

## **Deloris L. Dahl**

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**APR 17 2003**

**LEWISTOWN —** Deloris L. Dahl, formerly of Plentywood and Wolf Point, passed away April 14, 2003, in Lewistown, at the age of 75.

Memorial services will be held in Plentywood this summer.

She is survived by one sister, Marilyn Vine of Vida; three nephews; five grandnephews and one grandniece.

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**Deloris L. Dahl**

**PLENTYWOOD — Deloris L. Dahl, 75, formerly of Plentywood, died April 14, 2003, at the Lewistown Nursing Home in Lewistown.**

**A memorial service will be at 2:30 p.m. Monday, June 16, at the Fulkerson Funeral Home of Plentywood. Committal of her ashes will follow at the Plentywood Cemetery (Old Section).**

## **Howard A. Dahl**

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**APR 09 2003**

SCOREY — Howard A. Dahl, 83, died Thursday, April 3, 2003, at Daniels Memorial Hospital.

Funeral services will be at 4 p.m. Friday, April 11, at the Scobey Lutheran Church. Burial will be in the Scobey Cemetery. Waller Funeral Home of Scobey is in charge.

## James Christopher Dahl

MISSOULA — James Christopher Dahl died of congestive heart failure at St. Patrick's Hospital in Missoula on Wednesday evening, Nov. 26, 2003, surrounded by the loving people of the Missoula Developmental Service Corporation.

He was born Feb. 24, 1960, to Leonard and Marguerite Dahl in Billings. He was diagnosed with Down Syndrome and, when he was a week old, was taken to Warm Springs State Hospital. When he was 10, he was transferred to the Boulder River State Hospital and when he was 30, he moved to Foss Court Group Home in Missoula.

He also lived at Wylie Group Home and recently lived at Easy Street Group Home. He was well cared for and loved by all the people who worked in those homes.

He is survived by his parents; sisters, Roberta Dahl, Santa Monica, Calif., Jane (Charles) Thomas, Seymour, Ind.; brothers John (Beth-Jana) Dahl and Richard (Seok) Dahl, both of Los Angeles; eight nieces and nephews; and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

Even though Jim didn't live with his family, he was always part of the family and an inspiration to them. He loved music, was happy, friendly and enjoyed life. He taught his family love, understanding, consideration and tolerance. He will be missed.

Special thanks go to Dr. Vern Klingman and Dr. George Nelson, who were so helpful when Jim was born. Also special thanks to Dr. Eric Kress, Bonnie Chambers, Michelle Brown and Val Percy of MDSC, and Penny Matheson of Easy Street Group Home. Bob and Cindy were two very special people when he was at Foss Court Group Home.

Thanks also to Pat, nursing supervisor from St. Patrick's Hospital. There were many others who loved and cared for Jim through the years, many whom we never met and many whose names we cannot remember, but they deserve special thanks also.

Cremation has taken place and a private service will be held in Billings at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to MDSC at 1005 Marshall, Missoula, MT 59801, or the First United Methodist Church, 2800 Fourth Ave. N., Billings, MT 59101.

## **Kathryn M. Dahl**

LEWISTOWN — Kathryn M. Dahl, 64, of Lewistown, died Monday, July 7, 2003, at the Central Montana Medical Center, of an apparent heart attack.

Funeral liturgy will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, July 12, in St. Leo's Catholic Church. Committal will follow in Lewistown City Cemetery. Cloyd Funeral Home of Lewistown is in charge.

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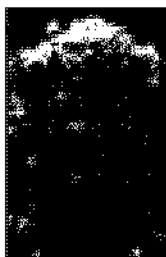
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# Oris M. Dahlen

PHILLIPS COUNTY GAZETTE

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SACO — Oris M. Dahlen, 85 years, an artist, died peacefully at her home on Sunday, Nov. 9, 2003, with her husband by her side, of natural causes.



Memorial services will be 11 a.m. Friday, Nov. 14, at the Saco Lutheran Church. Cremation has taken place and her ashes will be interred at a later date. Memorials may be made the Phillips County Home Health, PO Box 640, Malta, MT 59538. Adams Funeral Home and Crematory is in charge of arrangements.

Oris was born June 7, 1918, at her parents' farm north of Saco. She was the daughter of Andrew and Oral (Crantz) Strommen. She attended grade school at the Huntley School near the farm. She graduated from Saco High School, where she was proud of being a drum majorette. She also played one season on the boys basketball team. She then attended one year of Havre Normal College.

Oris married Lyle Haynes in 1938 and later divorced. They had two sons and ranched north of

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Saco on the Milk River. She was an able cowgirl and told many stories about her favorite horses. During this time, she began doing oil paintings, mostly of scenery and wildlife. She painted on anything that was handy, sometimes glass or cardboard.

In 1957, Oris married Roger Dahlen. They lived in Great Falls, where she began to paint seriously. They eventually started touring all over the U.S. selling and promoting her paintings that began to lean more toward Western and cowboy scenes. She was one of the original artists in the first C.M. Russell Art Show and Auction.

In 1974, Oris and Roger moved back to the family ranch north of Saco, where she continued to paint. She was featured by Leaning Tree Greeting Cards and her paintings and prints continued to be in demand. Oris was always ambitious, not only painting but also doing yard work, gardening and cooking. Her home was always spotless and a showpiece of collectibles and varied house plants.

Survivors include her husband, Roger of Saco; son and daughter-in-law, Ron and Lexie Haynes; daughter-in-law, Linda Haynes, all of Saco; her grandchildren, Stacey Haynes of Missoula, Therese Taylor of Arizona, Lindy and Rachael Haynes and Steven and Camilla

Haynes of Shepherd, Scott Haynes of Billings, Billie Sky Haynes of Arizona and Lacy Haynes of Missoula; great-grandchildren, Madison Marie, Jacoby Joseph Lyle, Haley Lyn, Braden Roland and Ty Michael; brothers, Andy Strommen and Ole Strommen of Arizona; and sister, Andresa Ruttiger of Seattle; numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and her son Lynden



## **Ellen Daily**

**BROADUS** — Ellen Fern Daily, 92, of Broadus, died Saturday, March 22, 2003 in Greeley, Colo.

Visitation will begin at 9:30 a.m. Friday, March 28, at the First Baptist Church in Broadus. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, at the First Baptist Church in Broadus. Interment will follow in the family lot in the Valley View Cemetery in Broadus. Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home of Broadus is in charge.

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## Frank P. Dakan

Frank P. Dakan, 90, of Billings, died Monday, Sept. 1, 2003, at his home.

The son of Albert and Jessie Dakan, Frank was born Sept. 22, 1912, in Longmont, Colo. He was raised and educated in Longmont and worked his way through college at Colorado State University, where he received a degree in forestry.

Frank served in the Army Corps of Engineers during WWII and was recalled to service during the Korean War. He was stationed at Fort Walters, Texas, from 1953 to 1956 and was professor of military sciences and tactics at the University of Detroit from 1956 to 1960. The next two years were spent as engineers advisor to the Iranian Army in Tehran. He returned to the U.S. and was stationed at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo., until 1964, when he was stationed in Hawaii with the U.S. Army Pacific Command. Col. Dakan retired from the Army Corps of Engineers in March 1966. He worked as a contract engineer with the Bureau of Reclamation in Billings until retiring in 1974.



**FRANK  
DAKAN**

He married Vivian Larson in Billings on Oct. 19, 1981.

Frank and Vivian traveled the world together, visiting Europe, Australia and New Zealand. Frank was a member of St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Al Bedoc Shrine, Elks, the Society of American Military Engineers, and was an avid member of the 59th Combat Engineers, having organized a reunion for the group in Virginia.

Survivors include his wife, Vivian of Billings; his son John Dakan and his wife Ya Fong of Mukilteo, Wash.; grandchildren, Steven Dakan, Jennifer Dakan and Pei Chi Tsai; great-grandchild, Andrew; and his sister, Mary Dakan of Estes Park, Colo. Frank is also survived by Vivian's children, Georgia Larson of Minnesota and Jack Larson and his wife Cindy of Billings; grandchildren, Susan Handt, Sharyl Raida and Jesse Larson; and four great-grandchildren.

Visitation will begin 3 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 3, at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary. Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Friday, Sept. 5 at St. Luke's Episcopal Church with interment at Mountview Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Al Bedoc Shrine Transportation Trust Fund.

Michelotti-Sawyers has charge of arrangements.

**NOV 14 2003****Ted Dalke**

**MILES CITY —** Ted Dalke, 89, of Miles City, died Tuesday, Nov. 11, 2003, at the Eagles Manor.

Visitation will be Thursday, Nov. 13, in the chapel of Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 14, at the Trinity Lutheran Church. Interment will follow in the Custer County Cemetery.

# Anita Jean Dalton

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DECKER —

Funeral services for Anita J. Dalton, 55, of Decker, will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 9, at Dahl Funeral Chapel in Billings. Pastor Terral Bearden will officiate. Burial will be in Terrace Gardens, 304 34th St. W., Billings.



**ANITA  
DALTON**

On Aug. 3, 2003, Anita was freed from her long and arduous battle with cancer. She died at St. Vincent Healthcare in Billings.

Anita Jean Patterson was born on July 8, 1948, to Walter and Goldie (Ames) Patterson in Hardin. She grew up on the family ranch at Lodge Grass. The family moved to Billings in 1962. She then attended school in Billings and graduated from Billings Senior High in 1966.

Anita worked for the Kmart Stores in Billings and Bozeman, and Everett, Wash., as a sporting goods manager. She also managed several convenience stores in the Bozeman/Belgrade and Hardin areas.

While working for Kmart, Anita met and fell in love with Harvey Lee Dalton. They were married on Oct. 25, 1974, in Idaho

Falls, Idaho: After living in Belgrade for many years, they moved back to the ranch at Lodge Grass in 1982. After living in Lodge Grass and then Hardin, they moved to Decker in 1992, where they currently reside.

Anita then worked for School District #1 and Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks in Decker and Big Horn Elementary in Big Horn, Wyo., as a teacher's aide. She retired in 2000.

Anita loved working with and sharing her knowledge with children. This passion was equaled by her love of raising and showing Collie dogs. She formed Ponderosa Collies, where she bred and raised Collies for 35 years.

She also loved animals and was fond of raising Holstein cows and especially pet bull Gus. She had a wonderful green thumb and was magic at raising plants in her home.

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Anita excelled at everything she put her hand to. She had an amazing passion for family, life, living it to the fullest. She was the best wife, mother, grandmother, sister and friend. Goodbye, Anita, we love and miss you!

Survivors include her husband, Harvey, of Decker; two daughters, Charlene (Ranee) Follmer of Billings and Taryn D. Dalton of Decker; one granddaughter, Brandi J. Follmer of Sheridan, Wyo.; five brothers, Gary Patterson of Billings, Cory (Santee) Patterson of Butte, Stan (Jeanette) Patterson of Fall City, Wash., Dell (Linda) Patterson of Wewoka, Okla., Kevin (Teri) Patterson of Belgrade; two sisters, Jenean (Buzz Feeley) Patterson of Billings and Sharron (Randy) Wolfe of Billings. She is also survived by her lifelong friend and confidante, Carol Anderson Roth of Decker.

In addition, she is survived by numerous uncles, aunts, nephews, grandnephews, nieces, grandnieces and cousins.

Anita was preceded in death by her parents and grandparents.

**MAR 26 2003**

## **Helen L. Dalton**

**LEWISTOWN — Helen L. Dalton, 95, of Lewistown, died Tuesday, Feb. 25, 2003, at the Central Montana Skilled Nursing Center.**

**Memorial graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 29, in the Lewistown City Cemetery. Cremation has taken place. Cloyd Funeral Home of Lewistown is in charge.**

**Lawrence Ralph Daly**

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**BASIN, Wyo.** — Lawrence Ralph "Larry" Daly, 74, died April 17, 2003, in Mesa, Ariz.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, May 12, at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Basin. Burial will follow at the Mount View Cemetery in Basin. Atwood Family Funeral Directors, Inc. are in charge.

**Emanuel Damm**

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**CULBERTSON** — Emanuel Damm, 97, passed from this life to the next on Nov. 19, 2003, from his family home in Culbertson.

He was born Feb. 7, 1906, in Russell, Kan., to George and Katie (Wagner) Damm. His family homesteaded northwest of Culbertson, staking claim when Emanuel was just over 2 months of age. He was raised and educated in the area known as the Russian Settlement, as many of these German families had immigrated to America from Russia.

As a young man, Emanuel worked hard on the family farm and went on to work for several families in the area, eventually purchasing the family homesteads.

On March 11, 1929, Emanuel was united in marriage with Pauline Ostwald. They were blessed with sons Herbert and Woodrow. Pauline and Emanuel moved into a house in town in the autumn of 1968. Emanuel enjoyed farming, visiting with family and friends, whittling and the threshing bee held in Culbertson every year. Pauline passed away May 28, 1973. In 1991, Emanuel joined the family of Angi and Arne Iverson, enjoying the energy of growing children once again, eyes twinkling as he teased them.

Emanuel was preceded in death by his wife Pauline; sons Herbert and Woodrow; his nar-

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ents; and siblings Pete, George, Lena and Henry; and one great-grandchild.

He is survived by daughters-in-law Myris Sorenson of Williston, N.D., and Sharon Pust of Spokane, Wash. He is survived by eight grandchildren, Lynn (and Shelby Sloan) Iverson of Palmer, Ill., Dennis (and Vickie) Damm of Williston, Diana Engberg of West Fargo, N.D., Carol (and Gary) Hudelson of Williston, Twila (and Frank) Wise of Bull Pt, Ill., Romelle (and Jon) Sperl of Fargo, N.D., Angi and Arne Iverson and children Travis and Katie of Culbertson, Joseph (and Lesa) Damm of West Chester, Ohio. Their families include the 28 great-grandchildren and 33 great-great-grandchildren of which Grandpa was so proud. Several special nieces and nephews also survive him.

Visitation will be Sunday, Nov. 23, from 1 until 5 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church in Culbertson. Family services open all who wish to be included will be held Sunday, at 5 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran, and services will be held on Monday, Nov. 24, at 10 a.m. Interment will follow at Friedens Gemeinde Cemetery. Please make memorials to the church of your choice.

Fulkerson Funeral Home of Williston is in charge of arrangements.

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## **William 'Bill' Damm**

**FAIRVIEW** — Bill Damm, 91, died Saturday, Oct. 25, 2003, at the Bethel Lutheran Home in Williston, N.D.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 29, at the St. John's Lutheran Church in Fairview. Burial will be in the Fairview Cemetery. Pulkerson Funeral Home of Sidney is in charge of arrangements.

**Wilbur Damstrom****JUN 18 2003**

**PLENTYWOOD —** Funeral services for Wilbur Damstrom, 84, of Antelope, will be conducted 10 a.m. Thursday, June 19, at the Plentywood High School Multi-Purpose Room. Burial will follow at the Ebenezer Cemetery, east of Antelope immediately following the funeral service. Visitation will begin Wednesday afternoon, June 18, at the Fulkerson Funeral Home and will also be one hour before service time at the high school.

Mr. Damstrom passed away early Tuesday morning, June 17, 2003, at the Sheridan Memorial Hospital in Plentywood, after a brief illness.

A full obituary will run in a later issue of the Gazette. Services are under the direction of The Fulkerson Funeral Home of Plentywood.

**JUN 19 2003****Wilbur Damstrom**

**PLENTYWOOD** — Funeral services for Wilbur Damstrom will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, June 19, at the Plentywood High School multipurpose room. Wilbur died early Tuesday morning, June 17, 2003, at the Sheridan Memorial Hospital after a brief illness; he was 84.

Wilbur was born Dec. 12, 1918, at the family farm near Antelope, the youngest son of Nels and Minnie Damstrom. Wilbur attended the Monroe grade school, riding his Shetland pony. His love of horses and working with them continued through his entire life.

After school, he worked on threshing rigs and then went out West to Tacoma, Wash., working in the woods as a lumberjack. That fall, he took his mother, Minnie, and dad, Nels, to Los Angeles, where he spent the winter working as a salesman at the Alison Coffee Co. The following spring, he returned to Antelope to continue farming with his dad.

The following fall, Oct. 15, 1940, he married Eloyce Anderson from West Lock, Alberta. The next six years were spent on a rented farm. They purchased his dad's farm, which they have lived on for the last 57 years.

In later years, winters were spent traveling to visit their children in many locations in the USA and abroad. The past several years they enjoyed the winters in Mesa, Ariz.

He was preceded in death by his sister, Ruth; his daughter, Gail Foster, and her husband, "Mutt" Foster; and by a son, Wayne, in childhood.

Wilbur is survived by his loving wife of 62 years, Eloyce Damstrom at the family farm in Antelope; by three sons and two daughters, as well as Gail and Mutt's children and their families, Craig Damstrom and his wife Kathy of Alexandria, Minn., and their children Scott and Amy Damstrom, Chicago; Kristi Damstrom, St. Cloud, Minn.; and Justin Damstrom, St. Cloud; Cheryl Clark and her husband Ed of Boise, Idaho, and their daughters Maurine Clark and Jenny Blackburn, and son, Camden; by Gail and Mutt's children, Terri Marsh, and her husband Ron, of Missoula and their sons Chancy,

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**Brandon, Devon and Weston;  
Wayde Foster and his wife  
Christine of San Diego, and their  
children Jarid, Levi, Jason and  
Katie; and Corinne Devon and  
her husband Sam of Anchorage,  
Alaska, and their daughters  
Ashley, Shelby, Chelsy and  
Mariah Jade, and by Shawn  
Foster, of Hanalei, Hawaii.**

**Fulkerson Funeral Home of  
Plentywood has charge of  
arrangements.**

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**Walter David Dane**

**MILES CITY —** Walter David Dane, 71, of Miles City, died Wednesday, May 21, 2003, at his home.

Visitation will be from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, May 23, at the Chapel of Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 24, at the Trinity Lutheran Church. Interment will follow in the Custer County Cemetery.

**Laura Daniel**

**MAY 20 2003**

**DEAVER, Wyo. — Laura Daniel, 43, of Deaver, died May 16, 2003, at Southwestern Regional Medical Center in Tulsa, Okla.**

**Memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Friday, May 23, in the Deaver Town Park.**

SEP 22 2003

# **Carole L. Daniels**

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Carole L. Daniels, 75, died Friday, Sept. 19, 2003, at Memorial Hospital.

Memorial service will be 10 a.m. Tuesday Sept. 23, at Champion Ferries Funeral Home.



## Erminio Daniels

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Erminio "Tarp" Daniels, 76, of Sheridan, died Jan. 1, 2003.

A memorial service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 4, at Holy Name Catholic Church. Interment of cremains will be in Sheridan Municipal Cemetery. Champion Ferris Funeral Home of Sheridan is in charge.

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## **Gilbert Daniels**

**SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Gilbert Daniels, 79, died Sunday, Dec. 28, 2003, at Sheridan Manor.**

**Viewing will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Thursday at Kane Funeral Home. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Holy Name Catholic Church. Interment will follow in the Sheridan Elks Cemetery.**

## **Richard C. Daniels**

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**JAN 01 2003**

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Richard C. Daniels, 64, of Sheridan, died Saturday, Dec. 28, 2002.

At his request, cremation has taken place at Kane Funeral Home and Crematory in Sheridan. No memorial services will be held. Inurnment of remains will take place in the Dayton Cemetery.

## Vicky Dankofsen

MILES CITY — Vicky Dankofsen, 50, of Miles City, died Saturday, Sept. 27, 2003, at the Holy Rosary Health Center.

Visitation will be Tuesday, Sept. 30, in the chapel of Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 1, in the chapel of Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home. Interment will follow in the family lot of the Custer County Cemetery.

# Lori Lynn Minnehan- Darr

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**JUL 12 2003**

DOUGLAS, Wyo. — Lori Lynn Minnehan-Darr, 48, of Douglas, formerly of Havre and Bozeman, Mont., died Thursday, July 9, 2003, at the Wyoming Medical Center in Casper.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday, July 14, at the First United Methodist Church in Douglas. Interment will be in the Douglas Park Cemetery. Gorman Funeral Home-Converse Chapel of Douglas is in charge.

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## Kenneth Dascher

GLASGOW — Kenneth Nelson Dascher, 89, died Friday, Oct. 31, 2003, in Hayden, Idaho, of cancer.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday, Nov. 7, at First United Methodist Church in Glasgow. The Dascher family invites family and friends to a family service at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 6, at Bell Mortuary in Glasgow. Interment will be in the Dascher Family Cemetery, south of Glasgow, following the funeral at the family farm. A luncheon will follow at the church.

JUN 04 2003

**Genevieve M.  
Dasinger, D.C.**

Genevieve M. Dasinger, D.C., 92, left us on Saturday, May 31, 2003, to join the love of her life, Arthur.

She was born in Alexandria, Minn., on July 4, 1910, a daughter to Cora Belva Weatherby and Glen Kinney. She had two sisters, Dorothy and June, and one brother, Lawrence.

**GENEVIEVE  
DASINGER**

Genevieve married Arthur Dasinger on March 23, 1940, in Reno, Nev. Arthur sang her a love song each day of their lives together. They graduated from the Palmer School of Chiropractic in 1951. They practiced together in Glendive for over 30 years. In 1982, Art and Genevieve moved to Billings to be closer to family and continue their practice.

Genevieve was preceded in death by her husband of 61 years; her parents, siblings, numerous family members and friends. She will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial services will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, June 5, at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary. Memorials may be sent to a charity of one's choice.

## **John Dauterman**

**FORSYTH** — John "Jack" Dauterman, 82, of Forsyth, died Wednesday, Sept. 24, 2003, at the Rosebud Health Care Center in Forsyth.

Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 1, at the chapel of Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Forsyth. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 2, at the Chapel of Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home. Burial will be at 10 a.m. Friday, Oct. 3, in the family lot in the Laurin Cemetery.



**JAN 05 2003**

**JOLIET** — Mary David, 85, died Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2003, at the ranch where she lived her entire life.

She was born on Elbow Creek Jan. 18, 1917, the first born child of four to Hallie Tinsley and Lester Ward of Joliet. Mary lost two brothers, Art and Glenn in the Second World War.

**MARY DAVID**

Mary graduated from Joliet High School and went to Billings Normal School, later named Eastern Montana College, to pursue a degree in education. She taught at Jackson School on Red Lodge Creek, Pryor Creek School, and Warren.

She married Russell David in Red Lodge on her 24th birthday. They made their first home in Warren, where Russell was superintendent of the Quarry and Mary taught in the one-room schoolhouse.

In 1946 they moved back to the ranch to raise sheep, cows and crops. The couple had two daughters, Glenda Marie and Beverly Jean, both born in Billings and raised on the ranch.

Mary was a lifetime member of the Joliet Christian Church where she served as treasurer for

30 years, a Sunday-school teacher and president of the Christian Workers for numerous terms. She also was a leader of the Joliet Wranglers' 4-H Club, a member of the Joliet Women's Club and a member of the Carbon County Woolgrowers Association.

Mary was an excellent seamstress and a wonderful cook who hosted numerous family dinners. She was an avid reader, Bible scholar and model grandmother.

She is survived by her two daughters, Glenda M. (John) Newman and Beverly (Jim) Braten; three grandchildren, David (Tara) Newman of Fort Drum, N.Y., and Ward and Wesley Braten of Joliet; two step-grandchildren, Heather Braten of Bozeman, and Michael (Julie) Newman of Billings; and one brother, William (Lillian) Ward of Weaverville, N.C. Mary's husband, Russell died Jan. 5, 1995.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 9, in Joliet Wesleyan Church. Burial will follow in Joliet Cemetery. The family requests memorials be sent to Beartooth Home Care, Box 990, Red Lodge, MT 59068.

## **Eurilla Louise Davidson**

LOVELL, Wyo. — Eurilla Louise Davidson, 49, of Lovell, died Monday, March 10, 2003, at her home, of complications of diabetes.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, March 13, at Haskell Funeral Home in Lovell. Interment will be in the Lovell Cemetery.

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**Jean Davidson**

FORSYTH — Jean Davidson, formerly of Forsyth, died November 2002, in Washington.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial will be at 11 a.m. Friday, May 23, in the Forsyth Cemetery. Beals Mortuary of Forsyth is in charge.

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## **Kenneth Arlon Davidson**

**WIBAUX —** Kenneth Arlon Davidson, 52, of Wibaux, formerly of Beach, N.D., died Friday, Nov. 14, 2003, in Glendive.

A prayer service will be at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 20, in the Chapel of the Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home in Beach. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 21, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Beach. Interment will take place at a later date in the Beach Lutheran Cemetery.

**JUN 04 2003**

**Marvelle Davidson**

**MILES CITY —** Marvelle Davidson, 95, of Miles City, formerly of Forsyth, died Sunday, June 1, 2003, at the Holy Rosary Health Center in Miles City.

Visitation will be Wednesday, June 4, at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City. Interment will be at 4 p.m. Thursday, June 5, in the Forsyth Cemetery in Forsyth.

Tena Hanson Davidson, 86, passed away Thursday, Dec. 4, 2003, at St. John's Lutheran Home in Billings.

She was born April 14, 1917, in McGregor, N.D., to immigrant Norwegian parents, Peder and Kari (Wold) Hanson. As a young woman, Tena worked hard on the family farm with seven brothers and sisters. She met Robert Anders Davidson and after their courtship, they were united in marriage on June 18, 1939. They had three children.

They moved to Fergus Falls, Minn., in the late '30s, where Robert managed the Fergus Lumber and Fuel Co. In 1953,



**TENA  
DAVIDSON**

Robert and Erwin Overgaard migrated with their families to Billings, where they formed Overgaard Davidson Co., a new home construction company responsible for building more than 300 homes in Billings. Tena worked for a short time in a nursing home in Billings and was very active in Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. She sang in the choir and participated in many circle activities. Tena and Robert loved camping, dancing, their yard of beautiful roses and snapdragons with a garden filled with

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raspberries and tomatoes. Part of Tena's Norwegian heritage included a passion for lefse making.

Tena is survived by her children, Rodney (Patricia) Davidson, David (Pamela) Davidson, Theone (Carwin) Dover; one brother, Palmer Hanson; 10 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her beloved husband of over 50 years, Robert A. Davidson; three brothers and three sisters.

