowen, 81, of Colstrip, died Sunday, Nov. 2, 2003, from natural causes.

Visitation will be from noon to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 4, at the St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church in Colstrip, and from 9 a.m. to noon Wednesday, Nov. 5, at the St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 6, at the St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church. Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home is in charge.

Michael F. Bowen

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BILLINGS GAZETTE

NOV 05 2003

COLSTRIP
— Michael F. Bowen, age 51, of Colstrip, passed away Sunday night, Nov. 2, 2003, of natural causes, while on his way home.



Mike was born on Dec. 7, 1951, in Olean, N.Y., the only son of Carl A. and Marion L. (Ford) Bowen. The family made Ferndale, Wash., their home in the year 1953. This is where Mike attended his primary education years of schooling until receiving his diploma from Ferndale High School. Following graduation, Mike moved to Yakima, Wash., where he had previously enrolled at J.M. Perry Institute of Technology in the instrumentation course.

MICHAEL BOWEN

He married Kristine Van Wingerden on March 27, 1971, in his hometown of Ferndale. The young couple made their home in Yakima until Mike finished tech school. Upon graduation, Mike was employed by Taylor Instrument Co. and relocated to Portland, Ore. In 1974, at the age of 23, Mike purchased a partnership in the Technical Assistance Corp. located in Billings. In

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August of 1981, Mike began employment with the Montana Power Company, in Colstrip, where the family made their permanent home.

Mike contributed much of his time and talents to his brothers/sisters of the IBEW Local 1638. He was an officer and leader of the Negotiation Committee for many years.

Mike cherished his longtime friends and liked making new friends while pursuing his avid enjoyment of hunting, fishing and working with his horses. He truly enjoyed the good times, with good people.

Mike is survived by his wife of 32 years, Kris Bowen, of Colstrip; his two sons, Bret Bowen of Colstrip and Scot Bowen and his daughter-in-law Dymond of Ashland; along with his grandchildren, Danielle Bowen, Kimberlee Bowen, Cody Bowen and Elyna Bowen. He is also survived by his mother, Marion L. Bowen and sister Barbara Loop, both of Boise, Idaho.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 5, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, at the St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church in Colstrip. Funeral services will be held on Thursday, Nov. 6, at 10 a.m., also in the St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church. A Remembrance party will be held at Bret Bowen's residence, of 3042 Cheyenne Drive, Colstrip, immediately following services.

Barbara Ann Bowers

Barbara Ann Bowers passed away on Sept. 11, 2003, in her home in Billings, with her family, after a fight with cancer. She is now at rest and in the Lord's hands. Barbara was 54 years young.

**BARBARA BOWERS**

Barbara was born in Lexington, Ky., on April 9, 1949, to Hansford and Lorene Madden.

She is survived by her husband, Eugene Allen Bowers; and adopted daughter, Sierra Gene Bowers; her three sons, Rusty Crosthwaite of Lexington, Bryan Edward Bishop and Timothy Scott Bishop of Billings; and seven grandchildren; a brother, Leon Madden; sisters, Loretta Madden and Linda Williamson, all of Lexington.

Upon Barbara's arrival in Billings, not only was she a mother to her children, but foster-parented scores of other children to help them in their troubles and journeys in life, and loved all of them. Always giving more of herself than she could and would never ask for anything in return. A friend to everyone and a mentor to so many. Thank you, Barbara.

There is now a void in so many hearts and heaven has truly received another angel to watch over all of us.

Visitation for Barbara will be Monday and Tuesday, Sept. 15 and 16, at Smith Funeral Chapel Downtown. Funeral services for Barbara will be at Sunset Memorial Gardens at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 16.

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Ruth Bowers

SCOBEEY — Ruth Marie Bowers, 84, died Sunday, Nov. 30, 2003, at the Daniels Memorial Nursing Home in Scobey.

Funeral services will be at 2

p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, at the Scobey Lutheran Church. Burial will be in the Scobey Cemetery. Waller Funeral Home of Scobey is in charge.

Raymond F. Bowers

LIVINGSTON — Raymond F. Bowers, 79, of Livingston, formerly of Great Falls, died Sunday, July 20, 2003, at Livingston Memorial Hospital.

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

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VIOLET PEARL BOWMAN

Violet Pearl Bowman, born May 16, 1914, was called home to our Lord on June 1, 2003, to be with her father, mother, four brothers, three sisters, daughter Sharon, and son, Delbert. Pearl grew up on a farm in Weiser, Idaho, the third oldest of nine children born to Daniel and Edith Ledington. She was married to Allyn Bowman



**VIOLET
BOWMAN**

on Jan. 14, 1993. She worked hard all her life homesteading, farming, and raising five children. She held various jobs to raise her children. She enjoyed cooking, baking, quilting, crocheting, knitting, and other types of handwork. All the family members will cherish her famous quilts.

Pearl continued to maintain her own home until July 2002, when at the age of 88, she took up residence at St. John's Lutheran Home. Pearl had an unconditional love for the Lord, all of her family, extended family and all those that she met. She never preached the gospel, but was one of the shining examples of what a disciple should

be by her consistent faith and love day in and day out. She was always the rock for all those around her and she never faltered in the worst of times. Her life always reflected the fruits of the Holy Spirit; Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness and Self Control.

Pearl is survived by her brother, Robert and Erma Ledington of Payette, Idaho; uncle, Fred and Florence Thornton of LaGrande, Ore.; daughters, Barbara and Jack McNeish of Billings, and Linda and Don Pearson of Deer Lodge; son, David and Sarah Bowman of Georgetown, Texas; grandchildren; Connie (Lary) Grable, Steven (Kelli) Bowman, Aurica (John) Sutton, Angela (Brent) Miller, Stephanie (Duane) Hons, Jeffrey (Tami) McNeish, Jason (Kim) McNeish, Jonathan (Christy) McNeish, Lori (Marwan) Saba, and Michelle Pearson; great-grandchildren, Rusty Grable, Amber Grable, Steven Bowman, Jesika Bowman, Zakery Bowman, Jessica Sutton,

John Sutton Jr., Erin Feltes, Kayli Hons, Collyn Hons, Justeen McNeish, and Joshua Saba; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Safely Home

I am home in heaven, dear ones; Oh, so happy and so bright! There is perfect joy and beauty in this everlasting light. All the pain and grief is over, every restless moment passed; I am now at peace forever, safely home in heaven at last.

There is work still waiting for you, so you must not idly stand; do it now, while life remaineth - you shall rest in God's own land. When that work is all completed, he will gently call you home; Oh, the rapture of that meeting. Oh, the joy to see you come.

Viewing will be at the Dahl Funeral Home at 10 Yellowstone Ave., Billings, from 5 to 8 p.m. on Monday, June 2. Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Tuesday, June 3, at St. John's Lutheran Nursing Home. Interment will be in Weber Idaho on Saturday, June 7. A reception will follow the graveside service. Memorials may be made to St. John's Lutheran Home, 3940 Rimrock Rd., Billings, MT 59101 or Big Sky Hospice, 123 S. 27th, Billings, MT 59101.

MAY 09 2003

Leonard Boxer

POPULAR— Leonard Boxer, 60, of Poplar, died Tuesday, May 8, 2003, at his home, of cancer.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, May 12, at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in Poplar. Rosary will be at 7 p.m. Sunday, May 11, at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church. Interment will be in the family cemetery in Fort Kipp. Bell McEntee, of Glasgow is in charge.

Melvin Boyce

LOVELL, Wyo. — Melvin Sessions Boyce, 70, of Lovell, died Monday, June 30, 2003, at his home.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 5, at the LDS Church in Lovell. Interment will be in the Byron Cemetery. Haskell Funeral Home of Lovell is in charge.

BILLINGS GAZETTE

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MAY 29 2003**George A. Boyd, Jr.**

WOLF POINT — George A. Boyd, Jr., 93, died Friday, May 23, 2003, at Saint Lutheran Home in Wolf Point.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, May 29, at the Immaculate Conception Church in Wolf Point. Interment will be in the Brockton Riverview Cemetery. Clayton Stevenson Memorial Chapel is in charge.

Helen Sparks Boyd

WOLF POINT — Helen Roberta Sparks Boyd, 90, died Sunday, July 6, 2003, at the Trinity Hospital after a long illness.

A prayer service is at 7 p.m. Thursday in Clayton Stevenson Memorial Chapel. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at the Immaculate Conception Church with inurnment in the Brockton Riverview Cemetery at a later date.

BILLINGS GAZETTE

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Joseph O. Boyd

BILLINGS GAZETTI

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David [unclear]

POPLAR —
Our precious Joseph O. "Joe" Boyd, age 33, went home to be with his Savior on Thursday, Nov. 13, 2003, as the result of a car accident. Joe was born July 13, 1970, in



JOE BOYD

Poplar. He attended Poplar Schools and graduated in 1989.

For many years, Joe traveled with his family, The Boyd Indian Family, across American and Canada, ministering in music and word on many Indian reservations and in many churches.

In 1992-'93, Joe attended Nashville (Tenn.) Tech for sound, audio, video and photography. By the late 1990s, Joe helped his dad, Wayne, with Iron Ring Sound. During his lifetime, Joe became a seasonal firefighter, a fish and game warden for the Fort Peck Tribes, a Head Start bus driver, and most recently a driver for the Poplar ambulance crew.

Joe's life was most rewarding attending his boys and nephews' wrestling matches. He enjoyed many sports, especially basketball and darts. From time to time, he also enjoyed working on cars.

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Joe is survived by his parents, Wayne Sr. and Dolly Boyd of Poplar; his wife, Vermae Smith of Poplar; four sons, Chennaniah Titus, Maschil Zion, Chance Joseph and Joseph Wayne, all of Poplar. He is also survived by brothers, Wayne (Jr.) and Mia Boyd of Pryor, Samson Boyd of Nashville; adopted brothers Phillip (Brenda) Hamilton of Auburn, Wash., and Anthony (Kim) Martin of Nashville; sisters Debi Boyd (Faron) of Poplar, Valerie Boyd of Phoenix, Jodie and Machele Boyd of Poplar, Waynette Boyd and (Donald) Weinberger of Poplar, and Sharon (Ash) Kidman of Albuquerque, N.M.; nephews: Habakkuk, James and Canaan Uriah Boyd and Donald Weinberger IV, all of Poplar; nieces, Hannah and Gabriella Boyd of Poplar, Madison Emily Kidman of Albuquerque; and many uncles, aunts, and relatives. Joe was preceded in death by his paternal grandma Florence Iron Ring; and maternal grandma Jeanette Cloud Youpee; great-grandparents William and Meta Boyd, and Moses and Rebecca Cloud; and uncles Lester and Thomas Youpee.

Vigil service will be on Wednesday, Nov. 19, at 7 p.m., at the Poplar Assembly of God Church. Funeral services will be held on Thursday, Nov. 20, at 10 a.m., at the Poplar Assembly of God Church. Interment will be in

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Funeral Home City Cemetery.
Condolences may be sent to the
family at csmc@montel.net or
www.stevensonandsons.com.

NEXT

*Here I stand at heavens' shore
The battle of my flesh — I've
won, I fight no more*

*On November 13th my Savior
called*

*I looked to heaven from my car
and left all*

*My family, Mae and sons are
rejoicing with me*

*It will only be days before they
join me*

*Mom, Dad my promise I've kept
My words "Don't worry, I'll be
there you bet"*

*Sisters — sure love you all,
thanks for*

*The twenties for dart games
And giving my boys your all*

*Bro — Sam — best friend
You know it bro
We loved to the end*

*Jr. your work for God has
touched all*

*I'm hearing here in heaven
How you gave you all
Keep reaching them!*

Love you guys — my next has
come

It's here in heaven

Hang'n with God's son

(Love ya — Joe)

Gordon 'Zurk' Boyer

BILLINGS GAZETTE

FEB 10 2003

BRIDGER —
Gordon "Zurk"
Boyer, 82, of
Bridger, passed
away Sunday,
Feb. 9, 2003, at
St. Vincent
Healthcare.



**GORDON
BOYER**

Gordon was
born Oct. 6,
1920, at the
Boyer Ranch, a
son of Josie and
Malden Boyer of Bridger. He
married Vera LaFurge on Feb. 10,
1946. He resided at the family
ranch his entire life and was
active in the farming community.
He graduated in 1938 from
Bridger High School.

He was preceded in death by
an infant daughter, Shelly Kay;
mother, Josie; and father, Malden;
sisters, Christina and Helen; and
brother, Kenneth.

He is survived by his wife,
Vera, of 57 years; his brother,
Lloyd; his two children and their
families, Vicki (Larry) Hylland of
Billings and Lee (Connie) Boyer
of Helena. He is also survived by
five grandchildren, Tracy, Kelly
and Marty Hylland, and Jeff and
Jason Boyer; three step-grand-
children, Leslie, Joe (Julie) and
Kevin (Erin); six step-great-
grandchildren; 15 nieces and
nephews; and their children and
numerous close and beloved
friends.

Zurk loved to farm and talk
agriculture, tell stories, take Vera
dancing and have good times
with his family and friends. A
character until his death, Zurk
was always quick-witted and
jovial. He will be extraordinarily
missed by all who knew and
loved him. We will forever keep
you in our hearts, Husband, Dad,
Brother and Grandpa.

Cremation has taken place. A
memorial service will be held at 11
a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 12, at
Bridger Methodist Church.
Memorials may be sent to the St.
Vincent Healthcare (3 Fortin
Oncology Floor) or Bridger
Methodist Church.

Frank Doyle

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Frank A. Doyle, 89, of Sheridan, died Saturday, Sept. 27, 2003, at Memorial Hospital of Sheridan County.

Funeral service will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 1, at Champion Ferris Funeral Home in Sheridan. A graveside service will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 2, in Sheridan Municipal Cemetery.

Aug. 30,



**MARGIE
BRACKEN**

...the last 5 1/2
years.

She leaves behind her beloved husband of 42 years, Kenneth L. Bracken of Broadview; and beloved daughter, Tara Lundell from Orting, Wash. She also leaves behind her cherished grandchildren, Bryan, Brittany, Josh and Rich; her son-in-law, Nick Lundell; as well as Carol and Archie Worm of Laurel, Edna and Roy Townsend of Billings, Susie Albertson of Billings, many other family and friends; and her dog Fiver, whom she loved dearly.

Margie worked many years as a nursing assistant in Billings, where her compassion and heart touched many lives. Her hobbies included cross-stitch and rug-making, quilt-making and sketching. She has numerous ribbons and awards from the Montana Fair. She also loved attending garage sales.

Margie never complained about her illness and her compassion for her family and friends, and her faith in the Lord, kept her strong. Her courage and fearlessness in the face of her illness was second to none.

Her love of animals was as big as her heart. Margie's wish was for people to send donations to the Humane Society or the Animal Shelter.

Her family wishes to express their deep gratitude to all the doctors, nurses, friends and family who helped her and loved her along the way.

The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 4, at the Smith West Chapel, 304 34th St. West in Billings, with a graveside service at the Lavina cemetery. A potluck reception will be held at the Senior Center in Broadview following these services.

Robert Lloyd Bradford

BILLINGS GAZETTE

BOZEMAN — Robert Lloyd Bradford passed away Oct. 31, 2003, at Mountain View Care Center in Bozeman.

Bob was born in Laurel on June 12, 1920, to Charles Dickens Bradford and Margaret (Hall) Bradford. He was a 12th-generation Mayflower descendent. Bob graduated from Glasgow High



**ROBERT
BRADFORD**

School in 1938. He graduated from Montana State University-Bozeman in 1948, with a degree in Electrical Engineering. He was a member of the Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity.

Bob enlisted in the Navy during World War II and was honorably discharged in 1946.

In 1948, Bob became a partner in the Powder Horn Sporting Goods store with his good friend, George Dieruf Sr., where they were in business together for 44 years. In 1985, Bob received the Hunting and Shooting Industry Leadership Award in Retailing (the Sphinx Award). His creativity was displayed many times with the commemorative rifles he designed and created for Montana

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and Wyoming. He was well known for his active sponsorship of softball, Little League and bowling teams, where he attended as many games as he could.

Bob and George were charter members of Sports Incorporated, a sporting goods buying group that started with seven stores and now has over 300 stores nation wide. He held many offices and was recognized as Outstanding Sports Incorporated Store member in 1975 and the Powder Horn store was recognized as Store of the Year in 1986.

As a charter member of the Bozeman Breakfast Optimist Club, Bob was a past president, headed the Hunter Safety Division, and received life membership for outstanding service in the local club.

Teaching young adults and their parents about safe hunting practices was a passion. Bob was recognized by Montana's Hunter Education Program, Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks in 1998 for his role as Gallatin County's Chief Hunter Safety Instructor for over 30 years. He was awarded a plaque for Outstanding Service in Hunter Safety Education as Chief Hunter Safety Instructor from the Gallatin Wildlife Association.

Bob was a 50-year member of Gallatin Lodge #6, AF&AM. He belonged to the 32nd Degree Scottish Rite Bodies, Algeria Shrine Temple (Helena), Lily of the Valley #4 Order of Eastern

Star and White Shrine of Jerusalem. He was a member of the United Methodist Church.

Bob was a Bobcat Booster from the inception of the Century Club at Montana State University. He showed his support by having season tickets since 1948 when basketball games were played in Romney Gym.

Carol, Joyce and Greta will always have fond memories of Dad's patience and persistence, whether it was learning to ride bikes, water skiing, fly-fishing or trying to shoot white rocks. He was a fun, lovable dad who shared many adventures. We could always go to Dad with a question and he always had an answer whether we liked it or not. He was caring and loving, we will miss him very much.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Louise (Chandler) Bradford; daughters, Carol and Jerry Perlinski, Joyce and George Walker, and Greta Bradford; brother, Earl and Alice Bradford; grandchildren, Adele and Jeff Burgard, Arianne Perlinski, Kate Robinson, Rochelle and Dustin Pitman; great-grandson Ian Burgard; and five nephews and two nieces.

Interment of the urn with Military Honors will take place Tuesday, Nov. 4 at Sunset Hills Cemetery. Procession to the cemetery will leave from Dakten-Nelson Sunset Chapel at 12:30 a.m. A memorial service will fol-

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low at 1:30 p.m. at the Bozeman United Methodist Church.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Hunters Safety Class, care of Chuck Hogg, Treasurer, Breakfast Optimist Club, PO Box 331, Bozeman, MT 59711, or the charity of your choice.

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Tim Bradford

CELLETTE, Wyo. — Timothy Bradford, 44, of Campbell County, died Monday, Nov. 24, 2003, at the Campbell County Memorial Hospital after a long illness that ended with pneumonia.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Monday, Dec. 1, at his graveside in the Mount Pisgah Cemetery in Gillette. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Monday, at the Convention Center Funeral Home in Gillette.

Earl W. Brady

WINNETT — Earl W. Brady, 79, of Winnett, died Sunday, July 6, 2003, at the Central Montana Medical Center in Lewistown.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, July 10, at the Winnett Gymnasium. Interment will follow in the Winnett Cemetery. Cloyd Funeral Home of Lewistown is in charge.

