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## Margaret A. Fabian

LEWISTOWN — Margaret A. Fabian, 72, of Lewistown, died Sunday morning, Aug. 3, 2003, in St. Vincent Healthcare in Billings, of natural causes.

She was born Jan. 19, 1931, in Brooks, the daughter of Charles and Anna (Vaneek) Storfa. She began her schooling in country schools near Brooks.

The family moved to the Flathead area and she attended school at Ronan and Bigfork, graduating in 1949. She then attended college in Missoula for two years. She began working as a stenographer in Billings and then in Lewistown for Ohio Oil Co. and for A.W. Johnson at the First National Bank.

On Sept. 11, 1954, she was united in marriage to J. Robert Fabian in Lewistown.

She worked as the bookkeeper for Fabian Machine and Welding with her husband and then for their son until retiring in 1998.

She is survived by her husband Bob; sons Mark and wife Susie of Lewistown and Joe and wife Amy of Bozeman; daughter Leslie Fabian of Lewistown; brother Tom Storfa and wife Susan of Kalispell; six grandchildren, Andrew, Cayman and Ava Fabian and Chris and Chase Kingsbury and JoLee Pemberton; and several nieces and nephews.

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Funeral liturgy for Margaret A. Fabian will be Thursday, Aug. 7, at 10 a.m., in St. Leo's Church. Vigil services will be Wednesday, Aug. 6, at 7 p.m., in St. Leo's. Committal will be in Mount Calvary Cemetery. The Cloyd Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Friends may make memorials to the Respiratory Department of the Central Montana Medical Center or the charity of their choice and they may be left at the Cloyd Funeral Home.

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## **Henry A. Fairbairn**

**THOMPSON FALLS —**  
Henry A. Fairbairn, 75, died Tuesday, Dec. 23, 2003, in the Plains Hospital of heart failure and complications associated with lung cancer.

Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 3, in the Lewistown City Cemetery. Cloyd Funeral Home in Lewistown is in charge.

**MAY 23 2003**

## **Virginia Faldalen**

**WILLISTON, N.D. — Virginia "Ginny" Faldalen, 62, of Noonan, formerly of Harlowton, Mont., died Monday, May 19, 2003, at Mercy Medical Center in Williston.**

**Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, May 27, at the Youth Center in Harlowton. Cremation has taken place. Everson Funeral Home of Williston is in charge.**

## **Charles A. Fallang**

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LIVINGSTON — Charlie Fallang, 94, formerly of Big Timber, died Friday, Aug. 1, 2003, in Livingston.

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Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 6, at the Big Timber Lutheran Church. Graveside services and burial will follow in Mountview Cemetery in Big Timber. Franzen-Davis Funeral Home of Livingston is in charge.

## **Eunice L. Falt**

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Eunice L. Falt, 74, of Sheridan, died Tuesday, July 1, 2003, at her home.

Viewing and visitation will be at 7 p.m. Friday, July 4, at the Old Apostolic Lutheran Church on the Big Horn Highway. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, July 5, at the Old Apostolic Lutheran Church. Interment will be in Sheridan Municipal Cemetery. Champion Ferries Funeral Home of Sheridan is in charge.

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## **Marjorie Jean Farin**

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**FEB 27 2003**

CODY, Wyo. — Marjorie Jean Farin, 78, died Monday, Feb. 24, 2003, at her daughter's home in Cody.

Memorial services will be 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 4, 2003, at the First Presbyterian Church. Ballard Funeral Home of Cody is in charge.

# Donald Eugene Faris

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GREAT FALLS — Donald Eugene Faris, 77, of Great Falls, died March 7, 2003, of natural causes.

Donald was born in Benchland. He attended elementary school in Benchland and graduated from high school in Polson.

He married Phyllis J. Talbott in Great Falls on July 10, 1958. She preceded him in death on March 2, 2002.

Donald worked at a shipyard in Seattle, Bunkerhill Smelter in Idaho, at Hungry Horse Dam, was the owner/operator of Westside Texaco Station, City of Great Falls, Airport Authority, owner of Alberta Motel.

He was a member of Bethel Lutheran Church, Kiwanis and the Moose Lodge.

Donald is survived by his daughters, Sandra K. Moore of Billings, Janet E. Fairchild of Great Falls; son Russell D. Faris of Missoula; sisters, Mable Walker of Great Falls, Lois Tucker of Oregon; eight grandchildren, Jami Funyak, Billings, Julie Loucks-Young, Minneapolis, Robert Loucks, Billings, Ryan Faris, Kevin Faris, Missoula, Jacque Fairchild, Katie Fairchild, Becky Fairchild of Great Falls; and nine great-grandchildren.

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**Memorial services will be at 3 p.m. Sunday, March 9, at Croxford's Rose Room in Great Falls.**

**Cards and correspondence may be sent to Janet Fairchild, 3207 Fourth St. NE, Great Falls. Memorials may be made to Bethel Lutheran Church or Peace Hospice.**

## Judith Annette Farley

BASIN, Wyo. — Judith Annette Farley, 65, of Basin, formerly of Plentywood, Mont., Billings and Seattle, died Tuesday, Feb. 25, 2003.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday, March 3, at the Atwood Family Funeral Chapel in Basin. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, at the Atwood Family Funeral Chapel. A committal service will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 5, at the Wenatchee (Wash.) Cemetery.

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**JAN 30 2003****Kenneth V. Farley**

**MILES CITY —** Kenneth V. Farley, 67, died Tuesday, Jan. 28, 2003, at the Montana State Veteran Nursing Home in Glendive.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City with burial in the Eastern Montana State Veterans Cemetery.

## Lillian Elizabeth Farmer

GREYBULL, Wyo. — Funeral services for longtime Greybull resident Lillian Elizabeth Farmer, age 87, will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 25, at the First Baptist Church, 400 First Ave. N., with Cathy Bayert officiating. Burial will follow at Hillside Cemetery. Lillian passed away at the Bonnie Bluejacket Memorial Nursing Home between Greybull and Basin, early Friday evening, Sept. 19, 2003.

Visitations will be held on Thursday, Sept. 25, from 9 a.m. to noon, at the Atwood Family Chapel, 419 West C St., Basin.

Lillian was born at Emblem on Aug. 9, 1916, the daughter of John Gottlieb and Katherine Margaret (Reitz) Marcus. She received her schooling at Emblem.

She married Max Farmer on Feb. 17, 1944, at Fort Collins, Colo.

She enjoyed gardening, cooking and growing flowers.

She is preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Max, on May 16, 1982; one stepson; one granddaughter; and two sisters.

Lillian is survived by two daughters, Beverly Lechner of Billings and Frances (Leo) Kobernick of Green River; one son, Max Charles Farmer of Greybull; five grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; two sisters, Betty (Tom) Castro of Milton-Freewater, Ore., and Katherine (Wayne) Pickett of Ogden, Utah; and one brother, Jacob (Thelma) Marcus of Greybull.

Memorials can be made to the charity of your choice in memory of Lillian Elizabeth Farmer.

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

## Ruth Elizabeth Farnes

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MISSOULA — Ruth Elizabeth Farnes passed away Friday evening, Sept. 12, 2003, at Hillside Manor Nursing Home in Missoula.

She was the daughter of Isabelle and John Brown. She was born Feb. 6, 1920, in Broadview, where she grew up. She graduated from Broadview High School in the spring of 1938. Ruth married Owen Frederick Farnes on Nov. 24th of 1938, and they farmed in the Hay Basin in Broadview until 1950, when they moved to the Bull Mountains in Roundup and ranched there until 1967. They then moved to Polson and, after a few years, to Billings. In the late '60s, early '70s, they drove a semi-truck and traveled across the U.S. in order to see the country. In 1973, they settled in the Frenchtown valley, where they remained.

Ruth was a friend you could always depend on, a mother who guided her children and helped them to reach their dreams, a grandmother who could be counted on for lots of love and support and a great-grandmother who delighted in the little ones.

She was a lot of things to a lot of people, and she will be missed by all who knew and loved her. May God keep her in the shelter of His loving arms forever.

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Ruth was preceded in death by her husband Owen; one son, James "Jim"; and two daughters-in-law. She is survived by her sister and brother-in-law, Nina and Del Lundby of Broadview; two sons, Ernest of Frenchtown and Edward of Stevensville; one daughter-in-law, Marsha Farnes of Stevensville; three grandsons, Joseph Farnes of Frenchtown, John Farnes of Sidney and Wayne Farnes of Phoenix; five granddaughters, Glenda Farnes formerly of Missoula, Susan Arthrean of Rockville, Utah, Elizabeth Farnes of Frenchtown, Michele Farnes of Frenchtown and Jennifer Farnes of Colorado Springs, Colo.; and five great-grandchildren.

According to Ruth's wishes, cremation has taken place, and interment will be 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 11, at Sunset Memorial Gardens in Billings. There will be no services, but those wishing to attend are welcome.

**FEB 22 2003****Althea Farrand**

JORDAN — Althea Sylvia Farrand, 105, of Jordan, died Sunday, Feb. 16, 2003, at the Garfield County Health Center.

Visitation will be from 1 to 6 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 25, at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Jordan. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 26, at the VFW Hall in Jordan. Interment will follow in the family lot of the Pioneer Cemetery in Jordan.

# FEB 25 2003

JORDAN — Althea Sylvia Farrand, age 105, of Jordan, passed away on Sunday, Feb. 16, 2003, at the Garfield County Health Center in Jordan.



**ALTHEA  
FARRAND**

Althea was born in Colton, S.D., on Jan. 20, 1898, the daughter of Ollie and Olena Wastun. Althea attended country schools in Colton, and was in the first high school class taught in Colton. After her graduation, she taught school for one year before enlisting in the United States Army. It was while in the service that Althea received her nurse's training and proudly served during World War I. She received part of her training at Stanford University in San Francisco, and then in Chicago at Fort Sheridan. Following Althea's honorable discharge in 1921, she went to work at the University Hospital in Iowa City, Iowa. This is where she met B.C. Farrand. They later married on Dec. 24, 1924, in Miles City. They moved to Jordan in 1925, where B.C. set up his medical practice. B.C. passed away in 1993 and Althea has resided in Jordan ever since.

Althea was very active in the St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, where she served as Sunday School Superintendent for 20 years, she was the head of fundraising for the American Cancer Society, served as chairman of the Red Cross in Jordan and was very active in the Legion Auxiliary.

Althea loved flowers, was an excellent cook and loved going to their cabin at the lake, spending time with family and friends, especially her special friends, Watson and Gina Foster.

Althea is survived by her son, Charles L. Farrand of Cedar Park, Texas; daughter, Sally A. Farrand of Jordan; 11 grandchildren, and 22 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband B.C. in 1993; two sons, Weston B. Farrand in 1977 and Dr. Richard L. Farrand in 1992; and 10 brothers and sisters.

Visitation will be held Tuesday, Feb. 25, from 1 to 6 p.m. in the chapel of Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Jordan. Funeral services will be held Wednesday, Feb. 26, at 10 a.m. at the VFW Hall in Jordan. Interment will follow in the family lot in the Pioneer Cemetery. Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home of Jordan is in charge of the arrangements.



**Bernice M. Farris****Oct. 3, 1916 — May 7, 2003**

Bernice M. Farris went to be with the Lord Jesus on May 7, 2003 at the age of 86. Her family was with her at home.

Bernice Farris was born Oct. 3, 1916, at Glasgow, the daughter of Irving and Edith Cole. She attended 12 years of school in Glasgow and then nursing school also in Glasgow. She was working as a nurse when she met and married her husband, Herman Farris, the love of her life. His occupation was welder with Chicago Bridge and Iron Co. They traveled most of America to various construction sites.

In 1945, they bought a ranch at Melstone, and also operated Melstone's only dairy. Then in 1952, the ranch was sold and Bernice moved to Park City. There, she worked at the Park City Locker Plant and the Park City Post Office. In 1978, Bernice moved to Billings along the beautiful Yellowstone River and rented an acre of land which was all natural river bottom land. She alone cut brush, tilled and planted grass, trees and flowers, built fences and pioneered the land into a beautiful garden.

Thanks to Robert C. Nelson

and his family for making her life's dreams come true. She truly carved a little paradise for all her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren to romp and play in. Plenty of fishing, river walks, tree houses, tree climbing, tree swings and freedom to move about brought untold memories for all. Plus the best cooking to all.

Bernice had untold numbers of river friends: wild pheasants, deer, squirrels, turkeys, ducks, geese and birds of many kinds. Daily, she fed and cared for them.

Bernice was preceded in death by her husband, Herman (Blackie) Farris; her parents, Irving and Edith Cole; two sisters, Meryl Burroughs and Dorcas Curtis; and one great-grandchild, Cierra Marie Farris.

Bernice is survived by her son Harold Farris and his wife Vicki and their children, Lori, Lana, Lee and Lance of Colorado; her son, Herschell Farris and his wife

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FARRIS**

Lucille and children Tim, Starla, Michelle, Jennifer, Nick and Sara. She is also survived by 18 great-grandchildren, Joshua, Courtney, Ashley, Zena, Angelina, Devon, Dru, Daffni, Jamie, Jesse, Anna, Levi, Brian, Cody, Caleb, Christopher, Cierra and Jared.

Visitation will be Friday, May 9, from 5 to 8 p.m. at Smith Funeral Chapel-Laurel. Funeral Services will be held 2 p.m. Saturday, May 10, at Smith Funeral Chapel-Laurel with interment in the Laurel Cemetery.

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**EKALAKA** — On Saturday night, Feb. 22, 2003, Clara F. (Bazil) Farwell, 85, of Ekalaka, said goodbye to us and slowly danced into the soft melody of the Montana sunset to join her beloved partner, Sherrill Farwell. Heard gently floating in the air over Southeastern Montana at that time were some faint, albeit familiar sounds about "jambalaya, crawfish pie and file gumbo; 'cause tonight I'm gonna see my machedz a[d]mio".

Clara was born on June 24, 1918 to Arthur Henry and Susan Bazil. Her early childhood was spent in the Hay Springs, Neb., area and she moved to the Ekalaka vicinity following the death of her father in 1932. She subsequently attended school and worked part-time in Ekalaka. On Nov. 20, 1937, Clara married Sherrill Farwell and they immediately settled into their first ranch home, a cozy white rambler on wheels. They worked together on the ranch in the Belltower area until moving in 1945 to Alzada, where they operated the Valley Inn Bar & Cafe. In 1950, they sold this business and returned to the Farwell ranch for another 46 years of life on the range. Upon semi-retirement in 1996, Clara and Sherrill moved to Ekalaka, but they still spent considerable time at the ranch.

Clara was a devoted wife and mother. She was an excellent cook with an open-door policy both to friends and strangers, regardless of the day or time. Through the years, Clara obtained special enjoyment from her yard and flower gardens, and was always on the move between a variety of outdoor and indoor tasks. In addition, Clara often worked side-by-side with Sherrill doing ranching chores. She felt fortunate to have many good friends and neighbors, and enjoyed her cordial visits with them. Clara liked music, dancing and her piano. However, family was the most cherished part of her existence.

Survivors include two sons, Sherry Farwell and his wife, Judy, of Black Hawk, S.D., and George Farwell and his wife, Deborah, of Pullman, Wash.; two grandchildren, Gary Farwell and his wife, Shellie, of Seattle, and Jodey Lingg, and her husband, Jason, of Sammamish, Wash.; and great-grandchildren, Ryan Lingg, Erin Lingg, and Sophie Farwell (sister of deceased twin John Henry Farwell), Alice Bazil Carlisle, Frances (Toots) Simmons, George Kittelmann; and numerous nieces and nephews. They will definitely miss her, but feel fortunate for many warm memo-

ries of her love, life, and spirit.

Viewing will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 27, at the Ekalaka Bible Church. The funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, at the Ekalaka Bible Church, with Pastor Steve Deford officiating. Burial will be in the family plot in the L.O.O.F Cemetery. Stevenson Funeral Home of Baker is in charge of the arrangements.

# Jarred Dean Fasching

4-12-1989 to 4-26-2003

Jarred Dean (JD) Fasching, 14, of Billings, died as a result of injuries he received in a accident while riding his bicycle near his home in the Lockwood area Saturday morning.

He is survived by his great-grandparents, James Carter, 86, Louise Carter, 80 and Lee Roy Fasching, 77, of Billings; and his grandparents, Peggy Carter of Reed Point and Robert Donges of Billings; his Uncle Kerry and Aunt Lori Burns and their children, Harrison Kole, 15, and Kerry Janell, 11, who live in Tuttle, Okla.; Uncle Johnny Fasching of Butte and his twin daughters Erika and Brandi, 10; Uncle Darin and Aunt Jackie Hutchinson of Oklahoma City and their daughters (PJ) Peggy Ann Fasching Jr., 12, Cameo Rose, 10, Darin Rae, 3, and Johnie Shyan, 1; and Aunt Liz Kenger and her son, Taylor John, 5, of Broomfield, Colo.

He is also survived by his mother, Tammy Lee Fasching Donges, 33; stepfather Troy Donges, 32; and father, Clayton Mathew Johnson, all of Billings;



**JD FASCHING**

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his sister, Ashley Leeann Fasching, 17; and his brother, Bobby Donahue Donges, 12, also of Billings.

Jared was always full of life and so humorous he could have been a comedian. He loved fishing, music and taking things apart so he could put them back together and add more power to them. He will very much be missed by all those who loved and knew him.

Funeral services will be held at the Lockwood Evangelical Church, 1413 Rosebud Lane, at 2 p.m. Thursday, May 1.

Services will be officiated by James Brown.

Goodbye, JD. We love you and will miss you.

## Ruth Fast

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JUL - 8 2003

GLASGOW — Ruth (Johnson) Fast, 87, died Sunday, July 6, 2003, at Valley View Nursing Home in Glasgow.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, July 8, at First Lutheran Church in Glasgow. A private family burial will be held. Bell Mortuary of Glasgow is in charge.

**William Fastje, Jr.**

GLASGOW — William B. Fastje, Jr., 75, of Glasgow, died Tuesday, Sept. 23, 2003, at his home.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 27, at Bell Mortuary Chapel in Glasgow. Interment will be in Highland Cemetery in Glasgow.

# **Regina Fauber**

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**JUL 29 2003**

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Regina Claria Fauber, 82, of Sheridan, died Friday, July 25, 2003, at the Westview Health Care Center in Sheridan.

Private family funeral services will be at 3 p.m. Friday, Aug. 1, at the Sunrise Assembly of God Church in Sheridan. Interment will be on the family ranch on Lower Prairie Dog Creek in Sheridan County. Adams Funeral Home of Buffalo is in charge.



# Henrietta Faubion

POWELL, Wyo. — Henrietta June Faubion, 75, died Saturday, Jan. 25, 2003, at the Powell Nursing Home.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 30, at the Sandoz, Chapel of the Pines, in Valentine, Neb. Haskell Funeral Home of Lovell is in charge of local arrangements.

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## Lola Faught

**LODGE GRASS** — Lola Faught died at her home in Lodge Grass, where she claimed she had "taken root" on Saturday, Sept. 6, 2003.

Lola was born April 1, 1923, in Marmarth, N.D. to Esther (Liming) and Walter Havener. She moved to Lodge Grass at age 16 and worked as a waitress at the Range Land Cafe. She married the love of her life, Jess Faught Jr. in 1948 and worked as bookkeeper for the Farmer's Union Co-op where Jess was manager for 25 years. They retired together to their house atop the hill in 1976.

Lola loved spending time with her family, cooking, crossword puzzles, reading embroidery, gardening, rides in the country, western music and was known for her owl collection.

**LOLA FAUGHT**

Lola was preceded in death by her husband in 1983; her brother, Walter (Bud) Havener; and sister, Frances (Ta) Hickey.

Survivors include her daughter, Terry Brazier and son-in-law, Bob Brazier of Lodge Grass; son, Micky Jess Faught of Lodge Grass; and daughter, Jan (Jana) Faught and son-in-law, Jim Griffin of Butte; sister, Theo (TeTe) Edwards of Gillette, Wyo.; and brother, Merle (Hank) Havener of Billings; grandson, Cody Brazier and wife, Lyla of Silverdale, Wash.; granddaughter, Dana Cline and husband, Jess of Dayton, Wyo., Jess and Jenny Faught of Minneapolis; great-grandchildren, Ryan, Kailee and Gavin Brazier, Cassie Boyd, and Jess B. Cline; nieces and nephews, Darlene Rustad, Merle and Gary Williams, Donna Rae Cale, Don Edwards, Jay Havener, Linda Stevens, Vicki Havener-Bakko, Jolene Wenzel and Clint Havener.

Cremation has taken place and no services will be held. A private family memorial will be held at a later date. Bullis Mortuary has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Memorial: Big Horn Hospice, HC 36 Box 2010, Hardin, MT 59034.

**Katherine Minerva Faust****MAY 27 2003**

Katherine Minerva Faust, 98, of Billings, formerly a 72-year resident of Forsyth, passed away Tuesday, May 20, 2003, at the Deaconess Billings Clinic, giving way to a slow but persistent loss of strength that began with two strokes suffered nearly three years ago.



**KATHERINE  
FAUST**

Minerva's life began May 16, 1905 in Rosebud, one of three children born to Roderick and Adelaide Woods McRae. She spent her youth in the Rosebud area, graduating from Rosebud High School in 1923. Minerva attended Western Montana Normal School (now University of Montana-Dillon), receiving her teaching certificate that same year. She taught in country schools south of Ingomar, on Rosebud Creek, and also at Broadus. Minerva moved to Forsyth in 1928, operating her own beauty salon until 1931.

Minerva married Frank Faust on Dec. 22, 1930. She was a full-time wife and mother until the late '40s, and then worked in the

family business, the Roxy Theatre, until they sold their interest in 1956. Frank died in 1978, and Minerva continued to reside at the family home until mid-2000, when failing health sent her to the Rosebud Health Care Center, and then to The Vista at Mission Ridge in Billings. Until then, she led an active life, and particularly enjoyed playing bridge, hosting dinner parties, and interacting with her family. Minerva was an excellent cook and a talented seamstress.

Minerva is survived by her children, Ron Faust (Georgiana) and Sharon Lincoln, both of Billings; her grandchildren, Mike Lincoln (Anita), Mark Lincoln (Lynette), Teresa Lincoln (John Berger), Steve Faust, Ron Faust (Kay), and Johanna Kern (Joe); great-grandchildren, Rachel and Cortney, Stephanie, Sam and Louis, Wilson, Charles and Franklin, Brooke, Robbie, Paige and Eli, and Kevin; and great-great-grandson, Gunner. She was preceded in death by two broth-

ers, Kenneth and Gordon; her husband, Frank; and Sharon's husband, Cecil.

The family extends sincere thanks to the staff at Vista for all of their help and kindness to Minerva during her time there. We also offer our gratitude to her many good friends in Forsyth, including staff at the Rosebud Heath Care Center for being so faithful to her. All of you made her life better during these last years.

Memorial services will be 2 p.m. Wednesday, May 28, at the Beals Mortuary Chapel in Forsyth. Interment of the urn will follow in the Forsyth Cemetery. Beals Mortuary of Forsyth is assisting the family with these arrangements.

Memorials may be sent to The Employee Appreciation Fund, c/o Vista/Mission Ridge, 3840 Rimrock Road, Billings, MT 59102; The Federated Church of Forsyth, Forsyth, MT 59327; or the charity of your choice.

## **Etna Feather**

WORLAND, Wyo. — Etna J. Feather, 79, of Worland, died Thursday, April 24, 2003, at Washakie Medical Center.

Funeral services will be at 9 a.m. Saturday, April 26, at Grace Lutheran Church. Burial will follow in Riverview Cemetery. Veile Mortuary of Worland is in charge.

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## Angela Nicole Feeley

Angela Nicole Feeley, 31, of Billings, passed away Saturday, Oct. 4, 2003, at her home, of a short illness.

Angela was born in Montpelier, Idaho, the daughter of Dee and Pat Bassett. She was raised in Grace, Idaho, where she was very active in sports, cheerleading and majorettes. Angela was a very talented piano player and also played in the school band.

