

Emilie Kaas

DAGMAR — Emilie Kaas, 89, died Monday, Aug. 4, 2003, at Sheridan Memorial Hospital.

Memorial services will be at 9:30 a.m. Monday, Aug. 11, at Nathanael Lutheran Church at Dagmar. Interment of cremated remains will be in Nathanael Cemetery. Fulkerson Funeral Home of Plentywood is in charge.

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Gary Kabeary

David Gary Kabeary, age 67, of Billings, went to be with his Lord Jesus Christ in the evening hours of Thursday, Nov. 6, 2003.

Gary was born on Oct. 24, 1936, in Billings, the first son of Milton and Ellen Kabeary. He grew up in Glasgow, with his brother Tom and sister JoEllen. He was active in his



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community and school, and participated in football, baseball and basketball as a high school athlete. After graduating, Gary attended Carroll College and later seminary, entering the Catholic priesthood in 1961. He served as an administrator at Great Falls and Billings Central High Schools and as a priest in Great Falls and Malta, touching many lives along the way.

Gary married Dona Pannell on April 23, 1976. Together, they raised three sons and a daughter. Gary served the city of Billings as a juvenile probation officer for two years before starting a 20-year career as a petroleum landman. As a result of his many travels, there was not a town in the state where Gary didn't know someone to share a laugh and a meal with.

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Gary was a zealous believer, a loving husband, a compassionate father and an avid golfer. His family and the many people whose lives have been changed by his, will sorely miss his warm, inviting spirit. Gary invested much of his time into serving volunteer roles at Faith Chapel; it was a spiritual home that allowed him to give and receive in equal measures.

Gary is survived by his wife of 27 years, Dona, of Billings; as well as his children and their spouses, John and Stacie Pannell of Billings, Jason and Wendy Jam of Billings, Wade and Julie Pannell of Bozeman, and Ryan and Amanda Kabeary of Billings. He also treasured his six grandchildren: Grafton, Avery, Maisy, Kathryn, Bridger and Drake. He is also survived by his brother Tom, of Edgewood, Wash.; sister JoEllen of Glasgow; and aunts, uncles and cousins too numerous to count.

Visitation will be Saturday, Nov. 8, from 2 to 9 p.m., at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary. Funeral services will be 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 9, at Faith Chapel, with interment in Yellowstone Valley Memorial Park.

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Laudie John Kadmas

CIRCLE — Laudie John Kadmas, 58, of Circle, died Tuesday, Nov. 11, 2003, of cancer.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Nov. 14, at the First Lutheran Church in Circle.

Private inurnment will be held at a later date. Clayton Stevenson Memorial Chapel is in charge.

Gayle Kaiser

WHITEHALL — Gayle L. (Van Houten) Kaiser, 89, of Whitehall, died Monday, June 16, 2003, in Evergreen Health Care in Butte.

She was born Jan. 31, 1914, to Loar J. and Gladys (Elliott) Van Houten, early day residents of Yellowstone County, and raised on a ranch near Waco. After graduation from Custer High School in 1932, she attended Billings Business College. She was employed as a stenographer by the Sawyer Stores for seven years, as well as the Bureau of Reclamation during the time Canyon Ferry and Fort Peck dams were constructed. She was a lifelong member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church and was employed in their office headquarters in Bozeman and Seattle.

Gayle married Raymond T. Kaiser, Aug. 18, 1951, at Camp Pendleton, Calif. After his retirement from the Marine Corps, they returned to the family ranch at Waco and started the Kountry Kitchen Wild Jelly business, and from chokecherries and buffalo berries, produced jellies and syrups that were shipped throughout the world. They owned and operated Kountry

Kitchen until moving to Whitehall in 1977.

She was of the generation that knew how to create things with their hands, including music, handwork and sewing, along with many other types of crafts.

Gayle was preceded in death by her husband Raymond on Jan. 26, 1995; and sister and brother-in-law, Margaret and James Pridemore.

She is survived by her niece and husband, Chere and Robert Fugate of Butte; and many devoted friends.

Graveside services are 1 p.m. Thursday, June 19, at the Whitehall Cemetery, with Pastor Christopher Barr officiating. K&L Mortuary of Whitehall is in charge.

Memorials: Voice of Prophecy, Box 53055, Los Angeles, CA 90099 or charity of donor's choice.

Leona M. Kaiser

HARDIN — Leona Margherita Kaiser, 93, of Hardin, passed away Tuesday, Dec. 9, 2003, in the Heritage Acres Nursing Home.



**LEONA
KAISER**

She was born Sept. 14, 1910, in Ochiltree, Texas, a daughter of George and Mary Brown Hibnes. She grew up and received her education in Nebraska. Leona married Chester

Kaiser on Sept. 3, 1929, in Lake of the Andes, S.D. The couple made their home in Nebraska, before moving to Montana in 1938.

She was a dedicated wife, mother and grandmother. When her husband worked for the Hardin Cemetery, she was the prime caretaker of all flower areas within the cemetery.

She loved to embroidery and quilt, but was known as the family historian, caretaker and baby sitter.

Her parents; husband, Chet; son, Donald; two sisters and four brothers preceded Leona in death.

Survivors include her daughter, Arlene (Ron) Peterson of Billings; two sons, Gary (Verlene) Kaiser of Idaho and Richard (Deanna) Kaiser of Illinois; three sisters, Doris Cronk. Evelvn

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Johnson and Mildred Brenneman of Nebraska; 10 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

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

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

Vern Nathaniel Kaiser

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HARDIN — At the age of 89, Vern Kaiser died peacefully at Heritage Acres Nursing Home in Hardin, early Wednesday morning, June 4, 2003.



VERN KAISER

Vern was born March 17, 1914, in Amelia, Neb., the son of Richard and Myrtle (Thompson) Kaiser. He was raised in the Sand Hills of Nebraska and finished his formal education at the age of 12 when he completed the eighth grade.

Vern saw bits and pieces of America during the Depression as he worked at jobs from Washington and Montana. He also worked in Idaho to the west coast and back to Nebraska.

In April of 1943, Vern was drafted in the U.S. Army, serving during WWII, and he received his honorable discharge in December of 1945. On June 1, 1946, Vern was united in marriage to Anna Lehling. He and Anna farmed north of Hardin until his retirement in 1986. Remaining at their farm home until Anna's poor health forced them to move into Heritage Manor in 1997.

Vern served on the school board of district 16, 17H, on the FHA board, and in various capacities at the Christ Evangelical & Reformed Church. He was also a member of the American Legion, serving as a commander.

Everyone who has come to know Vern was lucky enough to share a joke or two, for his sense of humor preceded him. Along with joking around, he enjoyed teasing folks and just sharing a laugh with them. Vern is very proud that his three grandsons are in the Navy and serving their country just as he did.

Vern leaves behind wife of 56 years, Anna; and his children; Connie (Floyd) Graham of Ormand Beach, Fla., Karen (John) Nissley of Hardin, Kenneth (Diana) Kaiser of Antelope, Calif., and Kathy Obie of Billings; sister Helen Whitecomb of Burwell, Neb.; brother Arthur (Cecelia) Kaiser of Hardin, as well as numerous nieces and nephews who loved him dearly.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and his brothers, Lloyd, Louie and Chester; and sons-in-law Donald Link and

Kenneth Obie.

Funeral services for Vern will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 7, at Christ Evangelical & Reformed Church in Hardin. He will be laid to rest in Fairview Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Doug Link Medical Fund, c/p Little Horn State Bank, PO Box 530, Hardin, MT 59034.

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Yoshiko A. Kajiwara

Yoshiko A. Kajiwara, 81, passed away peacefully on Dec. 2, 2003, at home, of complications due to pulmonary fibrosis and lung cancer.

She is survived by her husband of 54 years, Johnnie; brothers, Alex Miyoshi of Santa Clara, Calif., Dick Miyoshi (Yo) of Northglenn, Colo., Harry Miyoshi (Miltzi) of Vernal, Utah; sisters, Agnes Yamamoto and Mary Hayashida (Fred) of Pueblo, Colo.; and four nieces, eight nephews, eight grandnieces and five grand-nephews.

She was a member of the Windsor Park Bible Study Group for many years.

We want to thank the Big Sky Hospice group, Dr. James Girolami and staff, Dr. Robert Pueringer and staff and the Northern Rockies Cancer Center for the wonderful care she received.

Funeral services have taken place. A memorial service will be held at Celebration of Funerals Gallery on Saturday, Dec. 6, at 1 p.m.

Geraldine Kalfell

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MILES CITY — Geraldine Ann Kalfell died on July 16, 2003.

The mother of Cassie J. Kalfell Conway was born in Blakesburg, Iowa, on July 12, 1916, to Vester E. and Ada Tubaugh Figg.

She attended Carter County schools and the Montana Business Institute in Miles City. She married Murry Kalfell of Terry on June 26, 1939, and the couple resided in Miles City and Terry.

Survivors include her daughter, Cassie Kalfell Conway of Flower Mound, Texas; a sister, Marlene MacCauley of Great Falls; and a stepson, F. David Kalfell of California.

At her request, cremation has taken place and a private disposition of the ashes will take place at a later date.

Bullis-Graves Memorial Chapel and Eastern Montana Crematory has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Annie M. Kallevig

FROMBERG — Annie M. Kallevig, 80, of Fromberg, passed away Tuesday, June 7, 2003, at Billings Health and Rehabilitation Center.

She was a daughter of Joseph and Jessie LaPica, born Feb. 21, 1923, at Ross, N.D.

She was educated in Ross and was valedictorian of her high school class. She also graduated from a secretarial college in Minot, N.D.

She married "Chet" Kallevig, Dec. 15, 1947. The couple lived in Sidney, where she was secretary for Kallevig Brothers Construction. The family moved to a ranch on Blue Water Creek near Fromberg, in 1963. In 1968, Annie moved into Fromberg and was the town clerk until she retired. In her retirement years and before, she helped many older people do various things. Her favorite hobby was making quilts and afghans for all her children and grandchildren.

She was a former Fromberg town councilwoman, past presi-



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dent of the Fromberg Women's Club, past president of the Fromberg Senior Citizens, and was past president of the Labor Day Committee.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Chet, one brother, George, and one sister, Julia.

Survivors include children, Ron (Katby) Kallevig, Doug (Carol) Kallevig, Steve (Gayle) Kallevig, Renee (Rick) Shanks, Marty (Steve) Pryor and Mike Kallevig; grandchildren, Dustin (Jessica) Kallevig, Shawn (Lena) Kallevig, Ryan Kallevig, Kris Kallevig, Jeremy Kallevig, Nate Sticka, Sam and John Kallevig, Travis (Lindsey) Shanks, Brandon (Angie) Shanks, Kyle and Cole Pryor, Randi Taylor, Stephanie and Ryan Taylor, Stacy and Cody Kallevig, Cassie Wolfe; great-grandchildren, Skyler Kallevig, Jacob Kallevig, Colton Bauwens, Katie, Mason and Tyler Shanks, Mariah and Desirae Shanks, Lake, Savanna and Crissy Taylor, Ethan Taylor, Ashley Wolfe; several nieces and

nephews; and a sister, Helen
(Arnie) Fladeland.

Mom, you were the best, we
will miss you.

Services will be held 10 a.m.
Monday, June 23, at the United
Methodist Church in Fromberg.
Interment will be in Rockville
Cemetery. Memorials are sug-
gested to the Fromberg Senior
Citizens or Big Sky Hospice, Box
35033, Billings, MT. 59107.

Smith Funeral Chapel was in
charge of arrangements.

Edwin "Ed" Kalloch

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GLENDIVE — Edwin "Ed" Kalloch, 75, passed away at his home on Thursday, Jan. 30, 2003.

Visitation is from 7 to 8 p.m. Monday at Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home. Memorial services are at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Zion Lutheran Church with burial at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Dawson Memorial Cemetery.

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Margaret M. Kainess

PARKER, Colo. — Margaret M. Kainess, 83, of Parker, died Saturday, May 31, 2003, at her home.

A Colorado funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, June 4, at the Huron & McConaty Funeral Home in Aurora. Montana funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, June 6, at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home, in Miles City, Mont. Interment will follow in the family lot in the Custer County Cemetery in Miles City.

Mary Kaltenbach

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BUFFALO, Wyo. — Mary Colleen Kaltenbach, 94, of Buffalo, died Monday, July 28, 2003, at the Amie Holt Care Center.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, Aug. 1, at the Adams Funeral Home in Buffalo. Visitation will be from 1 to 10 p.m. Thursday, July 31, and from 8 to 9:30 a.m. Friday, at the Adams Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will be in Willow Grove Cemetery with graveside services to follow the funeral.

Adolph 'Kamy' Kamerzel

PARK CITY — Adolph Kamerzel, 86, of Park City, went to be with the Lord on March 9, 2003. His family was by his side as he entered into the presence of the Lord.

Adolph or "Kamy" as many knew him, was born Nov. 1, 1916, in Billings, to George and Elizabeth Kamerzel. He grew up in the Laurel/Hesper area.

Adolph served his country in the Navy Seabees during WWII. Following his honorable discharge, he returned to the states. He married Esther Benner July 19, 1945. They have shared 57 years together.

Adolph worked at the Cenex refinery for 43 years, retiring in 1979. He was a member of Park City Fire Department and a 50 year member of the American Legion.

His greatest joy came from sharing time with his family. Fishing, trapping and hunting were favorite leisure time activities. He was also an avid gardener.

Adolph was preceded in death

by his parents, Elizabeth and George Kamerzel; sisters, Esther (Shorty) Zieske, Lillian (Tex) Hicks; brothers, Harry Kamerzel and Bob (Peg) Kamerzel.

He is survived by his wife, Esther of Park City; daughters, Mary Kamerzel of Park City, Dorothy DeCosse of Bozeman; two granddaughters, Mindy and Gina DeCosse of Bozeman, who were the light of his life and brought such love and joy and fun to each day; two sisters, Clara (Ralph) Glantz of Billings and Bernice (Rudy) Wegner of Laurel; and numerous nieces, nephews, grandnieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held 10 a.m. Wednesday, March 12, at First Congregational Church in Laurel. Interment with military honors will be in Park City Cemetery. Visitation will be 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 11, at Smith Funeral Chapel-Laurel.

Memorials may be to First Congregational Church or charity of choice.

Beata Kamran**JUN 19 2003**

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Beata Kamran, age 16, of Sheridan, died Sunday, June 15, 2003, of injuries in an automobile accident.

Beata was born Oct. 28, 1986, in Sheridan. She grew up in Sheridan and would have been a junior in Sheridan High School. She was a very energetic and fun-loving girl. She loved spending time with family and friends.

Surviving relatives include her father and stepmother, Ali and Mitra Kamran, Sheridan; her mother and stepfather, Greta and Leland Salas, Sheridan; her brother, Benjamin Kamran, Riverton; and her sister, Selena Kamran, Sheridan.

Viewing was held Wednesday, June 18, from Champion Ferries Funeral Home, with funeral service at 2 p.m. on Thursday, June 19, from Sunrise Assembly of God Church, with the Rev. John Jackson officiating. Interment will be in Sheridan Municipal Cemetery. Arrangements are with Champion Ferries Funeral Home.

Memorials may benefit the D.A.R.E. Program, in care of Delphine Toner, First Interstate Bank, Box 2007, Sheridan, WY 82801.

Kaitlyn Hope Kanenwisher

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MILES CITY
— Kaitlyn Hope Kanenwisher, age 4, of Fargo, N.D., passed away on Saturday, March 15, 2003, in Miles City, in a house fire.



**KAITLYN
KANENWISHER**

Kaitlyn was born on Feb. 18, 1999, in Minot, N.D., the daughter of Heath Robert and Jennifer Amy (Movchan) Kanenwisher. They had moved to Fargo, where the family has resided ever since.

She is survived by her parents and a sister, Mikayla Kanenwisher of Fargo; her grandparents, Curt and Kelly Movchan of Minot, Dave Kanenwisher of Minot and Jane Kanenwisher of Minot, Rebecca Movchan of Minot, Rudy and Emma Kanenwisher of Stanley, N.D., and Floyd and Joyce Graff of Stanley.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, March 20, at 1 p.m. at Our Saviors Lutheran Church in Minot. Interment will follow in the Rosehill Cemetery. Thompson-Larson Funeral Home of Minot and Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home of Miles City are in charge of the arrangements.

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**PEARL BROWN
KANSANBACK**

On June 1, 2003, surrounded by her loved ones, Pearl closed her eyes for the last time on this earth, and opened them in the presence of her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Born on Nov. 11, 1922, to Carl and Venora Mullen in Wichita, Kan., Pearl began her life that touched many in her special way. On July 22, 1939, Pearl married the love of her life, Archie Brown, and together, they spent 45 years serving others as pastor and wife. Pearl was someone who could do a lot with just a little. She had a heart for her Lord and people; she was a wonderful pastor's wife. Her house was always filled with people she loved and served. Archie and Pearl served many churches in their long years of ministry, including Trinity Church of the Nazarene in Billings.

In October 1984, her love Archie left this life for heaven. In 1990, Pearl married Donald Kansanback.

Pearl was preceded in death by Archie; daughter Carol White; grandson Todd Padilla, and granddaughter Jill Carter. Pearl is survived by her son Ken Brown and wife Margie; daughters, Jeanne Townsend, Linda Padilla and husband Terry, Patty Johnson and husband Steve; 17 grandchildren and 32 great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held Friday June 6, at New Beginnings Ministry Center at 11 a.m.

James L. Kanuit passed away at the Deaconess Billings Clinic on Monday, Oct. 6, 2003.



**JAMES
KANUIT**

James L. Kanuit was born in Minneapolis on Jan. 30, 1924, to Lawrence and Gladys (Ellison) Kanuit. When a small baby, his parents moved to Glendive, and then to Billings, where he completed grade and high school, graduating from Senior High in 1942. Jim spent 1½ years with the Civil Services at Hill Field, Utah, as a final assembler of aircraft.

He enlisted in active services on Oct. 5, 1943, and served with the 8th Air Force on a B-17 as a ball turret gunner specializing as armorer gunner. Jim completed 34 missions over Nazi Germany. The decorations and citations included the Air Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters, EAME with three Stars, Victory Medal and one Overseas Bar. He was separated from active service on Nov. 8, 1945, retaining the rank of staff sergeant. Jim also served in the Air Force Reserve an additional three years, being honorably discharged in November 1948.

Jim met his future bride in Lincoln, Neb., while stationed at the Lincoln Air Force Base. He married LaVina M. Nelson on July 9, 1945, in Marysville, Kan. While she continued teaching school, he attended the Nebraska State Trade School at Milford. After returning to Billings in 1946, he went to work for Lew Chevrolet under the GI Bill, later as partsman for Western Construction, and in 1949, he went to work for the railroad, retiring in January 1982, with 33 years of service.

Even when he held two jobs, he never broke his promise of taking his two sons hunting. He spent many weekends building up an island by cementing in rocks on the Stillwater River, and later in 1968, a log cabin was built. The cabin was a source of family and friends togetherness for many wonderful years. In 1974, he hosted his B-17 crew for six days at the cabin and Yellowstone Park.

Jim was a retired member of Brotherhood of Railway Clerks, a member of Elks Lodge and American Legion in Billings and the First United Methodist Church.

He leaves his wife, LaVina, of 58 years of marriage; his son, Randall, who is a CPA, in Billings; his daughter-in-law, Sherry Ann; his grandson, Tyson (Melanie) Kanuit; step-grandsons, Eric (Pam) North of Boston, Jason (Beth) North of Billings; step-granddaughters, Christine Oviatt of Billings, Michel (Jim) Cargill of Puyallup, Wash.; 13 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-granddaughter; his sister, June (G.L.) George and nephew Craig (Tammy) George of Oklahoma; two sisters-in-law in Nebraska; and several nephews and nieces.

Those preceding him in death were his son, Daniel, in 1971, at the age of nearly 18 years; Jim's parents and his wife's parents.

Funeral services will be 1 p.m. Friday, Oct. 10, at the First United Methodist Church, Fourth and 28th. Interment with military honors will follow at Mountview Cemetery.

Memorials so desired may be made to the First United Methodist Church or to a charity of one's choice.

Arrangements are by Cremation or Funeral Gallery.

