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Rex Eager

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

MAY 11 2003

POLSON — Rex H. Eager died peacefully at his home in Polson Friday, May 9, 2003, with his wife and family at his side.

He was born Dec. 11, 1912, in Beaver Crossing, Neb. to Lillie and Elmer Eager. In 1915 the family moved to Eastern Montana and homesteaded near Winnett where they established a mercantile business. Rex's career in business began at age nine when he delivered groceries for the "store" in the pickup. At 13 he drove his mother and sister to Nebraska to visit family. He never lost his love for cars and driving.

He completed school in Winnett and married Frances Rose Longpre on May 26, 1937.

He and his father became partners and also went into ranching, starting out with five registered Herefords. They built a fine herd and sold bulls to cattlemen in the area. At one time a rancher checking off his shopping list was heard to remark, "I've bought prunes in this store before, but this is the first time I've ordered a bull!"



REX EAGER

He was active in Petroleum County affairs, serving on the school board, as mayor of Winnett for many years, and on the board of Mid-Rivers Telephone Cooperative. He was a member of St. Aloysius Catholic Church.

In retirement years Rex and Frances enjoyed traveling and their RV, always exploring new areas and making new friends. They sold their home in Winnett in 1974 and moved to the Flathead Valley where they built near Big Arm. Eventually they wintered in Hemet, Calif. For the last ten years, their home has been in Polson.

He was preceded in death by his parents and sisters Nelle Grass and Louise Ward. Surviving are his loving wife, Frances; daughter and husband Betty and Marshall Bjork and their family Kris, Greg, and Darryl; daughter and husband Mary and Douglas Wadman and family Mariel and Grant. Also surviving are six great-grandchildren - another is expected momentarily.

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Funeral services will be 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 14, at Grogan Funeral Home. Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated at 11 a.m. on Thursday, May 15, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Polson. Father Gary Reller will be the celebrant. A luncheon for family and friends will be served at the church following interment at Lakeview Cemetery.

Memorials donations may be made to Cheerful Heart, Inc. or Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch. Arrangements by Grogan Funeral Home.

Choaya Eagle Boy

POPLAR — Choaya Arnold Charles Eagle Boy, 49, died Sunday, Oct. 19, 2003, in his sleep.

A vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 23, at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in Poplar. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Friday, Oct. 24, at the church. Interment will be at St. Anne Cemetery in Poplar following the service. Clayton Stevenson Memorial Chapel is in charge.

Kenneth Eames

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Kenneth Eames, 65, of Billings, passed away peacefully at home on Saturday, Dec. 13, 2003, after a courageous 10-month battle with cancer.



**KENNETH
EAMES**

Born in Billings on Aug. 12, 1938, Ken

was the oldest child of Ken and Ferris Eames. He graduated from Billings Senior High School and from the University of Montana, earning a BA in business. He entered the Marine Corps and proudly served his country until his honorable discharge in 1971. Ken married Polly Hodges in 1960 and they had four children.

Ken worked in the fields of banking, real estate and most recently as a right-of-way agent in Wyoming. His friendliness and openness served him well in his field, and he enjoyed it tremendously.

Sports were a big part of Ken's life, both in participating and watching. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and golfing and was an avid Grizzly football fan. He was a life loyal member of Sigma Chi fraternity and a great supporter of the military.

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Ken was always actively involved in the communities where he lived and for the past 17 years was a friend of Bill W. He helped those in need and provided a lot of guidance and support to any who asked.

Ken supported and participated in his children's activities, and received great pleasure from his involvement in the SEARCH program and the Cursillo Movement. Ken's wife, children and grandchildren were his main source of pride. His relationships with them were true and honest and full of love. He will be deeply missed by his family and the many people whose hearts he has touched with his kindness and generous love.

Ken was preceded in death by his mother and father and his sister, Linda Sorenson. He is survived by his wife, Polly; his children, Kevin (Bettina) of New Hampshire, Scott (Michele) of New York, Lee (Greg) Fenton of Kansas, Christy (Dave) Jimenez of Wyoming and Ilse (Phillip) DeWulf of Belgium; his grandchildren, Eric and Allison Eames, Patrick Eames, Madison and Cassandra Fenton, Kenny and Nathaniel Jimenez, and Jerome, Pauline and Arthur DeWulf; his sister Judy (Richard); brothers, Robert (Shawna) and David (Janey), all of Billings.

A Memorial Mass will be, 11 a.m. Saturday at Holy Rosary Church. A luncheon will follow in the church fellowship hall. Private family interment will take place. Dahl Funeral & Cremation Service are making the arrangements. Memorials may be made to Big Sky Hospice, PO Box 35033, Billings, MT 59107.

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Herbert Michael Easton

GLENDALE, Ariz. — Herbert Michael Easton, 54, of Glendale, formerly of Beach, N.D., died on Tuesday, May 6, 2003.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, May 13, at

the United Community Church in Beach. Interment will follow at the Beach City Cemetery.

Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Beach is in charge of arrangements.

DEC 31 2003**Opal F. Eastwood**

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Opal F. Eastwood, 82, died Sunday, Dec. 28, 2003, at her home.

Visitation is from 8:30 to 9:45 a.m. Wednesday with services at 10 a.m. Wednesday, all at Champion Ferries Funeral Home in Sheridan.

Burial is at 10 a.m. Jan. 6 in Glenn's Ferry Cemetery in Glenn's Ferry Idaho.

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Dixie D. Eaton

RONAN — Dixie D. Eaton, 84,
of Ronan, died Thursday, March
20, 2003, at her home.

No services are planned.
Cremation has taken place.
Grogan Funeral Home &
Crematory of Polson is in charge.

MAR 10 2003

Sandra Jean Eaton

POWELL, Wyo. — Sandra Jean Eaton, 62, died Saturday, March 8, 2003 at the Powell Hospital.

A Memorial service will be 4 p.m. Wednesday, March 12, at the First United Methodist Church. Visitation will be 6 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, March 11, at the First United Methodist Church. Ballard Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

JAN 28 2003**Robert M. Eayrs**

GLASGOW — Robert M. Eayrs, 85, of Glasgow, died Friday, Jan. 24, 2003, due to a vehicle accident.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 31, at First Lutheran Church in Glasgow. Burial will be in Highland Cemetery in Glasgow. Bell Mortuary of Glasgow is in charge.

JUN 06 2003

Lois Ebeling

Lois Ebeling, 77, of Billings, died Thursday, June 5, 2003, at her home.

A memorial will be at 2 p.m. Monday, June 9, at Faith Chapel. Cremation has taken place at Cremation or Funeral Gallery.

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Lois Arlene Ebeling

7-20-25 to 6-5-03

After a long and brave struggle with cancer, one of God's angels flew home on Thursday, June 5, 2003. Born on July 20, 1925, in Sioux Falls, S.D., Lois is the daughter of Lloyd and Gladys Wilson and loving wife of LeVerne Ebeling.



LOIS EBELING

Dancing to the sound of her own music, Lois skate-danced professionally as a young woman until she moved to Miles City, and married Reinholt Mehrer, resulting in the birth of two sons, Ray and Rodney Mehrer. Reinholt preceded her in death and she married LeVerne F. Ebeling on July 3, 1954. This union brought forth one son, LeRoy.

Lois leaves behind her loving husband, LeVerne; her sons, Ray and LeRoy of Billings, and son Rod of Tacoma, Wash.; her sister, Bunny (Bob) Byce of Chugiak, Alaska; and two stepdaughters, LaVonne Bessler and Karen Brown, both of Billings. She also

leaves many grandchildren. She is preceded in death by both parents.

Lois was a homemaker and also had the heart of an artist with the poetry and other creative talents she left behind. Right up to her death, she was an avid reader, always wanting to gain more knowledge. She had unending curiosity for new challenges and her creativity was always present in her quiet and gentle spirit. A member of First Assembly Life Center choir and Women Aglow, she became an active speaker, giving her testimony of love for the Lord. She sang beautifully and touched the lives of family and friends with her own special love. She connected with animals and loved her family without condition, spreading joy to all who knew her. Lois left a legacy of unbridled faith and we will remember her always with that smile on her face as we look up to heaven.

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I'm free;

Free to soar to heavens height

To spread my wings and take

my flight...

Set free;

No longer chained to earth

For Jesus gave me second

birth...

I'm free.

— Lois Ebeling

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be held Monday, June 9, at 2 p.m. at Faith Chapel, 517 Shiloh Road (Broadwater and Shiloh Road). A private interment will be conducted at Yellowstone Valley Memorial Park at a later date.

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

ORLANDO, Fla. — Kurt Michael Eben, 25, of Orlando, died Jan. 10, 2003, due of injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident. He was born Dec. 25, 1977, in Oak Harbor, Wash., to Wesley Karl and Barbara vonZurmuehlen Eben.



KURT EBEN

Kurt grew up in Hardin, Mont., and graduated from Hardin High School in 1996. He worked at Hardin True Value before moving to Red Lodge, Mont., where he became a Ski Tech and also helped construct the two quad-lifts at Red Lodge Mountain Ski Resort.

He trained to serve as a Big Horn County reserve sheriff's deputy before joining the Marine Corps in 1998, where he graduated from recruit depot in San Diego with the highest honors. He was the Company Honor Man, first in his class of 602 marines, earned the coveted Board of Governors Leatherneck Award and the Navy League Outstanding Recruit Award, along with a commendation from commandant of the Marine Corps, Gen. Charles C. Krulak. He proceed-

ed to School of Infantry where he also graduated with honors and at the top of his class. He was selected to be a member of the prestigious Marine Corps Silent Drill Platoon stationed at Marine Corps Barracks in Washington, D.C. Cpl. Eben received an honorable discharge in July, 2002.

He then moved to Orlando to attend Motorcycle Mechanics Institute and pursue a career that would fulfill his love for motorcycles while allowing him to do what he did best; work with his hands.

His love of life was demonstrated in and by everything he did. He loved music, poetry, everything western, especially the mountains and animals, particularly horses and dogs. While living in D.C., he took the time and risk to go and hug a city patrolman's horse, he so missed their aroma. He loved young and old alike and had no trouble collecting friends of all ages and walks of life everywhere he went. Besides friends, Kurt collected tools, knives and guns. He was an expert snow boarder and a skilled craftsman who mastered 13 and 24 strand braiding for the making of bullwhips. He loved hunting with his dad on a cold snowy morning and help-

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ing with a roundup of planning on any ranch that would let him come. He worked as hard as the men, even as a youngster, and when a tired crew finally gathered around the table, he would go to the piano and play his favorite music at the time, Garth Brooks, to everyone's delight.

He was a man of action, a loving son and brother, generous, tender hearted and strong-willed. His life was short, but also packed full of admirable accomplishments, interesting and enjoyable people, hard work, and lots and lots of fun.

His maternal grandparents, Hans Tormolen and Ursula vonZurmuehlen and his paternal grandfather Martin Richard Eben, preceded Kurt in death.

Survivors include his parents of Hardin; his sisters, Brietta "Berta" Eben of Billings and Kathryn "Shorty" Eben of Red Lodge; his grandmother, Marguerite Eben of Emporia, Kan.; and step-grandmother, Charlene "Smokey" Tormolen of Early, Texas; his uncles, Dennis (Deborah) Eben of Littleton, Colo.; Helmann (Louise) Eben of Midland, Texas; Arved vonZurmuehlen of Dallas, and Victor (Kim) vonZurmuehlen of Austin, Texas; his aunts Genice (Kenneth) Armstrong of Emporia, and Rosemarie vonZurmuehlen of Austin; as well as his many cousins. He is also survived by his favorite

friend, Allison Altheide of Silver Spring, Md., and the brothers of Semper Fidelis Motorcycle Club in Orlando to whom he always will be "Showtime."

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 25, at the Church of the Open Bible in Hardin. Interment with military honors will follow in the Hardin Fairview Cemetery. Bullis Mortuary has been entrusted with arrangements.

A memorial fund to promote motorcycle safety has been established.

Contributions may be sent to the Foundation for Motorcycle Awareness, 1301 Riverplace Boulevard, Suite 1500, Jacksonville, FL 32207-9000 or to the charity of one's choice. A memorial to Kurt "Showtime" Eben also has been placed on the www.freeridersflorida.com Web site.

Mary G. Ebert

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CODY, Wyo. — Mary G. Ebert, 104, died Thursday, Jan. 2, 2003, at the West Park Long Term Care Center.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 7, at the First Presbyterian Church. Interment will follow in Riverside Cemetery. Ballard Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Ella E. Eby

CODY, Wyo. — Ella E. Eby, 92, died Wednesday, Oct. 8, 2003, at the West Park Long Term Care Center.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 11, at Christ the King Lutheran Church. Interment will follow at 2 p.m. in the Emblem Cemetery. Ballard Funeral Home of Cody is in charge.

Arnold O. Eckler

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LEWISTOWN — Arnold O. Eckler, 91, of Lewistown, formerly of Coffee Creek, died Wednesday, Jan. 8, 2003, at the Central Montana Skilled Nursing Center.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, in the Coffee Creek Cemetery. Cloyd Funeral Home of Lewistown is in charge.

Eugene Eckroth

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SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Eugene Eckroth, 81, of Sheridan, died Friday, July 18, 2003, at Memorial Hospital of Sheridan County.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, July 22, at Holy Name Catholic Church. Interment will follow in the Sheridan Elks Cemetery. Kane Funeral Home of Sheridan is in charge.

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Norma Edelen

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Norma Faye Edelen, 82, of Sheridan, died Sunday, May 18, 2003, at her home.

Cremation has taken place. A private family service will be held at a later date. Champion Ferties Funeral Home of Sheridan is in charge.

In Loving Memory of Myrtle Eder

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DENVER -- Myrtle Eder was born on June 4, 1911, in Chatham, Ill., to Frank and Mary Stark. She died at the age of 91 at the Berkley Manor Home in Denver on April 23, 2003. She was buried May 1, at Mountview Cemetery. If a single letter could identify a person, her letter is "M." Her first name is Myrtle, her family and friends called her Mom and her lifestyle was one of Meaning and Moderation.