Memorial services will be 10 a.m. Monday, Dec. 8, at Ocee Johnson Memorial Chapel at St. John's Lutheran Home. Memorials may be made to St. John's Memorial Foundation, 3940 Rimrock Road, Billings, MT 59102.

## Bob Miles Davis

JUN 04 2003

Bob Davis, 57, passed away Saturday May 31, 2003, from complications after surgery at Billings Deaconess Clinic.

Bob was born Dec. 8, 1945, to Everett and Edith (Knudsvig) Davis in Williston, N.D.

He came from a large family. Bob was one of 10 children, a father of seven and a proud grandpa of three, with one on the way.

Bob enjoyed driving truck for many years until he was forced to retire due to medical problems.

During his retirement, he was able to enjoy what he loved most, spending time with his grandkids and his four-legged best friend, "Jake."

We will all miss him. Bob was and always will be a brother, an uncle, a father and a very missed grandpa.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents and four brothers, Duane, Ronnie, Joe and Dale.

He is survived by three older brothers, Tewy (Bettyann) of Medina, N.D., Butch (Carol) of



**BOB DAVIS**

Souris, N.D., and his best friend and identical twin, Rick (Myma) Davis of Billings; two younger sisters, Cathy Cobos of Billings, Edith "Babe" (Don) Holt of Sidney; and his seven children, Shawn (Lisa Tedder) Davis, Dana Davis, Shannon Davis, Kelly Davis, of Billings, Chad (Vickianne) Davis of Minot, N.D., Shelley (Jason Eldridge) Davis of Dillon and Kimberly Davis of Denver; also three grandchildren, P.J. Swanson, Kellie Davis, Chyanne Davis, and soon-to-be Bruce Robert Davis; and four extended grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to The American Cancer Society

Memorial services will be held 1 p.m. Friday, June 6, at Cremation or Funeral Gallery.



**Calvin George Davis****BILLINGS GAZETTE****AUG 28 2003**

**WOLF POINT —** Calvin George Davis, 68, died Tuesday, Aug. 26, 2003, at Francis Mahon Deaconess Hospital in Glasgow, of cancer.

Visitation will be from 1 to 6 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 28, at Clayton Stevenson Memorial Chapel in Wolf Point. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Aug. 29, at the First Lutheran Church. Interment will be in Greenwood Cemetery.

**MAY 10 2003**

**Crystal Coy Davis**

**ABSAROKEE —** Crystal Coy Davis, 85, of Absarokee, died Thursday, May 8, 2003, at Beartooth Manor in Columbus.

No services are planned. Smith Funeral Chapel-Laurel was in charge of cremation.

## Jeanne Marie Davis

BILLINGS GAZETTE

APR 11 2003

Jeanne Marie Davis passed away April 9, 2003, after a short illness. She was born Sept. 4, 1938, in Great Falls and graduated from Fort Benton High in 1956.

Jeanne lived in Montana until 1981, when she moved with her family to Alaska. Upon her return to Montana in 1984, Jeanne worked at Pearle Vision in the Holiday Village and later at Wal-Mart.

She enjoyed her grandchildren, traveling, remodeling and decorating houses. Jeanne will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

She is survived by her five children, Lori Kennerson of Wasilla, Alaska, Earl Rinio of Cookeville, Tenn., Charlotte Oeleis of Great Falls, Jeanette Mumford of Billings, Wendy Coyne of Wasilla, Alaska; and eight grandchildren; her mother, Mary Bortvedt of Conrad; her brother, Richard Hunt of Billings; and her sister, Karen Frost of Snohomish, Wash. Preceding her in death was her father, Gene Enge of Great Falls.

A family memorial service will be held. Memorials are suggested to Horizon Hospice Home at 1919 Neptune Boulevard, Billings, MT 59105.

## Robert Clayton "Bob" Davis

Robert Clayton "Bob" Davis, of Billings, died peacefully at home on Monday, Dec. 1, 2003, at the age of 78.

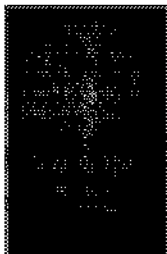
He was born Sept. 10, 1925, near Belle Fourche, S.D., to Amos Goul and Esther Marion (Parker) Davis.

He attended school in rural South Dakota and Montana, graduating high school in Camp Crook, S.D., in 1943.

Bob entered the Army on Sept. 13, 1943, and served in World War II in the Pacific Theater until his honorable discharge on Dec. 30, 1945.

He worked construction, sheep shearing and sugar factory work until 1955, when he went to work full time for the sugar factory in Belle Fourche. He continued sugar factory work until he retired with Western Sugar Co. in Billings in 1987.

Bob married Edythe "Pete" VanDewerker in Hardin, on July 5, 1955. He acquired a ready-made family of his wife's three daughters, Gloria, Glenda and Melody Jayne Cordell.



**BOB DAVIS**

After Bob retired, his family and friends were delighted to find that he had an artist side to him, creating metal cowboys and becoming a master at building miniature western wagons. His family referred to him as the "Wagon Master."

His parents preceded him in death.

Survivors include his wife of 48 years, Pete Davis; his children, Gloria Slaughter and husband George of Auburn, Wash., Glenda Cordell of Chicago, Melody Jayne Higginbotham and husband Charles of Walker, La., and Toni Burkey and husband Ron of Richland, Wash.; 10 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. Also, his sisters Verna Sternerson of Hardin, Lois Lehto and husband Mel of Sun Lakes, Ariz., Helen Fox and husband Bob of Belle Fourche, and Dorothy Williamson and husband Corky of Hill City, S.D.

Cremation has taken place at Cremation or Funeral Gallery and he will be honored with a memorial service next spring in the Black Hills National Cemetery.

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

## Ruth Davis

HELENA —

Ruth Diane Davis, 57, died Sunday, May 25, 2003, of heart failure.

She is survived by companion Bill

Moore, Helena; aunts, Edith

Mafia, Billings and Ruth Birch, Addy, Wash.; uncle Don Gibson, Hysham; and several cousins.

Services are 3 p.m. Sunday, June 1, at St. Paul's United Methodist Church. Remains will be interred in the Gibson family plot in the Forsyth Cemetery, with committal services later this summer.



**RUTH DAVIS**

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## Ruth Diane Giles Davis

Ruth Diane Giles Davis, 57, a Helena resident since 1986, died Sunday, May 25, 2003, of heart failure at a hospital in Great Falls.

She was born in New Orleans on Nov. 20, 1945, the daughter of Lt. Robert A. and Dorothy (Gibson) Giles. She attended Hysham High School for two years, then lived with an aunt, Ruth Carrington, in Morocco. She graduated from Missoula



**RUTH  
DAVIS**

County High School in 1964 and received a bachelor's degree in nursing in 1971 from Montana State University. She had been employed at Cooney Nursing Home and Western Security Bank, both in Helena.

Survivors include a companion, Bill Moore; two aunts, Edith Malia of Billings and Ruth Birch of Addy, Wash.; and an uncle, Don Gibson of Hysham.

Services were on June 1 at St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Helena. Remains were to be interred in the Gibson family plot in Forsyth Cemetery. Committal services will be held there this summer.

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## **Verna Davis**

**BUFFALO, Wyo. — Verna Davis, 101, died Wednesday, Dec. 3, 2003, at her daughter's home in Buffalo.**

**A celebration of life will be at 4 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 9, at the St. John the Baptist Catholic Church. A private family interment will take place in Willow Grove Cemetery. Adams Funeral Home of Buffalo is in charge.**

## Viola Asay Davis

BILLINGS GAZETTE  
JAN 19 2003

LOVELL, Wyo. — Viola Asay Davis, 82, died Thursday, Jan. 16, 2003, at St. Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise, Idaho.

Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday, Jan. 20, at Haskell Funeral Home in Lovell. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 22, in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Burial will be in the Lovell Cemetery.



## Timothy Owen Davison

Timothy Owen Davison, 58, of Lockwood, passed away peacefully in his sleep on Sept. 7, 2003, due to ongoing complications from diabetes.



**TIM DAVISON**

Born Dec. 8, 1944, to Loreley (Sanders) and Wayne Davison, Tim grew up in the Great Falls area. He was active in the music and dance from an early age with direction and encouragement from his father and stepmother, Marjorie Sand. Attending high school in Shelby, Tim graduated in 1963. He spent his college years at MSU-Bozeman, earning degrees in music education and school administration.

On May 17, 1970, Tim married Barbara Weeks. Their marriage was blessed with four children. After teaching for a few years, they moved to Townsend, where they owned and operated the Fireside Lounge and Supper Club. He returned to teaching in 1986.

Dad's passions were music, his students and his children. He taught music education in Cascade, Geraldine, Polson, New England, N.D., and retired from Huntley Project High School in 2000 after teaching there 14 years. He was committed to doing the right thing for his students, even at his own expense. Dad's primary focus was to provide an education as well as positive life experiences for all young people. He provided us, and many others, with immense opportunities. The impact he had on so many lives will ensure his lasting memory.

In recent years, Dad found great joy gathering with his family where food, stories and laughter were never in short supply. Dad especially loved to use the cooking skills he perfected while at the Fireside. He always said, "If you go away hungry, it's your own fault."

*Tim*

Tim is survived by his children, Alexa (John) O'Dell of Townsend, Darci Davison and Dustin Davison of Billings, and Willy (Wendy) Davison of Bozeman; his beloved stepmother, Marjorie Sand of Nevada; his siblings, Dennis (Linda) Davison of Butte, Cherie Davison of Pennsylvania, Bonnie (Mike) Adams of New Jersey, Steve Sand of Nevada, Bill Sand of Washington, Steve (Bonnie) Guintier of Florida, Marty (LuAnn) Guintier and Bruce (Patti) Guintier, all of Pennsylvania; his aunt Shirley Bjerke of California; and numerous nieces and nephews. Tim was preceded in death by his parents and oldest brother Lawrence Davison.

Services will be held on Thursday, Sept. 11, 10 a.m., at the Cremation or Funeral Gallery, 29 Eighth St. W., Billings. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to Timothy Davison Memorial Fund, attention: Michelle Deigert, First Interstate Bank, PO Box 31438, Billings, MT 59107. The funds will be used to further music education.

## **Nina Lynn Dawson**

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**FEB 14 2003**

Nina Lynn Dawson, infant daughter of Greg and Justine Dawson of Nye, was born and passed away, Tuesday, Feb. 11, 2003, at Deaconess Billings Clinic.

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

Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary has charge of arrangements.

## Jacquelyn Ruth (Slanger) Day

BILLINGS GAZETTE  
JUL 14 2003

GREAT FALLS — Jacquelyn Ruth (Slanger) Day 65, Great Falls, died of natural causes Thursday, July 10, 2003, at a local hospital.

Services are at 2 p.m. today, July 14, at Solid Rock Bible Church. Croxford Funeral Home is in charge of cremation and arrangements.

Survivors include mother, Rose Slanger of Choteau; son, Kevin Day of Louisville, Ky.; daughters; Patricia Day-Moore of Whitehall, Theresa Brandt of Great Falls and Brenda Day of Spokane; a sister, Hazel Peterschick of Lewistown; a brother, Donald Slanger of Augusta; seven grandchildren, Jimmy, Lauren, Mikael, Edwin, Cally, Zachary, and Tyler Rose; and one step-grandchild, Misty.

Jackie was born in Great Falls on Oct. 11, 1937, and was raised in Choteau. She graduated from Choteau High School and then from Montana State University with a degree in Bacteriology.

She was a medical technician at Harlowton Memorial Hospital before coming to Great Falls in 1986. She then worked for Cascade County Aging Services for 15 years. She enjoyed reading, arts and crafts.

Memorials are suggested to the Great Falls Senior Citizens Center.

## Buck N.H. Dear

BILLINGS GAZETTE  
APR 17 2003

VAUGHN -- Buck N.H. Dear, 61, of Vaughn, died Sunday, April 13, 2003, of heart failure.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, April 18, at Croxford Funeral Home and Crematory. Cremation will follow the service.

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## **Florence Decker**

LIVINGSTON — Florence Viola Decker, 77, of Livingston, died May 26, 2003, at Livingston Health & Rehab Center.

Cremation has taken place at Franzen-Davis Funeral Home & Crematory in Livingston. Graveside committal services and burial will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, July 3, at Mountain View Cemetery.

## **Gregory A. Decker**

**SENTINEL BUTTE, N.D. —**  
Gregory A. Decker, 93, of Sentinel Butte, died Monday, March 24, 2003, in a Bismarck hospital.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. MST, Saturday, March 29, at St. John's The Baptist Catholic Church in Beach. A vigil service will be at 7 p.m. MST, Friday, March 28, at the church.

Interment will follow in St. Michael's Cemetery in Sentinel Butte. Visitation will be 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m. Friday, at the Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home in Beach.

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**NOV 24 2003****Mary V. Decker**

CASPER, Wyo. — Mary V. Decker, 93, formerly of Sheridan, died Thursday Nov. 20, 2003 in the Shepherd of the Valley Nursing Home.

Memorial services will be 2 p.m. Monday, Nov. 24, at Champion Ferries Funeral Home. Burial will be in the Elk's section of Sheridan Municipal Cemetery.



## **Sterling R. Decker**

**GREAT FALLS —** Sterling Robert Decker, 49, of Great Falls, formerly of Billings, died Friday, Sept. 26, 2003, at Peace Hospice in Great Falls, of cancer.

At his request, no services are planned. Cremation has taken place under the direction of Schnider Funeral Home of Great Falls.



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# Dorothy Isabelle DeBilzan Deeds

May 10, 1917 — July 21, 2003

Dorothy Isabelle DeBilzan Deeds, 86, of Billings, formerly Missoula, died Monday, July 21, 2003, at St. John's Lutheran Nursing Home.



**DOROTHY  
DEEDS**

Dorothy was born to Clara Kammerer DeBilzan and Frank "Plum" DeBilzan on May 10, 1917, in Skarr, N.D., the sixth of eight children, and raised in Wibaux. She graduated from Wibaux High School, class of 1935.

Dorothy married Francis "Sarge" Deeds on May 30, 1938, in Missoula, while Sarge was in the Army stationed at Fort Missoula. They enjoyed 52 wonderful years together. Dorothy and Sarge have four children. Due to Sarge's career in the military, the Deeds family lived in many parts of the country, including a year and a half in Japan.

Dorothy and Sarge cherished family relations and were very involved in many of their children's activities, organizing or assisting many youth projects and organizations on the various military bases where they lived

The Deeds moved to Missoula when Sarge retired from the Air Force in 1959. Together, they enjoyed gardening, canning and watching hummingbirds from their patio.

They continued to travel after retirement and enjoyed spending time at Lake Inez.

Dorothy worked at the Missoula Mercantile in the hardware department for 10 years. She and Sarge were active in the Elks Club. Dorothy loved sewing, crocheting, playing pinochle, bowling and being with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Dorothy moved to Billings in 1996 and resided at St. John's Lutheran Center, where she made many friends with the staff and residents.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Francis; brothers, Harold, Clarence and George; and sisters, Burnette Dantic, Eva Rogers and Hazel Toulouse.

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She is survived by brother, Arthur DeBilzan of Billings; sons, Earry of Seeley Lake, twins: Jack (Peggy) of Littleton, Colo., and Jim (Kate) of Missoula; daughter, Kay (William) Ball of Billings; grandchildren, Christopher Ball, Traci Ball, Thomas Deeds and Jennifer Deeds; great-grandchildren, Marley Ball and Dawn Wilcken; and many nieces and nephews.

A Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 1 p.m. Wednesday, July 23, at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary, with cremation to follow. Rite of Committal will be 10 a.m. Saturday, July 26, at Sunset Memorial Gardens, Missoula. A reception will follow.

Memorials may be made to St. John's Lutheran Center.

# Raymond William Deegan

BILLINGS GAZETTE  
APR 29 2003

STANFORD — Retired long-time Stanford area farmer and rancher Raymond William Deegan, 85, died of stomach cancer Saturday at Peace Hospice House in Great Falls.

Vigil services are 7 p.m. Thursday, May 1, at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Stanford. His funeral is 11 a.m. Friday, May 2, at the church, with burial in Stanford Cemetery. O'Connor Funeral Home in Great Falls is handling arrangements.

Survivors include his wife of 61 years, Marion Deegan of Stanford; a son, Dan Deegan and his wife Linda of Hobson, and their children Rose Swan and family, Raymond Deegan and family, Eric Deegan and family, Brendan Deegan and family and Kathleen Hodik and family; a son, Lyle Deegan and his wife Julie of Stanford, and their children, Will, Wes and Wacy; a daughter, Marilyn Hollister and her husband Bob of Forsyth, and their children, Patty Williams and girls and Sandy Donely and family; a daughter, Rita Schladweiler and her husband Jim of Roundup, and their children, Kelly, Casey and Traci; a daughter, Marie Deegan of Havre; a daughter, Janet Chalberg and her husband Mark of Flagstaff, Ariz., and their children, Christopher, Cara, Sarah

and Allison; a daughter, Ann Deegan of Billings; brothers, George Deegan and his wife Rosina of Stanford, Clyde Deegan of Mankato, Minn., and Lee Deegan of LaJolla, Calif.; numerous nieces and nephews; 17 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers; two sisters; and one grandson, Michael Chalberg.

Raymond William Deegan passed away peacefully the morning of April 26, 2003, after a courageous battle with cancer.

Ray was born on the family farm east of Stanford on Jan. 23, 1918, to Daniel and Elizabeth (Linster) Deegan. He had six brothers and two sisters. He attended the Deegan School, Hobson Public School and graduated from Moccasin High School in 1935. After graduation he worked the family farm, buying it back after the Great Depression.

He married Marion Clark on June 11, 1941. Together they had seven children. He continued to farm along with his brother George until they retired in 1980. The most important things in Ray's life were his family, friends and neighbors.

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Ray was very strong in his faith in God and was a longtime member of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church. He also drove school bus on Sage Creek for many years, was a member of Toastmasters, the Stanford school board, was active in the Montana Farmers Union, and was a member of the Benchland Co-op board of directors, served on the Judith Basin County Democratic Central Committee and served as an election judge for several years and was elected to a term as mayor of Stanford.

He enjoyed his family, church, automobiles and playing cards.

We love you and we will miss Dad, but know you are still watching over us.

Memorials are suggested to the Gift of Life, the American Cancer Society, Peace Hospice or the St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church or the charity of one's choice.

## Signy W. Deeney 1901 - 2003

**BIG TIMBER** — Signy Deeney, 102, of Big Timber, went to meet our Lord Jesus Christ on Saturday morning, Sept. 20, 2003. Signy had been a resident at the Pioneer Medical Center in Big Timber since April 1999. She was born on May 15, 1901 on the Sweet Grass Ranch near Big Timber to Henry and Inga Christina Wullum.

Signy's parents moved into Big Timber when she was of school age. Signy attended elementary school and high school in Big Timber graduating in 1920. She continued on in education at the Montana State Normal School in Billings and received her diploma in 1927. She completed her career with 24 years in Big Timber, retiring in 1961.

Signy married Bernard "Bud" T. Deeney, Jr. on Aug. 15, 1934, at the home of her parents in Big Timber.

Signy was preceded in death by her parents, Henry and Inga Wullum; her sister, Helen Brekke and her brother, Herber Wullum. She is survived by one niece, Helen Brekke Holt; one nephew, John C. Brekke of the Wullum family; and several nieces and nephews from the Deeney family.

Viewing will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 23, with the funeral service following at 2 p.m. at the Big Timber Lutheran Church. Interment will follow at Mountain View Cemetery in Big Timber. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Hearts and Hands Hospice, Big Timber, MT 59011 or a charity of one's choice. Arrangements are by Cremation or Funeral Gallery.

**JUN 19 2003****Marjorie M. DeFrance**

Marjorie M. DeFrance, age 81, passed away Sunday, June 8, 2003 in Billings, on the 63rd anniversary of her marriage to J. E. (Gene) DeFrance. Marjorie was born Jan. 14, 1922, in Correctionville, Iowa, the daughter of Clarence E. and Lilly Helen (Heath) Smith. Her family moved to Laurel in 1938, where she graduated from high school.

During the war years, she moved from military base to military base to be with her husband who was in pilot training and worked for a time in the Lockheed plant where P-38s were manufactured.

In 1946, Marjorie and Gene reopened Gene's Super Service Station in Laurel. In 1949, they moved to Columbus, then to Sheridan, Wyo., and in 1951, back to Laurel. In 1972, they moved to Helena. In 1984, after Gene's retirement, they moved to East Helena, where they have lived until her death.

Marjorie was preceded in death by a son, Tom Eugene; and twin boys, James Irvin and Jack Edward; her parents; her sister, Marilyn (Bud) Wright; brother Darrell (Barbara) Smith; and a brother, Stanley.

She is survived by her daughter,

Nancy (Chuck) Hallett; granddaughter Julie Youderian; granddaughter Melissa Youderian-(Bill) Yeager and a great-grandson, Colton.

Her interests included collecting glass shoes and hats, salt and pepper shakers, teddy bears.

Barbara was a 50-year member of Zidonian Chapter 50, Order of the Eastern Star.

Private family graveside services of the cremains will be Monday June 23, 11 a.m. at the Montana State Veterans Cemetery, Fort Harrison. Officers and member of Miriam Chapter 1 Order of the Eastern Star will officiate. Local arrangements were entrusted to Hagler-Anderson Mortuary in Helena. Family prefers memorials to the Zidonian Chapter # 50 Order of the Eastern Star building fund, PO Box 536, Laurel, MT 59044.

# Scott Joseph Degner

# BILLINGS GAZETTE

JUL 16 2003

Scott Joseph Degner, 50, passed away July 14, 2003, at Deaconess Billings Clinic, from complications of heart failure. He was surrounded by his loving family and friends.



**SCOTT  
DEGNER**

Scott was born Dec. 23, 1952, in Helena. He attended school in Billings and continued his education at MSU in Bozeman. After two years, he returned to Billings and attended the Billings Business College and earned an associate degree in accounting.

Scott began his employment career by working for Tri State Equipment of Billings. He began in the office and advanced to territory salesman. After selling Tri State Equipment, Scott and his father purchased H.C.L. in 1986. Scott was president and CEO of the company until 1998, at which time Scott sold the business.

Scott is survived by his parents, Sterling and Ruth Degner of Billings; son, Casey Degner of Billings, along with his stepchildren, Andy Geertz, in the army at Fort Bliss, Texas, and Lily Harris of Billings; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Scott was a fun-loving person

with an infectious laugh. His greatest enjoyment in life was spending time with his son Casey. He taught Casey and his little sister Lily many sports, including bowling (in which he was a USA Junior Olympic bowling coach), baseball, basketball and golfing.

Visitation will be at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary, Thursday, July 17, from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Funeral services will be held at First Congregational Church, 310 N. 27th St., at 10 a.m. Friday, July 18.

Memorials may be made to Mickey Anderson Memorial Fund, c/o Dave Rawden, 807 Shamrock, Billings MT 59105.



## **Dorothea Belle deGraaff**

## **BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**AUG 13 2003**

Dorothea Belle deGraaff passed away Aug. 10, 2003, after a courageous battle with cancer.

She was born April 20, 1915, in Billings, the daughter of Elbert and Grace Lyda Milam. She received her education in Yellowstone County schools and lived in Huntley most of her life. She married Piet deGraaff on Jan. 31, 1934, in Red Lodge. She was a dedicated mother and homemaker, superb cook and seamstress as well as a 4-H Leader and deputy clerk and recorder for 29 years.

She was preceded in death by her parents, brothers Wallace and Bernard Milam and sister Charlotte Bratcher, daughter Shirley Sherman and granddaughter Lealey Sherman.

Survivors include two grandchildren, Greg Sherman and Jacqueline Bolton; two great-grandchildren, Shannon Sherman and Jessica Bolton; sisters, Helen Van Houten of Wenatchee, Wash., and Gladys Ward and Elberta Morgan of Billings, and nieces and nephews including Jean Abboud, Roger Van Houten, Patricia Milam, Ray Milam, Bernard Milam, Lester Milam, Karolyn Groom, Joyce Roderick, Gene Bratcher, Gary Bratcher and Deborah Price.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Huntley United Methodist Church. Interment follows at the Huntley Cemetery. Memorial to the Barkmeyer Park in Huntley or the Northern Rockies Cancer Center. Smith's Downtown Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

# Clara Eleanor Deichl

Clara Eleanor Deichl, 91, passed away Friday, May 16, 2003, at St. Johns Lutheran Home in Billings.

She was born in Bowman County, N.D., on Nov. 16, 1911, to Alexander and Ida (Fuchs) Landeis. They moved to Rygate when she was four years old and attended school there.

After leaving home, Clara moved to Billings and worked as a housekeeper and at a cannery. One summer, she worked in Yellowstone Park as a cabin maid. Clara loved to dance. It was at a dance hall where she met Frank Deichl. They were united in marriage Feb. 24, 1936. Together, they raised seven children.

Clara was a member of the Catholic Daughters Altar Society and Little Flower. She had a passion for dancing and continued dancing until she broke her hip when she was in her 80s. She was an avid bowler and received several trophies. Clara loved to fish and enjoyed her rose gardens.

She is preceded in death by her parents; husband Frank; son, Andrew; seven siblings; two great-grandchildren, Aiyana Blee and Aryd Logan. She is survived by



**CLARA  
DEICHL**

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her son, Arnold Deichl of Billings; daughter, Eleanor Livingston of San Francisco; daughter, Juanita Blee of Billings; son, Leo (Joan) Deichl of Worden; daughter, Veronica (Joe) Marson of Incline Village, Nev.; and son, Bob (Barbara) Deichl of Billings.

A vigil will be held 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 21, at Dahl Funeral Chapel and a Funeral Mass will be held 10 a.m. Thursday, May 22, at Little Flower Catholic Church. Committal will be in Holy Cross Cemetery.

The family extends a special thanks to St. John's caregivers and staff. Memorials may be made to a charity of your choice.

## Roy Allen Deines

Roy Allen Deines, 55, of Billings, passed away Tuesday, July 29, 2003, at Aspen Meadows, with his devoted wife Diana at his side.