BELLINGS GAZETTE

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Pearl Braley

HARDIN — Pearl P. Braley, 70, of Hardin, formerly of Joliet, went home on Oct. 12, 2003, at the Heritage Acres Nursing Home.

She was born Oct. 13, 1932, in Joliet, the fourth child of 11 children of Charles and Josephine Smith Miller. She grew up and received her education in Columbus.

Pearl married Bernard Braley on Dec. 17, 1954, in Columbus, and the family made their home in the Billings area. For a number of years, she worked for Big Sky Linen and later of Creeks Building Maintenance, while raising her five sons.

In her free time, she enjoyed gardening, needlework, reading and listening to country music. She always had an open door when people needed a place to stay and often helped out family members. She loved to watch the birds at their bird feeder. After retirement, Pearl and Bernard moved to Joliet.

Her husband, a grandson, Trent Braley and a brother, Gerald Miller, preceded Pearl in death.

Survivors include her sons, Alvin and Eugene Braley of Joliet, Don Braley of Fromberg, James Braley of Hardin and Terry Braley of San Carlos, Calif.; her sisters, Maxine Binck of Columbus, Violet Paulson of Laurel, Edna Gonka of Wyoming, Lillian Osgood of South Dakota and Sherry Daniels of Livingston; her brothers, Ivan Miller of Tennessee, Cecil Miller of Laurel, Vern Miller of Superior and Charles Miller of Deer Lodge; 12 grandchildren; five step-grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and four step-great-grandchildren. Her family of friends and staff at the Heritage Acres Nursing Home also survive her.

Happy Birthday Mom!

Cremation has taken place. Memorial funeral services will be held 1 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 15, in the Bullis Funeral Chapel. Private inurnment will follow in the Joliet Cemetery. Bullis Mortuary of Hardin has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Should friends desire, memorial contributions may be made to the Heritage Acres Activity Fund, 200 N. Mitchell, Hardin, MT 59034.

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Helen F. Bramblett**HELENA —**

Our beloved mother, Helen F. Bramblett, passed away on Nov. 7, 2003, in Helena. She had been living in Helena since January 2003,



**HELEN
BRAMBLETT**

after residing most of her adult life in Billings. She was born on Oct. 2, 1918, in Brazil, Ind., to Cleve and Beechie Loudermilk.

She married L.L. "Putt" Bramblett in Indiana on June 4, 1936. They moved to Billings in 1940, with their firstborn son, Robert "Bobby." While in Billings, Helen and Putt owned the 504 Garage and State Sales Company. In 1953, they left Billings and lived in Helena, Spokane, Wash., and Pocatello, Idaho, and returned to Billings in 1963, where they founded Automatic Vending Service.

Helen and Putt enjoyed close relationships with their many dear friends throughout their lives and derived much pleasure from their company. Mom lived life to the fullest and didn't wait for life to come to her but went after life. Mom never lost her enthusiasm for experiencing new things, making new friends or

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spending time with her grandchildren. She bowled in leagues twice weekly, golfed and played bridge with many of her dearest friends. Mom was an avid Denver Broncos fan.

She was preceded in death by her son, Bobby in 1945; her husband Putt in 1992; and her sister, Mildred Timko in 1998.

She was a homemaker and devoted her life to her family and believed that God is Love.

She is survived by her sons, Jim of Denver and Tim (Janet) of Helena; her daughter, Vicki (Jim) McDonough of Denver. She was also blessed with six grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, one great-great-granddaughter, and eight nieces and nephews. She is the eldest of four sisters and is survived by two sisters, Jeanne (Don) Greenley and Jerri (Vernon) Griffin, both of Billings; and her brother-in-law, Jack Timko of Terre Haute, Ind.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 15, at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary.

Memorials may be made to St. Peters Hospice, 2475 Broadway, Helena, MT 59601 or to the charity of one's choice.

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REGISTER

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**CAPTAIN ROBERT H.
BRANDENBURGER**

Died on February 20, 2003. He is survived by his wife Mary O'Hern Brandenburger, his son Mark and his wife Patsy, son Wayne, daughter Ferrian and her husband Richard Windhausen, son Alan and his wife Bridgette, and eleven wonderful grandchildren—Julianne, Jake, Joshua, Blayne, Brianna, Brett, Alan, Caris, Brittany, Brighton, and Cambria.

Born in Laurel, Montana, in 1926, Robert grew up in Monroe, Washington, and Chino, California. At the age of 17 he went to sea, and by age 22 became one of the youngest to achieve the rank of Captain in the Merchant Marine, where he made his career. He was widely respected in the maritime community and also served with the United States Army during the Korean War. He was involved with numerous philanthropic efforts, including working with the Friendships in delivering charitable donations to Central America and other parts of the world. He was a loving husband and a wonderful father, and had many kind and generous friends.

A memorial service will be held at the family home on Tuesday, February 25, 2003, at 3:00 p.m. In accordance with Captain Brandenburger's wishes, his final resting place will be at sea.

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Donald Willis Brant

Donald Willis Brant, age 69, of Glendive, passed away on Thursday, May 8, 2003, in Billings.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m., Monday, May 12, at the Chapel of the Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home in Glendive with Pastor Paul Everett officiating. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Glendive is entrusted with arrangements.



**DONALD
BRANT**

Don was born on Aug. 18, 1933, in Staples, Minn., the son of Earl and Dorathy (Lorenzen) Brant. He moved with his family to Glendive in 1941 where he attended Sacred Heart School and graduated from Dawson County High School with the class of 1951. He then attended the University of Montana and graduated with the class of 1956 with a degree in secondary education. Don was a track, football and basketball star while at the University and had received numerous awards and honors. He had been inducted into the University of Montana Track Hall of Fame. After gradu-

ating from college, Don was a teacher and coach in Wolf Point and Missoula. He married Patricia High and to this union two children, Jimmy and Stacy, were born. Don was united in marriage to Mona Balcer in 1979. Don worked for Self-Service Furniture Store, Zip Beverage in Missoula and was currently the manager of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Club in Glendive.

Don was an avid sports enthusiast with a special love for the Grizzly football team and Atlanta Braves. Don's love for people and life itself was so important to him that he gratefully donated his beautiful blue eyes and corneas to a needy recipient.

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

Survivors include his loving wife, Mona Brant of Glendive; his son, Jimmy Brant and his wife Kim of Reno, Nev.; his daughter, Stacy Elmore and her husband Dave of Missoula; three stepsons, Les Balcer and his wife Connie of Glendive, Curt Balcer and his wife Gale of San Antonio, and

Leo Dulcar and his wife Carolyn of Sidney; one stepdaughter, Tracy Rockholt and her husband Ray of Lakeville, Minn.; one brother, Jack Brant and his wife Aedle of Glendive; 15 grandchildren, one great-granddaughter and numerous nieces and nephews.

Remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at www.allvarnals-allvarnals.com.

Betty Jean Brantz

BILLINGS GAZETTE

JAN 10 2003

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Betty Jean Brantz, 78, of Sheridan, died Wednesday, Jan. 8, 2003, at Westview Health Care Center.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial graveside service will be held at a later date. Champion Ferries Funeral Home is in charge.

Edwin 'Eddie' Braunstadter

ILLINOIS GAZETTE
JAN 17 2003

Eddie, age 53, died peacefully at home on Wednesday, Jan. 15, 2003, with his wife Karen by his side.

He was a very devoted husband, father and friend. He will be missed deeply.

He made his living as an over the road truck driver and construction worker. His hobbies were hunting, cat-fishing, working on his old '73 Ford pickup and model airplanes; he loved the outdoors. He will be greatly missed by all.

Eddie is survived by his devoted wife of 35 years; the light of his life, his only child, Ruth Braunstadter and Duffy; his brothers, Tony (Debbi) and Monty (Delores); sister-in-law, Mary Ann Berland and Jerry; brother-in-law, Frank Beebe; and five nephews.

Eddie also has his special friend, Pounce Marie, his cat, and his dogs, Dani and Mariah.

Eddie lived his life as he wanted and was my life.

Eddie, I will always love you. You were my life. I will miss you so much, Big Guy. Love you, see you over the rainbow.



**EDDIE
BRAUN-
STADTER**

To my Dad, my Hero

The one I laughed with, the one I cried with. You were always there for me no matter what the problem was, and you always made it better. You mean the world to me, Dad, and until we meet again, you will always be with me in my mind and in my heart. I love you, dad, and miss you lots.

Love you always, Sis.

Wake will be held Saturday, Jan. 18, at 1 p.m. till evening, at 308 S. 38th.

Nylene Rae Braunstadter

Nylene Rae Braunstadter, age 46, died peacefully at her home on Jan. 14, 2003, after losing her battle with cancer.

Nylene was born July 7, 1956, in Helena. At 3 months of age, Nylene was adopted by her loving parents Clair and Inez Landa. She was raised in Billings along with her two siblings, Mark and Nancy. Nylene attended Meadowlark Elementary, Will James Junior High, and graduated from West High School in 1974.

After graduating high school, Nylene moved to Clarkston, Wash., for a short time, where her daughter Michele was born. Nylene and her daughter moved back to Billings, where she married Don Braunstadter on Nov. 2, 1978. They shared 24 wonderful years together. She found much joy in her 6-year-old grandson, Caleb, and treasured the time they spent together.

In 1972, Nylene began working at her father's business, Billings Pipe & Pump Supply. For 15 years, she cherished the closeness of working with her father.



**NYLENE
BRAUN-
STADTER**

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In 1989, Nylene then began working for Archie Cochrane Ford as an assistant manager in the body shop. She enjoyed her work and the many friends she made there over the years.

After being diagnosed with cancer, Nylene worked for several months with a genealogist and located her biological mother. Frances Schenck of Clark Fork, Idaho, was overjoyed to finally meet the daughter she'd loved and missed for the last 46 years. Frances and Nylene formed an immediate bond that was very special.

Nylene was an extraordinarily kind and generous woman. She loved to garden, take walks, read and spend time with her family. She touched all of our lives in so many ways.

We will all remember the daughter, the sister, the wife, the mother, the grandmother and the friend in her. We will love and treasure her memory forever.

Nylene is preceded in death by her beloved father, Clair Landa, who passed away in 1997. She is survived by her husband, Donald Braunstadter; her daughter, Michele (Braunstadter) Halton and son-in-law, Paul Halton and her grandson Caleb Hill. She is also survived by her much loved mother, Inez Landa;

her brother Mark Landa; her sister Nancy (Landa) Jones and brother-in-law Lance Jones. Nylene also has other surviving aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins. We will all miss her very much.

A memorial service will be held at Smith West Funeral Chapel at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 18. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be sent to Big Sky Hospice, PO Box 1049, Billings, MT 59103. Hospice was an invaluable source of support to our family during our time of need. We want to express our deepest appreciation to them.

CROW AGENCY — David Bravo, 79, of Crow Agency, passed away Thursday, Sept. 24, 2003, in the Crow IHS Hospital.

Baakakaa'xxinneesh "To save things," was born March 27, 1924, near Lodge Grass, a son of Art and Alberta Bloodman Bravo. He grew up and received his education in Lodge Grass. Following his education, he worked as a ranch-hand for several area farms and ranches.

David married Myrtle Kills and she preceded him in death. He later had a common-law wife, Sandra Other Medicine.

He was a member of the Catholic Church, Big Lodge Clan and was a child of the Greasy Mouth Clan. During his younger years, he broke wild horses, hunted in the Big Horn Mountains and took part in arrow throwing events. He also participated in the Sun Dance.

His parents; three sons, Michael, Darrel and Jeremiah; and two daughters, Janice and Annie, preceded David in death.

Survivors include his wife, Sandra of Crow Agency; two sons, Dennis (Carlotta) and Tyron Bravo of Lodge Grass; two daughters, Bernadine (Rick) Evans of Washington and Dayene (Archie) Big Lake of Hardin; his stepdaughters, Caroline (Lawrence) Big Hair, Farah (Avery) Pretty on Top and Megan Jefferson; his stepson, Gordon (Raylena) Tobacco; a half-sister, Mary Ann Bear Below; an adopted daughter, Genieva Chandler; 15 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his extended family including the Not Afraid, Backbone, Pretty on Top, Walks, Bear Below and Left Hand families.

Rosary will be recited 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 28, in the Bullis Funeral Chapel. Funeral Mass will be celebrated 10 a.m. Monday, Sept. 29, in the Lodge Grass Our Lady of Loretto Catholic Church. Interment will follow in the Lodge Grass Cemetery. Bullis Mortuary of Hardin has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Robert B. Brawley, Sr.

Robert Bruce Brawley, Sr., 59, of Billings, died Sunday, Aug. 31, 2003, at Deaconess Billings Clinic.

No services are planned. Smith's Downtown Chapel is in charge of cremation.

Helen (Kruk) Brayko

Aug. 22, 1910 — Sept. 13, 2003

Helen (Kruk) Brayko was called to her resting place, Sept. 13, 2003.

The oldest of Karl and Rose Kruk's children, Helen was born Aug. 22, 1910, in Sifton, Manitoba, Canada.



**HELEN
BRAYKO**

Helen married John Brayko in Sifton on July 30, 1927, and they moved to Scobey to farm.

During the '30s and '40s, they lived in Chicago. In the mid-'40s, their love of the land brought them back to Scobey, where they operated a hotel and later farmed.

Helen worked at Daniels County Memorial Hospital for 20 years until retirement.

Helen was a lifetime member of St. Philips Catholic Parish and active in church organizations and activities. She enjoyed cooking, baking and crocheting, and made many items for her family.

Helen maintained her independence, living in her home till her mid-80s, when ill health caused her to become a resident at Eagle Cliff Manor Nursing Home in Billings.

Helen had an unconditional love for the Lord and all of her family.

Besides her parents, Helen was preceded in death by infant daughter Olga; husband John; four brothers, Stanley, Walter, Tony and Chris Kruk; and stepsister Rosie Strilchuk.

She is survived by two step-brothers, August and Joe Kruk of Dauphin, Manitoba, Canada; son, Donald and wife Marlene; grandchildren Beata Hart and husband Ray of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Damian Brayko and wife Yvonne of Portland, Ore.; three great-grandchildren, Matthew and wife Jennifer Brayko, Andre'a Brayko and Christopher Brayko, all of Portland.

The family would like to thank the caregivers and staff at Eagle Cliff Manor in Billings for the care and attention.

Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. Friday, Sept. 19, at St. Philip's Catholic Church in Scobey. Burial will be in Scobey Cemetery.

Mike Brayko

GLASGOW — Mike Brayko was born on May 12, 1916, in Sifton, Manitoba, to Onfrey and Mary (Stefanuk) Brayko. The family moved to Scobey in 1923, where they farmed.

Mike married Evelyn Wilk in 1942. The couple lived in Seattle, where Mike worked for Boeing Aircraft until 1946, when they moved to

Glasgow and leased the Westland Oil Co. In the mid-'50s, they purchased the Bell Motel, Union 76 Service Station and U Haul business, which they operated until 1974.

Mike passed away peacefully on Sunday, Oct. 19, 2003, at Valley View Home, in the presence of loved ones.

Mike was an avid hunter, fisherman and card player. After his retirement, he enjoyed gardening and traveling in his motor home to visit family. He was a member of St. Raphael's Parish, Knights of Columbus, Elks, and Good Sam.



MIKE BRAYKO

Mike is survived by his wife, Evelyn; three sons and daughters-in-law, Garry and Kathy of Billings, Curt and Carol of Glasgow, Craig and Tami of Great Falls; and grandchildren Krista, Kate, Kara, Adam, Laura, Lisa, Carolyn, Kendra and Jared.

Also surviving are his brothers and sisters-in-law, Peter and Lois of Wisconsin, Steve and Marty of Florida, Mary of Scobey; and sisters Lena Lindquist of Scobey and Tillie Salisbury of North Dakota; along with numerous nieces and nephews.

Mike is preceded in death by his parents and siblings John, Bill, Annie Krueger, Richard and Fred.

The rosary will be recited for Mike at St. Raphael's Parish on Wednesday, Oct. 22, at 6:30 p.m., followed by a vigil service at 7 p.m. The funeral mass will be Thursday, Oct. 23, at 10 a.m. at St. Raphael's Parish, with Rev. Thad Kozikowski officiating. Interment will be in Highland Cemetery in Glasgow. Bell Mortuary in Glasgow is in charge.

DEC 01 2003

John Alan Drayton

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — John Alan Drayton, 75, died Thursday, Nov. 27, 2003, at his residence.

Services will be 1 p.m. Monday, Dec. 1, at Champion Ferris Funeral Home. A private family committal service will be held at a later date.

Gladys Breitling

BILLINGS GAZETTE
APR 17 2003

Gladys Breitling, 78, formerly of Park City, passed away late

T u e s d a y
evening, April 15, 2003, at Eagle Cliff Manor.

She was born in Zap, N.D., on April 6, 1925, to Wilhelm and Anna Walz.

She married Clarence Breitling in Sidney on Sept. 6, 1945.

They resided in Sidney until retiring and moving to Park City in 1982. She was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Park City and later Trinity Lutheran in Billings.

She enjoyed cooking, sewing, gardening, making quilts for all her children and grandchildren and playing cards.

Gladys moved to Billings in 1995 due to health concerns. She resided with her daughter Sandy until May 2000, when she entered Eagle Cliff Manor.

Survivors include two sons, Glenn (Dixie) of Salt Lake City and Bruce (Charlotte) of Bozeman; one daughter, Sandra (Ken) Collier of Billings; five grandchildren, Troy (Jana) Nygaard, Tanya (Clint) Hensel, Jason Breitling, Nicole (Jamie)



**GLADYS
BREITLING**

Schriver and Travis Breitling; six great-grandchildren, Brittin, Jared, Cassidy, Kori, Derek and Kaitlyn; two sisters, Ruth (August) Helm and Caroline (Calvin) Buechler of North Dakota and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, parents and two great-granddaughters, Megan and Madison Nygaard.

Services will be at 2:30 p.m. Friday, April 18, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Park City. Interment will be in the Park City Cemetery. Smith Funeral Chapel in Laurel is in charge.

MAR 19 2003

Monrad Brekke

PLENTYWOOD — Monrad Brekke, 92, died Saturday, March 15, 2003, at Sheridan Memorial Nursing Home.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday, March 21, at Fulkerson Funeral Home Memorial Chapel in Plentywood. Interment will be in Antelope Creek Cemetery.

Gene Brese, Sr.

SIDNEY — Gene Brese, Sr., 73, died Friday, June 27, 2003, at the Sidney Health Center Extended Care.

Wake service will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 1, at Fulkerson Funeral Home Memorial Chapel in Sidney. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, July 2, at St. Matthew's Catholic Church. Interment will be in the Sidney Cemetery.

BILLINGS GAZETTE

JUL - 1 2003

Lilly Brese

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

MAY 23 2003

CULBERTSON — Lilly Brese, 91, lifelong Culbertson area resident, died Saturday, May 24, 2003, at Roosevelt Memorial Medical Center, Culbertson.

Her funeral service will be Friday, May 30, at 2 p.m., at Trinity Lutheran, and burial will follow in the Friedens Gemeinde Cemetery, northwest of Culbertson. Rev. Al Beyer will officiate. Visitation will be Thursday, May 29, from 2 to 8 p.m. and Friday, 10 a.m. to 12 noon, at the Everson-Clayton-Stevenson Chapel in Culbertson, and for the hour preceding the service at the church.