She loved to work: cooking, cleaning and particularly sewing quilts for all the family, including the pets. But she knew when it was time to cease work and rest.

Myrtle loved her grandchildren and her great-grandchildren and was loved by them. She moderated her love with gentle discipline; even the family pets knew that Mom's "no" meant just that. When she had a problem to solve, she prayed for guidance and then did what she could to solve the problem, but she never let worry consume her life. She only gave advice when it was asked for, and she never interfered in the affairs of others.

The only facets of her life that were not moderate were her ever-enlarging collection of mic figurines and her love and devotion to her family and friends!

Preceding her in death was her husband, William Eder; his daughter, Betty Saltee; and his son-in-law, Vern Anderson. Her survivors include her son, Do Eder; her daughters, Rut Anderson and Cheryl Shiskowsky; nine grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

Myrtle was truly a "Gram Lady!"

Terry Ann Edgar

CODY, Wyo. — Terry Ann Edgar, 59, of Cody, died Thursday, April 24, 2003, at her home.

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

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Bertha Edwards

GLASGOW — Bertha Pearl Edwards, 95, died Monday, Sept. 8, 2003, at Valley View Nursing Home in Glasgow.

At her request, cremation has taken place. Services are planned for a later date. Bell Mortuary of Glasgow is in charge.

Denise Marie Edwards

HARLOWTON — Denise Marie Edwards, 35, died Thursday, Sept. 11, 2003, in her home.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday in the Faith Chapel.

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Elza J. Edwards

MILES CITY — Elza J. Edwards, 82, died Tuesday Nov. 18, 2003, at Holy Rosary Hospital in Miles City.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 25, Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home chapel in Miles City. Interment will follow in the family lot in the Custer County Cemetery with full military honors.

Kenneth 'Kenny' Edwards

GLENDIVE

— Kenneth
"Kenny"
Edwards, age 81,
Glendive, passed
away on
Thursday, Oct. 2,
2003, at the
Robison Care
Center.



**KENNY
EDWARDS**

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, Oct. 6, at the Chapel of the Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home in Glendive, with Pastor Paul Everett officiating. Interment will be in the Dawson County Cemetery. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home is entrusted with arrangements.

Kenny was born on Jan. 4, 1922, in Glendive, the son of Arthur and Gertrude (Hilton) Edwards. He was raised and educated in the Glendive area and received his early education at Sunrise School in rural Dawson County. Kenny graduated from Dawson County High School with the class of 1940. He began his farming and ranching life on the 1912 homestead of his father in the Pleasantview community.

Kenny married Jeanne Leach in January 1942. He married Shirley Beres in May 1978. Kenny was preceded in death by his wife Shirley in January 2001.

He was a life member of the Glendive Moose Lodge 949 and of the Glendive Elks Lodge 1324. Kenny served as a supervisor on the Dawson County Soil Conservation District Board and held office in the State Soil Conservation Association. Kenny was involved in politics and served in the Montana House of Representatives in the 37th Legislative Session of 1961. He was a founder of Grain Growers, Inc. cooperative grain elevator and served as its president from 1961 until 1990. Kenny served on the Dawson Community College Board of Trustees from 1973 to 1980.

Kenny loved farming and ranching and greatly enjoyed his trip to Russia in 1976. He also enjoyed his fishing trips to Canada with his friends.

Kenny was preceded in death by his parents, and one brother, Lyle, in 1974.

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Survivors include his daughter, Penny James and her husband Robert of Las Vegas; his son, Gary Edwards and his wife Rita of Glendive; three stepsons, Joel Beres and his wife Beth of Louisville, Ky., Tim Beres of Turlock, Calif., and Steve Beres of Glendive; seven grandchildren, Todd James, Jeanilyn James, Kristen James and Beau James, Deidre Edwards, Jessica Edwards and Olivia Beres; four great-grandchildren; his sister, Ardyce Nentwig and her husband Merton of Glendive.

Remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at: www.silvernale-silhafuneralhome.com.

Dorothy Mae EHLANG

Oct. 14, 1934 - April 16, 2003

Dorothy Mae Ehlang, 68, died Wednesday morning. She fought a courageous battle with lupus. She was born on Oct. 14, 1934, in Cleveland, Mont., to James and Elizabeth Dunbar. Dottie attended Peoples' Creek School until sixth grade and graduated from Chinook High School in 1952. She married Leonard A. Ehlang on Nov. 20, 1955.

Dorothy is survived by her husband, Leonard; two sons, Daniel Ehlang and Michael (Shirley) Ehlang; and grandchildren, Jessica and Seth Ehlang, all of Billings. She is also survived by one brother, Joseph (Judy) Dunbar of Chinook; three sisters, Margie Wright of Meridian, Idaho, Helen Bley of Great Falls, Idaho, and Betty (Al) Sanford of Casper, Wyo.; and also several nieces and nephews.

Preceded in her death are Dorothy's parents, James and Elizabeth Dunbar; two brothers, James and George Dunbar; and one sister, Rozella Dunbar.

Dorothy enjoyed sports, especially cheering for John Elway and the Denver Broncos. Dottie had a way with words. She has written several poems on different subjects.

Dorothy's family would like to express to Dr. Stephen Shaub a very grateful Thank You for his

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care and understanding throughout the years. Also, Dr. Shaub wasn't just Dorothy's doctor, he was her friend.

Our heartfelt thanks go out to all at Big Sky Hospice. Memorials may be made to Big Sky Hospice in Dorothy's name if desired.

Services will be 11 a.m. Tuesday, April 22 at Cremation or Funeral Gallery. Services will also be at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 26, at Edward's Funeral Home in Chinook.

Donald E. Ehresman

BELGRADE — Donald Edwin Ehresman, 52, died Sunday, Sept. 28, 2003, at his home in Belgrade.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 2, at Belgrade Alliance Church. Interment will precede the services, with the procession due to leave from Belgrade Alliance Church, at 12:30 p.m., to Sunset Memorial Park Cemetery. Dokken-Nelson Funeral Home of Bozeman is in charge.

Robert W. 'Ike' Eigell

VIENNA, Va. — Commander Robert W. (Ike) Eigell USN (Ret), passed away Monday, March 24, 2003, from Alzheimer's disease. He was 91. He was one of the nation's foremost experts in mine warfare and explosive ordnance disposal, having served for more than 40 years in the explosive ordnance disposal community.



**ROBERT
EIGELL**

He was born in Bismarck, N.D., in 1911. Orphaned by the influenza epidemic of 1918, he was sent to live with his maternal grandparents in Saskatchewan, Canada. At age 15 he left home and headed for Montana where he did about everything one could do on horseback in the prairies and badlands of central and eastern Montana, including rounding up wild horses, working cattle, bronc busting, and some rodeo riding. Robert Eigell was there as the vestiges of the "old" West faded finally forever from 1926 through 1936. Eigell's expertise was with the old Chappell Brothers Corporation horse ranches (called "divisions"). Each of the CBC's divisions near Wolf Point, Miles City

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Harlowton, and Musselshell shipped about 2,000 head a year. Each year Eigell would come back to Bismarck during the winters and work in the old Oscar H. Will Seed Co. warehouse, near Ninth Street on what's now the Burlington Northern Railroad main line. Eigell got work at the pioneering seed firm because George F. Will, then president of the company and a leading citizen in Bismarck, had been appointed the boy's legal guardian. When the establishment of stockmen's associations spelled the end of free range and with it the CBC, he opted for a new career and joined the U.S. Navy in 1936.

Here Robert W. Eigell was instrumental in obtaining for the Navy Department the responsibility for explosive ordnance disposal training and research. He served through World War II in the Pacific theater and was present at the surrender ceremonies in Tokyo Bay in 1945.

He was a member of the first mine disposal class graduating in Washington D.C. at the old

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Navy Yard in 1941, and received advanced training in the United Kingdom. He completed five schools and subsequently worked with the British in rendering safe live ordnance in England. Upon his return to Washington D.C. at the outbreak of hostilities, Eigell was transferred to Pearl Harbor on Dec. 10, 1941. Among his accomplishments at Pearl Harbor Eigell ingeniously designed, developed and tested the first remotely operated bomb fuse extractor wrench to remove fuses from unexploded bombs. This was the first bomb fuse wrench to enter U.S. service, descendants of which are still in U.S. and British service today. Robert W. Eigell assisted in disarming and dismantling the first Japanese bomb ever recovered by American forces. On another occasion, using the wrench he designed and developed, Eigell defused and removed one 1,800-pound unexploded armor piercing bomb he located among the debris on the battleship USS West Virginia. He had many other innovations, of which demolition adapters, self-destruct systems for PT boats operating in support of Gen. MacArthur's forces in the Southwest Pacific, and testing beach defense measures, which were reviewed by Admiral of the Fleet Chester W. Nimitz, are but a few.

In 1946 he occupied the cognizant desk for Explosive Ordnance Disposal and Underwater Demolition in the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations in Washington D.C. as mine and bomb disposal coordinator where he was instrumental in the transition of functions from a wartime status and in the establishment of the Explosive Ordnance Disposal School at Indian Head, Md. He served as mines and mine warfare advisor to the United States Military Mission for Aid to Turkey in 1948, and was commended by the Commander-in-Chief of the Turkish Navy for his accomplishments. In 1951 he served as staff mine warfare officer to Commander Mine Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet, Charleston, S. C.

As officer in charge of the Explosive Ordnance Disposal Technical Center at Indian Head, Md., from 1956 to 1959, he organized and headed the first Radiation Control Team responsible for nuclear weapons accident emergency assistance for the Eastern half of the United States. Commander Eigell represented the Bureau of Ordnance in an EOD capacity at the NATO Mine Warfare Conference, Brussels, Belgium in 1957.

Commander Eigell retired from the Navy in 1964 after 28

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years with the rank of commander, and settled back in the Washington D.C. area in 1965. Commander Eigell's career achievements were honored in dedication of the street which is named after him, "Eigell Road" at the Explosive Ordnance Disposal Technology Division Command, at Indian Head, Md., on July 16, 1993.

Commander Eigell is the author of two books, *Recollections of a Mustang*, where he chronicles his Naval career, and *Cows, Cowboys, Canners, and Corned Beef and Cabbage*, where he writes about his experiences as a cowboy. His hobbies included American Western history, military history, poetry, painting, playing the violin, banjo, piano, harmonica, and guitar. He continued an active career throughout his later years, giving lectures at universities, military bases, and was the subject of numerous interviews appearing in newspapers and magazines.

He is a member of the U.S. Navy Institute, American Ordnance Association, Naval Explosive Ordnance Disposal Association.

His decorations include the Navy and Marine Corp. Medal, and two Navy Commendation Medals.

He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Mellic Eigell of Vienna, Va.; children Meta Patricia Wallace of Centreville, Va., and Dennis Henry Eigell of Vienna, Va.; his sister Pauline Hendrickson of Henderson, Nev.; and one grandchild.

The viewing will be from 2 to 4 p.m., and 7 to 9 p.m. at Money and King Funeral Home, 171 W. Maple Ave. Vienna, Va., on April 28. Funeral services will be April 29 at 11 a.m. at Fort Myer Old Post Chapel, VA, followed by burial at Arlington National Cemetery with full military honors.

Dollie Mae Eigenheer

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Dollie Mae Eigenheer, 98, died Friday, Sept. 19, 2003, at Sheridan Manor.

Viewing will be from 1 to 5 p.m. Monday, Sept. 22, at Champion Ferries Funeral Home. Graveside services will be 11 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 23, in Sheridan Municipal Cemetery.

Mildred Schneider Eichenseher

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While a resident of St. John's Lutheran Home in Billings, Mildred Eichenseher, 98, died on Saturday, March 1, 2003.

Born in Jasper, Ind., Sept. 8, 1904, Mid was the daughter of Felix L. and Emma E. (Cassidy) Schneider.

Mid attended 2 ½ years at Indiana University in Bloomington, majoring in secondary education and history. On Sept. 1, 1926, Mildred was in marriage to Arthur Lewis Eichenseher in Jasper. They resided in Fort Wayne, Ind., until his death on Jan. 1, 1961. Mid drove her own car from the age of 13 until she was 92 in 1996. She continued to live in her own home until the age of 92, when she began living with her three daughters from August 1996 until May 1999. It was then Mid moved to St. John's Lutheran Home.

Mid was a homemaker from 1927 until 1961. She volunteered as a Gray Lady at the Veteran's Hospital in Fort Wayne in the 1950s. Following Art's death, she worked as a secretary for the Fort Wayne State Hospital and Training Center from 1961 until she retired at the age of 75. After three weeks of retirement, Mid became bored and started working as an Adopt-A-Patient coordi-

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nator for the Indiana Mental Health Association until she retired for a second time at the age of 88. Mid was active in St. John Baptist Church in Fort Wayne. Her hobbies included knitting, gardening, reading, playing bridge and traveling. Mid was a devoted wife and mother who enjoyed and remained close to her grandchildren. She was a people person who continually made and kept friends.

Mid leaves behind her three daughters, Jean Eichenseher Lill of Miami, Carol Eichenseher Lawrence of Benton, Ark., Mary Susann Eichenseher Fishbaugh of Billings; 11 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at St. John the Baptist Church in Fort Wayne, on Saturday, March 8, at 10 a.m. Her final resting place will be in the East Lake Catholic Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

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Mary Katharine Eik

JOLIET — Mary Katharine Duxbury Eik, passed away peacefully in her home in Joliet on Thursday, May 8, 2003.

Mary Katharine was born on April 2, 1923, in Forsyth, to Boyd and Edna Duxbury. She grew up in Hysham and remained there until her family moved to Joliet on March 31, 1931. Mary Katharine graduated from Joliet High School in 1941. She attended Eastern Montana College for two years and obtained her teaching certificate. From 1941 to 1942, she taught all grades in the Clear Creek School near Roberts. From 1942 to 1943, she taught at the Monahan School northwest of Joliet. From 1943 to 1945, she taught junior high at the Roosevelt School in Red Lodge. From 1945 to 1946, she taught all grades in Pryor.