She moved to Billings about 10 years ago. She was a stay-at-home mother, caring for her five children, Weston, Chantel', Desaire, Xavier and Terrance. Besides husband Vincent Feeley and her parents, Dee and Pat Bassett of Grace, she is also survived by three brothers, Wayne Bredehoff of Grace, Tom Bassett of Soda Springs, Idaho, Brad Bassett of Pocatello, Idaho; three sisters, Teresa Clark of Boise, Idaho, Leslie Lewis of Soda Springs and Rhonda Cole of Bancroft, Idaho; her grandmother, Helen Bassett of Soda Springs.



**ANGELA  
FEELEY**

Funeral services will be 5 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 9, at Smitl Downtown Chapel. A second service and interment will be in Grace, Saturday, Oct. 11, at noon with the interment in the Central Cemetery, Central, Idaho. Smitl Downtown Chapel in charge of local arrangements.

# Mary Janice Anderson Feeley

'Jan Anderson'

March 11, 1929 — Feb. 18, 2003

On a sparkling winter morning, she stepped easily onto her blaze-faced sorrel, whistled to her big black Great Dane, Lucy, and rode smiling up the East Rosebud River towards her welcome in Heaven, leaving her pain and the body that betrayed her behind. Jan was family and friend who gave strength to everyone whose life she touched. Jan Anderson Feeley will be long and lovingly remembered beyond her death on Feb. 18, 2003, in Absarokee.

Jan was one of the world's wise women and knowing her was like opening a series of gifts. Her face bore the sun and weather, evidence of her Colorado ranching years, while her spirit played classical piano and danced musically. She said what she felt, and enjoyed a nightcap and a good joke, while her hands crocheted delicate and exquisite needlework.

Jan was born March 11, 1929, in



JAN  
ANDERSON

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Burlington, Colo., to Cecil and Marie Reed. She had one brother Dave Reed. Jan attended grade school and graduated high school in Burlington in 1947. She attended Stephens College in Missouri for two years and after two years at Colorado State University in Fort Collins, she received a bachelor's degree in animal husbandry in 1951.

In 1951, Jan married Eugene Hadachek. To this union were born two children. They moved to a ranch south of Vona, Colo., in 1953, where they ranched for many years.

In 1974, Jan married Carl Anderson. They ranched for several years in the Vona area. Carl had a son, Carl, Jr., whom Jan raised as her own. In 1981, Jan and Carl sold the ranch and moved to Billings. Carl passed away in 1987.

While living in the Billings area, Jan was active in AAUW, Friends of Parinly Billings Library, and attended the First United Methodist Church. She made many close friends, partly through her pleasure in riding and keeping her horse, Poco. She played flute and piccolo with the Billings Community Band and enjoyed treating her friends to a night at the symphony or a play, with the ritual dessert and coffee afterward.

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Jan found and purchased her dream home near Roscoe in 1989. In 1998, she married Bill Feeley; together, they raised and raced thoroughbred horses.

Jan especially took a private pride in the strength and independence of her children as adults, and enjoyed her grandchildren and friends' children, sharing and celebrating their accomplishments with her friends.

As Jan's physical health began to fail, she was fortunate to have loving care and friends with the Gallaghers at Brookside Home in Absarokee.

She leaves her husband Bill Feeley; son Jim Hadachek and wife Marla; daughter Nancy "Haddie" and husband Kurt Aske; son Carl Anderson and six grandchildren.

Her family is honoring Jan's wish that there be no formal services and that her ashes be scattered near the East Rosebud River. Memorials are encouraged to the Billings Community Band or the Billings Symphony.

Jan would turn to her friends after a particularly well-done musical passage and, with a sigh of contentment, whisper, "All is well with my world." Ride on now in peace, Jan, and know we loved you.



## Edward Feller

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Edward Feller passed away Monday, Feb. 10, 2003. He was born in Hardin. He was a loving husband and family man. He loved to fish and watch his grandchildren in their activities. He loved his family and friends. We will never forget him and his spunky attitude.

A special thank you to Hospice volunteers.

He is survived by his wife, Carolyn Cletya Feller; children, Carolyn Irene Feller and William Kelly Feller; grandchildren, Michelle, Brian, Emily and Ashley; brothers and sisters, Irene (Jim) Hutchins of Park City, Bill (Dixie) Feller of Laurel, Richard (Doris) Feller of Bridger, Linda Feller and Josie Link of Hardin. He was preceded in death by his parents, Val and Florence Feller; a sister and three brothers.

Cremation has taken place at Smith's Crematory. A memorial service will be held 2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 13, at Smith's Downtown Chapel.

**SMITH WEST CHAPEL**

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**FEHRENBACH** — Frank

E., 76, of Roundup, and formerly of Eatonville, Wash.

Cremation has taken place at Smith's Crematory. Memorial services will be held in Washington.(4/13)

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## Brian Patrick Feisthamel

GLENDIVE — Brian Patrick Feisthamel, age 53, of Glendive, passed away Sunday, June 8, 2003, at the Glendive Medical Center.

A vigil service will be held at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 11, at the Chapel of the Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home in Glendive. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, June 12, at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church, with Father Benjamin Lobo officiating. Interment with military honors will be in the Dawson Memorial Cemetery. Glendive Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Glendive is entrusted with arrangements.

Brian was born on Dec. 16, 1949, the son of Robert M. and Stella M. (Rust) Feisthamel, in Glendive where she was raised and educated. Brian attended Sacred Heart School and graduated from Dawson County High School with the class of 1968. He entered the U.S. Marine Corps in August of 1970 and served his country until his honorable discharge in May of 1974.

Brian then attended

Montana State University and graduated in June of 1978 with his EEET Degree. Brian was united in marriage to Pamela Ann Varriano on April 18, 1970, at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Brian and his wife resided in Glendive, where he has worked for Montana Dakota Utilities as an electric systems engineer for the past 25 years.

The Glendive Fire Department was a special part of Brian's life. He retired from the Department as captain after 20 years of service. He was an active Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) for the Glendive Ambulance Service.

Brian was involved with AAU wrestling and was head coach for 10 years. Brian was an avid outdoors man. He enjoyed backpacking, hiking, skydiving, and many other activities.

Brian was preceded in death by his father.

Survivors include his wife, Pam, of Glendive; his daughter, Tina Feisthamel of Minneapolis; two sons, Russell Feisthamel of Detroit, Mich., and Carlin Feisthamel of Idaho Falls, Idaho; his mother, Stella Bakken and her husband Pete of Glendive; two brothers, Robert Feisthamel of Mount Vernon, Missouri and Marc Feisthamel and his wife Tammie of Minneota, Minnesota; one sister, Deb Waters and her husband Ron of Sidney; numerous nieces and nephews.

Remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at: [www.silvernale-sil-hafuneralhome.com](http://www.silvernale-sil-hafuneralhome.com).

**JUN 11 2003**

**Richard L. Feisthamel**

**BELT** — Richard L. Feisthamel, 55, of Belt, died Thursday, June 5, 2003, of congestive heart failure, at the Denver VA hospital.

At his request, no services are planned and cremation has taken place.

MAY 29 2003

## John Feldmann

WIBAUX — John Edward Feldmann, 90, of Wibaux, formerly of Beach, N.D., died Tuesday, May 27, 2003, in the Wibaux County Nursing Home in Wibaux.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 31, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Beach. Interment will follow services at the Beach Lutheran Cemetery in Beach. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Beach is in charge.

## Vidal 'Del' Fenton

PAVILLION, Wyo. — Vidal "Del" Fenton, 63, died Saturday, Oct. 4, 2003, at his home in Pavillion, of an apparent heart attack.

Del was born on July 4, 1940, in Cheyenne, the son of Art and Georgia "Dode" Fenton. The family moved to Montana in the 1940s, where Del attended school at Sumatra, Rancher and Hysham. He graduated from Hysham High School in 1958. During his school years, he was active in athletics, 4-H and DeMolay.

After high school, Del worked on dude ranches as a guide on pack trips and hunting and fishing outings. He especially enjoyed the Stillwater River area and the Beartooth Mountains in Montana. Del was an accomplished horseman, raising, training, showing and racing horses throughout his lifetime. Most of the people who knew Del could tell at least one story about his many adventures with horses. He was also an excellent welder, as well as an artisan and craftsman.

Del is survived by seven children, Kristin (Bob) Herman and Dean (Penny) Seader of Shepherd, Mont., Eddie Fenton and Gene Fenton of Ronan, Mont., John (Catherine) Fenton of Pavillion, Art (Michelle) Fenton of Boise, Idaho, and Josh Fenton of Lander. Also surviving is one brother, Ward (Alice) Fenton of Shepherd; 12 grandchildren; five step-grandchildren; one niece and several aunts, uncles and cousins. Del was preceded in death by his parents, one sister and one nephew.

Cremation has taken place and, at his request, no services are planned.

**MAY 31 2003**

**Malvin Samuel Ferdina**

**WOLF POINT** — Melvin Samuel Ferdina, 91, died Wednesday, May 28, 2003, at North East Montana Health Services Hospital in Wolf Point.

Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. Sunday, June 1, at the Clayton-Stevenson Chapel in Wolf Point. Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Monday, June 2, at the First Lutheran Church in Wolf Point. Interment will be in the Greenwood Cemetery.



# Caryl L. Ferguson

March 8, 1928 — July 15, 2003

BILLINGS GAZETTE

JUL 18 2003

SUN CITY WEST, Ariz. — Caryl LaVonne Ferguson, 75, of Sun City West, beloved wife and mother, passed away on July 15, 2003.



**CAROL  
FERGUSON**

The memorial service will be held at Camino Del Sol

Funeral Home, 13738 Camino Del Sol, Sun City West, Saturday, July 19, at 2 p.m.

Caryl was born March 8, 1928, in Oldham, S.D., the oldest of four children. She lived much of her life in Seattle, where she raised her four children. She married Bill Ferguson in 1994 and moved with him to Arizona.

She is remembered lovingly by her survivors, which include her husband Bill of Sun City West; three sons, Steve McMartin of Issaquah, Wash., Bru McMartin of McKinney, Texas, Gary McMartin of Mesa; and one daughter, Lesley Bate of Des Moines, Wash. In addition to her immediate family, she had two daughters-in-law, one son-in-law, two stepchildren, 16 grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, her two brothers and a sister.

She was loved dearly and will be missed by all whose lives she touched.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to The American Lung Association, 102 W. McDowell Road, Phoenix, AZ 85003-1297.

# Doreen Barbara Ferguson

BILLINGS GAZETTE  
FEB 15 2003

Doreen Barbara Ferguson, age 70, died at her home on Feb. 13, 2003, after a battle with cancer. Doreen was born in Oakland, Calif., on Dec. 20, 1932, the only child of Dorothy Maurer and James McNeely.

Doreen grew up in the Oakland/San Francisco bay area, graduating from St. Elizabeth's High School. Her family moved to Tacoma, Wash., in the early 1950s, where she met the love of her life, Charles "Charlie" Edward Ferguson, an airman in the U.S. Air Force. They were married on June 20, 1953. Doreen and Charlie were stationed in Washington, California, Germany, Wisconsin, North Dakota, Montana and Guam during his military service. They finally settled in Billings in 1973. She was a mother, homemaker and, in later years, she worked at Par 3-Exchange City Golf Course in the snack bar.

Doreen was family oriented. She enjoyed going to the movies, doing crossword puzzles, eating out, spending time with friends and family, and watching her soaps.

Doreen is survived by her mother, Dorothy Hatley of Lacey, Wash.; one son, Timothy (Jenny) Ferguson of Burley, Idaho; three daughters, Pat Ferguson of Severn, Md., Mary Ann (Dale) Monson of

East Grand Forks, Minn., and Joan (Jody) Getchell of Billings. She is also survived by six grandchildren, Dustin and Charlie Monson, Alex and Ashley Ferguson, and Marisa and Sara Getchell.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the National Colorectal Cancer Research Alliance (NCCRA), c/o Entertainment Industry Foundation, 11132 Ventura Boulevard, Suite 401, Studio City, CA 91604-3156; Big Sky Hospice, Box 31158, Billings, 59107; or to St. Pius X Catholic Church, 717 18th St. W., Billings, 59102.

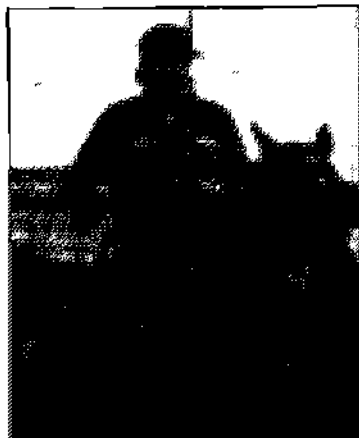
Vigil service Sunday, Feb. 16, 7 p.m., Dahl Chapel. Memorial Mass Monday, Feb. 17, 10:30 a.m., St. Pius. Interment, Sunset Memorial Gardens.

# George Ferguson

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**GEORGE FERGUSON**

**POPLAR** — On Aug. 5, 2003, at 11:05 a.m., our loved one left us to go to his Cowboy Palace in Heaven. George was born in Wood Mountain, Saskatchewan, Canada, on Sept. 18, 1930.

George is survived by his wife of 50 years, Lois Ann Ferguson; two sons, Billy Ferguson (Joanne), Les Ferguson (Faye); and eight daughters, Georgia Atkinson (Tommy), Ava Loveland (Wayne), Connie Ferguson (Faron), Rose Ferguson (Ira), Jordis Ferguson (Robbie), Doreen Ferguson (Curtis), all of Poplar, Sandra Catudio (Vince) of Minot, N.D., Debbie Loughheed (Marvin) of Canada. He is also survived by two stepchildren he raised, Carlene Cloke (Raymond) and

Jake White Bull (Beth); three grandchildren who he adopted, Nikki Ferguson (Troy), Deacon Magnan (Adreia), and Will Ferguson; one sister, Nora Ferguson of Canada; and one brother, Joseph (Shep) Ferguson of Poplar. Also surviving are four nephews, Frances and Billy Good Track of Canada, Herman Pipe and Bob Welch of Poplar; one niece, Helen Pipe of Wolf Point; and many, many grandchildren. He is preceded in death by one daughter, Jeri Lyn Ferguson; and one granddaughter, Tammy Joy Atkinson.

George always said "When my time comes don't feel sad, don't stop for me, keep things going and don't make a big deal over me. Where I am going I will be happy with no more sickness and pain. I just want everyone to be happy and get along. Don't have hard feelings and remember forgive-

ness. Prayer will help you through this. Don't forget in my own way I loved each and every one of you. I only worry about my Fred (Deacon). Tell Nikki to take care of him. He was my whole life."

Prayer service will start at 7 p.m. with rosary, at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 8, at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in Poplar. Funeral mass will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 9, at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in Poplar, with Rev. Fr. Michael Schneider officiating. Interment will be in the Poplar City Cemetery. Clayton Stevenson Memorial Chapel has been entrusted with arrangements. To send condolences to the family, please visit [www.stevensonandsons.com](http://www.stevensonandsons.com). If you wish to send the family condolences, please send an e-mail to: [csmc@nemontel.net](mailto:csmc@nemontel.net) and we will give it to George's family.

# Irene May Ferguson

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

MAR 22 1966

On March 19, 2003, Irene May Ferguson left this world to meet her Good Shepherd and those of her family who went before her.



**IRENE  
FERGUSON**

Irene was born on May 11, 1909, to Maude and Claude Dickson of Caldwell, Kan., and came with the family to the Geyser area of Montana in 1914. They moved to the Great Falls area five years later, where she was raised and educated.

She married Melvin E. Ferguson and together, they raised three children; Ruth, Roy and Ellen.

Irene is survived by Roy and his wife Betty of Billings, Ruth Kohlenberger of Helena; and a sister, Jean Jones, of Wolf Creek. She also leaves seven grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. Irene was preceded in death by her husband, parents, sister Eva, brother Arthur and daughter Ellen.

Irene was a member of the First Baptist Church and was a member of the Women of the Moose.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Monday, March 24, at Smith's Downtown Chapel. Interment will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

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Visitation will be 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, March 22, 12 noon to 8 p.m. Sunday, March 23, and before services on Monday.

Donations may be made to Women of the Moose Chapter #0877 for Mooseheart Emergency Fund.

JUN 18 2003

## Monte W. Ferguson

LEWISTOWN — Monte W. Ferguson, 76, died Monday, June 16, 2003, at the Central Montana Medical Center, after a short illness.

A vigil services will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 18, at St. Leo's Catholic Church. Funeral liturgy will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, June 19, at St. Leo's Catholic Church. Interment will be in Central Montana Memorial Gardens. Creel Funeral Home of Lewistown is in charge.

## **Vera B. Ferguson**

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**  
**AUG 13 2009**

**CODY, Wyo. — Vera B. Ferguson, 88, died Monday, Aug. 11, 2009, at West Park Long Term Care Center.**

**Cremation has taken place. A memorial service is at 10 a.m. Saturday at First United Methodist Church in Powell. Ballard Funeral Home in Cody is in charge.**



*Powell Tribune Times, Aug 28, 2003*

## **Vera Batters Ferguson**

Vera Berdena Batters Ferguson, 88, died Aug. 11 in West Park Long Term Care Center in Cody.

She was born April 17, 1915, in Guthrie Center, Iowa. She graduated from Bagley High School in 1933 where she played center on the girls basketball team. She traveled to Wyoming to visit her sister and brother-in-law, Leta and George Gibson in Powell, and met her future husband, Leo Batters.

They were married on Sept. 7, 1943, in Coeur'D Alene, Idaho, where he was stationed while in naval training. After honeymooning in Mexico, Mr. Batters went on to serve in World War II, and she returned to Powell to run the family business, Leo's Cleaners.

Upon her husband's return from service, they continued operating the cleaning establishment from 1945 until his death in 1972.

Later, Vera worked as a secretary/receptionist for Dr. Glenn Watters at his optometry office for a number of years. She then married John Ferguson and they were together until his death in 1984.

During her life, she was a member of Eastern Star and the First United Methodist Church in Powell for over 50 years. She received the Professional Business Woman of the year award in 1981.

She was an avid bridge player and enjoyed golf and skiing for most of their life.

Her family will remember her as an incredible seamstress who could make a silk purse out of a sow's ear without a pattern. Camping and traveling with her dog, Gigi, were among her favorite pastimes.

<sup>4</sup> Survivors include her sons and daughters-in-law, Jim and Pam Better of Cody and Bill and Karol Better of Ft. Collins, Colo.; eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial services were held Aug. 18 at First United Methodist Church in Powell.

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## Ann L. Ferrell

JUN 12 2003

LEWISTOWN — Ann L. "Winnie" Ferrell, 88, died Wednesday, June 11, 2003, at Valle Vista Manor, due to complications from Alzheimer's.

Memorial graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, June 14, at the Lewistown City Cemetery. Creel Funeral Home of Lewistown is in charge.

## AUG - 5 2003

**ROBERTS** — Ed Fetz, 60, longtime businessman and former resident of Billings, passed away peacefully with family and friends at his side early Sunday morning, Aug. 3, 2003, at his home in the Cooney Dam area.



**ED FETZ**

Ed was born on Dec. 18, 1942, in Spokane, Wash., a son of Ed and Mildred Fetz. After graduating from Bonneville High School in Idaho Falls, Idaho, Ed enlisted in the U.S. Navy, serving his country for four years.

Ed came to Billings about 20 years ago, where he managed and owned several auto body repair shops. He was active in youth charity groups, including Civitan in Idaho and the Optimist Club in Billings, and was formerly actively involved in the Chamber of Commerce in Billings.

In earlier years Ed enjoyed racing motorcycles. Known as "Fast Eddie," he rode his Yamaha-sponsored machine in many races, and had even performed with Evel Knievel. He

also participated in and followed a variety of other sports, and particularly enjoyed raising, racing and showing horses — an area in which he had won several awards. Most importantly, Ed was a proud father and family man.

Survivors include his two loving sons, Bret Fetz of Roberts (Cooney Dam), and Bart Fetz of Green River, Wyo.; his wife, Sanjuanita Gonzalez Fetz of Billings; his three sisters, Judy Tweedy of Lincoln, Neb., and Shirley Boprey and Vicki Woockman, both of Phoenix; numerous nieces and nephews and many cherished friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, Ed and Mildred Fetz.

Ed's family extends their appreciation to those who participated in his recent benefit auction, and to the staff of Beartooth Hospital & Health Center Hospice of Red Lodge — nurse Carol Fleck in particular.

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 7, at Smith-Olcott Funeral Chapel in Red Lodge. Cremation has taken place. Memorials may be given to Beartooth Hospice, PO Box 590, Red Lodge, MT 59068.

# Lydia Frank Fichtner

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Lydia Fichtner, age 88, passed away July 1, 2003, at St. John's Lutheran Rest Home.

She was born to George H. and Mary Katherine Frickle Frank on July 20, 1914, in Laurel. She was baptized and confirmed in the First Congregational Church in Laurel, and was an active member of that Church, as well as the Big Timber Congregational Church for most of her life.



LYDIA  
FICHTNER

Lydia married Theodore "Ted" Fichtner on Nov. 14, 1934, in Laurel. They lived in Laurel until 1952, when they moved to Bridger. They resided in Bridger for nine years before moving to Big Timber. They made their home there for 16 years until Ted retired after having been a Chevrolet Automobile Dealer for 25 years. They returned to Laurel in the early 1980s. In September 1998, Ted and Lydia moved into the Vista at Mission Ridge in Billings, and Lydia moved into the St. John's Lutheran Rest Home approximately nine months ago.

Lydia loved doing any type of needlework, and she especially enjoyed creating beautiful hand-crafted quilts. These, she gra-

ciously shared with all members of her family as well as many friends. She enjoyed belonging to both the Laurel Congregational and the Big Timber Congregational ladies quilting circles. She spent many years of her life crocheting tablecloths, doilies and dresser scarves for family members to use and enjoy. Lydia was especially proud of having crocheted "The Lord's Prayer" wall hanging that will be treasured by the family for generations. As an avid seamstress, she sewed most of her own clothes as well as many fashions for her children and grandchildren through the years. Lydia was also known for cooking wonderful German dishes that included homemade noodles, butterball soup, and rival kuken.

Lydia was preceded in death by her devoted husband, Ted, who passed away a few short weeks ago, on May 15, 2003. They would have been married for 69 years in November. She was preceded, also, by her parents; seven brothers, George H. Frank, Jr.,

Alex H. Frank, Henry H. Frank, Jake H. Frank Herman Frank, Dave Frank and Victor Frank; and one sister, Freda Brown Jackson.

She is survived by her sons, Leonard Fichtner (Jeanne) of Billings and Dennis Fichtner (Rose) of Billings; six grandchildren, Kenneth Fichtner (Sari), Kala Aguado (Cory), Kelly Klein (Todd), Mardi Hagar (Shane), Keith Fichtner (Lynda), Kevin Fichtner (Caryn); seven great-grandchildren, Kortney Klein, Tanner Klein, Matthew Fichtner, Madison Fichtner, Skyler Aguado, Taylor Hagar and Riley Hagar; one brother, Phillip H. Frank (Alice) of Joliet; and two sisters, Mary Frank Rupp (Clarence) of Billings and Dorothy Frank Ostwalt (John) of Laurel.

This wonderful mother, sister and grandmother, aunt and friend will be truly missed by her loving family and a host of friends. We're blessed to have had her with us for a full and wonderful lifetime. Should family and friends desire, we suggest memorials be made to Al Bedoo Shriners Transportation Trust Fund, PO 20673, Billings, MT 59104; St. John's Lutheran Ministries to be used for the Ocee Johnson Chapel, 3940 Rimrock Road, Billings, MT 59102 or charity of one's choice.

Funeral services will be held 2 p.m. Tuesday, July 8, at Smith Funeral Chapel-Laurel. Interment will be in Laurel Cemetery. Visitation will be Monday evening, July 7, from 5 to 8 p.m., at the funeral chapel.

# Theodore 'Ted' Fichtner

Theodore "Ted" Fichtner passed away at his home in The Vista at Mission Ridge, Thursday morning, May 15, 2003.