Lilly Damm was born Sept. 27, 1911, to George and Molly (Kaufman) Damm on the family farm northwest of Culbertson, in what was known as the Russian Settlement. Her schooling was at the country school in the Settlement. On March 16, 1932, she and Adam Brese were married in Wolf Point. Four children were born to this union of 56 years.

Lilly loved growing things, especially flowers, and had many indoor plants and flower and vegetable gardens. She loved all animals, from the family pets to the little rabbits in her yard. Family, friends and neighbors, hard work, honesty and

hospitality would best describe her values. The chickens and turkeys she raised graced the tables of many, as did the cream and eggs she delivered twice a week for many years on a regular route. She worked in the fields alongside her husband, loved visiting with anyone that stopped by and always had the coffee pot ready with something to eat! She was known for her baking, especially cinnamon rolls and donuts.

She visited "the old people" (her words) in the hospital and nursing home; they were usually younger than she was. When she was 80, the family had a birthday party — but Mom was a little upset: "Now everyone will know how old I am and I've been telling them I wasn't old enough to go to Senior Citizens." She was very independent and lived on the farm until she suffered a stroke 6-1/2 years ago, and after that her residence has been the Roosevelt Memorial Nursing Home in Culbertson.

Lilly was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church and enjoyed attending services and going to her ladies group. Her faith was her sustaining force over the years.

Mrs. Brese is survived by two daughters, Dorothy (LaVerne) Anderson of Culbertson and Barbara (Harley) Wuest of Glendive; a daughter-in-law, Helen (James) Brese of Kittitas, Wash.; her brother, Alex J. Dagan of Culbertson; 10 grandchildren, Sheila Burget, Debbie Nason, Darlene Bird, Terry Brese, Denmette Woodiwiss, Douglas Anderson, Lonnie Anderson, Wayne Wuest and Lorri Mindt; many great and great-great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death was her husband, Adam; two children, James and infant Betty; her parents; four sisters, Emma Hekkel, Elsie Helland, Gladys Ostwald, Leah Helland; and five brothers, Jake, Ted, Charlie, Charlie II and George; and grandson Jerry Brese.

The Everson-Clayton-Stevenson Chapel of Culbertson are in charge of arrangements.

NOV 10 2003

Martha E. Bresnahan

Martha passed away on Nov. 11, 2003, at her home, after being in poor health for the last several years.

She was born Aug. 15, 1918, on the family homestead in Rosebud to Quiller and Martha Stapp.



**MARTHA
BRESNAHAN**

Her husband, William; her parents; and four siblings, Dale, Sterling, Josephine and Ella, preceded her in death.

She was raised at 336 Lewis Ave. and worked for Hart Albin Co. and Mountain Bell in the 1930s and '40s. On March 9, 1940, she married John William "Bill" Bresnahan, who worked for Billings Hardware Co.

They resided briefly in Great Falls before Bill was drafted. After the war, they made their home in Billings. She was known as "Erni" to her many friends in the area, and enjoyed homemaking and church activities at St. Patrick's Co-Cathedral. She and Bill were married 62 years when he passed away May 29, 2002.

Two children, Carol Sue and Mike, survive her. Also surviving are grandchildren, Allison Lantz and husband Monty, Galen

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Purfeerst and wife Nichole, all of the Seattle/Tacoma area. Other grandchildren include Jennifer Bresnahan of Portland, Ore., and Ryan Bresnahan of Bozeman. She has one great-grandchild, Skye Lang of Tacoma, Wash.

She enjoyed life, her family, her faith, and will be missed by all who knew her. Memorials may be made to Big Sky Hospice at PO Box 35033, Billings, MT 59107.

Services will be held 11 a.m. Friday, Nov. 14, at Michelotti-Sawyers. Cremation has taken place.

Michelotti-Sawyers in charge of arrangements.

WILLIAM 'JIM' BRETZEL

Jim went to be with the Lord, Thursday, Dec. 19, surrounded by loved ones. He had fought a long, courageous battle with cancer.

Jim was born Oct. 31, 1925, to Frank and Frances Bretzel at the family homestead near Mill Iron. He was the youngest of eight children born to the family.

Jim farmed and ranched most of his lifetime, first at home with the family, then with various other ranchers, including seven years with Jack Baker.

In 1964, he purchased a place at Plevna which he later sold to his brother, Albert, in 1968. In the fall of that year he bought a ranch north of Big Timber, moving there in March of 1969.

It was there that he met his wife, Judith Mack Chapel, and they married on July 25, 1969.

Together, they ranched there until the spring of 1976, when they sold that ranch and bought a place in the Bridger-Belfry area. They have resided there since, with the exception of four years in Ballantine.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents, brothers Frank, John, Charlie; and sister, Frances.

Survivors include his wife, Judy; step-daughters Linda Chapel McBride of Billings, Joyce Chapel Randles of Bridger; four grandchildren, Eric (Cory) Saltzman, Kevin McBride, Kim (David) Cook, L.J. Kirby; and seven great-grandchildren. He is also survived by a brother, Albert Bretzel of Miles City, and sister Mary Astrope of Wheatland, Wyo., plus several nieces and nephews.

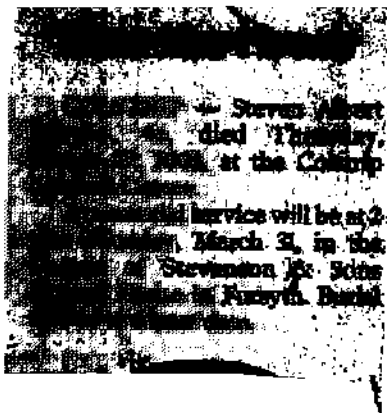


MAR 11 2003

Leo E. Bretzke

GLASGOW — Leo E. Bretzke, 74, of Glasgow, died Saturday, March 8, 2003, at Frances Mahon Deaconess Hospital.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, March 13, at St. Raphael's Catholic Church. Burial will be in Highland Cemetery. Bell Mortuary of Glasgow is in charge.



William Briceno

BILLINGS GAZETTE

FEB 20 2003

William Briceno passed away on Feb. 14, 2003, at St. Vincent Healthcare. He was born Feb. 10, 1923, in Tucson, Ariz.



**WILLIAM
BRICENO**

He is survived by his children, Bill Briceno Jr. of Corona, Calif., Theresa Daughtery of Los Angeles, Betty Alva of Denver, Connie Compos of Waco, Texas, and Nick Garcia, Joe (Rosalie) Reyna, Roy (Nahette) Reyna, Little Joe (Victoria) Reyna, all of Billings; brothers, Sal and Vincent; sisters, Vera Armendariz, Dora Briceno and Pauline Deavilla; 11 grandchildren and 47 great-grandchildren.

Thanks to his good friend Fidel "Butch" Gonzales and special caregiver Delphine Camarillo.

"Dad, we are all here together to share you in memories of your life."

At his request, no services are planned.

MAY 04 2003

N. Catherine Bricker

MOORE — N. Catherine Bricker, 88, died Friday, May 2, 2003, at the Central Montana Regional Nursing Center.

Funeral Services will be at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, May 7, at the funeral home. Burial will be at the Moore Cemetery. Creel Funeral Home is in charge.

DEC 24 2003

Charles French Brickman

LAUREL — Charles French Brickman, 88, of Laurel, passed away Sunday, Dec. 21, 2003, at St. Vincent Healthcare in Billings.

The son of Albert and Emma Brickman, Charles was born Sept. 4, 1915, on the home ranch in Laurel. He served in the Army during WWII as an engineer.

In 1944, he married Leita Shaw and after the war they moved to Laurel, where he worked as a carpenter for three years. In 1949, Charles and Leita moved to a ranch southeast of Roberts, where he ranched for 30 years. In 1979, he retired from ranching and moved back to Laurel.

One of his favorite hobbies was woodworking, but he also enjoyed fishing.

He will be missed by his wife; three daughters, Carol Stahl of Albany, Ore., Judy Montgomery of Monmouth, Ore., and Charlene Kaplan of Corpus Christi, Texas; two grandsons; three granddaughters, and one great-grandson. He is also survived by one brother, D.K. Brickman of Lacey, Wash., and two sisters, Ruth Bayless of Glendale, Ariz., and Alice Barthuley of Livingston, as well as many nieces and nephews.

Services will be held 2 p.m. Monday at Smith Funeral Chapel-Laurel. Interment will be in the Laurel Cemetery.

Memorials are suggested to the American Cancer Society, American Heart Association or the American Diabetes Association.

Bert Bridgewater

BILLINGS GAZETTE

JUL - 5 2003

COWLEY, Wyo. — Bert Douglas Bridgewater, 72, of Cowley, died Thursday, July 3, 2003, at the Powell Valley Care Center in Powell.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial services are planned at a later date. Haskell Funeral Home of Lovell is in charge.

Calvin Briggs, Sr.

BILLINGS GAZETTE

APR 10 2003

LIVINGSTON — Calvin Paul Briggs, Sr., 90, of Livingston, died Tuesday, April 8, 2003, at Livingston Memorial Hospital.

Funeral services will be at 1:30 p.m. Friday, April 11, at Franzen-Davis Funeral Home in Livingston. Graveside committal and burial will follow in Mountain View Cemetery.

Richard Craig Briggs

WILMINGTON GAZETTE

FEB 26 2003

CODY, Wyo. — Richard Craig Briggs, 54, of Cody, died Sunday, Feb. 23, 2003, at his home.

A celebration of his life will be from 2 to 6 p.m. Saturday, March 1, at the family home, 2101 Kerper Blvd. N. Ballard Funeral Home of Cody is in charge.

MAR 07 2003

Funeral Services

WORLD, Wyo. — Health Services, 72, of Buffalo, N.Y., died March 6, 2003, at the Johnson County Health Care Center.

Visitation will be from 1 to 10 p.m. Sunday, March 9, at Adams Funeral Home Chapel in Buffalo.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday, March 10, at the St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church in Buffalo. A private family interment will take place in Florida.

BIDDLE — Leland Curtis Biddle, of Biddle, died Wednesday, March 19, 2003, in Spearfish, S.D.

Visitation will be from 1 to 6 p.m. Sunday, March 23, in the church of Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Spearfish. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Monday, March 24, at the high school gymnasium in Spearfish. Burial will follow in the in the Spearfish Cemetery. Dinner will be served at 11 a.m. Monday, before the service at the VFW.

Carl J. Brindley

BILLINGS GAZETTE

APR 16 2003

LEWISTOWN — Carl J. Brindley, 75, of Lewistown, died Monday, April 14, 2003, at the Central Montana Medical Center.

Graveside memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, April 18, at the Winnett Cemetery. At his request, cremation has taken place. Cloyd Funeral Home of Lewistown is in charge.

JUN 23 2003

Denise S. 'Denny' Hull Brinig

Denise Hull Brinig died after an extended illness on Wednesday June 18, 2003 at St. Vincent Healthcare, Billings. She

was born with her twin, Donna, in Cincinnati, Ohio, on Jan. 9, 1957. They moved to Cody, Wyo., with their parents, Allen and Eleanor Hull, when they were very



**DENISE
BRINIG**

young. Denny graduated from Cody High School in 1976 and worked for Steck's IGA for many years. She moved to Billings, where she met Paul Brinig. They were married in January 1984. Troy Jacob Brinig was born in November 1986.

Denny loved the mountains, lowers and fishing. She spent many weekends fishing with her on and husband. She also loved o garden and took great pride in t. Above all else she loved her on, Troy. She had many obstacles in her short life but she always overcame them. We will miss her generous spirit, sense of humor and her great smile.

Denny is survived by Paul Brinig; her son, Troy Brinig; her father, Allen "Al" Hull; sisters, Margaret "Peg" (Larry) Rice and Donna (Tom) Lamb; brothers, Allen "Rob" Hull, Guy (Barbara) Hull and Todd (Sandy) Hull; her nephews, Michael and Terry Rice, Kyle (Lacy) and Tony Lamb; nieces, Melissa Rice, Kathryn and Kirsten Hull; her mother-in-law, Leora Brinig; Bud Inland; brothers-in-law, Andrew Brinig and David (Sandy) Brinig and their children, Eric, Nic, and Sara.

Her mother, Eleanor Hull precedes her in death. May Denny find everlasting peace. Donations can be made to the American Diabetic Association or the Shriner's Hospital.

A memorial service for Denise will be 3 p.m. Wednesday, June 25, at Michelotti-Sawyers at 1001 Alderson Ave. in Billings. Pastor Gary Treglown will preside. A celebration of her life will be 7 p.m. Thursday, June 26, at Victory Fellowship Church, 3219 Sheridan Ave. in Cody Wyo. Pastor Eric Halvorson will preside.

Anita Dian Brinker

(nee: Fullerton)

1924-2003

DEC 16 2003

CALGARY, Alberta — Dian Brinker, of Calgary, beloved wife of the late Willard F. "Bill" Brinker, passed away at the Foothills Hospital on Thursday, Dec. 11, 2003, at the age of 79 years.



**DIAN
BRINKER**

Dian was born on July 19, 1924 in Minerva, Ohio, and educated at Washington High School in Massillon, Ohio. She spent the first 20 years of her life in Ohio and on Nov. 4, 1944, she married Bill Brinker. Dian lived in Casper, Wyo., during the years of 1944 to 1952, Billings from 1952 to 1958 and 1974 to 1997 and Calgary, from 1958 to 1974 and 1997 to date. Dian was a dedicated and loving mother and grandmother and enjoyed spending time with her family and friends. She was a member of the Varsity Acres Presbyterian Church, a member of several bridge groups, Geo Wives, and was a hospital volunteer.

Dian is the loving mother of a son and daughter-in-law, Dr. Karl (Mary) Brinker of Dallas, Texas:

and a daughter and son-in-law, Linda (Jack) Crawford of Calgary; and grandmother of Andy and Stephanie Brinker, Barb, Cathy, and Dave Crawford. She is also survived by two stepsisters, Ruth Moses of California and Helen (Bob) Hockenberry of Ohio; her loving companion Bob Pott; and dear friend Lillian Currie. Dian was predeceased by her parents, Lloyd E. Fullerton and Velma B. Geis, her husband Willard F. (Bill) Brinker and her dear friend Fay Schey.

Those wishing to pay their respects may do so at McInnis & Holloway's Chapel of the Bells, (2720 Centre Street North, Calgary, AB), on Saturday, Dec. 20, 2003, at 9 a.m. Graveside services will be held on Saturday, Dec. 20, at Queen's Park Cemetery at 10 a.m. Funeral Services will follow at Varsity Acres Presbyterian Church (4612 Varsity Drive N.W., Calgary, AB), on Saturday, Dec. 20, at 4:30 p.m. with the Rev. Hector Rose officiating. To forward condolences go to www.mcinnisandholloway.com. If friends so desire, memorial tributes may be made directly to the Calgary Health Trust Patient Care Unit #94 Education Fund, c/o Rachel Taylor, A.P.C.M., Patient Care Unit #94, Foothills Medical Centre, 1403 - 29 Street N.W., Calgary, AB T2N 2T9 or directly to the family of the donor's choice.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to Dr. Rod Place, Dr. Ron Hous, Dr. Merrill Knudtson, and the Foothills Hospital Unit #94 (Cardiac ICU) physicians, nurses and staff.

In living memory of Dian Brinker, a tree will be planted at Nose Creek Valley by McInnis & Holloway Funeral Home, Chapel of the Bells, 2720 Centre Street North, Calgary, telephone: (403) 276-2296.

MAY 28 2003

Pamela Brinkerhoff

WORLAND, Wyo. — Pamela JoAnn Heath Brinkerhoff, 47, died Wednesday, May 21, 2003, at the Washakie Medical Center in Worland, of cancer.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, May 27, at the New Life Christian Center. Interment will be in the Hill Top Cemetery in Greybull at a later date. Byrant Funeral Home of Worland is in charge.

Delfred M. Brinkman

BIGFORK — Delfred M. Brinkman, 90, ended his time on earth on Sept. 17, 2003, at his home in Bigfork.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Clair Brinkman. Survivors include his wife, Dorothy Brinkman of Bigfork; a daughter, Betty Brinkman of



**DELFRID
BRINKMAN**

Harrisburg, Pa.; two sons, Fred of Billings and Bill of Bigfork; seven grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Doris Newfeldt and Lona Chapman, both of Chinook.

He was born Nov. 28, 1912, at Leith, N.D., son of Fred and Emma Brinkman. When he was 2 years old, the family moved to Montana, where they lived on the family homestead, north of Chinook. He attended country schools taught by his mother. At Chinook High, he was class president twice and an outstanding athlete, a member of both track and basketball championship teams. Del was always proud to be a Chinook Sugarbeeter.

Harrisburg, Pa.; two sons, Fred of Billings and Bill of Bigfork; seven grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Doris Newfeldt and Lona Chapman, both of Chinook.

In high school, he met the love of his life, Dorothy Watkins, and they were married March 8, 1934. They reared their family in Chinook. Del worked at the post office for 37 years, and he bought back the family homestead, converting it into a successful ranch. A true horseman, he could work a team of nine or "cowboy up" on an ornery bronc. Upon retirement in 1973, he and Dorothy moved to Bigfork. A favorite pastime they enjoyed was fishing for salmon on Flathead Lake and sharing the catch with family and friends. For many years, they were "snowbirds," spending winters in Mesa, Ariz.

A memorial service will be held at the American Lutheran Church in Chinook at 11 a.m. on Sept. 27.

Memorials are suggested to the Bigfork Senior Citizen's Center, 639 Commerce St., Bigfork, MT 59911. Bigfork

Funeral Home is caring for the family.

NOV 15 2003

Mary K. Binkley

LEWISTOWN, Pa. — Mary K. Binkley, 99, of Lewistown, died Friday, Nov. 14, 2003, at the Community Home Skilled Nursing Center of cancer.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 18, at the Zion Lutheran Church. Interment will follow in the Lewistown City Cemetery. Lloyd Funeral Home of Lewistown is in charge.

Robin A. Britton

BILLINGS GAZETTE

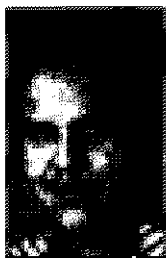
SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Robin A. Britton, 50, of Sheridan, died Thursday, Aug. 21, 2003.

AUG 23 2003

Services will be at 3 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 28, at the Kane Funeral Home in Sheridan.

Tyler Jo Brockie

HAYS, Mont. — Tyler Jo Brockie was born on Dec. 26, 1981, in Billings to Robert (Bobby) and Daryl (Anita) Jones Brockie. Tyler left us on Oct. 17, 2003, at 4:25 p.m. due to a one-car accident. Tyler attended Ponderosa and Central



**TYLER
BROCKIE**

Heights Elementary Schools in Billings, Riverside Middle School in Billings, and Harlem High School in Harlem. While attending high school, Tyler met his sweetheart Amanda Costello, who he will love forever.