Mary Katharine married Oscar Eik on June 5, 1946, in Red Lodge, after he returned from his service in the Navy during World War II. They raised their family on the family farm northwest of Joliet.



**MARY
KATHARINE
EIK**

She resumed her teaching career in Joliet from 1965 to 1984. During that time, she also attended night and summer classes at Eastern Montana College, receiving her Bachelor of Science degree in elementary education in 1971.

Mary Katharine was very close to God and she was an active member of St. John's Catholic Church in Joliet since 1931. Until her time of death, she was meeting once a week with her *Cum Christo* Group.

She was an excellent teacher and was always "teaching" her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Mary Katharine was active in the Joliet Social Garden Club, played Bridge and loved spending time with her family.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Oscar Eik; her parents; and a sister, Carroll Duxbury Pitts.

She is survived by her son, Allen Oscar Eik of Joliet and his wife Trisha; her daughter, Kathy Blain and her husband Larry of Joliet; five grandchildren, Candace Eik Dworshak and his-

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band Kevin, Brad Eik, Karri Eik, Tracy Blain and Scott Blain; two great-grandchildren, Ashley Dworshak and Cody Dworshak of Bozeman; a sister, Bertha (Earl) Zumbrun of Billings; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to the Joliet Community Center Library Box or the charity of your choice.

Vigil service will be held Friday, May 9, at 7 p.m. at St. John's Catholic Church in Joliet. Funeral service will be held 10 a.m. Saturday at May 10, at St. John's Catholic in Joliet.

Patsy Knerr Eike

Pat was born in Lewistown in 1948. She lived most of her life in Billings. Patsy went to be with our Lord on Aug. 28, 2003, after a short illness.

She is survived by her mother, two sisters, a daughter, an adopted son, two grandsons, a fiancé and many very special friends.

Pat worked in the service industry all her life and made many friends while doing so. She was known for her endless energy, hard work, kindness and sense of humor. She touched the hearts of so very many people. We will all miss her.

Her family would like to thank her special friends who helped to comfort her during the final days and everyone else who sent their love and prayers.

Per her request, a private service will be held. To honor her life, her friends will host a reception at a later date.

Marcella Elfring

JUN 18 2003

GLASGOW — Marcella Elfring, 70, died Tuesday, June 17, 2003, at Frances Mahon Deaconess Hospital in Glasgow, of cancer.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday, June 20, at First Lutheran Church in Glasgow. Interment will be in Highland Cemetery in Glasgow. Bell Mortuary of Glasgow is in charge.

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EVELYN AND CARL ELIASSON

Evelyn Irene Eliasson

ROUNDUP — On April 1, 2003, Evelyn Irene Eliasson slipped the bonds of this earth and went to be with her husband, Carl.

She was born in Roundup on July 19, 1922, to William and Winnefred Hunt. The family lived on a homestead 16 miles northwest of Roundup in the Lake Mason area, where Evelyn found her first love — horses. (Her friends know that she suffered from rheumatoid arthritis most of her adult life. When asked what she would do if they were able to affect a cure from her crippling disease, she replied, "Well, the first thing that I would do is buy a fancy black horse that ran like the wind, and that's just what we would do.") She attended grade school at the Lake Mason School and high school at Roundup High, graduating in 1940.

Shortly thereafter she found

her greatest love, Carl, and married him on Sept. 5, 1942. They moved to Lincoln, Neb., where Carl went to school and worked for the U.S. Army Air Force at the Lincoln Air Force Base.

The couple returned to Roundup following the end of World War II, and purchased the Edgar Sayer ranch eight miles south of town, where they both lived until Carl left us in 2002. As it is with most farmers and ranchers, her soul was tied to the land she loved in the Bull Mountains, and that is something that will never end.

Her love of horses led her to competition, and she held the barrel racing record for years at the county fairgrounds. Eventually, her arthritis took her out of competition and eventually took away her riding entirely, but she never lost her love for horses or the sport of rodeo. She and Carl were regulars at the Fourth of July rodeos and could most often be found cooking and serving food with the Ridge Riders.

She was very well read, and could discuss (or argue) almost any subject that a person could bring up to her, with great intelligence. Along those lines of dis-

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covery, she also kept scrapbooks of events that were important to her and her times. Her favorites included The Great Montana Cattle Drive and the Hawk Creek Fire, although the scrapbooks that she kept for her grandchildren would top the list. She and Nathan would pour over them for hours. She also had a great sense of humor, in spite of her health problems, that stayed with her until the end. Her laugh was infectious.

She stayed with us long enough to meet two newcomers to our family. Dalton Carl Funk was born in September and Makayla Evelyn Goffena was born in January. She had the opportunity to hold both babies during a pizza party given for her two weeks ago.

She was greatly loved and will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Survivors include her son, Russell, who makes his home in Sante Fe, N.M.; and her daughter Sherrill and husband Jon Funk, who live on the ranch; her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, Kory and Andy Gray and Nathan of Roundup, Jason Funk and Dalton Carl of Helena, Casey Funk of Billings, and Laura and Casey Goffena and Makayla Evelyn of Roundup.

She is also survived by sisters-in-law, Doris Eliasson, Viola Eliasson and Emily Jensvold, all of Roundup, and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, William and Winifred Hunt; her husband Carl; brothers Don and Edward Hunt; and sisters Lillian Nesmith and Vivian Hunt.

With love and respect for her wishes, cremation has taken place. A portion of her ashes will be scattered over the beautiful pine forests that she loved on the family ranch in the Bull Mountains. The remainder will be interred in the family plot.

Memorial services will be held at Zion Lutheran Church in Roundup on Friday, April 11, at 7 p.m. The ladies of Zion will provide refreshments following the ceremony.

Memorials may be made to the Roundup Public Library or the Roundup Memorial Nursing, c/o furniture fund.

There is no doubt that she's riding now, with Carl by her side, across a high mountain meadow at sundown, in a place that knows no pain.

Thomas Gilbert Elledge

ALPHARETTA, Ga. — Thomas Gilbert Elledge passed on and went to live with Heavenly Father on Sept. 8, 2003.

Tom was born April 16, 1918, to Alvah and Iva Elledge in Powell, Wyo.

He was a graduate from Powell High School and farmed on Powell Flat with his father Iva. On Dec. 25, 1942, he married Constance Ives (Connie). Garold Westly Elledge, their only child, was born Jan. 13, 1944. They farmed and ranched in the area until 1955, when they moved to Illinois to work in the oil fields. In 1958, Tom worked in the Brewer and Kern's Chicago office. He opened a Standard service station from 1960 until his retirement in 1978.



**THOMAS
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Tom and Connie then moved on to Hot Springs, Ark. In 1987, Connie passed on. Tom stayed in Arkansas until 1991. Then he went to live with his son Gary in Georgia.

Tom is survived by his sister, Wylla Richard of Butte, Mont.; his son Garold W. Elledge of Apharetta; four grandchildren, Jeffrey, David, Michelle and Julie; and seven great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 13, at the Ballard Funeral Home in Cody, Wyo.

There will be a void to many of us in this world because of Tom's passing.

D.E. 'Duke' Ellingson

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE
MAR 23 2003

Duke Ellingson passed away suddenly Wednesday, March 19, 2003, at St. Vincent Healthcare. He was born to David A. and Ethel M. Ellingson on Nov. 19, 1930, in Laurel. Duke attended school in Billings and graduated from high school in Livingston in 1948. He worked for Northern Pacific Railroad for many years, and later went into the financial brokerage business.



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Duke Ellingson was a 50-year member of the Masonic Lodge #32, Scottish Rite and The Elks Club. He was very active with the Al Bedoo Shrine and served as an officer in the Temple for many years. Duke had a fondness for his Shrine unit, The Arab Patrol, of which he was commander for over 20 years. He enjoyed traveling with his Shrine unit and friends to functions all around the country. Duke enjoyed his hobby with model railroading and had a wonderful model train set-up. Duke had a special dedication to The Al Bedoo Shrine Temple and the hospitals it serves.

He was preceded in death by his father, and his wife, Elaine Benson. Duke is survived by his mother, Ethel, and his very special friend and partner, Florence Steiner.

A memorial service with Masonic rites will be 1 p.m., Monday, March 24, at Smith's Downtown Chapel. Memorials may be sent to the Shrine Children's Hospital, PO Box 20673, Billings, MT 59104.

Kenneth S. Ellingson

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Kenneth S. Ellingson was born in Glendive, June 4, 1935 to Stanley and Marie (Soiland) Ellingson. When he was just a few months old, the family moved to Laurel where he attended school, graduating from Laurel High School in 1953. In November of 1955, he enlisted in the U.S. Army and while on Christmas leave from boot camp he met Beverly Anderson. After an 18 month courtship by mail while he was stationed in Korea, Ken and Bev were married Oct. 20, 1957. The first year of their marriage, they lived in New Orleans, where he was stationed at Camp LeRoy Johnson and this is where their daughter, Sandy, was born. Upon his discharge from active duty, they returned home to Montana.

Ken was employed just two months short of 38 years with Montana Dakota Utilities. He started as a meter reader and ended his career as an engineering assistant drawing the maps. It was said his maps were the best in the company. Ken's artistic ability for cartooning was known far and wide as well as his love of entertaining.

Ken was very proud of his pure Norwegian background having its roots in the Naebo and Stavanger areas of Norway. He was a Charter

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Member of Jotunheimen #499 Sons of Norway and served as president twice. He also served on the Sons of Norway District 4 Lodge as an officer for several years. He was just as proud that he was a life long member of the Republican Party.

He believed that his calling was to be of service to others and this resulted in his membership in the Breakfast Optimist Club where he served as secretary several times, president and then moved on to serve as Lt. Governor and in 1980-81 as Governor of the Alberta, Montana, Saskatchewan District Optimist International.

The past several years he served as the liaison between the Breakfast Optimist Club and Boy Scout Troop #30 which the club sponsored. Three of his grandsons have achieved the rank of Eagle Scout in Troop #30.

He was also a member of Ashlar Lodge #29 AF&AM, Scottish Rite and Al Bedoo Shrine. He was "Rags" the hobo clown and sang with the Chanters for many years. He was always happy when he could sponsor a child to the Shrine Hospital including one of his grandsons. He was a member of Billings Shrine Chapter #124 OES.

KENNETH S.
ELLINGSON

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

MAR 24 2003

Ken is survived by his wife, Beverly; daughter, Sandy (Bill) Rubich, five grandsons, Matt Rausch, and Chris, Willie, Charlie and Jim Rubich; his mother, Marie Ellingson; sisters, Linda (Dan) Koch of Park City, and Shirley Kyhl of Billings; and sister-in-law, Syliva Anderson; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to the Al Bedoo Shrine Transportation Fund, PO Box 20673, Billings 59104 or Dean King Memorial Fund to assist Boy Scouts to attend camp c/o Bill Galt, PO Box 80268, Billings, 59108.

Memorial services will be 11 a.m. Thursday, March 27, at Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd.

Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary has charge of arrangements.

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Joseph T. Elliott, 82, passed quietly on Friday, Feb. 28, 2003, after a long illness. He was born on Dec. 19, 1920, in Nevada, Mo.

Joe was preceded in death by his wife, Sophie Elliott; a daughter, JoAnn Moler; and several of his brothers and sisters. He is survived by five daughters, one son, a sister, numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. One grandbaby on the way!

Dad, we love you with all of our hearts. The only light in your passing is that your pain is at an end. We believe Mom finally came and told you it was time to join her. You were a wonderful father and we were the luckiest children and so blessed to have you. Your only fear at the end of your life was for your five girls and if we'd be okay. Because of what you've taught us, your girls will thrive.

Thank you for giving us everything we needed and more. You leave a huge hole in our lives but knowing you are with Mom again will help to ease our pain.

We will miss you forever. We love you.

Family and friends are welcome to meet between 8:30 and 9:15 a.m. Wednesday, March 5, at Cremation or Funeral Gallery, 27 Eighth St. West, Billings, for departure to Hardin for a graveside service to be held at 11 a.m. at the Hardin Parkview Cemetery.

Stephanie L. Elliot

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No one ever fought longer, harder, or more bravely against the cancer in her body than Stevie Elliot, a true warrior woman. Until the very end, Stevie never gave up hope; in August, she took her breast, bone, brain, and liver cancer to the Law School in Missoula, where she enrolled in a mediation class to prepare for her next career. On Nov. 15, 2003, knowing that her three boys were grown and self-sufficient, Stevie finally was able to lay her burden down. Just a few short months before, some of her many devoted friends celebrated her 50th birthday with her, an enormous achievement and true celebration of the gift of Stevie in our world.

Stephanie Lewis was born in Ayer, Mass., the oldest of eight children of Jonathan and Janet Carleton Lewis. Her family featured prominently in her life, despite her geographic distance from many of them. Their visits, cards and phone calls were a source of great joy, and Stevie loved hearing about her nieces and nephews. One of the highlights of Stevie's last few weeks was getting to meet Penelope's baby, Jonathan Hill, the most recent addition to the Lewis fam-

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ly. Stevie also pored over the family history compiled by her mother, and was enormously proud of the achievements of many of her ancestors. Following in those footsteps, Stevie became a skilled skier and tennis player, and was an excellent equestrienne. She won so many silver riding trophies that her mother finally asked the show directors to give her charms for a bracelet instead of any more engraved bowls.

One of the other legacies of the Lewis family was an incredible work ethic. When the boys were little, Stevie decided to prepare herself for work in the legal profession. She enrolled in Rocky Mountain College's nascent paralegal program, embarking on the career she perfected over the next 20-some years. Stevie worked at Moulton, Bellingham, for Rob Stephens, for Cliff Edwards, and for the Crowley Law Firm in Billings. She also worked for the Williams firm in Missoula and for several firms in Fort Myers, Fla. She was in Florida when she was diagnosed at age 42 with breast cancer.