The son of Solomon and Molly Deines, Roy was born Dec. 28, 1947, in Billings. He was raised and educated in Billings.

Roy farmed with his father and had been County Weed Control supervisor for Yellowstone County until becoming disabled in 1991.

He married Diana Walter in Billings on June 20, 1970.

He was a member of Pilgrim Congregational Church and the Billings Rod and Gun Club. Roy loved leather work and collecting cars, especially Volkswagens. While residing at Aspen Meadows, Roy was very involved in the activities there, serving as president of the Residents Council, delivering mail and calling bingo.

Survivors include his wife Diana of Billings; daughter Jill Deines, attending graduate school in Bowling Green, Ohio; sister, Lorraine Bean (Ken); and father and mother-in-law, Jack and Ruth Roberts of Billings.

BILLINGS GAZETTE

JUL 30 2003

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Solomon Gene Deines; brother-in-law Duane Walter; and father-in-law Clarence Walter.

The family would like to thank Roy's physicians and the staff at Aspen Meadows for the care he received.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial services will be 1 p.m. Friday, Aug. 1, at Pilgrim Congregational Church.

Memorials may be made to Pilgrim Congregational Church or Aspen Meadows.

Michelotti-Sawyers has charge of arrangements.

**SHERIDAN, Wyo.** — Juana De Leon, 41, of Sheridan, died Sunday, Aug. 24, 2003, due to injuries received in an accident.

Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 29, at Champion Ferries Funeral Home in Sheridan, and from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 30, at Bethesda Worship Center, with a funeral service at 10 a.m. Interment will be in Cemeterio Las Flores in Guatemala.

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## **Theodore Delzer**

Theodore Delzer, 90, of Billings, formerly of Flasher, N.D., died Monday, Sept. 8, 2003, at Valley Health Care in Billings.

Visitation will be from 1 to 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12, at the Evanson-Jensen Funeral Home in Elgin, N.D., and on Saturday, one hour prior to services at the Flasher Public High School. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. CDT Saturday, Sept. 13, at the Flasher Public High School.

## **Robert Lester Demarais**

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**JAN 15 2003**

**MALTA — Robert Lester Demarais, 63, died Monday, Jan. 13, 2003, at the Phillips County Hospital, from injuries received in automobile accident near Saco.**

**Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 18, at the Adams Memorial Chapel, with cremation to follow. Adams Funeral Home and Hi-Line Crematory are in charge.**

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# Martha J. 'Mike' DeMers

1918 - 2003

MISSOULA — Martha J. DeMers was born Martha Elizabeth Jenkins on July 26, 1918, in Hysham to Leonard and Pearl (Kilpatrick) Jenkins.

"I want to do it because I want to do it. Women must try to do things as men have tried. When they fail, their failure must be a challenge to others." — Amelia Earhart.

On Nov. 25, 2003, Martha "Mike" DeMers, a pioneering woman pilot, devoted mother, teacher, and special friend to all who were privileged to know her, surrendered at last to her failing body. Her courage and perseverance over the past decade, despite the disabling effects of cancer, osteoporosis, and Parkinson's disease will remain an inspiration to all who were a part of her life.

Martha completed her undergraduate studies in pre-med at the University of Montana, and in 1939 enrolled in Montana's largest Civilian Pilot Training program (CPT). The program was set up through the Johnson Flying Service, located at the present site of Sentinel High School in Missoula. Despite the obvious challenges, as reflected in this quote from the 1953 Viking Publication of the book 'Tall Timber Pilots, "...the boys were inclined to be condescending

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toward a female who looked more at home in the Kappa Delta house..." Martha became known by the nickname Mike, and qualified as one of the very few women CPT instructors in the entire country. In 1940, she was one of only 33 licensed female pilots, and a year later she became the only Montana woman to complete the two-year CPT course. She helped train more than 4,000 World War II pilots at Johnson Flying Service. On April 25, 1996, Martha was inducted into the Museum of Mountain Flying's Aviation Hall of Fame at the Missoula International Airport.

In 1943, Martha married Hoyt DeMers, who was a pilot with Johnson Flying Service before and after World War II, during which he was an officer and pilot in the Navy. They had two children before the end of the war, and in 1946, Martha chose to limit her aviation activities to only pleasure flying. She later went back to the University of Montana to get her teaching credentials, and was a seventh and eighth grade Franklin School teacher for 13 years. She and her husband divorced in 1963, and soon thereafter Martha returned to the University of Montana for a Master's Degree in Library Science. She was the librarian at Parson School for nine years before retiring in 1976.

Martha pursued many interests throughout the course of her life. She loved to go fishing; the Salmon



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Lake cabin was her second home. She spent many summers as a counselor and assistant director at Camp Watanopa at Seeley Lake for the Campfire Girls. In her younger years, she golfed, played softball and basketball, and was a member of the bowling team that won the Montana State tournament in 1956.

In recent years, she could be seen riding a four-wheel bicycle with dual bucket seats sporting an orange flag flying from a rather lengthy pole. Her daughter admonished her for taking the bike out in five o'clock traffic. "Mom, a truck is going to run over you!" Her curt response was not wholly unexpected, "Well now, that's their problem, isn't it?"

Martha was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Leslie and Howard Jenkins; and nephews, Michael and Vance Jenkins.

She is survived by her daughter, Martha Kay Hale of Missoula; sons, Louis Hoyt DeMers and his wife, Sharon of Seattle; her niece, Mary Alice Fenton and her husband, Ward of Billings; her nephews, Herb Jenkins and his wife, Judy of Whidbey Island, Wash., Howard Jenkins and his wife, Carol of Benecia, Calif.; her grandsons, Shane Hale of Missoula, Davis Christopher of Oklahoma City, and Austin McDougall of Seattle; her granddaughters, Shannon Hale of Atlanta, Shevaun Hale of Seattle, Sheila Bernstein of her husband, Jason of Bellingham, Wash., and Kristina Rav of Seattle.

A memorial service will be 2 p.m. today, Dec. 1, at Montana Cremation and Memorial Society, 3035 S. Russell, Missoula.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials in Martha's name to either the Museum of Mountain Flying or the American Parkinson's Disease Association.

# Tom Demos

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Tom Demos, 81, passed away Jan. 9, 2003, in Billings.

He was born Aug. 21, 1921, in Sheridan, Wyo., to Tom and Lilly (Walls) Demos. He attended Sheridan High School and the University of Wyoming in Laramie. He played football and the trombone in high school and college.



**TOM DEMOS**

He joined the Army in 1943 and worked as a PE instructor, coach and referee in all athletic activities. He was stationed in the Philippines and New Guinea. After discharge in 1946, he owned and operated his father's ranch and cafe in Gillette, Wyo. The majority of his life was spent working in the insurance business, at one time partners with Wilson, Ehli, Demos and Bailey. He married Marion Demos in 1964 and they lived in Seattle and returned to Billings in 1970.

After retiring, Tom enjoyed golfing, reading, eating, television and napping.

He was a great storyteller and we'll miss him greatly.

Tom was preceded in death by his parents of Gillette; daughter, Trudy Muri (Malvey); son-in-law, Jim Muri of Billings; and wife

Marion Demos (Wiebe), all of Billings.

He is survived by his son, Tom Demos and his daughter, Lois Mauvee Green, both from a previous marriage; his son, Mike Malvey (Debbie) of Billings; his daughter, Pat King (Galen) of Billings; grandchildren, Jim, Kristen, Annie, Danielle, Joe and Scott; great-grandchildren Lily, Emily and Skyler; and his sister, Connie Petsoff of Sheridan, Wyo.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

# Edward Denhardt

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE  
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**PARK CITY** — Edward Denhardt passed away Saturday, March 1, 2003, at Parkview Nursing Home in Billings. He was born March 9, 1934.

Ed was a quiet man who loved to sit and listen to his friends. His favorite pas-time was watching the little birds, squirrels or any of the natures of God. He did enjoy hunting when he was younger.



**EDWARD  
DENHARDT**

Very few knew that Ed was well versed in the Bible. He believed the Word and had a personal relationship with the Lord. Now Ed is with his Savior.

He is survived by his two daughters, Jodie Liermann, of Virginia, Cindy Miller of Wyoming; and a son, Eddie Denhardt in Colorado; and five grandchildren.

We will miss this gentle, kind man. His daughter Jodie Liermann came from Virginia when Ed first became ill and stayed many months to be by his side, arranged for hospital care, the rest home, taking him to lunch, shopping, visiting with him and his final plans. She is an absolute jewel.

There will be a private family memorial for Ed in June.

**Donald Hessin Denman**

**FORT COLLINS, Colo. —** Donald Hessin Denman was born June 29, 1914, in Hanover, Ohio. D.H. "walked his last paper route" the morning of June 10, 2003 in Fort Collins, passing away from complications from dementia and diabetes.

The middle child born to Edna Fern (Hessin) Denman and Charles Edwin Denman, he was the last surviving member of his immediate family. Don's ancestors had received a farm site after fighting in the American Revolutionary War in Ohio. His family had stayed (remained) in Ohio, where Don grew up. While growing up, Don walked a very large paper route. (He walked because his parents felt a bicycle was too dangerous.) His love of animals began early. He brought home a black and white terrier puppy and kept it in his chest of drawers against his mother's wishes, but was allowed to keep Skippy. Don graduated from high school in Crooksville. In his senior year of school, his football team on which he was starting center was not scored upon.

Don entered the U.S. Army,

Jan. 28, 1942, and trained in the Medical Corps. Initially, he was assigned to Fitzsimons Hospital in Denver, where he met Miss Eleanor Richardson of Lovell, Wyo. They fell in love and were married June 25, 1943, in Charleston, S.C., before Don went overseas. He then served in Rheims, France, and London, England, for 21 months. By the time of his discharge (Nov. 10, 1943), he attained the rank of Sergeant.

After the war, Don and Eleanor moved to Lovell. Don worked for Lovell Clay Products as vice president in sales until his retirement in 1979.

During retirement, Don refinished furniture, fished with Ray Workman and traveled. After Eleanor's passing, he was introduced to Mrs. Edith Harris (a widow) of Fort Collins. They became good companions for each other. Edith visited Don almost daily during his time in assisted liv-

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ing and care facilities. She still resides in Fort Collins, near her family.

Don is survived by daughter Cathryn Elaine Denman (husband Mike Masterson), Green River, Wyo.; and son John Earl Denman of Davis, Calif.; and nine nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife of 46 years, Eleanor (Sept. 10, 1989); a daughter Pam (stillbirth); and a granddaughter Melissa Jane Miller (stillbirth); a brother, Charles of Fort Myers, Fla.; and sister Nan Russell, of Somerset, Ohio.

In lieu of flowers, donations to your local Hospice, Arthritis Foundation or to the American Diabetes Association would be appreciated.

Services will be held at Haskell Funeral Home in Lovell, Saturday, June 14, at 10 a.m. Burial services in Lovell Cemetery will follow.

## John Frederick Dennis

John F. Dennis, 80, passed away Sept. 27, 2003, in Billings.

John was born in Miles City, on Oct. 1, 1922, to John A. and Mary "Lena" Ihoits Dennis. He attended an elementary country school at Brandenburg for four years and finished his education in Miles City, graduating from Custer County High School in 1941. In the fall of 1942, John enrolled at the School of Mines in Rapid City, S.D., on a football scholarship. He married Evelyn Sankey, Dec. 18, 1942, in Rapid City. Shortly thereafter, he was placed in the college ASTP Program, which allowed him to attend college while training for the service. The ASTP program was discontinued by the government and John was placed in the infantry. He was sent to the European Theater and served under General Patton. He participated in the Battle of the Bulge and later in the European Occupation Forces. John was honorably discharged on April 12, 1946.

Returning home, John re-enrolled at the School of Mines in Rapid City and graduated with a BA in Civil Engineering. John and Evelyn had one daughter, Jay Lynn, born May 16, 1949.

John was employed by the Montana Highway Department for a short period of time. He then became city engineer for the City of Laurel, where he and his family lived for six years. John then took a position with the Regional Division of Industrial Sales for Carter Oil Company, which became Humble Oil and later Exxon. He remained with the company for 28 years, retiring early in 1982. Not wanting to truly retire, John started marketing petroleum products and asphalt on his own. He and his partners formed "Pioneer Oil," and he remained active in this company until his death.

John shared many memorable occasions with his family and friends at Hansen Livestock and DenHan Ranches in southwestern Montana near Dillon.

John was a member of Hiland's Golf Club, where he enjoyed golfing, a good game of gin rummy and entertaining friends. He was also affiliated with the Fraternal Order of the Elks, Billings; Master Mason of Corinthian Lodge #72, Laurel; a member of the Scottish Rite, Billings, and Al Bedoo Shrine, Billings.

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John is survived by his daughter, Jay Lynn Hansen of Billings and Dillon, Paul Hansen; grandchildren, Jon Hansen, his wife Hillary and daughter Savannah, Jody Hansen Allison, her husband Scott and sons Clay and Brice, Eric Hansen and his wife Stephanie, all of Hansen Livestock and DenHan Ranches, Dillon. He is also survived by his sister, Donna Dennis Kluskadahl, her husband Gordon and their five children; along with two sons of John's brother Everett, Dennis and Zona Sarpy.

John was preceded in death by his father, John A. Dennis; mother Lena Dennis; brother Everett Dennis; and his beloved wife Evelyn.

Our family wishes to express our love and gratitude to Pinkie Scott for being an integral part of the family and for the love and care she gave John after Evelyn's death. We would also like to thank all the caring people at Hospice and Horizon Hospice Home for the gentle kindness they showed us all. You are truly angels sent at a time of need.

Memorial services will be 1 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 1, at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary.

## **Lee Frances Denniston**

**BASIN, Wyo.** — Lee Frances Denniston, 67, of Basin, died Wednesday, March 5, 2003, at Bonnie Bluejacket Memorial Nursing Home in Basin.

Graveside services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, March 8, in the Lovell Cemetery. Interment will be in the Lovell Cemetery. Haskell Funeral Home of Lovell is in charge.



## Marcus A. Denny

**BUSBY** — Marcus A. Denny, 63, of rural Busby, returned to our Lord, Oct. 22, 2003, after a fight with cancer.

He was born Jan. 4, 1940, in Lame Deer, to Mark and Juanita Ellen Spang Denny. Marcus attended Lame Deer Elementary School and graduated from Busby High School. He later attended and graduated from MSU-Bozeman with a bachelor's degree in animal science in 1968.

Marcus married Heidi V. Normandeau in April of 1968, at the home ranch, where they have continued to reside. Their children are Marcus Kirk Denny (wife Sheila Thayer; children Marcus Kohl Denny and Kile Ellen Denny) of Muddy Creek; Stacy Marie Denny Eneboe (husband Erik Eneboe with their first child on the way) of Conrad.



**MARCUS  
DENNY**

He ranched on Davis Creek in the Busby area for over 35 years. He was known for his fine herd of Black Angus cattle. Favorite activities included time spent with his family, trips to the mountains, plus hunting and fishing.

His parents preceded Marcus in death.

Survivors include his wife, children, grandchildren and brothers, Spencer of Crow Agency, Virgil of Idaho Falls, Idaho, Leslie of Billings and their families.

Our best buddy, our best friend, father, husband and brother, know that we love you and wish you God's blessings and God speed — your family.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial funeral services will be held 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 25, in the Busby White River Cheyenne Mennonite Church. Private inurnment will follow the services.

Bullis Mortuary of Hardin has been entrusted with the arrangements.

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**Russell 'Russ' Denowh**

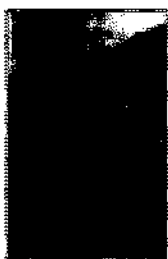
SIDNEY — Russell "Russ" Denowh, 77, died Friday Nov. 21, 2003 at the Sidney Health Center.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 10 a.m. Friday, Nov. 28, at St. Matthew's Catholic Church. Wake services will be 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 27, at St. Matthew's Catholic Church. Interment will be in the Sidney Cemetery. Fulkerson Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

## Russell 'Russ' Denowh

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**RUSS  
 DENOWH**

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 the Fulkerson Funeral Home of  
 Sidney.

Russell Dale Denowh was  
 born on May 22, 1926, in  
 Cartwright, N.D., to parents  
 Julius A. and Naomi (Mort)  
 Denowh, the fifth of six boys. His  
 father was an immigrant from  
 Belgium who settled in this area  
 in 1915, and his mother's family  
 was among the earliest home-  
 steaders to the Fairview area in  
 1903.

Russ's parents homesteaded  
 in the Horse Creek area,  
 McKenzie County, N.D. At the  
 age of 10, his parents sold the land  
 to the government cattle reserve  
 and bought a farm in the valley  
 near Fairview. Russ graduated  
 from high school in 1944 and con-  
 tinued to work on the family  
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On Nov. 25, 1950, he was united in marriage to Patricia "Pat" Gartner in Sidney. Russ and Pat lived on the farm in Fairview for a short time, then moved west of Sidney and farmed and ranched with Pat's father, Joe Gartner. In 1957, Russ and Joe went into registered Angus business, forming the Gartner-Denowh Angus Ranch.

Russ was a member of the St. Matthew's Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus. He was a club leader and a supporter of Richland Youth Hockey. He enjoyed all of his grandchildren's activities and they enjoyed his good-natured wit and gentle ways.

Russ was an innovator in the Angus industry. Over the years, Gartner-Denowh gained national recognition for performance cattle. He was a member of the American Angus Association, Eastern Montana Angus Association and a past president of the Montana Angus Association. He was selected to the American Angus Heritage Foundation in 1997 and was the first recipient of the Wayne Stevenson Memorial Award of Excellence. He served on the Board of Directors at the Stockman Bank and the Sidney Livestock Market Center.

He was a great believer in supporting youth and young cattle breeders. We are proud he was our husband and dad.

(Roger) Hystad of Glasgow, Paul (Tracy) Denowh of Sidney; and nephew, Donald (Teri) Denowh of Billings; a brother, Jim Denowh of Fairview; 21 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and four brothers, Gene, Rolland, George and Harvey.

Russ died Friday, Nov. 21, 2003, at the Sidney Health Center.

Surviving him are his wife, Pat Denowh of Sidney; they raised seven children, Gail (Tom) Lehman of Billings, Michael "Mickey" (Debbie) Denowh of Sidney, Loretta (Jim) Vitt of Sioux Pass, Pam (Rick) Wynan of Williston, N.D., Christine

**Denton**

Martha Anne (Howland) Denton, 82, a devoted homemaker, died of natural causes Thursday, July 31, 2003, at a Billings nursing home. A memorial service is planned for 10:30 a.m. Monday, Aug. 4,



**MARTHA ANNE DENTON**

at Grace Methodist Church in Billings. Cremation has taken place at Cremation or Funeral Gallery. Interment of cremains will be in the Howland family plot in the Roberts Cemetery.

Survivors include a son, Larry and his wife Cynthia of Hobson; a son, Jim and his wife Jane of Missoula; and a grandson, Adam of Spokane, Wash. Also surviving are two longtime loving and faithful church friends, Marge Flynn and Kris Peters, and a special friend for 68 years who became a sister-in-law, Mary Reynolds from Napa, Calif. Other survivors include numerous brothers- and sisters-in-law, cousins, and nephews and nieces. Martha Anne was preceded in death by her husband of 59 years, Joe, who passed away in June 2001; her parents; and a special aunt, Bessie Carr.

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Martha Anne was the only child born to Norwegian immigrant Peter Edward Howland and Scottish immigrant Jane (Kerr) Carr. She was born Dec. 26, 1920, in the family home in Roberts. She attended school in Roberts, where she excelled in basketball and graduated as valedictorian in May 1937. She graduated from Normal School (now MSU-Billings) in 1939 with a lifetime teaching certificate. Martha Anne taught for two years in a grade 1-8 country school north of Roberts, called Selms, where she had 14 students in all eight grades.

Martha Anne married Joseph C. Denton on April 21, 1942, in Red Lodge, while Joe was home on leave from the U.S. Army Air Corps during WWII. Upon his discharge from military service in 1945, they moved to Billings, where Joe worked at an oil refinery. In 1951, they moved to a new home at 828 Cook Ave., where the couple lived for 50 years.

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In addition to being a proficient gardener, she was an avid reader who instilled the love of learning in both her sons. She enjoyed doing crossword puzzles and liked watching all sports, particularly basketball and baseball. A devout Christian, she was a charter member of Grace Methodist Church, and spent countless hours working at bake sales, Christmas parties, wedding receptions, anniversaries, rummage sales, coffee hours and women's circle meetings. She was also very active in the raising of her sons, serving as PTA president and Cub Scout den mother for many years. She enjoyed playing cards and she absolutely LOVED chocolate.

Martha Anne was a devoted daughter, wife and mother, and although she will be missed by her family and many friends, we all know that she is now with her Lord and her beloved Joe.

The family prefers memorials to the donor's choice.

## **Gladys Miner Deputy**

**CODY, Wyo. — Gladys Miner Deputy, 88, died Wednesday, March 26, 2003, at West Park Long Term Care Center.**

**Visitation will be from 1 to 1:45 p.m. Saturday, March 29, in the Relief Society Room of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Burlington. Funeral services will follow at 2 p.m. in the chapel. Burial will be in the Otto Cemetery. Haskell Funeral Home of Lovell is in charge.**

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## Joseph Adam Dernbach

Loving husband, father and grandfather, Joseph Adam Dernbach, 92, of Billings, died Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2003, at Eagle Cliff Manor. The son of Adam and Emma Dernbach, Joe was born June 18, 1910, in Wheaton, Ill.

Joe served in the Army during WWII. On July 6, 1946, he married Ione Schramer in Billings. He had worked as a loan officer for Midland Bank from 1946 until retiring in 1973.

Joe was very strong in his faith and had been active in the Catholic Church. He was a member of Knights of Columbus and the American Legion. Always the practical joker, Joe loved to dress in costume for Halloween and enjoyed children immensely. Joe also enjoyed bowling, fishing and yard work. A perfectionist, everything had its place.

Survivors include his wife Ione of Billings; five daughters, Judith Ann Nell (Richard) of Okinawa, Japan, Patricia Ann St. John (Gene) of Glentana, Mont., Barbara Ann Adkins (Tom) of



**JOE DERNBACH**

Starkville, Miss., Louise Ann Breeden (Dave) of Forsyth and Theresa Ann Dernbach of Casper, Wyo.; and five grandchildren, Scott St. John, Jill Thompson (Scott), Cody Adkins and Derek and Heidi Breeden.

He was preceded in death by three sisters, two brothers and a stepbrother.

Vigil services will be 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 5, at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary. Funeral Mass will be 10 a.m. Monday, Jan. 6, at Little Flower Catholic Church. Interment with military honors will follow at Holy Cross Cemetery.

Memorial may be made to Billings Central High School.



## Craig Derry

Craig Derry passed away at 5:30 a.m. Jan. 23, 2003, after a long battle with cancer. He was 79.

Craig was born in Billings on May 7, 1923, the son of Guy C. Derry and Oleeta Hine Derry.

Craig practiced law until his retirement in 1987. Before law, Craig was an accomplished photo-

grapher and a court reporter. Craig enjoyed his work, spending time with his family, traveling, reading, music, theater, visiting with friends, riding his bicycle and, of late, spending time on the computer.



**CRAIG  
DERRY**

Craig was a veteran of World War II, past president of the Optimist Club and RSVP and a member of the Montana Bar Association, Toastmasters, Knights of Columbus and St. Thomas Catholic Church.

We will always miss you and love you, Craig, and will never forget your excellent examples of sincerity, generosity, honesty, loyalty and reliability you always demonstrated in your life.

There are no words to express the extremely good care Big Sky Hospice provided Craig and the family. Their devotion and total attentiveness to family needs surpassed all of our expectations.

His parents preceded him to eternal life as well as one sister, Dora Jane King and husband William S. King and a dear niece, Kathy King Bowman.

He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Vickie; his son Philip and his wife Candace and grandson Jacob Derry of Florida; his son John Paul of Billings; his daughter Monique and her fiance Tracy Tuffs of Seattle; his sister Edith Kelly of Billings, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial Mass will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at St. Thomas Catholic Church, 2210 Colton Blvd. Private family inurnment will be held. His remains will rest in the Landmark Columbarium in Mountview Cemetery.

Your prayers will be felt in our hearts and souls. Memorials may be made to Big Sky Hospice, Box 35033, Billings; to St. Vincent de Paul, 2610 Montana Ave., Billings, 59101, or to charity of choice.

## August 'Gus' DeRudder

August "Gus" DeRudder, 66, of Billings, lost his courageous battle with cancer at St. Vincent Healthcare on Sept. 12, 2003.

The son of Edward and Marie DeRudder, Gus was born a twin on Aug. 17, 1937, in Bridger.

He married Mary Ellen Olson on Dec. 29, 1956, at Sacred Heart Church in Bridger. They were blessed with three children while living in Bridger: Michael, Tracey and Sheila.

Gus started working for MDU in Bridger in 1957. The family transferred to Sheridan, Wyo., and spent many wonderful years there before he moved on to Miles City, Glendive and finally back to Sheridan, where he retired after proudly serving his company for 42 years.

He spent his retirement in Billings enjoying his home, yard and family, but came happily "out of retirement" to drive truck at beet harvest and work part-time jobs for Stateline Contractors.



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DERUDDER**

He is survived by his wife Mary Ellen; his sons, Mick of Gillette, Wyo., Tracey (Anita) of Billings; and daughter Sheila (Pat) Haughian of Terry. He is also survived by nine grandchildren, three great-grandchildren (with two more on the way); sisters, Gen (Cliff) Schwend of Billings, Bertha Webber of Bridger, Virginia (Jim) Shatto of Colorado; brothers, (twin) Frank (Sharon) of Bridger, and John of Bridger; two sisters-in-law, Karen and Darlene DeRudder; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Gus is preceded in death by his parents; his two brothers, Edward and George; sister, Louise; sister-in-law, Carol; and brother-in-law, Jordan.

Gus was a man of all seasons — football, basketball, baseball — any sport was fine, but he especially loved to watch his grandchildren participate in their chosen activities. No man was more proud of his family. The feeling was definitely mutual as all of his family and anyone who knew Gus loved him well. We will miss his sense of humor and kindness.