Tyler was easy going and always had a smile for his family and friends. He loved his many relatives and they all loved him. Besides spending time with family and Amanda, he enjoyed playing video games, watching wrestling, and going for hamburgers at midnight. Tyler enjoyed life to its fullest and tried to experience as many things as he could. He enjoyed all sports and he played football, basketball, soccer, and baseball. Tyler liked rap music and making CD's for his partners. He

went to pow-wows and was really tickled when he won a dance contest in Hays. He went to sweats with his relatives and totally enjoyed attending family gatherings. Tyler's Indian name is Iron Man which was given to him by his great-grandmother, Rosie Cochran.

Tyler is survived by his parents; his girlfriend, Amanda; a brother, Jacob Brockie; and his friend, Griselda Vullo, and her daughter, Ariana of Billings; special sister, Zita Jones Reese of Polson; special cousin, Aiden Jones; and his life-long friend, Nicholas Cabrera of Billings. Tyler is also survived by his grandparents which include Cecil (Buck) Jones, Florine Jones, Martha Buck, Moses Nez Perce (who is also Tyler's godfather), Prince Brockie, Bobby Lee Cochran, and Fred DesRosier. Tyler's many aunts and uncles are Mathew Jones, Tommy Jones, and Kenny Jones of Hays, Jessie Jones of Kingsland, Ga., Darrin Finley of Arlee, Eddie Brockie and Kenny Nicholson of Billings, Frank Buck of Alaska, and Conrad Buck of Ft. Belknap,

Ashley Jones (who is also Tyler's godfather), Laura Simpson and Donna Boyer of Billings, Wanda Jones of Ft. Washakie, Wynn Karma Cochran of Ann Arbor, Mich., Karen Paffr and Brenda Essert of Hays, Mary (Sissy) Booth of Kenai, Alaska, Emory Champagne of Havre, Margaret Nicholson, Ethel Moore of Ft. Belknap, Laura Matte of Polson, Gracey Pipe, Jackie Chase of Wolf Point, and special auntie, Avis King of Hays. Tyler's great-aunties are Vivian Cochran, Jeannie Shambo, Leona Fox, Sharon Quincy, Barbara Jones, Annie Finley, Mary Hayes, Ola Cochran, and Mona DeBosier.

A wake and rosary will be held at 7 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 19, at St. Paul's Mission in Hays. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. on Monday, Oct. 20, at St. Paul's Mission with burial in the Jones Family Cemetery at Old Hays.

Tyler, we will miss your smile and will take comfort in knowing you are forever happy and forever young. All your friends and relatives.

I love you and I'll miss you.
Love Mom.

MAR 15 2003

Lewis Gail Brody

MILES CITY — Lewis Gail "Low" Brody, 74, of Miles City, formerly of Ashland, died Thursday, March 13, 2003, at his home.

Visitation will be held on Sunday, March 16, in the chapel of Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, March 17, in the chapel of Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home. Interment will be held at a later date.

Mary Alice

WILKINSON - Mary Alice
Wilkison, 72 of Wilkison,
died Sunday, Sept. 14, 2003, at
Livingston Health & Rehab
Center.

Funeral services will be taken place at
Fitzmaurice Funeral Home &
Cemetery. Memorial services
will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday,
Sept. 17, at Fitzmaurice Funeral
Home. Due to construction on
Third Street, the funeral home
parking lot is only accessible
from the alley between Second
and Third Streets.

APR 15 2003

GLENDIVE — Georgine Henrietta (Kniepkamp) Bronson, 63, of Glendive, died Sunday, April 13, 2003, at her home.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, April 17, at the Chapel of the Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home in Glendive. Private family interment will be in the Riverview Cemetery in Circle.

NOV 11 2003

Obituary

Eileen
 Billings,
 Friday, Nov. 7,
 after a long illness
 at Valley Health
 Care.

Born in
 Billings on May
 17, 1936, to Mr.

and Mrs. Arthur
 J. Collins.

Married James
 E. Beak of Whitehall.

Eileen was preceded in death
 by her parents; five brothers, John
 Collins, Jim Collins, Tommy
 Collins, Harry Collins and Robert
 Collins; and two sisters, Jackie
 Emerson and Rosemary Bailey.

Eileen spent most of her life in
 Billings. She loved collecting
 glass miniature shoes and reading
 books. She retired after more
 than 20 years in the hotel indus-
 try.

She is survived by her chil-
 dren, Darlene Mitchell and her
 husband Rick of Hardin, Patrick
 Brook and his wife Tammy of
 Missoula, Michael Brook and his
 wife Sandy of Billings and Shelly
 Demaree, also of Billings; seven
 grandchildren, Dani, Jacey, CJ,

**EILEEN
 COLLINS-
 BROOK**

Garth, Hayley, Amanda and
 Thomas, as well as numerous
 nieces and nephews.

Services to be held at Saint
 Patrick's Co-Cathedral in Billings
 on Wednesday, Nov. 12, at 12 p.m.
 Graveside service to follow at
 Holy Cross Cemetery.

CHARLES PATRICK BROOKE

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

MAR 21 2003

MISSOULA — Charles Patrick Brooke, a retired Missoula doctor who delivered more than 3,000 babies and tended to thousands of families in Western Montana before his retirement in the 1980s, died of natural causes Tuesday, March 18, 2003, at St. Patrick Hospital. He was 88.



**CHARLES
BROOKE**

In addition to maintaining a vibrant practice in family medicine, he had 43,000 medical files in his office when he retired in 1984. Dr. Brooke also was a lawyer. "Intellectual curiosity" drew him back to school for a law degree, he once told a reporter; he earned the law degree in 1964 from the University of Montana, started teaching forensic law there in 1970 and retired from that part-time, second career in January 1984, just six months before leaving his medical practice.

He often lectured about medical and legal issues before professional gatherings of doctors and lawyers, but being a doctor was his first love. He practiced in St. Ignatius for eight years before moving his office to

Missoula in 1953; being able to serve the people of the Flathead Indian Reservation was one of his life's joys. Some remained patients for years, driving to his Missoula offices at Orange Street and South Fifth Street.

Since retirement, Dr. Brooke and his wife of 60 years, Helen Streeter Brooke, continued to reside in Missoula. He remained interested in medical issues and continued to give of himself even after losing his eyesight.

Dr. Brooke was born in Three Forks on Sept. 8, 1914. He graduated from Butte Central High School and earned his bachelor's degree from Helena's Carroll College, where he was honored with an alumni award in 1952. He earned his medical degree in 1941 from St. Louis University, which honored him with an Alumni Merit Award in 1977 and was a major in the Army Medical Corps during World War II.

Dr. Brooke was active in many community groups, including the Elks, the Downtown Lions, the Knights of Columbus, the American Legion, Missoula Community Theater and the Missoula Symphony.

He served as chief of staff at Missoula General Hospital and Missoula's St. Patrick Hospital and president of the Western Montana Medical Society, the Missoula Chamber of Commerce, the Missoula

Roundtable, the Missoula Symphony and St. Patrick Hospital's advisory board.

In retirement, he was a volunteer reader for the Missoula Radio Reading Service, helped raise money for eyesight research, belonged to state and local associations for the blind and after losing his eyesight, became a mentor and cheerleader for others who also were blind or going blind.

He was Western Broadcasting Co.'s Citizen of the Year in 1969; won awards from the United Givers Fund Award in the 1960s; and helped organize the Missoula Handball Association, the Flathead Sailing Association and the Missoula YMCA.

Dr. Brooke was an early and steadfast pro-life advocate. "The activity which gave me and gives me the most satisfaction was and is my work in writing and speaking for the right-to-life cause and against abortion," he said in 1977.

He is survived by his wife, Helen Streeter Brooke, whom he married in Medford, Ore., on Oct. 16, 1942; four of their six children, Michael Brooke and his wife Jennifer of Missoula, Virginia van Kuijk Brooke and her husband Erik of Galveston, Texas, James Brooke and his wife Cheryl of Dickinson, N.D., and Mary Carlsson of Kalispell.

Two sons, Patrick and Terrance Brooke preceded him in death.

Dr. Brooke was also blessed with nine wonderful grandchildren, Aaron Carisson and Loretta, Patrick, Theresa, Mary, Matthew, Timothy, Lydia and Jacob Brooke; one great-grandchild, Teala Carisson; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A rosary is at 7 p.m. Friday, March 21, at St. Anthony Parish, Trenton and Woodford streets in Missoula. Funeral Mass is at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 22, also at St. Anthony Parish.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to a favorite charity.

Garden City Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Bruce M. Brookman

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

MAR 10 2003

WOLF POINT — Bruce M. Brookman passed away Friday, March 7, 2003, at Trinity Hospital in Wolf Point after a long respiratory illness. He was born north of Wolf Point to Clyde and Wavie Brookman on July 25, 1919.



**BRUCE
BROOKMAN**

He married Lillian Jensen on July 26, 1941. They ranched and farmed together for 50 years until Lillian passed away in 1994. They had three children, Linda Brookman Pickens of Billings, Chris Brookman of Molt and Marlin Brookman of Bainville.

Bruce was chairman of the ASCS Committee for Roosevelt County for 15 years. He also owned and operated the C & H Livestock from 1983 to 1996. He procured cattle and hogs for feed lots and packing plants around the United States. Bruce was a long time member of the First Lutheran Church of Wolf Point.

In 2000, Bruce married Kathleen Behr, his beloved companion.

Bruce was preceded in death by his wife, Lillian and his sister Clarada Mann. He is survived by his wife, Kathleen of Wolf Point.

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He is also survived by his daughter, Linda Brookman Pickens and her husband, Lee of Billings; two grandchildren, Leanne of Austin, Texas and Cory and his wife, Susan; and two great-grandchildren, Mercer and Sutton of Seattle; his son, Chris Brookman of Molt; and two grandchildren, Justin and Misty Brookman of Billings; his son, Marlin Brookman and his wife, Chris of Bainville and their two children, Cole Brookman and Bree Brookman Strickland and her husband, Eddy; and two great-grandchildren, Austin and Jaden of Williston; his granddaughter, Carrie Lazarz and husband, Mike of Fargo; and two great-grandchildren, McKinzie and Colin. He is also survived by his sister, Freida MacDonald; and his brother, Marvin of Wolf Point.

Visitation will be Monday, March 10 from 12 to 8 p.m. at Clayton Memorial Chapel with a prayer service at 6:30 p.m. Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 11, at First Lutheran Church with Pastor Lionel B. Simonson officiating. Interment will be in Greenwood Cemetery. Clayton Memorial Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Catherine Brooks

There will be a celebration of the life of Catherine Brooks at the First Congregational Church, 310 N. 27th St., in Billings, at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 30. Mrs. Brooks died on June 6, 2003, at Kent, Wash.

All are invited to attend.

The family requests that any memorials be directed to the Special K Ranch, PO Box 479, Columbus, MT 59019.

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Catherine Brooks

BILLINGS GAZETTE

JUL - 8 2003

KENT, Wash. — Catherine Eleanor Brooks died on June 6, 2003, in Kent. She was born on Aug. 6, 1908, in Plainfield, N.J., to Christian and Margaret Jensen. After the death of her father, her mother married Henry Frahm, who raised her girls. The family moved to Montana, homesteading north of Custer in 1914.

She graduated from Custer High School in 1927 and received her teaching certificate from Eastern Montana Normal School. She taught in many one-room schools.

She married the love of her life, Joseph Brooks, on June 25, 1931. They were married 45 years. She and Joe operated the Custer Hotel and the Trail Cafe in Custer and the Green Hut Cafe in Billings. She lived in Billings for 56 years on Harvard Ave. Her home was the first house completed in the college subdivision.

She was a charter and golden member of Jutenheim Chapter of Sons of Norway in Billings.

Preceding her in death were her parents; her stepfather, Henry Frahm; her husband, Joe Brooks; her sisters, Mary and Lillian Jensen, Minnie Jepsen; and her brother, Harry Frahm. Surviving are her children, Jo Ann Willis, Missoula, Mont., Robert (Judy) Brooks, Kent, and Alyce (Ted) Fisher, Helena, Mont.; her grandchildren, Loren (Kim) Willis, Barbara Willis, Robin (Charles) Seeley, Steve (Lisa) Brooks, Joe Fisher, Dan Fisher, Emily (B.J.) Cooper and nine great-grandchildren.

Services were held in Kent. There will be a memorial service in Billings in August. Those wishing to make donations may make them to Special K Ranch, PO Box 479, Columbus, MT 59019.

Hailvina Brooks

THERMOPOLIS, Wyo. — Hailvina Brooks, 80, died Sunday, April 20, 2003, as the result of an auto accident.

Cremation has taken place. Graveside services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday, April 25, at Monument Hill Cemetery. Mortimore Funeral Home of Thermopolis is in charge.

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MISSOULA
— Lena Vivian
Brooks, 86, a
longtime resi-
dent of
Columbus,
passed away of
natural causes
on Nov. 7, 2003,
at Hillside
Manor in
Missoula.



**VIVIAN
BROOKS**

Vivian was born in Waco, Mont., on March 3, 1917, to Ole and Gena Bergum. She grew up on the family homestead west of Custer and attended schools in Waco and Custer, graduating from Custer High School. Vivian then attended two years of business college at Billings Polytechnic, graduating in 1936.

After working in Billings for several years, Vivian married William B. Brooks on July 3, 1942. They spent the rest of the war years in Bakersfield, Calif.; Bill was stationed there with the U.S. Army Air Force and Vivian worked for the school district. After the war, Bill and Vivian returned to Montana. They lived in Livingston and Lewistown and Gillette and Cody, Wyo., before moving to Columbus in 1960. After Bill's death in December 1961, Vivian started working at Harris Agency; she retired in 1982.

Vivian was a member of the Order of Eastern Star and served for several years as mother advisor of the local chapter of the Order of Rainbow for Girls. She sang in the Community Congregational Church choir and served as church treasurer and on the Diaconate. She was an active member of the Garden Club in Columbus, and a member of Sons of Norway. Vivian enjoyed gardening, sewing, knitting, crocheting, baking, bird watching and traveling. Her greatest joys were family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband Bill; and five brothers, Lloyd (Alice), Art (Edna), Earl (Lois), Irvin and Lyle (Patsy).

Survivors include a daughter, Trish; sons Tom (Debbie) and Gary (Julie); two sisters-in-law, Lillian (Irvin) Bergum and Bertha Brooks; five grandchildren, Tara, Joe, Cameron, Jacob and Cassidy; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 15, at Columbus Community Congregational Church. There will be a gathering for family and friends in the church fellowship hall immediately following the memorial service. Interment will be at Sunset Memorial Gardens in Billings at

3 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to Columbus Community Congregational Church, PO Box 545, Columbus, MT 59019 or Special K Ranch, PO Box 479, Columbus, MT 59019.

Ruth Eldora Brooks

GLASGOW — Ruth Eldora Brooks, 96, formerly of Frazer, died Thursday, Sept. 4, 2003, at the Valley View Lutheran Home.

Services will be 10 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 10, at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Nashua. Inurnment will be 2 p.m. in the Sunset Rest Cemetery north of Frazer. Clayton Stevenson Memorial Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

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Vivian Brooks

MISSOULA — Vivian Brooks, 86, of Missoula, formerly of Columbus, died Friday, Nov. 7, 2003, at Hillside Manor, of natural causes.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Garden City Funeral Home and Crematory of Missoula.

Bradley Otto Brose

GILLETTE, Wyo. — Bradley "Brad" Brose, 51, of Gillette, died Sunday, Sept. 14, 2003, in Gillette, as the result of a motorcycle accident.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 17, at the New Life Wesleyan Church. Interment will follow at the Mount Pisgah Cemetery. Stevens-Wilson Funeral Home of Gillette is in charge.

Dodd A. Brott

BILLINGS GAZETTE

AUG 23 2003

FALLON — Dodd A. Brott, 94, of Fallon, died Thursday, Aug. 21, 2003, at his home.

Visitation will be from 1 to 6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 24, at the Chapel of Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Terry, with a prayer service at 7 p.m. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday, Aug. 25, at the American Lutheran Church in Baker. Interment will follow at the Union Community Cemetery in Plevna.

MAR 11 2003

Lance R. Brown

GILLETTE, Wyo. — Lance R. Brown, 63, of Gillette, died Saturday, March 8, 2003, at his home, of an apparent heart attack.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Friday, March 14, at the Family Life Church. Interment will follow in the Mount Pisgah Cemetery. Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home of Gillette is in charge.

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Margaret Brower

MILES CITY — Margaret Brower, 93, of Miles City, died Friday, Nov. 14, 2003, at the Friendship Villa Care Center in Miles City.

Funeral services have taken place. At this time, there will be no services. Final disposition will take place at a later date. Bullis-Graves Funeral Home, Great Falls, and Eastern Montana Crematory is in charge.

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Funeral for Brown

CHEYENNE, Wyo.

Funeral services for Mrs. M. Brown, 88, of Cheyenne, will be held Thursday, March 24, 1943, at Memorial Hospital at 10:30 a. m. in the Chapel.

Interment has taken place in Cheyenne. The casket will be at 7:30 p. m. on March 23, at Kane Mortuary, 1015 W. Sheridan. Religious services will be at 10:30 a. m. on Thursday, April 1, at Kane Mortuary. Home Department of cremation will be at the Sheridan Mortuary.

Billy Gene Brown

BILLINGS GAZETTE

AUG - 6 2003

GILLETTE, Wyo. — Billy Gene Brown, 56, of Gillette, died Sunday, Aug. 3, 2003, from injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident.

Funeral services were Tuesday, Aug. 5, at the Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home Chapel in Gillette. Funeral services in Eureka, Kan., will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Aug. 8, at the Koup Family Funeral Home. Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 7, at Koup Funeral Home. Interment will follow the funeral services at the Greenwood Cemetery in Eureka.

Cecil N. Brown

TUCSON, Ariz. — Cecil N. Brown, 81, passed away on Nov. 14, 2003, at Tucson Medical Center.

Cecil was born on Aug. 8, 1922, in Minong, Wis., the son of Emerson and Vivian (Banks) Brown. As a young boy, he moved with his parents and seven siblings to the Bitterroot Valley of Montana.



**CECIL
BROWN**

After graduation from Stevensville High School in 1940, he attended the University of Montana and completed his law degree in 1945. One of his favorite anecdotes from college days was the night he and a fellow law school classmate "borrowed" the School of Forestry's prize moose head. The trophy was held at an undisclosed location for a period of time and then mysteriously returned to the foresters... "Score one for the Law School!"

Following law school graduation, Cecil was employed as a clerk for the Montana Supreme Court. When a job opening occurred in Prairie County for a county attorney, he accepted the position and moved to Terry,

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Mont., in 1946, where he ably served in that capacity for 33 years.

It was in Terry that Cecil met Hazel Murphy, a Circle, Mont. native, and they were married on Aug. 25, 1947, in Glendive, Mont. The family continued to live in Terry until 1973, when they moved to Baker, Mont., where Cecil continued his practice of law.

Tucson became home to Cecil and Hazel with their move in 1981. There, they enjoyed operating a retail shop in an office building for several years before retirement.

As the family reflects on Cecil's life, a favorite memory is his boundless enthusiasm for sports and his knowledge of sports facts and stats.

He became a Chicago Cubs fan in 1935 and this year was such a highlight for him as he cheered "the Cubbies" on to the National League playoffs!