Stevie was a woman of strong opinions and tastes. She loved cowboy boots and silver jewelry; she hated elk meat and improper adverb use. She also loved to laugh and make fun of herself as well as others. Since she was

diagnosed with brain cancer, she often commented to her middle-aged friends, groping to find a word or remember a name, that "I'm the one with brain cancer." She loved warm weather, the beach, and the palm trees in Florida; she returned to Montana time and again because her family preferred it here and because of her strong network of friends. In both Billings and Missoula, the door swung open innumerable times each day with people

bringing news, food, gifts and mostly just themselves to share when Stevie finally became unable to go to work. (She was always planning her next career, though). Each person took away far more than he or she brought every time.

Stevie married Bill Elliot of Billings in 1978 in New Hampshire. Stevie's pride and joys were the three sons she had with Bill: Porter, Lewis and Blair. She loved being their mother when they were little and lived on Clark Avenue, and she worked throughout their lives to see that they wanted for nothing. She also loved being their mother when they were grown, relishing each report about their forays



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into the world. She was excited about Porter's interests in snowboarding, climbing, kayaking and other outdoor adventures. She followed Lewis' bicycling and triathlon competitions keenly, traveling to Europe to watch him ride on her last big trip abroad. (Her memories of earlier journeys to India, Nepal, Africa, and Europe were the grist of many of her stories). She was thrilled when Blair enrolled at California State University at San Bernardino and wore her CSU hooded sweatshirt with great pride. The truest measure of Stevie's love for her boys was her total lack of hesitation about entering the grueling stem cell cancer treatment protocol at Duke University. No matter how difficult the treatment was, Stevie felt that she could endure it in order to live long enough to see Blair grow up. Never once did Stevie regret that choice, and the sunny afternoons on the back porch and the happy young men the boys became were ample reward. The rest of us are grateful for the dividends we reaped from the almost unimaginable effort she made to stay alive in the past eight years.

She is survived by her husband, Bill; her sons, Porter, Lewis, and Blair; her parents, Janet and Jonathon Lewis; her sisters, Jennifer, Amanda, Penelope, and Samantha; her brothers, Peter, Trip, and Tony;

and numerous nieces and nephews.

Now that the effort is over, Stevie's family and friends will celebrate her life, and the fact that peace has finally arrived, at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 19, at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Billings. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Stevie's favorite charity, The Kenya Project (which provides aid for orphans in Kenya), Saint Peter & Saint Paul Episcopal, 3900 Morris Lane, Arlington, TX 76017. In keeping with Stevie's migration between Florida and Montana, some of her ashes will be spread by her family in Florida, while the remainder will be interred at Holy Spirit Episcopal Church in Missoula.

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William Mann Elliott

GREYBULL, Wyo.

William "Bill" Mann Elliott, 83, of Greybull, died Sunday, Jan. 5, 2003, at St. Vincent Healthcare in Billings as the result of a fall at his home in Greybull.

Graveside funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, Jan. 10, at Mount View Cemetery in Basin. Atwood Family Funeral Directors, Inc., of Basin, is in charge.

Clarence M. Ellis

LEWISTOWN — Clarence M. Ellis, 92, died Tuesday, Jan. 21, 2003, at Valle Vista Manor.

Funeral services will be at 1:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 27, at Creel Funeral Chapel in Lewistown. Interment will be in Central Montana Memorial Gardens.

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Donna Louise Bigler Ellis

RELIANCE GAZETTE

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BASIN, Wyo. — Funeral services for longtime Basin resident, Donna Louise Bigler Ellis, will be held on Nov. 15, at 10 a.m., at the Basin/Greybull Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Donna passed away on Sunday, Nov. 9, 2003, in San Diego, at the age of 80. Burial will follow the services at the Mount View Cemetery in Basin.

A visitation will be held on Saturday, Nov. 15, in the Relief Society Room at the Basin/Greybull Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints from 9 to 10 a.m. An additional visitation for the public will be Friday, Nov. 14, at the Atwood Family Chapel, 419 West C St., Basin, from 1 to 4 p.m.

She was born on Feb. 13, 1923, in Rexburg, Idaho, the youngest of four children to Ursel Henry and Mattie (Davidson) Bigler. She attended and graduated from Madison High School and attended the Boise School of Business and then went to work for Douglas Aircraft, later McDonnell Douglas, in Los Angeles.

It was while working at Douglas she was introduced to her husband, Fred, who was visiting his sister, Pearl, who also worked there. They were married on March 4, 1946, in Dillon, and renewed their vows in the

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Salt Lake City temple on Oct. 31, 1981, for all time and eternity.

They settled on the family farm on Orchard Bench and raised three sons. She worked in Basin for Gib Kennedy as his administrative assistant and worked in the offices of Dr. Raffil and Dr. Forsyth. She worked many years as the office administrator for the Wyoming Tuberculosis Center and then the Wyoming Retirement Center until her retirement.

She devoted a lot of time to the American Legion Auxillary, working on poppy drives and Girls State. She was a current member of the San Diego Legion Post.

She will be remembered as a cherished mother and friend.

Donna is preceded in death by her husband, Fred; two daughters; two grandsons; one brother; and two sisters.

She is survived by three sons, Bruce, Brent and Brian (Denise); and two grandchildren, Branden and Skye.

In lieu of flowers, Donna asked that a donation be made in memory of Donna Ellis to the charity of your choice.

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

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George W. Ellis

LEWISTOWN — George W. Ellis, 78, of Lewistown, died Saturday, Nov. 22, 2003, at the Central Montana Skilled Nursing Center, of cancer.

At his request, cremation has taken place and no services will be held at this time. Cloyd Funeral Home of Lewistown is in charge.

Helen I. Ellis

BILLINGS GAZETTE

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SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Helen I. Ellis, 88, of Sheridan, died Friday, Aug. 1, 2003, at Memorial Hospital of Sheridan County.

Private family graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, Aug. 4, in the Sheridan Municipal Cemetery. Champion Ferries Funeral Home of Sheridan is in charge.

Steven W. Ellis

WYOMING GAZETTE
JUL 13 2003

Steven W. Ellis, age 49, of Billings, went to the Lord on July 11, 2003, after a courageous battle with cancer.

Steven was born June 15, 1954, in Cleveland, Ohio, to Jarrett and Joan Ellis. He attended schools in the Cleveland area until the family moved to Hartford, Conn, and graduated from



STEVEN ELLIS

William H. Hall High School. He attended Case Western University in Cleveland one year and then transferred to University of Northern Colorado and graduated in 1980.

Steven met Connie Cooper in 1980 and they were married in 1981. To this union, Tyler was born in 1984.

Steven worked for the K-Mart Corporation at many stores in the Denver area until he was transferred to Billings in 1988. He worked for K-Mart and managed the K-Mart store in the Heights until 2000. He then worked for 24 Hour Fitness as a Front End Supervisor. In 2002, Steven was diagnosed with cancer and underwent both chemotherapy and radiation treatment. He continued to work at 24 Hour Fitness

until July of 2002. Steven fought a long, courageous battle and was an inspiration to many people.

Steven is survived by his wife Connie and son Tyler. Steven is also survived by his father, Jarrett Ellis, his wife, Jane; his mother, Joan Moore, her husband, Robert; his sister, Vicki Brodhead, her children, Calvin, Madeline and Patrick; his brother, Jedd; his brother, John, his wife Rita and their children, Hallie Marie and Anelise. Steven is also survived by Connie's family, which includes her mother, Lois Cooper; niece, Allison Mack; Connie's brother, Mike Cooper, his wife, Mary Ann, and their children, Derek and wife Rachel, Meagan and Erin; Dennis Cooper, his children, Holly, Ashley and Brittney; Barbara Christian, her husband Greg and their children, Daniel, Hannah, Michael and Raymond.

Steven is preceded in death by his grandparents, Karl and Ellen Hanke, and Madge and Albion Ellis; father-in-law, Ray Cooper; brother-in-law, Garret Brodhead; and sister-in-law, Diana Mack.

Memorial services will be held on Tuesday, July 15, at 1 p.m. at St. Bernard's Church in the Heights. The family asks in lieu of flowers, please make donations to Big Sky Hospice.

FEB 23 2003

IDAHO FALLS, Idaho — Charles Eugene Ellison, 69, of Idaho Falls, died Feb. 19, 2003, at Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center in Idaho Falls, of complications of cancer.

He was born June 22, 1933, in Herman, Minn., the son of Charles Edward Ellison, Jr. and Evalyn Larson Ellison. He spent his early years and was educated in Elbow Lake, Minn., and graduated

from Elbow Lake High School in 1952. He received a bachelor's degree from North Dakota State University in Fargo in 1962.

He married Margorie Mittelstaedt on April 28, 1957, in Hoffman, Minn.; they had four children. They later divorced. He married Linda Condrey on June 3, 1996, in Brookings, S.D. He had lived in Roundup, Harlowton and Bridger, Mont., and Brookings, prior to moving to Idaho Falls in 1996. He owned Ellison Insurance Agency in Harlowton from 1973 to 1987 and operated Bridger Agency in Bridger from 1987 to 1989. Since his retirement and moving to Idaho Falls, he has worked for Rockmaks Hardware



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and the Post Register.

He was a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Idaho Falls. He was also a member of several Jaycee Organizations and Chambers of Commerce. His hobbies and interests included fishing, hunting and woodworking.

He is survived by wife, Linda Ellison of Idaho Falls; daughter, Carla Golobay of Arlington, Texas; daughter, Catherine Goldade of Billings, Mont.; son, Charles Eldon (wife Terri) Ellison of Elbridge, Md.; daughter, Cheryl St. John of Gillette, Wyo.; eight grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Barbara Ellison.

Memorial services were held Saturday, Feb. 22, at 7 p.m. at Buck Miller-Hann Funeral Home, 625 E. 17th Street in Idaho Falls, with Reverend Richard Collin of St. John Lutheran Church officiating.

Jean Helen Elsberry

Jean Helen Elsberry, age 75, passed away Wednesday, Aug. 13, 2003, at home with her husband and daughter at her side. Jean fought a courageous battle against cancer.

Jean was born in Minneapolis, Minn., on Sept. 24, 1927, to Charlie and Halene Walker. She graduated from Marshall High School in Minneapolis as class valedictorian. Jean worked in the cadet nursing corps at the end of World War II before marrying her high school sweetheart and starting her family of four.

Jean was a devoted homemaker. Family and friends were very much the priority of her life. She also volunteered many hours at Deaconess Hospital. She truly exemplified the familiar saying "lived well, laughed often and loved much." Jean will be deeply missed by her family and many friends.



**JEAN
ELSBERRY**

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Jean is survived by her husband of 56 years, Earl; her four children, Barb Verhaeghe, Gary (Cindi), Dale (Nancy) and John (Kim); her grandchildren, Bryce, Grant, Matt, Ali, Jake, Rachel, Liz, Tabatha, Andy, Abbey, Daniel and Alex. Her sister Carol, brother Harmon, many in-laws and two great-grandchildren remember Jean. Barb's husband Rick precedes her in death.

Cremation has taken place and a memorial service will be held at Mayflower Congregational Church at the corner of Poly Drive and Rehberg Lane on Friday, Aug. 22, at 10 a.m. Memorials may be made in Jean's name to Big Sky Hospice, PO Box 35033, Billings, MT 59107 or Northern Rockies Cancer Center, PO Box 369, Billings, MT 59103-0369.

Eulala Elsom

BUFFALO, Wyo. — Eulala Geraldine Hakert Elsom, 87, of Buffalo, died Sunday, Sept. 14, 2003, at the Johnson County Memorial Hospital.

Vigil of the deceased will be at 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 18, at Saint John the Baptist Church. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. Friday, Sept. 19, at Saint John the Baptist Church. Visitation will be from 5 to 10 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 17, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Thursday, and prior to Mass on Friday, at Adams Funeral Home in Buffalo. Burial will be in the Willow Grove Cemetery, with graveside services following the Mass.

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J.D. Elsom

BUFFALO, Wyo. — J.D. Elsom, 81, of Buffalo, died Friday, June 20, 2003, at the Amie Holt Care Center in Buffalo.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, June 24, at the St. John the Baptist Catholic Church. A rosary will be at 7 p.m. Monday, June 23, at the church. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday, at Adams Funeral Home in Buffalo, and just prior to Mass on Tuesday. Burial will be in Willow Grove Cemetery, with graveside rites to follow the Mass.

DEC 24 2003**John Peter Evert**

GLENDIVE — John Peter Evert, 81, died Monday, Dec. 22, 2003, at the Glendive Medical Center Extended Care Facility.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at the White Chapel Mennonite Church with burial in the Coalridge Mennonite Cemetery in Coalridge. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home is in charge.

Loma G. Emborg

BELLINGS GAZETTE

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Loma G. Emborg, 90, of Billings, passed away Friday, Oct. 31, 2003, at Valley Nursing Home. She was born April 26, 1913, at the family homestead near Custer, the daughter of William and



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Carrie (Simmons) Glasgow. She was the youngest daughter in a family of 13 children. In 1927, the family moved from the Custer area to the family home at 16 Jackson St., in Billings. She attended schools in Custer and Billings.

On May 29, 1938, Loma married Martin Emborg in a double ceremony with her cousin Virginia (Harris) and Martin's brother James in Billings. Loma and Martin made their home in Billings with their children, Jack, Dick and Judy. She worked at Deaconess Hospital laundry, later retiring from Hospital Laundry Services.

Her whole life, Loma was a caregiver and friend to all. She was a charter member of Central Christian Church and also a charter member of the Little Horn No. 12 chapter of Ladies Encampment Auxilliary (LEA).

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Loma was active in many other fraternal organizations, including Zelta Rebekah Lodge No. 14 (99-year member), LAPM, Moss Agate Chapter No. 126, Order of Eastern Star (OES) and Ladies of the Nile. She was a past noble grand of Rebekahs and held many offices in all of the fraternal organizations to which she belonged.

Loma was always willing to help with degree work, visitations and many other lodge activities.

Loma was a fun-loving person with a great sense of humor. She led a full life, keeping busy by playing cards, staying active with her lodges and spending time with her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She also enjoyed flowers and spent many hours working in her flower beds. She was always there to lend a helping hand.