Rosary will be recited Sunday at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Bridger. Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Monday at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Interment will be in the Bridger Cemetery.

**Sister Ruth Anne Desch**

LEAVENWORTH, Kan. — Sister Ruth Anne Desch, 87, a Sister of Charity of Leavenworth, formerly of Billings, Butte and Wolf Point, Mont., died Wednesday, Oct. 15, 2003, at Ross Hall, Mother House, Leavenworth.

A vigil will be at 7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 19, in Ross Chapel of the Sisters of Charity Mother House in Leavenworth, where friends may call after 4 p.m. Mass of resurrection will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday, Oct. 20, in Ross Chapel. Interment will follow in Mount Olivet Cemetery on the Mother House grounds. Belden-Sexton-Sumpter Chapels are in charge.

**Raymond R.  
Desomber, Jr.**

**GILLETTE, Wyo. —**

Raymond R. "Dick" Desomber Jr., 73, of Gillette, died Monday, April 21, 2003, at the Campbell County Memorial Hospital.

Visitation will be from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday, April 24, at the Chapel of Stevenson Funeral Home in Gillette, with a vigil service at 7 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. Friday, April 25, at the St. Matthews Catholic Church. Rite of Committal will follow in the family lot in the Mt. Pisgah Cemetery.

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**Nella Dethman**

**WILLISTON, N.D. —** Nella Raedean (Cooper) Dethman, 73, formerly of Culbertson, Mont., died Friday, Oct. 10, 2003, in Williston.

Visitation will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 16, with funeral services at 1:30 p.m., both at Everson Clayton Stevenson Memorial Chapel in Culbertson.

## Richard Lee DeTienne

SAN DIEGO — Richard Lee DeTienne, of San Diego, passed away suddenly on Oct. 19, 2003.

Born in Culbertson, Mont., on Sept. 25, 1954, to Eli and Sarah DeTienne of Basinville, Mont., he moved to Billings in 1964 with his family after the death of his father. After graduating from Billings Senior High in 1973, Richard began his initial tour of duty in the Navy at the age of 17. He then entered the Naval Reserve and attended Miles Community College in Miles City, Mont., where he graduated with an associate degree in applied science in 1978.



**RICHARD  
DeTIENNE**

Richard married Linn in 1978. In 1982, he returned to active duty in the Navy and relocated to San Diego. Chief DeTienne served aboard the USS Constellation, USS Thomaston, USS Leahy, FACSFAC NAS North Island, USS Long Beach, NAVCOMTELSTA NAS North Island, USS Boxer, FACSFAC NAS North Island, USS Valley Forge, and TACRON 12. While in the service, he received many awards.

Richard was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his wife Linn; daughter and son-in-law June and Ryan Ashley; daughter Jan; and son Daniel. He is also survived by sisters, Helen DeTienne, Phyllis DeTienne and Jessie (Kelly Soelter); and brothers Ted (Karla), Sherman (Yvonne), Martin (Maxine) and Jonathan (Lynette); numerous nieces and nephews.

## Victor DeTienne

PLENTYWOOD — Victor DeTienne, 74, died Tuesday, Dec. 31, 2002, at his home, east of Plentywood, of an apparent cardiac event.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Jan. 3, at Plentywood Lutheran Church. Cremation will follow. Fulkerson Funeral Home of Plentywood is in charge.

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## **Kenneth D. Deutsch**

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Kenneth D. Deutsch, 46, died Monday, Dec. 22, 2003, in Memorial Hospital of Sheridan County.

Visitation is from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at Champion Ferries Funeral Home. Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home. Cremation will follow with private family committal services at a later date.



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**SAN JOSE, Calif.** — Born March 29, 1933, in Billings, Howard with his wife, Margaret, moved to San Jose with their young family in November of 1965. In 1966, they bought their home in Almaden, where they continue to reside.

Howard was active in all aspects of his children's sports activities and served as president of the Almaden Little League in the 1970s. His devotion and love of his children and love of sports continued with his grandchildren. He rarely missed a Santa Teresa High School basketball game over the last three years, where his grandson played. He could be found at Arabian Horse shows from Gilroy to Arizona to New Mexico, with his granddaughters Cari and Sara. Howard enjoyed attending the dance recitals and concerts of his granddaughter, Ashley, and karate for Jessica. His participation in the lives of his family, friends, coworkers and patients was 100%, and always came from the heart.

Howard's career spanned 48 years, beginning at age 17 and continuing until his retirement at age 65. He was the cofounder and co-owner of the Center for Independent Rehabilitative Services with his partner and

friend James Kirns. As an orthotist, Howard touched lives of his patients and co-workers.

Howard's participation in life was 100 percent. He was an avid and enthusiastic 49ers fan and enjoyed attending the games and sharing his tickets with his friends and family. His retirement included traveling with friends, gardening and his house "projects."

He is survived by Margaret, his wife of 49 years; their daughter, Debbie; three sons, Robert, Danny and Kenneth; and five grandchildren, Carl and Sara Denham, Ryan and Ashley Devitt and Jessica Devitt.

Friends are invited to attend the memorial services on Monday, Aug. 25, 1:30 pm, at Darling-Fischer Chapel of the Hills, 615 N. Santa Cruz, in Los Gatos. Reception to follow at the Episcopal Church in Almaden, 6581 Camden Ave., San Jose. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Post 776 (Troop dedicated to the handicapped scouts) in c/o Lois Nardone, Rodeo Court, San Jose, CA 95111.

"We love you very, very much, and miss you, Papa."

## **Elizabeth L. Dewar**

HAVRE — Elizabeth L. Dewar, 85, of Havre, died Tuesday, March 29, 2003, at the Northern Montana Hospital in Havre.

Services will be at 3 p.m., Saturday, April 5, at the Bell Mortuary Chapel in Glasgow. Burial will be in Highland Cemetery in Glasgow.

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# John H. 'Jack' Dewell

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MISSOULA — John H. "Jack" Dewell, 85, of Missoula, made his final journey to join his Savior, Jesus Christ, on Dec. 3, 2003, following a brief illness. He was surrounded by his loved ones at the time of his death.

Jack was born Aug. 31, 1918, in Canora, Saskatchewan, Canada, to Robert and Ella (Strong) Dewell, the third of eight children.

The family moved to Joliet in 1925. Following high school graduation, he joined the Civilian Conservation Corp.

Jack met and fell in love with the true love of his life, Thelma Arthur. They were married on Aug. 16, 1941, and Jack thanked God every day for the gift of Thelma. They were best friends and partners in every aspect of life.

Jack was truly a "Jack of all trades" — from farming and ranching — gardening and cooking — to carpentry throughout Montana. Being a skilled craftsman, he built several homes that he was very proud of. He had a great love for the outdoors, animals, fishing, hunting, wood working and spending time with his family and friends. If anyone ever needed a helping hand, he was always the first to offer. There wasn't a thing that he wasn't



**JACK DEWELL**

willing to try <sup>45</sup>fix.

Employed by school districts for many years, the family lived in Joliet, Kalispell, Havre and Libby. In 1965, Jack and Thelma moved

to Missoula, where Jack worked as a salesman for Cascade Supply Company. He then worked for the Hellgate Elementary School District until his retirement. In 1983, they returned to Joliet, where he built yet another house out in the "hills." In 2000, they returned to Missoula.

Jack had a special gift of story telling and humor right up to the time of his death. It brought a smile to his face to share jokes with his family and the nurses at St. Patrick Hospital. We will continue smiling as we remember the true gifts that he has left behind.

Having faith in the Lord, he looked forward to the time he would sit down and share a good story with his Savior. He was a lifetime member of the Joliet Christian Church and was very proud that he was a member of the Gideons

International Society. His faith gives us reassurance that he has traveled to a very special place without fear or regret.

Jack is survived by his wife of 63 years, Thelma; his son Clifford (Peggy) of Redding, Calif.; daughter, Cherie (Mike) McCullough of Missoula; brothers, Norman (Margaret) of Joliet and Lloyd (Frieda) of Colorado; grandchildren, Troy, Trent and Trisha Dewell of California, Tammy (Andrew) Bryant of Redding, Calif., Karin (Joe) Zito and Kammy (Rick) Zavarelli of Missoula; step-grandchildren, Cory and Kristen Chapman of Redding, Calif., Doug (Alice) McCullough and Michael (Christie) McCullough of Missoula, Hal McCullough of Seattle and Brooks (Tracy) McCullough of California; brothers-in-law, Stanley (Phyllis) Arthun and Dan (Gladys) Arthun of Joliet; 15 great-grandchildren and several

nieces and nephews. The loss we feel cannot be expressed in words, and we look forward to the day we meet again.

Cremation has taken place, and the ashes will be scattered as he desired. At his request, there will not be a funeral. A Celebration of Life will take place on Sunday, Dec. 14, at the home of Mike and Cherie McCullough, 2207 27th Avenue, beginning at 2 p.m.

The family would like to express our heartfelt appreciation for the outstanding care received from the nursing staff at St. Patrick Hospital.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be directed to either the Joliet Christian Church, the Gideon's International Society or to a charity of your choice. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Cremation and Burial Society of the Rockies.

We love you, and thank you for a lifetime of memories.

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## Dustin Todd Dewey

CODY, Wyo. — Dustin Todd Dewey, age 6, died peacefully Saturday, March 8, 2003, at 1 p.m., at West Park Hospital in Cody. After a 14-month battle with brain cancer, Dustin has left this life to be in the presence of the Lord Jesus. Those who knew Dustin knew his favorite song was "Jesus Loves Me" and he would tell others he knew that "Jesus is in my heart."

Dustin Todd Dewey was born Aug. 22, 1996, in Kerrville, Texas, the son of Kenneth Dawayne and Yvonne Kimberly (Miller) Dewey.

Dustin attended preschool at Christ the King for the last two years and started kindergarten at Sunset Elementary last fall. He enjoyed playing games, puzzles and Legos. He collected stuffed animals and many other characters. He always gave 100 percent out on the fields of T-ball and soccer.

Dustin loved to laugh and was a great source of joy and laughter to family and friends with the funny faces he would make and the matry jokes he would play. He loved life and lived to love those around him. He enjoyed fishing and camping.

He is survived by his parents, Dawayne and Yvonne Dewey of Cody; brother, Kyle R. Dewey of Cody; grandparents, Todd and



Frances Miller of Kerrville, Texas,  
Dick and Gayla McIntire of  
Leveland, Texas, and Kenneth  
Dewey of Albuquerque, N.M.;  
great-grandparents, Richard and  
Charisie Dewey of Ingram, Texas;  
and numerous aunts, uncles and  
cousins.

Funeral services will be at 2  
p.m. Wednesday, March 12, at the  
Cody Bible Church in Cody.  
Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m.  
Tuesday, March 11, at Ballard  
Funeral Home in Cody.

Memorials may be made to  
Jason's Friends Foundation, 111 S.  
Durbin St., Suite 300, Casper, WY  
82601 or Make-A-Wish  
Foundation of Wyoming, PO Box  
273, Casper, WY 82602.

## **Boyd DeWitt**

EDGERTON, Wyo. — Boyd DeWitt, 75, of Edgerton, formerly of Joliet, Mont., died Saturday, Sept. 6, 2003, at Wyoming Medical Center in Casper.

A graveside funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13, at Ten Sleep Cemetery in Ten Sleep. Veile Mortuary of Worland is in charge.

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**Anne Dibold**

Anne Dibold passed away Dec. 28, 2003, at Valley Healthcare Center. She was born Oct. 14, 1905, in Salzburg, Austria, the daughter of Abraham and Barbara Webinger. She came to this country with her parents in 1912 from Salzburg and settled in Wolf Point. She moved to Billings in 1932 to keep house for her



**ANNE DIBOLD**

uncle, the late Rev. Benedict Seethaler, who was pastor of Little Flower Church.

In 1936, she married Nicholas Dibold of Billings, who preceded her in death in 1982. She was a member of Little Flower Catholic Church.

Anne is survived by her daughter, Mary Louise Dibold; her nephews Dave Webinger of Billings, Ben Webinger of Spokane, Wash., Norris J. Rumreich of Seattle, Wash. and various other nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her sister, Mary Rumreich; her two brothers, Louie Webinger and Benedict Webinger; and an uncle, Father Benedict Seethaler, the second

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priest of Little Flower Church.

The family wants to express their appreciation for the love and care from the staff at Valley Healthcare Center.

I love you, Mother, with all my heart and soul. I will miss you always. Treasured memories of all the years will be forever in my heart. Aufwiedersehn!

Mass will be at 11 a.m. on Friday at Little Flower Church.

Memorials may be sent to Little Flower Church, St. Vincent DePaul, Valley Healthcare Center or the charity of your choice.

Interment of ashes will be held at a later date at Holy Cross Cemetery.

### When I Must Leave You

When I must leave you for a little while

Please do not grieve and shed wild tears

And hug your sorrow to you through the years,

But start out bravely with a gallant smile.

And for my sake and in my name,

Live on, and do all the things the same.

Feed not on loneliness or empty days,

But fill each waking hour in useful ways.

Reach out your hand in comfort  
and in cheer

And I in turn will comfort you  
and hold you near

And never, never be afraid to  
die.

For I am waiting for you in the  
sky.

## Ruth DiCiocco

TERRY — Ruth DiCiocco of Terry died Monday, Jan. 6, 2003, at the Prairie County Nursing Home.

Visitation will be held Tuesday, Jan. 7, at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Terry. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 8, at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home. Burial will follow in the family lot in Prairie County Cemetery.

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## Tammy Joan Dickerson

Tammy Joan Dickerson, 42, passed away peacefully in her sleep on Friday, Feb. 14, 2003.

She was born Jan. 22, 1961, in Glasgow to Sharon and Donald Unsworth. In

1977 she married Dana Homme and together they had two children, Travis and Lyndsey, who were the light of her life. She was employed at the Billings Clinic as a nurse for 15 years.

Tammy's loves included her cats, listening to her music and spending time with her family, especially her grandson, Christian.

Tammy is survived by her son, Travis Homme of Missoula;



**TAMMY  
DICKERSON**

daughter Lyndsey and her husband Forrest MaGee, and grandson Christian of Billings; her mother, Sharon Unsworth; father Donald Unsworth, also of Billings; sister Vickie and her husband, Rob Mosier, of Billings; brother Donal and Kathy Unsworth of Frenchtown; brother Steven and Jeanine Unsworth of Billings; brother Shaun and Lisa Unsworth of Billings; along with numerous nieces and nephews. She will be greatly missed by her best friend and daughter, Lyndsey, and by all who knew and loved her.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 19, at the Messiah Lutheran Church. Interment will be held in Terrace Gardens Cemetery. Smith Downtown Chapel has been entrusted with the arrangements.

**Jean Marie Dickson**

**MILES CITY** — Jean Marie Dickson, 69, of Miles City, formerly of Glasgow, died Sunday, Oct. 26, 2003, at the Holy Rosary Health Center in Miles City.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 1, in the chapel of Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City. Interment will be held at a later date.

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## Koren Nola Diebert

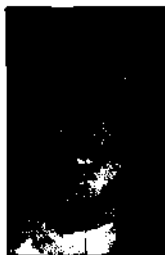
**HARDIN** — Koren Nola Diebert, 26, of Hardin died tragically on Nov. 19, 2003, near Hardin. Akba'achiwakakouush "One who prays for others" was born March 22, 1977, in Crow Agency, a daughter of Richard Diebert and Naomi Ann Costa. She received her early education in Great Falls, attended St. Labre High School in Ashland and was currently enrolled in a Veterinary Assistance Program. She was aspiring to become a veterinary assistant.

Koren was an outgoing person, who stood out in a crowd. She was a friend to all, always had a smile and a loud laugh. She loved all kinds of animals, loved to sing and was an accomplished pencil artist.

She was a member of the Pentecostal Church and a child of the Ties the Bundle Clan.

A sister, Lynette; brother, Roy Bird in Ground; and grandparents, Mike Diebert, Joseph and Bernice Costa preceded Koren in death.

Survivors include her mother, Naomi Costa of Hardin; her father, Richard Diebert of Colorado; her adopted father, Dillard Bird in Ground Sr. of Wyoia; stepfather,



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Richard Darrell Couture of Hardin; two daughters, Naomi Big Hair of Hardin and Keisha Big Lake of St. Xavier; her sisters, Maranda Shane, Olivia Plain Bull, Lynn Tushka, Lisa (Tyler) Left hand, Krystal Poetra, Michelle and Francis Bird in Ground, Kimberly Wyles, Louisa Yazzie and Lenaya Costa; her brothers, Jethro (Velma) Diebert, Arnold (Elizabeth), James (Sandra), Patrick and Dillard (Jodi) Bird in Ground Jr., Eric (Sparrow) Plain Bull, Sr., Tink Kobielusz, Cameron Fire Bear and Ashley Garner; her adopted sisters, Tiffany and Fannie Fitzpatrick, Corey Plain Bull, Helen Hogan, Melissa LaPlante, Johanna and Stellar Bultail; her adopted brothers, Michael Dean and Shan Bird in Ground, Victor (Becky) and Garrett (Mary) Costa and her grandparents, Norma Diebert Friess of Miles City and Annie Costa of Crow Agency.

Funeral services will be 1 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 3, in the Bullis Funeral Chapel. Interment will follow in the Crow Agency Cemetery. Bullis Mortuary of Hardin has been entrusted with the arrangements.

## Loren Mark Diede

GILLETTE, Wyo. — Loren Mark Diede, age 12, of Gillette, was taken unexpectedly and tragically on Oct. 16, 2003, as the result of injuries in which he sustained from a car accident in Gillette last Tuesday.

Loren was born the beloved son of Mark and Irene (Leligdowicz) Diede on June 26, 1991, in Gillette, as a gift to his father whose birthday is the same. Mark helped deliver Loren with Dr. Parker.

### LOREN DIED

As a toddler, Loren developed some beautiful traits that as he grew older became his lasting impression: his green eyes with his long dark eyelashes, a cowlick in his hair that would never stay down and his infectious smile. He loved chocolate milk, and his favorite snack was goldfish crackers. At this early age, he had the spark of an active imagination, which was something that never left him. He grew up making up stories and being quite expressive with much detail.

He attended Pronghorn Elementary School from kindergarten on through the sixth grade. While attending Pronghorn, Loren played the tuba in the fifth and sixth grades. Graduating in 2003 from elementary school to continue to Sage Valley Junior High, where he was currently enrolled in the seventh grade.

Loren was a happy boy, always laughing and telling jokes — he loved to make others laugh too. He would give of himself so many things, he would help his neighbors by shoveling snow off their sidewalks, taking their garbage out every week and walking the dog. This was just a glimpse of what a people person Loren was. He very much enjoyed playing games and cards with his family, riding his bike with his neighbor friends and cousins. Loren enjoyed so many facets in life, so many of them creating memories for his family and friends.

THE KINGDOM OF SWEDEN, LARSEN  
would enjoy hunting and ice fishing with his dad, brother and friends. The most cherished memories being the family tradition of going to the Big Horns to go sledding and to get a fresh tree for Christmas. In the spring and summer, roller-blading, boating and fishing. Loren played baseball for the Gillette Southside Little League from kindergarten through sixth

grade, games of kickball, paintball, riding the family four-wheeler. Independently, Loren liked to play his Gameboy, video and computer games. He enjoyed reading, his favorite books being that of the Harry Potter series. However, when asked what his favorite subject, his choice was math.

Loren will be sorely missed by his parents, Mark and Irene Diede; two sisters, Lori and Lisa; and one brother, Lee; Buddy, the family collie, and Jumper the cat, all of Gillette; his maternal grandmother,

Romualda Leligdowicz, paternal grandmother, J. Meri Frank; grandmother, Charlotte Diede, all of Billings; four aunts, Jadzia (Lynn) Stokke of Chamhassen, Minn., Krysis (Tom) Devous of Billings, Basia (Dave) Neujahr of Faribault, Minn., Dawn (Tom) Ripley of Caldwell, Idaho; four uncles, Marian (Linda) Leligdowicz, John (Judy) Leligdowicz, both of Billings, Joe (Cade) Leligdowicz of Custer

Mont., and Les (Michelle) Diede of Worland; numerous cousins; many, many, friends, teachers and wonderful neighbors.

Loren is preceded in death by his maternal grandfather, Boleslaw J. Leligdowicz; paternal grandfather, Thomas R. Diede; and cousin Joy Leligdowicz.

Loren was a kind and sharing, handsome son, grandson, brother, cousin, nephew, friend who touched the hearts of everyone who knew him and he will be deeply missed. Loren will now be our guardian angel.

Mass of Christian Burial for Loren will be at 3 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 23, at the St. Matthew's Catholic Church in Gillette, with Father Thomas Kadera officiating. Interment will follow in the Mt. Pisgah Cemetery in Gillette. A vigil service and a celebration of Loren's life will be 6 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 22, at the Pronghorn Elementary School Gymnasium. Visitation will be held at the funeral home on Tuesday, Oct. 21, from 3 to 8 p.m. Stevenson Funeral Home of Gillette has been entrusted with the arrangements.



Friends, parents, teachers,  
and family are encouraged to  
come to the visitation and vigil  
and sign Loren's casket.

Memorials in Loren's name to  
benefit different children's orga-  
nizations in Gillette can be sent  
in care of Stevenson Funeral  
Home, 210 W. Fifth St., Gillette,  
WY 82716. Condolences to the  
family can be sent via the  
Internet at [www.stevenson-  
funerals.com](http://www.stevenson-<br/>funerals.com).

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## Helene M. Diedrich

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GLASGOW — Helene M. Diedrich, 73, died Monday, July 14, 2003, at Frances Mahon Deaconess Hospital in Glasgow.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, July 17, at the First Lutheran Church in Glasgow. Burial will be in Fort Peck Cemetery. Bell Mortuary of Glasgow is in charge.

# Agnes Dierenfield

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Mary Agnes Dierenfield, 81, of Billings, went home to the Lord, Wednesday, Nov. 19, 2003, after a short battle with cancer.

Agnes was born April 11, 1922, daughter of Theodore and Mary Lutzgen in Wheat Basin. She

attended school in Wheat Basin until she was a freshman in high school, and then moved to Billings, where she graduated from Billings Senior High School. She then attended Billings Business College. On June 26, 1948, Agnes married Howard Dierenfield. She worked 25 years for ASCS, a division of USDA, until her retirement in 1982.



**AGNES  
DIERENFIELD**

Agnes was very proud of her three sons. She treated and loved her daughters-in-law like the daughters she never had. They are honored to call her "Mom." Agnes was blessed with 10 grandchildren and one great-granddaughter; she loved them all dearly.

She made Christmas ornaments for them every year since the time they were born.

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Agnes belonged to the Riverside Neighbors Club, Holy Rosary Church and was a member of NARFE Stillwater & Carbon Chapter. She made many friends over the years, and was loved by many.

Agnes is survived by sons, Ron (Carol "KC") and their children, Richard (Becki),

Christopher and Spencer, of Littleton, Colo.; Ken (Donita) of Billings, their children, Michelle (Joe) and first great-grandchild, Taylor Savannah Smith of Fort Hood, Texas, Jennifer, Nathan and Tricia of Billings; Duane of Kalispell and his daughters, Lindsey of Florida, Allison and Ashley and their mother, Suzanne Hammond of Eureka. She is also survived by her brother, Frank (Lorraine) Lutgen; a sister, Cecelia (John) Messer; a very special friend, Margaret Mocabee, all of Billings; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Agnes was preceded in death by her husband, Howard, Dec. 22, 1996, after 48 years of marriage; her parents; brothers, Ernest and Leonard; and a sister, Mary Elizabeth, who died at birth.

The family extends special thanks to the staff at Dr. Marchello's office and the caring staff at Horizon Hospice Home. Every one of them made this difficult time so much easier.

at Holy Rosary Church.  
Interment will be in the Laurel Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Big Sky Hospice, PO Box 35033, Billings, MT 59107, or one's choice.

As family and friends, we will miss you very much, but we know you are home in Heaven with Dad now.

Visitation will be Saturday, Nov. 22, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Monday, Nov. 24, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. A vigil service will be 7 p.m. Monday, at Dahl Funeral Chapel. Funeral Mass will be 11 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 25,

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**Ferne Ruth Dietrich  
1903 — 2003**

Ferne Ruth Dietrich, 99, passed away peacefully, Monday, Jan. 6, 2003, at Eagle Cliff Manor.

Ferne was born Dec. 15, 1903, in St. Paul, Minn., and schooled in Minnesota and Washington. She came to Montana to pursue a career with Fish Wildlife and Parks. After retiring, she stayed very active in volunteer work and traveling.

She truly loved animals and everything life had to offer.

Ferne was preceded in death by her husband, Dan; her parents, Elihu and Myrtle Reynolds; two brothers, Lyle and Boyd.

Grandma Ferne was a very delightful and gracious person who was loved by all and will be greatly missed!!

At Ferne's request, no services will be held.

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**SIDNEY —**

Funeral services for Christopher "Chris" Dietz, 16, of Sidney, are 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 30, at the Pella Lutheran Church, with Pastor George Karres officiating. Interment

**CHRIS DIETZ**

will be in the Sidney Cemetery, under the direction of Fulkerson Funeral Home of Sidney. Memorials may be made to the Foundation for Community Care.

Christopher Devin Dietz knew only Sidney as his home. On Monday, Aug. 25, 2003, his life light was extinguished in a tragic car accident, causing extensive injury.

Chris was born on Nov. 1, 1986, at the Sidney Hospital, to parents Dennis and Alice (Dahl) Dietz. He attended grade school at Central Elementary, middle school and his first two years of high school in Sidney. He was an intelligent child and gifted individual. In his younger years, he enjoyed cub scouts, baseball, football and wrestling. As a teenager, he excelled at being a son, grandson, cousin and friend.

Chris was a member of the Pella Lutheran Church. He had many interests and hobbies. He

enjoyed music, video games playing cards and games with his family. Chris loved his dog ~~Tim~~, liked to fish, camp, swim, ~~and~~ and jet ski. He enjoyed ~~being~~ busy and having activity ~~sur-~~rounding him.