Edith Bernice Kappel

Edith Bernice Kappel, 81, beloved mother, friend and teacher, passed away in her home in Billings, Monday, Sept. 29, 2003, surrounded by her family. Edith fought a courageous battle with cancer, always optimistic and living life to the fullest.

**EDITH
KAPPEL**

Edith was born in Brockton, July 20, 1922, to Clara (Hanson) and Ole Smith. She grew up there on the family wheat, dairy and small grain farm south of the Missouri River.

Edith and her younger brothers Howard and Edward attended Brockton School. After high school graduation, Edith attended Northern Montana College, where she received her teaching certificate in elementary education.

She taught at numerous schools in northeastern Montana and returned to Northern, where she received a bachelor's degree in elementary education in 1971.

While teaching at Saco Schools, she courted and married Harold Kappel, a dashing cowboy, in 1951. They moved to the Kappel family ranch north of Saco, where they raised cattle and wheat, and where Harold continued his passion for roping, riding and breaking horses.

After Harold's death in 1971, Edith moved to Billings. She continued to operate the ranch from afar, while pursuing other professional interests. She operated the Friendly Welcome Service in Billings, developed an interest in financial investments and volunteered as an election judge and for various causes.

Edith is survived by her three children, Jeffery of Bigfork, Bradley of Billings and Tana of Belgrade; two grandchildren, Brad's son Chad and Tana's daughter Calli; a brother, Howard Smith of Culbertson; his son, Ward of Glasgow and daughter Cindy of Poplar; two nieces, Chrysti and Rhonda of Belgrade, daughters of Edith's late brother, Edward "Bud."

Edith enjoyed dancing, gardening, spending time with her many friends and learning about personal healing and growth. She loved spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren, and her cat, Mango. \

Despite coping with many life challenges, she always looked at the bright side of things. All who knew her will miss her bright smile and positive attitude.

A celebration of Edith's life will be held 10 a.m. Friday, Oct. 3, at the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd on 24th St. West. A reception will follow at the church.

Memorial contributions in Edith's name may be made to Big Sky Hospice of Billings.

Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

Magdalene 'Madge' Kappel

COLUMBUS — On Oct. 20, 2003, our loving mother, Madge, was called peacefully by Our Lord. She was a resident at Beartooth Manor in Columbus.

Magdalena M. Schmidt was the fifth of eight children born to Dominic and Anna Schmidt. She was born in Dickinson, N.D., on June 4, 1916. When visiting her sister's farm near Park City, she met and fell in love with Frank Kappel. After a whirlwind romance, they were married on Jan. 20, 1934. From this union, six children were born. Mom worked beside Dad on their farm outside Park City until his death in 1978.

Mom was a member of St. Anthony's parish in Laurel. She was active in many community groups in her younger years. St. Bernadette Council, CCW, 4-H Leader, County Extension and hobby clubs were just a few of her community involvements. She loved to cook and bake. We have many fond memories of her large family meals on weekends and holidays. Mom always found time to help anyone that needed it. She was known for her generosity to all. Any visitor to the farm was always greeted with a

smile, cup of coffee and a "bite to eat." While the family was growing up, Mom was usually sewing for someone who had a torn shirt, skirt or a ripped coat. She also enjoyed crocheting or stuffing a new feather pillow. Later, her interests turned to reading, doing crossword puzzles and playing board games with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death are her parents; infant daughter, Elizabeth Ann; son John; brothers Nicholas and Peter; sisters Elizabeth and Catherine. Surviving brothers and sisters are William and John Schmidt and Ann Barratta. She is survived by her sons Richard (Lorna), and Robert (Peggy); her daughters, Delores (Terry Fox) and Kathleen (Craig Baumgartner); and daughter-in-law Donna Kappel. Also carrying on her legacy of love and hard work are 11 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

Mom, we will miss your sparkling blue eyes, beautiful smile and strong helping hands that guided us to adulthood. Mom and Grandma, we will miss you, but our love for you carries on.

Viewing will be held from 6 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 21, with Rosary following at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Laurel. Funeral Mass will be held 10 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 22, with burial to follow in the Park City Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials in Mom's name may be made to the Park City Ambulance or to a charity of one's choice. Arrangements are by Cremation or Funeral Gallery.

Jerre Kapptie

WORLAND, Wyo. — Jerre Lyngstad Kapptie, 89, of Worland, died Wednesday, July 16, 2003, in Worland.

Her funeral will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, July 22, at the Veile Mortuary Chapel in Worland. Burial will follow in Riverview Memorial Gardens.

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Orliss Nordeen Karlson

MILES CITY — Orliss Nordeen Karlson, 65, of Miles City, died Wednesday, March 5, 2003, at the Holy Rosary Health Center in Miles City.

Visitation will be held Sunday, March 9, at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City. A memory service will be at 6 p.m. Sunday, at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 2:30 p.m. Monday, March 10, at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home. Interment will follow in the Custer County Cemetery.

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Louise Anna Kasinger

POWELL, Wyo. — Louise Anna Kasinger, 87, died Wednesday, Dec. 10, 2003, at the Powell Valley Care Center.

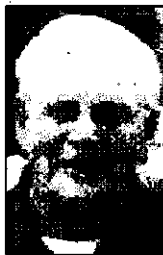
Visitation is from 4 to 6 p.m. Monday before the vigil service at 6 p.m. Monday at Miratsky-Easton Funeral Home. Mass of Christian Burial is at 10 a.m. Tuesday at St. Barbara's Catholic Church. Burial is in Crown Hill Cemetery.

Joseph Kasner

LAUREL — Joseph Kasner, of Laurel, passed away on Feb. 2, 2003, at Evergreen Laurel Care Center, where he has been a resident since 1999. He was 97 years old. Joe was born on Nov. 26, 1905, and as an infant, he was adopted by Mary and Joseph Kasner in Green Bay, Wis. As a youngster, he moved with his family to Lusk, Wyo., where he attended school. Later he moved to Casper, Wyo., and began his career in the petroleum industry at the Standard Oil Refinery in 1925.

Through mutual friends, he met Margaret (Mardie) Kenney of Hysham. They were married in 1932. They celebrated 67 years of marriage before she passed away on Dec. 8, 1999. Her life was devoted to Joe and her three children.

In 1934, after nine years with Standard Oil, Joe, Margaret and infant son, Jim, moved to Laurel. Joe accepted a position with a small independent oil refinery named Laurel Leaf. This refinery grew to become Farmer's Union Central Exchange and is now Cenex. He retired as maintenance supervisor in 1971 after over 47 years of service. While in



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Laurel they had two more children, Joe (Maynard) and Mary.

Joe and Margaret were very active members of St. Anthony Parish. Joe is a charter member of the Knights of Columbus.

After retirement, he enjoyed his yard, garden and woodworking. Joe made many beautiful inlaid tables. He was a handyman and general "fixer-upper."

For 28 years, the Kasner family delivered the Billings Gazette. Dad and Mom could often be found helping us kids on our paper route. The entire East end of Laurel (where we had our route) knew the Kasners! Joe was a kind, thoughtful, patient and generous man. He would have given "the shirt off his back" to anyone in need. The men and women who worked for him at Cenex always had a kind, positive word to say about their "boss." Dad was a devoted father and husband. We all have many fond memories.

Joe is survived by his sons Jim and wife Laura and Joe (Maynard) and wife Shirley all of Fresno, Calif., and daughter, Mary and her dear friend, Terry Fatzigger of Park City. His grandchildren include Michelle, Andy, Lisa and Liz, and 10 great-grandchildren. He is also survived his sister-in-law, Matilda Ehli;

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nephew, Bob Ehl and wife Roberta, all of Billings; and cousin Gerie Zehntner and husband Glen of White Sulphur Springs.

Joe and Margaret lived by the saying, "Hold all your yesterdays close to your heart, live your todays as best you can and never promise your tomorrows." We'll miss you, Mom and Dad, but now you are together again. You truly were "The Wind Beneath Our Wings." May you, Mom and Dad, both rest in eternal peace!

A vigil service will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 5, at Smith Funeral Chapel-Laurel. Funeral Mass will be celebrated 10 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 6, at St. Anthony Catholic Church, Laurel. Interment will be in St. Anthony Cemetery.

Betty E. Kaufman

MALTA — Betty E. (BettyBill) Kaufman, 79 years, retired case-worker for Phillips County Welfare, died Sunday, May 4, 2003, at the Phillips County Hospital, from a heart attack.



**BETTY
KAUFMAN**

Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Saturday, May 10, at the Adams Memorial Chapel in Malta. Interment will be in the Malta Cemetery. Adams Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Survivors include her daughters, Sue (Bill) Mott of Selma, Ala., Debbie (Mike) Halversen of Billings; sons, Greg (Mary) Kaufman of Norco, Calif., Michael Kaufman of Missoula; sister, Jean Foust of Stephenville, Texas; 23 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by husband William D. Kaufman, March 22, 1993; son Bruce Kaufman, Feb. 4, 1999.

Betty was born Feb. 27, 1924, at Bismarck, N.D., the daughter of Jesse and Oza (Spencer) Coffman. She was raised in the Malta area and graduated from the Malta High School in 1942. In

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September of that year, she went to Bremerton, Wash., and worked at the Puget Sound Navy Yards. Betty married William D. Kaufman in June of 1945 in Redding, Calif. They moved to Malta, where they raised their children. Betty worked as a clerk typist in the Phillips County Welfare office and later became an eligibility technician. She also worked part time as an enumerator for the Montana Crop and Livestock. She retired at the same time as her husband in 1980.

Betty served as president of the VFW Auxilliary for three terms. She was a charter member of the Eagles Auxilliary in Malta and later transferred to the Havre Auxilliary. She was a member of the Malta Senior Citizens and was named Senior of the Year in June of 2001. Betty served on the Council on Aging from 1993 to Sept. 1998.

NOV 09 2003**Ralph David Kaup**

Forsyth— Ralph David Kaup, 51, of Forsyth, passed away peacefully at his home near Forsyth on Thursday, Nov. 6, 2003, due natural causes.

Ralph was born on May 9, 1952, in Basin, Wyo., the son of Sam and Mary Ferguson Kaup. In 1954, the family moved to Billings, Mont., where Ralph attended McGill Grade School. He later moved to Forsyth in 1960, where he attended school, graduating from Forsyth High School in 1970.

After high school, Ralph worked various jobs until he became a quadriplegic in a tragic car accident. Since the accident, he had resided at the family home west of Forsyth.

Over the years, Ralph enjoyed his mother's cooking, reading, watching TV, fishing, hunting and especially visiting with his friends.

He is survived by his mother, Mary of Forsyth; his brother, Carroll (Lanell) Kaup; sister, Pat (Ed) Herold of Forsyth; two nieces, Carla Watson of Forsyth and Hope Dotter of Bradford, Pa.; and his nephew John Dotter of Redding, Calif. Ralph was preceded in death by his father, Sam.

Memorial services will be 2 p.m. Monday, Nov. 10, 2003, at the Beals Mortuary Chapel. Interment of the urn will be held at a later date. Beals Mortuary of Forsyth is assisting the family with these arrangements.

Cecelia Kavon

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PLENTYWOOD — Cecelia Kavon, 82, died Wednesday, April 23, 2003, at Sheridan Memorial Hospital in Plentywood.

A funeral mass will be at 10 a.m. Monday, April 28, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Plentywood. A public vigil will be at 7 p.m. Sunday, April 27, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church. Public viewing will be all day Saturday, April 26, and until 6 p.m. Sunday, at Fulkerson Funeral Home in Plentywood. The casket will be closed prior to the vigil.

Sam Kawano

Sam Kawano passed away Sept. 12, 2003. No services are planned. In lieu of flowers, memorials to Big Sky Hospice or a charity of one's choice. Cremation or Funeral Gallery is in charge of arrangements.

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Christine Marie Kearney

LIVINGSTON — Christine Marie "Cici" Kearney, 35, of Livingston, formerly of the Bearfoot Valley, died Thursday, March 6, 2003, at Livingston Memorial Hospital.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday, March 12, at Franzen-Davis Funeral Home in Livingston. Graveside committal and burial will follow in Mountain View Cemetery.

Mary Keating

JOLIET — Mary Keating went peacefully to be with the Lord on June 13, 2003, surrounded by her family. Mary was born in Tampa, Fla., on April 8, 1928. She grew up in Orlando, Fla. She graduated from St. James Catholic School in 1946 and St. Vincent School of Nursing in 1949. Mary truly loved life and with her sense of humor taught her children to enjoy life as well. After raising her children, she attended St. Leo University and graduated with a BA in Psychology in 1983. Mary continued her nursing career and retired to Joliet in 1991.

Mary is survived by her four children, Janet Lee Thompson of Joliet, Mary Kathleen Barratta of Hephzibah, Ga., Elizabeth Ann Earl of Joliet and Dr. Joseph Larry Pezzaniti of Harvest, Ala.

A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. at St. John's Catholic Church in Joliet on June 17, followed by a private burial with her children.

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Charles Kosta

LOVELL, Wyo. — Charles Frederick Kosta, 87, died Tuesday, Nov. 18, 2003, at New Horizons Care-Center in Lovell.

Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 20, at Haskell Funeral Home in Lovell. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 21, at the Stake Center of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Burial will be in the Lovell Cemetery.

MAY 11 2003

BUFFALO, Wyo. — Larry Keffer, Sr., 74, of Buffalo died Friday morning, May 9, 2003, at his home.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, May 14. Visitation will be held from 1 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Tuesday, and again from 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday. A private family interment will follow. Adams Funeral Home of Buffalo is in charge.

Wayne Kegley

GLENDIVE — Wayne Stanley Kegley, 71, of Glendive, died Wednesday, July 2, 2003, at his home.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, July 7, at the Evangelical Church of North America in Glendive. Interment will follow in the Dawson Memorial Cemetery. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Glendive is in charge.

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Emma Kehler

HARDIN — Emma Kehler, 84, of Hardin, passed away Wednesday evening, Jan. 22, 2003, in the Big Horn County Memorial Nursing Home.

She was born Oct. 21, 1918, in McCook, Neb., a daughter of John and Marie Wuckert Schneider. At the age of 4, she moved with her family to Laurel, where she grew up and attended schools. Her family moved to the Big Horn Ranch near St. Xavier in 1934.

Emma married Albert C. Kehler on Nov. 5, 1937, in Billings, and the couple made their home in the St. Xavier area until moving to the North Valley in 1952 and to Hardin in 1956.

She was a member of the E & R Church and the Women's Guild. The joy of her life was her family.

Her parents; an infant daughter, Katherine; sister, Marie Heinbauch; and three brothers, Henry, Fred and Alex Schneider, preceded Emma in death.

Survivors include her husband of 65 years, Albert; two sons, Robert (Mildred) and Gary (Brenda) Kehler of Hardin; three daughters, Ruby (Carrol) Power of Oklahoma, Mary (Dale)



**EMMA
KEHLER**

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Herman of Lodge Grass and Marjorie (Lester) Hammond of Hardin; five sisters, Esther (John) Schultz of Billings, Katie Schaak, Martha (George) Dorn, Helen (Harold) Timmons and Ruth (Alex) Uffleman of Hardin; 16 grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren and one great-great-granddaughter.

Funeral services will be held 2 p.m. Monday, Jan. 27, 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 E & R Church Guild, Hardin or to the Big Horn Hospital Foundation, Hardin.

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Reuben 'Shorty' Kehler

HARDIN — Reuben Benjamin "Shorty" Kehler, 85, of Hardin, died Tuesday evening, March 11, 2003, in the Big Horn County Memorial Hospital.

Shorty was born Dec. 14, 1917, in Culbertson, Neb., a son of Alexander and Catherine Weber Kehler. He grew up and attended schools in Nebraska.

Following his education, he enlisted in the U.S. Army, served as an ammunition transport driver and German translator during WWII and received his honorable discharge.

He married Anna L. Conzelman on Jan. 18, 1942, in Trenton, Neb., and the couple moved to Montana and the St. Xavier area in 1946. He worked for the Henry Schneider Sr. farms, for Graham-Staunton Texaco and Willie's Service Station in Hardin and later for the Hardin Auto Co., retiring in 1991, after many years of dedicated service. Following his retirement, he pursued his love of farming and worked for various area farms, including the Enzminger Brothers.

Shorty loved the outdoors, farming, horses, bowling, baseball and John Deere tractors. He was a member of the Redeemer Lutheran Church.

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His wife, Anna, in 1981; daughter, Laura Jean Gilsdorf in 1998; a sister, Marie Yost; a half-brother, William Kehler; and two half-sisters, Lila Lapor and Loudella Hope, preceded Shorty in death.

Survivors include two daughters, Karen Kehler and Judy (Glad) Fink of Hardin; two sons, John (Cheryl) Kehler of Hardin and Don (Mary Ann) Kehler of Denver; his sister, Esther Isaac of Nebraska; two brothers, Albert Kehler of Hardin and Richard (Esther) Kehler, Sr. of St. Xavier; his son-in-law, John Gilsdorf of Mandan; 12 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Saturday, March 15, in the Redeemer Lutheran Church. Interment with military honors will follow in the Hardin Fairview Cemetery. Bullis Mortuary of Hardin has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Should friends desire, memorial contributions may be made to the Hardin Redeemer Lutheran Church or the Big Horn County Hospital Foundation.

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ST. XAVIER
— Richard
Kehler, Sr., 86, of
St. Xavier,
passed away
Sunday evening,
May 18, 2003, at
his home.



**RICHARD
KEHLER**

He was born Nov. 26, 1916, in Lincoln, Neb., to John and Mary Elizabeth Flack. After the death of his parents, he was adopted by Jake and Marie (Robertus) Kehler in Culbertson, Neb., at the age of 7. He was then raised in Laurel, where he attended six years of school and was confirmed in 1932 at the First Congregational Church. Shortly after, in 1934, Rich worked for John Schneider, Sr., on the Big Horn Ranch near St. Xavier. In 1940, he drove truck for Dan Schaak and Ed Kurtz. In 1941, Rich married Esther Schaak in Hardin. In 1945, he moved to Hardin and engaged in trucking with Aaron Schaak. Later, Rich and Esther moved to the Soap Creek area south of St. Xavier, where he later bought his own farm from Clyde and Leone Dygert in 1964. He resided there until his death.

A giant of a man finished his long painful journey as he reached the end of life's busy

road and died with dignity at home in the arms of his caring and loving family, a man whose huge hands held the hands of his children and grandchildren and guided them to become honest, hard workers.

Throughout Rich's life, he enjoyed many years of growing and harvesting crops and raising cattle. His other passions were staying fluent in the German language, watching children grow into adults, keeping a close eye on the weather, getting up early, fixing things in his shop and collecting old license plates.

He had many names: Grandpa, Poppy, Dad and Rich. To all of his friends and neighbors, young and old, he was known as the "General." They all sought his wisdom and counsel and at times he would command and supervise how things should be done. Henceforth came the name "General." We will all miss the General.

Rich was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church of St. Xavier. Throughout the years, he was a director on the following boards and associations:

Farmer's Home Administration, Holly Sugar Beet Grower's Assn., St. Xavier Rodeo Assn., and the Big Horn Irrigation District. Rich also served as the Grand Marshall of the Hardin rodeo. He was a member of Montana Grain Growers and Montana Stockgrowers Assn. He made generous contributions to 4-H and FFA sales and activities and numerous charities.

His parents and adoptive parents; one brother, Philip Flack; one sister, O'Linda Kaltenberger; half-sister, Lila Laber; and one stepbrother, Reuben Kehler, preceded him in death.

Rich is survived by his wife of 60 years, Esther; one daughter, Marlene (Jim) Davis of Billings; two sons, Dick (Mary Ellen) Kehler of St. Xavier, and Bill Kehler of Billings; three grandsons, Travis Kehler of St. Xavier-Pryor area, Kelly (Jill) Kehler and Spencer (Rhea) Kehler of St. Xavier; one step-granddaughter, Alice (Ryan) Graveley and their children, Alexandra and Levi of Richfield, Utah; one sister, Bertha Welsch; one brother, John (Frieda) Flack of Lincoln, Neb.; one stepbrother, Albert Kehler of Hardin; stepsister, Esther Isaac of Trenton, Neb.; one niece, four nephews, several cousins and numerous relatives on the Schank side.

Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Wednesday May 21, at the Bullis Funeral Chapel. Interment will follow in the Hardin Fairview Cemetery. Bullis Mortuary of Hardin has been entrusted with the arrangements. Should friends desire, memorial contributions may be made to the Redeemer Lutheran Church, 327 N. Crawford Ave., Hardin, MT 59034.

Philip Keil

BILLINGS GAZETTE

APR 30 2003

THERMOPOLIS, Wyo. — Philip Keil, 88, of Thermopolis, died Friday, April 25, 2003, at his home.

No services will be held. Cremation has taken place. Mortimore Funeral Home of Thermopolis was in charge.

'Red' Keirle

BILLINGS GAZETTE

JUL 15 2003

BAKER — "Red" Keirle, 87, of Baker, died Saturday, July 12, 2003, at the Eastern Montana Veterans Home in Glendive.

At his request, cremation will take place. A gathering in remembrance of Red, featuring pictures and refreshments, will be from 7 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, July 16, at the Stevenson Funeral Home in Baker.

Richard Ketch

Richard Ketch, 35, of Billings, died Saturday, Oct. 18, 2003, at St. Vincent-HealthCare.

Funeral services will take place, and Richard's family will be scattering his ashes as he requested. No other services are planned.

Michelotti-Sawyers is in charge of the arrangements.

Albin Edwin 'Al' Keller

Albin Edward "Al" Keller, age 92, of Billings, returned to God on Thursday, Sept. 11, 2003, at Valley Health Care Center in Billings.

Albin was born Feb. 18, 1911, second eldest son of nine children, to Olga Fischer and David Keller at Beulah, N.D. He spent his youth on his father's farm northwest of Beulah. He attended rural schools.



ALBIN KELLER

He married Alvina Dschaak on Oct. 26, 1931, at Stanton, N.D. They lived there for a number of years before moving to Billings. He worked as a carpenter for most of his life.

Albin was a member of Carpenter's Local #1172, Rimrock Lodge #149, AF & AM, and the First Congregational United Church of Christ, all in Billings.

Albin was an avid hunter and fisherman. He was a proud, independent, compassionate man, and he loved his family and friends.

Survivors include his daughter, Annette and husband James B. Porter of Carmichael, Calif.; grandson, Michael J. Porter of Carmichael; great-granddaughter, Anjel Marie Porter of Pioneer, Calif.; sister, Hedwig (Mrs. Dean Conard of Hemet, Calif.); brothers, Eugene E. Keller of Mandan, N.D., and William D. Keller of Beulah; and numerous nieces, nephews, and great-nieces and nephews.

Albin was preceded in death by his wife, Alvina, in 1997; his mother and father; sisters, Pauline, Viola and Irene; and brothers, Arthur and Ernest.

His journey has ended and he is now reunited with all of the family that has gone before him.

Forever in our thoughts and prayers.

He will be sadly missed by everyone who knew him.

Dad, we love you. Rest in peace.

Funeral services will be 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 17, at Smith's Downtown Funeral Chapel in Billings. Interment will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

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

Amanda H. Keller

BILLINGS GAZETTE

JUL 31 2003

CUSTER — Amanda H. Keller, 95, of Custer, died Tuesday, July 29, 2003, at Deaconess Billings Clinic.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Aug. 1, at the Custer Congregational Church. Visitation will be from 4 to 9 p.m. Thursday, July 31, and from 8 to 11 a.m. Friday, at Smith's Downtown Chapel, and before the service at the church. Interment will be in the Custer Cemetery.

Amanda Lohof Keller

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CUSTER —



Our beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and great-great-grandmother joined company with our Lord and many of her loved ones on the eve of July 29, 2003. She lived a fulfilling life of 95 years, sharing happiness that extended through five generations.

**AMANDA
KELLER**

Amanda Lohof Keller was born on Sept. 26, 1907, in Holland. She lived there with her grandmother until 1914, when they came to Montana to live with an uncle, Henry Lohof, in Pease Bottom. She attended elementary at Rancher and in 1922, moved to Custer and lived with an aunt, Emma Gremmer, to complete high school in 1926. She furthered her education at Eastern Montana College, attaining a degree in teaching. She taught school for six years.

She met Bill Keller in 1921, whom upon first sight, she claimed, "she would marry that man someday." That grand event took place on Nov. 22, 1933, 12 years later. Gifted from God, they were blessed with two sons, Bill and Dick, who faithfully carry on

the family farm and ranch, home-steaded two generations before them. Bill and Amanda celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in November 1983, before his passing in December of the same year.

In the garden of Bill and Amanda's life, they planted two seeds: Bill, married to Jeanette Kuntz (1938-2002), and Dick, married to Sharon DeClercq.

The grand-garden produced Steve, Tam, Dani, Jeff, Rona, Shawn, Wynn, Deveny, Stuart, and Becky.

Her great-garden produced Wes, Josh, Shandi, Summer, Kim, Erica, Jared, Haylie, Ashley, Taylor, McKensie, Pier, Joel, Jordan, Shannon, Devan, Tenis, Dawn, Gerald, David, Patrick, Jenny, Ryan, Wade, Brandon, Regan and Toryn.

Her great-great-garden produced Keenan and another yet to blossom in the spring.

Amanda's passion for her family lives on and is reflected in the eyes of all who love her.

The Lord took Amanda's hand, and led her beyond the sunset, through heaven's gate, home to the garden of peace. This journey on earth finished — a new journey beginning. Reunited with "The man she would marry someday!"

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Aug. 1, at the Custer Congregational Church. Interment will be in the Custer Cemetery. Smith's Downtown Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Dandy Dean Keller

BILLINGS GAZETTE

JAN 12 2003

GLENDIVE — Dandy Dean Keller, 66, died Friday, Jan. 10, 2003, at the Glendive Medical Center.

Memorial services will be held at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 15, at the chapel of the Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home.

Ella Keller

LOVELL, Wyo. — Ella Minnie Keller, 93, died Monday, Oct. 6, 2003, at New Horizons Care Center in Lovell.

Funeral services will be from 7 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 7, at Haskell Funeral Home in Lovell. Funeral services will be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, Oct. 10, at the First Methodist Church in Lovell. Burial will be in the Lovell Cemetery.

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James J. Keller

RANCHEDER, Wyo. — James J. "Jim" Keller, 80, of Rancheder, died Wednesday, May 7, 2003, at the VA Medical Center in Sheridan.

Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 10, at Champion Ferries Funeral Home in Sheridan. Cremation will follow the service.

Keith Lee Keller, Jr.

MILES CITY — Keith Lee Keller, Jr., 48, of Miles City, died Sunday, April 20, 2003, at his home.

Visitation will begin on Wednesday, April 23, at the Chapel of Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, April 24, at the chapel of Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City. Interment will follow at the Custer County Cemetery in Miles City.

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Captain Douglas Brian Kelley

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FORT LEWIS, Wash. — Capt.

Douglas Brian Kelley, 31, of Fort Lewis, formerly of Circle, Mont., went to be with the Lord on Christmas Day, 2002, as the result of a car accident in Lacey.



**DOUGLAS
KELLEY**

Doug was born on Oct. 31, 1971, in Deadwood, S.D., a son to William and Beth Kelley. When he was small, his family moved to Circle, where he attended school. During his school years, he enjoyed in participating in football, wrestling and track. He also was active in school plays and served as Student Council president. After his high school graduation, Doug attended MSU in Bozeman, Mont., on a military scholarship.

In August of 1992, Doug married Eileen Huseby. They have two daughters, Haley and Jessica.

Upon graduating with a degree in engineering, he was commissioned into the U.S. Army. He also completed his masters degree in engineering. Currently, Doug was a captain stationed at Fort Lewis.

Doug was an active outdoorsman, whether it be hiking, fishing, hunting, skiing or just the enjoyment of being outdoors, especially taking walks with his wonderful daughters. He also loved to tell stories, and he knew no strangers.

Doug is survived by his wife, Eileen, and their daughters, Haley (7) and Jessica (3); his parents, William and Beth Kelley of Olathe, Kan.; his brother, Dean and his wife Miki and their daughter, Marie of Oak Harbor; his sister, Michelle Palmer and her children, Nick and Ashlee of Billings; his grandparents, Ellen Kelley of Billings and Harold and Sylvia Wetz of Nashua, Mont.; numerous uncles, aunts, cousins and many friends.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, Jan. 3, 2003, at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary. Interment with full military honors will be at Yellowstone Valley Memorial Park.

Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

Joey Earl Kellogg**JOEY
KELLOGG**

29, 2003, at St. Vincent Health-care.

Joey was born on Nov. 24, 1946, in Billings, a son of Earl and Myrtle (Southworth) Kellogg. He was raised and educated in Billings and on Jan. 19, 1963, he married Laura Strong. To this union three daughters were born, Tammy, Cheryl and Kandy.

In 1967, Joey entered the Army. Following his discharge from service in 1971, he began work as a mechanic at Wilcox Volkswagen, continuing there until 1977 when he and Dennis Hust formed their partnership, Meridian Exxon. Joey would work there until his retirement in August of this year.

On May 7, 1982, Joey married Connie Dye. Along with his family, he enjoyed the outdoors. Fishing, hunting, camping and boating were favorite hobbies, along with indoor fun found bowling and putzing.

Survivors include his wife, Connie; three daughters, Tammy (Brad) Hardt, Cheryl (Brent) Cathey, and Kandy (Charles) Gilg; two stepdaughters, Chris Jappinen and Janene Lantz; a stepson, Scott Jappinen; his mother, Myrtle Balzer; grandchildren, Ryley, Lee and Kady Hardt, Cody and Clay Cathey, Matt, Christopher and Madison Gilg; step-grandchildren, Rachel and Jacob Jappinen; his sisters, Sharon (Vern) Gebhardt and Cathy Ferro; a brother, Leslie (Pat) Kellogg and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father, Earl Kellogg; stepfather, Jake Balzer; and nephews, Joshua and Isaac Ferro.

A memorial service will be 10 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 3, at the Mayflower Congregational Church, corner of Poly Drive and Rehberg Lane. Memorials are suggested to the Rocky Mountain Cancer Center, 1041 N. 29th St.; Billings, MT 59101, or a local charity of choice. Smith West Chapel is assisting with arrangements.

Marleen Kellogg

BILLINGS GAZETTE
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GLASGOW — Marleen Kellogg, 86, died Sunday, March 30, 2003, at Frances Mahon Deaconess Hospital.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, April 3, at First Lutheran Church. Burial will be in Highland Cemetery. Bell Mortuary of Glasgow is in charge.

Lissetta Carolyn Kelly

BELLINGS GAZETTE

APR 11 2003

CIRCLE — Lissetta Carolyn (Corbin), 104, of Circle, formerly of Vida and Polson, died Wednesday, April 9, 2003.

Visitation will be from 2 to 7 p.m. Friday, April 11, at Clayton Memorial Chapel in Circle, with a family service at 7 p.m. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 12, at First Lutheran Church in Circle. Interment will be in the Vida Cemetery.

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Esther O. Kelsey

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WOLF POINT — Esther O. Syverson Kelsey, 92, died Tuesday, May 20, 2003, at the Faith Lutheran Home in Wolf Point.

Graveside funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 31, in the Poplar City Cemetery. Clayton-Syvensons Memorial Chapel is in charge.

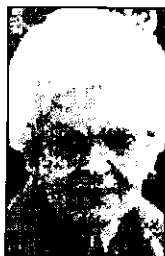
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Shirley Miller Kelson

ABSAROOKEE — Shirley Miller Kelson, age 94, passed away Saturday, May 3, 2003, at Brookside in Absarokee.

Shirley was born April 7, 1909, in Springtime, Mont., the daughter of John and Mabel Miller of Columbus. She attended high school at Intermountain Union Academy, Helena, and Whitehall High School, Whitehall, where she graduated in 1926. She attended the University of Montana, Missoula, for four years, graduating in 1930.

Shirley taught school at the Camas Hot Springs Consolidated school, Perma, Mont., Oilmont High School, Oilmont, Mont. and Sunburst Elementary School, Sunburst, Mont., where she also was Elementary Principal for a number of years. She taught for 40 years in Montana, also attending summer schools at Colorado College of Education, Greeley, Colo., Concordia College in Moorhead, Minn., University of Arizona, Tucson, and Northern Montana College, Havre.



**SHIRLEY
KELSON**

In 1957, she was appointed to be Assistant Superintendent of Schools for the State of Montana in Helena. In 1958, Mr. Kelson was being transferred with Texaco Oil Co. to Anacortes, Wash.; consequently Mrs. Kelson resigned her state position to move to Washington where she continued to teach another 15 years in Anacortes.

Mrs. Kelson taught Spanish, music and third grade. A specialty was remedial reading, having taught remedial reading one summer at Eastern Montana College. Mrs. Kelson tutored children in reading after her retirement and also gave piano lessons.

Mrs. Kelson married Oren K. Kelson in 1934 and they lived in Sunburst until 1958 when they moved to Anacortes, Wash. In 1997, she moved to Absarokee to be closer to her family. She was preceded in death by her husband, Kelly.

Mrs. Kelson is a 50-year member of Rock Rose Chapter of the Eastern Star, Columbus, Delta Kappa Gamma Honorary Teachers' Society, Delta Delta Delta

Sorority, and she is listed in Who's Who in American Education. She is a member of Chapter W of the P.E.O. Sisterhood and a member of the Methodist Church.

Memorials may be given to the Museum of the Benevolents of charity of ones choice. A memorial has taken place. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

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Chris Keltner

ISMAY — Chris Keltner, 59, passed away on Monday, Dec. 8, 2003, at the family ranch on Cabin Creek of a sudden heart attack.

Visitation is from 1 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Terry. A Masonic prayer service is at 6 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Funeral services are at 1 p.m. Friday at the Community Presbyterian Church in Terry. Private family interment will be held at a later date.

Clarence Kembel

BILLINGS GAZETTE

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Clarence Kembel, 88, died Tuesday evening, July 1, 2003, at the Eagle Cliff Manor, where he was a resident since August 1998. He was born in Laurel on Jan. 17, 1915, to Jacob and Mary (Thaut) Kembel.

He attended Laurel schools. He married Lydia Fox on Oct. 13, 1934. To this union, three children were born: Elmer, Rosella Jean and Robert. They farmed and had a dairy east of Billings at 2620 Five Mile Road. They celebrated their 50th anniversary in October 1984. Lydia died on Sept. 1, 1987.

Playing cards and fishing with family and friends were his favorite pastimes until suffering a stroke in 1990.

He was preceded in death by his wife Lydia; their infant daughter Jeannie; and three brothers.

He is survived by his son, Elmer (Elsie) of Worden; son Bob (Sandy) of Shepherd. He is also survived by three grandchildren, Connie Rieman, Brad Kembel and Robbie Kembel; two brothers and two sisters; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Graveside memorial services will be held on Monday, July 7, at 2 p.m., at Mountview Cemetery.

Smith Downtown Chapel is in charge of arrangements. Visitation will begin at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 5, at Smith Downtown Chapel.

Memorials may be made to the charity of choice.

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Lawrence Kemp

GLASGOW — Lawrence
Bernard Kemp, 75, died
Thursday, Dec. 11, 2003, at
Frances Mahon Deaconess
Hospital.

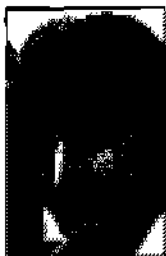
Services will be at 11 a.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 17, at the LDS
Church in Glasgow. Interment
will be in Highland Cemetery in
Glasgow. Bell Mortuary, in
Glasgow is in charge of the
arrangements.

Barton Alan Kendall

BILLINGS GAZETTE

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Barton Alan Kendall, 41, died Monday, June 30, 2003, in Billings.



**BARTON
KENDALL**

He was born Nov. 11, 1961, in Tucson, Ariz. A resident of Billings for approximately nine years, he worked in various

restaurants, most recently at the Billings Professional Club at the Sheraton. He was a former resident of Amador County in northern California.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Charon H. Scott.

Barton is survived by his beloved daughter, Nicole Kimberly of Torrance, Calif.; father, Lisle G. Kendall of Torrance; brothers, L. David Kendall Scott of Pine Grove, Calif., and Scott David Kendall of Torrance; sister, Kimberly Candace Bradley of Granite Bay, Calif.; niece, Megan Nicole Scott, and nephews, C. Garrett Scott, Gabriel M. L. Bradley, Luke Kendall Bradley and Levi David Bradley.

Barton had a heartfelt interest in music and enjoyed listening to his favorite artists, playing the guitar, fishing and the outdoors.

Private family services will take place July 9 in Billings. A special memorial tribute honoring Barton's life will take place in Northern California in August.

The family requests any memorial contributions be directed to the Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch.

Niah Dawn Rose Kendall

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SIOUX FALLS, S.D. — Niah Dawn Rose Kendall, infant daughter of Rebecca Boldt and Patrick Kendall, was stillborn Aug. 18, 2003, at Sioux Valley Hospital.

Grateful for having shared her life are her parents, Pat Kendall and Rebecca Boldt, Sioux Falls; brothers, Kobe Kendall and Patrick Kendall, Jr., both of Page, Ariz.; sister, Concheta Kendall, Bitter Springs, Ariz.; grandparents, Roy and Crystal Voss, Laurel, Mont., Gerald Boldt, Rapid City, Juanita Never Misses A Shot, Uppercut Meat, Leonard Jenes, Pine Ridge, Jesse Kendall, Jr., Cheyenne, Wyo.; great-grandparents, Myrtie Swenson, Watertown, Roberta Farrell, Deadwood, Victoria Spotted Elk, Uppercut Meat, Marvin and Jean Voss, Lead; and great-great-grandmother, Reva VanDerVorst, Deadwood.

Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 21, at Miller Funeral Home, 13th and Main Avenue. Visitation will begin at noon, Wednesday, Aug. 20, with the family present to greet friends from 7 to 8 p.m. Wednesday evening.

Ilia Wyckoff-Kennedy

7/7/1920 — 2/22/2003

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Ilia Wyckoff-Kennedy went peacefully to join her husband, Frank Kennedy; mother, Nellie (Mullenau) Wall; stepfather Art Wall and her father Glen Scott on Feb. 22, 2003.



**ILIA
WYCKOFF-
KENNEDY**

She is survived by sisters, Jeanette Vigil of Riverton, Wyo., and Vera Powers of Scottsdale, Ariz.; brothers, Buddy Scott of Roundup and Bob Scott of Valdosta, Ga. She is also survived by her son, Jim Miller of Riverton; and her daughter, Sherron Blesio of Billings; six grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Cremation has taken place and a celebration of her life with friends and family will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, March 4, at Charlie Browns B4T.

Arrangements by Cremation or Funeral Gallery.

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Gerald A. 'Jerry' Kenney

Gerald A. "Jerry" Kenney, age 68, of Billings, passed away on Sunday, Nov. 16, 2003. He fought a yearlong battle with colon and liver cancer.



**JERRY
KENNEY**

Jerry was born Oct. 1, 1935, in Glasgow, where his father was employed at the Fort Peck Dam. Jerry was the son of Joseph and Wynona (Wankel) Kenney. Jerry was educated in Miles City, Billings, and graduated from Absarokee High School in 1954. He worked for the Montana State Surveyors, sold drill bits in the oil field, owned office supply stores in Lewistown and Bozeman, a cash register store in Billings and was a broker in real estate for the past 30 years. Selling land was his favorite occupation, as he loved the outdoors.

Jerry is survived by his wife, Marlene, of 49 years; his son, Steve (Andrea), children Stephanie (Rich) Flaa, Melissa (Brent) Ellwein, Kristopher Kenney; daughter Carol Lee (Bill) Damsel; children William Damsel and Emily Damsel; daughter Beverly Kenney; child Gregory Quarles; and son Jeffery (Tami), child Phillip Kenney, a sister, Judy (Bill) Griffin

James Duane 'Jim' Kent

James Duane "Jim" Kent, 52, of Billings, died Feb. 12, 2003, while scuba diving off the island of Bonaire in the Caribbean. Jim was a partner in the land brokerage firm of Hall & Hall in Billings.

An avid outdoorsman and expert fisherman, Jim died while participating in his lifelong love of nature. Jim was an ardent supporter of The Montana Land Reliance and several other environmental organizations. At an early age, Jim developed an intense appreciation for the outdoors. He backpacked the entire John Muir Trail in California as a teenager while cultivating a keen understanding of fishing with the guidance and friendship of his father.