Ted was born in Turtle Lake, N.D., on Aug. 12, 1912, to Henry and Katherine Fichtner. When he was 8, the family moved to Rapelje, and in 1926, they moved to a farm south of Laurel. He was confirmed in the First Congregational Church in Laurel in 1928, and remained a member of that Church for the majority of his life. On Nov. 14, 1934, he married Lydia Frank of Laurel. In 1935, he was employed by Collison & Dolven Road Construction, and in the winter of 1936, was involved with the construction of the Laurel River Bridge. In 1940, Ted worked as a mechanic for Consolidated Freightway for a time before returning to work with Collison & Dolven for another three years. He was later employed as an automobile mechanic for O.M. Wold Company and for Clay Greening at the Chevrolet Dealership in Laurel. He decided



**TED  
FICHTNER**

to open up his own mechanic business at their home at 112 Third Ave., in a small garage that he built, with room for only one car and a workbench. Business became so good that he needed to move into a larger facility, so he rented the building that is now known as the Palace Lanes. In 1952, Ted was approached by General Motors to become a Chevrolet Dealer in Bridger. He operated his dealership out of the back of a lumberyard in Bridger for a short time. In 1954, he purchased and operated a Conoco Service Station out of which they sold Chevrolet automobiles and trucks. In 1961, he sold the dealership to his son, Leonard, and moved to Big Timber, where he bought another dealership formerly known as Bouse Chevrolet. He remained in the business for another 16 years and received his 25 years with Chevrolet Award from General Motors in 1977. In 1978, Ted sold the T & L Chevrolet Dealership to his son, Dennis.

Ted loved everybody and everybody loved him! He was extremely fond of his grandchildren, and he especially loved tak-

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ing his grandsons fishing in earlier years. He enjoyed visiting with his friends and family and was well known for his "gift of gab" and storytelling. He led a hard-working and successful life with a limited education. Ted enjoyed gardening and had great pride in being the first on the block with a green lawn and the earliest and most cucumbers! He was known most recently for his collecting and putting together books of the Statehood Quarters. Every family member as well as those to come in the future have a book of their own.

He will be missed by many, including a very loving family and a host of friends.

Ted was preceded in death by four brothers, Ben, John, Emil, and Fred Fichtner; and five sisters, Amelia Gjesle, Louise Schreiner, Christine Traver, Carrie Fichtner and Alma Marple. He is survived by his wife, Lydia in St. Johns Lutheran Home; sons, Leonard (Jeanne) and Dennis (Rose); six grandchildren, Ken Fichtner (Sari), Kala Aguado (Cory) Kelly Klein (Todd), Mardi Hagar (Shane) Kevin Fichtner (Caryn), Keith Fichtner (Lynda); great-grandchildren, Matthew Fichtner, Madison Fichtner, Skyler Aguado, Kortney Klein, Tanner Klein, Taylor Hagar and Riley Hagar; sisters, Dorothy Strauch,

Ruth Bosch and Alvina Rasmusson.

Funeral services will be at Smith Funeral Chapel in Laurel, at 2 p.m. Tuesday, May 20, with burial in the Laurel Cemetery. Should friends or family desire, memorials are suggested to the Billings Al Bedoo Shriners Transportation Trust Fund or St. John's Lutheran Ministries.



**NOV 16 2003****Chris Fiebelkorn**

**GILLETE, Wyo.** — Chris Fiebelkorn, 77, died Tuesday, Nov. 11, 2003, at the Wyoming Medical Center in Casper, Wyo. Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, Nov. 17, at the Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home Chapel in Gillette. Visitation will be from 4 to 7 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 16, at the Stevenson Funeral Home Chapel.

**MAR 19 2003**

## **Martha Fiechtner**

MILES CITY — Martha Hirsch Fiechtner, 90, of Miles City, died Monday, March 17, 2003, at the Friendship Villa Care Center.

Visitation will be held Thursday, March 20, in the

chapel of Stevenson & Son Funeral Home in Miles City. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, March 21, at the Trinity Lutheran Church. Interment will follow in the family lot in the Custer County Cemetery.

**NOV 18 2003****Mildred Fieldgrove**

**GILLETTE, Wyo.** — Mildred Fieldgrove, 98, of Gillette, died Saturday, Nov. 15, 2003, at the Pioneer Manor Nursing Home in Gillette.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 18, at the First Presbyterian Church in Gillette. Interment will follow in the Mt. Pisgah Cemetery in Gillette. Stevenson Funeral Home of Gillette is in charge.

**JAN 31 2003****Clarence E. Filley**

HAMILTON — Clarence E. Filley, 92, died Tuesday, Jan. 28, 2003, at Valley View Estates in Hamilton.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, Feb. 3, at the Beals Mortuary Chapel in Forsyth. Interment will follow in the Forsyth Cemetery.

## Randall 'Randy' Wayne Fincher

Randall "Randy" Wayne Fincher, age 45, was killed in a vehicle accident at a construction site near Glenrock, Wyo., on Sept. 22, 2003.

Randy was born Nov. 10, 1957, in Billings. He was a 1976 graduate of Billings West High School and a graduate of MSU-Bozeman with a bachelor of science degree in Construction Engineering. Randy joined HKM Engineering of Billings in 1985 and had completed 18 years of continuous employment.

Randy married Donna June Henderson in Billings in 1985.

Randy is survived by his wife, Donna; daughter Jessica, age 17, senior at Billings West; Laura, age 13, seventh grade at Billings Christian School; parents, Wayne and Barbara Fincher of Billings; grandmother Mildred C. Walthall of Magnolia, Ark.; aunts, uncles and cousins. Randy leaves behind many friends he made and cultivated during his lifetime.

Randy enjoyed the great outdoors of Montana. He was an accomplished skier and thoroughly enjoyed skiing with his family. Hiking and fishing with Jessica and Laura were cherished times, as well as the occasional round of golf with his dad. While working out of town, he looked forward to receiving the "care" package of homemade "goodies" from his mom.

A memorial service is planned for 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 27, at Emmanuel Baptist Church, 328 S. Shiloh Road in Billings.

The family requests memorials be made to Eagle Mount, which provides recreational opportunities for people with disabilities, including skiing and other sport activities. The address is 2822 Third Ave. N., Suite 203, Billings, MT 59101.

Michelotti-Sawyers has charge of arrangements.

Cremation has taken place.

## **Cecil Fine**

CODY, Wyo. — Cecil Fine, 78, of Cody, died Thursday, Oct. 2, 2003, at his home.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 4, at Ballard Funeral Home in Cody.

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## Darell L. Fink, Sr.

Darell L. Fink, Sr., 62, of Billings, passed away on March 24, 2003, due to natural causes.

Fink, Sr., as he was known to his friends, was born on Jan. 8, 1941, to William Fink and Leah Pease of Lovell, Wyo. He spent 20 years doing masonry work in Montana and Wyoming prior to spending 10 years as the shop teacher in Colstrip. Later



**DARELL  
FINK**

in life, he ran a fly fishing shop in Darby, a spin-off of one of his favorite hobbies. He also enjoyed telling jokes and hunting.

He is survived by his father, William Fink; former wife, Carolyn; daughter Alesia Fink-Perry and husband Don; son Darell Fink, Jr. and fiancée Lou Ann Koch; son Jim Fink and wife Mary; son Ken Fink; and many nieces, nephews, grandsons, granddaughters and friends.

A service of remembrance will be 11 a.m. Thursday, March 27, at Smith's West Chapel, 304 34th St. West.

Memorials may be sent to Stockman Bank; c/o Tiffany Bell; PO Box 80850; Billings, MT 59108.

# Georgette A. Fink

BILLINGS GAZETTE

MAR 15 2003

LAUREL —  
Georgette A.  
Fink, 58, of  
Laurel, passed  
away Friday,  
March 14, 2003,  
at Horizon Hos-  
pice Home,  
from lung can-  
cer.



**GEORGETTE  
FINK**

George was  
born in Billings,  
Dec. 28, 1944, to  
John and Georgette (Wambeke)  
Fink. She had five brothers and  
two sisters.

George married Wayne  
Kemmis in 1961; they later  
divorced. She later married Larry  
Dillinger; they also divorced.

George enjoyed working at  
Cook Travel, and was always  
willing to run their errands for  
the girls at Cook Travel. She also  
worked at Montana Chads.

George loved to do puzzles,  
bowling at Center Lanes and  
watching movies.

George was preceded in death  
by her parents; a brother, Arnold;  
and two nephews. She is survived  
by her children Laurie (Dave)  
Schuyler, Greg (Susie) Kemmis,  
Rick (Paula) Kemmis and Brian  
Dillinger; nine grandchildren,  
Matt, Janelle, Jenn, Kayla,  
Kortney, Kassie, Kameron, Keith  
and Kody. She is also survived by  
four brothers, Ted (LaVonne).

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Terry (Jackie), Fred (Chuckie), Glenn (Linda); and two sisters, Shirley (Neal) Nash and Diane Mydland; sister-in-law Joyce Fink; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Viewing will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, March 17, at Cremation or Funeral Gallery. Funeral services will be held 1 p.m. Tuesday, March 18, at Cremation or Funeral Gallery, with interment to follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials in George's name be made to Horizon Hospice Home c/o Big Sky Hospice, PO Box 35033, Billings, MT 59107.

# Mary Laber Fink

BILLINGS GAZETTE

JUL 20 2003

LOVELL, Wyo. — Mary Laber Fink, 87, passed away Friday, July 18, at New Horizons Care Center in Lovell. She was born on June 8, 1916, in Powell. Mary was the second of 10 children born to Alexander and Dorothy Laber.

Mary grew up in and attended schools in Powell and Lovell, and in Belfry, Mont. On Sept. 3, 1939, she married Solomon Fink and together they raised five children, in Lovell.

Mary loved to spend time with her family. Her children and grandchildren were her pride and joy. She was a warm and caring mother and will be greatly missed. She enjoyed needlepoint, flower gardening, creating floral centerpieces and visiting with friends.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents; husband; grandson, Brian Fink; five brothers, Alex Laber, Gus Laber, Albert Laber, Rhiney Laber and Walter Laber, and two sisters, Bertha Giest and Emma Duff.

Mary is survived by her children, Doris (Joe) Rhoads of Farmington, Utah, Nancy (Roy) Oliver of Billing, and Leroy (Joni) Fink, Rod Fink and Tom (Anna) Fink, all of Lovell; eight grandchildren, Todd (Libby) Rhoads, Debbie (Jasen) Citte, Sheri (Jim) Tingey, Susie (Steve) Wilkerson,

Jennifer (Bob) Simons, Cole Fink, Ely Fink and Kiana Fink; four great-grandchildren, Natasha Garcia, Jordyn Citte, Mallory Simons and Riley Simons; and two sisters, Hilda Ahlgren of Billings and Hermina Flatt of Phoenix.

Visitation will be held Monday, July 21, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Haskell Funeral Home in Lovell.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, July 22, at St. John's Lutheran Church with burial following in Lovell Cemetery.

**DEC 17 2003**

**William 'Willie' Fink**

**SHERIDAN, Wyo. — William K. "Willie" Fink, 84, died Saturday, Dec. 13, 2003, at the VA Hospital.**

**Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Immanuel Lutheran Church with inurnment in the Black Hills National Cemetery at a later date. Champion Ferries Funeral Home is in charge.**

**APR 02 2003**

LEWISTOWN — Minnie G. Finkbeiner, 99, died Monday, March 31, 2003, at the Central Montana Skilled Nursing Center.

Minnie was born June 16, 1903, at Hecla, S.D., to John and Matilda (Yonker) Stolle. She received her schooling in South Dakota and moved to Grass Range when she was 14 years of age.

On Dec. 1, 1925, at Roundup, she was united in marriage to Leno M. "Dick" Finkbeiner. They lived and ranched in and around the Grass Range area for many years. She moved to Lewistown in 1989.

Minnie was a lifetime member of the Anna Smalley Chapter, Order of Eastern Star in Grass Range. She was also the oldest living member.

She enjoyed crocheting, tatting, gardening and baking. Minnie was a very loving and devoted mother and grandmother and leaves the family with many fond memories.

Survivors include a daughter, Pearl Olden of Helena; four sons, Roy Finkbeiner of Belgrade, Russell (Beverly) Finkbeiner of Laurel, Richard "Dick" (Ruth) Finkbeiner of Belgrade and Robert (Sandra) Finkbeiner of Canyon Ferry; one brother, Arthur Stolle of Hardin; nine grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1981; a brother, Harry; a son-in-law, Donald Olden; and her parents.

Funeral services for Minnie Finkbeiner will be held at the Creel Funeral Chapel on Friday, April 4, at 2 p.m. Interment will be at the Lewistown City Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the charity of the donor's choice. Creel Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

**DEC 02 2003****Donald Finneman**

**MILES CITY — Donald Steven Finneman, 83, of Miles City, formerly of Terry, died Sunday, Nov. 30, 2003, at the Holy Rosary Health Center in Miles City.**

**Visitation will be held Thursday, Dec. 4, in the chapel of Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Terry, with a vigil service at 7 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 5, at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Terry. Rite of Committal will follow in the family lot of the Prairie County Cemetery in Terry.**

**JAN 21 2003****Gabrielle M. Finneman**

BEACH, N.D. — Gabrielle "Gay" M. Finneman, 85, of Beach, died Sunday, Jan. 19, 2003, in Beach.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 23, at St. John The Baptist Catholic Church in Beach. A vigil will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 22, at the Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home in Beach. Rite of Committal will follow services at St. Johns Cemetery in Beach.

## **Myrtle Finneman**

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**AUG 29 2003**

**BAKER** — Myrtle Finneman, 85, of Marmarth, N.D., died Wednesday, Aug. 27, 2003, at the Fallon Medical Complex in Baker.

Visitation will be from 2 to 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 29, continue from 8 to 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 30, at Stevenson Funeral Home in Baker. Funeral services will take be at 11 a.m. Saturday, at Stevenson Funeral Home. Burial will follow the Riverside Cemetery in Marmarth.

# Carol Mae Fischer

BILLINGS GAZETTE

FEB 12 2003

Carol Mae Fischer, 58, of Billings, met her Lord, Feb. 8, 2003, after a courageous battle with cancer.



**CAROL  
FISCHER**

Carol was born in Hazen, N.D., on May 17, 1944, to Dave and Elsie (Riedemann) Fischer. She attended school in Beulah, N.D., and after graduation, attended Dickinson State University. She moved to Billings in 1989. She was employed at First Interstate Bank as an administrative assistant.

She is survived by her brothers and sister-in-law, Carl, Beulah, Cal and Karen, Mandan, N.D.; nieces and their spouses, Marvin and Karen Fiest, Mandan, Javier and Kim Montoya, Beulah, Joe and Andrea Carter, Peoria, Ill.; and a nephew, Dave Fischer, Mandan.

Preceding her in death were her parents; infant sister, Corrine; grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Riedemann, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Fischer and her sister-in-law, Loretta Fischer.

Carol's ashes will be buried by her family in her parents' grave at St. Matthews Lutheran Cemetery in Hazen, at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent

to the American Cancer Society.

Carol will be greatly missed by her family and friends, but we know that she will be in our future.



**JAN 14 2003****Lt M. Fischer**

**PARK RAPIDS, Minn. —** Leo M. "Lee" Fischer, 80, of Park Rapids, formerly of Laurel, died Monday, Jan. 6, 2003, at the St. Joseph's Area Health Services in Park Rapids.

Mass of Christian Burial was held Friday, Jan. 10, at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Park Rapids. Interment was in the St. Peter's Catholic Cemetery in Park Rapids. Cease Family Funeral Home of Park Rapids was in charge.

## Dorothy M. Fish

LIVINGSTON — Dorothy May Fish, 82, of Livingston, died Tuesday, Oct. 21, 2003, at Livingston Memorial Hospital, after a brief illness.

Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25, at Franzen-Davis Funeral Home in Livingston. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, Oct. 27, at St. Andrews Episcopal Church. Graveside committal and burial will be Friday, Oct. 31, in Beach, N.D.

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## **Faith Janet Fish**

**RAPID CITY, S.D.** — Faith Massey Fish, 43, formerly of Billings, a resident of Rapid City for the past 17 years, died in her home on Sunday, April 13, 2003.

She was born March 28, 1960, in Philip, the daughter and first-born of Marvin and Dawne Massey of Billings. She grew up in Rapid City and attended schools there, graduating in 1978 from Central High School.

She married Ronald Fish in December of 1978. They had two lovely children together, son Shawn and daughter Cassandra. Faith worked for Fish Garbage for 10 years and Stamper Black Hills Gold for four years.

Survivors include her husband, Ronald; her son, Shawn; her daughter, Cassie, all of Rapid City; her parents, Marvin and Dawne Massey of Billings; two brothers, Scott (Amber) Massey and Robin Massey, both of Brandon; and maternal grandmother, Beryl DuMarce of Devils Lake, N.D.; and several aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

The family would like to thank the nurses and volunteers of Hospice for all their help and support throughout Faith's illness.

A public viewing will be held at Kirk Funeral Home in Rapid City on Friday, April 18, from noon to 5 p.m., and then at the church on Saturday, April 19, for one hour before services.

## **BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**APR 17 2003**

Services are set for 10 a.m. Saturday, at Peace Lutheran Church, 219 E. Anne St., in Rapid City, with the Rev. Robert Bailey officiating. Interment will follow at Mountain View Cemetery in Rapid City.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial will be established for their children's education.

## Bette Fisher

**HARDIN** — Bette Fisher, 78, longtime Hardin north valley resident passed away Wednesday, Oct. 22, 2003, in the Big Horn County Memorial Nursing Home.



**BETTE FISHER**

She was born June 4, 1925, in Sheridan, Wyo., a daughter of Bill and Rachel Zeiler Swift. She attended elementary schools in Crow Agency and later attended Hardin High School.

Bette married Roger Fisher on Dec. 31, 1945, in Hardin, and the couple made their home on the family ranch in the Pine Ridge area, north of Hardin. She was an active ranch wife who enjoyed country living. Her involvement in brandings, shipping cattle and cooking for the friends and neighbors who came to assist were a large part of her life. She developed a special friendship over the years with her neighbors, Esther Ottun, Myrna Kincaid and Wanda Reisig.

Her love and devotion to her grandchildren and their activities became a focal point in her life. Her sense of humor, wit and brutal honesty were qualities that enriched the memories of her family and friends.

Her husband Roger and sister Mary Bolson preceded Bette in death.

Survivors include her son, Bill (Gail) Fisher of Hardin; her granddaughters, Heather (Bryan) Klein of Bozeman, Andrea Fisher of Hailey, Idaho, Kari (Brodie) Cooney of Missoula and Michelle Wirth of Denver; her grandsons, Chase and Ty Fisher of Hardin; two great-granddaughters, Madison and Gabrielle Klein; her sister, Kate (Bill) Woodruff of Wickenburg, Ariz., and two brothers, Bill and Bob Swift of Busby.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Oct. 27, in the Bullis Funeral Chapel. Private inurnment will follow the services. Bullis Mortuary of Hardin has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Should friends desire, memorial contributions may be made to Sharing the Vision Foundation, 17 N. Miles, Hardin, MT 59034.

# Beverly Ann Fisher

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**JUL 27 2003**

The Angels took Beverly Ann Fisher home on July 25, 2003, after suffering from lung cancer and breathing problems. Beverly

was born on June 3, 1943, in Lame Deer, to James and Elizabeth Fisher. She was the third oldest of 11 children born to this union. She is the paternal granddaughter of the late Eugene Fisher,

who served as president of the Northern Cheyenne tribe for numerous years.

Beverly was raised and educated in Lame Deer, Ashland and Hardin areas. She went to school for cosmetology in Oakland, Calif., and has worked in California and Montana for 41 years, taking care of her "ladies."

Beverly is preceded in death by her father and mother; a grandson, Christian; her sister, Rosalie; and her brother, Rickie.

Beverly leaves a son, John; grandson, Isaac; and two granddaughters, Adrienna and Allison; a daughter, Jeanine and her three children, Janise, Jase and Joshua. Beverly is survived by six broth-



**BEVERLY  
FISHER**

ers, George, Francis, Ronnie, Dale, Tommy and Bobby. She also has three sisters, Ernestine, Francine and Lily. Beverly has many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends that she loved and will miss her.

Beverly's wake will be held on Wednesday July 30, at 7 p.m., at Dahl Funeral Chapel in Billings. The funeral will take place on Thursday, July 31, at 10 a.m. at the Little Flower Church. After cremation, the burial will be at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 1, at Holy Cross Cemetery.

Beverly, we love you and will miss you each and every day.

**Clara Idell Shepherd  
Fisher****MAY 12 2003**

**HELENA** — Clara Idell Shepherd, age 93, of Helena, formerly of Billings, died Saturday morning, May 10, 2003. She was born July 6, 1909, in Franklin, Ind. to Frederick L. and Louise Shepherd. The family moved to Oregon in 1911. Clara attended schools in La Grande, Ore., graduating from La Grande High School in 1926. She attended Business School in Portland, Ore., graduating in 1928. Her first job was as bookkeeper with a coal company. Clara missed her family and she moved back to La Grande.

Clara married Billy Arthur Fisher, Jan. 2, 1932, in La Grande. During their marriage they lived in Seattle, La Grande, Helena, Billings, and Santa Rita, Mont. After separating from Bill in 1953, Clara moved to Pendleton, Ore. She worked for Woolworth's and retired in 1974. In 1975, she moved to Billings, to live close to her son and daughter-in-law and their children. She continued to live in Billings until Dec. 12, 1999, when she became a resident at the Evergreen Nursing Home in Clancy, Mont., which was near her grandson's, Fred Fisher and Wade Fisher of Helena.

Clara enjoyed sewing, crocheting, and tinting photographs. She also taught pre-School, Sunday school, and Bible School at her church. After retiring, she volunteered with the RSVP Program in Billings. Her parents, three brothers and a granddaughter preceded her in death.

Clara is survived by her son, Bill Fisher and his wife, Loretta of Vancouver, Wash.; six surviving grandchildren, Nancy Martin of Shanghai, China, Fred Fisher of Helena, Diana DesRoches of Smithville, Mo., Wade Fisher of Helena, Myla Daquil of Mount Lake Terrace, Wash. and Cody Fisher of Green Bay, Wis.; 13 great-grandchildren, seven great-great-grandchildren; and her cousin, Helen Nelson. Two nieces and four nephews also survive Clara.

Funeral services are scheduled for 10 a.m. Wednesday, May 14, at Retz Funeral Home. Interment will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens Cemetery. Memorials in Clara's name are suggested to the American Cancer Society or to the Alzheimer's Association.

## Doris May Fisher

THERMOPOLIS, Wyo. — Doris May Fisher, 76, died Sunday, Feb. 23, 2003, at the Worland Healthcare Center.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 27, at the First Baptist Church. Cremation has taken place. Mortimore Funeral Home of Thermopolis is in charge.

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**Emery S. Fisher**

**BIRNEY** — Emery S. Fisher, 42, of Birney, died from injuries received in an auto accident on Saturday, May 10, 2003, near Misby.

Wake service will be at 7 p.m. Friday, May 16, at Birney Community Center. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 17, at the Birney Community Hall. Burial will be in the Birney Cemetery. Rausch Funeral Home of the Northern Cheyenne Nation is in charge.



# Emery Sidney Fisher

**BIRNEY** — Emery Sidney Fisher, 42, of Birney, passed away Saturday, May 10, 2003 as a result of an automobile accident.

Aseške (Ant) was born March 13, 1961, in Crow Agency, a son of Burton Fisher and the late Nancy Old Bull. Emery was the great-grandson of Dan Old Bull, (Ma'hanehtova'e — Old Buffalo) who was a highly respected medicine man and historian among the Northern Cheyenne with the lineal status of hereditary chief. Emery grew up in the Birney area, attended elementary school at St. Labre and high school at Intermountain Indian School and Busby School. Basketball and football were sports he excelled in during his high school years. Emery enlisted in the Army and was honorably discharged in 1982.

Emery returned to the Northern Cheyenne reservation where he worked for the Northern Cheyenne Forestry on a seasonal basis, and was a member of the Montana Indian Fire Fighters Association.