Cecil was preceded in death by his wife, Hazel; his parents; two sisters, Margaret Graham and Shirley Squires; and three brothers, Everett, Herbert (Bud) and Ken Brown. He is survived by his daughter, Sandra (Art) Barz of Billings; and three sons, Mike (Pat) Brown of Tucson, Neil (Lori) Brown of Renton, Wash., and Kelly Brown (Ted Silverman) of New York City. He is also survived by four grandchildren, Darcy Barz of Palatine, Ill., Karla (Rick) Stauffer of Grapevine, Texas, Tonya (Tyler) Bush of Carmel, Ind., Ian Brown

of Renton; and a great-grandson, Shane Stauffer of Grapevine. Other survivors include his sister, Marilyn Shoemake of Portland, Ore.; and his brother, Robert Brown of Stevensville, Mont.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 21, at the Presbyterian Church in Miles City. A reception for guests will follow the service.

A short second service will be held at Stevenson & Sons Chapel at 2 p.m. in Circle, followed by interment in the Riverside Cemetery. Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home of Miles City has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association or to the charity of one's choice.

Connie Brown

CROW AGENCY — Connie Brown, 59, of Crow Agency, died June 30, 2003, at the Crow IHS Hospital.

Rosary will be recited 4 p.m. Wednesday, July 2, at the Bullis Funeral Chapel. Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, July 3, at the Crow Agency St. Dennis Catholic Church. Interment will follow in the Hardin Fairview Cemetery.

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Darius Christian Brown

RIVERTON, Wyo. — Darius Christian Brown, 9-month-old son of Joseph Brown, Sr. and Ardis Glenn, drowned June 9, 2003, in Riverton.

He was born Aug. 17, 2002, in Crow Agency, Mont.

Survivors include his mother, Ardis Glenn of Lame Deer, Mont.; his father, Joseph Brown, Sr. of Riverton; his sisters, Shasa Guzman, Louise Glenn and Teani Brown; his brothers, Shawn, Sam and Isiah Glenn, David Guzman, Donalco and Joe Brown Jr., his grandparents, of John (Carleta) Brown, Sr. and Cordia Boshie.

Graveside service 11 a.m. Sunday, June 14, in the Lame Deer Cemetery. Bullis Mortuary of Hardin has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Dorothy Brown

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Dorothy Brown, 91, of Sheridan, died Saturday, Aug. 2, 2003, at Sheridan Manor.

A viewing will be from 7 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 6, at Kane Funeral Home in Sheridan. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 7, at the Immanuel Lutheran Church. Interment will follow in the Sheridan Municipal Cemetery.

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AUG - 5 2003

MAY 04 2003**Earlene A. Brown**

GILLETTE, Wyo. — Earlene A. Brown, 83, died Wednesday, May 30, 2003, at the Pioneer Senior Living Home in Gillette.

Funeral services will be 4 to 6 p.m. on Monday, followed by a prayer service in the name of Christian Burial Society at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, May 31, at the St. Matthew's Catholic Church. Burial will follow in the Gillette-Mt. Pisgah Cemetery.

Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home of Gillette is in charge.

Estella Dale Brown

BUFFALO, Wyo. — Estella Dale Brown, 86, died Saturday evening, Aug. 30, 2003, at West View Health Care Center in Sheridan.

Graveside funeral services will be at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 6, in Willow Grove Cemetery. Adams Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Fred Richard Brown

DEC 04 2003

BOWMAN, N.D. — Fred Richard Brown, age 87, died of natural causes, Nov. 30, 2003, at his caregiver's residence in Bowman.



He was born in Roberts, Mont., on Dec. 28, 1915, to the union of Mary Albertina Lindgren and Richard Milton Brown. He was the oldest of five children and all preceded him in death.

**FRED
BROWN**

Fred graduated from high school in Red Lodge, Mont., in 1935, and Billings Polytechnic Institute (Rocky Mountain College) and also married his college sweetheart, Margaret Hale in 1940.

After receiving his teaching degree, he taught and coached in Phillipsburg, Mont., from 1940 to 1942. Their first child, Terry, was born on Dec. 3, 1940, in Anaconda, Mont. His next teaching/coaching job was in Bowman, from 1942 to 1943, where their daughter, Bonnie, was born on Nov. 11, 1942. From 1943 to 1945, he continued to teach and coach in Miles City, Mont. In 1945, he went to work for W.A. Mitchell Company in Miles City. Their youngest son, Theodore, was born on Jan. 21, 1954.

In 1999, the family moved to Billings, where he worked for the John Barovich Organization. He retired in 1984 and moved to Helena, Mont. Fred moved to Bowman in 2002 so he could be near family.

Fred was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers, one sister, his loving wife Margaret and son Theodore. Surviving family members are son, Terry of wherever he is during his full-time RVing; daughter, Bonnie Anderson of wherever she is during her full-time RVing; grandsons, Brian Brown, Randy Anderson and Richard Anderson; granddaughters Kelly Lantz and Rochelle Anderson; two great-grandsons, Christopher Clark and Carson Anderson; and one great-granddaughter, Stephanie Anderson; brother-in-law, Omer Overland and several nephews and nieces.

Kaufbach Funeral Home in Bowman is in charge of the arrangements. A memorial service is scheduled for 11 a.m. Dec. 19, at the Bowman Lutheran Church.

Fred's final resting place will be in the family plot at the Lotna Cemetery on lower Buckhorn Road, Townsend, Mont.

Glen M. Brown

BILLINGS GAZETTE

JAN 19 2003

POWELL, Wyo. — Glen M. Brown, 81, passed away at his home in Powell on Thursday evening, Jan. 16, 2003.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 21 at the Powell Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Visitation will be one hour prior in the Relief Society Room. Interment will follow in Crown Hill Cemetery. Miratsky-Easton Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Harriett V. Brown

BILLINGS GAZETTE

JUL 29 2003

LODGE GRASS — Harriett V. Brown, 85, of Lodge Grass, passed away July 27, 2003, in the Heritage Acres Nursing Home.

She was born Oct. 16, 1917, in Hardin, a daughter of Jesse and Lucia Tipton

Criswell. She received her early education at the Maschita Country School near the Miller ranch, often riding horseback for six miles to attend school. She graduated from Hardin



**HARRIETT
BROWN**

High School and later attended business college in Wichita, Kan.

Harriett married Murry J. Brown on Oct. 15, 1940, in Billings, and the couple made their home on ranch near Lodge Grass. She and Murry worked side by side for nearly 60 years, farming and ranching their land. Mr. Brown died in 2001.

She was a member of the Lodge Grass Little Brown Church, Civic Club, Travel Club, Big Horn Cowbelles and the Big Horn County Historical Society. Her family was her life, always willing to participate in family and community gatherings.

Her parents, infant sister and an infant daughter preceded Harriet in death

Survivors include her son, Jimmy and his wife, Mary of Lodge Grass; three grandchildren, Sherry (Jim) Doubet, Dale (Jennifer) Brown and Matt (Jenna) Brown; six grandchildren, Curtis, Cody, Justin, Kate, Maddie and Cade.

Visitation and viewing will be held in the Bullis Funeral Chapel in Hardin. Funeral services will be held 10 a.m. Wednesday, July 30, in Sheridan, Wyo., at the Kane Funeral Chapel. Interment will follow in the Sheridan Municipal 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, RR 1, Box 1206 A, Hardin, or the Big Horn Hospital Foundation, 17 N. Miles, Hardin. MT 59034.

Jackie Brown

BILLINGS GAZETTE
APR 26 2003

MILES CITY — Jackie Brown, 70, of Miles City, died Friday, April 25, 2003, at the Holy Rosary Extended Care, of cancer.

A Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, April 29, at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Miles City. Interment will be held at a later date at the Sheridan Municipal Cemetery in Sheridan, Wyo. Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home of Miles City is in charge.

Jackie Brown

BILLINGS GAZETTE

APR 27 2003

MILES CITY — Jackie Brown, 70, of Miles City, passed away on Friday, April 25, 2003, at the Holy Rosary Extended Care in Miles City after a courageous battle with cancer.



**JACKIE
BROWN**

Jackie was born in Sheridan, Wyo., on Sept. 21, 1932, the daughter of John and Mabel (Macey) Austin. Jackie attended schools and graduated from high school in Sheridan, Wyo., in 1950. She married Wayne Morford in 1951. She then married Bill Brown, Jr., in 1978. Jackie lived in Billings from 1993 to May of 2002, when she moved to Miles City to live with her son and his family.

Jackie enjoyed golf, cards, crossword puzzles, and was an avid reader. She thoroughly enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren and was quick to brag about them with her friends. She was always known for her sharp wit and her willingness to help people. She treasured her time spent with the RSVP program.

Jackie is survived by her son, John Morford, and his wife Rita of Miles City, and their children, Chris and Kelly Morford; and a

daughter, Kathi Ferguson of Billings and her children, Dustin and Brittany Ferguson and Jason Hill; and a brother, Roger Austin and his wife Laree of Cheyenne, Wyo. She was preceded in death by her parents.

A Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m., Tuesday, April 29, at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Miles City. Interment will be at a later date at the Sheridan Municipal Cemetery in Sheridan, Wyo. Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home of Miles City is in charge of the arrangements.

Should friends desire memorials may be made to the Drop In Center or to RSVP.

Kenneth Edward Brown

BILLINGS GAZETTE

JUL - 6 2003

Kenneth Edward Brown, 76, of Billings passed away Friday, July 4, 2003, at Deaconess Billings Clinic.

Ken was born in Westover, S.D., on May 16, 1927. His family later moved to Murdo, S.D., where he received his education.



**KENNETH
BROWN**

In 1945 he joined the U.S. Army and was stationed in Korea. Following his discharge in 1947, he and his brothers operated an oil and gas business. He then worked as a heavy equipment operator with union Local 400 for 31 years.

In his spare time, he was a director of the Sunnyside Water District in Billings, and he took great pride in his lawn and garden. He also loved to debate politics and economics.

He is survived by his wife Carol (Romero) Brown and his loving K-9 companion Shadow, three stepdaughters, Mary King of Phoenix, Rita Romero of Billings and Bonnie (Chris) Lucey of Canton, Conn.; three stepsons, Leonard Romero of Billings, Willard Romero of Bristol, Conn.,

Mel (Gladys) Colombe of Basin, MT. 14 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his brother James Brown of Presho, SD along with many nieces and nephews in South Dakota, Montana and Louisiana.

There will be a celebration of Ken's life at 4:00 PM Sunday July 6, 2003 at the family home. Graveside services will be held 10:00 am Monday July 7, 2003 at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

In lieu of flowers, memorials in Ken's name may be made to Meals on Wheels, 1501 14th Street West, Billings, MT 59102.

Arrangements are by Cremation or Funeral Gallery.

Louise Brown

SCRANTON, N.D. — Louise Brown, 87, of Scranton, died Monday, Sept. 15, 2003, at a local hospital.

Private family services will be held at 2:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 18, at the Episcopal General Service Chapel. Public funeral services will be held Friday, Sept. 19, at the Episcopal Church in Scranton. Burial will follow in the Peace Lutheran Cemetery.

JAN 12 2003

Robert Floyd Brown

Robert Floyd Brown, 63, of Billings, passed away on Friday morning, Jan. 10, 2003, at Deaconess Billings Clinic.

He was born on April 13, 1939, in Hillsboro, Ore., a son to Floyd and Gladys Brown. He married Valerie A. Jennings in 1987 at The Dalles, Ore. He is survived by his wife, one son, one step-son, five daughters and ten grandchildren.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be held for the family and friends at his home.

Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

Robert James Brown

MISSOULA — Robert James Brown died of natural causes, Friday, Dec. 20, 2002.

He was born in Lothrop, Mont., on June 28, 1910, and graduated from Missoula County High School in 1928. He graduated from the University of Montana in 1932, where he received his master's degree in chemistry and physics in 1933.

In August 1933, he married Lynn Carlson. She died of lung cancer in 1990.

In 1933, during the depth of the Depression, he acquired the job of superintendent of schools in Geyser. He was there until 1939.

In 1940, he went to Lodge Grass, also as the superintendent of schools, on the Crow Indian Reservation, until 1947. He taught chemistry at Rocky Mountain College from 1947 to 1948. He then started his own business called Northwest Chemical Co.

He was active in Rotary, Masons, Shriners, Elks and the Republican Party.

He lived in Irvine, Calif., the last 12 years of his life, with his daughter.

He is survived by his daughter, Eileen Aitchison of Irvine; four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were held Friday, Dec. 27, 2002, at the Missoula Cemetery. Honorary pallbearers were Bryan

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Aitchison, David Gans, Mark Aitchison, Vaughn Aitchison, Curtis Aitchison and Paul Aitchison.

Memorials are suggested to Parkinson's Disease research.

Livingston, Malletta and Geraghty Funeral Home in Missoula is assisting the family with arrangements.

Ronald Brown

BILLINGS GAZETTE

AUG - 2 2003

CARTWRIGHT, N.D. — Ronald L. Brown, 59, of Cartwright, died Wednesday, July 30, 2003, at the Sidney (Mont.) Health Center.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, Aug. 4, at the Sidney Lutheran Brethren Church. Interment will be in the Fairview Cemetery. Fulkerson Funeral Home of Sidney is in charge.

Alice Josephine Brownfield

Alice Josephine Brownfield, the daughter of Mikal and Martina Hanson Skones, was born March 2, 1914, in Havre, and passed away the evening of Oct. 14, 2003, in Billings.



**ALICE
BROWNFIELD**

She loved children and made them her life, devoting 31 years of teaching to the Huntley Project Schools and several country schools in Blaine County.

At her retirement, it was mentioned that she probably ate close to 5,400 school lunches, supervised 18,360 recesses and directly touched almost 800 young lives. During the 64 years Alice lived in Worden, she enjoyed following the various sporting teams and attended many plays, concerts and games. She called everybody "one of her kids."

Alice married William Brownfield in June of 1935. They made their home in Worden beginning in 1939, when Bill took a job as an educator at Huntley Project

Their daughter, Barbara Loy, was born in January of 1942, and introduced them to many new experiences.

During her life, Alice enjoyed sewing, many times designing and creating her own patterns and styles. She also enjoyed playing bridge with many different couples, often playing into the wee hours of the morning.

Alice loved to entertain and hosted many showers, wedding receptions and birthdays at the house. Alice was honored as a 50-year-member in Jephthah Chapter #116. She was proud of her affiliation with the Eastern Star. During her career, she was active in Delta Kappa Gamma and other sororities, promoting education.

Alice was preceded in death by her husband, William; their precious daughter, Barbara Loy Koch; granddaughter Honey Koch; three brothers, Bernhard, Marvin, Maurice; and her parents. She is survived by three granddaughters, Barb (Craig) Kirkpatrick, Mink (Michael) Reiter and Loy (Jason) Mark; her sister, Leona Larson of Shelby; many nieces and nephews; and three great-grandchildren, Tyson, Andrew and Noelle Reiter, who have brightened her last years with their continuous activity. Her life was also made richer with her dear friend Nancy Gailley at her side.

Memorials may be made to the Alice and William Brownfield scholarship fund at Stockman Bank in Worden or the charity of your choice.

Funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 21, at South's West Chapel, 304 34th St. West.

Timothy Bruce

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BELLINGS GAZETTE

TOMBALL, Texas — Timothy Jerold Bruce, 46, of Tomball, formerly of Glasgow, Mont., died Saturday, July 19, 2003, at his home.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, July 26, at the Bell Mortuary Chapel in Glasgow. Burial will be in Highland Cemetery in Glasgow.

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Kenneth Bruchez

HOBSON — Kenneth Bruchez, 71, of Hobson, died Monday afternoon, Sept. 8, 2003, at his home, of complications from a stroke.

He was born Oct. 19, 1931, in Weldona, Colo., the son of Amile J. and Olive R. (Mendenhall) Bruchez. He received his education in Colorado, graduating from Erie High School in 1950.

He was united in marriage to Helen Jean Weinmaster in Colorado. In 1951, he entered the U.S. Navy, serving four years. He received training to be an aviation mechanic, but always worked in the Security Department. Following his discharge, he returned to Fort Collins, Colo., and started college. In 1961, he received a bachelor of science degree in biology and in 1963, a doctor of veterinary medicine degree.

In 1963, they moved to Lewistown and he went to work for the Lewistown Veterinary Service and worked there for two years. During this time, he and Helen were divorced. In 1965, he moved to Hobson and started the Red Barn Veterinary Service. He was the first veterinarian in the state to do a "C"

section on a cow. In the fall of 1965, he was united in marriage to Phyllis M. (Reynolds) Clark. She preceded him in death in 1999. On Jan. 8, 2000, he was united in marriage to Rosalie Emery. He retired in February of this year, due to ill health.

Ken was a member of the Hobson Methodist Church, a member of Judith Lodge AF & AM of Hobson, and past state grand master in 2000, Vesper Chapter #83 OES, State Board of Veterinary Medicine, American Legion of Hobson and the Hobson Emergency Services Board.

He is survived by his wife, Rosalie, of Hobson; two sons, Larry and wife Gail of Toston and John and wife Susan of Spearfish, S.D.; two daughters, Barbara Perrine and her husband David of Powell, Wyo., and Deborah Cline and her husband Wade of Reno, Nev.; five grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

He was also preceded in death by his parents, one brother and one sister.

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Services for Kenneth Bruchez will be Friday, Sept. 12, at 1 p.m., in the Hobson School. The Cloyd Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Friends may make memorials to the Masonic Home in Helena, Hobson Emergency Services or the charity of their choice, and they may be left at the Cloyd Funeral Home.

Clyde C. Brumfield

FORSYTH — Clyde C. Brumfield, 89, of Forsyth, passed away Tuesday, Oct. 28, 2003, in Billings.

Clyde was born April 18, 1914, in Hercules, Mo., the son of William and Elizabeth Bair Brumfield. At a young age, Clyde moved to Parma, Idaho, with his family, where he attended schools. Later, he worked in various saw mills and enjoyed playing the guitar and banjo in a band with his three brothers. Clyde was also a four-time Golden Gloves champion boxer.

On May 19, 1946, Clyde married LaVerne (Sorenson) West in Superior. They moved to Forsyth in 1947 with their sons, Richard and Ronald. Clyde worked for the NPRR as an engine hostler for several years. He also was a service station operator and worked in the Roundup oil fields. In 1972, Clyde went to work for Peabody Coal Co. at Big Sky Mine in Colstrip as a drag line operator, retiring in 1980.

Clyde was a trapper, hunter and fisherman his whole life, trapping beaver on the Yellowstone from Billings to Fort Union (Sidney). Clyde was a founding member of the Rosebud County Search and Rescue, using his boat to rescue and help numerous people on the Yellowstone River. Clyde was a

very skilled river runner.

Clyde was a fun-loving man with a great sense of humor. He loved life and people, had pet-gardens-flowers-trees-pruned and cared for them. He loved being with friends and family. He was always there to lend a help-



ing hand. We will all miss him.