Through his spirit of adventure, Jim was able to experience and enjoy deep-sea fishing off several continents. He was a skilled fly fisherman who, during the 1980s, owned and operated a rafting company, Big Sky Expeditions, in Livingston. He shared his knowledge, expertise and love of Montana's trout waters with thousands of individuals who went on fly fishing trips that Jim guided along the Smith, Yellowstone and Blackfoot Rivers.

Jim was a gifted individual with a long list of accolades in both academia and athletics. Jim graduated from Hemet (Calif.)

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High as an all-star basketball player in 1968. He received his undergraduate degree in human biology and geology from Stanford University in 1972, where he was a member of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity. He earned a law degree from the University of Colorado. Jim attended his 30th reunion at Stanford this past summer, where he renewed many wonderful friendships.

Jim was an attorney for the State of Colorado in its surface mining division before moving to Montana in 1981, where he pursued his dream of operating a fly fishing expedition company. In 1989, Jim moved to Billings to begin his real estate career with Hall & Hall, where he has been instrumental in serving clients of recreational ranches and fishing properties.

Jim's love of nature was evident even at his home, where he devoted long hours to cultivating beautiful flower gardens. He was a master gardener who took great pride in the "paradise" he created — both inside and out — at his home near St. Vincent Hospital. Passersby frequently stopped to admire and comment on his handiwork.

Jim was the quintessential Renaissance man who embraced

life with true passion. He was a talented chef who owned over 200 cookbooks, although most of his culinary creations were concocted without the aid of recipes. He especially enjoyed making late evening gourmet dinners for his fiancée Janet and his two dear friends, Marty and David.

Jim and Janet had traveled to Bonaire, a small island in the Netherlands Antilles of the Caribbean, last March with their close friends Frank and Patty.



**JIM
KENT**

This year, the couple returned to Bonaire, where Jim and Janet planned to exchange their wedding vows on Feb. 13. With all the wedding arrangements in place for the following day, Jim and Frank enjoyed a morning of bonefishing, wherein they witnessed a spectacular sunrise greeted by a huge flock of flamingos. That afternoon, while diving at a site aptly named "Angel City," Jim left us. It is so fitting that he died in the beautiful ocean waters that he loved so much. His last day on earth was filled with adventure, happiness, joy, and anticipation of his pending marriage to his long-awaited "soul mate."

Jim is survived by his beloved

Rivera Urlacher and her children Sarah and Sam of Billings; his parents, Duane and Kathryn Kent of Hemet, Calif.; his sister and brother-in-law, Kathleen and Jim Zeches of Tempe, Ariz.; his brother, Tim Kent of Greensboro, N.C.; his stepson Andy Gravage; and four nephews and nieces, Brian Zeches of Pocatello, Idaho, and Emily, Stephen and Michael Kent of Greensboro, N.C. He is also survived by many close friends, including Frank, and Patricia Thompson, Martin Schiffert and David Groshens, all of Billings.

Special love goes to Frank, who heroically tried to resuscitate Jim; to Patty, Janet's pillar of strength, and; to the wonderful people of Bonaire and Buddy Dive Resort, who loved and embraced us during this terrible tragedy thousands of miles from home.

Services will be held at St. Bernard's Parish, Billings, on Monday, Feb. 24, at 11 a.m., with a celebration of Jim's life to follow in the church basement. Cremation is planned and Jim's ashes will be scattered in his beloved Smith River at a later date.

Memorials may be made to the Bonaire Marine Park, c/o Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary, 1001 Alderson Ave., Billings, MT 59102; or to Stanford University, Attn: Gift Processing, 326 Galvez St. Stanford, CA 94305-6105.

Hilda Kenyon

LAUREL — Hilda Kenyon, 79, of Laurel, passed away Dec. 30, 2002, at her home after a lengthy and valiant battle with cancer.

Hilda was born May 21, 1923, in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, Canada, to John and Teresa Braunstadter. She was one of 14 children. Her father died when she was 3 years old.



HILDA KENYON

Hilda was known for working alongside Leland as hard as a man and together they built a good life, however brief. She never remarried. Despite the hardship of finishing raising their three children alone, Hilda went on to cosmetology school and supported the family from her small beauty shop in her home at Park City and worked part time at the post office. She worked at the post office for more than 20 years and retired in 1988.

Hilda was preceded in death by her father, husband, mother, step-father, six sisters and three brothers. She is survived by her three children, Nick (Judy) Kenyon of

She married Leland Kenyon on Aug. 27, 1942, in Billings. They farmed in Deaver, Wyo., and Carbon County, until moving to Park City in 1956, where Leland died in 1959.

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Hood River, Ore., Roxene (Jim) Phillips of Marion, N.C., Dana (Raleigh) Herman of Laurel; and one stepdaughter, Ellen Kenyon of Thermopolis, Wyo.; nine grandchildren, Stacie (Dean) Ebarb of Monmouth, Ore.; Carrie (Mike) Matthews of Cascade Locks, Ore., Brent Phillips and James (Sandra) Phillips of Old Fort, N.C., Becky McPeters of Marion, N.C., Shannel (Scott) Reiter and Cortney Herman of Laurel, and Trevor and Nathan Herman of Billings; and seven great-grandchildren and four step-great-grandchildren; four sisters, Irene (George) Carpenter of Vancouver, Wash., Esther Yurich of Billings, Edna Siemens of Harlem and Ruth Lusk of Lubbock, Texas; and Hilda's two best friends, Ruby Hanson of Laurel and Lydia Anthony of Oroville, Calif.; these ladies were always a great help to her.

Hilda left a legacy of hard work, perseverance and self-reliance. Her indomitable spirit will echo through our lives and she will be dearly missed.

Services will be held 2 p.m. Friday, Jan. 3, at Smith Funeral Chapel-Laurel. Interment will be in the Joliet Cemetery.

Memorials are suggested to Big Sky Hospice.

Merl Henry Kenyon

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Merl passed away Friday evening, Aug. 22, 2003, from complications of prostate cancer at the Horizon Hospice House.

Merl was born March 30, 1919, in Columbus, the son and last child of Henry (Del) and Bertha Kenyon. They homesteaded on Buck Creek near Columbus.

Merl married Maxine Leggett Sept 21, 1941, and to this union three children

were born: Jerry, Loren and Lowellen. They were divorced in 1962.

Merl worked for Industrial Towel for 23 years and was a part owner of the M&M Bar in Acton.

Dad was always into buying and selling. He bought and sold everything from nuts and bolts to antiques. He loved garage and auction sales and seem happiest sorting through stuff. Dad also enjoyed old time music, especially the fiddle,

He is preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, Orville and Vernon; a sister, Ina Tudor; a grandson, Douglas, and a special friend, Anna Barham.



**MERL
KENYON**

Merl is survived by his children, Jerry (Sharon) Kenyon, Loren (Margee) Kenyon and Lowellen Koper; three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren,

Dad enjoyed his stay at the Hospice House. The house is well managed and the staff are all super people. The family would like to thank all the people who helped, from the volunteers and caretakers to the nurses. You people are the greatest.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 26, at Smith West Chapel. Interment will follow at Terrace Gardens Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Horizon Hospice House, Big Sky Hospice, P.O. Box 35033, Billings, MT 59107.

DEC 30 2003

Monte Ray Krough

Monte R. Krough, 71, died Saturday, Dec. 27, 2003, at the Livingston Memorial Hospital.

Arrangements are pending at Franzen-Davis Funeral Home.

Irene B. 'Tess' Kern

Irene B. "Tess" Kern went home to be with the Lord and her two sons, Kerry and Berkeley (Taryn), and infant daughter, on Jan. 6,



2003. She was surrounded by her children; grandchildren and friends who sang her favorite tunes, "Love Me Tender" and "Amazing Grace" as she passed peacefully.

Tess was born on Sept. 3, 1923, to Andrew and Lily Cupitt in Yarramah, Queensland, Australia. After marrying Toney Kenneth Cinnamon, who was in the U.S. Army and stationed in Australia, she came to America by ship as a war bride with her young daughter Toni Kaye.

She had eight children with Kenny. She married Gilbert Berkey in 1958 and they had one son. In 1970, she married Harold Kern, who passed away in 1998.

Tess's greatest joy was her family. She raised her eight children primarily on her own, often working two jobs. She worked at Wong's Village for 17 years and was loved by her regular customers. She often took orders for a dozen people or more without writing a thing down! She also had a special friendship with her

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coworkers, Frieda, Marcy, LaCree and Mitch.

Tess was a wonderful cook. She enjoyed working in her garden and canning, especially sharing with her family and friends. She loved her flowers and at one point had over 1,000 tulips in her garden. Her roses were beautiful. She enjoyed sewing and knitting for her family.

In 1939 at age 16, as part of MGM's opening of "Gone With The Wind" in Australia, Tess won the look-alike contest for Vivian Leigh as Scarlett O'Hara. She also was very proud of the fact that she served meals to Gen. MacArthur at Army headquarters in Australia.

She was preceded in death by her parents and siblings Sid, Avey, Cecil, Des and Jo; her two sons, Kerry Cinnamon and Taryn Berkey; and an infant daughter.

Tess is survived by her two sisters, Mary and Dot; and brother Greg of Australia. Her children Toni (Jerry) Swanson of Eagle River, Alaska; their children, Troy (Heather) Swanson of Palmer, Alaska, Kevin Swanson of Eagle River, Jodi Swanson (Brenda Harker), Jonathan (Andrea) Swanson, all of Wasilla, Alaska; Kerry's son, Toney Cinnamon of Beaverton,

R. E. R.

Ore.; Duane (Sharon) Cinnamon, their children, TaSarah, DaShari and James, all of Walla Walla, Wash.; Duane's children from previous marriages, Kenny (Tracie) Cinnamon of Toledo, Ore., Julie



(Paul) Olson of Vancouver, B.C., Kern (Travis) Wike of Troutdale, N.C., Kelly (Duane) Cole, their children, Tammy (Carl) Robinson, Dani (Chris) Scheese, all of Colstrip, Shane (Michelle) Cole of Lolo, Bridgette (Richard) Spang of Lame Deer, Lance Cole and fiancée Victoria of East Lansing, Mich., Danielle (Paul) Liming, their children Angie Liming, April (Kevin) Keller all of Billings, Dan Cinnamon of Billings, who stood constant vigil over Momma, at the nursing home for the past three years, Bo (Gary) Lyon of Colstrip, their children, Tara (Todd) Cook of Colorado Springs, Colo., Gina Lyon and fiancé Jacq of San Leandro, Calif., Kristi Lyon and Mike of Schinnen, Holland; 31 great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews in Australia.

Grandma Tess

I remember grandma's gardens

The flowers that she'd grow

The roses were my favorite
Though I never told her so
She often made our breakfast
for the mornings we were
there

Unsalted eggs and buttered
toast

— melting in the air,
I remember grandma's pretty
hair

colored ebony like coal
The beauty that's now pearl-
ized

reflects perfection in her soul
I remember every holiday
her love was always there

All the warmth that came
around was

from her loving care
She's our Australian mermaid
And an Elvis fan of old

When her story's opened
'Twill be the greatest ever
told.

Kristi Lyon

Visitation will begin 3 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 8, at the
Mortuary.

Funeral services will be 1 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 9, at Michelotti-
Sawyers Mortuary, with inter-
ment in Pleasantview Cemetery,
Ballantine.

Memorials may be made to
the American Diabetes
Association.

We love you Momma,
Mommy, Gramma Tess and we
will miss you! You get to "go
home" at last and do all the
things you love, we can't wait to
have one of your gentle hugs and
loving kisses, 'til then, God's
Speed

Margaret E. Kern

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JAN 29 2003

Margaret E. Kern, 78, of Billings, formerly of Pryor and Huntley Project, passed away Sunday evening, Jan. 26, 2003, at the St. Vincent Hospital.



**MARGARET
KERN**

She was born Dec. 19, 1924, in North Dakota, and moved with her family to the Huntley Project in the early '30s. Her parents were Rupert and Elizabeth Chamberlain. She graduated from the Huntley Project High School. She married Wilbur W. Kern, Jan. 23, 1943, in Seattle. They lived on the Huntley Project, a ranch at Pryor, and moved to Billings in 1978. Wilbur died Dec. 27, 1984.

Margaret worked as a salesclerk for Hart Albin's until they closed, as a night supervisor at the Ronald McDonald House and Lou Taubert Ranch Outfitters and Anthony's in the Heights, retiring in the late '80s.

She enjoyed her children, grandchildren and many friends. She loved ranch life, had a green thumb for gardening and raising flowers. She and Wayne loved to dance.

She was a past member of the Ladies of the Moose Lodge, the Eagles Lodge and the Holy Rosary Catholic Church.

Survivors include her daughter, Elsie (Gary) Cunningham of Hysham; two sons, Rubert (Mary) Kern and Frank (Ellen) Kern of Pryor; nine grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and brother Robert Chamberlain.

Funeral mass will be 1 p.m. Friday, Jan. 31, at the Holy Rosary Catholic Church, Fifth and Custer. Interment will be in the Kern Family Cemetery, near the Kern ranch, south of Billings on Pryor Creek. Memorials to the Holy Rosary Church, the Ronald McDonald House or the charity of your choice.

Mary Tritschler Kern **THE BILLINGS GAZETTE**

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HARDIN — Mary H. Kern, 64, passed away peacefully Friday, March 7, 2003, in the Heritage Acres Nursing Home in Hardin.



She was born Jan. 16, 1939, in Hardin, a daughter of Joseph and Mary Williams Tritschler. She grew up in the St. Xavier area, received her early education in St. Xavier before graduating from Hardin High School in 1957.

MARY KERN

Following her education, she worked on the family farm and for the U.S. Postal Service in St. Xavier.

Her career expanded with the Postal Service, elevating her to postmaster at the St. Xavier Post Office for 27 years. She retired in 1999.

Mary married Marvin Kern on July 5, 1984, in Billings and the couple made their home near St. Xavier before moving to Hardin in 1999.

She was a faithful member of the Catholic Church.

She enjoyed stamp collecting, gardening and cooking. Everyone knew her to be a devoted and loving wife, sister and friend.

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Her parents; sister Ellen; and two brothers, Andrew and Gerald, preceded Mary in death.

Survivors include her husband, Marvin of Hardin; four stepsons, Mike Kern of Tennessee, Jim Kern of Virginia, Ron (Janie) and Tom (Darlene) Kern of Washington; her seven grandchildren, Chad, Christopher, Mathew, Jamie, Mika, Kimberly, Jessie; and great-granddaughter, Charity; her five sisters, Rosie (Harry) VanDerVoort of Canada, Sandy (Sam) Turley of Clyde Park, Barbara (Mel) Vandenburg of Billings, Patsy (Joe) Parker of Idaho and Kathie (Jim) Jensen of Glasgow; her four brothers, John Tritschler of Nevada, David (Barbara) Tritschler of Colorado, Larry (Margie) Tritschler of Washington and Paul Tritschler of Hardin; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Rosary will be recited 7 p.m. Sunday, March 9, in the Bullis Funeral Chapel.

Funeral Mass will be celebrated 11 a.m. Monday, March 10, in the St. Joseph Catholic Church. Interment will follow in the Hardin Fairview Cemetery. Bullis Mortuary of Hardin has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Should friends desire, memorial contributions may be made to the Church charity of one's choice.

Gary D. Kerner

WICHITA, Kan. — Gary D. Kerner, 57, of Wichita, formerly of Montana, died Monday, Oct. 13, 2003.

Services were Thursday, Oct. 13, at the Resthaven Mortuary in Wichita.

Tony Keroff

MISSOULA GAZETTE
JAN 21 2003

MILES CITY — Tony Keroff, 86, died Tuesday, Jan. 21, 2003, at the VA Nursing Home in Miles City.

Visitation will be held Friday, Jan. 24, at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 25, at the VA Nursing Home. Interment will follow in the Eastern Montana State Veteran's Cemetery.

James H. Kerr

GAZETTE
APR 13 2003

EMMETT, Idaho — James H. ("Jim") Kerr, 76, of Emmett, formerly of Billings, died Thursday, April 10, 2003, at the Emmett Rehabilitation Center after a courageous battle with lung cancer. A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, April 15, at the Potter Funeral Chapel in Emmett. His wishes



JAMES KERR

were to be cremated and interred with his wife in Billings. A second memorial service and interment ceremony are being planned by the family in late June in Billings.

Jim Kerr was born on Feb. 28, 1927, in Springfield, Mo., to Robert H. and Mildred Kerr. He was the second youngest of four. In his early childhood, the family relocated to Tulsa, Okla. He resided and attended school in Tulsa until 1945 when he left for the Army upon being drafted for WWII duty. Shortly after entering the Army, WWII ended and he spent his remaining service in Germany as part of the occupation force. In 1947, he was discharged from the Army and attended Oklahoma University, in Norman (he was a rube dyed in the wool "Boomer Sooner"). He graduated with a degree in Business Admin-

istration in 1952. Amoco Oil Co. hired him out of college to go to work as a petroleum landman in Billings. Shortly after his transfer to Billings, he met Joanne Lyons and on Jan. 17, 1953, they were married. Jim and Joanne immediately started their family of three children. The majority of Jim's business career was spent in the oil and gas business in Billings however, from 1965 to 1977, Jim left the industry to pursue a career in banking, working for the First National Bank in Billings. In 1977, Jim returned to his first love, the oil and gas business. Through his many years in this profession, he worked for several different companies where he thoroughly enjoyed the work, the challenges and especially the many life-long friendships and relationships he established in each.

Jim was a true "people" person who loved to golf, fish, play cards, and generally enjoy life. He had a wonderful sense of humor that he used extensively to brighten even the gloomiest of days. He had the innate ability to be a friend to anybody and give of himself unselfishly. He has impacted the lives of many with his loving, caring, and giving nature, his sense of humor, and his true enjoyment of life.

Throughout his life, he has continued to give of himself to others by serving in various capacities within numerous professional and civic organizations. To name a few, he was President of the Yellowstone Country Club, Billings Petroleum Club, Montana Landman's Association, and Billings Clearing House Association; he was a board member on the Public Utilities Board; he was elected to the Billings City Council and served four years as an alderman; and most recently was Treasurer of the Emmett Golf Association.

Jim is survived by his son Chuck and his wife Debbie of Houston; son Jack and his wife Janet of San Diego; daughter Peggy and her husband Mike Irving of Emmett, Idaho; sister Nancy and her husband Dick Adams of Palm Springs, Calif.; very special friend, Rosie Williams of Boise, Idaho; brother Bob Kerr of Seattle; grandchildren Kaitlin and Chris, daughter and son of Chuck and Debbie Kerr; Tyler, Tommy, Jenna and Marilee, sons and daughters of Jack and Janet Kerr; Michele, Tonya and Shannon, daughters of Peggy and Mike Irving. He is preceded in death by his wife of 38 years, his parents, his in-laws and his brother Jack.

The family suggests memorial contributions in Jim's memory, be made to the American Cancer Society.

James H. Kerr

EMMETT, Idaho — James H. "Jim" Kerr died April 10, 2003, in Emmett.

A memorial service will be at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 29, at The Perfect Place, 3603 O'Shea Circle, Billings. A reception will follow. Potter Funeral Chapel of Emmett is in charge.

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Sister Noreen Kerscher

LEAVENWORTH, Kan. — Sister Noreen Kerscher, 83, a Sister of Charity of Leavenworth, formerly of Helena and Billings, died Sunday, March 23, 2003, at Ross Hall, Mother House, Leavenworth.

A vigil will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 26, in Ross Chapel of the Sisters of Charity Mother House in Leavenworth, where friends may call after 4 p.m. Mass of Resurrection will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, March 27, at Ross Chapel. Interment will follow in Mount Olivet Cemetery on the Mother House grounds. Belden-Sexton-Sumpter Chapels are in charge.

Laura Kerstein

SCOBEEY — Laura Kerstein, 100, died Wednesday, Oct. 15, 2003, at the Daniels Memorial Hospital and Nursing Home.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 19, at the Scobey Lutheran Church. Burial will be in the Scobey Cemetery. Waller Funeral Home of Scobey is in

charge.