**EMERY  
FISHER**

Hunting, fishing, horseback riding, spending time with friends and family and enjoying the outdoors were Emery's favorite things to do. His big smile and friendly but quiet manner brought him many friends throughout the reservation.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Nancy Old Bull; his father, Dean Darrell Fisher; and his sister, Arlene Fisher; and his aunts Margaret, Agnes and Eva Old Bull, Rosie Fisher Littlebird; and uncles Burnett and Jimmy Old Bull. Survivors include his companion, Nancy Fightingbear of Birney; his sons, Elias and Jalen Fisher of Lame Deer; and his son, Tillman Tallbull, of Portland, Ore.; stepson Deven Whiskers of Birney; his father, Burton (Alberta) Fisher; his brothers, Burton (Patsy) Fisher, Jr., Conrad (Sara) Fisher; adopted brother, Arnie (Doris) Calfbossribs; and his sisters Colleen Whiteclay and Maryann (Jeremy) Foote of

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Lame Deer; a brother, Dennis Carter of Fort Smith, Ark.; and a sister, Marilyn Wilson of Kimberly, Idaho; and a brother, Lonell Fisher, Billings; an aunt, Betty Rogers of Ashland; and uncles, Dudley Fisher, George Fisher, Dan Old Bull of Lame Deer, Tom Old Bull, Jr. of South Dakota; an adopted mother, Theresa Old Bull of Lame Deer; and special friends Ernest Little Mouth, Roland Clown and Michael Bryant, Jr.

Wake services will be held Friday, May 16, at 7 p.m., at the Hollowbreast Community Center. Funeral services will be held Saturday, May 17, at 11 a.m., in the Locher Memorial Hall, followed by burial in the Birney Cemetery. Rausch Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

**MAY 28 2003**

## **Lynda L. Fisher**

**GREAT FALLS — Lynda L. Fisher, 58, of Great Falls, formerly of Lewistown, died Saturday, May 24, 2003, at Peace Hospice Home in Great Falls.**

**A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Friday, May 30, at the Creel Funeral Chapel in Lewistown. Cremation has taken place.**

**Marjorie L. Fisher**

MAY 30 2003

LEWISTOWN — Marjorie L. Fisher, 82, of Lewistown, died early Thursday morning, May 29, 2003, at the Central Montana Medical Center, of natural causes.

She was born April 12, 1921, in Lewistown, the daughter of Harvey R. and Eva (Smith) Osborne. She received her schooling in a country school in Central Montana. She then moved to California and worked in the Army camps in 1942. She returned to Lewistown and on Sept. 18, 1945, she was united in marriage to Jean H. Fisher in Stanford.

They lived in Lewistown and raised their family. She worked for Boeing in the early 1960s until 1964, when she began working for Valle Vista Manor. She worked there until 1978. They spent their time with family, camping in the mountains, hiking and gardening.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 2002; two brothers; and her parents.

One son, Jack; and one daughter, Carol Fisher, both of Great Falls; one brother, Donald Osborne of Red Bluff, Calif.; and one sister, Grace Jakes of Lewistown, survive her. Two grandchildren, one great-grand-

son and several nieces and nephews.

Memorial services for Marjorie L. Fisher will be Monday, June 2, at 2 p.m. in the Cloyd Chapel. Cremation has taken place. The Cloyd Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Friends may make memorial to the Parkinson's Disease Foundation or Central Montana Hospice and they may be left at the Cloyd Funeral Home.

# Max Fisk

**THE BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**MAR 07 2003**

**HARLOWTON** —Max Fisk, 57, of Harlowton, passed away of an apparent heart attack, on Tom Glennie's ranch, on Monday afternoon, March 3, 2003.

Max was born May 1, 1945, to Russell George and Ina Mae (Eaton) Fisk. He attended school in the Harlowton area. He served his country in the U.S. Army from 1962 to 1964. Max enjoyed hunting, gardening, fishing, singing and playing the guitar. He has worked as a ranch hand around the area.

His parents, two sisters, Juanita Eiseman and Carmella Jean Fisk; and son Russell Scott Fisk preceded him in death.

Survivors include his wife Katy Streeter of Oak Harbor, Wash.; six children, Jarrad Edward Fisk, Jason Fisk, Judy Hawkins, William Russell Fisk of Billings, Waylon Lee Fisk of Laurel, Carmella Kay Tyrrell of Billings. Five brothers, George Charles of East Wenatchee, Wash., Russell John of Dillon, Carl Alvin of Shawmut, James Larry of Harlowton, Jerald Leo of Topeka, Kan.; six sisters, Shirley Ann Beaver of Loveland, Colo., Sharon Ruth Stalcup of Missoula, Marie Elaine Langford of Helena, Keitha Mae Edwards of Bozeman, Ramona Relyn Raths of Bozeman and Arvil Ene Alys of Minneapolis also survive Max. Also surviving are two grandchildren, Austin Lee Lane and Connor Sterling Tyrrell.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Saturday, March 8, at Perkins Funeral Home. Perkins Funeral Home assisted the family with the services.

## **Nevaeh A. Fisk**

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**AUG 21 2003**

LAUREL — Graveside services for Nevaeh A. Fisk, infant daughter of Crystal Gordon and Waylon Fisk, will be held 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 23, at Laurel Cemetery. Smith Funeral Chapel-Laurel was in charge of arrangements.

**JAN 30 2003****Gerald Fiske**

**ROUNDUP —** Gerald Fiske, 79, passed away Jan. 28, 2003, in the Miles City Veterans Administration Medical Center.

Cremation has taken place in the Bullis-Graves Eastern Montana Crematory. Memorial services will be held at a later date. Bullis-Graves Memorial Chapel of Miles City is in charge.

**JAN 31 2003**

**GERALD FISKE**  
**Gerald Fiske**

**ROUNDUP** — Gerald Fiske, 79, of Roundup, passed away Jan. 28, 2003, in the Miles City Veterans Administration Medical Center.

He was born May 30, 1923, in Ryegate, a son of Roy and Lillian Peterson Fiske. He grew up and attended schools in Ryegate, graduating from high school in 1941. Following his graduation, he entered the U.S. Coast Guard and received his Honorable Discharge as a Gunners Mate 3rd Class in 1945.

Gerald was a farmer and rancher who had a great love for sheep herding. In the evenings, he worked as a barber in his Roundup barbershop, retiring in 1995.

He married Shirley deGraffenried in 1991 and the couple made their home in Klein, just outside of Roundup.

His parents; a daughter, Kitty; two sons, Tim Fiske and Moody Harrison; the mother of Kitty and

Tim, Mary; a sister, Donna; and a brother, Ronald, preceded Gerald in death.

Survivors include his wife, Shirley; his daughters, Katrina (Miles) Riesinger and Tammy (Joe) Harrison; a son, Pat (Sharon) Harrison; a daughter-in-law, Arla (Gary) Hablutzel; his brother, Leonard Winifred; his sisters, Evelyn (Albert) Kraft, Lucille (Roy) Merriman and Arlene Hogan; 14 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

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

Memorial services will be held at a later date. Bullis-Graves Memorial Chapel of Miles City has been entrusted with the arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Great Grandchildren Trust Fund, in care of Arla Hablutzel or Katrina Riesinger.



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## **Pat Fitch**

**JORDAN — Pat Fitch, 85, died Dec. 28, 2003, at her home.**

**Visitation is from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Friday with services at 10:30 a.m. Friday, all at the VFW Hall. A luncheon follows the service before graveside services at Steve's Fork Cemetery.**

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# Gerald Fitzgerald

BILLINGS GAZETTE

AUG 25 2003

Gerald Fitzgerald, 92, died on Saturday, Aug. 23, 2003, in Billings. He was born on Jan. 14, 1911, in Price, Utah, one of six children of Thomas James Fitzgerald and Minnie Nielsen. He graduated from Carbon County High School in Price.

During the Depression, Gerald worked for the Civilian Conservation Corp. He later surveyed for the U.S. Coast and Geodetic Survey and worked for the U.S. Grazing Service. He retired as a procurement officer for the Bureau of Reclamation in Billings.

Gerald met Ruth Hamilton in Missoula and married her in Salt Lake City in 1936. They remained together until her death in 2001. Gerald enjoyed the outdoors, cards, coin collecting, the Elks, art and reading.

Survivors include two sons, James T. Fitzgerald of Mercer Island, Wash., and John M. Fitzgerald of Brunswick, Maine; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions are suggested to St. John's Lutheran Home Foundation or a charity of choice. Cremation has taken place, and Smith West Chapel is assisting with arrangements.

# Mary Ellen Moorhouse- Fitzjarrald

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CANTON, Ill. — Mary Ellen Fitzjarrald, of Canton, passed away Sunday evening, Aug. 24, 2003, at her son John Moorhouse's home in Billings. Mary Ellen was living with her son's family while undergoing treatment for cancer.

A Memorial Mass for family and friends will be held at St. Bernard's Catholic Church at 9 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 29. Funeral and interment will be at the First Presbyterian Church in Canton on Sept. 8.

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## Larry Fjeld

SCOBEY — Larry Fjeld, 89, died Saturday morning, Nov. 15, 2003 at the Daniels Memorial Nursing Home in Scohey.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 19, at the Assemblies of God Church in Scohey. Burial will be in the Scohey Cemetery. Waller Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

## **Loren Stanley Fladager**

**PEERLESS** — Loren Stanley Fladager, age 57, passed away on Sept. 6, 2003, of heart failure. He was the son of Milton and Lois Fladager of Peerless, born on the Fourth of July 1946, in Scobey. Cremation will take place, with a memorial service on Wednesday, Sept. 10, at the Peerless Gymnasium, at 4 p.m.

Loren attended Peerless Schools and then went on to Concordia College and Billings Business School. He entered the U.S. Air Force in 1966 and obtained the rank of sergeant. He then returned home to help on the family farm and ranch.

He married Jackie Sprague of Scobey on Sept. 3, 1966. They were blessed with Loren's pride and joy, his three sons, Curtis, Scott and Travis Fladager. The boys in turn have given Loren even greater joy by having children of their own. Loren couldn't brag enough about his grandkids. They are Audrey Hellmeth, Candace and Casey Fladager and Josie and Wyatt Fladager. He also dearly loved his daughters-in-law, Suzann and Dawn Fladager, and Curtis's fiancée, Linda Hegle.

Loren was preceded in death by his grandparents; his father, Milton; and a brother, Brian. Those surviving Loren are his mother, Lois; a sister, Kathleen Carlton of Peerless; his brothers, Warren and Armand of Chaska, Minn., Wallace of Peerless and Willard of Havre. Also, he has 16 nieces and nephews, as well as five great-nieces and nephews.

Loren worked at the family farm, ranch and feedlot from early childhood until he went into the service. He then came back to resume his work until 1985. He took a job with Noland Implement as an equipment salesman. In 1990, he went to work in the real estate business, both out of Wolf Point and Billings.

He later married Lawretta Hellickson and they managed a ranch in the Melville area. In 1994-2002, he returned home to own and operate by himself the Whiskey Buttes Supper Club, where you're not too far from anywhere, in Four Buttes. He ran an establishment that welcomed anyone who came through the doors. He made it a fun spot for everyone. He had everything from poker runs to snowmobile races to miniature golf tournaments in the bar.

Loren was a cowboy turned golfer. His goal was to consistently shoot scores in the 50s. He accomplished that and even helped his team win the league championship the night before he passed away. He was extremely proud of that and called all his sons the morning of his passing to brag. He was playing golf when the heart attack took him from us. His latest adventure was that he was going to be a Santa, where he hoped to get a southern city so he could sneak in a round of golf. He was extremely excited about going to give joy to little children. Unfortunately for many children out there, they will never know this wonderful man. Loren was one of those kind, gentle souls that everyone should meet. If you ever had the great fortune of meeting him, you know you'd just found a new friend. So to all of Loren's friends out there, I'm sure he'd like to say, "See ya." So play a round of golf for him.

## **Waldo Fladager**

**SCOBAY** — Waldo Fladager, 81, died Tuesday, Sept. 16, 2003, at the Daniels Memorial Nursing Home.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Sept. 19, at the Scobey Lutheran Church. Waller Funeral Home of Scobey is in charge.

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## Irene Flahaut

LOVELL, Wyo. — Irene Marie Flahaut, 75, of Lovell, died Sunday, Oct. 26, 2003, at her home.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 30, at Haskell Funeral Home in Lovell. Cremation will follow.



**Gillis Flanagan**

**MAY 31 2003**

WALTERS, Okla. — Gillis Charles Flanagan, 83, formerly of Billings and Glendive, Mont., died Monday, May 26, 2003.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, June 7, at the First United Methodist Church in Walters. Champion Ferries Funeral Home of Sheridan, Wyo., is in charge.

## John Russell Flattum

**BOZEMAN** — John Russell Flattum passed away Oct. 11, 2003, from complications of cancer.

He was born Oct. 14, 1924, in Greycliff, to Clarence and Alice (Esp) Flattum. He attended grade school in Greycliff and graduated from Big Timber High School in 1944.



**JOHN  
FLATTUM**

John worked at his dad's store in Greycliff and spent many hours fishing in the Yellowstone River; he loved to hunt and fish around Greycliff.

He graduated from the University of Montana in 1949 with a business degree and served in the Army during the Korean conflict. John worked for the Department of Agriculture (ASCS) for 35 years, retiring in 1985, and he sold real estate for a few years. He spent many hours working in his shop, building and fixing things.

On July 18, 1959, he married Georgia Ann Ehlang from Chinook. They made their home in Bozeman, where they raised three children.

John was a member of Hope Lutheran Church; Bozeman Lions Club, serving as president and receiving the Melvin Jones Award; life member of the Elks Club; Al Bedoo Shrine, Scottish Rite; and Doric Masonic Lodge 53 in Big Timber.

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

John is survived by his wife, Georgia; his children, Gary (Marcia) Flattum in Ohio, Sherry (Steve) Chapman in California and Dale (Michele) Flattum in North Carolina; and four grandchildren. He is also survived by a sister-in-law, Leona Flattum of Billings, and numerous cousins.

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 16, at Hope Lutheran Church. Memorials may be made to Hope Lutheran Church, 210 S. Grand; to Shrine Hospitals for Children, PO Box 2472, Spokane, WA; or to a charity of choice. Dokken-Nelson Funeral Service is in charge of arrangements.

**NOV 04 2003****Annie Fleming**

**BUFFALO, Wyo.** — Ann Fleming, 77, of Buffalo, died Sunday, Nov. 2, 2003, at the Johnson County Healthcare Center.

Visitation will be from 1 to 10 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 5, and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 6, at Adams Funeral Home Chapel in Buffalo. A vigil will be at 7 p.m. Thursday, at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Buffalo. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. Friday, Nov. 7, at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church. Burial will be in Willow Grove Cemetery.

# Donald W. Fleming

BILLINGS GAZETTE

JAN 08 2003

**CIRCLE** — Donald W. Fleming, 89, died Jan. 3, 2003, at the Rosebud Health Care Center in Forsyth.

Donald was born on July 28, 1913, in Ismay, the son of Walter and Ollie Fleming. He was raised in the Ismay area and attended school in Knowlton.



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FLEMING**

On June 14, 1942, he married Ann M. Maier in Tacoma, Wash.

Donald worked in the shipyards for two years

and then enlisted in the Navy Seabees during WWII for 32 months. Donald moved to Circle in 1948 and he farmed in the Weldon Community for many years, retiring in the late 1970s.

He enjoyed hunting and fishing, and especially his grandchildren.

His parents; one brother Morris; and a son, Kenneth, preceded him in death.

Survivors include his wife Ann of Circle; two sons, Curtiss Lee (Cathy) Fleming of Forsyth and Gene Donald (Linda) Fleming of Eugene, Ore.; one sister, Ethel Mae Talcott of Worden; seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Visitations will be held from 3 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 8, at the Clayton Memorial Chapel in Circle, with a prayer service at 7 p.m. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 9, at the Evangelical Church of Circle, with Pastor Scott Anderson officiating. Interment will be in the Riverview Cemetery in Circle. Clayton Memorial Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

## **Patrick R. Fleming**

**LIVINGSTON —** Patrick R. "Pat" Fleming, 78, of Livingston, died Wednesday, Oct. 29, 2003, at Livingston Memorial Hospital.

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

# Emma Flemmer

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PARK CITY — Emma Flemmer, 84, passed away Thursday, Aug. 28, 2003, at Beartooth Manor, Columbus, of natural causes.

Emma was born to Jacob Redinger and Christina Zimbleman at Tappen, N.D., on Jan. 15, 1919. Emma went to school in Tappen, and then married Gottlieb Flemmer on Sept. 17, 1936, at Steele, N.D. Emma was a member of Methodist Women's Society, Park City Garden Club and American Legion Auxiliary.

Survivors include one brother, Jacob Redinger, Bismarck, N.D.; two sons, Elton of Sedro-Woolley, Wash., Stanley of Laurel. Her husband and four children and four brothers preceded her in death. Emma has six grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial services will be Thursday, Sept. 4, at 2 p.m., at Smith Funeral Chapel-Laurel. Burial will be in Park City Cemetery, Park City. Memorials may be made to Park City Garden Club or American Legion Auxiliary of Park City. Smith Funeral Chapel-Laurel is in charge of arrangements.

## Helen Clara (Goldy) Flemming

**LAUREL** — Helen Clara (Goldy) Flemming died Tuesday evening, Oct. 28, 2003, at her home in Laurel. She was 83 years old.

Helen was born on the family homestead on Kyser Creek north of Columbus. When she was 5, the family moved to Park City. She was raised and educated there, along with her six brothers and sisters.

On Halloween, 1938, she married Cecil H. Flemming. They resided in the Park City area until 1951. Some of her favorite memories were of their life in an old log house in the dry land north of Park City. In 1951, they moved to Red Lodge with their three children. They lived there until 1962, when they moved to Klamath Falls, Ore. In 1970, they returned to Red Lodge. Cecil died in 1971. Helen moved to Laurel in 1988, where she resided until her death.

Her brothers, sisters, and her husband and a grandson, Shane Bergeron, preceded her in death.

She is survived by her children, Charlene (Don) Bergeron, Cecil Henry Flemming, Ted (Teri) Flemming; and stepdaughter Nora (Glen) Hageman; grandchildren Doug Bergeron, Junior Flemming and Sarah and Emily Flemming. Numerous nieces and nephews and great-grandchildren also survive her.

She was a member of the VFW Auxiliary and Senior Citizens. She will be missed by her family and friends and by all who enjoyed a meal at her table.

Helen has been cremated and a private graveside memorial service will be held at a later date.

Smith Funeral Chapel-Laurel was in charge of arrangements.

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## **James L. Fletchall Jr.**

**SHERIDAN, Wyo.** — James L. Fletchall, Jr., 81, died Wednesday, Dec. 17, 2003, at the Sheridan VA Medical Center.

Memorial services are at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Champion Ferries Funeral Home. Graveside services are at Sheridan Municipal Cemetery.



## **Pauline Fletchall**

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**APR 29 2003**

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Pauline Fletchall, 81, of Sheridan, died Sunday, April 27, 2003, at Memorial Hospital of Sheridan County.

Cremation has taken place in Sheridan. At her request, no services will be held. The family will inurn her cremains privately at a later date. Kane Funeral Home of Sheridan is in charge.

# Pauline Fletchall

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Pauline Fletchall, 81, of Sheridan, passed away on Sunday, April 27, 2003, at Memorial Hospital of Sheridan County, with her family by her side.

Mrs. Fletchall was born Nov. 30, 1921, in Sheridan, to Ida (Schreibeis) Walker and Ralph Walker. They both preceded her in death, together with the two aunts, Frieda and Lena Schreibeis, who helped raise her.

Pauline married John Slovak, and one daughter, Cheryl, was born to their union. They were later divorced. She then married Jim Fletchall and they had a son, Jim.

Pauline loved to cook and was very proficient at it. If she knew her family was coming to visit, she would always make their favorite foods. Her family meant the world to her. She loved fishing in the mountains, and particularly enjoyed it when she would out-fish her husband.

Pauline is survived by her husband, Jim, of nearly 50 years; her son, Jim of Sheridan; her daughter, Cheryl Ehrmantraut of Billings; her granddaughter, Brandi Hazen and her husband Wes of Billings; and her great-grandchildren, Christina, Stephanie, Branden and Makenna Hazen of Billings.

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Crémation has taken place in Sheridan, and at Pauline's request, no services will be held. The family will inurn her remains privately at a later date. Kane Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

The family has requested that memorials be made in Pauline's name to the Sheridan Cat & Dog Shelter, in care of Delphine Toner, First Interstate Bank, PO Box 2007, Sheridan, WY 82801.

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## **John Alfred Flockhart**

**ANAHEIM, Calif.** — John Alfred Flockhart was born Dec. 29, 1910, in Bridger, Mont., to parents David and Mary Ann. He had two brothers, William and Ralph; and one sister, Mabel. He passed away Nov. 11, 2003. Graveside services were at Forest Lawn Memorial Park in Cyprus.

He married Gertrude Phillips on Nov. 20, 1930, and they had one son, John Dewain (J.D.) in 1932. J.D. married Kathy and they had a daughter, Tracy, and a son, Mike. No two grandchildren were ever more loved.

Mike and his wife Debbie gave them two great-granddaughters, Kylee, age 15½, and Kelsi, age 12.

John was predeceased by his son in 1985 and his wife in 1988.

John and his wife were the curators at the Yellowstone Art Museum for 17 years before moving to California in 1984.

He is also survived by nieces, nephews and many friends.

## Marvin E. Flohr

GILLETTE, Wyo. — Marvin E. Flohr, 37, of Gillette, died Friday, Oct. 3, 2003, in Gillette.

Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 7, at the Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home Chapel in Gillette. Graveside funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 8, at the Mt. Pisgah Cemetery in Gillette.

## **Cynthia Jean Flores**

**SAN FRANCISCO** — Cynthia Jean Flores, 36, of San Francisco, passed away peacefully on Monday, Aug. 11, 2003, in San Francisco, following a short illness.

She was born Oct. 23, 1966, in San Francisco, a daughter of Gilbert Flores and Stephanna Whitewolf. She grew up and received her education in Ukiah. She has been disabled most of her life. Although her life was short, she will forever be remembered by all of her friends and family in California and Montana for her beautiful smile and for all of the love and kindness that she brought into our lives while she was with us.

Cynthia was a member of the Northern Cheyenne Tribe.

Her mother preceded Cynthia in death.

She leaves behind her beautiful daughter, Summer Flores of Lame Deer, Mont.; a sister, Vicki Flores of California; two brothers, Juan Flores of California and Joseph Flores of Utah and her aunt Rosella Killsnight of Lame Deer.

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Graveside funeral services and interment will be held 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 30, in the Busby (Mont.) Cemetery. Family and friends will gather at the Busby Mennonite Church, Saturday morning at 9:45 a.m. and proceed to the cemetery for a graveside services.

Bullis Mortuary of Hardin, Mont., has been entrusted with the arrangements.

**DEC 27 2003****Jacob Linn Flores**

GILLETTE, Wyo. — Funeral services for Jacob Linn Flores, infant son of Jennifer Jones and Arnold Flores Jr., will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Dec. 29, 2003, at the Stevenson Wilson Funeral Home Chapel, with Father Karl Millis of the St. Matthew's Catholic Church officiating. Interment will follow in the Mt. Pisgah Cemetery's Baby Land in Gillette. Stevenson Wilson Funeral Home in Gillette is entrusted with the arrangements.

Jacob Linn was born on Dec. 16, 2003; he died just shortly after being baptized into the Catholic faith.

Saddened by the loss of Jacob are his parents, his maternal grandparents, Bob and Michelle Jones and his paternal grandparents, Arnold Sr. and Sylvia Flores, all of Gillette; maternal great-grandfather, Byron Whitney of Michigan; paternal great-grandmother, Jaunita Fuentes of Uvalde, Texas; and paternal great-grandparents, Leopoldo and Amelia Flores of Gillette.

Correspondence can be sent in care of Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home, 210 W. Fifth St., Gillette, Wyo., or via the Internet by visiting [www.stevensonand-sons.com](http://www.stevensonand-sons.com).