He is survived by his wife, LaVerne of Billings; his son, Ronald Brumfield, Forsyth; his stepson, Richard (Myrna) West; his brother-in-law, Leland Sorenson, all of Forsyth; three grandsons, Tim (Pennie) West of Glendive, Kurt (Lisa) West and Mitchell (Jill) West both of Billings; five great-grandchildren, one niece and two nephews. Clyde was preceded in death by his parents; his brothers, Clarence, Tom and Jack; his sister-in-law, Bonnie; and his sister, Ethel Garner.

Funeral services will be held 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 1, at the Beals Mortuary Chapel in Forsyth, with interment to follow in the Forsyth Cemetery. Beals Mortuary of Forsyth is assisting the family with these arrangements.

Calvin L. Brunckhorst

ABSAROKEE — Calvin L. Brunckhorst, 75, of Absarokee, died Sunday, Jan. 19, 2003, at Beartooth Manor in Columbus.

Memorial graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Jan. 24, at Mountainview Cemetery, Columbus. Smith Funeral Chapel-Columbus was in charge of cremation.

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Helen Brusett

JAN 16 2003

JORDAN — Helen Brusett, 94,
died Tuesday, Jan. 14, 2003, at the
Garfield County Health Center.

Visitation will be from 1 to 7
p.m. Friday, Jan. 17, at the
Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home
in Jordan. Funeral services will be
at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 18, at the
VFW Hall in Jordan. Burial will
follow in Steve's Fork Cemetery.

JUN 18 2003**Leroy Brush**

MILES CITY — Leroy Brush, 63, of Miles City, formerly of Kallispell, died Monday, June 16, 2003, at his home.

Visitation will be from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, June 19, in the chapel of Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home. Funeral services in Miles City will be at 2 p.m. Friday, June 20, at the chapel of Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home. Graveside services will be at 3 p.m. Monday, June 23, in the Glacier Memorial Cemetery in Kallispell.

Kenneth Bruursema

BILLINGS GAZETTE

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REED POINT — Kenneth Bruursema, of Reed Point, passed away Saturday night, Aug. 16, 2003, in Columbus.

He was a simple, good man with unselfish wishes and needs.

To describe this man is summed up in Titus 3:

"Remind the people to be subject to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready to do whatever is good, to slander no one, to be peaceable and considerate, and to show true humility toward all men."

Dad was born in Michigan to Tyce and Jennie Bruursema on June 24, 1930. He married Joyce Post in 1950, and together, they raised seven children. In 1972, they sojourned to Reed Point. Dad worked many years for the City of Columbus until ill health forced his retirement. He made many friends there and throughout his life. His best friend, Joyce, preceded him in death in 1999, and he missed her greatly. We take great comfort in the fact that he now joins "Mum" and Dann.

These past years, Dad lived quietly and enjoyed his frequent visits from his children and espe-



**KENNETH
BRURSEMA**

cially his grandchildren. He was unable to be very active, but enjoyed feeding his birds, mowing the lawn and living vicariously through the events in the lives of his kids. He had many encouraging words and hearty laughs while watching his kids try to keep his lawn green and the garden productive in this harsh Montana climate. We will all miss him greatly because he was a large part of our lives.

Dad's family are his sons, Doug (Joyce) Bruursema of Columbus and Dean (Jule') Bruursema of Reed Point, and Dann, who preceded him in 1994; and his daughters, Deb (Tom) Lutke and Dianne (Jim) Booth, both of Reed Point, Dori Bruursema of Billings and Doti Bruursema of Junction City, Ore. His grandchildren who miss him are: Steve (Lisha), Julie (Mike) and Dan, Luke (Amy) and Amanda, Elly, Jordan and Shae, Nathan and Logan, Corey, Casey and Candace; and great-grandchildren, Megan, Jace and Lexi. He is also survived by brothers Al

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(Eunice) Bruursema), Tyce Jr.
(Alva) Bruursema, Marv (Shirley)
Bruursema, Ed (Maggie)
Bruursema, Dennis Bruursema;
and sisters Anna Mae (Bob)
Tanner and Mary (John)
Hoeksema, all who reside in
Michigan.

Memorial services are planned
for Friday, Aug. 22, 1 p.m., at the
Reed Point Evangelical Church.
The family requests memorials to
Reed Point Schools, the Columbus
Ambulance Service or a charity of
one's choice.

Mary Bryant

BILLINGS GAZETTE

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SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Mary F. Bryant, 89, of Sheridan, died Friday, July 25, 2003, at the residence of Kim and Dorothy Bangerter.

Funeral liturgy will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 2, at Holy Name Catholic Church. Burial will be in the Willow Grove Cemetery in Buffalo. Champion Ferries Funeral Home of Sheridan is in charge.

Rosemary F. Bryant

MAY 10 2003

PARADISE VALLEY —

Rosemary F. Bryant, 70, of the Paradise Valley, south of Livingston, died Sunday, May 4, 2003, at her home.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, May 12, at Franzen-Davis Funeral Home in Livingston. Cremation will follow the services.

Dorothy M. Buchanan

BILLINGS GAZETTE

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Dorothy M. Buchanan, 79, died peacefully at her home on Monday morning, Aug. 11, 2003, from breast cancer.

Mom was the daughter of George and Lena Nelson and was born on March 2, 1924, in Courtenay, N.D. She talked fondly about growing up in a small farming community where work was hard but life was simple.



**DOROTHY
BUCHANAN**

Mom graduated at the top of her high school class and moved to Jamestown, N.D., where she completed her studies at the Central Dakota Business School. She relocated to Fargo, N.D., where she worked in the Agronomy Department at NDSU, where she met her future husband, Raymond W. Buchanan, on a blind date. Mom and Dad were married on Sept. 16, 1947, and five children resulted from this union. In 1962, Dad was transferred in his job and the family moved to Billings.

Dorothy was a "stay-at-home" Mom and, in the early years, focused on her home and raising her children. When the children were old enough, Mom worked for the Billings Clinic and later for Orthopedic Associates where she retired from in 1988.

Mom was a member of St. Patrick's Co-Cathedral for over 40 years. She was very steadfast in her faith and lived her faith. Mom never liked being the center of attention so focused on more subtle acts of charity like helping to clean the church and convent, ironing the altar linens and vestments, sending food to the rectory and to funeral luncheons and being one of the first Eucharistic ministers for the home bound. She found great comfort during her illness to have the support and prayers from St. Patrick's Co-Cathedral.

Mom was a wonderful homemaker and cook. She loved Christmas and would start cooking during the summer so that everyone would have their "favorites." Mom loved to play bridge and enjoyed the company of the "bridge ladies," Mary, Bonnie and Mary Flo. She cherished her three grandchildren who called her "G-G." Mom was determined to babysit her grandchildren until they were all in school and achieved this goal shortly before she became ill.

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Mom was diagnosed with metastatic breast cancer in November, 2001, and was not expected to live until Christmas, 2001. After a long hospitalization, Mom moved to St. John's Lutheran Home who provided excellent care and support. Mom missed her beloved home and, with the help of family and friends, was able to return home in June, 2002, where she resided until the time of her death. Mom faced her final illness with the same grace and dignity that she lived her life and inspired those around her.

Mom was predeceased by her son Patrick, her husband Raymond, her sister Marian and her parents.

Those left to cherish her memory include her four children, Michael, Betsy, Bob (Becky) and Kathy; her grandchildren, Tanner, Jessica and Molly Lax; her brother G.W. Nelson (Rita), God-child Buck Nelson; special niece Georgia Strand; sister-in-law Lucye Nell Buchanan; many Buchanan nieces and nephews, and many loving friends.

Cremation has taken place. Vigil services will be held on Thursday at 7 p.m. at Michelotti-Sawyer Mortuary. Funeral Mass will be held on Friday at noon with private family burial of remains to follow in Holy Cross Cemetery.

The family would like to express their gratitude to Dr. Susan Peterson, Michelle Trost, Annette and staff of west Grand Family Medicine, Dr. Patrick Cobb, Visiting Nurse Service, Hertha Voorhis (First Pharmacy), Dian Ausen, Barb Mitchell, Fr. John and Marian Burton, (St. Patrick's Co-Cathedral).

Should friends desire, memorials in Mom's name may be made to St. Patrick's Building Campaign, c/o St. Patrick's Co-Cathedral, 215 N 31st St., Billings, MT 59101.

Johnny G. Buck

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

MAR 20 2003

SIDNEY —

Johnny G. Buck, age 75, passed away on Tuesday, March 18, 2003, at his home in Sidney.



**JOHNNY
BUCK**

A prayer service for family and friends will be held at 7 p.m.

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March 20, at the Chapel of the Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home in Glendive. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, March 21, at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Glendive, with Pastors James Hageman and Howard Schreibeis officiating. Interment with military honors will be in the Dawson County Cemetery in Glendive. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Glendive is entrusted with arrangements.

Johnny was born on Oct. 25, 1927, in Glendive, the son of John and Freida (Reil) Buck. He was raised and educated near Bloomfield and attended Seven Mile School. He served in the Merchant Marine in the Pacific Theatre of World War II.

Following his discharge, Johnny returned to Glendive and was united in marriage to Marie "Liz" Kunda on June 21, 1947, in Glendive. They started farming in the spring of 1948 on the Buck

family farm near Bloomfield. They moved to Glendive in 1966, where Johnny worked for Consolidated Freightways and started working full time for Grain Growers in 1971.

Johnny and Marie resided in Glendive until 1977, when they moved to Stipek to their ranchette that Johnny built. He then went to work as custodian for the Dawson County Courthouse until his retirement in 1994. Following his retirement, Johnny became an important member of the Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home staff, where he assisted with funeral services.

Marie preceded Johnny in death on April 7, 2001. Johnny married Mavis Schledewitz on Aug. 10, 2002, in Glendive and he moved to Sidney, where Johnny resided until the time of his death.

Johnny was an active member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and served as the Montana state commander. He served on the state Board of Veterans Affairs and was instrumental in getting the Eastern Montana Veterans Home located in Glendive. Johnny was an elder of Our Savior Lutheran Church in Glendive.

Johnny enjoyed restoring tractors (especially Allis-Chalmers), building model trains and gardening. He loved farming and was a devoted family man who especially enjoyed teaching his grandchildren old fashioned sayings and traditions.

Johnny G. Buck

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

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John was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Ronald and Alvin; and one sister, Phyllis Oberhofer.

Survivors include his wife, Mavis, of Sidney; two sons, Johnny "Crow" Buck and his wife Debra of Great Falls and Gerald "Poke" Buck and his wife Wendy of Bismarck, N.D.; four daughters, Bonnie "Bim" Hayes and her husband Larry of Lyman, S.C., Mary "Lou" Buck of Helena, Peggy "Peg" Haase and her husband John of Glendive, and Betty "Betz" Thornton of Bismarck; three sisters, Alice Kampschorr and her husband Sonny of Glendive, Lorraine Merchant of Spokane, Wash., and Shirley Blaskowsky of Lafayette, La.; one brother, Raymond Buck and his wife Beverly, of Lake Havasu, Ariz.; 12 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at www.silverdale-sinafuneralhome.com.

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Ruth N. Buckman

LEWISTOWN — Ruth N. Buckman, 90, of Lewistown, died Sunday, Oct. 25, 1913, at Valle Vista Manor.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Oct. 28, at the Zion Lutheran Church. Interment will be at 10 a.m. Friday, in Central Montana Memorial Gardens. Cloyd Funeral Home of Lewistown is in charge.

DEC 28 2003

Catherine Buckingham

CODY, Wyo. — Catherine Buckingham, 102, passed away on Sunday, Dec. 28, 2003, at West Park Long Term Care Center.

In accordance with her wish-

es, cremation has taken place. Memorial services will be held at a later date.

Ballard Funeral Home was in charge.

MAY 13 2003

Agnes Bucklin

WIBAUX — Agnes "Annle" E. Olson Bucklin, 95, died Saturday, May 3, 2003, at the Wibaux County Nursing Home in Wibaux.

Funeral services were Thursday, May 8, at Anderson Funeral Home in Bagby, N.D., with interment to follow in Persilla White Cemetery.

Henry Carl Buckmiller

BILLINGS GAZETTE

APR 11 2003

DILLON — Henry Carl Buckmiller, 66, passed away in his home on April 5, 2003.

Buck was born on May 10, 1936, to Charles and Mary Buckmiller, on a farm in Boden, N.D. He served in the U.S. Army for four years and was a truck driver until he was disabled on the job in 1973.

He married Ruth Marie Keele in 1963 and had four daughters. He loved fishing, hunting, riding motorcycles and playing cards.

Buck is survived by his wife Ruth; daughters, Carla, Rebecca and Robin; grandchildren, Christopher and Kimberly; a son and daughter from a previous marriage, Clay and Brenda; four sisters and two brothers.

Private services were held at Brundage Chapel in Dillon.

Percy Budke

PLENTYWOOD — Percy Budke, 90, died Friday, Jan. 17, 2003, at Sheridan Memorial Nursing Home.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 23, at Plentywood Lutheran Church. Interment will be in Plentywood Memorial Cemetery. Fulkerson Funeral Home of Plentywood is in charge.

BILLINGS GAZETTE

JAN 21 2003

Lois Emille Buehler

Lois Emilie Buehler, 75, died July 18, 2003, at Aspen Meadows. Lois was born May 28, 1928, in Fargo, N.D., to John and Esther (Schummacher) Boldt. She grew up in Jamestown and attended Jamestown College where she met and married Richard Buehler. They spent 36 years in Sidney.



**LOIS
BUEHLER**

Lois was active at Pella Lutheran Church and the Sidney Country Club. Lois and Richard moved to Billings in 1983 to be near family.

She is survived by her husband, Richard; children, Carol (Robert) Hurd, Laurie (Roy) Blackwood, Craig (DeeAnn) and Bruce (Annette); 12 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; sister, Dolores (Gerald) Johnson of Littleton, Colo., and brother Wilbur (Leona) of Fargo, N.D. She was preceded in death by her parents.

BILLINGS GAZETTE

JUL 20 2003

Visitation will begin Wednesday morning at Smith Downtown Chapel. The casket will be closed at the church. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. on Thursday, July 24 at Atonement Lutheran Church with interment at Terrace Gardens Cemetery.

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Jr. "J.D."

POINT CLEAR, Ala. — Mr. James Delaney Buffett, Jr., "J.D.," age 83, a native of Pascagoula, Miss., and a resident of Point Clear, passed away Thursday, May 1, 2003, from Alzheimer's disease.

He is preceded in death by his parents, James Delaney and Hilda Seymour Buffett; one brother, William Norman Buffett; two sisters, Catherine Buffett Rappaport and Patricia Buffett Lumpkin.

J.D. is survived by his wife of 61 years, Mary Loraine Peers Buffett; one son, James William Buffett (Jane); two daughters, Loraine Marie Buffett McGuane (Thomas) and Lucy Anne Buffett. He leaves behind nine devoted grandchildren: Heather Hume Nelson, Mara Delaney Buffett, Melanie Leigh Buffett, Savannah Jane Buffett, Anne Buffett McGuane, Sarah Delaney Buffett, Cameron Marley Buffett, Thomas Francis McGuane IV and Maggie McGuane Kirn; three great-grandchildren, and one on the way.

J.D. enlisted in the Army Corps of Engineers on his birthday in 1941. He was stationed in Maine, Montana, Africa and India, and was discharged from

service as master sergeant in February 1946. He worked at Alabama Dry Docks for 35 years, starting in the Estimating Department, and upon retirement, managing government contracts. He was an active participant in maritime and industry affairs on the Gulf Coast.

Residing on the shore of the Mobile Bay for the past 27 years, J.D. rose most days at dawn to enjoy a pot of strong coffee before heading outdoors to check the crab traps and walk the dogs. Every day, he relished the accomplishments of his three children and their families, and cherished the companionship of his best friend and life partner, Peets.

The family will receive friends Monday morning, May 5, from 8 to 10 a.m. at Fairhope Funeral Home. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m. at Saint Lawrence Catholic Church in Fairhope. Private interment will be held in Memory Gardens of Fairhope.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to: Mercy Medical Hospice Development Office, PO Box 1090, Daphne, AL 36526, or The James Delaney Buffett, Jr. Scholarship Fund, c/o Maine Maritime Academy, Castine, ME 04420.

Funeral arrangements are by Fairhope Funeral Home and Crematory, 19098 Greens Road, Fairhope, AL 36532.

Mary Loraine 'Peets'**Buffett**

POINT CLEAR, Ala. — Mary Loraine "Peets" Buffett, age 82, departed this life Thursday evening, Sept. 25, 2003, surrounded by family and friends.

Born in Crystal Springs, Miss., to Thomas Delos Peets and Bessie Love Thompson, she is preceded in death by her husband of 62 years, James Delaney Buffett, Jr., who passed in May of this year.

She leaves behind three devoted children, her son, James William Buffett (*Jane*) of Palm Beach, Fla.; daughters, Loraine Marie Buffett McGuane (Thomas) of McLeod, Mont., and Lucy Anne Buffett of Point Clear; nine loving grandchildren, Heather Hume Nelson, Mara Delaney Buffett, Melanie Leigh Buffett, Savannah Jane Buffett, Anne Buffett McGuane, Sarah Delaney Buffett, Cameron Marley Buffett, Thomas Francis McGuane IV and Margaret Kidder McGuane; and four precious great-grandchildren, Thomas, Charlie, Maisie and Walker James.

"Peets" went to work at Alabama Dry Dock and Shipbuilding Co. in 1948, where she held various positions, including being the first-ever equal employment coordinator.

She retired in 1979 as the first female assistant director of industrial relations. Following that, she fulfilled a lifelong dream of completing her college degree and graduated cum laude from University of South Alabama at age 64.

Residing on the eastern shore of Mobile Bay for the past 27 years, she delighted in gorgeous sunsets, the scent of magnolias and visits from loved ones. She also enjoyed writing poetry, the comfort of her beloved dogs and throwing a good party.

She touched the lives of everyone she met and will be missed dearly.

The family will receive friends Tuesday morning, Sept. 30, from 8 to 9 a.m. at Fairhope Funeral Home. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Tuesday, at Saint Lawrence Catholic Church in Fairhope. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to Mercy Medical Hospice Development Office, PO Box 1090, Daphne, AL 36526, or the Mary Loraine Peets Buffett Scholarship at the University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Coast Campus, 730 East Beach Blvd., Long Beach, MS 39560.

Funeral arrangements are by Fairhope Funeral Home and Crematory, 19698 Grenno Road, Fairhope.

Garland Buffington

NOV 16 2003

POWELL, Wyo. — Garland C. "Buff" Buffington, 85, passed away Thursday, Nov. 13, 2003, at St. Vincent Hospital after a brief illness. He was born in Bridger on Nov. 19, 1917, the son of Robert L. and Vane Walters Buffington.

At an early age, he had worked at various ranches around Montana and Wyoming. He enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1940, and served in New Guinea and Australia before being discharged in 1945.

After his military service, he bartended, mainly in Bridger. He married Florence Boehm Dec. 5, 1946, in Miles City. They made their home in Billings from 1946 until 1953, when they purchased the All Nations Bar in Forsyth, changing the name to Buff's Bar. They operated it until 1966, when they moved to Powell where they purchased the Pioneer Club and operated that until 1973. They had also owned Clyde's Bar in Powell until he retired in 1985. Buff was always well known for his stories and jokes.