She is survived by her children, Jack (Marcia) of Bozeman, Dick (Sandi) of Billings and Judy Becker (Russell) of Ballantine; seven grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. Loma is also survived by her brothers, Bob and Ted Glasgow of Billings; sisters-in-law, Nina and Beverly Glasgow and Virginia Emborg, all of Billings, and Anne Goodwin of Salt Lake City. She also leaves numerous nieces and nephews. Loma was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, her two sisters and eight of her brothers.

Loma's family would like to thank the entire staff at Valley Nursing Home for their loving care during Loma's stay.

We love you and will miss you, Mom. We are glad you're with the angels now, Grandma Loma.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 5, at Smith West in Chapel in Billings, 304 34th St. West. Interment will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens. Memorials may be made to Rebekahs' Scholarship Fund, Eastern Star charities or a charity of your choice.

FEB 6 2003

Freda Emmerick passed away early Monday, Feb. 3, 2003, at Autumn Health Care in Billings.

Freda was born April 30, 1913, in the Park City/Columbus area, the daughter of Alexander and Katherine (Runk) Lehman. She attended school in Lockwood.



FREDA
EMMERICK

Rev. P.M. Freiburger married Christina Emmerick and Freda Lehman in Billings, Thursday, Nov. 28, 1935. They farmed west of Billings, moving into town in 1940. Freda was baptized, confirmed and married in Trinity Lutheran Church. She was a charter member of Trinity.

Freda enjoyed her family, huge family gatherings, picnics, gardening and helping with Trinity's Parish Visitor monthly mailings.

She belonged to LWML and the Senior Citizens Center.

Freda is survived by her son, Dennis and his wife Karen (Flagler) Emmerick; granddaughters, Kelly Kristine (Darwin) Rowton and their daughter Kourtney Kristine all of Powell, Wyo., and Koby Kay (Todd) Hatch of Chicago; sisters,

Elizabeth Roth, Sophie Seiffert, Dorothy Ostermiller, all of Billings, Minnie Kober of Scottsdale, Ariz.; brothers, Walter Lehman of Laurel and Willie (Bessie) Lehman of Park City; and many nieces, nephews and cousins. She was preceded in death by her husband, Christian Emmerick, in 1989; her parents, Alex and Katie Lehman; a brother, Sol Lehman; and a sister, Lillian.

Interment has taken place at Mountview Cemetery in Billings. A memorial service will be held 10:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 7, at Trinity Lutheran Church, 537 Grand Ave., Billings, MT 59101. Memorials may be made to Trinity Lutheran Church.

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Dewey Dennett Emmett

HYSHAM — Dewey Dennett Emmett, at the age of 74, died at his home in Hysham on Thursday, June 5, 2003. He was born Feb. 24, 1929, in Lovell, Wyo., the son of Dewey True and Beatrice (Dennett) Emmett. Dewey graduated from Lovell High School in 1947. He put his roots down in Silesia, ranching with his dad, until his dad's death in 1961. On May 27, 1967, Dewey

was united in marriage to Della V. Ford in Billings. They continued to ranch in Silesia until the summer of 1985 when Dewey became the caretaker of the Hysham Rest Area, working there until his retirement in the spring of 2002. Off and on for the last 15 years, Dewey worked for the Fish, Wildlife and Parks Department writing permits for the block management. He was an excellent horseman, loved to fish and hunt, enjoyed landscaping and having coffee "with the guys."

Dewey is survived by his wife of 36 years, Della; daughter Mary

B. (Ken) Hyvoner of Red Lodge; son Dewey G. (Kathie) Emmett of Columbus; son Delane D. (Laurie) Emmett of Rock Springs, Wyo.; daughter Melanee Emmett of Billings; mother Beatrice Emmett of Hurricane; sisters Beatrice Ogden of Hurricane, and Donna Reynolds of Washington. He also leaves behind 11 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. His dad, Dewey True Emmett, and granddaughter, Rachel Emmett, preceded him in death.

He was a great husband, father, father-in-law, friend and grandpa.

He will be missed dearly.

Visitation for Dewey will be from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at Dahl Funeral Chapel in Billings on Saturday, June 7, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday, and from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Monday at Dahl Funeral Chapel in Red Lodge, and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Tuesday. A Memorial Service will be in Hysham at the Hysham Presbyterian Church at 11 a.m. on Monday. Funeral services will be 1 p.m. on Tuesday, June 10, at



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Dahl Funeral Chapel in Red Lodge, Dewey will be laid to rest in the Red Lodge Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Gideon Bibles or to Cowboys for Christ.

Stillwater Packing of Columbus will be closed Tuesday in Dewey's honor.

Ned Carroll Emmett

TACOMA, Wash. — Ned Carroll Emmett was born Nov. 13, 1922, in Lovell, Wyo. He died May 19, 2003, in Tacoma, at age 80.

He is preceded in death by his parents; Mildred, his wife; Rosellie, his daughter; and four brothers. He is survived by children Ruth, David, Charles, Barbara, Robert, Holly and James; 18 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; one sister, Elizabeth (Tessy) Todd of Cody, Wyo.; three brothers, Clarence of Deaver, Wyo., Charles (Lola) of Glendive, Mont., and Steve (Evagene) of Shepherd, Mont.; and many other loving relatives and friends.

Ned or Grampa devoted his life in service to his family, church, education and the military.

Viewing was Tuesday, May 20, 6 to 8 p.m., at the New Tacoma Funeral Home. Family and friends gathered May 21 for prayer before the funeral service. Services were held Wednesday, May 21, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, at 11 a.m., 1201 S. Fourth St., Tacoma, with the burial at the New Tacoma Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the LDS Humanitarian Fund.

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Doris Jean Emmons

OLIVE — Doris Jean Emmons, age 77, of Olive, passed away Sunday, March 16, 2003, in Billings.

Visitation will be on Wednesday, March 19, from 1 to 6 p.m., in the chapel of Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Broadus.



**DORIS
EMMONS**

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, March 20, at 2 p.m., at the Powder River Congregational Church in Broadus. Interment will follow in the family lot of the Valley View Cemetery in Broadus. Stevenson & Sons of Broadus is in charge of the arrangements.

George Enderly

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THERMOPOLIS, Wyo. — George Enderly, 85, died Monday, Aug. 25, 2003, at Canyon Hills Manor.

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Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, Aug. 29, at Monument Hill Cemetery. Mortimore Funeral Home of Thermopolis is in charge.

William Endy

WHITEHALL — William Raymond "Bill" Endy, 66, of Whitehall, died Saturday, June 14, 2003, in Salt Lake City, as a result of complication following cancer surgery.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, June 19, at Assembly of God Church in Whitehall. Interment will be at 4 p.m. Thursday, in Mount Moriah Cemetery in Butte. Wayrynen-Richards Funeral Home of Butte is in charge.

Marvin Enes

POWELL, Wyo. † Marvin "Marv" Enes, 56, of Powell, died Tuesday, Sept. 23, 2003, at his home.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Monday, Sept. 29, at the Byron Cemetery, Byron. Miratsky-Easton Funeral Home of Powell is in charge.

Ted Engen

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Ted J. Engen, age 88, of Billings passed away peacefully Friday morning Aug. 15, 2003. Ted was born Jan. 26, 1915, in Richey, Mont.

to Hillmer and Sigrid Engen. In his early childhood years with brother Harold and sister Ann, the family moved to Devil's Lake, N.D. where he received his schooling.



TED ENGEN

Dad married the love of his life, Dorothy Carney on Dec. 17, 1935, in Devil's Lake. Dad was a man of many talents. In his early years, Ted and his brother Harold operated a paint and body shop in Mount Vernon, Wash. Ted was a very skilled auto-body repairman and painter. His motto was he could "weld anything but a broken heart." Dad was a certified journeyman welder and a master machinist. Dad was very gifted in his mechanical skills and enjoyed solving complex problems involving machine work, welding and blueprint work. He could fix practically anything from overhauling a car engine to repairing a wristwatch. Ted was especially proud of his work as a journeyman machinist and blueprint reader on the prototype of the Atomic Submarine Nautilus at Arco, Idaho in the 1950's.

Dad, in his later years, became a very successful car/truck sales representative for Frontier Chevrolet and GMC dealerships. Ted won several awards for his outstanding sales ability and remained in the Legion of Leaders Top Producers for many years. Ted was justly proud of his many repeat customers and meeting many new friends in the car/truck sales area.

Ted retired from automotive sales in 1981, and enjoyed a long and well deserved retirement, spoiling his much-loved grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife of 67 years, Dorothy; two children, Roger (Vicki) of Billings, and Theda (Jim) Carpenter of Francis Lake, B.C.; four grandchildren, Travis and Holli Engen of Billings, Deza Johnson of Vanderhoof, B.C. and Ted Carpenter of Calgary, Alberta; and six great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

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Although Dad could be a strict taskmaster at times, beneath that gruff exterior was a warm-hearted, giving individual.

You taught us many valuable lessons in life Dad, and we will keep your love and determination in all our hearts forever.

One day we will all be together again; rest in God's love until then, Dad. We will always love you!

Cremation has taken place. Private family interment will be held at a later date. Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary is in charge arrangements.

My Grandpa
My grandpa was very special,
He is one to be known,
His soul is one that will never
be outgrown.

My grandpa was never at a loss
for words,

He always seemed to have
something to say,

He would share with us all his
original wisdom and thoughts,

Enlightening those around him
with each passing day.

My grandpa's humor was one
that could out do all the rest,

Ticking our hearts to a true
laughing fest.

His unique jokes and com-
ments were always a delight,

And proved that his quest to
make others be happy was one he
pursued with all his might.

My grandpa was a true
Norwegian,

Sometimes a bit stubborn and a
bit head strong,

But he never failed to let his big
warm heart shine through,

The one that we knew was
there all along.

My grandpa's home was a
favorite place of my brother's and
mine to be,

We would spend countless
hours there never once wanting to
be set free.

We would play Mailman, Hide
the Thimble, and Hide and Seek,

And build forts that could easi-
ly stand strong for a week.

My grandpa was definitely a
family guy,

His immense love was certain-
ly something one could not buy.

He cherished his Big T and his
little Jollifoll,

And loved my mom and dad so
dearly,

Always saying what a perfect
match they were.

My grandpa had one love how-
ever, that truly passed the test,

One precious jewel that shined
brighter than the rest,

My grandma was the apple of
my grandpa's eye,

Their love was always growing
and will never ever die.

They were each other's sou-
mates,

Sharing each other's hopes
dreams, and fears,

And will forever be together
two lovebirds for 68 strong years.

Ted J. Engen

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My grandpa was truly one of
the best,

And in my heart he will always
remain a step above all the rest.

So here's to you grandpa, a man
of so much good will,

And like you always said,
"drive slow down the hills," and
"never, ever give up,"

And believe me grandpa:
because of you I know I never will.

I love you grandpa, always and
forever.

Love, Halli

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Mary Lou Engle

GILLETTE, Wyo. — Mary Lou Engle, 68, died Sunday, Dec. 7, 2003, at the Pioneer Manor Nursing Home.

Memorial services will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday at the Blanche Beck Memorial Chapel of the Pioneer Manor. Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home is in charge.

Carl Engvall

On Feb. 19, 2003, Carl Engvall, 66, passed away at St. Vincent Healthcare in Billings. He was born on Sept. 26, 1936, the son of Joseph E. and Myrtle (Grant) Engvall in Roseville, Calif. He attended schools in Rocklin, Calif., and upon graduation, he worked as a fireman in Rocklin.

In 1976, he met Donna Bower in Provo, Utah. They were married in 1977 in Elko, Nev. Carl



**CARL
ENGVALL**

worked in the insulation manufacturing business in Utah, Wyoming and Montana, retiring as a branch manager for Thermoguard, Co. LLC. He actively supported the

Montana Hope Project and cared for foster children.

Carl is survived by his wife of 26-1/2 years, Donna; his sons, Charles (Maria) Engvall and Carl (Cheryle) of Sacramento, Calif.; eight grandchildren, Melonie Caldwell, Lynn Archuleta, both of Utah, Lacey Blatnick, Cody, Cheyenne and Chelsea Engvall of Sacramento, Kathy and Robert Domingo of California; four great-grandchildren; and brothers Leroy, Virgil and Lloyd. He is preceded in death by his parents; his daughter, Sandra Smith; his

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son, Claude Engvall; and a grandson, Josh, whom he adopted as his son.

A memorial service for Carl will be held on Saturday, Feb. 22, 10 a.m., at the First Alliance Church, 1835 Central. Burial of ashes will be in Mountview Cemetery following the service. Carl would have liked for you to direct your memorial gifts to the Montana Hope Project, PO Box 5927, Helena, MT 59604.

Harold George Enick

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A beloved husband, father, grandfather and friend Harold was hospitalized on April 17, 2003, at Deaconess Medical Center in Billings until Friday, June 20, 2003, when he went home to be with the Lord.



**HAROLD
ENICK**

Harold was born the son of George and Rose (Gobitt) Enick on April 10, 1934, in Darrington, Wash. He received his education in Concrete, Wash. On Feb. 25, 1961, Harold was united in marriage to Violet (Stops) Enick in Lodge Grass. He was instrumental in building two churches on the White River Indian Reservation, in North Fork and East Fork, in Arizona. He pastored in numerous churches in Washington and Montana. Harold has served as an apostle, pastor and an evangelist for the past 45 years. He collected Old Time Gospel records.

Harold was asked at different times in his life about the various degrees he may have received in his education. Harold was a very intelligent man. Dad always praxed about his degrees

When he made his decision to walk with God, he received his "BA" (Born Again). The Lord taught him to pray, that is where he received his "PHD" (Pray Heaven Down). Along with prayer comes power, Harold received his "DD" (Devil Destroyer). Dad has been working towards his master's all these years. Dad received his "master's" the night he went to be with the Lord; he was changed in the twinkling of an eye and he finally received his "master's degree."