# Daniel Tyrell Floyd

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**JAN 22 2003**

GILLETTE, Wyo. — Daniel Tyrell Floyd, 19, of Gillette, died Saturday, Jan. 18, 2003, at his home, of a gunshot wound.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 22, at Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home in Gillette. Funeral services will be at 9 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 23, at Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home.

**MAY 09 2003****Betty Nora Flying**

**BUSBY** — Betty Nora Flying — Birdwoman, Ve'Keiseha'e, 81, was born June 4, 1915, at Rosebud Creek, to Ben Big Head Man and Betty Two Moons. Nora passed away at the Crow-Northern Cheyenne Hospital on May 6, 2003.

Nora received her schooling at Busby boarding school. She married Lawrence Flying, who passed away in 1975. From this union, four children, Pauline St. Pierre of Havre, Mary Jane Flying of Busby, Oliver Flying of Busby, Fenton B. Flying, who preceded her in death; and stepdaughter Evelyn Flying of Lane Deer. Additional survivors include her sister, Mary Ann Still Smoking of Heart Butte; six grandchildren, Fenton Stuart, Janene and Cheyenne Autumn Flying of Cherokee, N.C., Shiela Flying of Browning, Ruth Ann St. Pierre of Great Falls and Ramon Whitewolf of Havre; four great-grandchildren, Kevin Red Bird Jr. of Browning, Tristin Flying, Robert Rattler, Dominick Flying of Cherokee, N.C.; one very special granddaughter, LaShanda Hargrove of Busby; three nephews, Ervin, Clifford and Harvey Big Head Man; two

nieces, Dorothy Jackman and Cecelia Bahr.

Wake service was held at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 8, at the White River Mennonite Church in Busby. Funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. today, Friday, May 8, at the church.

Burial will be near the family home near Busby.

Rausch Funeral Home of the Northern Cheyenne Nation is handling arrangements.



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## Sheila Elizabeth Flying

CONRAD — Sheila Elizabeth Flying was born Sept. 16, 1972, at Crow Agency. She died at Conrad on Thursday, May 22, 2003.

Sheila graduated from St. Labre High School in 1989, and was the princess of the Northern Cheyenne Powwow from 1987 to 1988.

A heart for giving and in generosity

A heart set in warmed caring

A heart full of smiles for everyone

A heart full of laughter echoes throughout her home still

Sheila, you were more than what can ever be

Written and remembered by.

Remembered by people that love you

Cared for you and waited for you as you will now, for us.

Soon we will all meet again to be together as family forever.

In the grand house of our Lord alone has prepared for us all.

We will all miss you, only for a while, now as we thank the Lord, for allowing us, your family, to have known you. To have been with you, to have walked with you for a short while.

She was preceded in death by her son, Atone Matt Flying; her mother, Toni Wheeler Sheehy; grandmother, Betty Nora Flying; uncles, F. Burt Flying, Benjamin Bigheadman and Lawrence Flying.

Survivors include her father, Oliver F. Flying; son Kevin David Redbird, Jr.; aunt, Mary Jane Flying; all of the family home; grandparents, Mary Ann Still Smoking of Heart Butte, Pauline St. Pierre of Havre, Joy Wagner of Browning, Kenny Wheeler of Browning; close cousins (traditional aunts and uncles), Evelyn Flying, Dorothy Jackman, Greg Breedlove and Harvey Bigheadman; two very special cousins, LaShanda M. Hargrove and Brand Jackman; cousins, Frances LaPlant, Jr., of Browning, Suzette LaPlant-Means of Missoula, Royal S.M. Chavez of Browning, Ruth Ann St. Pierre of Great Falls, Fenton S. Flying, Janene Flying, Cheyenne Flying, all of Cherokee, N.C., Bunny L.

Jackman and Phoebe Jackman; traditional uncles, Matthew Two Moons, Frances Limpy, Clifford Bigheadman, Eugene Limpy and Frances Benji Bahr; aunts, Ernestine Two Moons, Cecelia Thex, Carol Bahr, Hilda Moss and Mary Lou Bahr; numerous other cousins, extended families, friends, made in a very short lifetime.

A very special thank you to Busby Councilman Rick Wolfname for his generosity and kindness for our loss!

Wake service was held Monday, May 26, at the Christ the King Church in Busby. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, May 27, also at the church. Burial will be held near Busby, by mile marker 30. Rausch Funeral Home of the Northern Cheyenne Nation is handling the arrangements.

**JUN 21 2003**

## **James Burnett Foard**

**NORMAN, Okla.** — Funeral services for James Burnett Foard, 72, of Norman, will be held at 4 p.m. Sunday, June 22, at Baggerley Funeral Home, 930 S. Broadway in Edmond, with Mr. Ron Fraser officiating.

Mr. Foard was born June 14, 1931, at Hardin, Mont., to Charles Arthur and Vera Inez (Noblett) Foard, and died Wednesday, June 18, 2003, at his home.

James is remembered as a man who was a doer who served God by using his many talents bestowed upon him by our Creator. He loved the outdoors and was a rancher for many years in Montana. James married Beulah Rose Wilson on Aug. 20, 1953, in Montana, where they lived for many years before coming to Oklahoma.

James was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Arthur Raymond Foard and Claud Archie Foard.

Survivors include his loving wife, Beulah, of the home; one son, Kim Burnett Foard of Billings; and one daughter, Kelly Rose Glass of Norman; one

brother, John Henry Foard of Magdalena, N.M.; two sisters, Reatha Ree Pack of Rapid City, S.D., and Reagena Dee Williams of Santa Fe, N.M.; two grandchildren, Lindsey Ranae Foard and Ryan Charles Foard.

## Arthur 'Doc' Foeste, MD

Arthur A. "Doc" Foeste, MD, beloved husband, father and grandfather, died peacefully at his home on April 2, 2003. He was born Oct. 9, 1921, in New York City, the only child of Arthur Bruno and Zelma Alberta (Watzke) Foeste.

Doc spent most of his childhood in Rockford, Ill. At the age of 12, he started his first paper route. When his family moved to Madison, Wis., he continued to be a paperboy for the Wisconsin State Journal as he worked his way through his undergraduate years at the University of Wisconsin. He met the love of his life, Audrey, in a physiological chemistry lab in his first year of medical school. They were married July 24, 1943, after his induction into the ASTP program of the U.S. Army.

He received his MD degree in 1945 and completed his internship at Research Hospital in Kansas City, Mo. After passing his state board exams, he was transferred to a veterans' psychiatric hospital in St. Cloud, Minn., until 1948. In those days, MDs were put into the inactive reserve instead of being discharged. It was 1955 before he learned of his honorable discharge with the rank of captain.

While in Kansas City, he was enthralled by the stories of Montana that he heard from a friend who had grown up in

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Great Falls. He began writing to doctors throughout Montana, and sight unseen he flew to Helena to take the Montana State Board Exams to get his license in Montana. He always wanted to be a country doctor. When he visited Dr. T.J. Benson in Fromberg and Harold Voight, the druggist in Bridger, he learned that the two doctors in Bridger were leaving. In one afternoon, the businessmen in Bridger convinced him to come to Bridger to practice.

During his eight-and-one-half years in Bridger, he served as the city health officer and was elected to the Bridger School Board. When Dr. Benson retired, he was the only doctor servicing an area the size of Rhode Island. During those days, he made house calls and did home deliveries of babies. He became the 33rd member of the Yellowstone Valley Medical Society and had hospital privileges at both Billings hospitals.

In 1956, he built an office at 2420 Grand Ave. in Billings and opened his office Dec. 7. He was a devoted doctor to Billings and Clarks Fork Valley patients until

he closed his office in August 1991. He never wanted to retire from his profession and was very proud of his 58 years as a licensed MD.

Doc found his calling when he became a doctor. He loved his work, especially with children, and his many patients thought of him as more than just their doctor, but also their friend and confidant. He entertained his patients and family with his wonderful storytelling. Receiving letters from grandpa was a cherished gift to his grandchildren.



**DOC FOESTE**

Living in Montana allowed Doc to indulge in his love of raising Labradors, photography, gardening (roses were his specialty), fishing and bird hunting and, in later years, golfing year-round in "Miami Montana." He also enjoyed whistling and reading. His lifelong passion for Montana was infectious and is shared by his wife and children.

His love of the Persian poets and his passion for writing led him to pursue a bachelor of arts degree in English, which he received from Eastern Montana College in 1969. He was actively involved with the Billings Babe Ruth Program, including spend-

ing two years as its president. He was the catalyst for increasing the number of fields from 12 to 18 and found sponsors for eight new teams.

He was a charter member of the Billings Alpha Unit of the National Association of Parliamentarians and a member of the Wisconsin Chapter of Alpha Delta Phi fraternity.

He was preceded in death by his parents and infant son, Robert Carl. Doc is survived by his beloved wife, Audrey (Bitters); his four children, Arthur Eugene (Joan) of Madison, Wis., Dr. William John of Brooklyn, N.Y., Jane Wittenwyler (Ron) of Des Moines, Iowa, Kay Goepfert (Walter) of Madison; and his grandchildren, Aaron Foeste, Jessica Foeste Baldis (Sisinio), Kyle Ann Goepfert Jenson (David), Andrew Goepfert, Megan Wittenwyler, Kathryn Wittenwyler and James Wittenwyler.

Following an interment service at the Bridger Cemetery at 9 a.m. on Saturday, April 5, there will be a memorial service celebrating Doc's life at St. Stephens Episcopal Church at 3 p.m. Memorials may be made to the Parmly Billings Library, Big Sky Hospice or the charity of your choice.

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## Robert W. Fogle

KENOSHA, Wis. — Robert W. Fogle, 73, a resident of Kenosha, passed away on Sunday, Nov. 30, 2003, at Kenosha Hospital and Medical Center.

He was born on April 20, 1930, in Lewistown, Mont., to the late Wilfred L. and Lydia (Jurica) Fogle. He moved to Bozeman, Mont., as a child and was educated in Bozeman schools.

He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1948 until 1952.

On July 17, 1952, he married Nancy E. Nelson in Bozeman; she preceded him in death on Oct. 10, 2002.

He was employed as a sheet metal worker in Bozeman and

Billings. He was a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles for 57 years.

He is survived by two sons, Rob L. (Lynnette) Fogle of Pleasant Prairie, Wis., and Thomas V. (Cheryl) Fogle of Windsor, Colo.; and one daughter, Mrs. Vicki (Phillipe) Rafal of Long Beach, Miss.; nine grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and a sister, Mrs. Marie (James) Fisher of Bozeman.

Family Options Funeral and Cremation Services is serving the family.

A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 8760 37th Ave., Kenosha, WI 53158.

**MAR 08 2003**

**Frances M. Fohl**

GLENDIVE — Frances M. Fohl, 76, of Glendive, died Thursday, March 6, 2003, at the Glendive Medical Center.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, March 10, at the Chapel of the Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home in Glendive. Interment will be in the Dawson County Cemetery.

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## William Henry Folkerts

William Henry Folkerts passed away peacefully Thursday, May 15, 2003, from complications of a stroke.

Born Oct. 21, 1915, in Crow Agency to John and Elbertha



**WILLIAM  
FOLKERTS**

Folkerts, he was the oldest of three children. He moved to Shepherd at a young age where he attended school.

In 1942 he enlisted in the U.S. Army and served in the

Pacific Theater. He was honorably discharged in 1945. Bill worked at International Harvester in Billings where he met his wife, Doris Gullard. They were married in 1947 and two sons were born into this union. In 1956 he went to work for the U.S. Postal Service as a mail carrier. Doris passed away in 1957. In 1959, Bill married Helen Cox and became father to her four children. To this union two more children were added to the family. Bill continued his career with the Postal Service until he was 70 years old at which time he was "out the door in 84," as Bill quot-

ed many times. His wife, Helen, passed away in 1993.

Bill was a devoted member of the First Presbyterian Church for over 50 years as well as a 50-year choir member for which he received special recognition. He also served as deacon and elder.

He is survived by his eight children, Sherry (Dwayne) Zimmerman, Gary (Judy) Cox, Ron (Janet) Folkerts, Phil (Karen) Cox, Dan (Debbie) Folkerts, Bob (Cathy) Cox, Jan (Curt) Cline, and Rick (Tami) Folkerts, grandchildren include Traci (Randy) Jacobs, Julie & Craig Zimmerman, Mike and Brendan Cox, Debbie (Wynn) Mader, Kathy (Will) Dostal, Beth Folkerts, Andrea (Nick) Christen, Jared Cox, Becci, David, and Heidi Folkerts, Erik and Emily Hannes, Leslie Cline, and Mandi "Niki" Holmstrom, and great grandchildren Vance and Vanessa Jacobs and Garrett Dostal. He is also survived by his brothers Art (Sandy) Folkerts and Elbert (Erma) Folkerts.

To our Dad, Brother, and Grandpa, "well done, good and faithful servant."



The family will greet friends to celebrate Bill's life at 7 p.m., Monday, May 19, at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary. Funeral services will be 1 p.m. Tuesday, May 20, at the First Presbyterian Church. Interment with Military Honors will be at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

A special thanks goes to the friends and staff at Diamond Willow Personal Care Home and the Horizon Hospice Home for all their care, love and support during the past year.

Memorials may be made to the First Presbyterian Church or Big Sky Hospice.

**Harry Edward Folz****JUN 20 2003**

Harry Edward Folz, age 77, of Billings, and formerly of Glendive, passed away on Monday, June 16, 2003, at the Eagle Cliff Manor in Billings.

Private family services with committal will be held at a later date at the Dawson County Cemetery in Glendive. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Glendive is entrusted with arrangements.

Harry was born on Jan. 20, 1926, in Glendive, the son of Anton and Margaret (Meckler) Folz. He was raised and educated in Glendive, graduating from Dawson County High School with the class of 1943. He entered the U.S. Navy and served during World War II. Following his honorable discharge, he attended Kinman Business School in Spokane, Wash. Harry worked in Spokane as a bookkeeper for two years until returning to Glendive, where he worked for the Northern Pacific Railroad as a brakeman. Following his retirement from the railroad in 1982, he moved to Billings, where he made

**HARRY FOLZ**

his home until the time of his death.

Harry was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers and one sister.

Survivors include one brother, Frank Folz of Silverton, Idaho; four sisters, Mary Pomeroy of Mesa, Ariz., Rose Hansen and Pauline Coleman, both of Glendive, and Helen Hathaway of Rancho Murieta, Calif.; several nieces and nephews.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to the staff at Eagle Cliff Manor for the loving care they provided to Harry.

Memorials are suggested to the Eagle Cliff Manor, c/o Stillwater/Alzheimer's Unit, 1415 Yellowstone River Road, Billings MT 59105.

Remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at [www.silvernale-silhafuneral-home.com](http://www.silvernale-silhafuneral-home.com).

# Bertha Footer

LIVINGSTON — Bertha Footer, 85, of Livingston, died Saturday, Aug. 9, 2003, in the Horizon Hospice Home in Billings. A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 23, at the Livingston Bible Church, 329 N. Fifth St.

"Bert" was born March 2, 1918, in Clovis, N.M., the fifth of seven children born to Elwood and Annie Fahsholtz Sumner. She attended school in Bozeman. She was married to Vincent F. "Jack" Footer Feb. 24, 1936. They lived in Missoula and Livingston. She was a homemaker but also worked for the railroad cooking and delivering messages, at Wilcoxson's soda shop as a waitress and candy maker and at Parker's Jewelry in Livingston.

Bertha was a member of the Park County Senior Citizens, Women of the Moose, the Livingston Card Sharks and "the Wednesday Card Club." In the past she loved to travel, bowl and play bingo, and she always loved to play cards, especially pinochle.

She was preceded in death by her first-born son, Vincent "Jacky" Frederick Footer Jr. in 1961, her husband in 1978, and sister Eva Shelhamer in 2000.

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She is survived by her son, Jerry of Abilene, Texas; brother Floyd "Flash" Sumner of Livingston; three granddaughters, Jacky Lehne and family and Kim Footer and family of California, and Laurie Schultz and family of Billings; two grandsons, Jeff Footer and family of Dekalb, Texas; and Brett Footer and family of Abilene, Texas; 10 great-grandsons; three great-granddaughters, and one great-great grandson; former daughter-in-law Donna Schuyler of Billings; brother-in-law Conrad Shelhamer of Livingston; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to Park County Senior Citizen's Center, Big Sky Hospice or the Multiple Sclerosis Society.

## **Vera Forbes**

**LARAMIE, Wyo. — Vera Alice Easley Forbes, 86, of Laramie, died Friday, Sept. 26, 2003.**

**Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 2, at the First Baptist Church in Laramie. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Oct. 3, at the Whaley Cemetery on Shell Creek. Montgomery-Stryker Funeral Home of Laramie is in charge.**

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**Velma Ford**

**LIVINGSTON —** Velma Dorcia Ford, 90, of Livingston, died Tuesday, Nov. 11, 2003.

A memorial service will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 15, at Dahl Funeral Chapel in Bozeman, followed by interment of the urn in Sunset Hills Cemetery.

## **Phyllis S. Fordyce**

**LEWISTOWN** — Phyllis S. (Woodison) Fordyce, 77, of Lewistown, died Sunday, May 25, 2003, at the Central Montana Medical Center.

Vigil services will be at 5 p.m. Wednesday, May 28, at St. Leo's Catholic Church. Funeral liturgy will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, May 29, at St. Leo's Catholic Church. Committal will follow in Mount Calvary Cemetery. Cloyd Funeral Home of Lewistown is in charge.

# Richard Bryce Fordyce

Richard Bryce Fordyce, 53, died peacefully at home on Aug. 7, 2003, in the arms of his loving wife, Darlene.

Richard was born on June 13, 1950, in Livingston. He was the second of three sons to Lewis Robert Fordyce and Bette Oser Fordyce.



Richard is survived by his wife, Darlene; his mother and stepfather, Bette and Woody Taylor, all of Billings; his daughter, Ocean Kyser (Greg) of Bend, Ore.; four grandchildren, Drake and Mallory Kyser and Ryon and Kate Olson.

**RICHARD  
FORDYCE**

He was preceded in death by his father, Lewis; and his two brothers, Randy and Tom.

Viewing will be Sunday, Aug. 10, between noon and 6 p.m. at Cremation or Funeral Gallery, 29 Eighth St. W. A memorial service will be held at Central Christian Church, 1221 16th St. W., 10 a.m. Monday, Aug. 11.

Arrangements are being handled by Cremation or Funeral Gallery.

**Blair Duane Forgy**

**JUN 25 2003**

LEWISTOWN — Blair Duane Forgy, 51, of Lewistown, died Wednesday, June 18, 2003, at his home, of cancer.

His wishes were to donate his body to science. Funeral services are pending. A memorial picnic will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, June 28, at the Frank Day Park. Cloyd Funeral Home of Lewistown is in charge.



## Lillian H. Forsman

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

APR 03 2003

GLENDIVE — Lillian H. Forsman, 80, of Glendive, died Wednesday, April 2, 2003, at Eastern Montana Veterans Home in Glendive.

A vigil service will be at 6 p.m. Sunday, April 6, at the chapel of the Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home in Glendive. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. Monday, April 7, at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Glendive. Rite of committal will be in the Dawson County Cemetery in Glendive.

**MAR 29 2003**

## **Ruth Forsythe**

**GLASGOW —** Ruth Forsythe, 89, of Glasgow, died Thursday, March 27, 2003, at the Frances Mahon Deaconess Hospital in Glasgow.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, March 31, at the First Lutheran Church in Glasgow. Burial will be in Highland Cemetery in Glasgow. Bell Mortuary of Glasgow is in charge.

# Marye Fortney

# BILLINGS GAZETTE

## APR 06 2003

Marye Fortney, 94, of Billings, passed away early Friday morning, April 4, 2003, at Eagle Cliff Manor nursing home.

The daughter of John and Lucy Urban, Marye was born in Lourdes, Iowa, in 1908. On Oct. 6, 1931, Marye married Frank A. Fortney in Oelwein, Iowa. They later moved to Billings where Marye was a homemaker.

Marye was a devout and long-standing member of St. Patrick's Co-Cathedral where she attended Mass daily. She was known by many of the parishioners as "Grandma Marye," and she loved her St. Patrick's extended family. Marye had a special fondness for babies and children, and was known for her quick wit and sense of humor. She spent many hours baking cookies and cakes to share with others.

Marye was preceded in death by her parents and her brothers, Joe and Paul.

Survivors include her daughter, Frances (Calvin) Calton of Billings; her brother, Jack Urban; five grandchildren, Sally (Steve) Zirkle of Dallas, Allyn (Rob) Calton Masseur of Billings, Calvin (Martha) of Huntley, Clay (Teri) Calton of Helena, Lael (Kelly) Calton Anderson of West Yellowstone.

Marye also has seven great-grandchildren, Rebecca, Benjamin, Taylor, Alexandria, Kelsey, Tanner and Vincent.

Vigil service will be at 7 p.m., Tuesday, April 8, at St. Patrick's Co-Cathedral, and Mass of Christian Burial will be noon on Wednesday, April 9, at St. Patrick's Co-Cathedral. Rite of Committal will be in Holy Cross Cemetery. Memorials may be made to St. Patrick's Co-Cathedral's Ladies Guild.

We love you and miss you, Grandma. God blesses you.

**MAR 08 2003**

## **Stanley C. Fortune**

Stanley C. Fortune passed peacefully away at his home in Billings, on March 5, 2003.

Stan was born in Gouverneur, N.Y., on Oct. 7, 1919, to Linus and Mae Fortune. He was the youngest of five children. Stan was a star athlete in high school. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II in Europe, Africa and the Pacific Islands landing in Okinawa and Ie Shima. He was an excellent bowler, winning many awards and trophies.

Stan married the love of his life, Charlotte Snell, in 1941. They were married for 50 years until her passing on March 26, 1991.

Throughout his life, Stan was a hardworking husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. He worked as a miner for 10 years and with his wife ran two small town restaurants in upstate New York. Since his sons went to college in Billings and stayed, Stan and Charlotte moved to Billings in 1973. He was employed with the Billings Park and Recreation Department until

full retirement well into his 70s.

Stan was preceded in death by his parents, his three brothers and a sister and his wife. He is survived by his sons William (Carol) and James (Cynthia), both of Billings; eight grandchildren, Gloria (Don), Cathie (Jamey), Michael (Victoria), Elizabeth, Colleen, Christina (Derek), Cheryl (Sean) and Shelli; and six great-grandchildren, Ashlie, Jordan, Kiylee, Keenan, Tia and Macy.

Memorial services will be 2 p.m. Monday, March 10, at St. Thomas Catholic Church at the corner of Colton and Woody Drive in Billings. Inurnment with military honors will follow at Holy Cross Cemetery.

Memorials may be sent to the American Diabetes Association, 3203 Third Ave. N., Billings, MT 59101 or to the American Cancer Society, 550 North 31st St., Suite 103, Billings, MT 59101 or to a charity of one's choice.

Arrangements by Cremation or Funeral Gallery.

DEC 08 2003

**Ednis May Foss**  
**5-12-16 to 12-6-03**

**POMPEYS PILLAR** — Ednis May Foss, 87, of Pompeys Pillar died at Valley Health Care Center on Dec. 6, 2003 after a long and courageous battle.

Ednis was born in Sheridan, Wyo., May 12, 1916, the youngest child of Addie (Runyan) Vest and James Wilkins Vest.

On Nov. 3, 1934, Ednis was united in marriage to Claris W. Foss in Hardin. The two of them made their home in Decker, Mont., until 1978 when they moved to Pompeys Pillar. They were blessed with four children, Lola, Betty, Gary and Kae.

Ednis was fond of her flowers, yard work, and ranching. She was very proud of the fact that after moving to Pompeys Pillar, she was one of the founding members of the Valley Baptist Church in Huntley. The Church and her wonderful, faithful friends sustained her on the rough medical path of her last years.

Ednis was preceded in death by her parents; sisters, Ruby Vest, Geneva O'Hara, and Leona Sayles; brother, Ruel (Bud) Vest; husband, Claris in 1982; daughter, Betty O'Daniels; and grandson, Russell O'Daniels. She leaves behind her children, Lola (Rick)

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Ellis of Eagle River, Alaska and Cave Creek, Ariz., Gary (Phyllis) Foss, Worden, and Anita Kae (Rodney) McCloy, Pompeys Pillar; brother-in-law, Robert (Jean) Foss, Sheridan, Wyo.; nine grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 9, at Valley Baptist Church with burial in Pleasantview Cemetery in Ballantine. Visitation will be at Dahl Funeral Chapel on Monday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Memorials may be made to a charity of your choice.