Chris had dreams and ~~the~~ potential to be or do anything. He dreamed of big cities, ~~being~~ being in a band. He wanted to be a Formula 44 racer, build ~~per-~~formance parts, be a chef, open ~~a~~ restaurant, be an FBI agent and ~~a~~ forensic specialist. His ~~chances~~ are now gone. He has ~~passed~~ to bring his joy and enthusiasm to the hallways and highways of heaven.

Chris was taken from us tragically, unexpectedly and much too soon. We will grieve the loss of our loved one, remember and love him always.

He is survived by his parents, Dennis Dietz and fiancée Stephanie Dennis, Alice and ~~hus-~~band Steve James; his brother, Terris Dietz; and stepbrother,

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Justin Janes, all of Sidney; maternal grandparents, Leon and Ivabelle Dahl of Scranton, N.D.; grandparents, Bob and Martha Janes of Helena; numerous aunts, uncles and cousins will miss him always.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, William and Emma Dietz of New Leipzig, N.D.

JUN 14 2003

## Marie Dietz

**EDGAR** — Marie Dietz passed peacefully away, with her sister at her side, at Evergreen Nursing Home in Laurel, on June 12, 2003. Marie was born in Bellingham, Wash., on March 1, 1916, to Jacob and Margaret Dietz.



MARIE DIETZ

She attended Shiloh School in Billings, then moved to the Joliet area and then later to Edgar, where she graduated from Edgar High School in 1934. Marie was active in a farming operation with her two brothers, Adolph and Ed. Her main hobbies were raising sheep and gardening, often competing with Ed for who could raise the earliest and best produce. Her social activities included league bowling and Rockvale Club.

Marie is survived by her brother Albert (Barbara) Dietz of Edgar and sister Jane (Earl) Lindgren of Joliet. Her nieces and nephews were an important part of her life. Surviving are four nieces: Linda Elrod of New Boston, Texas, Betty Robertson

of Great Falls, Karen Dietz of Bridger and Shirley Cates of Missouri; four nephews, Wally Lindgren of Joliet, Terry Lindgren of Malta, Robert Dietz of Bridger and Jeff Dietz of Billings.

She was preceded in death by her parents and four brothers, John, Alex, Edward and Adolph.

Marie's family would like to extend a special thanks to all the caregivers at Evergreen Nursing Home. Should friends desire, memorials may be made to the Edgar Fire Department.

Funeral services will be held 10 a.m. Monday, June 16, at Smith Funeral Chapel-Laurel. Interment will be in Rockvale Cemetery. Visitation will be 5 to 8 p.m. Sunday, June 15, at the funeral home.



**Morris R. Dietz**

**CARSON CITY, Nev.** — Morris R. Dietz, 63, of Carson City, passed away at his home, Wednesday, Sept. 10, 2003, with his family by his side, as he went to the Lord after a lengthy bout with prostate cancer.



**MORRIS  
DIETZ**

Morris was born on Dec. 28, 1939, in Billings, to Jake Dietz and Caroline (Tintzman) Dietz. He married Sally Zeiler on Nov. 5, 1960. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Morris was the head butcher for John Ascuaga's Nugget for many years. He loved his job and all his coworkers, who were his extended family. He served in the U.S. Army.

He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Sally Dietz of Carson City; brother and sister-in-law, Raymond and Pat Dietz of Billings; sister and brother-in-law, Barbara and John Bender of Billings; sister Doris Brusso of Billings; sons and daughters-in-law, Jason and Alice Dietz of Sacramento, Calif., Jerry and Nanneth of Reno and Ricky Dietz of Carson City; daughter Tammy A. Dietz of Carson City; grandchildren Brittianny, Felecia, Richard, Danny and Jeremy Dietz. They were the light of his day.

Visitation will be Sunday, Sept. 14, from 1 to 9 p.m. at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary. Graveside service will be held on Monday, Sept. 15, at 10 a.m., at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Wells Fargo Bank on Hwy. 50 in Carson City, acct. #8619805420 to help with funeral and travel expenses.

Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary has charge of arrangements.

**MAY 31 2003**

**Neva Dietz**

**SPEARFISH, S.D. —** Neva Dietz, 66, of Spearfish, died Thursday, May 29, 2003, at the Outlook Memorial Hospital in Spearfish.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday, June 1, in the chapel of Stevenson Funeral Home in Baker, Mont., with a prayer service at 7 p.m. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, June 2, at Stevenson Funeral Home in Baker. Burial will be in the Ismay Cemetery, Ismay, Mont.

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BILLINGS, MONTANA

## Edwin Charles Dietzman

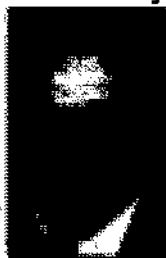
Edwin Charles Dietzman, 88, of Billings, passed away peacefully at home, Nov. 29, 2003.

He was born Oct. 24, 1915, in Menoken, N.D., the son of Amanda and Walter Dietzman. He married Margaret Koch on Dec. 28, 1938, in Bismarck, N.D. where they farmed. In 1950, they moved to Montana and settled on a ranch in Livingston on Fleshman Creek and raised their three daughters.

Then in 1961, they moved to Billings where he has since resided. He worked at Simplot Soilbuilders and Great Western Sugar until retirement. Ed liked to go to livestock sales, watch rodeos on TV and play cards

with family. He will be dearly missed by his friends at Bugg's. He also helped family mow lawns and enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren.

Ed was preceded in death by his wife of 55 years, sister Mildred, his parents and two grandsons. He is survived by his three daughters, Ardyth (Marvin) Schott, Arlyth/Sis (George) Sarver and Nancy (Lauris) Byrbe; grandchildren,



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DIETZMAN

April (Dan) Frank, Kelvin Schott, Jeff Schott (Bonnie), Ronnie Schott (Terri), Charlie (Jan) Schott, Lywnda Byrbe Barnes (Jeff Poe), and Clinton Byrbe, great-grandchildren; Shawn Friedt, Tianna Friedt, Kelsey Schott, Anna Barnes and Wesley Barnes. We love and miss you, Gramps.

Family wishes memorials to be sent to the Ronald McDonald House or charity of their choice. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 1, at the Cremation and Funeral Gallery located at Eighth Street West and St. Johns Blvd. Burial will follow in the Sunset Memorial Cemetery.

# Lorene Pourier Dillon

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WYOLA —  
Lorene Pourier  
Dillon, 86, of  
Wyola, passed  
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Wednesday,  
Aug. 13, 2003 in  
the Crow  
Agency IHS  
Hospital.



**LORENE  
DILLON**

Many of her people have already left, and now she goes to be with them. She will join her father Emil Pourier and mother Emma Lee, her sister Grace Pourier, Ethel Red Wing, Bernice Harris, and her brother, Baptiste Pourier. Lorene will now be with her children, DeWitt Lewis "Pinky" Dillon and Marcella Big Crow; her nephews, Charles Delano "Charky" Pablo, Baptiste Lee Pablo, Marvin Warren "Boy" Pourier, Laymon Doyle "Jimmy Hix" Red Wing, Baptiste "Cheece" Harris, James Edward "Jimbo" Kellum, Andreas "Andy Boy" Yellow Mule; her nieces, Delores "Sue Belle" Red Wing, Ramona Mae Pablo, Maribeth Kellum, Rosa Mae "Baby Sis" Moore, Luzinia "Baby Girl" Yellow Mule, Estelle "Cubby" Whiteman and Emma Rose Guardipee.

Lorene leaves behind her husband of 63 years, Charles "Johnny" Dillon; her son John Lee "Frenchy" Dillon and his wife, Donna and their children, Shonna, Sasha, Jada, and Charla. She leaves her daugh-

ter, Ramona Mae "Mona" Dillon and her child, Emma Rose Dillon; her son, Robert Lyle "Bob" Turner.

Lorene had many children who loved her and she leaves many relatives and friends who she was very close to and loved dearly. Her nephews and nieces she considered her own and cared for them throughout her life. Her grandchildren and great-grandchildren were her most prized possessions and her love for them and all her people will survive forever.

Lorene was born and grew up with her many relatives at Manderson, S.D., in the Pine Ridge Oglala Lakota Indian reservation. She is Oglala Lakota and French. She attended school at Holy Rosary Mission. On March 23, 1940, she married Johnny Dillon and moved to Wyola, making that her home for the rest of her life. Lorene has many relatives and friends on the Pine Ridge,

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Northern Cheyenne, Fort Belknap and the Crow Indian Reservations. She loved us all very much and we all loved her very much. We will miss her.

Rosary and wake services will be held 7 p.m. Friday in the Wyola Catholic Church. Funeral Mass will be celebrated 11 a.m. Saturday in the church. Interment will follow in the Eds Creek Family Cemetery. <sup>F</sup>Bullis Mortuary of Hardin <sup>B</sup>been entrusted with the arrangements.

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## **Saralouise Anna Dillon**

**CODY, Wyo.** — Saralouise Anna Dillon, 87, died Thursday, March 27, 2003, at the West Park Long-term Care Center in Cody.

Visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 1, at Miratsky-Easton Funeral Home in Powell, and from 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. Wednesday, April 2, at First United Methodist Church. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, at First United Methodist Church. Burial will follow in the Deaver cemetery.

# Jean G. Dimich

Jean G. Dimich died Sunday, Dec. 29, 2002, at home with her family.

Jessie Jean Gowin Dimich was born Jan. 25, 1934, in Bozeman, the daughter of Tom and Golda Pitman Gowin and the great-granddaughter of Montana pioneers. She grew up with her two brothers on the family farm in the Springhill area of the Gallatin Valley. She attended school in



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Belgrade, graduating as valedictorian in 1951. She earned her B.S. with honors in home economics and history from Montana State University in 1955.

While at MSU, Jean met William Dimich, a returning Korean veteran. After a year of teaching at Great Falls High School, Jean married Bill on June 10, 1956. The couple lived in Roundup for a year, then moved to Billings in 1958 and lived until her death.

While she raised three young children, Jean worked as a substitute teacher and a community volunteer. Her career focus shifted to counseling and program development for adults when she became coordinator for Continuing

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Education of Women at Eastern Montana College. She continued her own education obtaining a master's degree in adult education and counseling from Montana State University in 1975.

Jean worked at Rocky Mountain College, establishing and directing its Career Planning & Placement Program. In 1983, she and Nancy Boyer formed Boyer & Dimich Associates, a private career development and consulting firm. She was a Montana Licensed Professional Counselor and a National Certified Career Counselor. Jean retired from the firm at the end of 1996.

Jean served on the President's Advisory Council of MSU and the Advisory Council of the Museum of the Rockies. Locally, she served on the boards of AAUW, ASTD, YMCA, Zonta Club, Junior League and Billings Symphony Society. She was honored in 1996 by YWCA Salute to Women.

Jean served as treasurer of her church foundation and co-chair of the Billings Symphony major gifts endowment campaign. With her family, she also established the Carol D. Dimich Memorial Foundation to provide scholarships for nontraditional students.

Jean enjoyed her retirement years, walking, swimming and bicycling with friends, spending

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time with her Billings family, visiting her daughter and family in France and traveling extensively with her husband and friends.

Jean is survived by her husband, William; children Tom (Pam) and Nancy (Thierry Louvet); and grandchildren, Allison, Caroline, Maxime, Sophie and Jesse, all of Billings. Jean is also survived by her two brothers, Don Gowin of Belgrade and Jim Gowin (Winnie) of Phoenix, as well as several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and her daughter, Carol.

Jean's family expresses their gratitude and respect for everyone involved in her care including Dr. Patrick Cobb, Mary Beth Kofstad, Jeannine Brandt, the Friday cancer support group and the staff and volunteers of Big Sky Hospice. Their skills and caring manner, as well as the prayers and support of her family and treasured friends during her 22-year cancer odyssey, helped her to face her final challenge with courage and dignity.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be at First Presbyterian Church at 3 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 2, with a reception immediately following in Fellowship Hall. Private family interment will be held at Mountview Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family strongly urges memorials to be made to The Billings Symphony

Endowment, 201 N. Broadway, No. 350, Billings, MT 59101; First Presbyterian Church Foundation, 2307 13th St. W., Billings, MT 59102; the Carol D. Dimich Memorial Foundation, 2917 Lohof Dr., Billings, MT 59102; or to the charity of one's choice.

Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.



## Harold Dimmick

ROUNDUP — Harold "Lynn" Dimmick, 59, of Roundup, died Saturday, Jan. 4, 2003, of natural causes.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 8, at the New Life Community Church in Roundup. Wier Funeral Home is in charge.

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## **Donna Grace Dingfelder**

**EKALAKA** — Donna Grace Dingfelder, 44, of Ekalaka, died March 24, 2003, in Ekalaka.

Visitation will be from 2 to 7 p.m. Thursday, March 27, in the Chapel of Stevenson Funeral Home in Ekalaka. Funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Friday, March 28, at the Ekalaka Bible Church. Graveside service will be at 3 p.m. Friday, at the Fairview Cemetery in Camp Crook, S.D.

# Wilfred P. 'Willie' Dinkel

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Wilfred P. "Willie" Dinkel, age 73, passed away suddenly Saturday morning, Nov. 29, 2003, in his home.

Willie was born on Jan. 25, 1930, in Ness City, Kan., the eldest son of Nicholas and Regina Dinkel. Willie was "big" brother to Don, Celey, Harold, Fred, Joanne, Theresa and Lorita. He was raised and educated in Greeley, Colo. When he was a mere nine years old, he started his auction career with the Austin Auction Co., selling cattle and farm equipment. He worked diligently helping his family at numerous jobs, while also working the family farm with his brothers and sisters.

When the Korean Conflict broke out, he served two tours of duty with the U.S. Army. It was during this time that he met the love of his life, Dorothy Pukash. They married on Nov. 27, 1950. Three days later, he left for his second tour of duty. After an honorable discharge from the U.S. Army, he returned home to Greeley and they started a family. From this union three children



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were born: Ronald Paul in 1952, Edwin Nicholas in 1955 and Pamela Kay in 1960.

After his discharge from the U.S. Army, Willie began selling Kirby vacuums and won the top salesman of the year award. He then became a policeman for the City of Greeley Colorado Police Department for three years. At this point in his life, along with his brother-in-law and friend, he developed and sold "Winns Friction Proofing and Cattle Oilers."

When he opened "Wild Willie's Used Cars" in the late '60s, it began a lifelong career in the automobile industry. He auctioned cars at both the Auto Auctions in Denver and became an automobile wholesaler. He was hired to be an auctioneer at the Billings Auto Auction in 1974. Two years later, along with his two sons, they purchased the Billings Auto Auction and owned it until May of 2003. Willie loved the automobile business, he loved going to work, the thrill of buying and selling cars never changed. The Billings Auto Auction was his pride and joy. Willie made many friends and business acquaintances and was loved by many employees.

Willie's hobbies were hunting, fishing, collecting art and glassware. He also loved going to Las Vegas and gambling and was also known to "down a few with his

many, many, many friends." He especially loved nice clothes and prided himself on always looking "snappy."

Willie was devoted to the Catholic Church and found peace, joy and happiness there. He was a Fourth Degree Knight in the Greeley Knights of Columbus.

Willie loved and adored his wife Dorothy. Last week, Willie and Dorothy celebrated their 53rd year of marriage.

Surviving him are his wife, Dorothy; his sons, Ron (Bonnie) and Ed (Teresa); and his daughter, Pamela; nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. He is also survived by brothers, Don of Greeley, Colo., Celey of Denver, Harold (Kathy) of New Mexico; his sisters, Joanne (Jim) Baugh of Grand Junction, Colo. and Lorita (Adolph) Wachsmann of Greeley, Colo. and Sister Theresa Dinkel of Cheyenne, Wyo.; his uncle, Al Basgall; and his sisters-in-law, Anne Johnson and Edna Pukash.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his brother, Fred; his brothers-in-law, Paul Johnson and Bob Pukash; and many aunts and uncles.

His grandson Tracy says, "He was always my grandpa but also my dad." Tashie says, "I love you grandpa." His wife, daughter, sons and daughters-in-law hold in their hearts their memories and love...*Thanks Dad, we love you!*

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A vigil service will be 7 p.m. Tuesday evening, Dec. 2, St. Thomas the Apostle Church. Funeral mass will be offered at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 3, at St. Thomas the Apostle Church. Memorials may be made to the Ronald McDonald House, 1144 N. 30th, Billings, MT 59101. Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

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# Kathryn H. Dirkson

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**SAPPHIRE VILLAGE** — Kathryn "Katy" H. Dirkson, 61, of Sapphire Village, died Wednesday, May 7, 2003, at her home, of cancer.

Memorial services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, May 12, at the Cloyd Funeral Home Chapel in Lewistown. Inurnment will follow in the Lewistown City Cemetery. Cremation has taken place.

**JUL 27 2003****Lavina Divesbackwards**

**SPOKANE, Wash.** — Lavina Divesbackwards, 45, of Spokane, formerly of Lame Deer, Mont., died July 23, 2003.

Wake service will be at 8 p.m. Sunday, July 27, at the home of her sister, Rosella Pongah, on Muddy Creek Road. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Monday, July 28, at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Lame Deer. Burial will be in the Lame Deer Cemetery. Rausch Funeral Home of the Northern Cheyenne Nation is in charge.

# Alonzo 'A J' Dixon

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SIDNEY — Funeral services for Alonzo "AJ" Dixon Jr., 13 years old, will be 10 a.m., Monday, Nov. 3, 2003, at the Assembly of God Church, with Pastor Ron Masters officiating. Cremation will follow services under the direction of Fulkerson Funeral Home of Sidney.

AJ was born on Dec. 25, 1989, in Milwaukee, the son of Alonzo Dixon Sr. and Martha Townsend. He grew up and attended



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schools in Milwaukee. In 2001, AJ moved with his family to Sidney to live. He attended the Sidney Middle School and was in the eighth grade.

AJ enjoyed collecting rocks, trading cards, going fishing, wrestling and playing video games.

AJ died Friday morning, Oct. 31, 2003, at his home in Sidney.

Surviving him are his mother, Martha A. Townsend of Sidney; his father, Alonzo J. Dixon Sr. of Milwaukee; brothers, Deon Donshay Townsend (15) and Xavier Lee Dixon (1 month) both of Milwaukee; sisters, Luscious Jamayca Santana Townsend (12)

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and India Iesha Hopson (II) both of Sidney, and Deja Marie Dixon (8) of Milwaukee; grandparents, Annie and Arthur McFadden of Pine Bluff, Ark., Lorraine and Henry Ford of Milwaukee; aunts, Joyce Moore and Marie Townsend of Pine Bluff, Ark., Marcella Elaine Dixon of Rolling Fork, Miss., Phaleshia Gregory and Alexandria Ford of Milwaukee; uncles, Mitchell McFadden and Otis Williams of Pine Bluff, Ark., Dennis West of Milwaukee; numerous cousins, other relatives, and friends in Wisconsin, Arkansas, Missouri, and here in Sidney.

Appreciation and thanks to Sidney Middle School, Sidney Health Center, and the Children Hospital in Denver. Thank you to the community of Sidney for your prayers, special gifts, and thoughts for Alonzo and his family. And a special thanks to Katie and Jeri, best friend Blake and special friend Sandy. May God bless you all.

**MAR 11 1903****Patricia  
Patterson Dixon**

BASIN, Wyo. — Patricia  
"Phelma" Patterson Dixon, 83, of  
Basin, died Saturday, March 8,  
1903, at her home.

Funeral services will be at 10

a.m. Thursday, March 13, at the  
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-  
day Saints, Basin Ward, between  
Basin and Greybull.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m.  
to 4 p.m. Tuesday, March 11, and  
10 to 4 p.m. Wednesday, March  
12, at the Atwood Family Funeral  
Chapel in Basin, and one hour  
prior to the services Thursday, in  
the Relief Society Room at the  
Church.

Burial will follow the funeral  
services at Mount View  
Cemetery in Basin.

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## Clara L. Dobbin

LAUREL — Clara L. Dobbin, 94, of Laurel, died Wednesday evening, Nov. 12, 2003, at her home, of natural causes.

She was born in Swan River, Minn., on July 12, 1909, a daughter of John and Elizabeth Setera. She came with her parents to Wibaux as a young girl. She graduated from Wibaux High School and Normal School, later Eastern Montana College, with a teacher's certificate and taught school in Dawson County.

Clara married John Dobbin on April 28, 1934. John worked for what became Burlington Northern railroad and they lived in various Montana towns, finally settling in Laurel in the 1950s.

Clara was active at St. Anthony Catholic Church and belonged to the Women's Altar Society, League of Mary and the Degree of Honor.

She was blessed in her later years with endearing neighbors, friends and church community that were always there to help. Mother's trust was in the Lord and He truly blessed her with long life. She has finished the race and kept

the faith.

Clara was preceded in death by her husband John and a son-in-law Fred Matthews. Survivors



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include her son, Fr. J.D. Dobbin of Truk; two daughters, Darlene Matthews of Bethel, Conn., and Claudia Miller and her husband Wallace of Butte; a brother

Walter Setera of Dickinson, N.D.; two sisters, Celia Nix of Milton Freewater, Ore., and Nettie Bradley of Minneapolis; six grandchildren, Krista Noyce (Bill), Cindy O'Connor (Dan), Carol and John Matthews, Ginger Love (David) and Heather Holman and 10 great-grandchildren.

Rosary will be recited at 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 17, at Smith Funeral Chapel-Laurel. The Funeral Mass will be celebrated 10 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 18, at St. Anthony Catholic Church, with rite of committal in St. Anthony Cemetery.

**Clark Dobbins**

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Clark Elliot Dobbins, age 86, of Billings, died on Wednesday morning, March 12, 2003, at the Valley Health Care Center.

Clark was born in LaCrosse, Wis., on Feb. 22, 1917, the son of Thomas Earl and Eva (Nestingen) Dobbins. He graduated from LaCrosse State Teachers College in 1939, and was a three year letterman on the football team. On Aug. 9, 1941, he married Lavina Larson in Cashton, Wis. Two years ago, Clark and Lavina had a very special 60th wedding anniversary celebration. They had a very wonderful loving marriage.

Clark began his working career in the fall of 1941 as a history teacher and football and basketball coach at the high school in Loyal, Wis. After several years of teaching and coaching, he went into "Y" work. Clark was an executive director in the YMCA for 34 years at LaCrosse; Keokuk, Iowa; and here in Billings. He retired from "Y" work in 1979.

Clark was a very faithful member of First English Lutheran Church in Billings, where he enjoyed Bible studies, prayer groups, lay preaching and teaching. Over the years, he often was the leader for the Stewardship Program.

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Clark was also a longtime member of the Billings Rotary Club and was a "Paul Harris Fellow." He enjoyed sports and was an ardent follower and fan of the Senior High Broncs. During his retirement years, Clark was very active in the "Walk to Emmaus" retreats. His life was dedicated to serving his Lord and Savior Jesus, and bringing others to know the Lord.

He is survived by his wife of nearly 62 years, Lavina; his son Michael and his wife Peggy of Vasa, Minn.; and four grandchildren, Shawn (Sara) Dobbins, Elizabeth Dobbins, Matthew Dobbins of St. Paul, Minn., and Jennifer (Glen) Fisher-Reyes of Calabassas, Calif.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his son Thomas.

Visitations may be made Friday evening, March 14, at the Smith Downtown Chapel or at the church prior to the funeral. The funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, March 15, at the First English Lutheran Church, 1243 N. 31st Street. Burial will be in Cashton, Wis. Smith Downtown Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

# Eugene 'Gene' Dodge

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SIDNEY — Memorial services for Eugene "Gene" Dodge, 53, of Sidney, will be 10 a.m. Tuesday, April 15, at the Lonsdale United Methodist Church, Sidney, with Pastor Susan Twidwell officiating. Music will be provided by Mary Pfau and Marge Thogersen. Honorary casketbearers are Bobby Finnicum, Jerry Vig, Wayne Lensegrav, Leo Miller, Jeff Hinds, Dale Ronholt and his close friends. Ushers are Ray Kordonowy and Lee Bryant. Military honors will be provided by VFW Post No. 4099, Sidney. Cremation has taken place under the direction of Fulkerson Funeral Home of Sidney.

Eugene Vernon Dodge was born March 7, 1950, to parents Vernon E. and Harriet (Hansen) Dodge in Bowbells, N.D. Gene grew up and attended schools in Columbus, N.D., where he graduated from high school in 1968. At the age of 19, Gene enlisted in the Army for seven years. While in the army, he spent two years in Vietnam as crew chief on a med-vac helicopter. He also was stationed at Ft. Hood, Texas. After he was honorably discharged from the Army, he attended Vo-Tech College for two years in Tulsa, Okla., to be an aircraft mechanic. Gene worked for Boeing in Wichita,

Kan., for two years.

Gene was united in marriage to Patricia "Pat" Maus, April 22, 1971, in Stanley, N.D. In 1973 their daughter Bobbi was born and in 1976, daughter Toni was born. They moved to Sidney in October 1981, where Gene worked in the oilfield until he was forced to retire due to ill health.

Gene was a Methodist, member of the Sidney Country Club and API. He enjoyed watching football with family and friends and especially enjoyed golfing.

Gene died Thursday, April 10, 2003, at his home, Sidney.

Gene is survived by his wife Pat of Sidney; daughters, Bobbi Dodge of Woodward, Okla., and Toni Dodge (Blaine) of Sidney; parents, Vernon and Harriet Dodge of Kenmare, N.D.; sisters, Virginia (Arvey) Woodbeck of North Dakota and Elaine Dodge of Marmarth, N.D.; brother-in-law, John Maus of Nebraska; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents; many aunts and uncles.

## Verna M. Dodge

LIVINGSTON — Verna M. Dodge, 73, of Livingston, died Saturday, Aug. 2, 2003, at Deaconess Billings Clinic, of breast cancer.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 7, at Livingston Christian Center. Graveside committal and burial will follow in Park View Gardens Cemetery. Franzen-Davis Funeral Home of Livingston is in charge.

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**John E. Doerr**

POWELL, Wyo. — John E. Doerr, 87, died Thursday, Nov. 6, 2003, in the Powell Hospital, after a lingering illness. John was born May 26, 1916, in Lovell, the son of Edward E. and Amelia Ruth Doerr.