Harold E. Kersten

JUN 08 2003

Harold E. Kersten died in his

sleep on Friday, June 6, 2003, at Edgewood Vista in Billings. Harold was born on Feb. 2, 1923, in Delmont, Pa., to Ella and Henry Kersten and was one of 12 children. He graduated from Hickory High



**HAROLD
KERSTEN**

School in 1941. Harold served in the U.S. Air Force from February of 1943 to July of 1945, where he was stationed in the European Theatre. He was employed for many years by the Consolidated Coal Company, both in the position as coal miner and foreman. Harold married Elma Kisow, Aug. 6, 1945, and she preceded him in death in August, 1980. He married Mercene Swinaner on Nov. 22, 1981, and they resided in Canonsburg and Washington, Pa., until October 2001, when Harold moved to Billings for care for his Alzheimer's Disease.

Harold will be remembered for his keen wit, generosity and strong work ethic.

He is survived by his wife Mercene of Orchard Park, N.Y.; sons Eugene Kersten of Pittsburgh, Chris (Diane) of Billings; and grandson Tai. Also, stepson Carl M. Swinaner (Kathie) of Strykersville, N.Y.; and grandchildren Came Swinamer, Kristen Logel (Jo'nathon); and great-grandchildren Kate and Matthew. Also sisters, Ruth Kisow, Betty Van Kirk, Laura Morgan, Rebecca Zapotosky and Nancy Pozonsky. Cremation has occurred and no service is planned.

Michelotti-Sawyers has charge of arrangements.

Henry Kessel

Henry Kessel, 87, of Billings, passed away Thursday morning, March 6, 2003, at the Horizon Hospice Home.

He was born Feb. 25, 1916, in Hoskins Basin, the son of Christ and Katherine (Klotz) Kessel. He attended schools in the rural areas around Billings while his family farmed in different locations.

He married Ola Ward May 29, 1945 in Billings.

He had worked on several ranches, did construction work, and worked for Coca-Cola and Eastern Montana College as a maintenance electrician, retiring from EMC in 1978.

He enjoyed fishing and traveling.

Survivors include his wife Ola Maxine Kessel of Billings; a daughter Judith (Carl) Sims of Pueblo West, Colo.; one stepson, John (Elizabeth) Fread of Bremerton, Wash.; two granddaughters, Nicole Singleton and Kelly Conger; step-grandchildren, Debbie, Peggy and James Fread; nine great-grandchildren; sisters, Marth Kauffmann of Billings, Amelia Kaufman of Silesia, Tillie White of Joliet, Marie Wilkinson of Santa Cruz, Calif.; a brother, Rudy Kessel of Powell, Wyo., and his sister-in-law, Velma Kessel of Powell, and numerous nieces and nephews.

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Funeral service will be 11 a.m. Tuesday, March 11, at Smith Downtown Chapel. Interment will be at Sunset Memoria Gardens. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the charity of your choice.

Irma Kessler

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APR 16 2003

BUFFALO, Wyo. — Funeral services for Irma Kessler, 80-year-old Buffalo woman who passed away late Monday evening, April 14, 2003, at her home, will be held Saturday, April 19, at 10 a.m., from the Adams Funeral Home Chapel with Father John Meyer officiating.

Visitation will be held from the funeral home on Thursday, April 17, from 1 to 10 p.m., and on Friday, April 18, from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. Friends may donate in Irma's memory to the Suzie Bowling Lawrence Hospice in care of the Adams Funeral Home. A private family interment will be in Willow Grove Cemetery.

Irma Ruth Kessler was born on April 30, 1922, in Pulaski County, Ill., to Arthur and Estella Lentz. She received her education in Pulaski County and in California and Oregon. She graduated from Banks (Ore.) High School in 1941. During the summers, she worked for the Oregon Strawberry Association.

She was married on July 12, 1942, in Banks, to William Kessler, and they made their home in Portland, Ore., where she worked as a crane operator in the shipyards after all the men went to war. Bill served during WWII and Irma continued to work for the war effort in

the shipyards.

After the war, they moved to Corvallis, Ore., where they ranched and Bill also worked in timbering. They owned and operated sawmills in Forest Grove, Ore., Cloverdale, Calif., and White Sulphur Springs, Mont.

In November of 1964, they moved to Buffalo, where they owned and operated the Buffalo Husky Super Stop until they retired in 1984.

Bill and Irma resided in Yuma, Ariz., during the winter months and came back to Buffalo for summers. Bill passed away in July of 1993, and Irma continued living in Buffalo until the time of her death.

Irma loved her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, gardening, stained glass work and painting. She liked to spend part of each summer on the Oregon coast, where she was close to the ocean.

She is survived by two sons, Bob Kessler and his wife Christy of Buffalo, and Bill Kessler and his wife Celest of Billings; one daughter, Colleen Kirven and her husband Dennis of Buffalo; two brothers, Paul Lentz of

Newport News, Va., and ARNOLD
Lentz of Hillsboro, Ore., six
grandchildren, Justin Kirven of
Hillsboro, Oregon, Aaron Kessler of
Cory, Colo., Ben Kirven of
Dunsmuir, Brian Kessler of
Buffalo, Michael and Jeffrey
Kessler, both of Billings; and
two great-grandchildren,
Nathan and McKinley Kessler.
She was preceded in death by
her parents, her husband and
one brother.

Timothy W. Key

JUDITH GAP — Timothy W. Key, 46, of Judith Gap, formerly of Roundup, died Sunday, June 8, 2003.

Memorial services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 14, at the Wier Funeral Chapel in Roundup.

Joseph Aaron Keys, Jr.

BILLINGS GAZETTE

FEB 7 2003

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Joseph "Joe" Aaron Keys, Jr., 56, of Sheridan, formerly of Polson, Mont., died Tuesday, Feb. 4, 2003, from complications of cancer.

Memorial services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 8, at the First United Methodist Church in Sheridan, and at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 11, at First United Methodist Church in Polson, Mont. Champion Ferries Funeral Home of Sheridan is in charge.

Ruth Joan Kidd

Ruth Joan Kidd, 70, died Sept. 19, 2003, at West Park Hospital.

Visitations for Ruth will be from 9 to 11 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 22, at Robert's Funeral Home. Graveside services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 23, at Kalaheo Cemetery.

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Patricia "Pat" Kiedrowski

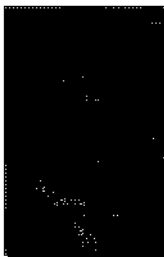
Patricia "Pat" Kiedrowski, age 80, passed away peacefully on Nov. 22, 2003 in Billings.

Pat was born July 1, 1923, in Beach, N.D. She completed her education at Eastern Mon-

tana College in Billings and then taught in Wibaux County for three years. She married James Kiedrowski in Wibaux on Oct. 7, 1943. After Jim returned from serving in the army in WWII, they lived in Lewistown and Shelby. In 1950, Pat and Jim moved to Billings where they raised their five children.

Pat worked in the healthcare profession in Billings for 37 years. Pat is best remembered for her kind and compassionate hospice and home health care. She comforted families and eased the final days for many of her patients.

The memory of Pat's holiday celebrations and her witch costume at Halloween has always brought a smile to family and friends. Her family members have special memories of Pat



**PAT
KIEDROWSKI**

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planting flowers in the spring, making cinnamon rolls for the first snowfall of the winter, and creating theme birthday cakes for her children.

Pat was preceded in death by her husband, Jim; and her son, Dennis.

She is survived by her sister, Marian "Mim" O'Sullivan of New York; daughter, Sharon (Bill) of Lancaster, Calif.; sons, Tex (Ruby) of Billings, and John (Janis) of Worland, Wyo.; daughter, Teri (Jasper) of Billings; grandchildren, Darin (Deb), Mike (Heather), Dave (Laurie), Kristi (Shannon); and eight great-grandchildren.

Vigil Service will be 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 25, at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary. Funeral Mass will be 2 p.m. Wednesday Nov. 26, at St. Pius X Church with cremation to follow.

If you wish to remember Pat, memorials may be made to Big Sky Hospice, P.O. Box 35033, Billings, MT 59107.

Patric Killebrew

LAUREL — Patric Killebrew, 50, of Laurel, died at his home, Sept. 30, 2003, of natural causes.



**PATRIC
KILLEBREW**

Pat was born in Lewistown, May 19, 1953. He lived most of his life in the Laurel area, where he was a clerk on the railroad and later became an artist and teacher. He and his wife Clair were married Aug. 3, 1973. Their only son, Tony, was born July 26, 1974. He graduated from MSU-Billings in 1983.

Pat is survived by his wife Clair; son, Tony and daughter-in-law Kelly; two brothers, Jim Stokkes and Andy Anderson; two sisters, Pati Hall and Vera Killebrew; his mother, Bonnie Killebrew; and his in-laws Wes and Ledena Thatcher; sister-in-law Hope and Larry Guptill; and brother-in-law Wesley and Pam Thatcher. He also has six nieces and six nephews. Among the numerous special friends and family that filled his life are: Eugene and Kenneth Deputee of Lodge Grass, Gary and Jolene Smith of Roy, Polly and Elliot Eaton, Dave FastHorse of Pocolar

and Linda and John Grandchamp of Frazer. He would also like to be remembered by friends and family too numerous to count. His father and one brother preceded him in death.

Known for his big hands and hearty appetite, husband, father and art teacher and professional artist, Pat was many things to many people. Pat was a kind man who gave to many charities and gave of himself to those around him. For the past 16 years of his life, he made the commute to Lodge Grass to teach because he said, "the kids need me to be there for them." Patric would often give up his own food so that others might eat, whether it be animal, child or adult.

He valued his friends and family and would do whatever he could to help them out. He will be missed for all of the things that are pure and good in a man.

Memorial services will be held 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 4, at Smith Funeral Chapel-Laurel. Inurnment will be in the Laurel Cemetery.

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Lloyd J. (Joe) Killham

CIRCLE —
Lloyd J. (Joe)
Killham, age 68, of
Circle, passed
away Friday, Nov.
7, 2003, at home of
natural causes.

Joe was born
Feb. 23, 1935 in
Lewistown to
Noisy and Myrtle
Killham. He was
raised on the fam-
ily ranch on the Judith River. He grad-
uated from Denton High School in
1953. He married Betty Lou Brannigan
on June 12, 1954, in Denton. Together
they raised four sons. Joe began his 44
year career in the retail lumber busi-
ness at Montana Lumber &
Hardware in Denton, and concluded
it with the sale of his lumber yard,
Midland Lumber of Circle, in 1998. In
1970, he was selected as an
Outstanding Young Man of America.
He was also a member of the
Montana Building Material Dealers
Association serving as its president in
1975. He served as chairman of the
McCone County Hospital Board and
was instrumental in creating the
Medical Assistance Facility (MAF) in
Circle which was the first of its kind
in the nation. He was dedicated to
family and friends and the betterment
of Fort Peck Lake, which he and his
family have enjoyed for decades.



**LLOYD
KILLHAM**

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Joe is survived by his wife, Betty of Circle; sons, Tom and wife Sheryl (Geiger) Killham and their daughters, Lindsey and Erica of Billings, Mark Killham and stepson, Joshua Lester of Brockway, Shane and wife, Susan (Hoerzl) Killham and their children, Kristen, Sarah and Ryan of El Granada, Calif, and Dan and wife Heidi (Golis) Killham and their children, Wendee, Krista, Ashley, Zac, and Austin of Lewistown; and great-granddaughter, MacKenzie; his sisters, Polly Golladay, Bev Koenr, Barb Gindbehn; and brothers, Jim and Clayton.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Bess; and daughter, Kathleen. A special thank you to Dave and Ruth Long for being there.

Vigil services for Lloyd J. Killham will be 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 11, at the Creel Funeral Chapel in Lewistown. Funeral Liturgy will be 11 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 12, at St. Leo's Catholic Church in Lewistown. Burial will be at Mount Calvary Cemetery.

Creel Funeral Home of Lewistown is in charge of arrangements.

Evelyn Morgan Killsnight

BILLINGS GAZETTE

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ROSEBUD CREEK — Evelyn "Evemonae" passed into the next life on the early morning of Aug. 18, 2003, at St. Vincent Healthcare. She went home to be with Maheo after battling cancer for several years.

Evelyn was born on July 3, 1938, on Rosebud Creek, to Flossie Redwoman and Martin Killsnight, Sr. She is preceded in death by both parents; brothers, Eli Killsnight and Luis Killsnight, Sr.; a sister, Erma Jean Killsnight; and grandson, Jeremy Hamilton.

Evelyn had a great compassion for kids. She enjoyed working with little children. She was a dedicated employee for the Follow Through Project for approximately 30 years as a teacher's aide at the Lane Deer Public School. Later, she was employed by the Head Start program in Lane Deer for five years until her illness.

Evelyn loved powwows and supported her brothers at sundances and other cultural activities relevant to the Northern Cheyenne Tribe. She took great pride in her heritage and culture. Evelyn was a daughter of hereditary chiefs from both parents.

Survivors include a son, Monte Killsnight (Lou Ann Mason); adopted son, Levi Parker; daughters, Julie Rogers, Marilyn Rogers and Qwen Whistling Elk. Evelyn raised

many grandchildren: Lexie Hamilton, Catlin and Jeremy Iron, Chass Killsnight, Feather, Tiana and Ableza Horse; and a very special great-grandchild, Sharar Killsnight. Her brothers, Martin Killsnight, Jr., Avon Killsnight, Roger Killsnight (Mabel) and Jerry Redwoman; sisters, Kitty Bell Speelman of Anaconda, Ethlene Killsnight, June American Horse, Molly Medicine Elk, Agnes Littlehead, Irene Bearquiver, Delores Redwoman, Cleo Redwoman and Linda Two Two; special nieces and nephews, Rodger Killsnight, Jr., Claudine Cano, Yolanda "Lynn" Killsnight, Reginald Killsnight; and numerous other nieces and nephews.

The family would like to give special thanks to Rosella Pongah, to cancer support group, the Northern Cheyenne Head Start staff, the LDS Bishops and Missionaries in Billings, and her roommate, Alice Rising Sun.

We will never forget you, and hold you in our hearts forever, until we meet again.

Annie Kilpatrick

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Annie Laurie Kilpatrick, 86, of Sheridan, died Tuesday, June 10, 2003, at her home.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be at 10 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 31, in the Lakeview Cemetery in Cheyenne. Champion Ferries Funeral Home of Sheridan is in charge.

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Rosa Kilpatrick

LAUREL — Rosa Kilpatrick died Thursday, Nov. 20, 2003, just 45 days short of her 102nd birthday, at the Evergreen Laurel Health and Rehabilitation Center.



**ROSA
KILPATRICK**

Rosa was born Jan. 4, 1902, in Austria, a daughter of Joseph and Marie Beslanovich. Rosa came with her parents and family to the United States when she was 3 months old. The family settled in

Watkins, Minn., until moving to Billings, where her father worked for the City. Later, he purchased a sugar beet farm east of Park City, where Rosa lived until she married Robert A. Kilpatrick (Bud), Aug. 31, 1922, at St. Anthony Catholic Church. Bud and Rosa purchased a home on Fourth Avenue where they raised their two sons.

Rosa enjoyed gardening, canning, knitting, crocheting and playing pinochle. She lived in her family home in Laurel until 1991, when she moved to the Evergreen Laurel Nursing Home.

Rosa is survived by one son, Thomas E. Kilpatrick and wife Donna of Laurel, four granddaughters, Roxy Edmond of

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Cody, Wyo., Karen Kotts of Boise, Idaho, Janus Koski of Port Orchard, Wash., and Debbie Kilpatrick of Seattle; seven great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren. Rosa was preceded in death by her husband, Bud, in 1978; her son, Robert Jr. (Bob); daughter-in-law Kathryn; and grandson Robert III (Bud); brothers Michael, John, Fred; and one sister, Annie Harris; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral Mass will be celebrated 10 a.m. Monday, Nov. 24, at St. Anthony Catholic Church in Laurel. Interment will be in the Laurel Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to St. Anthony Catholic Church.

Ralph A. Kilwien

LAUREL — On Oct. 7, 2003, Our Lord came to take our father, Ralph A. Kilwien, home. Dad passed away at the Evergreen Laurel Health and Rehabilitation Center. Our family wishes to thank everyone at the home and Hospice for the excellent care provided for our father.

Ralph was born Nov. 29, 1907, in Bentley, N.D., to Fred and Margaret Kilwien; next month he would have been 96 years old. At the age of 14, he left North Dakota and headed to Montana to make a life of his own.

He hopped trains and ended in the Bridger area, living with relatives and working on farms. In the early 20s of his life, he worked the Butte mines. He met and married the love of his life, Eva Daum, in 1930, a marriage that lasted 65-plus years until the death of his beloved wife in 1996.

Ralph worked many kinds of jobs over his life-span. In the 1930s to the 1950s, the folks farmed in the Edgar/Joliet area. In 1950, the family moved into Edgar. Through the 1950s, Ralph and Eva operated what is now Fort Rockvale, a store, cafe and bar. Later, dad went to work at

the Great Western Sugar Factory. Through the 1960s, Ralph was caretaker of Rockvale Cemetery and a bus driver for the Edgar School District.

It was during this time that he also was chief of the fire department. Later, he went to work for Carbon County as a heavy equipment operator, until his retirement in 1972. Ralph and Eva, along with their daughter, Lorraine, built a home in 1976, in Laurel, where they resided in their last years.

Ralph was preceded in death by his parents; his wife Eva; a daughter, Betty Jean; a son, Robert; a brother, Adam Kilwien; and a sister, Clementina Schutzman.

Survivors include his five children; three sons, Leonard A. Kilwien (Davey) of Bothell, Wash., Edward L. Kilwien (Marilou) of Kirkland, Wash., Raymond D. Kilwien (Donna) of Spicewood, Texas; and his two daughters, Loretta J. Martian (Arnold) of Helena and Lorraine I. Kilwien of Laure.

° He is also survived by 13 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild, and his two lovable dogs, Kibbles and Tomce.

Ralph was a devoted father and loved his family very much and we'll miss him dearly. Say "Hi" to Mom for us!

Visitation will begin at 4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 10, at Smith Funeral Chapel-Laurel, with a rosary at 7 p.m. Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 11, at St. Anthony Catholic Church. Interment will be in Rockvale Cemetery.

Flavia Kimball

BILLINGS GAZETTE
AUG 19 2003

TWIN BRIDGES — Flavia Kimball died June 24, 2003.

A graveside memorial service will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 20, at the Twin Bridges Cemetery. K&L Mortuaries of Twin Bridges is in charge.

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Roger D. Kindsvogel

WOLF POINT — Roger
Delmar Kindsvogel, 57, formerly
of Glendive, died Thursday, Dec.
4, 2003, at Trinity Hospital in
Wolf Point.

Cremation services are at 2
p.m. Wednesday in the Dawson
Cemetery in Glendive.
Silverdale-Silva Funeral Home in
Glendive is in charge.

Flavia M. Kimball

SEATTLE — Flavia M. Kimball, of Seattle, passed away peacefully in her home on June 24, 2003. She had recently celebrated her 90th birthday.

Born on May 13, 1913, in Fargo, N.D., to Hans Peter and Anna Hansen, Flavia and her younger brother were raised in Eastern Montana. She graduated from high school in Billings in 1930, then attended Eastern Montana Normal School. Flavia taught school in Montana, Alaska and Washington for almost 40 years. During World War II, she took a break from the classroom and worked for Boeing.

After retiring from teaching, Flavia maintained a very active life, traveling, playing bridge, visiting with her large circle of dear friends.

She is survived by her two nieces, Mayme Hansen of Dallas and Bobbi Hansen of Seattle. They were a special part of her life and she took much joy in being with them. She was preceded in death by her parents and her brother, Wesley.

Burial will be in Twin Bridges, Mont. Memorials may be made to a local chapter of American Cancer Society or Northwest Harvest. Arrangements by Bonney-Watson, Seattle.

BILLINGS GAZETTE

JUL - 2 2003

Harvey Kimbrough, Jr.

NEWCASTLE, Wyo. — Harvey Kimbrough Jr., 65, of Newcastle, died Sunday, April 20, 2003, at the Western Manor in Newcastle, of cancer.

Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 23, and from 9 a.m. until service time, Thursday, April 24, at Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home in Gillette. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, in the chapel of Stevenson Funeral Home in Gillette. Burial will follow in the Mt. Pisgah Cemetery in Gillette.

BILLINGS GAZETTE

APR 22 2003

Brian Wayne Kimmell

WESTCLIFF, Colo. — Brian Wayne Kimmell went to be with our loving Lord and Savior on Friday, Jan. 24, 2003.

Brian was born in Ephrata, Wash., to James R. and Rose E. Kimmell on May 14, 1954. The family moved to Billings, Mont., in 1955. He lived in Sheridan, Wyo., from 1979 to 1985, when he moved to Fairbanks, Alaska, and lived until 1998.



**BRIAN
KIMMELL**

He then moved to Westcliff, where he was residing at the time of his death.

Survivors include his son, Chad (Carolyn) of Moose Lake, Minn.; daughter

Shannon Inman of Billings; parents, James R. and Rose E. Kimmell of Canon City; brothers, Ron (Sheila) of Littleton, Rodney (Cindy) of Oklahoma City and Greg (Carla) of Billings; a sister, Karen of Glendale, Ariz.; three grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by a brother, Robert, in 2001.

There was a private family memorial on Thursday, Jan. 30.

Goodbye, Brian. You will be greatly missed by your family and friends. We know you are now at peace and surrounded by the Lord's eternal love and grace.

Clark F. Kindler

Funeral services for longtime Powell resident Clark F. Kindler were held Saturday, Oct. 25 at Miratsky-Easton Funeral Home.

Mr. Kindler died Tuesday, Oct. 21 at the age of 90.

He was born July 24, 1913, in Ulysses, Neb., to Fredrick William and Edna Whetsel Kindler. He married Juanita Sanford on Nov. 29, 1945.

He was a cook in the U. S. Army during World War II, serving in Africa, Italy and Sicily. He was a member of the American Legion and the Methodist Church.

Mr. Kindler played with Roy Barnes as a member of the Rocky Mountain Cowboy's band that performed on radio and at local dance clubs.

On Nov. 10, 1981, he married Winnie McCalmon of Powell.

Survivors include his wife, Winnie McCalmon Kindler; and step-daughters Erma Shupak, Thelma Galac, Donna Brasher and Donna Adamson.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his first wife, Juanita; six brothers; and stepson Bob Sanford.

Honorary pallbearers included Bob Sanford Jr., Dennis Shupak, Dan Brasher, Rob Brasher, John Galac, Mike Adamson, Paul McConnell and Gary Starke.

The Rev. Jarrell Tharp officiated at services. Burial was at Crown Hill Cemetery with military honors by the Powell Veterans Honor Guard.

JUN 19 2003

Mary Kindzerski

SCOBEEY — Mary Kindzerski, 99, died Tuesday, June 17, 2003, at the Daniels Memorial Hospital.

Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, June 20, at the Waller Funeral Home Chapel in Scobee. Private funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 21, at the Waller Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will be in the Scobee Cemetery.

Cheryl Rose King

LAME DEER — Our mother, grandmother, sister and friend, Cheryl R. King, left us to be with the Lord, after a short illness, on Nov. 27, 2003, surrounded by family.

Cheryl came into this world on Aug. 9, 1955, to the parents of Thomas (Crazymule) Jefferson, Sr. and Mary King.

Cheryl was known for her beautiful fancy beadwork, her outgoing personality, always being a friend to everyone that knew her, a kind heart, enjoyed baby-sitting her grandchildren and visiting with her friends. Our comfort is knowing that she is no longer in pain.

Cheryl attended school at Busby, St. Labre and Richland, Wash. She was with the Job Corps in Astoria, Ore., and attended Miles City Community College.

Cheryl worked at various jobs: The Northern Cheyenne Tribal Court, the LIHEAP office and the elderly program, to name a few.

Survivors of Cheryl include her special companion, Robert Red Fox of Ashland; sons, Dana and Corey Bullcoming of Seiling, Okla., Jace Bullcoming, Thomas

Walksalong of Lame Deer and John Elksoulder of Busby; her daughters, Shannon (Ben) Bullcoming of Boise, Idaho, Tommilyn (Leland) Bullcoming of Lame Deer; 10 grandchildren; sister Emma King; half-sisters Rita Jefferson Redwoman and Ethelene Jefferson, all of Lame Deer; nieces Carol Plentychief and Del Rae King; nephew Mickey Selage; adopted brothers, George Littlehead, Jr., Daniel Foote, Fernando Littlebird, Sr., Francis Blackhorse, Jr., Joseph Morrison, Jr. of Lame Deer and Robert Yellowfox of Ashland; adopted sisters, Theresa Littlebird, Georgiam Kellum, Maureen Limberhand of Lame Deer and Charlene Robinson of Ashland.

Cheryl was preceded in death by her mother, father, husband Tommy Bullcoming, infant daughter and sister Gloria King.

Rosary was at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 2, and the funeral service will be at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 3, at the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Lame Deer.

Rausch Funeral Home of Lame Deer has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Donald R. King

BILLINGS GAZETTE

NOV 04 2003

Donald "Don" King went home to be with the Lord on Nov. 1, 2003.

Don was born April 30, 1917, in Sandpoint, Idaho, to Ben R. King and Leta (Rogers) King. He grew up on the farm in Billings and attended country schools in the area, graduating from Billings High School in 1936.



DON KING

Don married Barbara Blank; of this union, three children were born. They later divorced. He married Marie Nelson on Nov. 9, 1962. They would have celebrated their 41st anniversary this coming Sunday.

Don worked in parts departments in several businesses in Billings. He retired in 1979, from Holeman Diesel, and worked 10 more years after that for another auto parts store. Don was an active member of the Christ the King Lutheran Church, serving as an elder for 15 years.

Survivors include his wife Marie; a sister, Genevieve Kane of Shoshone, Idaho; a stepdaughter, Kathy Stevenson (Joe); and a stepson, Tim Nelson, both of Billings; a grandson, Dwayne, of

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Cody, Wyo.; a granddaughter, Sherrie of Casper, Wyo.; and one great-grandson.

Doni was preceded in death by his parents; and his three children, Gerald, Donna and Roberta.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, Nov. 5, at 10 a.m., at Christ the King Lutheran Church, with burial at Sunset Memorial Gardens. A reception will be held at the church following interment. Memorials may be made to Christ the King Lutheran Church, 739 Newman Lane, or to Big Sky Hospice, P.O. Box 35033 Billings, MT 59107.

Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

Inez Helen King

BILLINGS GAZETTE

FEB 24 2003

CODY, Wyo. — Inez Helen King, 96, died Saturday, Feb. 22, 2003, at West Park Hospital.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Ballard Funeral Home with burial in Riverside Cemetery.

Polly Faye King

POPLAR — Memorial services for Polly Faye King, age 86, of Sidney, formerly of South Poplar, will be held 1 p.m. Monday, July 7, at the Lonsdale United Methodist Church in Sidney. Interment of the remains will be at the Grandview Cemetery following the service under the direction of the Fulkerson Funeral Home of Sidney.

Polly died Thursday afternoon, July 3, 2003, at the Sidney Health Center Extended Care.

Survivors include her three sons, Roger and wife Betty of Augusta, Aron and wife Carmen of Wolf Point and Gary of Sidney; nine grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

BILLINGS GAZETTE

JUL - 5 2003

Robert E. King

BILLINGS GAZETTE

APR 17 2003

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Robert E. King, 53, of Sheridan, died Tuesday, April 15, 2003, at Memorial Hospital of Sheridan County.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Monday, April 21, at the Sheridan College Bruce Hoffman Golden Dome. Kane Funeral Home of Sheridan is in charge.

Frances Kinney

BILLINGS GAZETTE

AUG 24 2003

GLENDIVE — Frances "Francie" Kinney, 58, of Glendive, died Thursday, Aug. 21, 2003, at the Glendive Medical Center Extended Care Facility.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, Aug. 25, at Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home in Glendive.

Gale Kinzer

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Gale Kinzer, 88, of Sheridan, died Sunday, Dec. 29, 2002, at Memorial Hospital of Sheridan County.

Graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 3, in Sheridan Municipal Cemetery, Eagles section. Champion Ferries Funeral Home of Sheridan is in charge.

BILLINGS GAZETTE
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WALTER KIP
Walter Kip, 78, of
Billings, died Thursday, March
13, 2003, at Friendship Villa in
Billings City of heart failure.

At Mr. Kip's request, there
will be no funeral service.
Visitation will be held from 1 to 8
p.m. on Sunday, March 16, in the
chapel of Stevenson & Sons
Funeral Home in Billings City. A
burial service will be held at
11 a.m. on Monday, March 17, in the
Sunset Hills Cemetery in
Fairfield with a reception to fol-
low at the Silver Dollar Bar.

Erma Kirby

BILLINGS GAZETTE

JUL 17 2003

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Erma Guyot Kirby, 94, of Sheridan, died Sunday, July 13, 2003, at Memorial Hospital of Sheridan County.

Memorial services will be at 9 a.m. Thursday, July 17, at St. Peter's Episcopal Church Chapel. Inurnment will be in Sheridan Municipal Cemetery. Champion Ferries Funeral Home of Sheridan is in charge.

Marion M. (Yonce) Kirk

BILLINGS GAZETTE

JAN 29 2003

SEATTLE — Marion (Yonce) Kirk, age 86, passed away peacefully Friday, Jan. 24, 2003, in Seattle, with her three children at her bedside.



MARION KIRK

Marion was born in Fishtail, Mont., on May 4, 1916, the daughter of William Henry and Bertha (Hyatt) Yonce. She attended schools in Absarokee, Mont., graduating from Absarokee High School in 1934. After moving to Billings to attend Billings Business College, she met her beloved husband of 58 years, Thomas R. Kirk. He predeceased her in 1995.

While raising a family in Billings, Mont., Marion was a dedicated volunteer, helping with fund-raising drives, Meals-on-Wheels, Job's Daughters, and Cub and Brownie Scouts. She was a longtime member of First Congregational United Church of Christ. Always physically active, she ran in her first race, the Montana Women's Run, in 1986, at the age of 70.

One of Marion's lifelong passions was a love of music, whether it was a program at First Church in Billings or one of her children's schools. She supported Tom, Karen and Richard in their

musical pursuits and was also a faithful supporter of the Billings Symphony Orchestra.

Tom and Marion enjoyed many trips through Europe, Asia and North America together in their later years. She was especially proud that they had visited all 50 states. Marion delighted in relating stories of their shared adventures, recalling each trip in meticulous detail.

Marion moved to Crista Nursing Center in Seattle in April 1998 following a stroke. She maintained a sharp interest in current events, loved to participate in a variety of Crista activities, and made certain the squirrels and birds outside her window were well fed. Marion was affectionately known as "Mom" or "Grandma" to many of her caregivers.

Marion is survived by three children, Thomas R. Kirk (Marla) of Keizer, Ore., Karen Lampe (Tom) of Bothell, Wash., Richard Kirk (LouAnn) of Everett, Wash.; nine grandchildren, Kevin, Jennifer, Ashli and Blaine Kirk; Kyle, Jess and Chad Lampe; Laura and Steven Kirk; and one great-grandchild, Lydia Nicole Kirk.

Her three sisters and brother also survive her: Mildred (Yonce) and C.A. Malone of El Paso,

Texas, Mavis (Yonce) and Charles Romée of Billings, Janis (Yonce) Johnson and Don Pyle of Woodburn, Ore., and Henry Yonce and Ione of Woodburn, Ore.

The family wishes to express their deepest gratitude to the staff at Crista Nursing Center in Seattle who provided a loving Christian environment, as well as to the compassionate staff at Northwest Hospital.

Visitation begins Friday morning, Jan. 31, at Smith Downtown Chapel. Funeral services will be at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 1, at Smith Downtown Chapel, 1220 26th St., Billings. Interment will follow at Mountview Cemetery.

Memorials may be sent to First Congregational United Church of Christ, 300 N. 27th St., Billings, MT 59101 or to Crista Nursing Center, 19303 Fremont Ave. N., Seattle, WA 98133.

Charles Fletcher Kirkham Sr.

Charles Fletcher Kirkham Sr., 81, of Billings, died Wednesday, Sept. 10, 2003, at his home, after a long fight with cancer. He is at peace.

The son of Reuben and Mary Pearl (Cade) Kirkham, he was born Feb. 7, 1922, in Willow Springs, Mo. In 1926, the family moved to Exeter, Calif.

On Dec. 19, 1942, in San Francisco, Charles married Gertrude M. Wasserburger, his wife of 60 years.

Charles entered the service and was stationed in India with the 1007th Engineers during WWII.

Charles was a self-employed building contractor in Powell, Wyo., for 25 years. He worked as security at Billings Logan International Airport and West Park Plaza during his retirement years.

Survivors include his wife Gertrude of Billings; two sons, Charles F. Kirkham, II of Cody, Wyo., and Floyd T. Kirkham and his wife Vangy of Billings; a daughter, Sandra Hartog of Las Vegas; grandchildren, Charles Kirkham, III, Douglas Kirkham and his wife Allyson, Tami Dayley and her husband Shane, Toni Brimmer and her husband Matt, Martin Hartog and his wife Angela, Clifford Kirkham and Susanne Kirkham; great-grandchildren, Cody and Jake Dayley, Jessica, Brittany and Anthony Hartog, and Heather and James Kirkham; and his brother, Ned Kirkham and his wife Ethel of Visalia, Calif.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a half-sister, Willard Byan.

Funeral mass will be 11 a.m. Friday, Sept. 12, at St. Bernard's Parish, with Rite of Committal at Holy Cross Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Northern Rockies Cancer Center, PO Box 369, Billings, MT 59103.

Doris Cyrena Kirkpatrick

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the Friendship Villa Care Center and to Dr. Nalewaja and Angela Bundy-PAC. We are very grateful for the care and concern you gave to her.

Doris leaves behind her husband Vernon of Terry; her children, Gary Kirkpatrick and his wife Iva of Terry and Susan Cranford and her husband Gene of Miles City. She will be greatly missed by her six grandchildren, Daniel Kirkpatrick and his wife Dawnya of Terry, Randi Kirkpatrick of Glendive, Michelle Kirkpatrick of Terry, James, Lindsey and Breanna Cranford of Miles City; her two great-grandchildren, Micah and Shawnee Kirkpatrick; a half-brother, Marty Nold and his wife Debbie of Yuba City, Calif.; a half-sister, Joanne Nold of Bell Flower, Calif.; and numerous nieces and nephews. Doris was preceded in death by her parents; her daughter, Linda Kirkpatrick; her sister, Charlotte Kirkpatrick; and her brother, Donald Nold.

Visitation will begin Sunday, Jan. 12, at 11 a.m., in the chapel of Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Terry. A prayer service will be held Sunday, Jan. 12, at 6 p.m., in the chapel of Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Terry. Funeral services will be held Monday, Jan. 13, at 2 p.m. at the Community

TERRY —

Doris Cyrena Kirkpatrick, age 78, of Terry, passed away on Jan. 9, 2003, at the Friendship Villa Care Center in Miles City, due to complications of Parkinson's and the flu.



**DORIS
KIRKPATRICK**

Doris was born on Oct. 24, 1924, in Los Angeles, the daughter of Ina (Brian) and Joseph Nold. She married Vernon Kirkpatrick on March 25, 1950, and moved to the Kirkpatrick Family Farm, southeast of Terry. She learned to cook and became a wonderful farm wife. No one came to the farm, whether they be a hired hand, repairman or just someone passing through, without leaving with a full stomach.

Doris was a very devoted wife, mother and grandmother. She loved to play cards and read to her grandkids. She was a wonderful cook; apple pies, angel food cakes and rolls were her specialty. Doris was a lifetime member of the Presbyterian Church and a past member of the Ashcreek Homemakers Club. A big thank you to all the wonderful nurses and CNAs and other caregivers at

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Presbyterian Church in Terry.
Interment 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.

Vernon H. Kirkpatrick**NOV 27 2003**

TERRY — Vernon H. Kirkpatrick, age 79, lifetime resident of Terry, passed away Wednesday morning, Nov. 26, 2003, at the Holy Rosary Healthcare in Miles City.

Vernon was born in Terry on Feb. 21, 1924, the son of Ernest and Myrtle (Tusler) Kirkpatrick. Vernon married Doris Nold on March 25, 1950, in Las Vegas. Vernon grew up on the family farm southeast of Terry and lived there until January of 2002, when he moved to Miles City to live with his daughter Sue and family.

Vernon dearly loved his wife of 52 years and his children and grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He loved animals and farm life was the only life for him. Hunting agates and looking at the cows and calves was Vernon's favorite pastime. After moving to Miles City, what he missed the most was the calving season and seeing all the baby calves running around the pasture.

Vernon is survived by his son, Gary and wife Iva Kirkpatrick and their children

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Dan and his wife Dawnya and children Micah and Shawnee, Randi Kirkpatrick and Michelle Kirkpatrick, all of Terry; and daughter Sue and husband Gene Cranford and their children James, Lindsey

and Breanna of Miles City; a sister Marion and husband K e n n y Dunneman of Ballantine; and many nieces and nephews.

Vernon was preceded in death by his parents; his daughter, Linda Kirkpatrick; and wife Doris Kirkpatrick; sisters Josephine (Sweet) and Ruth (Meidinger); and brother Wilbur Kirkpatrick.

Thank you to Dr. Nalewaja and Angela Bundy-PAC and Arlie Irish-PAC for all of your wonderful care and concern that you gave to him, he greatly appreciated it.

Visitation will be held on Sunday, Nov. 30, from 1 to 8 p.m. in the chapel of Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Terry. Funeral services will be held on Monday, Dec. 1, at 2 p.m. at the Community



**VERNON
KIRKPATRICK**

Presbyterian Church in Terry.
Interment will follow in the family lot in the Prairie County Cemetery.
Condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.stevensonandsons.com.

Should friends desire, memorials may be made to the charity of one's choice.

Albert Jay Kirm

POPLAR — Albert Jay Kirm Sr., age 67, of Poplar, died Oct. 9, 2003, south of Chinook as a result of an airplane accident. He was born Dec. 22, 1936, in Poplar to Gilbert and

Nellie (Lucht) Kirm. He was raised in Poplar, graduated from Poplar High School and married Betty L. Lizotte on the same day, May 24, 1956, in Poplar. In the 1970s and '80s,

he worked as a driller and tool pusher in the oil fields, and in 1985, started as a oil field technician for the Ft. Peck tribes, and worked there for many years. He loved farming, sporting events, especially those of his children and grandchildren, and he loved working on cars. He was an active member of St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Brockton, Mont.



ALBERT KIRM

Albert is survived by his mother, Nellie Kirm of Sidney; four sons, Albert (Connie) Kirm Jr., Curry (Lori) Kirm, both of Poplar, and Christopher Kirm of Dallas; and Chad (Marcella) Kirm of Poplar; three daughters, Marie (Bill) Decker of Billings, Desiree (Bernard) Lambert Jr. of Brockton, and adopted daughter, Dawn Summers of Billings; one sister, Karen Raffato of Sidney; and 22 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife; his father; one brother, Robert Kirm; one son, Dana Kirm; and one infant great-grandchild.

A Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 14, at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in Poplar. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 15, at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church with the Rev. Fr. Michael Schneider officiating. Interment will be in the Poplar City Cemetery. Clayton Stevenson Memorial Chapel of Wolf Point is in charge of arrangements.

Dana Charles (Monk) Kirn

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POPLAR — Dana completed his journey, and smiled upon seeing the face of the Lord. He departed from his beloved children, family and friends on April 5, 2003, in Poplar.



DANA KIRN

Dana was born on Dec. 8, 1956, the eldest son of Albert and Betty (Lizotte) Kirn, Sr. He spent most of his life in Poplar, and graduated from Poplar High School in 1975, where he excelled in basketball and football. Dana was also a scholarship honors student, in addition to being a member of the State Class A Basketball team from 1973-75. He was named MVP in State Class A Basketball in 1974, and received the honor of being selected as a first team all-stater in 1975. On June 5, 1981, he married Maude Greyhawk, also of Poplar.

Dana was preceded in death by his mother, Betty (Lizotte) Kirn in 2000.