## **Norman Fossen**

SCOBAY — Norman Fossen, 71, died Wednesday, July 2, 2003, at the Daniels Memorial Hospital.

A vigil service will be at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, July 6, at St. Philip's Catholic Church in Scobey. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday, July 7, at St. Philip's Catholic Church. Burial will be in the Scobey Cemetery. Waller Funeral Home of Scobey is in charge.

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**JUL - 5 2003**

**MAR 26 2003****James J. Foster**

James J. Foster passed away at his home in Billings, on March 20, 2003.

Jim was born Nov. 9, 1949, in New York City. He was preceded in death by his mother, Jean Miller, and is survived by his brother, Alan Miller, of New York.

**JAMES  
FOSTER**

Jim attended the University of Montana (1972 to 1976), where he graduated with a degree in political science and made lifelong friends. He lived most of his adult life in Montana and has been a resident of Billings since 1992.

He was most recently employed at Mountain View Supply. Known to his family as "Jay," his college friends as "Foster," and his associates as "Jim," he will be remembered by all who knew him for his kindness and loyalty. He will be especially missed by the extended Gary Little family, who thought of Jim as one of their own.

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Interment will be in New York. There will be an open house in Billings on March 30 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the clubhouse on Heather Road. All who care to attend are welcome.

"You were considerate and kind.

The best friend we will ever find.

Rest in peace and worry no more,

Your spirit lives on with the Lord."

**NOV 18 2003**

## **Jean Foster**

**LIVINGSTON —** Jean Elrose (Hoppe) Foster, 80, of Livingston, died Saturday, Nov. 15, 2003, at her home.

Cremation has taken place at Franzen-Davis Funeral Home & Crematory in Livingston. Graveside committal and burial of the cremated remains will be at 3 p.m. Friday, Nov. 21, at Mountain View Cemetery in Livingston. Family and friends will gather at Franzen-Davis Funeral Home before 2:45 p.m. to go in procession to the cemetery.

JUN 08 2003

## Zoey Lynn Foster

MILES CITY — Zoey Lynn Foster, infant daughter of Dustin Foster and Stormy Marsh of Miles City, went to Heaven on Tuesday, June 3, 2003, after only a few hours on this earth at the St. Vincent's Hospital in Billings.

Zoey is survived by her parents; grandparents, Terry and Linda Foster of Forgan, Okla., and Debbie and Mike Stocker of Miles City; great-grandparents Jessie Shawver and Maurice and Molley Russell of Beaver, Okla. She was preceded in death by a great-grandfather, Ray Shawver.

Family will receive friends from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Jordan on Monday, June 9. Graveside services will be held at 1 p.m. on Monday at the family lot in the Pioneer Cemetery in Jordan. Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home of Jordan is in charge of the services. Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.stevensonandsons.com](http://www.stevensonandsons.com).

## Michael T. Foucher

BILLINGS GAZETTE

JAN 19 2003

DENVER — Michael T. Foucher, 50, formerly of Lewistown, Mont., died Thursday, Jan. 9, 2003, in Denver of natural causes.

Cremation has taken place. No services are planned at this time. A memorial service will be held at a later date. The Cloyd Funeral Home of Lewistown is assisting with arrangements.

# Ralph D. Foust, Sr.

BUSINESS GAZETTE

FEB 20 2003

BRIDGER — Ralph D. Foust, Sr., 71, of Bridger, passed away Wednesday, Feb. 19, 2003, at his home.

Ralph was born March 27, 1931, at Fromberg, a son of Arthur and Hattie Prewitt Foust. He served in the U.S. Army and Army Reserves from 1949 to 1962. He was married to Ida



**RALPH FOUST**

Graham Oct. 11, 1958, at Red Lodge. He worked as a Cathodic Protection Engineer for Exxon Pipeline from 1968 to 1993. He and Ida moved to Texas in June of 1970. They moved back to Bridger in 1993 when Ralph retired.

Ralph loved to read and enjoyed the Lewis and Clark Journals. He liked to fish and hunt and enjoyed working with wood.

Survivors include his wife, Ida; daughters, Kari Edelman of Bridger, Lucinda Osborn of Redmond, Wash.; sons Ralph Foust, Jr. of Odessa, Texas, Clayton Foust of Fromberg; 13 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 22, at Smith Funeral Chapel-Laurel. Interment

with military honors will be in the Bridger Cemetery. A luncheon at the American Legion Hall in Fromberg will follow the committal service. Visitation will be 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 21, at the funeral home.

JAN 21 2003

**Josephine F. Fowler**

SHERIDAN, Wyo. —

Josephine F. Fowler, 87, of Sheridan, formerly of Choteau, Dixon and Kalispell, Mont., died Sunday, Jan. 19, 2003, at Sheridan Manor.

Viewing will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 21, at Champion Ferries Funeral Home in Sheridan. Funeral service will be at 9 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 22, at Champion Ferries Funeral Home. Interment will be in Black Hills National Cemetery in Sturgis, S.D.

# Olen L. Fowler

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BUFFALO, Wyo. — Olen L. Fowler, 84, died Friday evening, Aug. 29, 2003, at the Johnson County Health Care Center.

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Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 3, at the Adams Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow in Willow Grove Cemetery. Visitation will be from 1 to 10 p.m. on Tuesday and 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday.

**MAR 29 2003****Albert 'Bert' Fox**

**RED LODGE** — Albert "Bert" Fox, 74 of Red Lodge, formerly of Hardin, passed away Thursday, March 27, 2003, in the Beartooth Hospital.

He was born Aug. 13, 1928, in Hesper, a son of Henry and Katie Geist Fox. He received his education in Silesia and St. Xavier. Following his education, he

**BERT FOX**

was involved in a farming operation with his father in the St. Xavier area. He and his brother Harvey worked for the Soap Creek Cattle Company before Bert began a career with the Big Horn County Road Department, retiring in 1995 as a patrol operator.

Bert married Dorothy Frickle on Feb. 19, 1951, in Billings. The couple made their home in St. Xavier, before moving to Hardin in 1980. She died in 1996.

He enjoyed visiting with his family and friends at the local coffee shop.

A sister, Irene Greenwalt, and three brothers, Henry, Raymond and Victor, preceded Bert in death.

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Survivors include a daughter, Marjorie (Tom) Hunt of Billings; a son, Kevin (Ann) Fox of Chinook; three brothers, Harvey (Carole) Fox of St. Xavier, George and Bill Fox of Hardin; five sisters, Dorothy Schaak of St. Xavier, Lydia Johnson of Wisconsin, Jeanne Enzminger, Roberta Kern and Ruth (Reuben) Weibert of Hardin; five grandchildren and two great-grandsons.

Funeral services will be held 2 p.m. Monday, March 31, in the Bullis Funeral Chapel. Interment will follow in the Fairview Cemetery. Bullis Mortuary of Hardin has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Should friends desire, memorial contributions may be made to the BHC, Historical Museum or charity of one's choice.

**MAR 12 2003****Beryl Marjorie Fox**

Beryl Marjorie Fox, 81, of Billings, died Monday, March 10, 2003, at the Evergreen Nursing Home in Laurel.

**BERYL FOX**

Beryl was born Nov. 12, 1921, the daughter of Florence and Archie Crichton. She was raised on a farm in Lower Brule Missouri River, S.D. As a lifelong nurse, she began her nursing career in Humansville, Mo. Beryl then completed her training and specialized in enterostomy care at St. Vincent's Hospital in Billings, where her compassion and professionalism cared for and comforted people. Her family settled in Montana and Wyoming, where her five sisters and brother raised families.

Beryl is survived by daughter Cassandra L. Sparrow of Columbus, Ohio; two sons Daniel J. Fox of Marysville, Wash., Thomas G. Fox, of Newcastle, Wyo.; two sisters, Winnie Dooley of Basin, Wyo., and Mabel McCracken of Laurel.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Friday, March 14 at the Shiloh United Methodist Church, with interment at the Laurel Cemetery at a later date. Donations will be accepted for a memorial fund to be determined by the surviving family.

## Clifford Fox

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**APR 03 2003**

MILES CITY — Clifford Fox, age 80, of Miles City, passed away on Monday, March 31, 2003, at the Holy Rosary Health Center in Miles City.

Visitation will be held Friday, April 4, in the chapel of Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City. A rosary service will be held Friday, at 5:30 p.m. in the chapel of Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City. A funeral service will be held on Saturday, April 5, at 10 a.m. at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City. Interment will follow in the Eastern Montana State Veteran Cemetery with military honors. Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home of Miles City is in charge of the arrangements.

## Henry George Fox

Henry George Fox, 63, passed away Oct. 1, 2003, at Deaconess Hospital of a brain aneurysm.

Hank was born Jan. 4, 1940, to Henry and Mary Fox. He was raised and educated in Billings. After high school he joined the Army. Following his honorable discharge from the service, Hank worked as a cement finisher for Midland Materials and Barry O'Leary. In November 1967, he joined the Billings Police Department, retiring as a lieutenant in April 1988. He married Darlene Matties April 1, 1961, and together they farmed and raised their four children in Billings.



**HENRY FOX**

Mr. Fox is preceded in death by both of his parents. Surviving him is his wife, Darlene; daughter, Sandra (Jeffory) Smalley of Richland, Wash.; son, James (Loretta) Fox of Carpenter, Wyo.; daughter, Ronda Fox of Billings; and his son, Robert Fox of Huntley; sisters, Dorothy Weaver of Tenino, Wash., Shirley O'Brien of Billings and Jake Fox of Butte; numerous nieces and nephews; and his pride and joy grandchildren, Cody, Nathan, Devin, Zane, Kyle, Kendal, Rachel and Amy, who will greatly miss him.

Hank enjoyed going to cattle sales and took pride in the calves he raised and bought. He was an avid elk hunter and longed for the day he could take his grandchildren with him. He loved his family and friends and will be deeply missed by all.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Monday Oct. 6, at Pilgrim Congregational United Church of Christ with interment to follow at the Huntley Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Pilgrim Congregational Church, Special K Ranch or the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation.

Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary has charge of arrangements.

DEC 12 2003

## **Herschel Fox**

**HAVRE —** Herschel Fox, 86, died Monday, Dec. 8, 2003, at his home.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday, Dec. 15, in the Fifth Avenue Christian Church with burial in Highland Cemetery. Edwards Funeral Home in Chinook is in charge.

## Neil Fox

Neil Fox, of Billings, passed away on Sunday, March 23, 2003. He fought a courageous battle with cancer, and he was surrounded by his family.

He was born in Billings, Oct. 14, 1930.

Neil enlisted in the United States Army in 1951 and was a veteran of the Korean conflict. Following his years in the service, he returned to



**NEIL FOX**

Billings and joined the Billings Police Department. He was nominated policeman of the year and attended the law enforcement academy in Bozeman and the FBI Academy in Washington, D.C.

After working for the Billings Police Department for 20 years, he went to work for Roscoe Steel & Culvert Co., retiring in 1992.

Neil Fox was a member of the

Elks Club in Billings and the Eagles Club in Red Lodge.

He enjoyed meeting his special friends (retired policemen) for coffee several times a week. To them, he says "10-4." He will also be remembered by his very special friend, Bob Dillon.

Survivors are his wife, Helen; one daughter, Mary (Wayne) Fischer; two sons, Gregory (Tracy) and Mark (Debbie); two sisters, Lee Carlson and Norma Upham; eight grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

His mother, father and sister, Jeri Devitt, preceded Neil in death.

Neil's family expresses appreciation to the Hospice personnel for their living care and assistance the past few weeks. If friends desire, memorials may be made to Big Sky Hospice, PO Box 35033, Billings, MT 59107, or to the charity of one's choice.

The family honors his request that no services be held. Cremation has taken place.

# Jerome 'Jerry' Hugh Fox

BILLINGS GAZETTE

APR 01 2003

Early Sunday morning, March 30, 2003, Jer went home. His beloved son, Jason, was there to help him start his journey into a pain-free, happy eternity. The years of fighting the ravaging disease Scleroderma are finally over.



**JERRY FOX**

Jer will be profoundly missed by "his bride" Linda; his #1 son, Jason; the apple of his eye, Erica; and favorite #2 son, Travis Nelson; along with other family members and numerous friends.

A special thanks to Roger and Nancy Beeter, Ron and Patty Peterson, and Roger and Toni Clemmons for all your love and support. We would also like to thank Dr. James Girolami, the staff at Billings Deaconess ATU and the generous caretakers at Big Sky Hospice for all the wonderful care given to Jer.

Jer would want to be remembered for his infectious laugh, generous spirit, and giant capacity to love. Please keep his memory in your hearts and live life to the fullest.

A memorial service will be held at Dahl Funeral Chapel on Wednesday, April 2, at 10 a.m.

## Joseph W. Fox

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Joseph W. Fox, 89, of Sheridan, died Sunday, Feb. 9, 2003, at Memorial Hospital of Sheridan County.

Viewing will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 13, at Champion Ferries Funeral Home in Sheridan. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Friday, Feb. 14, at Champion Ferries Funeral Home. Interment will be in Sheridan Municipal Cemetery.

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**  
**FEB 13 2003**



## **Quentin R. Fox, Sr.**

HAYS — Quentin R. Fox, Sr., 79, died Sunday, April 20, 2003, at the Phillips County Good Samaritan Center in Malta.

Funeral mass will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday, April 23, at St. Paul's Mission Recreation Center. Burial will follow in Lodge Pole Cemetery. Edwards Funeral Home of Chinook is in charge.

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**APR 23 2003**

## Violet Fox

**CULBERTSON** -- Violet Fox, 82, of Culbertson, died Sunday, Sept. 14, 2008, at the Roosevelt Memorial Nursing Home.

Friends may call from 2 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 18, at the Everson-Clayton-Stevenson Chapel in Culbertson, and for one hour preceding the service at the Trinity Lutheran Church, Friday, Sept. 19. Her funeral will be at 2 p.m. Friday, at Trinity Lutheran Church. Interment will be in Hillside Cemetery.

# David Milburn 'Doc' Fraker

BOZEMAN — David Milburn

"Doc" Fraker, 102, passed away Aug. 12, 2003. He was born Aug. 1, 1901, in Wheeler, Ark., where he grew up fruit farming. By 1937, David had come out West — to



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**'DOC' FRAKER**

oil industry. In 1941, he married Dorothy Ellen Null of Kalispell. David and Dorothy have been married almost 62 years, and have three children: Dennis and Brian of Livingston, and Barbara and son-in-law, Dana Schulz of Gold Beach, Ore.; and grandsons, Mark Rogers of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Mike Rogers of Salt Lake City, Utah. David retired from Exxon after 25 years, and they bought a motel in Gardiner. Ten years later, he and his sons built the West College Mobile Home Park in Bozeman. David loved people and had a great sense of humor. He loved life, too, and enjoyed hunting, fishing, golfing, boating and especially time with his family.

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AUG 15 2003

Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. Friday at Four Corners Baptist Church, 111 Arrowhead Trail, followed by a reception at the Comfort Inn, Spanish Peaks Room, on North Seventh Avenue. Memorials in his name may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

# Benjamin W. France

DELLA VON STAMER L.P.  
FEB 26 2003

BRUSH, Colo. — Benjamin W. "Benny" France, 89, of Brush, formerly of Casper, Wyo., died Friday, Feb. 21, 2003, at the East Morgan County Hospital in Brush.

A private family memorial service will be held at a later date. Heer Mortuary & Crematory of Brush was in charge of cremation arrangements.

**NOV 11 2003****Joseph M. Franck**

**SIDNEY —** Joseph M. "Joe" Franck, 88, of Sidney, died Sunday, Nov. 9, 2003, at the Sidney Health Center Extended Care Facility.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 13, at the Pella Lutheran Church of Sidney. Interment will be in the Sidney Cemetery. Fulkerson Funeral Home of Sidney is in charge.

# Delsena Marie Peterson Frank

Del passed away on Friday morning, Feb. 21, 2003, at her home in Billings. She was born in Conrad on Sept. 12, 1936. She was the first born child of John Andreas and Alma Veva (La-France) Peterson. She spent her childhood in Conrad, and

and moved with her family to Eureka, and graduated from high school in 1954. Del attended the University of Montana for two years before moving to Billings to work for the Shell Oil Company. She returned to school, when her children were old enough, and graduated with a business degree from Eastern Montana College in 1977. She then pursued her lifelong dream and opened her own store, Boots, Brims and Britches. She owned and operated the business for 22 years until her health forced her to retire. She was also a partner in Western Ranch Supply with her husband Ray.

Del did extensive volunteer work with the Junior Women's Club. She served as club president and president of the Billings Children's Receiving Home. Del



**DELSENA  
FRANK**

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**FEB 23 2003**

also served as president of the board of directors of The Community Day Care and Enrichment Center.

On Aug. 12, 1958, she married Ray Frank in Billings. Del and Ray have two children, Sheri and Todd.

Del is survived by her husband, Ray; her daughter Sheri and her children, Zachary and Jessica; her son Todd, and his wife, Mary, and their two children, Ian and Megan. Del is also survived by her brother Kenneth (Shirley) Peterson of Eureka; her sister Alma (Jim) Lanktree of Kalispell; and her local family in Billings, which includes her husband's sisters, Mildred, Eddy, and Edna (Bob) Dunker; and her brother-in-law, Robert (Lois) Frank of Sidney.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 26, at the Mayflower Congregational Church, Poly Dr. and Rehberg Ln. Interment will be in Yellowstone Valley Memorial Park.

Memorials may be made to The Society for Progressive Supranuclear Palsy (PSP), Woodholme Medical Center, Suite 515, 1838 Greene Tree Road, Baltimore, MD 21208; to Mayflower Congregational Church, or to the charity of one's choice.

Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary  
is in charge of arrangements.

**Del fought a valiant fight  
like the lady she was. She suc-  
cumbed to the rare degenera-  
tive neurological disease,  
Progressive Supranuclear  
Palsy. Her smile will be missed.**

DEC 24 2003

## Minnie Frank

Minnie (Hermina) Frank passed away at Deaconess Billings Clinic Dec. 21, 2003.

She was born Feb. 28, 1920, in Billings the daughter of Cornelius and Theresa Michel. She attended schools in Billings and graduated from Billings Senior High in 1939.

On Nov. 17, 1940, she married Henry M. Frank. They celebrated 60 years of marriage on Nov. 17, 2000. Henry passed away June, 2001.



**MINNIE  
FRANK**

Minnie and Henry lived on the Mackey Sheep farm east of Laurel until 1971 at which time they moved to Billings.

She loved her church, teaching Sunday School and singing in the choir. She always looked forward to her visits from her church choir family.

Minnie's children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren were the loves of her life.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her brothers, William Michel, Henry Michel, Herman Michel and Richard Michel; her sisters, Emma Glock, Lydia Michel and Hannah Deibert. She

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is survived by her brother, John Michel; three sisters, Elizabeth Frank, Teresa Skaar and Mary Essman; children, Norma Petterson (Scott), Dale W. Frank (Sandy) and Carol J. Ruff (Bill). Also surviving are her grandchildren, Rebecca Stuhlmiller (Jeff), Wendy Fenderson (Kevan), Barry Frank (Kate), Christopher Ruff (Katie), Jeffrey Ruff and Tracy Frank; step-grandchildren, Ken Petterson (Jen) and Jodi Carricaburu (Rob); 10 great-grandchildren, and six step-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held 10 a.m. Monday at Pilgrim Congregational Church, 409 S. 36th St. Interment will follow at Mountview Cemetery.

Mom, we will miss your sense of humor and your love for all of us, but we know you are celebrating in Heaven with Dad and until we meet again, we will take it "one day at a time."

# Pauline Frank

DICKINSON, N.D. — Pauline Frank, 80, of Dickinson, formerly of Laurel, Mont., died Oct. 8, 2003, at St. Joseph's Hospital and Health Center.

Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 10, at Stevenson-Mischel-Olson Chapel, with a rosary at 7 p.m. Visitation will then continue from 1 to 8 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 12, at Smith Funeral Chapel-Laurel. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, Oct. 13, at St. Anthony Catholic Church, Laurel. Interment will follow in St. Anthony Cemetery.

## Pauline Frank

DICKINSON, N.D. — Funeral services for Pauline Frank, 80, of Dickinson, formerly of Laurel, Mont., are Monday, Oct. 13, 10 a.m. at St. Anthony Catholic Church in Laurel. Interment will follow in St. Anthony Cemetery.



**PAULINE  
FRANK**

Visitation is Friday, Oct. 10, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. at Stevenson-Mischel-Olson Chapel, Dickinson, with a rosary at 7 p.m. Visitation will then continue on Sunday, Oct. 12, from 1 to 8 p.m. with a rosary at 7 p.m. at Smith Funeral Chapel in Laurel.

Pauline died on Oct. 8, 2003, at St. Joseph's Hospital and Health Center in Dickinson.

Pauline was born May 26, 1923, in Scheffield, N.D., to John and Caroline (Roeder) Hegel. She attended schools in Fryburg, N.D., and went on to Dickinson State Teachers College. Pauline married Henry Frank and together they farmed southwest of Belfield and raised their family. She taught grades first through eighth in Montana and North Dakota.

The couple moved to Laurel in 1989 before retiring in Western Montana. In July 2003, Pauline and Henry moved to Dickinson where they have made their home since. Pauline found great enjoyment in ceramics, sewing, beadwork and cooking. She especially loved to play the piano. Henry and Pauline organized a band called the Henry Frank Orchestra in their earlier years playing for many weddings and gatherings. She was a member of St. Anthony Catholic Church in Laurel.

Pauline will be greatly missed by her husband, Henry Frank, Dickinson; one son, Ken (Pam) Kessel, Houston; two daughters, Ardell Frank, Billings, Marcy (Dennis) Nicks, Aurora, Colo.; three grandchildren; two brothers, Edward (Kathy) Hegel, Glendive, Eugene Hegel, Tumwater, Wash.; four sisters, Arline (Lawrence) Thomas, Billings, Virginia Hecker, Caroline Hecker, both of Dickinson, and Darlene Jimison Glendive.

She is preceded in death by her parents, three brothers, two sisters and three brothers-in-law.

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

# Mary Franko

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**TERRY** — Mary Virginia Franko, 79, formerly of Melrose, died Friday, Jan. 10, 2003, at the Holy Rosary Health Center in Miles City.

A Vigil service will be held at 6 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 13, at the chapel of Stevenson and Sons Funeral Home in Terry. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 14, in the Sacred Hearth Catholic Church in Terry. Rite of Committal will follow in the family lot in the Prairie County Cemetery in Terry.

# Mary Virginia Franko

**TERRY** — Mary Virginia Franko, age 79, of Terry, formerly of Melrose, passed away on Friday, Jan. 10, 2003 in Miles City, from an extended illness of natural causes

Mary was born in Manteca, Calif., on July 12, 1923, the daughter of Albano and Mary (Souza) Borges. She was raised and educated in Manteca and Concord. Following her schooling, she married George Martin Franko in Walnut Creek, Calif. on Feb. 9, 1947. They made their home in California where they ranched and farmed until 1967, when they moved to Melrose. They farmed and ranched in Melrose until the fall of 2002 when they moved to Terry, where they purchased the Glade Ranch.

Mary loved to do garden, do leather craft and she always had an embroidery project going. She was active in California as a 4-H leader with her sons and in Montana with her grandchildren, in addition to the Melrose Grange. Mary was a member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Terry.



**MARY  
FRANKO**

Mary is survived by her husband, George M. Franko of Terry; three sons: Martin (Kathy Jo) of Billings, George (Donna) of Cascade, Richard (Ellen) of Terry; two brothers; Frank Borges (Dandy) of Harbor, Ore. and Daniel Borges (Barbara) of Concord, Calif.; grandchildren, Jamie (Cheri) Franko, Tara (Sean) Biggins, Marie, Angela, Dwayne, Kyle; and one great-granddaughter, Lexus. She was preceded in death by her parents; three brothers, Albany, Fred and Alvin; and a grandson, Dan.