John devoted many years to farming south of Lovell and selling Farm Bureau Insurance on a part-time basis. He later devoted full time to the insurance business.

He moved with his family to Powell about 20 years ago. John loved to fish and was an avid golfer.

He is survived by his wife, Paulene K. Doerr of Powell; a son, Thomas J. Doerr, also of Powell; a son, David A. Doerr and wife Barbara of Pocatello, Idaho; and a daughter, Millie A. Town and husband Barrie of Monument, Colo.; grandchildren, James D. Doerr of Little Chute, Wis., Jennifer C. Doerr of Galveston, Texas, Cory A. Town (Bridget) of Monument, Amy Town Carabajal (Nestor) of Atlanta and Jessica A. Doerr; and four great-grandchildren, Brooke Town, Barrie Town, Summer Town and Amelia A. Carabajal.

Funeral services will be held Monday, Nov. 10, in St. John's Lutheran Church in Lovell, at 10 a.m. A viewing will be held Sunday, Nov. 9, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Haskell Funeral Home in Lovell. Burial will be in the Lovell Cemetery.



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## Robert 'Bob' Dohse

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CODY, Wyo. — Bob left us on Dec. 19, 2003, to join all of his loved ones who had gone before.

He was born in Sioux City, Iowa, on Oct. 25, 1921. As a young man, he lived in Battle Mountain, Nev., and worked at the McCoy Mine. He later joined the Navy and was a veteran of World War II. He married May R. Kewen and they had a daughter, Leslie.

Bob retired as chief petty officer after 20 years service, and moved to Cody where he met and married Ruth Johnson Cornett and lived on the North Fork at their home "Up the River" until the past three years. He was a cattle rancher at heart, an outfitter and also a successful businessman.

In his career he owned the Irma Hotel which he worked hard to restore and designate as a Registered National Historic Place. His other ventures included the Green Gables Pancake House, Four Winds Supper Club, Eagle Valley Inn and Wapiti Valley Inn. He served as an active member and past president of the Cody Chamber of Commerce and the Wyoming Hotel and Motel Association.

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Having traveled the world over and being an international wild sheep hunter, he is ranked No. 17 in the world for his Super Slam and other trophy sheep he hunted. Bob was a member of the VFW, the Masonic Lodge, the Kefar Shrine, and a long-time member of Eastern Star.

His greatest loves and enjoyment came from his family, extended family of friends and his cattle.

Bob is survived by his devoted wife, Ruth; loving daughter, Leslie Dohse (Gary Brown); stepsons, Thomas Cornett (Margo) and Michael Cornett (Jill Hemsley); his sister, Betty Sue Jennings; brother, Richard (Bill) Dohse; 11 grandchildren, Jonathan, Manotee, Richard, Starkie, Christopher, Nyla, Shauna Rane, Stormy, David, Levi, Bobby; 14 great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews and other family members.

He was predeceased by his father Claus Dohse, mother Clara Parfett, and stepson David Cornett.

Cremation has taken place. A celebration of Bob's life is being held Tuesday from 3-5 p.m. at the Irma Hotel.

Memorial services will be held July 3, 2004, at the Red Pole Ranch (the first place Bob owned in Wyoming) at 3 p.m. Please bring your food memories to share.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the local Kefar Shrine, 1138 Rumsey, Cody, WY, 82414.

## Clarence Joseph Doka

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CODY, Wyo. — Clarence Joseph "Joe" Doka, 75, died Sunday, Jan. 26, 2003, at West Park Hospital.

A celebration of life gathering will be all day Saturday, Feb. 15, at 43 Road 2AB in Cody. Cremation has taken place. Ballard Funeral Home of Cody is in charge.

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## Clara W. Doles

Clara (Sieg) Doles died Tuesday, Nov. 4, 2003, in Billings, of natural causes. She was 85 years old.

Clara was born south of Barber, Mont., at the family homestead, on April 27, 1918, to Wilhelm and Anna (Noldner) Sieg. She was the second to the youngest of six children. Clara attended Cavill Elementary School south of Barber and high school at Ryegate. After earning her teaching degree from Normal School (later Eastern Montana College) in Billings, Clara taught primary education at several country schools in Wheatland, Golden Valley and Carbon counties.

She was married to Harry W. (Woody) Doles of Fromberg on Sept. 24, 1942, in Seattle, where she worked at the Boeing factory for the war effort. After the war was over, they moved back to Montana and settled in Billings.

Clara was a loving, caring wife and mother and we will miss her.

Clara is survived by her husband Woody of Billings; two sons, Brian and Dan of Billings; two grandchildren, Derek of Billings and David of Houston; one great-grandson, Caleb of Houston; two sisters, Marie Harman of Shepherd and Bertha Zinne of Ryegate.

Cremation has taken place and a memorial will be held at a later date. Dahl Funeral & Cremation Services is assisting the family with arrangements.

# Joseph Doll Jr.

GLENDIVE — Joseph Doll Jr., age 74, of Glendive, passed away on Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2003, at the Wibaux County Nursing Home in Wibaux.

A vigil service will be held at 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 5, at the chapel of the Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home in Glendive. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, Jan. 6, at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church, with Father Joseph Ponessa officiating. Rite of Committal will be in the Dawson Memorial Cemetery. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home is entrusted with arrangements.

Joe was born on July 26, 1928, at the Saint Joseph area near Glen Ullin, N.D., the son of Joseph and Rose (Kautzman) Doll Sr. He attended rural school and Glen Ullin High School. Joe was united in marriage to Reinholda "Reinie" Deiss on July 3, 1950, at the Saint Joseph Church located near Glen Ullin. In 1951, they moved to Glendive, where Joe started working for Purity Dairy, which later became Dufaer's Dairy. He then became a meat cutter and worked at Oljars, Rahrs and Buttrey Food. He retired in 1985 and became self employed as a meat cutter in his own butcher shop.

Joe was a member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

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Glendive Moose Lodge 949 and the Makoshika Travelers Chapter of the Good Sam Club. He enjoyed working, putting on vehicles, fishing, ranching and especially enjoyed spending time with his family and friends.



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Joe was preceded in death by his parents; his wife Reinie in January of 2001; two sons, Larry and Gary; seven sisters; four brothers and several grandchildren.

Survivors include his children, Terry Doll of Nome, Alaska, Douglas Doll of Deer Lodge, Ron Doll and his wife Mary "M.J." and Dennis and his wife Ann, all of Glendive, Karen Belling and her husband Ray of Richland, Tom Doll of Scottsdale, Ariz., Mark Doll and his wife Wendy of Great Falls, Lisa Quale and her husband Jon of Omaha, Neb.; two sisters, Agatha Madison of Missoula and Rose Wood and her husband Bob of Richfield, Minn.; one brother, Tony Doll of Seattle; 15 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

**AUG 24 2003**

Valentine "Val" Doll, 84, of Billings, passed away peacefully at home, surrounded by his loving family, early Friday morning, Aug. 22, 2003.



**VAL DOLL**

Val was born in Solen, N.D., on Nov. 22, 1918. He was one of 10 children of Frederick and Marion Doll. He was raised and educated on the

family farm near Flasher, N.D. During World War II, Val worked in the CCC's in Watford City.

On Oct. 21, 1947, Val married Frances Leingang, and together they had three sons. Val started in the radiator repair business working for Ack's Radiator in Bismarck, N.D. In 1949, Val and Frances moved to Billings, where Val started working for Montana Radiator and Welding. In 1957, using one week's paycheck, he started his own business, Val's Radiator Repair, out of his garage. It became a very successful business. Val retired in 1978, and they moved to Columbus. His son, David, took over the business.

After retirement, Val and Frances traveled extensively and spent many winters in Arizona. Dad was always the happiest when all of the family was around, whether it was a gathering at the

house or a weekend camping trip. As a result of failing health, they sold their motor home and moved back to Billings in 1990.

He is survived by his wife, Frances of 55 years; three sons, Jim (Loretta), Gary (Judy) and Dave (Sandy), all of Billings; eight grandchildren, Korey of Los Angeles, Kalin (Aidan) Guthridge of Portland, Suzie (Eric) Egge of St. Paul, Tim (Traci) of Casper and Kris (Teresa), Laura, Brad and Becky all of Billings; and one great-grandson, Andrew Guthridge of Portland. Val is also survived by three sisters, Rose (Dan) Friesz, Mary Fischer and Josephine Magilke.

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

The family would like to give special thanks to the wonderful and caring staff of Big Sky Hospice.

A vigil service will be held at 7 p.m. Monday at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary. A funeral mass will be offered at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Church of the Little Flower. Cremation will follow services. A private family inurnment will be at Holy Cross Cemetery.

Memorials to Big Sky Hospice, P.O. Box 35033, Billings, MT 59107 or to Church of the Little Flower, 200 E. 25th, Billings, MT 59101

## Clinton A. Dolsman

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LEWISTOWN — Clinton A. Dolsman, 70, died Sunday, Jan. 26, 2003, at the Central Montana Medical Center.

At his request, cremation has taken place and there will be no services. Creel Funeral Home of Lewistown is in charge.

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Helen Irene Donaldson, 87, beloved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, went to sing in the Lord's choir, Feb. 26, 2003.

Helen was born Jan. 24, 1916, in Fargo, N.D., the daughter of Norwegian parents Elias and Regina Helenina Weisener Larson.



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She was raised and educated in the Fargo area, which is where she met and married Arthur V. Donaldson. To this union was born two sons. The family moved to Billings in 1949.

Helen worked for many years for Westwood Appliance Store and will always be remembered as the "show me how it works lady." She was a charter member of Grace Methodist Church, where she truly loved being a part of God's mission. Her church family and all of its activities were very important to her.

Besides bringing a smile to everyone's face, Helen enjoyed knitting, crocheting, listening to music and was passionate about spending time with her family. One of her family's favorite memories of her was the delicious cookies and soup which was always on the menu.

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Helen is survived by her son Dennis and daughter-in-law Nicolene of Billings; and daughter-in-law Jani Donaldson of Portland, Ore.; four grandchildren, Stephen (Julie) and Daria (Tricia), all of Billings, Julie and Jamie of Portland; five great-granddaughters, Allie, Abbie, Kendra, Katelyn and Kelcie. She has been preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Elmo and Leo; her husband; and a son, Donald.

The family would like to express their sincere thanks to the wonderful staff and nurses of St. John's Lutheran Home for the love and care given to Helen. They have touched our hearts forever.

A gathering for family and friends will be held 7 p.m. Sunday, March 2, at Cremation or Funeral Gallery, 29 Eighth St. West. Funeral service will be held 10 a.m. Monday, March 3, at the Grace United Methodist Church, 1935 Ave. B. Interment will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Arrangements are by Cremation or Funeral Gallery.

## **Cordelia Doney**

LEWISTOWN — Cordelia "Corky" (Montague) Doney, 81, died Monday, Oct. 20, 2003, at the Central Montana Skilled Nursing Center.

Funeral liturgy will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Oct. 24, at St. Leo's Catholic Church. Burial will be in Mount Calvary Cemetery. Creel Funeral Home of Lewistown is in charge.

# Cynthia Fay Herndon Doney

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Cynthia Fay Doney, 95, passed away peacefully of natural causes surrounded by loved ones, March 6, 2003, at Aspen Meadows in Billings.



FAY DONEY

Fay was born Oct. 28, 1907, at McCurtain, Okla., to Josie Ledbetter and Joseph Herndon. Fay always said she was "born in Indian Territory" before Oklahoma gained statehood, in November 1907.

Fay graduated from Marquette University College of Dentistry in 1930. She met her husband, Earl Thomas Doney, of Bozeman, in Denver. They were married in Golden, Colo., on Aug. 18, 1939. They resided in Butte, Louisville, Ky.; and Wilmington, Del., before retiring at Big Sky and Walnut Creek, Calif. Through their years together, they traveled the world.

Fay continued to live at the Rossmore Retirement Community until 1996. While there, she was active in the "Montana Club" and served as its governor. Her hobbies included dealing in antiques, with glassware being her specialty. She designed

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beautiful gardens, both floral and vegetable, and she loved raw peas fresh out of the garden! With her creativity, she added wonderful flavors to her cooking and canning. She was a great reader of books and working crossword puzzles, and because of it had a superb vocabulary. Christmas was her favorite holiday with reason, she was a student of the Bible and cherished family.

In 1996, she moved to West Park Village in Billings, then to Beartooth Manor in Columbus, then Aspen Meadows, from where she departed to her "final Home."

Fay made some notable gifts to the Montana State University Endowment and Alumni Foundation, paying tribute to her husband Earl, who graduated with honors in 1938 at the age of 17 in electrical engineering!

Fay is survived by two nieces and two nephews; Betty Davis, Arlene Wepfer, Robert Doney and Ellis Doney. Preceding her in death were her parents, husband Earl, her sister Grace and brother Earl.

A celebration of Fay's life will be held at a later date. Cremation has taken place. Michelotti-Sawyers is in charge of arrangements.

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**Violet Donnafield**

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Violet Donnafield, 86, of Sheridan, died Saturday, Nov. 1, 2003, at her home.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 6, at Kane Funeral Home in Sheridan. Interment will follow in Sheridan Municipal Cemetery.

## Louis Allen 'Al' Donohue

PLACID LAKE — Louis Allen "Al" Donohue, 76, of Placid Lake, who was formerly active in Great Falls businesses and was credited with giving country singer Charley Pride his start, died of complications from a stroke he had suffered years earlier on Thursday at his lake home.

Louis was the son of the late Edward Brown Donohue and the late Gretchen Coates. He graduated from Cathedral High School in Helena in 1944. He attended Northwestern University in Chicago and received his bachelor's degree from the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, King's Point, N.Y., graduating first in his class.

Louis married Ida Oja of Geysler in 1950. They had five children; they were divorced in 1968, but remained friends. He married Bonnie Blewett in Helena on Nov. 2, 1968. He adopted her daughter, Becky. He and Bonnie recently celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary. He was a thoughtful and loving husband and father and expressed that love freely.

He was dedicated to the state of Montana and enjoyed traveling, boating, snowmobiling, and motorcycling. He often shared these activities with his children and grandchildren. His favorite place was his home on Placid Lake.

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where many precious memories with family and friends were made.

Until he suffered a stroke in 1989, Louis was the majority owner of the Heritage Inn and the Budget Inn in Great Falls. He previously co-owned KMON and KNUW radio stations, Golfland driving range, Continental Television Network, the Twilite Cinema Center, and the Motor-Vu and 10th Avenue drive-in theaters.

He was the past president of the Montana Theater Owners, the Montana Broadcasters Association, the Montana Innkeepers Association, the Old West Trail Commission, and the Great Falls Area and Montana State Chambers of Commerce. He was a member of the Montana Ambassadors, the President's Council on Small Business, the Montana Tavern Association, Friendship Force, the Governor's Council on Management, the Knights of Columbus, and the Elks Club. He was chairman of the Governor's Council on Tourism, the C.M. Russell Art Auction, a board member of the Great Falls Ad Club, Economic Growth Council, Montana Travel Hosts, and the C.M. Russell Museum.

He was a personal advisor to five Montana governors, a trustee at the University of Great Falls, a chief clerk of the Montana House of Representatives for four sessions, and secretary of the Montana State

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Senate for two sessions.

He had been a sports announcer for years of Shrine football, Golden Gloves boxing, the University of Great Falls Argos basketball, and the Golden Nuggets basketball of the CBA.



**LOUIS  
DONOHUE**

He promoted country music in Great Falls, bringing Johnny Cash, Buck Owens and others. He was influential in launching the career of country western singer Charley Pride, and they were friends.

Survivors include his wife, Bonnie G. Blewett Donohue of Placid Lake; his children, Michael (Debbie) Donohue of Dallas, Texas, Mark (Edessa) Donohue of Billings, Marcy (Rob) Donohue Horning of Ft. Collins, Colo., Kathy Donohue of Great Falls, Becky (Michael) Donohue Amici of Park City, Utah, and Edward Donohue of Billings; his grandchildren, Tonya Kimball (expecting) of Emerado, N.D., Tray Mims of Letohatchee, Ala., Kourtney Donohue, Cullen Donohue and Kaitlin Donohue, all of Dallas, Texas, Robin Horning Livingston of Westminster, Colo., Matt Horning, Brandon Horning and Rachel Horning, all of Ft. Collins, Colo., Mequel Baril of Portland, Ore., Chantelle Baril, Whitney Donohue, Jordan Donohue, Alexa Donohue and

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Micah Donohue, all of Billings, Adrienne Donohue, Janesse Donohue, Lindsey Donohue, Shelley Donohue and Lauren Donohue of Great Falls, Michael Amici, Jr., Joseph Amici, Anna-Victoria Amici and Roman Amici, all of Park City, Utah, Chris Donohue, Bryan Donohue, Jeremy Donohue and Sarah Donohue, all of Billings, and Nathan Schmidt of Great Falls; his great-grandchildren, Ethan Livingston of Westminster, Colo., Kynsie Schmidt of Great Falls and Addie Casey Mims of Letohatchee, Ala.

Burial of cremated remains will be held Tuesday at 10 a.m. at Resurrection Cemetery in Helena. Funeral Liturgy will be held Tuesday at 2 p.m. at St. Luke the Evangelist Church in Great Falls. A memorial service will be held Wednesday at 2 p.m. at Living Water Catholic Church in Seeley Lake, where Louis was a member.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be sent to the National Stroke Association, 9707 East Easter Lane, Englewood, CO 80112, the Catholic Relief Society, Habitat for Humanity, or to the donor's choice. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Cremation and Burial Society of the Rockies.

## Donald Robert Donovan

LARSLAN — Donald Robert Donovan, 93, of Larslan, died Thursday, Jan. 2, 2003, at Frances Mahon Deaconess Hospital in Glasgow.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday, Jan. 6, at First Lutheran Church in Glasgow. Burial will be in Highland Cemetery in Glasgow. Bell Mortuary of Glasgow is in charge.

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RUTH DONOVAN

Ruth Donovan

June 6, 1922 to Feb. 6, 2003

Ruth June Madsen Donovan, 80, passed away peacefully at home with her family.

Ruth was born on June 7, 1922, in Every, Iowa, the third child of Clarence and Dora (Krueger) Madsen. She spent her early years around the Hartley, Iowa, area and moved with her family to Billings in 1933. She graduated from Billings High School in 1940 and then attended Billings Business School.

Ruth married John Donovan on Dec. 14, 1941 (seven days after Pearl Harbor). They lived in Denver, North Carolina; Roseburg, Ore.; before returning to Billings in 1950. Ruth worked for Curley Naylor Electric, Coca-Cola and Montana Power Company, retiring as office manager in 1981. After retirement, Ruth and John spent 18 winters as snowbirds in Apache

Junction, Ariz.

Ruth was a member of the First Christian Church. She loved to sew, do needlepoint and knit. Her special love was her family — she loved having family meals and everyone around. She also enjoyed a game of cards.

Ruth was preceded in death by her parents, Clarence and Dora Madsen; sister, Viola Frates; in-laws, Zoolamay and David Donovan; sisters-in-law, Marjorie Madsen and Jeanie Donovan.

She is survived by her husband, John, of 61 years; son Gary (Carol) of Billings; daughters, Diane Sweeney of Plano, Texas, and Sandy (Dave) Doll of Billings; 11 grandchildren, Wayne (Grace) of Austin, Texas, Kelly (Jamie), Ryan and Kevin Donovan of Billings, Jason, Sweeney and Jeanette (Clayton) Bowers of Plano, and Suzie (Eric Egge), Eagan, Minn., Tim (Trace Lauber), Casper, Wyo., Brad and Becky Doll of Billings; and one great-granddaughter, Isobel Grace Donovan of Austin, Texas. She is also survived by brother Vern (Joyce) Madsen, sister Noreen Crogan and brother-in-law Harold Donovan and numerous nieces and nephews.

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The family would like to thank Dr. Gerstner and staff, Big Sky Hospice, Nina, Doffia, Pam, Becky, Melissa, Lee and Ron Bough, Terry and Marietta Zollinger, and Bonnie for her hugs.

Funeral services will be held Monday, Feb. 10, at 1 p.m., at the First Christian Church, 522 N. 29th St. Interment will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens. Smith Downtown Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials may be directed to Big Sky Hospice, First Christian Church or Northern Rockies Cancer Center.

## Peter Donston

DAYTON, Wyo. — Peter Donston, 66, of Dayton, died Saturday, Oct. 4, 2003, at Deaconess Billings Clinic.

Memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 8, at Champion Ferries Funeral Home in Sheridan.

BILLINGS GAZETTE

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## **Leonard G. Dooley**

**WORLAND, Wyo.** — Leonard C. Dooley, 67, of Worland, formerly of Powell, died Wednesday, Nov. 26, 2003, at Washakie Medical Center in Worland.

Memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 29, at the Worland Elks Lodge. Cremation will take place. The cremains will be buried in Riverview Memorial Gardens in Worland at a later date. Velle Mortuary of Worland is in charge.

## Beverly Doornek

WOLF  
POINT

Beverly J. "Bev" Doornek, age 68, of Wolf Point, died Oct. 1, 2003, at St. Vincent Healthcare in Billings. Bev was born July 27, 1935, in Wolf Point to Bob

and Marie Balder. She was raised in Wolf Point and attended schools here. She married Marvin "Hans" Doornek in Sidney on Aug. 8, 1952.

Bev farmed and ranched with her husband on the Missouri river bottom in north McCone County until retiring five years ago. They raised sheep and cattle. Bev also worked for a time in the Wolf Point school system as a cook and custodian. She loved horses and her little dachshunds. Growing flowers and gardening were a passion for her. She was a member of the Immaculate Conception Church in Wolf Point.



BEV DOORNEK

Bev is survived by her husband Hans of Wolf Point; two sons, R.J. (Arlene) and Scott (Sharon), both of Wolf Point; one daughter, Debbie (Glen) Graveley of Salt Lake City; seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren, all of whom she loved dearly. Also surviving are her mother, Marie Balder of Wolf Point; one sister, Joyce Smith of Wolf Point; a favorite niece, Alanne Ryan of Wolf Point; and numerous nieces and nephews. Her father preceded her in death.

Visitation was held on Friday, Oct. 3, with a vigil service at 7 p.m., at Clayton Stevenson Memorial Chapel in Wolf Point. Funeral services will be held on Saturday, Oct. 4, at 10 a.m., at the Immaculate Conception Church with Rev. Fr. Steve Zabrocki officiating. Interment will be in Greenwood Cemetery. The family requests that memorials be sent in her name to the Faith Home Foundation or to the charity of one's choice. Condolences may be sent to the family at [csmc@memontel.net](mailto:csmc@memontel.net) or [www.stevensonandsons.com](http://www.stevensonandsons.com). Clayton Stevenson Memorial Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

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**Myron 'Bud' Doornek**W O L F  
POINT —

Myron A. "Bud" Doornek, age 75, of Wolf Point, passed away on Dec. 16, 2003, at NEMHS in Wolf Point.



**"BUD"  
DOORNEK**

Bud was born Oct. 4, 1928, in Poplar to Joseph and Clara (Etzel) Doornek. He was raised on the family farm south of Poplar until moving to Wolf Point in 1942. Following his graduation from Wolf Point High School in 1946, Bud joined the army in June, serving in Korea. He was honorably discharged in December of 1947. He married Alice Good in Glasgow on Oct. 4, 1951.

Bud farmed and ranched with his wife south of Poplar in McCone County until retiring in 1991. He served one term as the McCone County commissioner and also drove school bus for three years. He was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church at Riverside and the Knights of Columbus in Wolf Point.

Bud is survived by his wife Alice Doornek of Wolf Point; four sons, Wayne (Sheila) and Gary of Livingston, Alan (Gail) of

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Winnemucca, Nev., and Jerry (Kelly) of Glasgow; two daughters, Kathy of Wolf Point and Cheryl (Dave) Borne of Prescott, Ariz.; 15 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. Also surviving are Bud's three brothers, Marvin (Hans) and Murel of Wolf Point and Martin (Chuck) of Billings; one sister, Marie of Missoula and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and six brothers.

Visitation will be held on Thursday from 1 to 7 p.m. at the chapel of Clayton Stevenson Memorial Chapel in Wolf Point. A vigil service will be held on Thursday at 7 p.m. at the chapel of Clayton Stevenson Memorial Chapel in Wolf Point. Funeral services will be held on Friday at 10 a.m. at the Immaculate Conception Church in Wolf Point with Father Steve Zabrocki officiating. Interment will follow in the Greenwood Cemetery in Wolf Point.

If desired, the family requests that memorials be sent in Bud's name to the charity of ones choice.

Condolences may be sent to the family by visiting [www.stevensonandsons.com](http://www.stevensonandsons.com). Clayton Stevenson Memorial Chapel of Wolf Point has been entrusted with the arrangements.

# Jean C. Doroshenko

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CHANDLER, Ariz. — Jean C. Doroshenko, 76, was received into the Lord's loving arms on March 7, 2003. Jean was born on Nov. 3, 1926, in Detroit and was raised in Fromberg, Mont. She lived in Billings with her loving husband Jerry until 1999 when they moved to Chandler. Jerry preceded her in their walk with the Lord in 2000 after 42 years of marriage.



**JEAN  
DOROSHENKO**

Jean is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Tina and Tom Schreiber; her son, John; sisters, Millie Woolley of Big Timber, Mont., Karla Norfleet of Rivervale, N.J., Shirley Hyde of Mesa; and brother, Joe McDonough of Ridgecrest, Calif. She was preceded in death by her sisters, Pat Eckes, Betty Pierce; brother, Jack McDonough, and her mother and father. She had seven grandchildren, eight great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Jean was a loving mother and her daughter's best friend. She was a caring sister and a joy to all of her friends. She had a special love for her son-in-law Tom, who always made her smile. She loved to swim, read, play cards and, most of all, spend time with her family.

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She worked as a legal secretary in Billings and retired in 1999. Her 10 years with the former law firm of West, Patten, Bekkedahl & Green were a precious gift to her. Jean also enjoyed taking computer classes, line dancing and babysitting her "granddog" Brandon. Jean touched the lives of everyone she met and will be remembered for her beautiful smile, laugh, compassion, strength and love.