Harold was a man that loved to study the Holy Bible, God's Word and has written many inspirational poems and songs. His hobbies included collecting gospel records and woodcarving, and he worked as a lumberjack back when lumberjacks were lumberjacks. He also was an upholstryman. Harold was his grandsons' greatest fan, attending all the sporting activities and wrestling matches. Harold's family was a big part of his life.

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of 42 years, Violet and their nine children, Sandy Tom of Arlington, Wash., John (Sarah) Enick of Crow Agency, Francis (Valerie) Enick of Billings, Nathan Enick Sr., of Crow Agency, Bunford (Al) Takes the Horse of Crow Agency, Lewis (Jolene) Enick of Crow Agency, Violet Faith (Jonathan) James of Billings, Mary (John Jr.) Ladson of Crow Agency and Darlene "Bunny" (Harry) Wallace of Lodge Grass; and their grand children, whom he affectionately nicknamed: Kyana Rose Brooks, Angel (Girl) Enick, Nathan Jr., (Juno), Shayna Dawn, John (Jolly), Christopher (Digger), Robin (Windy), Harlow (Speedy), Cliffonda (Vonnie) Dorjan (Razz) Enick, Al (Stobes), Markus (BB), Clifford (C-Del), Delores (Sweetie Girl) Takes the Horse, Jocelyn (Faye), Curtis (Jun Jun), Emily (Rosie) Enick, Dusty (Dusty), Anthony (Macky), Jonaya (Anniversary) James, Kyrsten (Stormy) Ladson, Lewis Big Hair, Brandy Big Hair, Leroy, Bruce, Evan, D.P. Wallace.

His parents, George and Rose Gobin Enick, and his daughter, Gloria Rose Enick, preceded him in death. Survivors include his two brothers, Gerald and Darrell Enick; eight sisters, Geraldine (Arthur) Williams, Lena Rose (Merle) Williams, Edith (Tina) Enick, Phyllis Enick, Christine Enick, Gerogina (Jesse) Bueno,

Francine (Duane) Ike, and Connie (Enick) (Chuck) White. Also surviving him are his adopted mothers, Bernice Jefferson and Mary Carpenter; adopted family, Ione Jefferson and the entire Jefferson family (American Horse Family) of North Dakota; adopted daughters, Melissa (Sonny) Falls Down, Michelle Clown, Marcia Not Afraid, Gloria Kinney of McNeary, Ariz., and Linda Thompson of White River, Ariz.

Many friendships were formed through the life and ministry of Harold. He prayed diligently for each and every person he came in contact with. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

A service for Harold will be held in Billings at 1 p.m. on Sunday, June 22, at the Full Gospel Tabernacle, 3307 Third Ave. N., Billings. Services will be at 10 a.m. on Friday, June 27, at the Tulalip Tribal Gym in Marysville, Wash. He will be buried in the Tulalip Tribal Cemetery.

Dahl Funeral Chapel in Billings is in charge of arrangements in Billings and Funeral Alternatives is in charge of arrangements in Marysville, Wash.

Zena Walborn Ensign

LIVINGSTON — She had a way of making you feel that you were all that mattered to her. So many felt that they were special to her — because they were.

You see, she believed that only two things really mattered in life: the Word of God and other people. This mantra she repeated so often to us that we came to believe it too. She felt it, she spoke it, she lived it and she lovingly impacted many lives because of it. Love, tenacity and wisdom were her gifts in an abundance that can come only from God. Many love her. She will be profoundly missed.

She grew up working beside her parents, Almon and Florence Walborn, on the Mission Ranch near Livingston. She learned to value family heritage, to love the land and to love the animals within her care. Life on the ranch taught her to work hard, to be tough, decisive and independent, and never to yield when she knew she was right. Still, there was an innate empathy and tenderness within her that endeared her to so many. Growing up, she loved to laugh and was forever behind some mischief. As she said it, "I was wild, but I was a good kid." These characteristics, learned early, were evident throughout the rest of her life.

After graduation from Park County High School, Zena

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attended the University of Puget Sound, where she met and married Robert Stephens. They had three beautiful children of whom she was immensely, and rightfully, proud. Children gave Zena what she claimed was her most important role — that of mother and nurturer. In 1977, she married Ralph Wright. They continued to raise the children in the traditions and values with which she herself had been raised. Tragically, after eight years of real happiness together, Ralph passed away, leaving Zena to raise the three kids on her own. Then, as in other difficult times in her life, she fell back upon the determined learnings of her youth and upon the Lord to persevere and to thrive. She earned a master of education and counseling degree and began to teach English and Psychology at West High School in Billings. Soon she assumed the chairmanship of the Focus team, a program for at-risk teens at West.

In 1990, Zena married Doug Ensign, a teacher at West High as well. They have shared a deeply tender, loving and nurturing rela-

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tionship — soul mates. In mid-life, they embarked on a courageous career change, retiring from teaching and returning to her beloved Mission Ranch. Together, they have rebuilt the Mission Ranch into a producer of fine Black Angus cattle and have employed environmentally sensitive stock raising methods. For

their efforts, they have received the prestigious Undaunted Stewardship award. Last summer, they opened the Mission Creek Ranch Bed and Breakfast, which was to become their special service and ministry.



ZENA ENSIGN

On July 23, 2003, Zena died in the loving arms of her family at her home on the Mission Ranch, east of Livingston. She died of an aggressive colon cancer in spite of her courageous efforts to live. She was 58 years old. Now our hope of seeing and holding her again rests in the promise of our Lord. She will sparkle brightly in our memories.

Zena was a member of Junior Women's Club, a social worker at the Boys' Ranch, a member of Billings Faith Evangelical Church and choir member, member of the board of the Billings Crisis Pregnancy Center, the Billings

Education Association, the Montana Stockgrowers' Association and Chapter P of the PEO Sisterhood.

Zena is survived by her husband, Doug Ensign of Livingston; her children, Rob (Pam) Stephens of Spring, Texas, Darcy (Ben) LaBeau of Billings and Zena Dell (Todd) Schroeder of Los Angeles; three stepchildren, Sean Wright of Munich, Germany, Sam and Matt Ensign of Billings. Her grandchildren are Steele, Riley and Piper Stephens, and Peyton, Benjamin and Olivia LaBeau. Her surviving sisters and brother are Jo (George) Hammond and John Walborn of Hardin and Aldonna (Gerhart) Blain of Billings.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, July 25, at Holbrook United Methodist Church, corner of Fifth and Lewis Streets in Livingston, with the Rev. Lyndon Kacick of Grace United Methodist Church officiating, and at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 26, at Faith Evangelical Church, 2832 Broadwater Ave. in Billings, with Pastor Steve Strutz officiating. Following the Billings services, graveside committal and burial will be in Mountview Cemetery in Billings. Arrangements are under the direction of Franzen-Davis Funeral Homes in Livingston.

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Memorials in Zena Ensign's name may be directed to Livingston Health Care Gateway Hospice, 504 S. 13th St., Livingston, MT 59047; The Navigators, PO Box 6000, Colorado Springs, CO 80934; CLDI, c/o Fred Nelson, PO Box 3381, Billings, MT 59103; or to Chapter P of the PEO Sisterhood, c/o Carol Reed, PO Box 84, Emigrant, MT 59027.

FEB 28 2003**Dorothybelle Enwall**

LOUISVILLE, Colo. —

Dorothybelle Enwall, 90, of Lyons, formerly of Billings, died Saturday, Feb. 15, 2003, at the Hospice Care Center of Broomfield and Boulder Counties in Louisville.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 22, at the Central Christian Church in Billings. M.P. Murphy & Associates Funeral Directors of Lafayette is in charge.

James J. Epler

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HARLEM — James J. Epler, 63, died of an intestinal rupture at his home on Thursday evening, Aug. 7, 2003. Memorial services were at 11 a.m. Aug. 12 in the Harlem High School Gymnasium with burial following in the Harlem Cemetery. Arrangements were by Edwards Funeral Home of Chinook.

Jim is survived by his wife, Marcella Epler of Chinook; daughters, Cindy Magnuson of Billings and Candus Scheffelmaer of Harlem; parents, Keith and Cathleen Epler of Billings; sister, Margaret "Peg" Grimm of Argyle, Texas, and five grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a son, Curtis Epler, in 1985.

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Eugene Epperle

CODY, Wyo. — Eugene Harold Epperle, 72, died Tuesday, May 27, 2003, at his home.

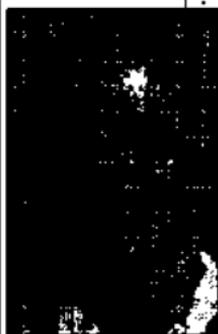
A private family service is planned. Cremation has taken place. Ballard Funeral Home of Cody is in charge.

Donald L. Erb

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Donald Lee Erb, 64, died Thursday, Aug. 28, 2003, at St. Vincent Healthcare in Billings.



DONALD ERB

He was born Jan. 15, 1939, in Stevensville, to Donald and Leona (Friedrich) Erb. They moved to Portland, Ore., where he graduated from high school. He served in the Coast Guard.

On July 20, 1964, Don was united in marriage to Sharon Ann Burke in Vancouver, Wash. Don was a truck driver and he had a passion for driving. He also enjoyed walking, bowling and watching western movies.

Don was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Sharon in 1984; and his daughter Holly in 1992.

He is survived by his children, Andy Erb of Billings and Tim and his wife Nannette Erb of Salt Lake City; four grandchildren, Kassandra, Brittany Anne, Roshelle and Alex; four sisters, Donna Boekeloo of Vancouver, Leona Mershon of Henderson, Nev., Lois Hamby of Tacoma, Wash., and Phyllis Achzinger of Oak Harbor, Wash.

Visitation will be Tuesday, Sept. 2, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Funeral services for Don will be 1 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 3, at the Dahl Funeral Chapel. Interment will be in the Shepherd Cemetery. A reception will be held in the Dahl Hospitality Room previous to the interment.

JUN 26 2003**Eugene L. Erb**

HARLOWTON — Eugene L. Erb, 75, of Harlowton, died Tuesday, June 24, 2003, at the Deaconess Billings Clinic, following a heart attack.

Visitation will begin at noon, Friday, June 27, at Smith Downtown Chapel in Billings. A funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Friday, at the Smith Downtown Chapel. Interment will follow in Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Isabel M. Erb

BURIEN, Wash. — Isabel M. Erb, 93, passed away Saturday, Aug. 30, 2003, at her home in Burien, Wash. Isabel was born near Kingman, Kan., on Aug. 14, 1910, to John W. Clark and Ida Hyland Clark. Isabel lived in Kansas until she finished high school, after which she relocated to Laurel, Mont., and lived with her aunt and uncle, Hattie and George Smith. She worked as Doctor Broughton's nurse until she married Myron Erb in 1936. Myron, Isabel and family lived in Seattle and Livingston before returning to Laurel. She was a 50-year member of the Laurel United Methodist Church and the Order of Eastern Star, Zidonian Chapter 50.

Isabel is survived by her son, Larry Erb of Laurel; and daughter, Shirley Ann Hill of Burien, Wash. Other survivors include her grandson, Vince Hill and family of Laurel; granddaughters, Sherrol Myers of Burien and Shawna Wilson and family of Anchorage, Alaska and Laurel; as well as numerous nieces and nephews in Montana and Washington.

Isabel's joy in life was always her family. Her later years were filled with her four great-grandsons, Bryan and Steven Wilson and Carson and Camden Hill, and her grandson, Dusty Erb, who preceded her in death. Isabel was a very special wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend who will be greatly missed.

Memorials may be made to Highline Hospice Services, 12844 Military Rd. S., Tukwila, WA 98168. Services will be 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11, in the Laurel Cemetery.

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John Jay Erdie

ROUNDUP — John Jay Erdie, 62, of Roundup, died Dec. 7, 2003, at the Cancer Treatment Centers of America in Tulsa, Okla.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in the Roundup Community Center. Wier Funeral Home is in charge.

Louise Chambers Erfle

RAPELJE — Louise Chambers Erfle, went to meet the Lord on Tuesday, Oct. 9, 2003. In her 82 years here, she blessed the lives of everyone she met.

Louise was the daughter of David and Mary Chambers. She was born Feb. 18, 1921 and lived happily with her parents and her brother David on the family ranch south of Raynesford, Mont. She rode her horse to a country school there until her freshman year in high school. Louise spent her high school years at the Mt. Angela Ursuline Academy in Great Falls where she made friends who still visited her until her last days on this earth.

After graduation Louise married Herman Erfle, and they moved back to the ranch at Raynesford, their three sons, Roger, Don and Herman (Bud) were born.



LOUISE ERFLE

Later, they moved to Rapelje, where they farmed and raised their family of seven children.

When Louise was 40-something, she decided that the kids in and around Rapelje needed a place to congregate. With the help of Herman, they converted the old hardware store into the Lunch Box Café. There, Louise earned the reputation of being an excellent cook. She loved making burgers, fries and milk shakes for the kids, along with her famous daily "special."

Louise possessed the gift of hospitality, and anyone who ever visited her home or the Lunch Box came away feeling well fed and had a smile on their face.

She loved people and always saw the best in everyone. She was happiest when surrounded by her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Louise spent her last five years at the Stillwater Community Hospital where she made many new friends. No matter how ill she became, she always had a smile for everyone.

Louise was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Herman; son, Roger and; daughter-in-law, Karen; and her brother, David.

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Survivors include her sons, Don (Jackie) Erfle of Dillon, Bud (Shirley) Erfle, Big Timber, and Gordon Erfle, Fort Benton; daughters, Mary (K. C.) Kuehn, Columbus, Aileen (Jim) Anderson, Roberts, Laura (Tim) Tayne, Tumwater, Wash., and Janice Erfle, Rapelje; and 13 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren; many beloved nieces and nephews; also, her sister-in-law and best friend, Betty Erfle; and special friends, Kelly Troy of Augusta, and sister, Mary Andre' of Great Falls.

When life handed Louise lemons, she made a pie.

Services will be 2 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 15, at Rapelje High School Gymnasium. Interment will be in the Rapelje Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to Big Sky Hospice - Stillwater Team. Smith Funeral Chapel-Columbus was in charge of arrangements.