Buff had always admired his family and spoke highly of them all. He loved to travel with his wife, Florence, to whom he was married for 56 years. Buff was very dedicated during the illness prior to her passing on Dec. 3, 2002.

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Buff enjoyed woodworking and especially the making of miniature furniture. He was a member of the Kalif Shrine in Sheridan, the Masonic Lodge and Eagles Lodge in Powell, the Elks Lodge in Cody, and the Bridger VFW. He was also a Wyoming Tavern Association member.

Survivors include three daughters, Lloy Dene (Vertin) Greb of Cody, Gaiynn Buffington (Rick DeBuff) of Ryegate, and Leslie Ann Buffington of Powell; one son, Gerald Buffington of Byron, Wyo.; one granddaughter, Brenda Greb of Bozeman; two sisters, Wilma Aye of Springfield, Ma. and Ella Morrison of Upland, Calif.; one brother, Robert of West Hollywood, Fla.; and numerous nieces, nephews, and friends.

Memorial service will be 10 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 20, at the Bridger United Methodist Church. Inurnment with Military Honors will follow at the Bridger Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Bridger VFW or to your charity of choice. Arrangements were by Cremation or Funeral Gallery.

Maryann Buffington

Maryann Buffington, 84, passed away Wednesday, Jan. 15, 2003, in River Falls, Wis. She was born March 7, 1919, in Meharry, to Mike and Pauline (Mac-cala) Wachula. She graduated from Hinsdale High School.

On June 22, 1939, Maryann was united in marriage to Donald Ray "Buff" Buffington in Malta. They farmed and ranched for many years in Malta, Chinook, and Whitewater, only eight miles from the Canadian border. They moved to Billings in 1987. Maryann loved to knit, crochet, paint and was an avid card player. She was a member of St. Mary's Altar Society in Malta and a member of St. Patrick's Co-Cathedral in Billings.

Maryann is survived by son Don (Carol Ann) Buffington of Billings; daughter Carol J. (Bill) McVicars of River Falls; sisters, Katherine Miller of St. Ignatius, Nellie Buffington of Roseburg, Ore., and Rosine (Les) Davis of Billings; six grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband



**MARYANN
BUFFINGTON**

Donald in 1997, and sisters Ann Herschmann, Suzy Coty, Polly Toczek, and brother John Ivanovitch

A Vigil Service will be 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 20, at Dahl Funeral Chapel and Funeral Mass at noon Tuesday at St. Patrick's Co-Cathedral. Committal will be in Holy Cross Cemetery. There will a luncheon at the church following the interment. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Dawn Buggeln

BILLINGS GAZETTE

JUL 23 2003

CODY, Wyo. — Dawn Buggeln, 65, of Cody, died Saturday, July 19, 2003, at St. Vincent Healthcare in Billings.

Cremation has taken place. No services are planned. Ballard Funeral Home of Cody is in charge.

Gerald Bugher

BILLINGS GAZETTE

FEB 7 2003

BUFFALO, Wyo. — Gerald "John" Bugher, 64, of Buffalo, died Wednesday, Feb. 5, 2003, at the Johnson County Health Care Center, after a short illness.

Visitation will be from 1 to 10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 7, and from 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 8, at the Adams Funeral Home Chapel in Buffalo. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, at the Adams Funeral Home Chapel.

Vicki Ellen Buller

Vicki Ellen Buller, 53, passed away on Thursday morning, Aug. 14, 2003.

Vicki was born in Great Falls, on Jan. 1, 1950 to Arthur and Betty (Turner) Hajek. She graduated from C.M. Russell High School in Great Falls.



VICKI BULLER

Vicki married her high school sweetheart Richard after graduating in 1968.

Vicki was the consummate salesperson. She had her own home based business for many years in Montana, Rio Rancho, N.M. and Monterey, Calif. She touched hundreds of people with her gracious, outgoing, and caring personality. Vicki loved all kinds of music, especially the blues and attended every festival and concert she could. Vicki and her husband moved often, but her motto was, "Grow where you're planted," and she left good friends wherever she lived. She will be sorely missed by her friends, family and all she came in contact with. We take comfort that she has taken flight as an angel.

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Vicki is survived by her husband of 35 years, Richard; her two daughters, Melissa Buller of West Yellowstone and Aimee (Neal) Anderson; her grandson, Nathan of Las Vegas; her two sisters, Linda Roloson, and Wendy Gray; mother, Betty (Turner) Higgins; father, Arthur Hajek; and many in-laws. She was preceded in death by her brother, Kenneth Hajek.

A memorial service will be 11 a.m. Monday, Aug. 18 at Dahl Funeral Chapel. Vicki's ashes will be scattered in a mountain meadow at a later date.

DEC 02 2003**Jemma Bumbaca**

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Jemma Carmella Bumbaca, 89, of Sheridan, died Sunday, Nov. 30, 2003, at Memorial Hospital of Sheridan County.

A viewing will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 3, at Kane Funeral Home in Sheridan. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 4, at Kane Funeral Home. Interment will follow in the Sheridan Municipal Cemetery.

Local News

Funeral Home — Orval E. [Name] of Worland, died [Date], 2008, at his home.

His funeral service will be at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 22, at the United Methodist Church in Worland. Burial will follow in Riverview Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Worland. Veile Mortuary of Worland is in charge.

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Myrtle Evelyn Bunt

Sept. 17, 1911 — Aug. 22, 2003

Myrtle Evelyn Bunt, 91, left her family and friends on Aug. 22, 2003, as gracefully as she lived her life. After suffering a small stroke, she died at St. John's Nursing Home in Billings, surrounded by her loving family.



MYRTLE BUNT

Myrtle often counseled her family "that there is a law of physics that a body in motion tends to stay in motion." Her busy life of contribution and service to others was a testimony to her belief.

A remarkable, witty, determined woman guided by Christian principles, Myrtle married her first sweetheart, Donald Bunt, raised three daughters, worked as a registered nurse, supported her husband's career as a high school principal, contributed to her community, and was an enthusiastic organizer of family gatherings, which afforded her much joy throughout her life.

Born Sept. 17, 1911, in Pukwana, S.D., Myrtle lost her two parents and baby brother, Elmer, when she was 8 years old, in the great influenza epidemic.

She, her younger sister Florence and newborn sister Maxine were separated after the death of their parents, and each was raised by different relatives.

After finishing high school, Myrtle was graduated from St. Mary's School of Nursing in Pierre, S.D., and later was awarded a scholarship to study at the University of Minnesota.

Myrtle worked as a county nurse in South Dakota, a surgical nurse, a floor supervisor (a position her children jokingly felt guided her as a mother), a nurse in a men's mental hospital, a school nurse and a private duty nurse for severely impaired patients. Nursing was Myrtle's calling and passion, and she was always the standard of excellence and dedication to all who knew her.

Myrtle and Don had three daughters: Murielle and Ruth, born in South Dakota, and Donna, born after the family moved to the Seattle area, where they lived together until Don's death in 1976. Myrtle continued to live in Washington until she moved to Billings three years ago.

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MYRTLE'S husband DON, a coach in his younger years, never lost his love of sports, and Myrtle, a high school basketball player, shared that love her entire life. Football, basketball, tennis, soccer, baseball — she loved them all, but she had a special love for the Seattle Mariners. At age 91, she knew all the players, wished luck to the new coach and never missed a game televised in Montana.

Myrtle led an exemplary life of Christian charity in thought and deed. She remained a member of the congregation of First United Methodist Church of Olympia, Wash., until her death. She was also a devoted member of Chapter DC, PEO, of Olympia. Civic responsibility was paramount to Myrtle and she never failed to vote in both local and national elections. Her belief in the goodness in each of us and her truly delightful sense of humor made her a treasure to all who knew her.

Myrtle is preceded in death by her husband Don (1976); and survived by her two sisters, Florence Sobek of Mt. Vernon, Wash., Maxine McCarty of Fallbrook, Calif.; daughter Murielle Bunt of Riverside, Calif.; daughter Ruth Martin (Laurence) of Billings; daughter Donna Rask (Don) of Issaquah, Wash.; grandchildren, Alana Lawton (Richard) of Los Angeles, Allison Martin of

Boulder, Colo., Alex Martin of Billings, Stephen and David Rask of Issaquah; and great-granddaughter Amaya Lawton of Los Angeles. There is also a large extended family of nieces, nephews and cousins.

The family would like to give a special thanks to the loving Christian family at St. John's Nursing Home, Billings. The compassion and care unique to the St. John's staff made the last three years of Myrtle's life both peaceful and filled with happiness.

A memorial service, followed by burial, will be held Aug. 27, at 11 a.m., at Acacia Memorial Park in Seattle.

The family asks remembrances be made to the Don and Myrtle Bunt Scholarship Fund, established to benefit young people going into the field of education, c/o Ruth Martin, 505 O'Malley Drive, Billings, MT 59102.

Martyss Burg

DELAWARE GAZETTE

JAN 29 2003

GLASGOW — Martyss Burg, 64, of Glasgow, died Jan. 27, 2003, at Frances Mahon Deaconess Hospital in Glasgow.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 30, at First Lutheran Church in Glasgow. Burial will be in Highland Cemetery in Glasgow. Bell Mortuary of Glasgow is in charge.

Lottie M. Burgener

MAY 07 2003

POWELL, Wyo. — Lottie M. Burgener, 94, died Monday, May 5, 2003, at Powell Valley Care Center.

Visitation will be from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 8, at Miratsky-Easton Funeral Home in Powell. Christian wake services will begin at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, at Miratsky-Easton Funeral Home. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. Friday, May 9, at St. Barbara's Catholic Church in Powell. Burial will follow in Crown Hill Cemetery.

NOV 20 2003

Frederick O. Burger

GLASGOW — Frederick O. Burger, 81, died Tuesday, Nov. 18, 2003, at Frances Mahon Deaconess Hospital in Glasgow, of cancer.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22, at Bell Mortuary Chapel in Glasgow. Interment will be in Nashua Cemetery in Nashua.

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JUN 10 2003

Warren Burger

BUFFALO, Wyo. — Warren Burger, 74, of Buffalo, died Saturday, June 7, 2003, at the Johnson County Health Care Center.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, June 13, at the Adams Funeral Home Chapel in Buffalo. Visitation will be from 1 to 10 p.m. Thursday, June 12, and from 8 to 9:30 a.m. Friday, at Adams Funeral Home. Burial will be in Willow Grove Cemetery.

Fritz Burgess

LAME DEER — Fritz Burgess, age 58, of Lame Deer, passed away Sunday, July 27, 2003, in an Alamogordo, N.M.

Fritz was born in Concho, Okla., to Charlie Burgess and Flora Walksalong. He was adopted by John and Rose Medicine Elk. After graduating from St. Labre Indian School in 1964, Fritz enlisted in 1966 with the United States Army and served in Vietnam and Korea. He was quite adept at making native arts and crafts for clients throughout Indian country. Fritz also worked as a seasonal fire fighter in Lame Deer, but excelled as an engine and helitack foreman on the Mescalero Apache Indian reservation for many years.

Fritz is survived by his wife, Myrna Burgess of Lame Deer; former wife Linda Freeman and daughter Francine Burgess of Lame Deer; four sons, from his second marriage, Richard, Tom, Marion and Wilson Burgess of New Mexico; stepchildren from his current wife, John Youngbear, Shawna Bearrobe of Lame Deer and Anthony Youngbear of Washington; and several grandchildren in Montana and New Mexico; sisters Evelyn Gardner, Georgiann Kellum, Teresa Littlebird, Cheryl King of Lame Deer, Jeanette Burgess of El

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JUL 31 2003

Reno, Okla., Karena Smith of Mescalero, N.M.; adopted brothers, George Littlehead, Jr., Fernando Littlebird, Daniel Foote, Billy Two Moons, Herman Bearcomesout, all of Montana, and many other friends and relatives throughout the country.

Fritz was preceded in death by both sets of parents, Charlie Burgess and Flora Walksalong of Oklahoma and John and Rose Medicine Elk of Lame Deer. He is also proceeded in death by his former wife Francine Burgess of Mescalero, N.M.



**FRITZ
BURGESS**

Funeral services will be held at the Blessed Sacrament Church on Thursday, July 31, at 11 a.m., and burial at the Lame Deer Cemetery.

Rausch Funeral Home of Lame Deer has been entrusted with the arrangements.

John Burgess

BILLINGS GAZETTE

AUG 23 2003

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — John Burgess, 75, of Sheridan, died Friday, Aug. 22, 2003, at the Sheridan VA Medical Center.

A visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday, Aug. 25, at Kane Funeral Home in Sheridan. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 26, at Kane Funeral Home. Interment will follow in the Sheridan Municipal Cemetery.

Bernice Blinn Burkley

LAUREL — Bernice Blinn Burkley, 87, of Laurel, passed away Sunday, Sept. 21, 2003, at Deaconess Billings Clinic.

Bernice Mable Strickler was born in Lloyd, Wis., one of seven children, to Lerton and Ethel Strickler. Her school years were spent in many Nebraska communities. While living in Nebraska, her father started a family orchestra. When



**BERNICE
BURKLEY**

When Bernice first started playing in the orchestra, she was so small she needed to stand on a stool so she could reach the big marimba. The Stickler Family Orchestra traveled around Nebraska and the surrounding states giving concerts.

Bernice graduated from York College in York, Neb., in 1938. She married Merle Blinn in 1939 and the next three years were spent in Dayton, Ohio, where Merle completed his theology degree, thus beginning his career as a minister and Bernice's career as a music teacher and minister's wife.

They moved to Montana for five years, and Bernice worked in the public school system and church music.

In 1948, the family moved to Kansas, where Bernice continued working with music in public schools, church and privately. In 1958, the family moved back to Montana (once a Montanan always a Montanan), where Bernice continued sharing her talents in the church, community, private teaching and public schools.

In Montana, she taught in Harlem, Rapelje, Pine Creek in

Park County, Kalispell, Wilsall, Peerless and Kremlin-Gilford. In the last three schools, she started music programs. While involved in teaching publicly and privately, she also spearheaded many community events.

The last big event was the Laurel Praise Festival.

In 1993, Bernice married Stanley Burkley. They had the opportunity to share several trips, family gatherings and musical events together before Bernice's health began to fail. With the help of her loving husband Stan and her son Jim, she was able to stay at home until the last few weeks of her life.

Bernice is preceded in death by her husband Rev. Merle Blinn, her parents, two brothers and three sisters. She is survived by her husband Stanley Burkley; a brother and sister-in-law, Paul and Hazel Strickler; her children, Juanita (Ron) Hatcher, Rev. John (Elaine) Blinn, Vera (Bob) Ulschak and Jim Blinn. Also surviving are her grandchildren Kerry (Colleen) Hatcher, Kydee (Darin) Schedel, Kim (Al) Fields, Eric (Carla) Ulschak and Soren Blinn; and great-grandchildren, Ryann, Megan, Corben, Anna, Rylie, Caden and Connor.

Her faith relationship was important through her involvement in the Evangelical United Brethren and United Methodist Churches. Memorials may be sent to the Laurel United Methodist Church choir fund or a charity of your choice. Services will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 24, at 10 a.m., at the Laurel United Methodist Church. Interment will be held in Mountain View Cemetery in Livingston at 3 p.m. on the same day. Smith Funeral Chapel-Laurel is in charge.

Little V. Hartnett

Funeral services for **Little V. Hartnett**, 74, of Lewistown, formerly of the Lewistown, Mont. area, will be held Sunday, Sept. 14, at the Central Montana Memorial Center.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. on **Friday, Sept. 13**, at the **St. Mary's Home Chapel**. Services will follow in Central Montana Memorial Gardens.

Wilmer P. Burnham

BILLINGS GAZETTE

JAN 05 2003

IDAHO FALLS, Idaho — Wilmer Parley Burnham, 84, formerly of Lovell, Wyo., died Friday, Jan. 3, 2003, at Lincoln Court Retirement Center in Idaho Falls.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 7, in Haskell Funeral Home Chapel in Lovell, Wyo. Burial will be in the Lovell Cemetery.

MAY 24 2003

Alma Burris

CARTWRIGHT, N.D. — Alma Burris, 67, of Cartwright, N.D., died Thursday, May 22, 2003, at the Mercy Medical Center in Williston.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, May 27, at the Lonsdale United Methodist Church in Sidney, Mont. ~~Interment~~ ~~will be in the Sidney Cemetery.~~ Fulkerson Funeral Home of Sidney is in charge.

Jack Burns

BILLINGS GAZETTE
FEB 1 2000

CASSATT, S.C. — Services for Jack Burns, 66, of Cassatt, will be held at a later date. The family will receive friends Tuesday, Feb. 11, from 7 to 8:30 p.m., at Kornegay Funeral Home, Camden Chapel.

Mr. Burns was born in Kinsley, Kan. He was the son of the late Dube Burns and Ann Prowbert Weidimer. He was a security guard with GKN, Inc. and a U.S. Air Force veteran.

Surviving are two sons, Todd and David Burns of Everett, Wash., and grandchildren; sisters, Phyllis Osborne of Billings, Mont., Darlene Slaymaker, Salt Lake City, Florence Servis and Mary Henley, both of Kissimmee, Fla.

DEC 30 2003**Nora Mae Burns**

LIVINGSTON — Nora M. Burns, 95, died Saturday, Dec. 27, 2003, at the Livingston Health and Rehab Center.

Cremation has taken place at Francon-Davis Crematory in Livingston. Private family services will be held at a later date.

FEB 15 2003

Theresa Burrough

WRIGHT, Wyo. — Theresa "Terry" (Cook) Burrough, 53, of Wright, died Wednesday, Feb. 12, 2003, at Campbell County Memorial Hospital, of an extended illness.

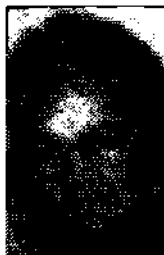
Visitation was held Friday, Feb. 14, at the Blessed Sacrament Church in Wright. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 15, at the Wright Baptist Church in Wright.

Burial will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15, at the Wright Cemetery in Wright.

JUN 28 2003

**Agnes Alphonses
Kennedy Burshia
(‘E-ah-he-napi Wen’
Comes Out Talking)**

WILLISTON, N.D. — Agnes Alphonses Kennedy Burshia ‘E-ah-he-napi Wen’ (Comes Out Talking) passed away on June 25, 2003, at Mercy Medical Center in Williston. She succumbed after a short but valiant fight with cancer. Her 98 years of life were filled with strength, courage and indomitable spirit.



**AGNES
BURSHIA**

Agnes was born to Adele Malatare and Henry Kennedy on March 27, 1905, in the Dakota Presbyterian Manse in Poplar, Mont. When Agnes was 5 years old, she was sent to Mission Boarding School in Santee, Neb. She later attended school in Wabpeton, and graduated from high school in Chemawa, Ore., in 1924. Agnes married Ben Burshia in 1926. They had two daughters, Lillian (Burshia) Summers and Sophia (Burshia) Loudermilk.