Dana spent a number of years working in the oilfields, and more recently worked in road construction. He enjoyed hunting, fixing vehicles and displaying his artistry and skill as a quilt-maker.

Dana also enjoyed spending time with his children, family and his many friends.

He is survived by seven children, Darci Michelle Boyd (Paul) Lee of Plentywood, Dana Rae McKay, Josie Marie Clark, Deyna Chelsee Kirn, Tory Roseann Kirn, Bari Lynae Kirn, Parker Dane Kirn; four grandchildren, Austin, Brenden, Marshelle and Robert; his father, Albert Kirn, Sr., all of Poplar; sisters and brothers, Maria (Bill) Decker of Billings, Desiree (Bernard) Lambert Jr. of Brockton, Albert (Connie) Kirn Jr., Curry (Lori) Kirn, Chris Kirn and Chad (Marcella) Kirn, and many nieces and nephews.

"...when tomorrow starts without him, we know we're not far apart, for every time we think of him, we know he's in our hearts".
(Unknown)

His children, family and friends will always lovingly remember Dana.

A vigil service will be held on Thursday, April 10, at 7 p.m. at the Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in Poplar. Funeral ser-

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services will be held at 10 a.m. on Friday, April 11, at the Our Lady of Immaculate Conception Church in Poplar, with Rev. Fr. Michael Schneider officiating. Interment will be in the Poplar City Cemetery. Clayton Memorial Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

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Janet Bell Kirk

Janet Bell Kirk, 89, died Wednesday, Nov. 12, 2003, at the Daniels Memorial Nursing Home.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 15, at the United Methodist Church. Burial will be in the Scobey Cemetery. Walker Funeral Home of Scobey is in charge.

Michael David Kirn

POPLAR — Michael David Kirn, 45, died Oct. 9, 2003, as the results of an airplane accident. He was born Sept. 23, 1958, to the late Robert (Bob) H. Kirn and Audrey (Blue) Buckles Kirn in Poplar.

From a very young age, Mike enjoyed farming. He spent his whole life on the farm/ranch just north of Poplar farming with his mom and dad and later with his close cousins, Gooch and Chad. Mike attended all 12 grades in the Poplar School graduating in 1976.

Mike enjoyed fishing, golfing, flying and traveling but most of all spending time with his niece and nephews and visiting with everyone. He always has a grin and something to say to everyone he came in contact with.

Mike will be greatly missed by his loving wife and best friend, Shirley Hickok; his mother, Audrey (Blue) Kirn, and Gary Braine all of Poplar; Special mom,



**MICHAEL
KIRN**

Betty Hickok of Wolf Point; four sisters, Joleen Kirn of Poplar, Brenda (Rory) Huff of Payson, Ariz., Susie (Steve) Schagunn of Scobey, and Darlyn Grainger of Poplar; two grandmothers, Audrey Buckles of Poplar, and Nellie Kirn of Sidney; an uncle, Rob (Kathy) Buckles; three aunts, Sue (Ken) Kainz, Donna (Warren) Whitmer, Karen (Dave) Ruffatto; a niece, Haylee Jo Huff; and nephews, Brandon Schagunn, Kyle Schagunn, Ryan Schagunn, Miles Huff, and David and Douglas Rakstad; and all his relatives and many friends.

Memorial service will be 2 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 14, in the Poplar Cultural Center. Inurnment will be held at the Poplar City Cemetery. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.csmc@nemon-tel.net or www.stevensonand-sons.com. Clayton Stevenson Memorial Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Gotthilf Kittler

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BLOOMFIELD — Gotthilf Kittler, 88, of Bloomfield, died Tuesday, Aug. 5, 2003, at the Glendive Medical Center.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, Aug. 8, at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Glendive. Interment will be in the Dawson Memorial Cemetery in Glendive. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Glendive is in charge.

James Frederick and John Lawrence Klamm

OMAHA, Neb. — James Frederick and John Lawrence Klamm, infant twin boys of John and Jessica Klamm of Omaha, Neb., died on Sunday, Sept. 28, 2003, in Omaha.

James and John are survived by their parents, John and Jessica Klamm of Omaha; their grandfathers, Jake Klamm of Miles City, Mont., Chris Klamm of Miles City, Loren Fox of Bertram, Texas, and Jean Hildebrandt of Bellevue, Neb.; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, Oct. 4, at 2 p.m. at the chapel of Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home. Interment will be in the family lot of the Lutheran Cemetery. Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.stevensonfuneralhome.com.

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Peggy Klamm

MILES CITY
— Peggy Klamm, age 78, of Miles City, passed away on Wednesday, June 11, 2003, at the Holy Rosary Health Center.

Peggy was born in Helena on Dec. 30, 1924, the daughter of Herman and Eva Mary (Janssen) Hedrick. She attended school in Billings and graduated from Senior High School in 1942. She enlisted in the United States Navy, where she served during World War II. She married John F. Klamm, Jr. in San Pedro, Calif., on Dec. 14, 1945. Following Peggy's discharge, they returned to Miles City, where she has lived since. Peggy worked at Holy Rosary Hospital, Montgomery Ward, Red Rock, and then for the VA Hospital.

She retired from the VA in 1990. She was very active in the First Baptist Church; she enjoyed gardening, cooking, and enjoyed spending time with her family. She also loved making Christmas cookies and canning.



**PEGGY
KLAMM**

Peggy is survived by a son, Jacob "Jake" Klamm and his special friend Linda Wiedeman of Miles City; four daughters, Linda Klamm of Sun City, Calif., Mary Geering of Miles City, Anna Brandt and her husband Rick of Miles City and Leslie "Barney" Scanlan and her husband Karl of Menifee, Calif.; eight grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband John F. Klamm Jr. in 1999; a son, John L. "Tuffy" Klamm in 1971; and brother, Les Hedrick Jr.

Visitation will be held Friday, June 13, in the chapel of Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City. Funeral services will be held on Saturday, June 14, at 10 a.m., at the First Baptist Church in Miles City. Interment will follow in the family lot in the Custer County Cemetery with full military honors. Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home of Miles City is in charge of the arrangements. Please send your condolences to the family by visiting www.stevensonandsons.com.

Should friends desire, memorials may be made to the charity of one's choice.

Charlotte Klampe

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Charlotte Klampe died Monday, Aug. 4, 2003, at Aspen Meadows Transitional Living Center, at the age of 90.



**CHARLOTTE
KLAMPE**

She was born in Macomb, Ill., on Aug. 31, 1912, to Laura Chandler Lemmer and William G. Lemmer. Her first years were spent in Macomb. Her father spent some months in a TB sanitarium for printers in Colorado and fell in love with the west. As a result, the family moved to Sheridan, Wyo., in 1920, and to Billings in 1923.

Charlotte graduated from Billings High School in 1930 and enrolled at the newly established Eastern Montana Normal School. It was here that she met Marvin Klampe, who was to become her husband.

After her two-year course at Eastern, she taught a term in a Martinsdale country school with three students. She became engaged to Marvin during that time, and they were married on June 12, 1934, at the First Baptist Church in Billings. They lived in Hysham, where Marvin was teaching at the time, but in 1935, they moved to Worden.

junior high teacher and grade school principal and later as athletic coach by the Huntley Project School District. During the war years, Charlotte was enlisted to teach again because of teacher shortages, and she taught math and civics at the Huntley Project Junior High until World War II ended.

In 1950, the couple moved to Billings when Marvin became principal and then superintendent of the Lockwood School District. Marvin died in 1985.

Charlotte was a member of Jephthah Chapter of OES and has been a devoted member of the First Congregational United Church of Christ since 1950.

Charlotte is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Kay and Durwood Johnson of Billings; granddaughter Nancy Theran, her husband, Steve and great-grandsons Drew and Colin of Southborough, Mass.; granddaughter Sue Butzow, her husband, Tim and great-grandson

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Marvin was employed as a

Luke, of San Jose, Calif.; grandson Keith Johnson, his wife, Kathleen and great-grandchildren Natasha and Cole of Seattle; and granddaughter Katherine Johnson of Newton, Mass. She was preceded in death by her husband, Marvin; her brother, Bill Lemmer; and nephew and niece, Steve Lemmer and Eileen Lemmer Woodcock.

Memorial services will be 11 a.m. Friday, Aug. 8, at First Congregational United Church of Christ. A reception will follow the service. Private interment at Mountview Cemetery is planned.

Memorials might be directed to First Congregational Church Memorial Fund or to Energy Share of Montana and Billings Food Bank as Charlotte enthusiastically and consistently supported those organizations.

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Jerald Klein
Jerald Klein went to be with his Lord, May 12, 2003, at Eagle Cliff Manor, Billings.

Jerald was born April 27, 1941, in Elgin, N.D. Jerald touched the lives of many people throughout his life. He will greatly be missed.

Jerald was the son of John R. Klein and Esther P. (Birkholz) Klein. He was preceded in death by his father and sister, Ione (Klein) Daehler.

Survivors include his mother, Esther Klein, Mandan, N.D.; wife, Jeanette Klein, Billings; three children, Lynn Rismann, Helena, Karla Klein, Lewistown, and Jerald Klein II, Billings; their mother, Norma Anderson, Bridger; stepchildren, Cliff Kirkbride, Auburn, Wyo.; Isaac Kirkbride and Aaron Kirkbride, Billings; brothers, Gene Klein, Hardin, Randy Klein, Fargo, N.D.; grandchildren, Sunny, Zane, Autumn, Jordan and Austin; step-grandchildren, Jace and Tiffany.

Cremation will take place in Billings. A memorial service will be held in Elgin, N.D., June 6, at 10:30 a.m. in Zion Lutheran Church.

Barbara Kleinsasser

BILLINGS GAZETTE

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HARLOWTON — Barbara Paul Kleinsasser, 86, died Saturday, Aug. 23, 2003.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Aug. 26, at the Duncan Ranch Colony. Burial followed at the Colony Cemetery. Cloyd Funeral Home of Lewistown was in charge.

FEB 15 2003**RED LODGE**

— Eilene Klessens, 66, of Luther, passed away Thursday afternoon, Feb. 13, 2003, at St. Vincent Health-care in Billings.



**EILENE
KLESSENS**

Eilene was born on March 11, 1936, in Morton, Wash., a daughter of Earl and Mildred Heinselman. She was raised in Morton and in Red Lodge, graduating from Red Lodge High School in 1954.

On May 29, 1954, she married the love of her life, Edwin Klessens, in Red Lodge. They have resided in the Red Lodge area since their marriage.

Mrs. Klessens loved caring for her grandchildren and tending to her cats. She enjoyed bowling and playing pinochle, and was known for her wonderful fried chicken. Eilene was a member of St. Agnes Catholic Church and Altar Society of Red Lodge.

She was preceded in death by her parents; son, Donald Klessens; and infant son, Larry David Klessens.

Survivors include her husband, Edwin Klessens of Luther; two daughters, Linda (Dino) Loyning of Laurel and Kathy (David) Strum of Billings; one

son, Dave (Cheryl) Klessens of Red Lodge; seven grandchildren, J.D. and Mike Loyning, Jolene, Jill and Nathan Strum, and Darcy and Christopher Klessens; one brother, Roy Heinselman of Sun City, Ariz.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Vigil services will be held at 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 17, in St. Agnes Catholic Church. Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 18, in the church. Cremation will follow services, and interment will be in the Red Lodge Cemetery. Smith-Olcott Funeral Chapel is in charge of arrangements. Memorials may be given to St. Agnes Catholic Church or to the charity of one's choice.

Alvin B. Kiewer

GLASGOW — Alvin B. Kiewer, 93, formerly of Lustre, died Friday, April 18, 2003, at the Valley View Home in Glasgow.

Visitation will be from noon to 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 22, at Clayton Memorial Chapel. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, April 23, at the Lustre Mennonite Brethren Church. Interment will be in the Bethel Lustre Cemetery.

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**Joan Fryrear Bolton
Kliwer****JOAN KLIEWER**

Joan will be remembered as a very talented musician who served as a charter member of the St. Joseph Symphony. Joan taught and educated many children about the violin. Joan and Ted had many friends in the Billings area.

Joan was preceded in death by her parents, Shannon and Zella Fryrear; brother Mickey; and sons Shannon and Donald.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo. — Joan Fryrear Bolton Kliwer, formerly of Billings, died April 18, 2003, at St. Joseph Health Care Center. Joan was born Aug. 13, 1923, in Pueblo, Colo., and resided in Billings during her younger years and graduated from Billings Senior High School in 1941.

After returning from college in Virginia, she married Ted Bolton, who had just returned from serving in the Air Force. They operated Motel Shangri-La in St. Joseph for 20 years and raised their three sons, Shannon, and twin sons Donald and Ronald.

Kenneth C. Kline

Kenneth C. Kline passed away peacefully on Saturday, Jan. 4, 2003, from congestive heart failure. He was born on May 3, 1920, to Gottlieb and Emma Kline.

Ken attended school in Shepherd, receiving his GED diploma, signed by then-governor Tim Babcock. This was something he was very proud of!

Ken served in the Army from 1942 to 1946, with the bulk of his army stay in Central Europe as a cook. He always enjoyed telling the story of how an air force pilot named Jimmy Stewart loved his world famous creme pies!

In 1943, Ken married Velma Lee Braxton while still in the service. From this union was born a son, Tommy. Ken and Velma were divorced in 1946.

Ken married Bernice Otto on Sept. 7, 1949, in Gackle, N.D. To this union, three sons, David, Russell and William, along with two daughters, Bonnie and Karen, were born.

Ken worked for the Railroad and the Highway Department for many years until he worked as a land surveyor for Christian, Spring and Associates until his retirement on his birthday in 1985.

Dan loved to go have "strips" at the Alpine Casino in Billings. He was always wanting to know if we wanted some "strips."

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Ken also loved to go watch the Billings Bulls play hockey. In his last years, it was his only source of entertainment to get him out of the house. He cherished his autographed jersey that the Bulls players signed for him.

Ken was preceded in death by his mother and father, Emma and Gottlieb Kline; sister Ida; and brothers, Alvin, Bill; and his son, William John Kline.

He is survived by his sons, Tommy (Annette) of Lake City, Fla., David (Nancy) of Spanaway, Wash., Russell of Billings; his daughters, Bonnie (Mike) of Basin, Wyo., and Karen (Bruce)

Kline Keithler of Billings; and his brother, Harold of Redding, Calif.; one grandson, J.T. Kline of Hilton Head, S.C.; and his newly born great-grandson, Parker Joel Kline. I know Dad was very proud of that!

Ken enjoyed umpiring his sons' baseball games and was an excellent one!

Dad, now that you are in heaven, you get your chance to umpire in the Big Leagues and maybe even a game pitched by Dave McNally!

Services will be held on Friday, Jan. 10, at 1 p.m., at Smith's Downtown Chapel in Billings.

Memorials may be made to the Horizon Hospice House, 1019

Neptune, in Billings, or the VFW Post 1634 on Moore Lane in Billings. The money from the VFW memorials will be sent to the National Home in Michigan which is a ranch home for under-privileged kids.

Take care, Dad, and PLAY BALL!

Frank A. Klinge

Frank Klinge passed away on Saturday, May 24, 2003, of pneumonia and a severely broken heart. It was only four days ago that the love of his life, Louise, passed away. He was 89 years old.

Frank was born to Charles and Stella Klinge in Forsyth on Oct. 4, 1913. He attended the first years of school in Forsyth and continued with his education in the Howard area.

Frank entered construction at an age of 14 by fibbing about that fact to the job Forman. Construction was to be his lifelong occupation. Frank became an operating engineer, contractor and a labor leader in Butte.

After the death of Frank's first wife, Veva Harris Klinge, in 1936, Frank did the only logical thing. He got on the phone to his childhood acquaintance and explained to her that they should get together. He must have been a smooth talker because she agreed and they were married in November of that same year.

Frank and Louise shared a wonderful life together in Butte and later in the home they built together in Columbus. They love to travel and visited many loca-

tions around the states in their air stream travel trailer. In later years they settled in their home and made its lawns and gardens some of the prettiest in Columbus.

Frank was a 60-year member of the Operating engineers union, a member of B.P.O.E. 394 in Billings, an active member of the Columbus Kiwanis Club and a benefactor to the Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch and the Rocky Mountain Cancer Center.

Frank is survived by a brother-in-law and a sister-in-law, Ralph and Natalie Nelson, of Lewistown; his special niece, Tracy Schott, of Billings; and many other caring nieces, nephews and friends.

Funeral services will be in conjunction with his wife, Louise, at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, May 28, at Smith's West Chapel, 304 34th St. W. Interment will be held privately in Forsyth. Viewing will start at 5 p.m. on Monday at Smith's Downtown Chapel.



**FRANK
KLINGE**

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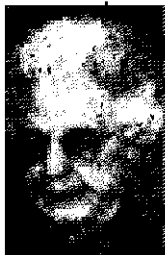
Louise Nelson Klingle

Louise Nelson Klingle died May 20, 2003, after a short illness. She was 94 years young.

Louise was born to Jesse and Mary Nelson on Oct. 22, 1908, in Clarks Fork, Idaho. Shortly after, the family moved to homestead near the West fork of Armells Creek, Rosebud County. Louise enjoyed growing up on the homestead, where she learned to appreciate riding, gardening and other aspects of country living. After schooling in small country schools and higher education in Forsyth, she was off to Denver.

Louise lived for many years in Denver, where she worked for various department stores, including the May Company, J.C. Penney and for Singer Sewing Corp. as a sewing instructor; she was an accomplished seamstress.

Almost 40 years ago, Louise was wooed back to Montana by the love of her life, Frank Klingle. She shared a rich life with Frank in Butte and later in the home



**LOUISE
KLINGLE**

they built together in Columbus. Louise and Frank loved to travel, garden, socialize and tend to their beautiful landscaped yard.

Louise was preceded in death by her parents, Jesse S. and Mary E. Nelson; her sister, Lenora Horton and husband Ray; her brother, Jesse C. Nelson and wife Annette.

Louise is survived by her loving husband, Frank Klingle; brother Ralph Nelson and his wife Natalie of Lewistown; and many loving nieces and nephews who have been of aid and comfort for some time.

Louise, we'll miss you and your chocolate cake.

Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Wednesday, May 28, at Smith's West Chapel, 304 34th St. W. Interment will be held privately at the Forsyth Cemetery. Viewing will be at Smith's Downtown Chapel starting Sunday, noon to 8 p.m.; Monday, 4 to 9 p.m.; Tuesday, 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Wednesday, prior to services at the West Chapel.

Isla E. Klopich

Isla E. Klopich, 85, died April 2, 2003, at St. John's Retirement Home. She was born Dec. 17, 1917, to Art and Mary (Bayne) Maddux in Red Lodge. She attended schools in Red Lodge, graduating from high school in 1938. During the summers of 1937 and 1938, Isla worked as a maid at the Grand Motel in Grand Canyon, Yellowstone National Park.

During World War II, Isla worked for Douglas Aircraft in California as leadwoman building P 38's. She was very proud of her wartime service. After returning to Red Lodge, she met Joseph Klopich at the Star Meat Co. They were married July 3, 1947. Together, they raised two children.

At the same time, Isla waited tables at several Red Lodge restaurants. She rarely missed her children's school activities and worked as a Cub Scout leader. She was very active at Calvary Episcopal Church and in the Festival of Nations. In 1958, Isla went back to school to become a beautician. She worked at Eleanor's Beauty Shop in Red Lodge from 1960 to '68.

In 1968, Isla and Joseph moved to Billings, where she worked as head baker at Lewis & Clark Junior High School from 1973 to '88.

Isla was always known for her knitting, crocheting and other crafts to friends. She taught her granddaughter Marcia to crochet.

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Isla is survived by her son, Max (Penny) Klopich of Billings; her special granddaughter, Marcia (Mackensie) Taylor of Billings; and her sister-in-law, Helen Maddux of San Le Andro, Calif.; and many special friends. She is preceded in death by her parents; her husband; her brothers Chas and Howard; and her daughter, Sandra Klopich.

Memorial services will be held 10 a.m. Thursday, April 24, at Ocee Johnson Chapel, St. John's Lutheran Home. The burial of her ashes will follow in Red Lodge Cemetery at 1 p.m. A reception will follow at the Dahl Funeral Chapel in Red Lodge.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to Center of Generation Daycare, St. John's Lutheran Home, 3940 Rimrock Road, Billings, 59102.