A Vigil service will be 6 p.m. Monday, Jan. 13, at the chapel of Stevenson and Sons Funeral Home in Terry. Mass of Christian Burial will be 2 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 14, in the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Terry. Rite of Committal will follow in the family lot in the Prairie County Cemetery in Terry.

Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home of Terry is in charge of the arrangements. Should friends desire, memorials may be made to the charity of one's choice.

# Sunday Gail Franks

LIVINGSTON — Sunday Gail Franks, 54, of Livingston, passed away at her home surrounded by family and friends early Thursday morning, Aug. 14, 2003, following a courageous battle with lung cancer.



**SUNDAY  
FRANKS**

Sunday was born Jan. 9, 1949 in Livingston, the daughter of John J. and Thais J. (Froebe) Tangan. She attended schools in Livingston and Clyde Park, graduating from Clyde Park High School in 1968. She then attended Mr. Max Beauty School in Bozeman and became a partner in the Bob Inn Beauty Shop, and worked as a beautician for 20 years. She lived with her first husband, Jim Smith, for 12 years until 1983.

On July 3, 1990, Sunday married John G. Franks at their cabin on Passage Creek. They enjoyed 13 glorious years of love, friendship, and full time commitment to each other.

She is remembered as a devoted housewife who loved gardening, her hobby every month that the soil was not frozen. She was an artistic painter during every other month. Sunday had recently gone to work as a bindery worker at Express Color Printing in Livingston. She thrived at work

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and enjoyed the freedoms that her job gave her. She worked mostly full-time until just two days before her final setback in her battle with cancer.

Sunday died as she lived, thinking of others before herself. She always expressed concern when she was incapable of helping, no matter how hard she tried.

Survivors include her husband, John G. Franks; her mother, Thais J. Tangan; and her son and daughter-in-law, Jay B. Smith and Katherine (Kat) E. Gierspeck, all of Livingston; a stepson, Jason Franks and his wife, Ancy of New York state; her sister and brother-in-law, Daley and Dan Hall of Bigfork; and brother and sister-in-law, Tim and Sandy Tangan of Livingston; a niece, Angel Swanson of Livingston; a nephew, Lester Swanson and his wife, Cristy, and their son, Alex, all of Hulett, Wyo., and a nephew, Jeff Cahill, of Livingston. She is preceded in death by her father in May of 2002.

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At her request, cremation has taken place. Arrangements were under the direction of Franzen-Davis Crematory in Livingston. There will be a celebration of Sunday's life Saturday afternoon, Aug. 16, at the home of her brother, Tim Tangan, 429 S. K St. in Livingston. Those wanting more information about specifics of the celebration and how they can contribute, may call Lee Frederick (406) 222-0167.

Memorials in Sunday's name may be made to: HOCNR Cancer Foundation, P.O. Box 30976, Billings, MT 59107.

# Pearl C. Franzen

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LAUREL — Pearl Caroline Davis Franzen died early Monday morning, April 14, 2003.



**PEARL  
FRANZEN**

She was born in the small community of Muir between Livingston and Bozeman, on Aug. 11, 1914, to Martha Sorenson Davis and Robert Davis.

Around the age of 2, she and her mother homesteaded near Custer for five years. The family moved to Park City in 1923, where she later graduated from high school. She attended Montana State College and pledged into Kappa Delta Sorority. Her work career included Yellowstone Bank and secretary for a law office in Laurel. It was during this period she met her lifetime friend, Barbara Ross Rookhuizen.

She married Merkel W. Franzen on May 23, 1948, in Park City. The couple made their home in Laurel, where they were active in the Laurel United Methodist Church. Perkie, who was an avid reader, belonged to the Methodist Book Club, and enjoyed many

years as a member of the Zidonian Chapter of Eastern Star.

She was preceded in death by her parents and beloved husband Merkel. Her life will continue to be celebrated by those who knew her with her kind and loving heart and wonderful sense of humor. She is survived by an aunt, Violet Eggar of Camano Island, Wash.; a niece, Lynda Ray of Edmond, Okla.; and many cousins.

She will be especially missed by her Billings family, Barbara Rookhuizen and her daughters, Donna Gollehon, goddaughter Gayle Penn and Nancy Farrar.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, April 17, at Smith Funeral Chapel-Laurel, with interment in the Laurel Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to Laurel United Methodist Church or charity of one's choice.



## BIGFORK —

Walter R. Frasch passed away on Dec. 23, 2002, the birthday of his beloved wife, Jean. His daughter Sue was at his side.



**WALTER  
FRASCH**

Walt was born in Fairfax, S.D., on Aug. 16, 1918, to Elizabeth and Wilhelm Frasch. His family later moved to Nebraska, and then to Billings.

On Jan. 4, 1945, Walter married Emogene "Jean" Holbrook. Shortly after, Walt joined the U.S. Navy and proudly served his country on the USS Tennessee in the Pacific Corridor. He loved to share his war adventures — stories of battles, friends, Kamikaze pilots and a chief with excellent coconut wine!

Walt retired from the Exxon refinery in Billings in 1971. After that, he helped his daughter Julie with her business in Great Falls, managed a mobile home park in Phoenix and helped Sue and Jim with their business for several years. After snowbirding for several years, Walt and Jean settled in Bigfork. Their love for fishing, traveling and family filled their lives.

Walt, a kind and gentle man,

was beloved by his family. He took great pride in his children and grandchildren. He was always ready to talk, listen or lend a helping hand whenever needed. He will be greatly missed.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Jean, Lake View Care Center, Bigfork; daughter Julie and husband Ron Johnson, Alexandria, Va.; son Michael and wife Mary Frasch, Billings; and daughter Sue and husband Jim Tebay, Bigfork. He will be greatly missed by his grandson, Nathan Tebay, Bigfork; granddaughter, Jamie and husband Alex Shanks, Bigfork; and granddaughters Robin Johnson, Tami Mariott and Trisha Kerr. Walt is survived by his brother, Ed Frasch, Helena; and sister, Martha Cellan, Arkansas; and numerous nieces and nephews. He is also survived by his canine companion, Sir.

The family suggests memorials to the American Cancer Society. A family memorial will be held at a later date.

# Onata Frates

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**GREAT FALLS** — Retired schoolteacher, secretary and salesclerk Onata (Swart) Frates, 95, of 1016 Seventh Ave. S., Great Falls, who was also a homemaker, died Wednesday, Feb. 19, 2003, at a Great Falls nursing home, of an aneurysm.

Her funeral is 2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 27, at Smith West Chapel in Billings.

Survivors include daughters Vivian Meade of Great Falls and Cheryl Strickland of Helena; a son, Larry Frates of Florida; a sister, Margaret Trowbridge of Livingston; six grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and nine great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Raleigh Draper; and her second husband, Eugene Frates; as well as a son, Harold Alan Draper.

She also was preceded in death by her parents, Margaret and Arby Swart; and brothers Walter, Bobby, Ed and Ardis.

She was born March 4, 1907, in Rosebud, where she was raised and educated. She also attended Billings Business College for two years in Billings.



**ONATA  
FRATES**

She married Raleigh Draper in 1925 in Miles City. He died June 23, 1938. She later married Eugene Frates in 1947 in Billings. He died in October of 1985.

Throughout her life, she worked as a teacher in a one-room schoolhouse in the Rosebud-Cartersville area; a housewife; a salesclerk for Vaughn Ragsdale in Forsyth; and was a secretary for the Big Timber Livestock Company out of Billings.

Onata was active in politics, supporting her husband, Gene, who was elected to the House of Representatives. After Gene's death, she continued to work at the polls during elections.

Onata and Gene were avid "rock hounds" and were co-owners of the Dry Head Agate Co., near the Pryor Reservation in Wyoming. They loved playing cards. Onata was an accomplished seamstress and cook. She loved having family and friends at her home.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

**DEC 19 2003****Evelyn L. Frazier**

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Evelyn L. Frazier, 77, died Tuesday, Dec. 16, 2003, in Sheridan Manor of complications from a heart attack she suffered in September.

Cremation has taken place, and memorial services will be held at a later date. Champion Ferries Funeral Home is in charge.

## Milo Gene Frazier

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PARKER, Ariz. — Milo Gene Frazier, 68, formerly of Wolf Point, Mont., and Big River, Calif., as well as Great Falls and Malta, Mont., Williston, N.D., and Lander and Thermopolis, Wyo., died Jan. 8, 2003, in Parker.

Memorial services were held Tuesday, Jan. 14, at the American Legion in Big River. Parker Funeral Home was in charge.

## **Shane Lewis Frederick**

RAWLINS, Wyo. — Shane Lewis "Spook" Frederick, 37, of Rawlins, formerly of Poplar, Mont., died Dec. 29, 2002, at the Wyoming Medical Center in Casper, due to complications of a stroke.

Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 5, at Clayton Memorial Chapel in Poplar. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday, Jan. 6, at the Assembly of God Church in Poplar. Interment will be in Poplar City Cemetery.

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# Charles Roman Freeberg

**BIG TIMBER —** Charles Roman Freeberg, 86, died July 6, 2003, in the Payson Care Center in Payson, Ariz.

A graveside service is at 11 a.m. Monday in Mountain View Cemetery in Big Timber.

## **Patricia Freese**

**EKALAKA —** Patricia "Pat" Freese, 69, of Ekalaka and Belgrade, died Saturday, Oct. 18, 2003, at Bozeman Deaconess Hospital.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 16, in the Chapel of Stevenson Funeral Home in Ekalaka.

Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Oct. 24, in the St. Joan of Arc Parish Hall in Ekalaka. Burial will be in Beaverlodge Cemetery.

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## **Estalee French**

**GILLETTE, Wyo.** — Estalee French, 76, of Gillette, died Saturday, March 22, 2003, at the Mayo Clinic Hospital in Phoenix.

Visitation will be from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday, March 28, at the Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home Chapel in Gillette. Funeral services will be at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, March 29, at the Stevenson Funeral Home Chapel in Gillette. Interment will follow at the Mount Pisgah Cemetery in Gillette.



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## Joe E. French

Joe E. French, age 82, passed away on June 22, 2003, in Billings, at his home.



**JOE FRENCH**

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, June 26, at 11 a.m., at the Michelotti-Sawyers Funeral Home Chapel in Billings, with visitation being from 9 a.m. until service time. Interment will be on Friday, June 27, at 11 a.m. at the Moorhill Cemetery in Hulett, Wyo.

Joseph E. French was born on July 26, 1920, to Abe and Mary (Molitor) French. Joe was the fourth child of eight children. Joe grew up and attended a rural elementary school north of Gillette, Wyo., and graduated from high school in Deadwood, S.D. Following graduation, Joe enlisted with the U.S. Air Force and as a pilot, flew 31 successful missions during WWII.

Joe returned to Wyoming after his discharge from the service and worked various jobs. In 1951, he began work with the federal government as a surveyor for the Bureau of Land Management. After working for 31 years at this

job, Joe returned in Billings, which had then become home to him.

Joe is survived by two brothers, Henry French of Buffalo, Wyo., and Jake French of Gillette; three sisters, Helen Palmer and Clara French of Lakeview Terrace, Calif., and Mary French of Hulett. Joe was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Jim and Willie.

A memorial has been established in his name and may be sent in care of Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home, 210 W. Fifth St., Gillette, WY 82716. Michelotti-Sawyers Funeral Home in Billings and Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home in Gillette are entrusted with arrangements. Condolences may be sent to the family by visiting [www.stevensonandsons.com](http://www.stevensonandsons.com).

## Mary Ellen French

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**MILES CITY** — Mary Ellen French, age 51, of Miles City, passed away at the Holy Rosary Health Center in Miles City, surrounded by her family on Friday, May 9, 2003.



**MARY ELLEN  
FRENCH**

Mary Ellen, who was born on July 17, 1951, in Chester, the daughter of Audrey and Alvin Howery, was one of four children. When she was very young, her family moved to Shelby where she went to school through her sophomore year. In 1967, the family moved to Whitlash, where Mary Ellen finished high school, graduating from Chester High School in 1969. She continued her education at Eastern Montana College in Billings for two years and then went to work in the medical records department at Liberty County Hospital and Nursing Home from 1971 until 1980. Mary Ellen was in the United States Army Reserve from 1972 until 1976.

On July 16, 1977, Mary Ellen married her best friend, Larry B.

French at the Whitlash 4-H picnic grounds. Larry and Mary Ellen were more than married to each other, they were each other's best friend and number one fan. In 1980, Mary Ellen and Larry moved to Missoula where she worked for Western Montana Clinic. In 1984, they moved to Miles City where she worked at the Holy Rosary Hospital from 1985 until 1990. After that, she then went to work for Fort Keogh as an automated office technician where she was currently employed. Mary Ellen was Gramma to four very special little children, whom she thought the world of. She wanted them to know their Gramma, and she did her best to be with them as much as she could.

Mary Ellen was always looking for ways to give — to her family, to her friends and to her community — even throughout her battle with cancer. She served as a shining example of courage, grace, and strength — inspiring everyone who met her. She refused to let cancer dampen her spirit and joy for life.

Mary Ellen is survived by her husband, Larry of 25 years; two stepdaughters, Crystal Verellen and her husband Mike of Olympia, Wash., and Heather Furigay of Miles City; two granddaughters, Tiara and Brianne Furigay of Miles City; two grandsons Riemann Furigay of Miles City and Trevor Verellen of Olympia, Wash.; her parents, Audrey and Alvin Howery of Shelby; her brother Wally Howery and his wife Marlene of Shelby; two sisters, BJ McNair and her husband Garth of Butte, and April Gordon and her husband Leonard of Cheyenne, Wash.; three nephews, two nieces and her mother-in-law and father-in-law, Bonnie and Ben French of Deer Park, Wash.

Visitation will begin on Tuesday, May 13, at the chapel of Stevenson and Sons Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, May 14, at the chapel of Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City. Private family interment will follow at a later date. Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home of Miles City has been entrusted with the arrangements.

If desired, memorials may be made to the Custer County Art Center, Water Plant Road, Miles City, MT 59301 or to the charity of one's choice.

## **Dan Frenzel**

**GLENDIVE** — Daniel Florian Frenzel, 57, died Thursday, Jan. 23, 2003, at his home in Glendive.

A Vigil service will be held at 7 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 27, in the Chapel of the Silvernale-Silba Funeral Home in Glendive. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10 a.m., Tuesday, Jan. 28, at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Glendive. The Rite of Committal will follow in the Dawson Memorial Cemetery.

# Frieda (Pietz) Frickel

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Frieda (Pietz) Frickel, 86, of Billings passed away Saturday, April 12, 2003, of natural causes.

Frieda was born Feb. 17, 1917, to Magdalena and David Kraus of Hysham.

She is preceded in death by her first husband, August Pietz; and second husband, Herman Frickel; also her parents; one sister, Elizabeth Sparlin; brothers, Henry, John and Edward Kraus.

Frieda is survived by two brothers, James (Pat) Kraus of Great Falls and Irvin Kraus of Powell, Wyo.

She has two daughters, Marian Michlig of Big Lake, Alaska, and her children Rick (Kim) Nissen, John Nissen of Alaska, and Brian Nissen of Nevada; her other daughter, Lois (Koch) Zampedri of Wyoming, and her children, Debbra Hill, Pearl Koch and (James Hill), Arlon (Connie) Koch of Billings, Sandra Koch (John Nuckolls), Lou Ann (Darrell) Fink, all of Billings, and Janet (Julie) Koch of Seattle.

She was blessed with numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and even great-great-grandchildren.

Frieda may be best remembered as the cake lady, for the many birthday and wedding cakes from her home. Her pride and joy was taking care of her 138 rosebushes and spoiling her grandchildren. In her early years, she enjoyed bowling with August, and boating with Herman.

She was surrounded by the people who loved her and will be greatly missed. We love you, Grandma.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial services will be held Wednesday, April 16 at 3 p.m., at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary, 1001 Alderson Ave.



**FRIEDA  
FRICKEL**

## Clarence Fried

BAKER — Clarence Fried, 67, of Baker, died Jan. 2, 2003, at Fallon Medical Complex.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 6, at the Chapel of Stevenson Funeral Home in Baker, with a prayer service at 7 p.m. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 7, in the American Lutheran Church in Baker. Burial will be in Peace Lutheran Cemetery, Plevna.

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# Clarence Albert Fried

**BAKER** — Clarence Albert Fried, 67, passed away Thursday, Jan. 2, 2003, at the Fallon Medical Complex in Baker, following a long illness.

He was born Dec. 16, 1935, at the family farm north of Plevna, the youngest son of Edward and Lydia (Ehret) Fried.

Clarence grew up and attended schools in the Plevna area. He entered the U.S. Army in December, 1957, and was honorably discharged March 1959. Clarence was a 35 year member of the American Legion Post 35 in Baker. He married Bonnie Rost Jan. 8, 1961, at Butte. To this union two sons were born, William Scott and Cory Leon.

In 1961, Clarence worked for the Wright Tree Service in Bozeman. He then returned to Baker where he began his career as a carpenter. He worked for Herbst Construction, Zachman Construction, A-Frame Lumber and Fullerton Lumber. In 1991, Clarence started his own contracting business with his son Scott until he retired due to ill health.

He was very dedicated to his family. In his spare time he enjoyed hunting and fishing.

Clarence is preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Leon in 1958, and Elmer in 1997. He is survived by his wife, Bonnie; two sons, Scott and Corey, both of Baker; two sister-in-laws, Norita Fried of Plevna and Jackie

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Mitchell of Idaho Falls, Idaho; and three nieces and two nephews.

A Prayer Service will be held at 7 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 6, at the Stevenson Funeral Home in Baker. Funeral Services will take place at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 11, at the American Lutheran Church in Baker. A luncheon will be served following the services. Burial will then take place at the Peace Lutheran Cemetery in Plevna with Military Rites presiding.

# Douglas Lee Friend

CODY, Wyo. — Douglas Lee Friend, 70, passed away Aug. 15, 2003 at West Park Hospital in Cody, Wyo. with his wife, Barbara at his side.

Doug was born Nov. 11, 1932 in Manchester, Conn. to Dr. and Mrs. Amos Friend. He attended grade school in Manchester and went on to preparatory school in Kingswood Oxford in Hartford. Doug graduated from Hobart College in Seneca, N.Y., and then earned his law degree from Boston University.

After graduating from Boston University, Doug joined the army and served for two years in Stuttgart, Germany.

Doug's path in life was forever changed when he was nine years old and his parents, along with his brother, Hugh, ventured west to Valley Ranch for a vacation that most Eastern boys could only dream of. That vacation, which started as a dream, ended up to be Doug's reality. When Doug was 14 years old, his parents allowed him to board a train alone, which would eventually lead him back to Cody and Valley Ranch. Upon arriving at Valley Ranch, the owner, Larry Larom, and his right hand man, Ott Cassidy, took Doug under their wings and began teaching him the "ways of the west."

At 16 years of age, Doug's parents presented him with a new

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car and a road map to Cody. He spent a summer at Valley Ranch as a wrangler, living in a one room cabin and dreaming that one day he would come back to the Southfork and live out his life in the mountains.

Doug finally returned to Wyoming after serving in the military, and he purchased the Lazy Bar F Ranch from Max Wilde, which Doug and his first wife, Shirley operated. Doug ran an outfitting business until he sold the Lazy Bar F to the Herb Stratfords. Doug retained a cabin and a few acres which he and Barbara enjoyed for many summers until Doug's health kept him closer to Cody.

On Oct. 10, 1975, Doug married Barbara (Hill) Mihalakis in Cody after only knowing each other for a short time. Doug went from being the second child in a family of four to being the husband, step-father, step-grandfather, brother-in-law (to a whole lot of Hill folks), and uncle to

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many, many new-found relatives. At times, Doug must have felt overwhelmed, but because he was a gentleman in the truest sense of the word, he accepted and welcomed this new family.

Doug worked for Engineering Associates and later Graham and Dietz in Cody. He is survived by his wife, Barbara; his brother, Hugh's widow, Judy Friend and their children, who all reside on the East Coast. Doug was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Hugh.

A memorial service in Doug's honor will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 21 at Ballard Funeral Home. Memorial donations may be made to Shriner's Crippled Children's Hospital, c/o Shriner's Hospital Intermountain, 1275 Fairfax Road, Salt Lake City, Utah 84103. Cremation has taken place.

## Calvin Friesz

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MILES CITY — Calvin Clarence Friesz, 78, of Miles City, died Monday, Jan. 6, 2003, at his home.

Visitation will be held Thursday, Jan. 9, at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Friday, Jan. 10, at the First Baptist Church. Interment will follow in the Eagles Section of the Custer County Cemetery.

## **Violet G. Frigo**

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Violet G. Frigo, 84, of Sheridan, died Monday, April 7, 2003.

Viewing will be from 1 to 5 p.m. Wednesday, April 9, at Champion Ferries Funeral Home in Sheridan. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, April 10, in Sheridan Municipal Cemetery, Elks section.

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# Dusty Frimodig

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**PARK CITY —** Dusty Frimodig, 57, died Tuesday morning, Feb. 4, 2003, at his home in Park City, after a long battle with cancer.

He was born Feb. 10, 1945, in Lynwood, Calif., to Harold Dustin and Nellie Frimodig. He was raised and educated in California.

Dusty has worked for Roscoe Steel for the past 15 years, where he has established a large family of friends.

One of his passions in life was competitive rifle shooting. He was a member of Laurel Rifle Club and Yellowstone Rifle Club. At Yellowstone Rifle Club, he has been director of highpower rifle shooting for 11 years and in that sport has another huge family of friends.

He is survived by his wife Patti, Park City; daughter Michelle, Billings; son Dustin Lee (Tammy), Billings; stepsons Doug (Marcie) Rohlf and Tim (Heather) Rohlf, Great Falls; and six grandchildren.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial will be announced and held at a later date.



**ARTHUR FRINK**

## **Arthur James Frink**

Arthur James Frink, age 73, passed away at his daughter's home in Billings on Jan. 14, 2003. He was born in Fromberg, Feb. 14, 1929, to Ruth Etta Beers and Arthur Frink. Art graduated in 1947 from Billings Senior High.

He met the love of his life, Annamae Hayes, at a skating rink. Annamae, an accomplished skater, rescued Art from bruising more than his ego. They were married in 1949, and remained in Billings.

Art retired from Billings Fire Department in 1979. He also worked for Greenleaf Jewelers, City Meter Department, was a Fuller Brushman, and ran two businesses: AJ Steam Cleaning and a vending business.

Art so much loved the outdoors, he could be found spending his leisure time at home bird-watching. He and his wife, Annamae, kept up several bird-feeders at a time. They had many books on birds, and were both

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very knowledgeable on the subject.

He loved to garden and grew many varieties of beautiful flowers. Art enjoyed sharing his prized vegetables with family and friends.

His passion for fishing and traveling took Art and Annamae on many adventures; several times salmon fishing in Vancouver Island, once to Alaska, yearly trips to Hebgen Lake and to many other fishing lakes around Montana.

Art also loved music and dancing, they both could be found on Friday and Saturday nights at the Elks Club, accompanied by many friends.

He had a wonderful sense of humor and quick wit. He always had a story to tell and could talk to anyone about any subject.

Art was preceded in death by his wife Annamae; his parents; daughter Theresa; his sisters, Vangie Eubank and Merna Hummel.

He is survived by his daughter, Candace Samek and husband Herb; grandson Stephen Samek and wife Reka; granddaughter Lisa Massick and husband Jim; great-grandson Austin Kelsey; several nieces and nephews; and good lifelong friends Dick and Connie Rasky.

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Vigil services will be 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 16, at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary. Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 12 noon, Friday, Jan. 17, at St. Patrick's Co-Cathedral, with Rite of Committal at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Big Sky Hospice.