She started her career in the U.S. government hospital in Poplar in 1943. Her primary job was head cook, but she was often called upon to assist with surgeries, deliveries, and to attend quarantined patients in special housing units near the hospital. When the hospital closed, she transferred to the Public Health Service Hospital in Crow Agency. After her retirement from PHS, she was employed by the Poplar Community Hospital.

Both Ben and Agnes were avid outdoorsmen and shared their love and knowledge of the outdoors with their family. There were married for 60 years before Ben preceded her in death.

Agnes was an accomplished cook who enjoyed baking and canning for her family and friends. She had numerous interests such as sewing, needlework, beading, quilting, gardening and woodworking.

Her two daughters, seven grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, five great-great-grandchildren,

dren and a half-brother, Donald Walking Eagle, survive her. She was well loved and cherished by her family and friends. She will be deeply missed.

Visitation will be held on Sunday, June 29, at the Lindsay Memorial Presbyterian Church in Poplar, from 5 to 8 p.m., with a prayer service at 7 p.m. Funeral services will be held on Monday, June 30, at the Lindsay Memorial Presbyterian Church, at 10 a.m., with Rev. Enright Bighorn officiating. Interment will be in the Poplar City Cemetery. For people unable to attend services, tributes can be sent to the family through our web site at www.stevenson-sandsons.com.

Clayton Stevenson Memorial Chapel in Wolf Point is handling the arrangements.

Colt William Radue Burshia

BILLINGS GAZETTE
JAN 29 2003

WOLF POINT — Colt William Radue Burshia, 4-month-old infant son of Raymond Burshia Jr. and Sheila A. Radue, died on Jan. 25, 2003, at the Northeast Montana Health Services in Wolf Point.

Colt was born Sept. 20, 2002, in Glasgow.

He was preceded in death by his grandpa Raymond Burshia Sr.; grandma Victoria Youngman; and uncle Jason Youngman.

Survivors include his mother Sheila Radue; father, Raymond Burshia; brothers, Samuel Patrick, Lester Menz Jr., Joshua Eagle, Brian Eagle, Jason Radue, Kaghe Burshia; sisters, Leslie Menz and Rainy Burshia; grandparents, LeRoy Douglas, Linda Comes Last, Kelly and Cindy Radue of Miles City; great-grandparents, William Youngman, Larry Youngman, Mike Youngman, Rita Long Chase and Florence Eagleman. The family is all from Wolf Point and Poplar. He is also survived by uncles, Dennis Comes Last, Christopher Douglas and Mark Radue; aunts, Michelle Radue, Sonya (Emery) Lester, JaTonna (Corwin) Four Star, Janet Red Elk, Sherri (Harold Garfield) Comes Last, Keri Comes Last,

Andrea Radue, Felicia Radue, Lora Lee Youngman; numerous great-grandparents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins.


Visitations were held on Tuesday, Jan. 28, at the Clayton Memorial Chapel in Wolf Point with a prayer service at 7 p.m. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 29, at the Clayton Memorial Chapel, with Pastor Kenny Azure officiating. Interment will be in the Box Elder Cemetery in Poplar.

Mickey D. Burman

JUN 09 2003

GLENDIVE — Mickey D. Burman, 47, formerly of Fairview, died Thursday, June 5, 2003, at the Burman family homestead in Fairview.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Wednesday, June 11, at the Fulkerson Memorial Chapel in Sidney. Interment will be in the Fairview Cemetery.



NOV 06 2006

Clarence M. Burton

CODY, Wyo. — Clarence
 Burton, 54, of
 Cody, died Wednesday, Nov. 5,
 2006, at his home.

Funeral services will be held
 10 a.m. Friday, Nov. 7, at Regard
 Funeral Home in Cody.

Jesse Lee Burton

BILLINGS GAZETTE

AUG 20 2003

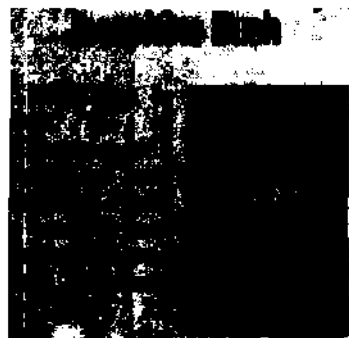
LOVELL, Wyo. — Jesse Lee Burton, 65, of Lovell, died Monday, Aug. 18, 2003, at North Big Horn Hospital in Lovell.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial services will be Wednesday, Aug. 20. Haskell Funeral Home of Lovell is in charge.

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

MAR 07 2003

Henry E. Bush
HENRY E. BUSH, 77, of Billings, died Sunday, March 3, 2003, at his home.
Private graveside services were held Tuesday, March 4, in the Oregon Trail State Veterans' Cemetery in Evanston.
Ferries Funeral Home of Billings is in charge.



Billings Health & Rehab Center. **JOSEPHINE BUSH**

She was born in Garfield, Wash., on April 5, 1914, the daughter of Charles and Elta Tyler Matlock. After her education, she worked as a hairdresser.

She married Walter Bush in Reno, Nev. Josephine was a member for many years of the First Christian Church, 522 N. 29th St., in Billings where her memorial will be at 1 p.m. Monday. Nicheurnment will follow at Terrace Gardens Cemetery.

Jo lived a full and rich life. She was the matriarch of her whole family, a great presence and inspiration to all, from her children all the way down to her great-great-grandchildren. Her great sense of humor and morals were passed on to everyone. She will be greatly missed by all. We love you, Josephine.

Survivors include her son, Charles (Ann) Bush of Miles City; two daughters, Patricia (Roger) Kramer of Milton, Fla., and Donna (Jim) Koerber of Billings; nine grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren, and six great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband and brother Eldon Matlock.

Arrangements were by Cremation or Funeral Gallery.

JUN 05 2003

Beulah Bushmaker

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Beulah H. Bushmaker, 98, of Sheridan, died Wednesday, May 28, 2003, at Sheridan Manor.

Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Friday, June 6, at Champion Express Funeral Home in Sheridan. Funeral liturgy will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 7, at Holy Name Catholic Church. Interment will be in Sheridan Municipal Cemetery.

MAR 14 2003

Marvin D. Bushor II

GILLETTE, Wyo. — Marvin D. "Butch" Bushor II, 32, of Gillette, died Tuesday, March 11, 2003, at his home.

Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. Friday, March 14, at Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home in Gillette. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. until service time Friday, at Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home. Burial will follow the services in the Gillette Mount Pisgah Cemetery.

Shirley Ann (Struyk) Bustell

THE BELLINGS GAZETTE

We say a tearful goodbye to our mother, Shirley Ann (Struyk) Bustell, who passed away Jan. 30, 2003. She was 65 years old.

Shirley Ann was born Nov. 5, 1937, to Cornelius and Hilda (Voss) Struyk and raised in the small, Dutch community of Hollandale, Minn. She was their one and only darling — cute and sweet with “big eyes and plump cheeks,” as her dear cousin remembers fondly.

As her children, we remember the pride she took in making a home for us — the diligent deep cleaning of every surface and corner and forgotten cupboard as only the Dutch will do; the orderliness of the endless household details; the care and attention she gave her gardens; and the baking...and baking and baking. We loved that she was “Mom” not only to us, but to our friends as well. We remain in awe of her fortitude — in raising her family, in building a respected career as an employment counselor, in taking life one day at a time.

We can still see her at the piano, deftly playing through stacks of music from the Hit Parade. She would sing and hum the tunes, morning to night, whether she quite remembered the words or not. Most of all, we cherish her laughter that bubbled up at the smallest of things.

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We were blessed to be her chosen children, and blessed by the loving presence she brought to many, even in the days she struggled most. We are grateful for the abiding love she shared for many years with her best friend, Jim Pickering. And we are at peace knowing she has gone home to the adoring arms of her parents.

So Mom (Grandma Shirley) — although that freezer full of cookies won't sustain us much longer, the beautiful music of your laughter will comfort us always. We will love you forever — Kerri and Mike and family.

No public memorial service is planned, but gifts in her memory may be made to the Northern Rockies Cancer Center or Big Sky Hospice.

Dorothy Butcher

BILLINGS GAZETTE

JUL 20 2003

Dorothy "DeeDee" Butcher died July 19, 2003, in Billings. DeeDee was born in El Paso, Texas, and made Billings her home for 27 years.

DeeDee is survived by her husband, Robert Butcher; her mother, Ruby Draper of El Paso; and her sister, Cindy Morrow.

Dahl Funeral Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Emmet A. Butcher

MAY 19 2003

LEWISTOWN — Emmet A. Butcher, 77, of Lewistown, died Friday evening May 16, 2003, at St. Vincent Healthcare in Billings following surgery. Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Wednesday, May 21, at the Fergus Center for the Performing Arts. Interment with Military Honors by Fergus American Legion Post #16 and Masonic Rites conducted by Friendship Lodge #31 at the Lewistown City Cemetery.

Emmet Butcher was born to Harry and Lillian Butcher on Jan. 20, 1926 in Lewistown. He graduated from Winifred High School and enlisted in the Army in 1943. He reported for active duty in the U.S. Army Air Corps, Aug. 23, 1944, and left for overseas in World War II, Aug. 23, 1945, and was discharged Aug. 23, 1946. Upon his return, he attended the University of Montana, majoring in accounting. He returned to the family ranch to work with his father in 1950.

Darlene Peterson and Emmet started their courtship at Big Lou's Café in Winifred. Emmet was united in marriage to Darlene in Winifred at the American Lutheran Church on Dec. 29, 1949. They were blessed with five wonderful children.

Emmet ranched near the family homestead at Winifred until he moved to the ranch on Lower Spring Creek near Lewistown in 1972. He was one of the first breeders of Simmental cattle and founded Gateway Simmental, which is recognized nationally and internationally. He loved the livestock industry and dedicated countless hours to it and the growth and development of the Simmental breed of cattle. He served nine years on the Board of Directors of the American Simmental Association. He served two terms as president of the Montana Simmental Association, in addition to serving eight years as secretary. He was a member of the Montana Stockgrowers Association and National Cattlemen's Beef Association. He was currently associated with the Montana Branded Beef Association and a director of the Montana Ranch Beef Corporation. He was also involved in the planning and funding of the new Montana State University Animal Science

Building. He will be remembered as a visionary in the cattle industry.

Emmet was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather. He loved his country and believed it was important to be involved with his community. He served on the Winifred School Board, American Lutheran Church Board, and the Winifred



**EMMET
BUTCHER**

Farmer's Oil Company Board of Directors. He was a director of the Yoga Inn, First National Bank of Lewistown, and the Lewistown City-County Planning Board. He was instrumental in the construction of the Central Montana Hospital and the Livestock Pavilion at the Fergus County Fairgrounds. He was a member of the Friendship Lodge No. 37, Al Bedoo Shrine, Elks Lodge, Fraternal Order of the Eagles and American Legion.

Emmet was a man with strong principles and lived his life as an exemplary figure for all those around him. His life was filled with love and understanding while setting a wonderful example of caring and giving. It was important to him to give his time and share his knowledge. Emmet was very particular and

wanted everything done to a high standard.

He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Darlene; daughter, Kristine Arntzen and husband, Keith and children, Karrie Sramek and husband, Chris of Denton and Kimberly and Kevin of Hilger; son, Robert and his wife, Barbara, and children, Cole and Kayla of Great Falls; daughter, Carol Gill and husband, Tim and children, Levi, Cody, and Chase of Helena; son, James and wife, Lynn and children, Logan Austin, Brockton, and Gracia; son, Thomas and his wife, Denise and children, Tyler, Colton, Jordan, Emily, and Avery of Lewistown; brother-in-law, Garde D. Peterson and his wife, Sharon of Billings; and a nephew, Edward Butcher and his wife, Pamela of Winifred.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his twin sister, Emma; a sister, Carol; and a brother, Milton and his wife, Louise.

He will be dearly missed by his friends and family.

Memorials may be made to MSU-Bozeman, College of Agriculture Livestock and Meats Education, 508 James Ave., Great Falls, MT 59404.

Creel Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

JUN 06 2003

Irene Butcher

GILLETTE, Wyo. — Irene A. Butcher, 91, died Tuesday, June 3, 2003, at Campbell County Memorial Hospital in Gillette.

Visitation will be from 3 to 5 p.m. Sunday, June 8, at the Severson-Nelson Funeral Home Chapel in Gillette, with a prayer service at 5 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. Monday, June 9, at St. Matthew's Catholic Church in Gillette. Burial will follow at the Gillette-Mt. Pisgah

William E. Butcher

LIVINGSTON — William E. "Bill" Butcher, 64, of Livingston, died Wednesday, Oct. 29, 2003, at Livingston Health and Rehab Center.

Cremation has taken place at Franzen-Davis Funeral Home & Cemetery in Livingston. No services were held.

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

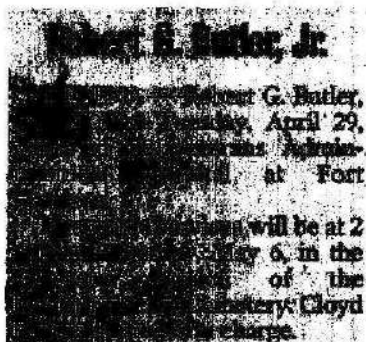
John J. Butkay

MAY 10 2003

FORSYTH — John J. Butkay, 92 of Forsyth, formerly of Hysham, died Thursday, May 8, 2003, at the Rosebud Health Care Center in Forsyth.

Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Monday, May 12, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Hysham. Interment will follow in the Hysham Cemetery. Beals Mortuary of Forsyth is in charge.

MAY 04 2003



Margaret E. Butterfield

BILLINGS GAZETTE

JUL 18 2003

WORLAND, Wyo. — Margaret E. Butterfield, 90, of Worland, died Wednesday, July 16, 2003, in Worland.

Her memorial service will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, July 23, at the United Methodist Church. Her ashes will be scattered over the Big Horn Mountains. Veile Mortuary of Worland is in charge.

Dorman Butts

JUN 29 2003

JOLIET — Dorman Butts, 80, of Joliet, died Thursday, June 26, 2003, at his home following a battle with cancer.

Dorman was born Dec. 6, 1922, in San Antonio, the son of Archie and Esta (Phillips) Butts.



**DORMAN
BUTTS**

After attending college at the University of Oklahoma and Texas Tech University, Dorman joined the Marines where he received additional training at Louisiana Tech. He served three years, 1943-1946, and was stationed at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, and San Diego.

Upon discharge from the Marine Corps, he married Betty Ruth Newton on March 27, 1946, in Lubbock, Texas. Dorman then completed his college education in Texas receiving a BS in Agriculture.

Moving to Montana in 1951, he taught agriculture in Culbertson and Hinsdale. He then worked as a soil conservationist for the B.I.A. in Montana and South Dakota for more than 40 years.

Dorman loved hunting, fishing, gardening, and especially his annual Fourth of July barbecue in Joliet.

He was preceded in death by a son, Phillip D. Butts; four brothers, Ben, Kenneth, Raymond and James; and one sister, Geraldine.

Dorman is survived by his wife, Betty; daughters, Janice of Washington, Marilyn of Wyoming, and Karen of Washington; grandchildren, Diane, Robert, Lindsey, Donald, Audrey, Lisa, Travis, Jesse, and Chelsey; great-grandchildren, Daniel, Scott, Kevin, and Tyler; one brother, Billy Butts of Montana; and one sister, Ima Jean Reynolds of Texas.

"Dad, Grandpa, we love and miss you."

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m., Thursday, July 3, at the Joliet Wesleyan Church. Interment will follow the service at the Joliet Cemetery. Visitation will be from 7 to 9 p.m., Wednesday, July 2, at the Smith-Olcott Chapel in Red Lodge, and one hour before the service at the church.

Memorials may be given to the Joliet Community Center, or to a charity of one's choice.

Lillian Leon Buzalsky

Lillian Leon Buzalsky, 86, went home to the Lord on Sept. 13, 2003, at Aspen Meadows in Billings. She was born Dec. 13, 1916, in Killdeer, N.D., to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Nad-

vornick. In 1935, she was united in marriage to George Buzalsky in Amidon, N.D. Together, they had three sons. After they left the family farm in 1942, they moved to Dickinson, N.D. She provided a happy



**LILLIAN
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home while her husband worked as a ranch hand on Teddy Roosevelt's ranch and as a miner in the Lee High Briquette coal mine. They moved to Billings in 1963 where they joined St. Patrick's Parish. George passed away in 1979. Lillian always welcomed her grandchildren as they came for cookies and milk. She prided herself in the flowers she grew.

Lillian is survived by one sister, Hatti (Joe) Hurberle; son, Paul Buzalsky; granddaughter, Carissa (Russell) Belless and great-granddaughter, Shania; daughter-in-law Donna Buzalsky, grandchildren Buz (Valerie), Mike, Keith (Becky), Heidi (John) and great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her husband; six brothers and five sisters; and two sons, Bernard and Joseph.

A vigil service will be 7 p.m. Tuesday at St. Patrick's Co-Cathedral. A Memorial Mass will be at noon Wednesday at St. Patrick's. A luncheon will be served following the service. Interment of ashes will be at St. Peter & Paul's Cemetery in Amidon. Arrangements are being made by Dahl Funeral Chapel.

Jeanne E. Byrd

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POWELL, Wyo. — Jeanne E. (Reed) Byrd, 83, died Saturday, June 14, 2003, at Powell Valley Care Center.

Memorial services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, June 18, at Miratsky-Easton Funeral Home in Powell. Burial will follow in Crown Hill Cemetery in Powell.

Katharine Mary Byrd

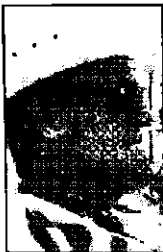
WOLF POINT — Katharine Mary "Kat" Byrd, 18, of Wolf Point, died Thursday, Oct. 2, 2003, in Missoula, as a result of a motor vehicle accident.

Visitation will be from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 5, with a vigil service at 7 p.m., at Clayton Stevenson Memorial Chapel. Funeral services will be at 2:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 6, at Immaculate Conception Church. Interment will be in Havre.

Stanley (Ike) Byrd

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Stanley (Ike) Melvin Byrd died Monday, January 27, 2003, at his home, traveling among friends at Fountain RV Park in Penitas, Texas. He was born June 18, 1936, in Helena.



**STANLEY
BYRD**

His loves were family, mining, and more recently, traveling.

He and Marilyn Faye Woods were married in Hot Springs, Montana, on December 1, 1956, and then resided and raised their children in Helena.

He and Marilyn enjoyed traveling the lower 48 states, visiting family and friends, these past eleven years.

He is survived by his wife of 46 years, and their four children: Kathy Byrd and her fiancé David Baldwin of Tupper Lake, N.Y.; Steven and his wife, Paulette of Billings; Cheryl Byrd-Redman and her husband John of Laurel, Mont.; Thomas and his wife Sassy of Billings. There are five grandchildren; Jason (Byrd) Roddy, Amber Roddy, Cassie Byrd, Talon and Falon Byrd, a great-granddaughter Jessica Roddy and his beloved nieces Carol, Sally, and Jennifer. He is survived by his brothers and sis-

ters; Don (Ole), George, Guy, Rose and Gay Lynn, all of Montana.

A family memorial service will be held in the spring in Billings, Mont.

Memorials may be considered to your local Hospice.