She will be missed by all those who loved her and we are comforted knowing that she is at peace with Our Lord. A special thanks to Connie, Judy and Dave from Hospice of the Valley for their compassion and kindness in helping Jean on her journey to her place in heaven.

A celebration of her life will be held at Mountain Park Community Church at 2408 East Pecos Road, Phoenix at 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 11. A reception will follow. In lieu of flowers, please make contributions in Jean's name to Hospice of the Valley, 1510 E. Flower St., Phoenix, AZ 85014.

## Lydia Dorr

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**CULBERTSON** — Lydia Scheafer Belden Dorr, 94, of Culbertson, formerly of Sidney, died Monday, Jan. 20, 2003, at the Madison Valley Hospital in Ennis, due to a fall at the Madison Valley Manor.

A family service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 25, at the Shepherd of the Valley Church in Sidney. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, at the Shepherd of the Valley Church. Visitation will begin at noon, prior to the 2 p.m. services at the church. Interment will follow in the Sidney Cemetery. Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home of Miles City is in charge.

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## Edward R. Dorsey

BILLINGS GAZETTE

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WRIGHT, Wyo. — Edward R. Dorsey, 73, of Wright, died Friday, Dec. 27, 2002, at the Sheridan VA Medical Center.

At his request, cremation has taken place at Kane Funeral Home and Crematory. Inurnment of cremains will be in the Fort Snelling National Cemetery in Minneapolis at a later date.

## **Marianne L. Dotseth**

Marianne L. Dotseth, 56, passed away Monday morning, Oct. 13, 2003, at home, after a year-long battle with cancer.

She was born on May 11, 1947, in Nuremberg, Germany, to Wacław and Josefina Jaskolka.

Marianne immigrated to the United States in 1974. She moved to Billings, in 1987, where she has resided until her death. She was employed by the Wal-Mart Corp. She enjoyed her job, and took great pride in her work. She loved her family and friends. The time she was able to spend with her grandson was precious to her. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her.



**MARIANNE  
DOTSETH**

Marianne was preceded in death by her parents and her sister Christa Jaskolka. Marianne is survived by her son, Michael E. Blumlein; daughter Tanja C. Prado; grandson Aaron W. Turner, all of Billings; and her brother, Jurgen Jaskolka of Nuremberg, Germany.

Cremation has taken place and a memorial will be held 2 p.m. Friday, Oct. 17, at Cremation or Funeral Gallery, 29 Eighth St. W.

**MAY 20 2003**

**Fay Arla Douglas**

**MILES CITY —** Fay Arla Douglas, 87, of Miles City, formerly of Forsyth, died Saturday, May 17, 2003, at the Friendship Villa Care Center in Miles City.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, May 21, at the Beals Mortuary Chapel in Forsyth, with interment to follow in the Forsyth Cemetery.

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# Devon Douthit

**RED LODGE** — Devon Taylor Douthit, 19, of Red Lodge, lost his courageous struggle with life and chose to end his pain Tuesday evening, Dec. 9, 2003.

Devon was born on April 4, 1984, in Billings, a son of Burt and Donna Douthit.



**DEVON  
DOUTHIT**

He was raised and educated in Red Lodge, graduating from Red Lodge High School in 2002.

History and political science were his favorite subjects.

Devon's creative and artistic talents blossomed both in art class and in the kitchen. He was awarded "Best of Show" for his entry in the 2001 Carbon County Arts Guild Art Show, and he delighted in cooking gourmet meals for his family and friends.

Over the past two years, Devon was employed at the Red Lodge Super 8 where he enjoyed working with Karen and the crew, and, most recently, at Red Lodge Drug. During his senior year, Devon worked as a nurse's assistant at Laurel Evergreen Care Center where he endeared himself to the residents.

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Devon is survived by his parents of Red Lodge; his brother, Dan, a senior at MSU-Bozeman; three aunts, Velma Douthit and Marguerite Desjardin, both of Miles City, and Elizabeth Poythress of Kuna, Idaho; two uncles, Robert and Charles Lange; several cousins; and his beloved yellow lab, Maggie.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday at Smith-Olcott Funeral Chapel. Cremation will follow. Memorials may be given to the charity of one's choice.

"Devon, you are now in the arms of an angel; may you find peace and comfort there."

## Norman Dover

BELLINGS GAZETTE

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WORLAND, Wyo. — Norman Duke Dover, 81, of Worland, died Tuesday, April 1, 2003, in Worland.

No immediate services are planned. His cremains will be scattered during a family gathering this summer. Veile Mortuary was in charge of the disposition.

**MAY 25 2003**

## **Justine Michele Dowdle**

Shelly and Scott Dowdle sadly announce the birth and death of their tiny angel, Justine Michele Dowdle. She flew to heaven after only 15 weeks in her loving mother's womb. Justine was born April 15, 2003, at 5:59 p.m. She was only 4 1/2 inches long and weighed less than an ounce, but this tiny girl

was loved by many around the world. She will be greatly missed by all her family, especially her parents and her big brother, Ryan. A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. on June 1. The service will be held at Rocky Mountain College's outdoor chapel, located behind Losekamp/Prescott Hall.

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## Hester Mills Currence Dowler

CASPER, Wyo. — Graveside burial service is scheduled 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 12, at Memorial Gardens. Visitation hours at Memorial Chapel were 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 11. A memorial celebration will be held at First Christian Church, 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, which will be officiated by Dr. Bryant Badger, Dr. Harold Dowler and Rev. Paul Hallock.

Hester crossed over Sunday, March 9, 2003, at Shepherd of the Valley Care Center. Hester was born at Big Trails, on May 3, 1912, the oldest daughter of Grace and Harry Mills. She attended early school in a one-room schoolhouse and high school in Ten Sleep, Greybull, and Glendale, Calif., before graduation from Natrona County High School in 1928.

Hester married Ralph Currence in Casper on Nov. 9, 1929. Ralph preceded her in death on July 13, 1969. Hester and Ralph have four children and 13 grandchildren: daughter, Nancy McIntyre of Sandy Spring Md., and her children Jana McIntyre, Jay McIntyre, Pavita McIntyre and Ioi McIntyre; daughter, Mary

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jo marry of Gody and her son Glen Hardy; daughter, Anella Snyder of Ten Sleep and her children, Cheryl Bjornrud, Alvin Snyder, Ralph Snyder (deceased), Grace Snyder and Daniel Snyder; son, Roy Currence of Hermosa Beach, Calif. and his sons Bryce Currence, Dana Keeler and Rex Keeler.

Hester eloped with Art Dowler, Aug. 4, 1974, in a ceremony that was conducted by Art's son, Rev. Harold Dowler. He preceded her in death on Jan. 6, 1988. Hester's Dowler children and nine grandchildren include: stepdaughter, Ethel Dunn of Casper and her children, Deloras Elmore and Bruce Smith; stepson, Harold Dowler of Oklahoma City and his children, Doug Dowler and Pam Bilgety; stepdaughter, Marjorie Dowler (deceased) and her sons Jim Marshall and Harold Marshall; stepson, John Bennett and his son Leland Bennett; stepson, Charles Dowler (deceased) and his children Mark Dowler and Joanie Guenther.

Sisters Alice Schneider of Wheatland and Ethel Helgeson of Laramie survive Hester.

Hester was a 4-H Leader in cooking and sewing. She was also an active supporter of Special Olympics, Habitat For Humanity and The Heifer Project. When Ralph retired from the Standard Oil refinery, they built and operated the Triangle C Motel. She became a licensed practical nurse

in 1970 and worked at the Wyoming State Training School in Lander.

For much of her adult life, Hester has been involved in supporting development of youth and caring for older people. She supported the Wyoming FFA Leadership Camp and was a Safe House foster grandparent. She was a board member of Wyoming Society for Handicapped Children and Adults. She was a WIND County member (Wyoming Institute for Disabilities) and a member of board of directors of Casper Day Care Center.

Hester was a hospice volunteer and a regular visitor at local nursing homes. She was involved in 1976 in organizing "Concerned Citizens for Quality Nursing Care," a local volunteer group focused on improving the care of residents of nursing homes. She has continued her involvement in this local group as well as attending meetings in Washington D.C., of an affiliated national organization.

Hester was a member of Eastern Star, Rebekah, the Social Bee Quilting Club and a Square Dancing Club. Her hobbies included needlepoint, flower vegetable gardening and canning and worldwide travel, including visits to all 50 state capitals. She was a talented, intense cribbage player.

Hester Mills Dowler

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Hester has been a member of First Christian Church since 1928. She and Art organized a retired fellowship group known as the "Live Wires" in 1976. She has been a member of the Diaconate, and Elder, member of the executive board, chair of the Evangelism and Stewardship Commissions. She attended many regional and national assemblies, the World Convention in New Zealand and eight consecutive quadrennial assemblies. She enjoyed meeting and encouraging visitors, new members and especially children, for which she was affectionately known in the church as "Gramma Hester."

Memorials are suggested, in lieu of flowers: Concerned Citizens For Quality Nursing Home Care, 240 South Wolcott, #206, Casper, WY 82601; Wyoming FFA Foundation, Attention: Lesley Jeffres, PO Box 514, Gilcrest, CO 80623; Camp Village for Developmentally Disabled Adults, Box 15, Kimberton, PA 19442; or a charity of your choice.

Please send any cards to: Hester Dowler Family, Shepherd of the Valley Care Center, 60 Magnolia, Casper, WY 82604.

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**JAN 07 2003**

**DENVER** — James "Jimmer" Downey, 67, was born on March 26, 1935, to John G. Downey and Catherine Walsh Downey in Butte, Mont. He attended St. Lawrence, and Butte Central High School. He was in the armed forces from 1957 to 1960. He married Martha T. Laisnez in 1959. They had one son, Timothy J. Downey. They were divorced in 1979. He worked for the Anaconda Copper Company in Butte until they closed. He worked various places until moving to Denver, where he worked for the Archdiocesan Housing until his retirement in 1997. He was called home to be with his lord on Dec. 29, 2002. He died in his home in his sleep.

Jimmer loved life, and had many friends. He was especially proud of his son Tim and his family.

Jimmer was preceded in death by his mother and father; brothers, Tim, Jack and Bill "Red"; and his sister, Lucy.

He is survived by his son Tim (Donna) Downey of Billings, Mont.; and two grandsons, Justin and Cody Downey, also of Billings; one sister, Rose White of Bremerton, Wash.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A memorial service for Jimmer will be 11 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 9, at Holy Rosary Parish. A luncheon will follow the service.

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**Margaret B. 'Peggy'  
Downey**

Peggy Downey, 71, of Billings, passed away on Christmas morning, Dec. 25, 2003, at St. Vincent Healthcare. She was born on Aug. 28, 1932, in Butte, a daughter to Walter "Mac" and Cecelia (Burke) McCormick.

Peggy graduated from Billings Central High School and from Eastern Montana College of Education. She taught school in Charlo, Helena and Great Falls and retired after more than 30 years as an elementary teacher in the Billings School District.

Peggy married William H. Downey in 1956. They were divorced in 1975.

She is survived by her beloved daughter Sheila (Mike) Joronen and her two granddaughters, Erin Downey Joronen and Kelsey Brianne Joronen, all of Livingston.

Peggy is also survived by her three sisters, Sheila (Warren) Helmer of Billings, Adoreen McCormick of Bethesda, Md., and Marcia Brown of Butte; her sister-in-law, Julie Norby of Dubuque, Iowa, and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her brother, Burke McCormick, and her sister, Maureen McCormick.

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Peggy enjoyed many activities with her friends including golf, dominos, bridge, travel and discussing current events.

She was an active member of St. Pius X Church and particularly enjoyed her prayer group.

Peggy was active in the Millings Education Association, the Democratic Party and many civic organizations.

Her most special times were those spent with her family.

A vigil service will be held at 6 p.m. Sunday at Michelotti-Lawyers Mortuary. The funeral mass will be offered at 11 a.m. Monday at St. Pius X Church. Rite of Committal will be in Holy Cross Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the charity of one's choice.

She will be greatly missed by her family and her many friends.

## Dean Doyle

BILLINGS GAZETTE

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HYATTVILLE -- Dean Lawrence Doyle, 88, of Hyattville, died Friday, April 18, 2003, at the Wyoming Retirement Center in Basin.

His funeral service will be held jointly with his wife's funeral service at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 19, at the Hyattville School Gymnasium. Cremation will follow the funeral service and ashes will be scattered on the Doyle Ranch. Veile Mortuary of Worland is in charge.

## Frederick J. Doyle

Frederick J. Doyle, 85, of Billings, died Tuesday, April 22, 2003, at the Billings Health and Rehab Center.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, April 25, at the Smith Downtown Chapel. Interment will follow at Mountview Cemetery.

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# Velma E. Doyle

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HYATTVILLE, Wyo. —  
Velma E. Doyle, 84, of Hyattville,  
died Tuesday, April 15, 2003, at  
the Wyoming Retirement Center  
in Basin.

Funeral services will be at 2  
p.m. Saturday, April 19, at the  
Hyattville School Gymnasium.  
Cremation will follow, with the  
ashes to be scattered on the  
Doyle Ranch. Veile Mortuary of  
Worland is in charge.

**Margaret Ruth  
Dragseth**

**BILLINGS** - Margaret Ruth Dragseth, 77, recently of Bellevue, Wash., passed away Monday morning, June 16, in Billings.

Surviving Billings-area relatives include her brother, George (Alice) Ardelean; nieces, Sherry (Cleo) Sutton and Rachel (Mural) Hirschhorn; and great-nieces and -nephews, Nicole (Mike) Donally and Magean, Seth and Jacob Hirschhorn.

She was preceded in death by her husband, George Dragseth.

A memorial service will be held in Bellevue in August.

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**Dorothy R. Drange**

DENVER — Born in Red Lodge, Mont., Nov. 10, 1909, Dorothy, 93, passed away Feb. 19, 2003, in Denver.

She was the youngest of nine children, and after high school, attended business school and then worked in Billings for McKesson and Robbins. She married Harold R. Drange on Nov. 14, 1942, and during WWII, worked on Wall Street. After the war, they lived in Denver, Miles City, Mont., and Billings, before returning to Denver in 1961. Dorothy worked part-time doing inventory for department stores in the metro area using a comptometer.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Harold, of 55 years, and is survived by son Bob (Pat); grandsons Dave and Ed (Kathryn) and great-grandson Matthew.

Services were at the Church of the Risen Christ in Denver on Feb. 28, and burial was at Ft. Logan National Cemetery, where she was reunited with Harold. The family requests any donations to be made to the charity of your choice.

## Raymond H. Drange

Raymond H. Drange passed away April 6, 2003, at Billings Health and Rehabilitation Center, following a brief battle with cancer.

Raymond was born June 5, 1922, in Billings, to Hans and Marie Drange. He was the

youngest boy in a large, close-knit family who farmed at Shepherd. He graduated in 1940 from Billings High School.

After the farm was sold in 1947,

Raymond worked several jobs until 1959, when he began working as a mechanic for the City of Billings. He retired from his position as shop foreman in 1984.

For many years, Raymond and his wife Charlotte raised a large garden, and they enjoyed sharing their homegrown vegetables with others.

He was an avid reader who was skilled at working crossword puzzles and cryptograms. Raymond was especially fond of sharing stories of his earlier years. He was a straight-forward man who could be as sentimental as he could be gruff.

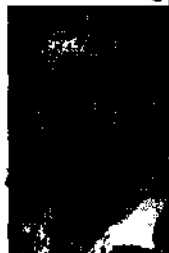
Raymond was preceded in death by his wife Charlotte and

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an infant son, Wallace. He is survived by his son, Warren (Jami), and grandchildren, Matthew and Marcus, all of Billings; and a daughter, Karen of California; brother Elmer Drange, and sister Helen Baker, both of Billings.

Cremation has taken place. His memorial service will be held 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 10, at the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, with interment to follow at Mountview Cemetery.

Smith's West Chapel is in charge of arrangements. In lieu of flowers, it is requested that memorials be made to Pulmonary Rehabilitation Program of Deaconess Medical Center or the American Cancer Society.



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## Taeler Irene Draper

AMERICAN FORK, Utah — Taeler Irene Draper was born in American Fork on Wednesday, April 3, 2003, at 10:31 a.m. She weighed 9 lbs. 8 oz. and was 21- $\frac{1}{2}$  inches long. Her parents, Susan Reed Halvorsen Draper and Kasey Lee Draper, formerly of Billings, were excited about the birth of their beautiful first child.

Taeler died April 8, 2003, at Primary Children's Hospital in Salt Lake City, following complications from birth.

Besides her parents, Taeler leaves behind grandparents, Mark and Connie Halvorsen, Joseph and Lorna Stutz; her aunt and uncle, Trish and Brad Halvorsen, all of Billings; and a large extended family.

Her special spirit went to join her Father in Heaven. During her short stay, she touched many lives. We love her and will miss her.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, April 12, at 2 p.m., in the Olpin Family Mortuary Chapel, 494 South 300 East, Pleasant Grove, where friends may call one hour prior to services. Interment will be in the Alpine Cemetery.



## **Aliene M. Drews**

**SANTA CRUZ, Calif. —** Aliene Margaret (Odegaard) Drews, daughter of Audrey and Wesley Odegaard, was born into this life on June 26, 1943, in Billings, and entered eternal life on Aug. 15, 2003.

Baptized into the Christian faith on Nov. 2, 1943, at American Lutheran Church, in Billings, she sought to embody God's love and grace in all that she did in life and to all whom God sent to her. Her personal ministry and gifts took her into the teaching profession, acquiring a bachelor's degree in education from California Lutheran University and a lifetime secondary teaching credential in California. She held various teaching positions throughout her life, her last position being with the Live Oak School District in Santa Cruz.

Following her husband's vocational moves, she lived in various different communities in Northern and Southern California before coming to Santa Cruz. She never forgot whose she was, and always gave of herself, her teaching gifts, and her faith in many ways in the life of the parishes where she resided.

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She is survived by her husband of 38 years, Edward R. Drews; her mother and mother-in-law, Audrey Odegaard and Marian L. Drews, respectively; three brothers, Leon, John and Paul Odegaard; six nieces, two nephews; and sister-in-law Carol L. DeLillo and her husband Robert.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 21, at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, 2500 Soquel Avenue, Santa Cruz. Graveside services will follow at Oakwood Memorial Park.

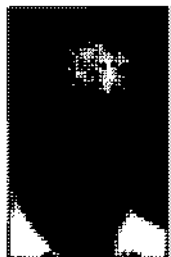
In lieu of flowers, gifts may be given to the memorial fund established in her name at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, 2500 Soquel Avenue, Santa Cruz, CA 95062, or American Lutheran Church, 5 Lewis Ave., Billings, MT 59101.

Arrangements are entrusted to the care of Oakwood Memorial Chapel.

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## James Thomas Driscoll

James Thomas Driscoll died on Nov. 30, 2003, of complications due to emphysema and cancer.



**JIM DRISCOLL**

Born on Nov. 26, 1916, at St. Ignatius, Jim was the son of Jeremiah and Catherine Driscoll, Irish immigrants who labored in Butte before homesteading in the Flathead Valley.

Jim was a wonderful father and husband, giving great leadership and inspiration to his children. He was a 4th Degree member of the Knights of Columbus, a member of the parish council of the Parish of Little Flower, and a friend to all.

After studying at the University of Montana and Montana State, Jim was a farm extension agent at the Huntley Experiment Station. He was a supervisor for the Dairy Herd Improvement Association before renting and then purchasing the property on the Yellowstone River just south of downtown Billings that was to be his dairy farm and home for some 50 years.

Jim is survived by Inez, his wife for 63 years; a brother, John; sisters Alice McNamara, Catherine Millnamow. Irene

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Driscoll and Geraldine Murdock. Jim and Inez have four children, James, living in Overland Park, Kan., Eileen Carney, living in Libby, Jerry, living in Billings and Helena, and Robert, living in Melbourne, Australia. Jim was loved by his eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

All of his children and grandchildren and great-grandchildren have been inspired by Jim's strength, perseverance, diligence and moral commitment. May he Rest in Peace.

Vigil service will be held at Dahl Funeral Chapel on Wednesday, Dec. 3, at 7 p.m. Funeral Mass will be celebrated at the Church of the Little Flower at 10 a.m. on Dec. 4. Rite of committal will follow immediately after Mass at Holy Cross Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in his name to Big Sky Hospice, Box 35033, Billings, MT 59107.

# Frieda Beyl Dschaak

**GREAT FALLS** — Frieda Dschaak passed away July 5, 2003, age 92, at Cooney Convalescent Home in Helena.

Frieda Beyl Dschaak was born Dec. 4, 1910, in Krondahl, Mercer County, N.D., to Friedrich and Maria Hintz Beyl. She came from a family of 10 children: five boys and five girls. She was the fourth child and oldest daughter. She was raised on a homestead wheat farm in North Dakota by parents who were German immigrants from Russia.

Frieda married Heinrich Dschaak in Mercer County on March 3, 1929. They moved to the Yellowstone Valley near Fairview, where they raised the 11 children that were born to their union. She was a restaurant worker and owner in Fairview, Sidney and Glendive from 1949 through 1969. While living in Sidney, she was also a social worker for the Richland County Welfare Department from 1965 until 1971, at which time she made the giant leap of faith and distance by moving to Bozeman in her 62nd year of life to begin anew by attending the College of Technology to study accounting.

From there, she relocated to Great Falls, where, for 30 years, she was active in the Foster Grandparent program and

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received numerous awards for her service to the Easter Seal Program, teaching those with disabilities.

Throughout her life, she was active in the Lutheran Church, schools, scouting programs and her VFW post. She excelled in all arts and crafts, needlework, sewing and gardening. She knew where her stewardship lay and she was a mother and homemaker above all else. She was truly a self-made and self-reliant woman, an example of thrift, industry and faithful endurance through Jesus Christ her Lord.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1954, and by all of her nine brothers and sisters, as well as by her oldest child, Frieda Riedel (Harold). She is survived by 10 children, sons, Norman (Katie) of Riverton, Wyo., Leonard of Glendive, Allan (Darlene), Billings, and James of Sidney. Her daughters are Vera Dishon (Vernal) of Sidney, Nelda Gröbber and Evelyn Edwards of West Valley, Utah, Marleen Skorpil (Dennis) of Cartwright, N.D.,

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Jennice Curlee (Wilson) of Helena, and Sandra Meyers of Colorado Springs, Colo.; also 40 grandchildren; 66 great-grandchildren and numerous great-great-grandchildren. She also leaves many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Memorials can be made to either the Easter Seals of Great Falls or VFW Post 5590 of Great Falls. Helena Lutheran Chapel is in charge of the arrangements, with the funeral to be held at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Great Falls on Thursday, July 10, 2 p.m. Cremation to follow. Public viewing will be at the church, Thursday, at 10 a.m.

## **Ronald Dan Duarte**

GARDINER — Ronald Dan Duarte, 64, of Gardiner, died Tuesday, Dec. 31, 2002, at his home.

Cremation has taken place at Franzen-Davis Funeral Home & Crematory. Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 4, at Gardiner Baptist Church.

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# Douglas A. Duffield

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**MARMARTH, N.D.** — Douglas Anthony Duffield, 53, of Marmarth, passed away on Saturday, Jan. 4, 2003, in Denver. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Friday, Jan. 10, at 10 a.m. in the St. John's Catholic Church, Baker, Mont., with Father Thomas Tobin celebrating. Burial will be in the Fertile Prairie Cemetery, east of Baker. Stevenson-Mischel-Olson Chapel of Baker is in charge of the arrangements.



**DOUGLAS  
DUFFIELD**

Visitation is Thursday, Jan. 9, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. with a rosary at 7 p.m. in Stevenson-Mischel-Olson Chapel in Baker.

Douglas was born on March 27, 1949, the son of Merritt and Bonita (Braun) Duffield in Baker. He grew up east of Baker on the family ranch and attended the Fertile Prairie Country School, Baker Schools and graduated from the St. Mary's Catholic High School in New England, N.D., in 1968.

Doug was married to Joy Marie Graham on June 29, 1969, and to this union, two beautiful children were born, Teena Faye and Bradley Allen. Doug worked

as a welder for many years, first in Baker for Cates Welding, then in Gillette, Wyo., where he started his own business: Doug's Welding & Pipeline. In 1978, they bought a ranch and moved south of Marmarth, where he also continued his pipeline construction business in the surrounding area. In 1998, he started a boring business called the "Pokin & Hopin" with his son, Brad. They did bores in the four-state area based in Durango, Colo.

Doug was a hardworking husband, a devoted father, a loving grandfather and a dear friend to many. He was a confident and caring father and took pride in his children's accomplishments, however large or small. Doug was looked up to and respected by both of his children and they were proud to call him Dad. His confidence and reassurance at work and at play will be missed immensely. He loved his work and gave it his all so that his family could have everything they needed and more.

Aside from his black cowboy hat, snakeskin boots, and Adolph, his trademarks included hard work and friendly conversation. Doug was an outstanding welder and a jack of all trades. He would never turn down a chance to sing

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karaoke or just sing songs with family and friends.

Survivors include his wife, Joy, Marmarth; a daughter, Teena (Tony) Holecek and their children, Daulton and Darian, Wolf Point; a son, Brad (Heidi) Duffield and their children, Justyce and Caleb of Marmarth; his mother, Bonita Duffield, Baker; four brothers, Dennis (Paula) Duffield, Bismarck, Merritt Jr. "Micky" (Therese) Duffield, Rapid City, S.D., Willie Duffield, Baker, and John (Kaye) Duffield, Rapid City; two sisters, Sharon (Joe) Kovacich, Anaconda, and Linda (Dave) Knudtson of Watford City, N.D.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Merritt Sr.; two brothers, Keith and Kenny; two sisters, Pamela Rose and Amelia Rose Duffield Ruggles.



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## **Edith Duffield**

**THERMOPOLIS, Wyo. —** Edith Duffield, 101, died Wednesday, March 12, 2003, at Canyon Hills Manor.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, March 14, at the Meeteetse Cemetery. Mortimore Funeral Home of Thermopolis is in charge.