## Minnie Ellen Fritzer

LODGE GRASS — After a very brief illness, Minnie Ellen "LaLa" Fritzer went home to be with the Lord on Aug. 29, 2003, in Billings. Basa'alitchiish "Strikes First Coup" was born July 14, 1929, in Lodge Grass, a daughter of John and Amy Yellowtail Whiteman Runs Him. She was named after the daughter of Thomas B. Marquis, a retired physician and Custer Battlefield historian, who lived with her parents while researching historical battle data and assisted with her birth. She grew up and received her education in Lodge Grass, graduating from Lodge Grass High School in 1944 as salutatorian. As a young girl, she took Anita Yellowtail as her baby and crossed the road each day to visit her. Later, as a young woman she did the same with Angela Russell. She studied medical technology at Northern Montana College in Havre.

She began a career with the Indian Health Service as a hospital administration assistant, later served Big Horn County as personnel director and also worked for the Crow Tribe as a personnel director.

Minnie Ellen was the matriarch of the First Crow Indian Baptist Church in Lodge Grass and was currently serving in the position of moderator. She was a

board member and vice president/treasurer of the American Baptist Churches/ USA National Ministries Indian Caucus and a member of the Bacone College Board of Trustees, Muskogee, Okla. She served in many positions with American Baptist Churches/USA through the years. She was devoted to Crow Indian education and development. During the 1970's, she served on the Crow Central Education Commission Board of Directors, and spent countless hours creating and directing programs in adult and vocational education to Head Start. Later in the 1990's, she served as a Lodge Grass District Trustee on the Little Big Horn College Board. She was elected Chairman of the Board and served in that capacity from 1992-1996. She was a member of the Whistling Water Clan, a child of the Newly Made Lodge and was a member of the Arikara Society.

Minnie Ellen married Glenn A. Fritzer on July 12, 1949, in Billings, and the couple made their home in Lodge Grass. She was affectionately known as the "Boss," who always enjoyed caring for her grandchildren, games, crossword puzzles, reading, golf and cooking. She was the author of the cookbook "Recipes from LaLa Land." In the finest Crow tradition, Minnie was an adviser and mentor to her children, family and friends, both young and

old. She generously shared her talents and perspectives in the development of the Crow people. As a leader and elder, she set high standards and expectation for her advisees. She offered advice from her mind and heart and often brought forward words and directions from her beloved parents.

Her parents; brothers, Arlis Whiteman Runs Him, Bobby Bends and Perry Eastman Sr.; and a granddaughter, Kari-Lynn Soop preceded Minnie Ellen in death.

Survivors include her husband of 54 years, Glenn; her daughter, Lisa Kay Fritzier; her sons, Bruce (Lisa), Dell (Jolene), Lonn (Charitina) Fritzier and Harvey (Vicki) Stewart; her sister, Louella (Gary) Johnson; one brother, Joe (Gloria) Medicine Crow; sisters-in-law, Peggy Moore and Rosella Whiteman Runs Him; her adopted brothers, Newton (Amelia) Old Crow, Duke (Cherry) Tsoodle, Perry (Lucy) Eastman, Sr. and Benny (Cheryl) Smith; grandchildren, Scan, Jennifer Marzha, Davonne, Beau Glenn, Lona, Darren, Elvin, Casaja, Garrett, Alisara, Emmaline, Dacia, Luke, Christina, Shannon, Amber,



**MINNIE  
FRITZLER**

*Minnie Ellen Fritzier*

Lonny and Teij; adopted grandson, Jason Kemp; 22 great-grandchildren; her aunt, Agnes Deer Nose; her cousins, Winona Plenty Hoops, Lorena Walks Over Ice, Caroline Huston, Ferole Pease, Ataloo Harris, Diana Reynolds, Anita Morin, Virjama Wyles, Connie Jackson, Barney Old Coyote, Oliver and Ben Pease, Jr., Pauline Small, Paul Spotted Horse and Regina Stewart; Tobacco Society sisters, Sarah Pretty Paint and Inez Bird in Ground. She is also survived by her extended family including the Yellowtail, Old Coyote, Takes the Gun, Moccasin, One Goose, Whiteman Runs Him, Frazier, Scott, Don't Mix, Beads, Spotted Horse and the Hogan family.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 2, in the Lodge Grass First Crow Indian Baptist Church. Interment will follow in the Lodge Grass Cemetery. Bullis Mortuary of Hardin has been entrusted with the arrangements.

"Remember the Word unto Thy servant, upon which Thou hast caused me to hope. This is my comfort in my affliction, for Thy Word hast quickened me." Psalm 119 vs. 49-50.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to the First Crow Indian Baptist Church Youth Ministry, Box 507, Lodge Grass, MT 59050



NOV 20 2003

## Fran Froman

CUT BANK — World War II Navy veteran Fran Froman, 78, who worked in the oil field industry, died of natural causes, Sunday, Nov. 9, 2003, at his Cut Bank home.

Visitation was held Tuesday, Nov. 11, at Day Funeral Home in Cut Bank. His funeral was Wednesday, Nov. 12, at Glacier View Baptist Church, with burial in Crown Hill Cemetery.

Survivors include daughters Donna (Bill) Ellis of Billings, Molly (Paul) DeKaye and Gayle (Steve) Tough, both of Cut Bank; a sister, Ramona Spears of Quincy, Ill.; brothers, Billy Froman of Roundup and John Froman of Meyer, Ill.; 10 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Toots Froman; a daughter, Trudy Ann Froman; and a brother, Louis Froman.

Fran was born in Adams County, Ill. He served in the Navy in the Pacific Theater during WWII. He married Dorothy Lorene Foley in 1947.

Fran operated Hunt Drainage Pump Station in Illinois. In 1967, Fran moved his family to Montana, where he then worked in the oil fields until retirement. In recent years, he was an avid garage saler and head overseer of

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the operation of the Coop Consignment Store in Cut Bank.

Fran loved his family very much. He divided his time between his cabin near Helmville and his home in Cut Bank. He enjoyed taking his grandsons and nephews fishing and hunting; Fran loved to entertain others with his fine cooking and colorful stories. He'll be long remembered for his outgoing personality.

He was an avid garage saler and enjoyed entertaining his friends and family at his cabin near Helmville. He divided his time between his cabin and his home in Cut Bank. He was known for his colorful stories, outspoken personality and hunting and fishing with his grandsons and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, please send memorials to The Wishing Well Project Pediatric Unit, c/o Sonja Ray, 802 Second St. SE, Cut Bank, MT 59427.

**MAR 21 7 2003**

## **Evelyn Fromm**

**FORSYTH — Evelyn W. Fromm, 95, of Forsyth, died Tuesday, March 18, 2003, at the Rosebud Health Care Center.**

**A memorial service will be at 5 p.m. Sunday, March 23, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, north of Forsyth. Burial will be later in Buffalo, N.Y. Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home of Forsyth is in charge.**

**MAR 15 2003**

## **James T. Frost**

LOVELL, Wyo. — James T. Frost, 87, died Tuesday, March 11, 2003, at the Deaconess Billings Clinic.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, March 17, in the Cowley Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Cowley. Interment will be in the Cowley Cemetery. Haskeil Funeral Home of Lovell is in charge.

**DEC 31 2003**

## **Diane Victoria Frye**

**GILLETTE, Wyo.** — Diane Victoria (Bessette) Frye, 54, died Saturday, Dec. 27, 2003, at the Campbell County Memorial Hospital from complications of pneumonia.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 3, in the Scenic (S.D.) Cemetery. Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home is in charge.

# Daniel M. Fuchs

BILLINGS GAZETTE

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Dan Fuchs, 24, of Billings, passed away Sunday, July 27, 2003, at his home.



Dan was born Sept. 17, 1978, to Curtis and Barbara (Anderson) Fuchs in

**DAN FUCHS**

Billings. Dan attended schools in Billings and graduated from Skyview High School in 1997.

Following graduation he worked for Yellowstone Electric and in 2000 he joined the Electrical Apprenticeship.

Dan enjoyed hunting, fishing and dancing and spending time with his friends.

Dan is survived by his father, Curtis Fuchs of Belgrade; his mother, Barbara and stepfather J.D. Schuman of Billings; brother Shane (Jenny) of Laurel; sister Brandi of Billings; stepbrothers, Josh Bestrom and Scott McKnight, and his stepsister, Angela Schuman, all of Billings. He is also survived by his nephew, Alden Fuchs; his grandmother Genevieve Anderson Kuck; great-grandmother Violet Penfield and numerous aunts and uncles.

He was preceded in death by three of his grandparents.

Cremation has taken place and a memorial will be held 1 p.m. Friday, Aug. 1, at Cremation or Funeral Gallery.

## Harold Fuchs

LAS VEGAS — Harold Fuchs, 80, formerly of Billings, died Thursday, Jan. 2, 2003, of a heart attack, at his home in Las Vegas.



**HAROLD  
FUCHS**

Harold was born on Jan. 13, 1922, to Henry and Pauline (Grentz) Fuchs. Harold spent his childhood on the homestead near Plevna with his siblings: Olivia, Christine, Eugene and Leo. He attended school in the Baker/Plevna area.

In 1945, Harold married Beulah Marie Flor of Marmarth, N.D. They resided in Marmarth with their four children, Sheila, Debbie, Terri and Jerry. In 1964, Harold sold his farming operation and moved his family to Billings, where he resided until moving to Las Vegas eight years ago. He was a fan of baseball and a member of the Elks Lodge.

Harold is survived by his son, Jerry of Las Vegas; daughters Sheila and husband Gene Rockman of Billings, Debbie West of Billings, Terri and husband Ed Stevens of Phoenix; six

grandchildren. Jocelyn Mitchelmore (California), Chad Rockman (Billings), Danielle and Trevor West (Vancouver, B.C.), Angela Stevens (Phoenix) and Zachary West (Billings). He was preceded in death by his parents and brothers Eugene and Leo.

For we are here on this earth for a short time, may we always remember the good that was done.

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## Gene Fulkerson

PLENTYWOOD — Funeral services for Gene Fulkerson will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 4, at the First Congregational Church in Plentywood. Fraternal Masonic memorial rites will follow the Christian service, with military honors and interment in Plentywood Cemetery. Gene, 89, died at Sheridan Memorial Hospital, Sunday afternoon, Aug. 31, 2003, after a brief illness.

The elder son of Grover and Pearl (Borgerson) Fulkerson, John Eugene was born in Halliday, N.D., on Feb. 12, 1914 (the first white child born in Halliday). In 1915, the family moved to Medicine Lake. In 1922, they moved, living briefly in Mohall, Grenora and Williston, N.D., then returned to Medicine Lake to farm in the spring of 1924. This was Gene's home community where he graduated from high school in 1932 and returned to "post-graduate high school," taking more courses until he entered Cincinnati School of Embalming, graduating in 1933.

He was granted a North Dakota embalmer's license and then a Montana embalmer's license through reciprocity with North Dakota. Due to a clerical error, the licenses were issued even though Gene was only 19 and the licenses required a minimum age of 21. Gene worked briefly in Devils Lake

and Grand Forks, N.D., and then on to Peterson Funeral Home in Glasgow during the time of the Fort Peck Dam construction. There, he met Dorothy DeHaven; they were married June 5, 1937.

Gene and Dot lived in Glasgow and then Malta, where he worked for Bell Funeral Home and then as a timekeeper for a highway construction firm. In 1942, the couple moved to Plentywood, where Gene joined in operation of the family funeral practice. World War II broke out and Gene volunteered for the draft. On March 23, 1944, he entered the U.S. Army and was trained as a surgical technician, then assigned to the 96th Field Hospital. His unit was assigned to the China-Burma-India Theater of Operations. On their arrival in Asia, the hospital was not needed. Because of Gene's experience with farm vehicles, he became a truck driver, driving convoys over the "hump" (the Himalaya mountains) to China.

Discharged June 3, 1946, as a Tech 4, he returned to Plentywood to work with his father in the Fulkerson Funeral Home. After Grover's death in 1947, Gene took over the firm and operated it until he retired in 1976, when his son Dave and his family assumed the practice. Through the years, Gene



was also instrumental with his brother Clint and son Jack in the founding and operation of Fulkerson Funeral Home in Sidney.

After retirement, Gene and Dot traveled some, enjoying the company of their close friends. There were trips to Hawaii, England,

Alaska and "south" by travel trailer for the winter months. Gene's greatest satisfaction was always just being at home and savoring the daily coffee routine with "the gang" as well as trout fishing in area ponds. He



**GENE  
FULKERSON**

always stayed in touch with, and found great pride in, the activities and accomplishments of his family. Since Dot's death, Dec. 21, 1990, Gene has lived at home.

A natural marksman, Gene was a member of the Montana National Guard Rifle Team for a time prior to World War II, was an avid trapshooter in his youth, and hunted upland birds, waterfowl and big game as long as he could. Through the years, Gene was active in community affairs with the JayCees, Lions Club, Congregational Church, retired from the Plentywood Fire Department in 1964, and was a Life Member of the

Veterans of Foreign Wars. He was a 50 year member and Past Master of the Plentywood Masonic Lodge, Past Patron of the Order of Eastern Star, and was honored as "Rainbow Dad" by the Plentywood Rainbow Girls Assembly. He was a member of the Scottish Rite in Great Falls, and was an ambassador of the Algeria Temple of the Shrine. He served as a board member of the Montana Funeral Directors Association and was one of the charter members initiating the Eastern District of the Association. He was honored as the first "Mortician Emeritus" by the Montana Board of Funeral Service and Governor Marc Racicot. Recognized by the profession in both Montana and North Dakota as the most-senior active licensee, he served for over 65 years.

Gene Fulkerson

Gene is survived by two sons, Jack and his wife Kay of Sidney, and Dave and his wife Jane of Plentywood. He is "Grampa Gene" to Staci Daniel and her husband Mark of Billings, Mara Sanderson and her husband Don of Reno, Nev., David Eugene Fulkerson of Helena and Jess Fulkerson and his wife Sarah of Wenatchee, Wash. He is "Great" to Derek Daniel, and Malia and Luke Sanderson. He is also survived by his sister, Shirley Petersen, of LaGrande, Ore.; and by his companion and friend, Olive Hansen of Plentywood. His nephews and nieces are Bobbi Lea Bush, Ron Robke, Joni (Petersen) Simonis, Randy Petersen, Kris Petersen, Marlene Love, Phyllis and Gladys Neville, and Russell DeHaven. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife Dorothy; brother Clint Fulkerson; and sisters Maren Fulkerson and Marge Robke.

Fulkerson Funeral Homes have charge of arrangements.

# Robert Fulton

Robert Fulton, age 81, died at Aspen Meadows in Billings on Thursday, Jan. 9, 2003. Graveside

services with military honors will be at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 14 in the Dawson Memorial Cemetery. Father Joseph Ponessa will officiate. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Glendive is in charge of arrangements.

Bob was born in southern California to Thomas Lee and Isabella (Grijalva) Fulton. As a young man, he joined the United States Navy and served as a submarine torpedoman in the South Pacific during WWII. He was honorably discharged Dec. 7, 1945 in San Pedro, Calif. His adventure brought him to the Pacific Northwest in 1947 where he met and married Ethel Marie Kuklenski; together they raised five children.

His talent and curiosity to see how machines worked gave him the opportunity to be a part of the building of a nation. From the Grand Coulee Dam, down the waterways of the Columbia and Snake rivers to the nuclear power plants on the Hanford Reservation



**ROBERT  
FULTON**

in the Tri Cities, Wash. He was a heavy duty mechanic for the Operating Engineers Local 370 for 47 years. His marriage to Alice Badt in 1975 became another of the wonderful adventures of his life. They decided to continue that adventure from Glendive in 1993.

From the badlands of Montana to the Pacific Ocean, from Canada to California, we are all better people for having met the greatest man we ever knew. Robert began his next adventure in the hands of our Lord on Jan 9.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Alice; and one stepson, Conrad Badt.

Bob is survived by his brother, Thomas Fulton; and sister, Rosemary Holmes, both of Long Beach, Calif.; sons, Tom Fulton of Cheney, Wash.; Tim Fulton of Benton City, Wash.; daughters, Marna Wilson of Burbank, Wash.; Erin Tillenburg of Burbank, Wash.; Gina Eoff; stepson, Gary Badt of Bellvue, Wash.; eight grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

# Mildred A. Fuller

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**FEB 10 2003**

**LAUREL —** Mildred Alice Fuller, 97, died Saturday evening, Feb. 8, 2003 after a short stay at Valley Health

Care Center.

She was born in Shelton, Neb. on Jan. 3, 1906 to B.

A. and Bertha Heim Shively,

the oldest of seven children.

Mildred graduated from Cozad High School and taught two

years in a small country school before moving to Montana with the family in 1927. She lived the rest of her life in Laurel. Mildred was lucky to be hired as a telephone operator at the beginning of the depression and her 15 dollars a week was the main stay of keeping her family together for several years. She was always cheerful and her lilting voice was recognized by many.

Mildred made the best decision of her life when she married Earl Fuller on June 6, 1931. They had a wonderful life together until his death in 1989.

She is survived by a brother, Paul Shively and many nieces and nephews, who will miss her greatly. She was preceded in death by her husband; three sisters, Ruth, Hilda and Evelyn; and

two brothers, Ray and Charles.

Cremation has taken place and a memorial service will be announced at a later date. Memorials may be made to Laurel United Methodist Church or charity of one's choice.

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**MILDRED  
FULLER**

## LaVerna C. Funk

**ROUNDUP** — In the early morning hours of Sept. 26, 2003, LaVerna C. Funk walked into the light and was gone from this place we call earth.

She was born in Roundup on Sept. 13, 1915, to Edward and Theresa Charlton. The family made

their home at Camp No. 3, where Edward worked as a foreman for the mine. She would be the only girl born to the family, which would eventually include five brothers. By her own admission, she



**LAVERNA  
FUNK**

was quite a tomboy, which she always claimed was her only hope for survival. The friends that she made there would remain with her for life.

Her education began with grade school at the Lincoln School in #3 and finished with graduation from Roundup High School in 1934. Following graduation, she went to work for Staunton Chevrolet as a secretary where she was working at the time she met a tall blonde headed stranger that had been transplanted in Roundup from

Hebron, N.D. (She claimed that she was only there to see one of her girl friends and not to check out the new manager of the J.C. Penney store.) Dad claims that she wasn't very impressed with him at the time, but he was impressed with her, so he set out to change her mind.

Whatever his strategy was, it worked. At the end of November 1937, Paul made a journey to Hebron to visit his folks and found that he missed her so much that he made a telephone call to her home to tell her so. He went on to tell her that he figured that he didn't think that they should ever be apart again and that's just what happened. They were married in the parsonage of the Methodist Church in Roundup on Dec. 3, 1937 and stayed happily married for the rest of her life. (One of the cards that came reflected that love. "We always looked forward to the sight of you and LaVerna out for a walk with one of your dogs, her arm linked in yours - so obviously still in love. We hoped that we would be the same.")

She and Paul were blessed with four children and her family was always the center of her life.

(That family was greatly expanded when she became mother to all of our friends as well.) She always kept an active role in the community and loved Roundup as her home. In later years, she would become a swim team grandma when her daughter, Susan was associated with that organization.

She was also a grandmother to the children from Susan's preschool and day care. Fortunately for all of us, she had plenty of love to go around. Her passing will leave a large hole in many, many lives.

LaVerna was a member of the Methodist Church, PEO and Eastern Star, as well as a long time member of Pine Ridge Golf Club. She always kept up with the school system and believed it to be the key for a better future for the children who attended. If she had any opinions, she always let Jay Erdie know about them.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Edward and Theresa Charlton; and two brothers, Clarence and Richard.

Survivors include her husband, Paul; her brothers, Edward of Kennewick, Wash., Wilbur of Roundup, and Jerry of Helena; children, Butch and wife, Danny of Copperas Cove, Texas, Jon and wife, Sherrill of Roundup, Susan Baxter and husband, Roger of Roundup, and Bill and wife, Donna of Roundup. She also left behind 13 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be 5 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 30 at Wier Funeral Chapel. Funeral services will be 3 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 1 at St. Benedict's Catholic Church. Internment will be at the new Roundup Cemetery and there will be a lunch served at the Masonic Hall (meals provided by PEO, Eastern Star and the Zion Lutheran Church ladies.)

## **Samuel Lee Funk**

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**JUL 17 2003**

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Samuel Lee Funk, 51, of Ekalaka, Mont., and formerly of Cody and Sheridan, Wyo., died Friday, July 11, 2003, in Sheridan.

Cremation has taken place. Private family services will be held at a later date. Champion Ferries Funeral Home of Sheridan is in charge.

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## **Dorothy Ann Furrow**

**KALISPELL** — Dorothy Ann Furrow, 76, died Sunday, Dec. 21, 2003, at Immanuel Lutheran Home.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home with burial in the C. E. Conrad Cemetery.



# Lawrence Furstenberg

Say what you will about him: arrogant, cocky, boisterous and a fun-loving fool to boot — he has earned his place in the pantheon. Across the span of years, fighter pilots have given this country some of its proudest moments and most cherished military traditions. But fame is short-lived and little the world remembers. Here's to you for your spirit, enthusiasm, sacrifice and courage — but most of all for your friendship. Yours is a dying breed and when gone — the world will be a lesser place.

Lawrence Furstenberg was taken from his loving wife and children April 22, 2003, after a hard fought and courageous battle with cancer. He passed away at home, refusing to leave his wife and family.

He was born Jan. 6, 1932, in Big Timber, to Lawrence and Aasa Furstenberg. He graduated high school in Big Timber in 1950. He attended Montana State University in Bozeman and St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minn., prior to entering naval flight training in



**LAWRENCE  
FURSTENBERG**

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1953. He married his high school sweetheart, Betty Jo Loftsgaarden in June 1954. He was designated a naval aviator in November 1954 and reported to VMF-314 at El Toro, Calif. In 1955, he resigned from the U.S. Navy to join the United States Marine Corps. In 1956, he reported for a tour of duty at the Naval Air Training Command, which was followed by a 15-month tour with the 3rd Marine Recon Battalion in Okinawa, Japan. From 1960 to 1962, he served as operations and maintenance officer of the Marine Air Rescue Training Depot in Olathe, Kan. In 1962, he reported to Marine Air Group-31 at Beaufort, S.C., where he served with VMA-331. He flew A-4D Skyhawks during the Cuban Missile Blockade. He served with VMA-331 until he returned from a 15-month Med-Cruise aboard the USS Forrestal. He transferred from MAG-331 in 1966 and served at Head Quarters Marine Corps in the office of the deputy chief of staff (air) at the Pentagon.

He was assigned to Vietnam in May 1968. In Vietnam, he served as commanding officer of H&HS, 1st Marine Air Wing

and Marine Air Base 12. He was promoted to lieutenant colonel and assigned Marine Air Group 24 until the end of his Vietnam tour.

In January 1971, he was given command of VMFA 122, an F-4 Squadron based at Kaneohe Marine Corps Air Station in Hawaii.

In 1972, he was stationed again to Head Quarters Marine Corps at Quantico, Va., where he graduated from the Command and Staff College, later becoming an instructor at Command and Staff. He did his fourth and final overseas tour in Okinawa, Japan, with Marine Wing Headquarters Squadron 1. He received two Bronze Stars for valor, for close tactical air support and the Air Medal Strike Flight Award for meritorious achievement during combat support missions against insurgent communist forces in Vietnam.

He retired from the Marine Corps Oct. 1, 1976, and returned to Montana. He worked for Quality Business Systems in Billings, where he became a SFC. He worked for QBS for 20 years before retiring permanently.

He spent his remaining years never leaving the side of his lifelong love, Betty Jo. He loved to play golf, travel and spend time with children and grandchildren.

Larry was preceded in death by his mother and father, Aasa and Lawrence; and his son, Mark.

He is survived by his wife, Betty Jo; his son, Lawrence III, and his three children, Ashley, Michael and Kelsey; his daughter, Heather and her two children, Jessica and Joshua; his son, Kris and his wife Diane and their three children, Stefani, Kristina, Elizabeth; his son, Eric and his wife Tami and their two boys, Gunnar and Ian.

Larry was a fine man who spent his life devoted to his wife and children. We will miss him.

Memorial services will be Saturday, April 26, at Atonement Lutheran Church, 407 Wicks Lane, at 10 a.m. Inurnment will follow at 3 p.m. in Big Timber. Memorials can be made to Big Sky Hospice, PO Box 35033, Billings, MT 59107.