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Alice Irene Friesz Erhardt

Alice Irene Friesz Erhardt laid her head to rest in peace on Nov. 2, 2003.

Her memory will be cherished by her husband of 55 years, Leo Erhardt; her three children, Carol (Duane) Ketchum of Roundup, Bob (Dianna) Erhardt of Billings, Susan (Tom) Selleck of Sandy, Utah; also her eight grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Alice was a wonderful friend and a devoted mother to her family. We will miss her terribly, but her loving memory will live on in our hearts forever.

A memorial service will be held 11 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 6, at St. Pius X Catholic Church. Interment of Alice's cremated remains will take place at Yellowstone Valley Memorial Park following service. Arrangements are by Cremation or Funeral Gallery.



**ALICE
ERHARDT**

Joan M. Erhardt

Joan M. Erhardt, age 66, of Billings and formerly of Glendive, died on Saturday, Sept. 13, 2008, in Billings, from injuries suffered in a automobile-pedestrian accident.

A vigil service will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 17, at the Chapel of the Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home in Glendive.



**JOAN
ERHARDT**

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 18, at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Glendive, with Father John Houlihan officiating. Rite of committal will be in the Dawson Memorial Cemetery in Glendive. Memorial Mass will be held at 5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 20, at the St. Patrick's Co-Cathedral Church in Billings, with Father John Houlihan officiating. Following the memorial mass in Billings, a luncheon will be served at the Moose Lodge in Billings, provided by the Moose Lodge and Big Sky Polka Club.

Joan was born on Nov. 9, 1936 in Glendive, the daughter of Anton and Geraldine (Carey) Scherting. She was raised and educated in Glendive. Joan married Matt R. Erhardt on Aug. 7, 1953, in Glendive. Joan graduated from Dawson County High School with the class of 1954. Following her graduation from high school, Joan joined her husband in Fort Benning, Ga., where Matt was serving in the military. Joan and her husband returned to Glendive, where Joan worked for T.C.I. While in Glendive, Joan also provided volunteer work for the Sacred Heart Parish and School. They moved to Billings in 1988, where Joan worked for the Target Company until her retirement in 1998.

Joan was a member of a women's domino club and the Big Sky Polka Club. She was a member of St. Patrick's Co-Cathedral and did volunteer work there one day each week. She was especially proud of her children and grandchildren and loved working outdoors in her beautiful flower garden. Joan loved dancing to good old time music.

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Joan was preceded in death by her parents; one son, Ken in 1994; and one sister, Joy in 1988.

Survivors include her husband, Matt Erhardt of Billings; three sons, Curt "C.J." Erhardt of Glendive, Craig Erhardt and his wife Katherine of St. Louis, Mo., and Keith Erhardt and his wife Sarah of Albany, Ore.; two sisters, Janice Montgomery and her husband John of Arlington, Texas, and Jacki Wrigg of Seattle; nine grandchildren.

Remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at: www.silverdale-all-hisfuneralhome.com.

Bradley A. Erickson, 50

St. Cloud, Minn.

July 11, 1953 — Nov. 7, 2003

ST. CLOUD, Minn. — Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Monday, Nov. 10, at Dingmann Family Funeral Home in Sauk Rapids, for Bradley A. Erickson, age 50, of 130 25th Ave. N., who died Friday, at his home in St. Cloud. Chaplin Joel Nathe will officiate and burial will be at Benton County Cemetery in Sauk Rapids. Friends may call from 5 to 8 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 9, and one hour prior to services Monday, at Dingmann Family Funeral Home in Sauk Rapids.

Brad was born July 11, 1953, in St. Cloud, to Junior Edmund and Marian (Pilantz) Erickson. He lived in the St. Cloud area most of his life. He served his country in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. Brad worked for Hance Flooring as a hardwood floor installer. He enjoyed Harley Davidson motorcycle riding, was a NASCAR fan, and a sports fan. He loved his children and his dogs.

He is survived by his daughters, Amy Erickson of Sauk Rapids and Shannon Erickson of Eden Valley; mother, Marian Gustafson of Billings; brothers and sister, Michael Erickson of St. Cloud, Pamela Bloomer of St. Cloud and Kenneth Erickson of Billings; and two grandchildren.

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Ralph Caleb Erickson

Ralph Caleb Erickson, 77, passed away early Monday morning, Nov. 24, 2003, at Billings Health and Rehabilitation Community.



**'SWEDE'
ERICKSON**

"Swede," as he was known to his friends, was born on Nov. 12, 1926, in Bowsmount, N.D., to Ida Mae and George Erickson. He grew up in Drayton, N.D. Ralph enlisted in the Navy and served aboard the USS North Carolina during WWII. He married Arlette Rose Willey. Swede attended Barber College in Fargo, N.D. Swede was also a sports enthusiast whose interests included bowling (in which he had three 300 games) and epic fishing trips to Canada. He was also a horse-shoe fanatic.

Swede is survived by his five children and their spouses, Paul, the eldest, and his wife Dee, Peggy and her fiancé David, Suzanne, Bruce and his wife JoAnn, Rex and his wife Dawn; and Swede's lovely wife, Arlette, of 56 years.

Memorial services will be held at Smith Funeral Chapel at 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 29. A private viewing will be held for family on Friday, Nov. 28. The services will be presented by either Rev. Dale Erickson or Pastor Drew Thompson.

Adeline G. Erickson

GLENDIVE — Adeline G. Erickson, age 96, of Glendive and formerly of Billings, passed away on Sunday, May 18, 2003 at the



**ADELINE
ERICKSON**

Glendive Medical Center Extended Care Facility. Visitation will be held on Wednesday, May 21, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m., at the Chapel of the Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home in Glendive. Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, May 22, at the Sunset Memorial Gardens in Billings, with the Rev. Jim Fitzhugh officiating. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home is entrusted with arrangements.

Adeline was born on March 25, 1907, in Climax, Minn., the daughter of Carl M. and Ida N. (Evenson) Nelson. She was united in marriage to Reuben Erickson on Jan. 9, 1924, in Crookston, Minn. They moved to Gillette, Wyo., in 1931 and in 1934, moved to Thermopolis, Wyo., where Adeline worked for the Sawyers Grocery chain. In 1938, Adeline and her husband moved to Glendive, where they resided until 1943. Adeline continued working for Sawyers. They then moved to Billings, where Adeline

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worked for J.C. Penney for over 30 years and then went to work for LuEves Dress Shop for several years. Adeline moved back to Glendive in 1983, where she resided until the time of her death.

Adeline loved playing the piano and enjoyed playing for dance bands and orchestras. She also enjoyed playing bridge and growing geraniums. Adeline was lifetime member, served as the organist and was awarded with a plaque for her faithful dedication and outstanding contributions to the Yellowstone #5 Order of Eastern Star. She was a 75-year member of Royal Neighbors.

Adeline was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; her brother, Robert Nelson; and her sister, Helen Hunter; and her daughter-in-law, Susan Erickson.

Survivors include two sons, Duane Erickson of Glendive and Dr. Darroll James Erickson and his wife Jeannette of Sterling, Ill.; one daughter, Dorothy Hook and her husband Jim of Laramie, Wyo.; one brother, Walter Nelson of Powell, Wyo.; two sis-

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ters, Lorna Hansen of Billings and Mildred Boucher of Clearwater, Fla.; seven grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Memorials are suggested to the Order of Eastern Star or the First Congregational United Church of Christ in Glendive.

Remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at: www.silverdale-ell-hofuneralhome.com.

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YAKIMA, Wash. — Clare A. Erickson, 83, died peacefully at Providence Medical Center in Yakima on Wednesday, Feb. 12, 2003, due to complications following surgery. His daughter was by his side. Clare's faith gave him great comfort and assurance throughout his life. He was a member of St. Paul Cathedral Catholic Church in Yakima, and a former member of St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church in Billings.



CLARE ERICKSON

Clare was born in Billings on April 27, 1919. His parents were John and Katherine McMahon Erickson. He was educated in Billings and attended Billings Business College. He then started working as a safety officer for the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation at Grand Coulee Dam in Washington state. He interrupted his career during World War II to volunteer for the U.S. Army and was stationed at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Livermore, Calif., from 1942 to 1946. Here he met his future bride, Dorothy M. Socolofsky. They married at the Presidio Army Chapel in San Francisco on

Dec. 5, 1945. They had one daughter, Kathy.

After the war, Clare, along with his family, returned to work on various dams in Wyoming, Idaho, California, and then at regional offices in North Dakota and Montana. After 30 years of distinguished service, Clare retired in Billings to care full time for Dorothy, who was in poor health. Dorothy died in 1994.

Clare loved being outdoors, especially if it involved fishing. He was a great gardener and his flowers were always a source of pride and enjoyment. He also enjoyed traveling with his family. He loved to walk and was a daily walker in Rimrock Mall in Billings with his wife Dorothy.

In February, 2002, Clare moved to Yakima to be near his daughter, Kathy. He lived at Englewood Heights Retirement Village where he was treated with such love, dignity and respect. Special thanks to all the staff at Englewood Heights for helping Clare have a wonderful year filled with many great experiences. They recognized the delightful twinkle in his eye and enjoyed that he was always such a gentleman.

Clare is survived by daughter Kathryn Clare Erickson of Yakima; sister Beatrice Hahne

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and husband Arthur of Billings, sister Betty Perrigo and husband Harry of Rapid City, S.D., as well as numerous nieces and nephews and their spouses and children. He was preceded in death by wife Dorothy, his parents, brother Harold, brother Kenneth, and sister-in-law Marla Erickson, sister Anna and brother-in-law James Olijnyk, and sister Mary Beltzer.

Vigil services will be at Keith and Keith Funeral Home in Yakima at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 15. Mass of Christian burial will be at St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church in Billings at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 18, with burial with military honors to follow at Holy Cross Cemetery. Local arrangements are under the direction of Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary.

Thank you to the medical staff and Sister Faye at Providence Hospital for their compassionate care for Clare and support for his family. A very heartfelt special thanks to friends Mary McDonald and Janie Kranz for constantly being there when they were needed.

Memorials, if desired, may be made to the Alzheimer's Disease Research Fund or the American Heart Association in care of Keith and Keith Funeral Home, 902 W. Yakima Ave., Yakima, WA 98902.

To celebrate the life of Clare Erickson, please visit our Web site at www.mcm.com.

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MILES CITY
— Lynn J. Erickson, age 33, of Miles City, passed away on Tuesday, Aug. 12, 2003, at the Holy Rosary Health Center in Miles City.



**LYNN
ERICKSON**

Lynn was born in Coulee, N.D., on May 19, 1920, the son of Edd and Lenora (Bryant) Erickson. He attended schools in North Dakota and graduated from Monterey (Calif.) High School. Following graduation, he attended Black Hills State University until he was drafted into the United States Army. Following his honorable discharge, he returned to the family farm in Coulee where he farmed.

Lynn married Kathleen Thompson on Nov. 5, 1948, in Donnybrook, N.D. Along with farming, Lynn worked for the Grand Forks (N.D.) Air Force Base as a construction inspector, retiring in Minot, N.D., in the early 1980s.

Lynn loved woodworking and taking care of animals. Lynn was a member of the VFW, Kooties and served on various school boards.

Lynn is survived by his wife, Kathleen Erickson of Miles City; two sons, Pat Erickson of Miles City and Dr. Daniel Erickson and his wife Kim of Tacoma, Wash.; a daughter, Mary Notbohm and her husband Chuck of Miles City; a sister, Vee Bryan of Bowbells, N.D.; a brother, Donald "Skip" Erickson and his wife Coleen of Coulee; three grandchildren, Chad Notbohm and his wife Janelle, Brady Notbohm, and Kaldon Erickson; and a great grandson, Jace Notbohm. He was preceded in death by his parents; his brothers, Howard, Everett, William and Dail; and his sisters, Winnie, Dorothy and Mary.

The family will receive friends on Friday from 4 to 6 p.m. at the VFW Hall in Miles City.

Cremation has taken place. Interment will be held at a later date. Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home of Miles City is in charge of the arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.stevensonandsons.com.

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Dorothy May Buell Erie

COLUMBUS — Dorothy May Buell Erie, "Grandma D," of Columbus, died peacefully at the Stillwater Community Hospital, on Oct. 28, 2003. She was born

Dec. 13, 1914, in Sentinel Butte, N.D.



**DOROTHY
ERIE**

Dorothy married Herman Erie, May 4, 1938, in Butte. They owned a grocery store in Ennis until 1941, when they moved to Columbus,

where they owned and operated theaters in Absarokee, Columbus and Ennis. The Eries employed many young people who have remained friends over the years. They moved to their ranch south of Columbus in 1955. After they sold the theaters, Dorothy worked in health care as an assistant to Dr. Neville and later in elderly care.

In later years, "Grandma D" spent countless hours baking birthday cakes, cheering at ball games, hiding Easter eggs and sharing her love of life with children of all ages. "Grandma D" was selected the 2002 Stillwater County Senior Citizen of the Year in recognition of her years of service to the community. Dorothy delivered Meals-on-Wheels and served on the board

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of directors for the Stillwater Senior Citizens' Center. Dorothy was active in her faith and served on the St. James Lutheran Church Council. "Grandma D's" courage, laughter and wisdom are a legacy her family and friends will never forget.

Her husband, Herman, her sister Jean, and brothers Ralph and Don preceded Dorothy in death. She is survived by her brother Ralph's family in Oregon, including Mildred, Gladys, Tom, David, Danny and Aunt Grace; her Columbus family, Pat Holman, Lois Frerck and her "grandchildren," Aaron and Krista Holman, Willy, Coley and Jenny Frerck, and Theresa Blankenship. Special friends include June Matovich, Mary Gonzales, Elinor McDaniel, Donna Nystul, Christi Longin, Tom Hinthorne, the Blankenships, Martins, Marstaellers, Jobs, Holmans, McClures, Russells and many others.

A friends and family viewing will be held Sunday, Nov. 2, from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Smith Funeral Chapel in Columbus. Services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, Nov. 3, at the St. James Lutheran Church in Columbus. Graveside services will follow at the Madison Valley Cemetery in Ennis.