## Joyce L. Duke

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JOLIET — Joyce L. Duke went to her final home to join Neil on March 9, 2003. She was born on Feb. 3, 1921, west of Billings, to Jesse and Henrietta Epperson, the



third of three daughters. She grew up on the family farm near Edgar, where she graduated from high school in 1939. Joyce married Neil Duke on Jan. 11, 1941.

**JOYCE DUKE**

Joyce was always a great help-mate to Neil at the farm in Edgar and later at their ranch in Roberts. They raised three daughters: Bonnie, Janet and Joni.

Joyce graduated from Eastern Montana College with a degree in business education in 1972. Joyce and Neil sold the Roberts ranch in 1976 and retired to Joliet. They were six months from their 60th anniversary when Neil passed away in July 2000. Joyce recently made her home at Canyon Ridge in Billings, where she was so well cared for.

Surviving are their three daughters, Bonnie (Walt) Kuhr of Laurel, Janet (Bill) Patenaude of Laurel and Joni (Bret) Merrick of Kent, Wash. She is also survived by five grandchildren. Kris (Beth)

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Kuhr of Molt, Kari (Kevin) Beebe of Billings, Starla Patenaude of Billings, Dena (Brian) Dentler of Pullman, Wash., and Holly Robinson of Sumner, Wash.; her oldest sister, Esther Barr of Bozeman; nine great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death were her parents; husband Neil; her sister, Lorna Ballard; and a grandson, Kenneth Kuhr.

Funeral services will be Saturday, March 15, at 2 p.m. at Smith Funeral Chapel-Laurel, with interment to follow at Rockvale Cemetery. No visitation. Memorials may be made to Alzheimer's Association or charity of one's choice.

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**Roxanne Dumouchelle**

ATASCADERO, Calif. — Roxanne Dumouchelle, 46, of Atascadero, formerly of Billings, passed away Nov. 29, 2003.



**ROXANNE  
DUMOUCHELLE**

A rosary was held at Chapel of the Roses, and a Mass was held at St. Williams Catholic Church in Atascadero.

Roxy was born in North Dakota on June 21, 1957. She was a person who, amongst the rest, radiated a natural ability to care for and love others. All the unique and endearing moments while she was here will be forever captured in the hearts of her family and friends.

Roxy is survived by her husband of 21 years, Robert Dumouchelle; two daughters, Danielle and Renee Dumouchelle; her mother, Martha Dukart; her father, William Dukart; five sisters, Marlyce Larkin, Sally Brady, Susan Hernandez, Jackie Wilson and Penny Kukes; and two brothers, George Kostecky and Bill R. Dukart.

## Betty Dunagan

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LIVINGSTON — Betty Dunagan, 78, died Thursday afternoon, Jan. 16, 2003, at Livingston Health and Rehab Center.

Cremation has taken place at Franzen-Davis Crematory. Graveside committal and burial of the cremated remains will take place at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 21, in Mountain View Cemetery.

**Donald Duncan**

Donald Duncan, 66, Billings, died Feb. 3, 2003, at Maricopa County Burn Center in Phoenix, Ariz.

Don is survived by his wife of 40 years, Pearl of Billings, and one son, Jason, of Red Lodge.

# Lola Mae Lindeen Duncan

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FREMONT, Calif. — Lola Mae Lindeen Duncan passed away Jan. 9, 2003, in Fremont.

She was born Jan. 21, 1919, to Alvin Lindeen and Ruby Bruce Lindeen at her parents' homestead "north of the river" near Pompeys Pillar, Mont. She grew up at Corinth and on Fly Creek, attending public school in Big Horn and Yellowstone counties, and graduating from Eastern Montana State Normal School in 1938 with a teaching certificate. Lola taught at the Huntley Project School in Worden, Mont., from 1938 to 1943, when she enlisted in the United States Navy. She served her country as an aerographer's mate, 1st Class, during WWII, supporting the naval airmen with weather and code information.

After leaving the Navy, Lola relocated to the San Francisco Bay Area and attended the University of California at Berkeley, earning her bachelor's degree in 1949.

While living in Oakland, she met and married her husband of 24 years, Clifford Duncan. They



LOLA  
DUNCAN

had two children, Ruth and Douglas, and moved to the house in Piedmont, which she occupied for 49 years. She returned to teaching, the passion of her life, in 1956, and taught in the Oakland Unified School District until 1983, when she retired in order to take care of her ailing husband. After his passing in 1984, Lola enjoyed many activities involving travel, art and music.

She moved to a retirement community near her daughter in Fremont in early 2002, where she and her kitty were appropriately pampered.

Lola is survived by her daughter, Ruth Duncan; her son, Doug Duncan; her grandson, Galen Cook; her sister-in-law, Phyllis Lindeen; her sister-in-law, Lorraine O'Neil; and numerous nieces, nephews and their children.

No formal services will be held, but her family asks her friends to each take a moment to remember her in their own way. Her remains will be interred with her husband's in the Military Cemetery in Fayetteville, Ark.

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## **Robert James Dunlap**

**LIVINGSTON** — Robert James "Jim" Dunlap, 68, of Livingston and Hemet, Calif., died Monday, March 3, 2003, while wintering in Hemet.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial services will be at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 11, at Franzen-Davis Funeral Home in Livingston.



# Leslie Dunning

POPLAR — Leslie Hugh Dunning, age 85, of Poplar, passed away on July 21, 2003, at St. Vincent's Healthcare in Billings.

Les was born on March 19, 1918, in Miles City, the son of Forrest and Beatrice (Tucker) Dunning. He was the oldest of 13 children and grew up in the Otter Creek Tongue River area. He attended St. Labre Mission and graduated from Forsyth High School in 1937. Les enlisted in the United States Air Force and served in England, Belgium and France during WWII. In 1941, he married Helen Schraeder and they raised one daughter, Lesley Lucille Small.

Leslie loved raising cattle, horses and ranching. He loved to dance, camp and the outdoors. Evenings would be spent reading a good western; he was particularly fond of Louis L'Amour and Zane Grey. Raising his grandchildren and watching them grow up was the highlight of his life. During his lifetime, Leslie made many wonderful friends in the communities where he lived. While living in Browning, Jim Spotted Eagle gave Leslie the Blackfeet name "SuuKina" which means "Plainsman" in the Blackfeet language.

Les is survived by his daughter, Lucille and her husband Ivan Small of Poplar; three grandchil-

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dren, Courtney, Walker and Kelsey Small of Poplar; four brothers, Jim and his wife Elsie of Hathaway, Frank of Africa, Charlie and his wife Shirley of Cheyenne, Wyo., and Dick and his wife Edna of Ennis; three sisters, Sister Marie Carmel of Leavenworth, Kan., Lena and her husband Raliegth Harris of Canyon Ferry and Pat Anderson of Miles City; his brother-in-law, Frank Tonkovich of Billings; his sister-in-law, Joan Dunning of Miles City; his aunt, Pauline Corney of Dillon; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Les was preceded in death by his wife Helen, in 1981; his parents, Forrest and Beatrice; a sister, Mina Tonkovich; four brothers, George and Leonard and two infant brothers, Glen and Tommy; and an infant son.



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Visitation will be held on Sunday, July 27, in the chapel of Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City. A vigil service will be held on Sunday, July 27, at 6 p.m. at the chapel of Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City. Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Monday, July 28, at 10 a.m., at the Sacred Heart Church in Miles City. Interment will immediately follow in the Forsyth Cemetery. Condolences may be sent to the family by visiting [www.stevensonandsons.com](http://www.stevensonandsons.com).

Should friends desire, memorials may be made to the Little Flower Parish of Browning or the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Miles City.

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## John K. 'China' Dupree

**POPLAR** — John K. "China" Dupree, 83, died peacefully of natural causes on April 30, 2003, at home in Poplar, with his wife Mamie and daughter Dorothy by his side.

John was born Aug. 13, 1919, in Poplar, to Peter and Mabel (Kuhn) Dupree. He was raised in Poplar and attended schools there, graduating from Poplar High School in 1939. He served in the Army National Guard and then the Navy during WWII.

On Jan. 18, 1947, he married Mamie M. Robertson in Wolf Point at the First Presbyterian Church. He worked as a civil engineer for the BIA, retiring in 1978. He also worked at the Corps of Engineers headquarters in Bismarck and for the U.S. Forest Service.

John enjoyed fishing, traveling, and especially visiting his children and grandchildren after he retired.

He was preceded in death by his parents; four sisters, Mildred Ricker, Catherine Kennedy,



**JOHN  
DUPREE**

Mabel Daniels, Hazel Eagle; four brothers, Ambrose, Frances, Raymond and Colma Dupree.

He is survived by his wife Mamie; two sons, John W. Dupree of Signal Hill, Calif., and Thomas D. Du-

prece of Havre; a stepson, Ronald A. Robertson of Wolf Point; two daughters, Myra M. Dupree of Hardin and Dorothy A. Dupree-Ostrom of Columbia, Md.; and one brother, George Dupree of Hayward, Calif.; 14 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Visitations will be held from 3 to 8 p.m. on Friday, May 2, at the Clayton Memorial Chapel in Poplar. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 3, at the First Presbyterian Church in Poplar, with Et. James Isaac of Poplar officiating. Interment will be in the Poplar City Cemetery.

## Leonard E. Dupree, Jr.

Leonard E. Dupree, Jr., 60, died Sunday, July 27, 2003, in Billings.

Wake visitation will be at 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 3, at the Poplar Cultural Center, with a prayer service at 7 p.m. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, Aug. 4, at the Poplar Cultural Center. Interment will be in the Poplar City Cemetery. Clayton Stevenson Memorial Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

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# Renee Ida Dupree

Renee Ida Melbourne Dupree died Jan. 10, 2003, at her home in Billings.

Renee was born June 10, 1950, in Poplar, to Cynthia and Manuel Melbourne. She was the middle child of nine sisters and brothers. Her surviving sisters are Cheryl and Paula, both of Poplar; and surviving brothers are Manuel Jr. of Poplar and Clifford of Portland, Ore.

Sisters Beulah and Arlene, as well as brothers Lyonel and Richard preceded her in death.

On Aug. 27, 1989, she married Leonard E. Dupree in Wolf Point.

Renee was a loving mother who had a great fondness for gardening. She was very proud to be counted as a Montana Indian Firefighter.

Her three sons are also Montana Indian Firefighters. A member of the Sioux Tribe, Renee worked several years as a police dispatcher for the Fort Peck Indian Agency.

She lived most of her life in Poplar, surrounded by her loving family. She served her community as a working mom who also managed to raise four won-

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derful children. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church of Poplar.

She is survived by her husband, Leonard Dupree of Billings; three sons, James Smith of Poplar, Thomas and Duane Smith of Billings; a daughter, Vermae Smith of Poplar; and nine grandchildren.

Visitations will be held at 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 14, at the Poplar Cultural Center. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 15, at the Poplar Cultural Center, with Elder Buddy Adams officiating. Interment will be in the Poplar City Cemetery.

Clayton Memorial Chapel is in charge of arrangements.



RENEE  
DUPREE

## Allene Dusenberry

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HILTON HEAD ISLAND, S.C. - Allene Dusenberry passed away Oct. 7, 2003, at her home away from home on Hilton Head Island, after a two and a half year battle with cancer.

Allene was born in Bozeman, Mont., Feb. 17, 1933, the daughter of Bill and Josephine (Smith) Sorenson. She graduated from Gallatin County High School in 1951. Allene married Norman Dusenberry in Bozeman.

From 1951 to 1955, they were stationed in Washington, Texas, and Tennessee while Norman was in the Navy. In 1955, she began her career as a legal secretary. After leaving Bozeman in 1960, they lived in California, Maryland, Georgia, Utah, Texas, Illinois, Pennsylvania and Great Falls, Mont., before returning to Bozeman in 1990. She became a part-time resident of Hilton Head Island in 1986.

Allene loved traveling, volunteering her time within the community, cooking and entertaining with friends and family, as well as spending time with her grandchildren. Her favorite place to be was at her home in Hilton Head. She loved having family and friends visit her at the beach.

Survivors include her sister Ruth Clark of Lansing, Mich.; daughter Dru Ann and son-in-law Jake Robidou of Cordina, Mont.

son Steve and daughter-in-law Debbie Dusenberry; and daughter Janet and son-in-law Jim Strozier of Albuquerque, N.M. Her grandchildren include Lev (and her husband Jon) Off of Reed Point, Mont., Deva Teer, Even Teer, Jacob (and his wife Brenda) Robidou, Tyler Dusenberry, all of Bozeman, Erik Teer (currently serving in the United States Marines) of Jacksonville, N.C., Jayne Robidou of Great Falls, Deilah Dusenberry of London, Dillon and Desi Dusenberry of Glen Ellen, Ill., and Ben and Althea Strozier of Albuquerque. Great-grandchildren include Jocelyn, Trent and Tyson Ott of Reed Point, and Ashton and Noah Robidou of Bozeman. She is also survived by Harriet Dusenberry of Bozeman and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was a kind and generous soul who touched a countless number of friends and family that will miss her very much. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation in Allene's name to the Literacy Volunteers for the Low Country, 9 Town Center Court, Hilton Head Island, SC 29928.

Saturday, Nov. 8, Allene's family will be hosting an open house to celebrate her life, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., at her home (9710 Quail Lane, Bozeman).

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**Donald Duty**

Donald Duty, 78, of Billings, passed away Sunday, Nov. 9, 2003, at his home.

The son of Lester and Amy Duty, Don was born May 20, 1925, in Cheney, Wash. In 1938, the family moved to Moore and Don graduated from high school there in 1943.



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Following graduation, Don enlisted in the Navy and served on the USS Raleigh during WWII.

Don married Edith Degner in New York on Aug. 7, 1945. Following the war, he moved to Lewistown. Don went to work for Consolidated Freightways in 1949 and was transferred to Billings in 1957. He was territorial manager with Lindsay Brothers when he retired in 1984.

Don was a member of the Elks and the American Legion. He enjoyed yard work, hunting and fishing and camping in his motor home.

Grandpa always had candy in his shirt pocket for the grandchildren.

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Survivors include his wife Edith and three children, Ronald Duty and his wife Linda, Cheryl Cucciardi and her husband Michael and Timothy Duty, all of Billings; his sister Doris Buchanan of Payson, Utah; two brothers, Robert Duty of Great Falls and Ben Duty of Valparaiso, Ind.; six grandchildren, Timothy Van Waggoner, Michael Schuster, Shawn Cucciardi, Tiffany Schenk, Krystal Arenson and Lindsay Duty; and four great-grandchildren, Calli and Caden Cucciardi, and Bridger and Aspyn Schuster. Two brothers, Marvin and Jerry, preceded him in death.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial services will be 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 15, at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary. Interment with military honors will follow at Yellowstone Valley Memorial Park.

Memorials may be made to Big Sky Hospice or the Shrine Crippled Children's Hospital.



## **Evelyn Mae Duval**

SCOBEE — Evelyn Mae Duval, 87, died Friday, Sept. 19, 2003, at the Daniels Memorial Nursing Home.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 23, at St. Louis Catholic Church in Flaxville. Burial will be in the Flaxville Cemetery. Waller Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

# Tom DuVal 1944 - 2003

On April 27, 2003, Tom DuVal gave up this life to a two year struggle with colon cancer. Tom was born on May 10, 1944, to Cliff and Geneva DuVal, who preceded him in death.

He was raised in Billings and graduated from Billings Senior High in 1962. He then served three years in the U.S. Army.

Tom married Georgia Krueger on June 27, 1964, whom he considered the love of his life. They were lifelong friends and partners, and together raised four children; daughter Julie (Eddie) Hampton of Texas, children, Josh, Kristi, Steve and Matthew; daughter Pam of Great Falls, children Shaun and Dylan; son Nick (Jen) of Billings, children Ashley and Madison; son Brian (Jen) of Billings, children Sami and Devin.

Tom is survived by his wife; children; 10 grandchildren; two brothers, Bill and Mike; and a sister, Donna; and numerous relatives.

Tom worked hard all of his life and enjoyed the last few years helping his wife run the family



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print business. He was a kind and gentle man and was well liked by all who knew him. There will be an enormous void in his absence.

Vigil services will be 7 p.m. Tuesday evening April 29, and a Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Wednesday, April 30; both services at Holy Rosary Catholic Church, 501 Custer Ave.

Tom's family would like to extend their gratitude to Big Sky Hospice for their loving care and support.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Big Sky Hospice, PO Box 35033, Billings, MT 59107.

Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

To my husband & friend  
Wherever you must go, wherever  
you'll be,

I hope you can remember you  
and me.

Always together, seldom apart,  
When you go, it'll break my  
heart.

Watching you suffer these last  
two years,

Has caused us both to fight  
back the tears.

When you're with God and free  
of pain,

I'll be waiting right here to be  
with you again.

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## **Merle Duvall**

ROZET, Wyo. — Merle Duvall, 82, of Rozet, died Friday, Dec. 5, 2003, at the Campbell County Memorial Hospital of natural causes.

Private family services will be held at the Black Hills National Cemetery. Stevenson Funeral Home of Gillette was in charge.

## Dale W. Dvorshak

LAS VEGAS — Dale W. Dvorshak died Friday, Feb. 14, 2003, at his home in Las Vegas, of cancer.

He was born Aug. 13, 1941, at Fort Belknap, Mont.

He was preceded in death by his father and brother.

He is survived by his wife, Virginia of Las Vegas; mother, Helen of Dodson, Mont.; son, Darik, a major in the army stationed in Germany (Bridgett), and three grandsons (Devia, David, Dane); daughter, Dane (Joe) Wehrli of Salem, Ore. and two grandsons (Zachary and Tyler) and two step-grandsons (Steen and Cole); daughter Lisa (Bob) Brudvik of Seattle.

Memorial donations can be made to the Nathan Adelson Hospice.

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## **Anna M. Dyba**

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Anna M. Dyba, 90, died Wednesday, April 9, 2003, at her home in Billings.

Visitation will be held Friday, April 11, in the Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home chapel in Miles City, with a vigil service at 6 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 12, in the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Miles City. Rite of committal will follow in the family lot in the Calvary Cemetery.

## **Anton Dyba**

**MILES CITY — Anton Dyba, 101, died Tuesday, Oct. 21, 2003, at the Holy Rosary Extended Care in Miles City.**

**Visitation will be Thursday, Oct. 23, in the chapel of Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City, with a vigil service at 7 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. Friday, Oct. 24, at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Rite of committal will follow in the family lot of the Calvary Cemetery.**

# James Dyer

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James Dyer, 30, of Billings passed away on Thursday, Aug. 7, 2003. He went to be with his grandmother in Heaven.

James was born on May 15, 1973, in Okinawa, Japan, the son of Jon and Mary (Craig) Dyer. He attended schools in Billings at Lewis and Clark Junior High and Billings Senior. Following his schooling he did odd jobs around Billings and worked as a certified nurse's assistant.

James loved flowers, his grandparents and told his mother she was very kind. He was a big man with an even bigger heart. He gave hugs like a huge teddy bear and prayed every day for his family.

James has many friends at The Hub and Montana Rescue Mission in Billings. His neurologist, Dr. Williams, was a great friend, and he found the Lord when going to the Mission.

Survivors include his mother, Mary of Billings; his father and step-mother, Jon and Donna Dyer of Post Falls, Idaho; grandfather, Pete Craig of Billings; a brother, Justin Dyer of China; two step-brothers, Alfred Meckel of Post Falls and Donald Meckel of Denver; his girlfriend, Tami Flores of Billings; six aunts, Sharon Reighard, Linda O'Tremba, Melody Benefiet, Leila

Cookingham, Tammy Clark and Gladys Espinosa, all of Billings; four uncles, William Craig of Tacoma, Wash., Darrell Dyer of Winifred, Joseph Dyer of Thompson Falls and Dean Cookingham of Billings, and numerous cousins.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 13, at Smith Downtown Chapel with interment at Mountview Cemetery. A reception will follow the services at Tree of Life Wesleyan Fellowship, 3608 Custer Ave. Smith Downtown Chapel is assisting with arrangements.

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## Ruth Dyer

BAKERSFIELD, Calif. — Ruth Hamaker Dyer, 90, formerly of Miles City, died Sunday, Nov. 16, 2003.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday in the Miles City Church of Jesus Christ and the Latter Day Saints ward chapel. Interment will follow in the Custer County Cemetery. Bullis-Graves Memorial Chapel of Miles City is in charge of arrangements.



# Donna Leone Dygert

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**HARDIN** — Donna Leone Dygert, 104, longtime Hardin area resident, passed away Tuesday, Nov. 4, 2003, in the Big Horn County Memorial Hospital Nursing Home.

She was born Sept. 14, 1899, in Jackson, Mich., a daughter of George and Jennie Albor Crouch. She moved to Montana at an early age and attended schools in the Custer area. She later attended college in California. Following her education, she returned to Montana.

Leone married Clyde Dygert on April 3, 1946, in Billings, and the couple farmed and ranched in the St. Xavier area near Soap Creek. While an active farm wife, she also worked as a bookkeeper for Dygert Trucking. While Mr. Dygert was trucking, Leone would travel with him all over North America, including Alaska and Mexico. Mr. Dygert died in 1996.

Paint and art were very important aspects of her life. She also enjoyed attending plays. One of Leone's ambitions was to live in three centuries.

Survivors include her half-sister, Caroline Goller of California; three step-grandchildren; a special niece, Joyce Buckingham, as well as several other nieces and nephews.

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Cremation has taken place in the Bullis-Eastern Montana Crematory. Private interment of the ashes will be held in the Fairview Cemetery. Bullis Mortuary of Hardin has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Memorials may be made to Big Horn County Historical Museum or the Big Horn County Nursing Home.

BOZEMAN — Peter S. Dyk, 85, went to be with the Lord Friday evening, March 7, 2003, at his home in Bozeman, after an extended illness.

Peter, a lifelong resident of Gallatin County, was born April 3, 1917, to Sam and Jenny (VanDyken) Dyk, the fourth of nine children. He grew up on the family farm south of Manhattan, attending Manhattan Christian and Heeb schools. He helped his parents farm until his marriage at the age of 23.

Peter married Catherine DeHaan on April 12, 1940, and they immediately began their own farming operation by leasing ground in the Pass Creek area north of Belgrade. In 1944, Peter and Catherine were able to purchase their first farm. By 1950, cattle were added to diversify the enterprise and Pete steadily expanded his operations through the years. He was always a diligent and hard-working businessman who sought out new methods and equipment that would meet the demanding changes of agriculture and insure his lifetime in it. He was one of the first farmers in the area to use toolbar tillage instead of moldboard plowing. He was also progressive in his ranching endeavors.



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Through the years he built a quality Black Angus herd and in 1987 began producing Angus-Gelbvieh crossbred calves. This led to a cooperative agreement with Flying H Genetics of Arapahoe, Neb., in 1995, which is still maintained. Although he leased the last of his farming operations to a grandson, Pete continued to help with branding and tractor driving into his 85th year. He loved every aspect of farming and ranching, and often said that if given the choice, he would do it all over again — but, that he couldn't have done any of it without his dear wife, Katy. And so, the two of them were honored by the Gallatin County agriculture community by being named "Outstanding Farmer/Rancher of the Year" in 2001.

Peter has been a supportive member of Grace Bible Church since its early years, serving there as a deacon and later an elder, and on various church committees throughout the years. He wholeheartedly agreed with the old adage "Just one life, 'twill soon be passed, only what's done for Christ will last." He always had a strong interest in and supported Christian evangelism and missions endeavors. He served on the board of directors in the early years of the Gallatin Valley Christian radio station and served on the board of directors of the Carpenters Workshop Christian Outreach in West Yellowstone.

He was one of the founders of the Bozeman Christian Bookstore and served on its board for nearly 40 years. One of his greatest pleasures

was to host a chuckwagon barbecue on the ranch for a national summer meeting of the Wycliffe Bible Translators.

Although Peter's accomplishments were many, his greatest satisfactions came from his family and his enduring friendships. He loved to spend time with his brothers and sisters and their families, his cousins, and especially his four daughters, his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. His daughters and their families fondly recall the many family trips they were able to take through the years with Mom and Dad. Pete blessed his grandchildren with his zest for life and great enthusiasm for activities with them, such as sledding, snowmobiling, farm tours, hunting and fishing trips, picnics, family dinners, school activities...whatever! No one in the family can recall a time when he wasn't game, and even eager, to do whatever the grandchildren proposed. As he battled cancer in the last year, we marveled at how he was sustained by the Lord, and

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how gracious and grateful he was to family and caregivers who lovingly ministered to him. Though he will be sorely missed, he has left us all with wonderful memories and a Christian heritage that he earnestly encouraged each of us to follow.

Peter is survived by Catherine, his loving wife of 63 years; their daughters, Vonnie Cole (Mike) of Bozeman and Faye Hultgren (Sheldon) of Billings; brother, Simon Dyk of San Jose, Calif.; and sisters Jeanette Goossen of Seattle and Agnes Nagner of Wolf Point. He is also survived by nine grandchildren, Julie Langaker, Tricia Langaker, Angie Meyers (Gary), Jason Camp (Jodi), Jeff Camp (DeeDee), Hubert Hultgren, Brandi Hultgren, Laura Hansen Burns (Tobias), Wade Duncan (Kelly); and 12 great-grandchildren, Ciera, Lacey and Caden Camp, Garrett, Gavin and Gage Duncan, Rowdy and Duke Camp, Hannah, Sidney and Jack Burns, and Brock Meyers.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two daughters, Kaye Duncan and Jane Hansen; sisters, Fylena Rahn, Hilda Dyk and Trinia Dyk; and brothers John S. and Ralph S. Dyk.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 12, at Grace Bible Church, 3625 S. 19th Ave., Bozeman, with Revs. Alvin House of Darby and Mac Johnson

of Grace Bible Church officiating. Interment will be in Sunset Hills Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Mission's Fund at Grace Bible Church.

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**Cecil Dykstra**

GLASGOW — Cecil Dykstra, 74, died Saturday, May 17, 2003, at the Frances Mahon Deaconess Hospital in Glasgow of natural causes.

Services will be at 11 a.m. on Monday, May 19, at the First United Methodist Church in Glasgow, with interment in Highland Cemetery. Bell Mortuary is in charge.