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Eddie Ernst

GILLETTE, Wyo. — Eddie "Ray" Ernst, 71, of Gillette, died Friday, May 30, 2003, at the Campbell County Memorial Hospital in Gillette, of cancer.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, June 4, at the Mt. Pisgah Cemetery Chapel Multi Purpose Shelter in Gillette. Burial will follow in the Mt. Pisgah Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 3, at the Stevenson Funeral Home Chapel in Gillette.

NOV 19 2003**Hazel Ernst**

MILES CITY — Hazel Dell Ernst, 101, died Saturday, Nov. 15, 2003.

A Prayer service will be at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 19, at the Eagles Manor in Miles City. A second service will be held at Sloan Community Church of Christ in Sloan City, Iowa, with burial to follow in the Sloan City Cemetery. Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home of Miles City is in charge.

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Harry P. 'Spike' Essex, Jr.

POWELL, Wyo. — Harry P. "Spike" Essex, Jr., age 78, passed away at the Powell Valley Care Center on Wednesday morning, March 12, 2003.

He was born in Powell on Feb. 25, 1925, to Harry P. and Earstine (Moore) Essex. He graduated from Powell High School and on June 2, 1948, he and Lola Belle Toler were married. He was a member of the Southern Baptist Church and also the VFW. He enjoyed woodworking, camping and fishing, and spending time with his family and friends.

Harry "Spike" worked in the oilfields after returning from the service. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving during WWII and being honorably discharged in 1946. He served in the China-Burma India Theater during his service with the U.S. Army. Later, he began work as an ironworker, following jobs in Wyoming, Montana, South Dakota, North Dakota and Colorado. The last 17 years of his working years he spent with Powell Redi-Mix. After his wife Lola entered the Powell Care Center, he spent lots of time there caring for her.

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He is survived by his sons, Russell Essex and wife Carla of Mobridge, S.D., and John Essex and wife Jen of Billings; daughters Hope Reynolds and husband Joe of Mountain View and Melsene Villegas and husband Frank of Costa Mesa, Calif.; eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild. His parents; his wife, Lola Belle in April 2002; and a brother, Carroll Kramer, preceded him in death.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, March 15, 10 a.m., at First Southern Baptist Church, with Pastor Joe Reynolds officiating. Pallbearers will be Ron Elwood, Bob Blevins, Vern Groskop, Ralph Wensky, Don McKeith and Bob Webber. Burial will follow in Crown Hill Cemetery with The Powell Veterans Honor Guard providing military honors. Should friends desire, memorials might be made to the Powell Valley Care Center.

Miratsky-Easton Funeral Home, Powell, is in charge.

John M. Etchemendy

BILLINGS GAZETTE

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MILES CITY
— John M. Etchemendy, age 72, of Miles City, passed away in his home on April 26, 2003.



JOHN
ETCHEMENDY

Born in Buffalo, Wyo., on April 2, 1931, the son of Martin and Isidora Etchemendy. In 1942, his family moved to Miles City, where he attended school, graduating from Custer County High School in 1949. After graduation, he joined the Navy. He then attended Colorado A&M (now CSU) in Fort Collins. He then returned to Miles City and worked at Deluxe Motors where he met Julie, the love of his life for 50 years.

John along with his partner, Duff McDonald, founded and operated Miles City Sanitation. At the same time, John owned and operated the Texaco Bulk Plant. After Texaco left Montana, John continued working at the sanitation service until he retired in 1991.

John traveled and spent winters in Arizona. During the summer, he returned to Deluxe Motors, where he enjoyed his old friends and the opportunity to meet many new friends.

John had a passion for hunting and fishing all of his life and it was even more special that he shared it with his family and many friends.

John promoted Miles City through his activities in the Cowtown Promotions, Montana/North Dakota All Star Football Game, Elks, Eagles, and Miles City Club. He was an original founder of the Miles City Town and Country Club and spent many hours in the initial development of the course.

John was also a member of the Sacred Heart Church and was a 4th degree Knights of Columbus.

John is survived by his wife, Julie of Miles City; his daughters, Jody of Yuma, Michelle and her husband, Kyle of Swan Lake; and son, Mike and his wife, Jamie of Miles City; and nine grandchildren and his large, extended family and countless friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents; his son Marry; and three sisters, Margaret Reid, Vee Nevland and Dorothy Valgamore.

Visitation will be held Wednesday, April 30, in the chapel of Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City. A

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vigil service will be held Wednesday, at 7 p.m. at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Miles City. Mass of Christian Burial will be held Thursday, May 1, at 10 a.m. at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Miles City. Rite of committal will follow in the family lot in the Custer County Cemetery. Stevenson Funeral Home in Miles City is in charge of arrangements.

Should friends desire, memorials may be made to Hospice c/o Holy Rosary Healthcare, 2600 Wilson, Miles City.

Harold W. Etzel

BILLINGS GAZETTE

SAVAGE — Harold W. "Bud" Etzel, 74, of Savage, died Sunday, Aug. 24, 2003, at his home.

Visitation will be 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 28, at the Fulkerson Funeral Home in Sidney. Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Aug. 29, at the Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Glendive. Interment will be held at a later date in the Riverview Cemetery in Savage.

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Billy C. Evans

Billy Carter Evans, 72, died Sunday, April 13, 2003, at his home in Billings. He fought a courageous battle with cancer.



BILLY EVANS

Billy was born Sept. 5, 1930, in Elk City, Okla., to Elchard Henry and Grace Carter Evans. He graduated from Elk City High School and attended Oklahoma State University in Stillwater. Billy served with the Oklahoma National Guard 45th Division and fought in Korea.

Billy began working his sales career in the oil fields of Oklahoma but the majority of his life has been spent working the fields of the Front Range. At the time of his death, Billy was employed with Energy Equipment.

Billy married his soul-mate, Marlene Hamilton, on Nov. 4, 1978, in Belle Creek.

Billy is survived by two sisters, Betty and husband Robert Taylor, Wanda and husband Ed Sullivan; brother, Elchard H. Evans, Jr. and wife Kathy, all of Elk City.

Billy has four children from his first marriage to Patricia: sons Carter and Tony Evans from Noble, Okla.; daughters Lacie and

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husband Mark Adelman of Port Orchard, Wash.; and Lu Ellen and husband Renel (Rufus) Francois of Norman, Okla.

Billy gained three children through his marriage to Marlene: son Ernie and partner Julie Hamilton of Sheridan, Wyo.; daughters Debra Johnston and Sissy Hamilton-Courtright of Billings. Billy also adopted his grandson, Alex Evans of Billings.

Billy has many beautiful grandchildren that he leaves behind with wonderful memories: Bradley, Lucas, Nicole and Crystal Evans, Travis Gilmore, Trisha Vann, David, Aaron and Evan Adelman, Emily and Emerson Francois, F.J. and Jeremy Watters, and the two little loves of his life, Jada Courtright and Spencer Hamilton. Billy also had three glorious great-grandchildren, Chelsea and Alexis Phillips and Heston Higby.

Billy leaves behind his friend and father-in-law, Don Nash; brother-in-law, Ernest Stillman and wife Nancy, all of Montana; sister-in-law Rita Rowell and partner Richard of California.

For Billy, love was unconditional whether you were his family or his friend. He leaves behind so many people to whom he has

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brought humor, honesty, friendship and love. He will be terribly missed by all of us. He has joined some special angels in heaven and he awaits with fishing pole in hand for those of us left on this earth to follow.

One of the most important things Billy wanted us to remember as he was leaving us was to be good to one another. He treated all people with respect and that respect was returned to him a hundred-fold.

Goodbye, Sweet Prince. You will be forever in our hearts. We love you, Grandpa!

Services will be on Thursday, April 17, at 2 p.m. at Cremation or Funeral Gallery, 29 Eighth Street West, Billings. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made in Billy's name to the charity of their choice.

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Margaret P. Evans

LEWISTOWN — Margaret P. Evans, 97, died Thursday, Nov. 6, 2003, at the Central Montana Skilled Nursing Center.

Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 11, at Sun River Cemetery in Sun River. Creel Funeral Home of Lewistown is in charge.

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Edward Eve, Sr.

HELENA — Edward Vincent Eve, Sr., 56, of Helena, formerly of Great Falls and Billings, died Sunday, May 25, 2003, at his home.

Visitation will begin at noon Thursday, May 29, at Retz Funeral Home in Helena, with a vigil service at 7 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. Friday, May 30, at the Cathedral of St. Helena. Interment will follow at Resurrection Cemetery.

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Arthur J. Evenson

BRIDGER — Arthur J. "Art" Evenson, 89, of Bridger, passed away Friday, June 20, 2003, at the Evergreen Health and Rehabilitation Center, Laurel.

He was a son of Julius and Anna Evenson, born March 7, 1914, at Walker, Minn.

He came to Montana in 1952 to log in the West Fork area of the Gallatin Canyon, now known as Big Sky.

He was a cook in many of the local hotels and restaurants in the Bozeman area, he also had been an employee of the Idaho Pole Co. in Bozeman for 13 years.

He loved to play the accordion, organ and harmonica and he loved the out doors and nature.

He married Jane Frances Hurley in 1934 and was later divorced; she preceded him in death in 1994. He married Louise VanNice in 1977 and she preceded him in death. In 1994 he married Della Jordan and she survives him. Other family members that survive are his children, Agnes (John) Walczak of Calimesa, Calif., Kay (Ken) Mayfield of Hartville, Mo., Carol (Jerry) Jones of Fromberg, Arthur (Barbara) Evenson, Jr. of Belgrade, Julius Evenson of San

Luis Obispo, Calif., Myron (Karen) Evenson or Three Forks; one sister, Agnes Dighton of Red Bluff, Calif.; numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Services will be held 2 p.m., Wednesday, June 25, at Smith Funeral Chapel-Laurel. Interment will be in the Akeley Cemetery, Akeley, Minn.

Shirley M. Evers

BILLINGS GAZETTE

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SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Shirley M. Evers, 76, of Sheridan, died Thursday, April 24, 2003, at Westview Health Care Center in Sheridan.

Memorial service will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, April 30, at St. Peter's Episcopal Church. Champion Ferries Funeral Home of Sheridan is in charge.

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Jerald Max Everson

BIG TIMBER — Jerald Max "Jerry" Everson, 70, of Big Timber, died Monday, March 24, 2003, at Pioneer Medical Center in Big Timber.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, March 28, at the Big Timber Lutheran Church. Interment will be in Mountain View Cemetery. Lowry Funeral Home is in charge.

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Frank Maxson Ewen

GREYBULL, Wyo. — Frank Maxson Ewen passed away at Bonnie Bluejacket Nursing Home on Dec. 16, 2003. He was born in Basin on May 23, 1914, to Frank A. Ewen and Mary Maxson Ewen. A memorial service was held in Greybull at the Presbyterian Church on Dec. 19. Interment of ashes will be at the Whaley Cemetery at a later date.

To his five children, 18 grandchildren, and 21 great-grandchildren, he leaves an inheritance of Christian faith, service to others, honesty, commitment to family and a sterling work ethic.

Maxson spent his childhood on the family ranch on Beaver Creek near Shell, eventually making the ranch his life's work. He received his elementary education at the Beaver Creek School and his high school education in Greybull. He then attended agricultural college in Lincoln, Neb., for two years.

On July 10, 1937, he married Sylvia Stevens of Greybull. God blessed their marriage with five children, Martha Barber (Roger), Nancy Preis (John), Jerry Ewen (Kathy), David Ewen (Vickie) and Debra Myers (Rick). On Jan. 7, 1989, Maxson was married to Ruth Anderson Glosion in Billings. They resided in Greybull until the time of his death.

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Maxson was preceded in death by Mary, his mother, in 1921; his brother, Clinton, killed in WWII in 1945; his father, Frank, in 1956; his wife, Sylvia, in 1987; his sister, Marguerite, in 2003; and a grandson, Caleb, in November of this year.

Maxson was a past president of Big Horn Country Farm Bureau and was active in Farm Bureau for many years at the local and state level. He served on the Soil Conservation board of directors and the South Big Horn County Senior Center board of directors. In the 1950s he served as superintendent of the Shell Community Church.

Throughout his life, he was faithful in his work for the Lord, always taking his family to church and always being available to do the work of the church. He loved to gather with friends at the barbershop and drugstore to settle the affairs of the world. He was a story teller and made sure that family history was passed on to following generations. During his many years of working the ranch, the land and the livestock prospered under his loving care. Maxson was a shepherd during his life, now his family is rejoicing that he is in the eternal presence of Jesus Christ, the shepherd of human souls.

DEC 17 2003

Maxson Ewen

GREYBULL, Wyo. — Maxson Ewen, 89, formerly of Shell, died Tuesday, Dec. 16, 2003, at the Bonnie Bluejacket Memorial Nursing Home.

Memorial services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the First Presbyterian Church. Atwood Family Funeral Directors, Inc. is in charge.

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Vincent Ray Eyl

HARLOWTON — Vincent Ray Eyl, age 17, of Harlowton, died Sunday, June 15, 2003, from injuries in an automobile accident.

He was born June 5, 1986, at Fort Rucker, Ala. He lived in Colorado and Montana before settling in Harlowton. He worked in the Job Corps near Darby. Vincent enjoyed playing basketball and being with family and friends.

Surviving relatives include his mother, Laurie Lake of Dayton, Wyo.; his father, Bradley Eyl of Ozark, Ala.; his brother, Joshua Eyl-Babcock of Dayton; his sister, Tiffany Eyl-Babcock of Dayton; his grandparents, H.R. and Betty Lake of Denver, Linda and Gary Popoff of Phoenix, Ed and Valda Raye Eyl of Nebraska; numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Memorial service will be at 12 noon, Wednesday, June 18, from Dayton Community Church, with John Bouchard officiating. A reception will follow the service in Dayton Park.

Arrangements are with Champion Ferries Funeral Home in Sheridan, Wyo.

Memorials may benefit Faith Chapel, 601 North West Pritchard, Harlowton, MT 59036.