LeRoy John Klukas

LeRoy John Klukas, 59, of Billings, died suddenly in his sleep, at his home, after enjoying Monday Night Football with his friend, Floyd Newell.

LeRoy was born on Jan. 19, 1944, in Baker, to William and Irene Klukas. He attended school in Lemmon, S.D., and later joined the army and was stationed in Fort Hood, Texas. He married Sharon Diedrich on Dec. 6, 1966, and they had one daughter, Cheryl Marie Klukas.

LeRoy considered Montana his home, where he lived and worked for his best friend, Raymond Corcoran, at Raymond Corcoran Trucking, Inc.

One of LeRoy's proudest moments was when his only grandson Dakota John would say "Papa, go drive your truck!"

LeRoy was preceded in death by his mother and father. Survivors include his daughter, Cheryl, her husband Steve and their son Dakota of Las Vegas; and sister Mardella Smith of Ravenna, Neb.; and aunts, uncles and cousins.

Visitation will begin at 4 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 18, at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary. Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Friday, Sept. 19, at Michelotti-Sawyers. A reception will follow at the Elks Club, which is located at 934 Lewis Ave. Additional services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 20, in the Prince of Peace Chapel of Evanson-Jensen Funeral Home, Lemmon, S.D. Interment will be in Green Hills Cemetery, Lemmon.

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

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Eugene J. Knaff

GLASGOW — Eugene J. Knaff, 86, died Tuesday, April 29, 2003, at Valley View Nursing Home in Glasgow.

Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Sunday, May 4, at St. Raphael's Catholic Church. Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, May 5, at St. Raphael's Catholic Church. Interment will be in Highland Cemetery. Bell Mortuary of Glasgow is in charge.

MAR 21 2003

Funeral
The funeral of Mrs. Knoll, 72,
will be held Tuesday, March
25, at the Sidney Health
Center. Services will be at 7
p.m. in Room 23, at the
center. Home
Mass of
will be at 10
a.m. on March 24, at the
Catholic Church,
the Sidney

Marj Knaff

BILLINGS GAZETTE

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SIDNEY

Mass of Christian Burial for Marj Knaff, 72, Sidney, will be 10 a.m. Monday, March 24, at the St. Matthew's Catholic Church, with Father Greg



MARJ KNAFF

Staudinger as presider. Wake services are at 7 p.m. Sunday, March 23, at the Fulkerson Funeral Home Memorial Chapel in Sidney. Interment is in the Sidney Cemetery, under the direction of Fulkerson Funeral Home of Sidney.

On Feb. 20, 1931, Marjorie Cecelia was born to Forrest and Rosella (Burke) Whiteman in Sidney. She attended several Richland County schools where her mother taught, and graduated from Sidney Senior High School in 1948. After attending nurses training for one year, she returned to Sidney. There, she met and married George Peter Knaff on April 7, 1951. Together, they raised 10 children. Marj spent 54 years caring for her children. She shared their lives through numerous activities, joys and sorrows. She looked forward to the births of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

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Along the way, she also spent time with her friends playing bridge, golf and even bowling. She was a charter member of the Sweet Adelines in Sidney and was an active member at St. Matthew's Church. Much of her life included Valley Motor Supply, fireman's activities and Elks functions. There was never a time her door was closed to anyone who needed a place to stay.

Marj died Tuesday, March 18, 2003, at the Sidney Health Center.

She will be greatly missed by her family, Cheryl Walker, Helena, Mike (Nancy) Knaff, Katiapell, Pat Knaff, Fairview, Georgia (Bina) Fischer, Bowman, Pessie (Dor) Thornton, Lambert, Tim (Naomi) Knaff, Monument, Colo., Robin (Ross) Bender, Sidney, Kelly (Bill) Knaff, Sidney, Bryan (Ginger) Knaff, Terry (Sandra) Knaff, Sidney, sisters, Pat (Dolph) Harris, Sidney, Alvin Mitzman, Billings; 22 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews; aunts, Jeanette Schmitt, and Evelyn (Forrest) Callison; and special friend, Lloyd Preece.

She was preceded in death by her husband, George Knaff; parents, Forrest and Mose Williams; and several aunts and uncles.

MAY 21 2003

Herman Knaub

LAUREL — Herman Knaub, 89, passed away at Evergreen Laurel Care Center on May 18, 2003. He was born Sept. 11, 1913, to George Phillip Knaub and Maria Catherine (Maid) Knaub.

Herman farmed with his father and brother Henry. He also worked for the Northern Pacific Railroad.

Herman's favorite sport was boating. He loved horses, and his favorite pastime was playing guitar and singing Western songs.

Herman was a lifelong member of First Congregational Church, having been baptized and confirmed there.

Herman was preceded in death by his father, mother, brothers, Phillip W. and Henry, sisters, Katherine and Elizabeth Steinmetz. He is survived by sisters, Lydia Fox of Laurel, Rose Bartholomew of Livingston and sister-in-law, Marie Knaub of Cody, Wyo.

Memorials may be made to First Congregational Church.

Funeral services will be held 10 a.m. Thursday, May 22, at First Congregational Church, with interment in the Laurel Cemetery. Smith Funeral Chapel-Laurel is in charge of arrangements.

FEB 22 2003**Barbara Ann Knibb**

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Barbara Ann Knibb, 65, died Monday, Feb. 17, 2003, at Westview Health Care Center, of cancer.

Cremation has taken place in Sheridan. No memorial services will be held at this time. Kane Funeral Home of Sheridan is in charge.

Betty Knieriem

MILES CITY — Betty Lou Knieriem, 76, of Miles City, formerly of Corriganville, Md., died Wednesday, July 2, 2003, at the Friendship Villa in Miles City.

Visitation will begin at 9 a.m. Tuesday, July 8, at the Scarpelli Funeral Home in Cumberland, Md. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, at the Scarpelli Funeral Home in Cumberland. Interment will follow in the Rest Lawn Memorial Cemetery in LaVale, Md. Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home of Miles City and Scarpelli Funeral Home of Cumberland are in charge.

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GILLETTE, Wyo. — David John Knigge, age 16, of Gillette, passed away on Saturday, Aug. 23, 2003, as a result of a vehicle accident.



**DAVID
KNIGGE**

David was born on Jan. 9, 1987, in Gillette, the son of Christian "Dean" Knigge and Toni Lynn Ojala. He worked for Connely Trees and owned and operated Davey J's Skateboard Shack. David enjoyed skateboarding, snowboarding, wakeboarding, snowmobiling, playing guitar, and most of all being with his friends. He loved life and loved making people smile and laugh.

David is survived by his mother and stepfather, Toni and Dave Jackson; his father, Dean Knigge; his sisters, Courtney Keller and Christian Jackson; his grandparents, Roger and Karen Mallak, Buzz and Kay Knigge, and Mary Knigge, all of Gillette; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, Aug. 28, from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home in Gillette, where a time of reminiscing and remembrances will be shared. Funeral services will be held Friday, Aug. 29, at 2 p.m., at the Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Gillette, with Pastor Sonja Bruckloker officiating. Interment will follow at the Mt. Pisgah Cemetery in Gillette. Pens will be available for friends and family members to sign David's casket. Condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.stevensonandsons.com.

Should friend desire, memorials may be made to the charity of one's choice.

Leonard D. Knight

BILLINGS GAZETTE

HARDIN — Leonard D. Knight, 67, of Hardin, died Saturday, Aug. 23, 2003, in Hardin.

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Cremation has taken place. Services and inurnment will follow in California. Bullis Mortuary of Hardin is in charge.

Harvey Knoll

BILLINGS GAZETTE

CODY, Wyo. — Harvey Knoll, 64, of Cody, died Monday, July 14, 2003, at the hospital in Glendive, Mont.

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Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, July 17, at the Ballard Funeral Home in Cody. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday, July 18, at Ballard Funeral Home. Interment will be in Riverside Cemetery in Cody.

Tawn Lee Knows His Gun**Sept. 14, 1971 — Sept. 22, 2003**

SALEM, Ore.
 — Tawn Lee Knows His Gun was born in Billings on Sept. 14, 1971. He passed on Sept. 22, 2003, in Salem, in a car accident.



Tawn is survived by his mother, Camellia High Pine; his dad, Gordon Knows His Gun; his children, Ambrosia Rose, Rowdy Ray, Chyna Rae and Taunah Joyce; his brothers and sisters, Chepa C. Knows His Gun, Carmelle Knows His Gun, Travis D. Montoya, Tashan C. High Pine, Trey Don Doney and Tammy Sue Monroe. He had two special uncles, Tiger High Pine and Tim Lecompte. He also had a childhood bond with these very special friends, Roy St. Dennis, Patrick Niess, Patrick McDonald, James Day Child and Robert Holmes.

Short service and cremation took place in Salem at the Virgil T. Golden Funeral Home. Tawn's ashes will be taken "home" to Billings.

TAWN KNOWS HIS GUN

NOV 28 2003

Helen Munyan Knox

Helen Munyan Knox passed away peacefully on Nov. 26, 2003, at the Evergreen Health and Rehab Center in Lockwood, with her many friends and loved ones. Thank you all for your great help and support.

Helen attended school in Shepherd and graduated at Laurel High School. She lived in the Bull Mountains most of her life, then Absarokee, and later moved to Arizona, where she retired.



HELEN KNOX

Helen's abilities were numerous. She enjoyed fishing, dancing, crocheting, sewing and cooking for her family and friends. Her specialties were homemade noodles, cinnamon rolls and fried deer steak with biscuits and gravy. Helen thoroughly enjoyed carpentry, masonry and wood-working.

Helen was born April 18, 1919, to Burt and Mary Munyan. Helen is survived by her brother, Spencer Munyan of Roundup; sisters, Lillie Singley of Roundup, Bertha (Beecher) Kuykendall of Billings; children, Helen (Hugh)

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Walkowach of Oreville, Calif., Sharon (Dick) Schwab of Shepherd, Doyletta; (Frank) Zweifel of Billings, Frances (Willard) Holdbrook of Boyd, Anne Gordon of Roundup, Dale (Donna) Marsh of Roundup; 31 grandchildren; 79 great-grandchildren; seven great-great-grandchildren.

Preceded in death by her husbands, Aaron Weis, Doyle Marsh and her beloved D.J. Knox; her brothers, George, Paul and William Munyan; sister Dora Flynn; four grandchildren, Laura, Robin and Jodette Zeigler, and Roger Johnson.

"We'll miss you, Mom. Enjoy eternity with the Lord and your loved ones."

Funeral services will be at Trinity Nazarene Church, 25 Hilltop Road, at 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 29.

Marguerite L. Knudson

BUFFALO, Wyo. — Marguerite L. "Maggie" Knudson, 94, of Buffalo, died Sunday, Feb. 2, 2003, at the Amie Holt Care Center in Buffalo.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 6, at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Buffalo. A rosary will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 5, at the church. Burial will be in the Willow Grove Cemetery. Adams Funeral Home of Buffalo is in charge.

David L. Knust

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David L. Knust of Billings passed away Jan. 28, 2003, at St. Vincent Healthcare. David was born March 30, 1941, in Rapid City, S.D., the son of Herbert Knust and Frances Hendrix.

He attended and graduated from high school in Custer, S.D. In 1960, he married Sharon Flack in Bristol, R.I.

David served four years in the Navy, then spent years driving truck over the road and doing construction until his retirement. He was a member of the American Legion Post #4.

He was preceded in death by his father; and an infant brother, Jimmy. He is survived by his wife, Sharon; sons, Daniel (Rachael) of Gillette, Wyo., and John (Lori) of Billings; six grandchildren; mother Frances and sister Karla, both of Garberville, Calif.; two brothers, Jack (Glenda) of Custer, S.D., and Vic of Los Angeles; and special brothers- and sisters-in-law, uncles, aunts, nieces and nephews.

Cremation has taken place at Smith's Crematory. A memorial service with military rites will be held 2 p.m. Friday, Jan. 31, at Smith's West Chapel, 304 34th St. West. Interment of cremains will be held in the Black Hills National Cemetery.

William "Bill" Kober

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William "Bill" Kober passed away Jan. 9, 2003, at Laurel Evergreen Health Center. He was born July 10, 1914, a son of Karl and Eleanor Rimpe Kober.



BILL KOBER

Bill married Clara Mehling, June 4, 1939. They had four children, William C., Helen, Thomas C. and Rebecca. Clara died June 23, 1978. They had resided in Lockwood for many years.

Bill married Margaret Hedges in February 1981, and they lived in Park City.

His early years were spent farming and he never lost his love of the soil and growing things. In the 1950s, he went to work for the railroad and Great Western Sugar Co., which he retired from in 1979. After retirement, Bill enjoyed traveling, gardening and woodworking. He made many wishing wells, doll swings, butterflies, roadrunners, etc. He was a most generous and giving person, always willing to lend a helping hand.

Surviving Bill is his wife Margaret of Laurel; his son, Bill (Cheryl) and daughter, Becky (Kelly) of Billings; grandchildren, Rick LeClair, Brian, Brent, Blake,

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T.J., Alicia and Destiny. Also, six great-grandchildren; half-brother Richard Kober; and stepsister, Dorothy Kerby.

Bill was preceded in death by his two children, Helen and Tom; his parents; siblings, John, Anna (Thomas), Karl, Albert and half-brother Ed.

He will be dearly missed by his family and his many friends.

Memorial service will be held Wednesday, Jan. 15, at 2 p.m., at Smith Downtown Chapel. Interment of his cremains will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Elizabeth Marie Kocab

Elizabeth (Betty) Marie Kocab was born to John Francis Jackson and Elizabeth Frances Kunkel on May 19, 1928, in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Mrs. Kocab, formerly of Roundup, passed away quietly after a long illness at her daughter's home in Billings on Thursday, April 3, 2003.

On July 1, 1947, she married Frank Joseph Kocab and together they had six children. She was preceded in death by her husband in 2002, and her son, Sandy Kocab of Billings, in 1988.

Survived and greatly missed by sons Rick Kocab of Deming, N.M., Dan and John Kocab of Billings; and daughters Beth Harrelson, also of Billings, and Joanne Borell of Wilson, Kan. She was also the proud grandmother of 19 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren with another on the way.

In 1975 she and her family left Pittsburgh and began a successful business as owners of motels in New Mexico, Florida and Kansas.

They retired to Roundup in 1987 to be closer to some of their children living in Billings. Betty

enjoyed working as the city librarian in Roundup.

Raising six kids was no challenge to Mrs. Kocab as she was the oldest of five siblings. Betty loved nothing more than to be surrounded by her children and grandchildren. She always made sure when family was visiting to prepare a wide variety of everyone's favorite foods. While living in Kingman, Ariz., with her husband they enjoyed taking their visitors to Laughlin for a weekend. Traveling was a favorite pastime as was various crafts such as knitting and crocheting. She was a member of the San Damiano Fraternity Secular Franciscan Order in Billings and an active member of the Catholic Church in each place she lived. She made and donated rosaries to family, friends, and the parishes she was part of. She was a very loving and caring mother and grandmother; she will be greatly missed.

Mass will be at 10 a.m. at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, 210 Colton Boulevard, Monday April 7. Interment will be at Terrace Gardens Cemetery, 304 34th Street West.

Janiece Koch

BOISE, Ida. - Janiece Koch of Boise, Idaho passed away Saturday, June 7, 2003. She was 73.

Janiece was born January 28, 1930 in Finch, Mont. She married Andy Koch of Custer and together they had three sons: Joseph Duane, Lee and Gerald.

Janiece is survived by her sons; four sisters: Mildred Drago, Betty Taylor, Judy Rogers and Beverly Barta; two brothers, Don Rogers and Frank Rogers; several grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Services were held in Boise.

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Lillian Koch

DEER PARK, Wash. - Lillian "Sally" Aletha Quest Koch, 83, formerly of Othello, Wash., died Monday, June 2, 2003, at her home in Deer Park, Wash.

Lillian was born on January 5, 1920, in Hardin to Glen T. and Margaret D. Cooper Quest. She was raised and educated in Hardin. She married Alphonse R. Koch on November 26, 1937, in Billings.

They farmed throughout the Custer, Hardin and Billings area. In 1952 they moved to the Othello area, where her husband worked for the irrigation district. In 1994, Lillian moved to Deer Park to be near her daughter. In 1997 she moved to East Wenatchee, returning to Deer Park in October of 2002.

Lillian will always be remembered as a Beautiful Grand Lady, with a strong will and a love of life. She was always willing and ready to help others with whatever they needed: a shoulder to cry on, transportation, food or just someone to talk to.

Lillian loved Othello and was proud to be an active part of the community. She was a member of the Othello Eagles Lodge, organized the Othello

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Women of the Moose Lodge and was very active in the "Moose Heart" organization within the lodge. She was a lifetime member of Moose Haven and the Othello VFW Auxiliary.

Lillian always enjoyed quilting; she was a member of the Othello Quilter's Club and continued to quilt her entire life. At the time of her death, she was working on two baby quilts for her great-grandchildren. Lillian was a seamstress, making most of her children's school clothing as they grew, as well as numerous wedding gowns. She was an avid flower gardener and waited impatiently for the blooms to appear. As Lillian's family grew, she would send all of her grand- and great-grandchildren a birthday card with a dollar bill in it. It was a custom that she had to stop, but she was overjoyed when she began receiving cards from her family on her birthday with a dollar in them.

Lillian enjoyed traveling,

going anywhere for a ride, but her favorite was going to stay with and visit friends.

Lillian was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Alphonse; two sons, Robert and Dennis; a granddaughter, Pamela Koch; a great-granddaughter, Diane C. Goll; and a great-grandson, Chanse T. Turner. She is survived by her three daughters, Kay Turner of Deer Park, Wash., Glenna Goll and husband Gary of Maple Shade, N.J. and Maxine Riggs of E. Wenatchee; a brother, Glen "Bud" Quest and wife Mary of Hysham; two sisters, Mildred Lind of Bakersfield, Calif. and Margaret Peg Kuntz of Custer; 13 grandchildren and 34 great-grandchildren.

A celebration of Lillian's life was held at Stevens Funeral Chapel in Othello on Saturday, June 7 and concluded at the Bess Hampton Memorial Park. A time for visitation was held on Friday, June 6, at the Chapel.

Memorials are suggested to the Othello Hospital memorial fund c/o Stevens Funeral Chapel, P.O. Box 315, Othello, WA 99344.

OCT 05 2003**Rawley C. 'Doc' Koch**

SHEPHERD — Rawley C. "Doc" Koch, 65, died Wednesday, Oct. 1, 2003, at his home near Shepherd after a brief battle with pancreatic cancer. Doc was born on Aug. 31, 1938, to Raymond and Faith Koch in Billings.

He attended Garfield School, where he had a perfect attendance record.

**RAWLEY KOCH**

He graduated from Senior High in 1956. As a teenager, Doc's garage was a meeting place for many car enthusiasts. He was a charter member of the Trier's Car Club. His '34 Ford and '56 Chevy were well known in the drag-racing world in Billings at that time. He was a sergeant in the Army at Fort Bliss in El Paso, Texas, from 1961 to 1963. He returned from military service and worked with his father at Spear Meat Co. After his father's retirement, Doc became the third generation of the Koch family to own and operate the "butcher shop" which was in the family for 65 years. He retired from the meat business in 1984.

Doc loved horses and from 1984 until 1998, he bred and trained horses at his horse property in Shepherd. He traveled widely around the country "hauling" horses" to sales and races. His many tales of horses, their personalities and characteristics, were legend. He had a broad knowledge of the history and lineage of race horses and cherished the many friendships he developed through those years.

Doc also was very proud of the community of Shepherd and the wonderful people he had come to know there. The love and support he had from neighbors like Bob and Rose Fritz, and Larry and Bea Willson and their children made them feel more like family than friends.

Doc was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his son, Davey, and daughter-in-law, Karla, and their children, Rocco and Kryssa, of Sparks, Nev.; daughter, Tracy, and son-in-law, Andrew Williams, of Reno, Nev.; his brother, Roger Koch; and sisters, Joan Koch, Susan Burton and Zenda Koch, all of Billings.

There will be a memorial mass at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 18 at St. Patrick's Co-Cathedral in Billings. Cremation has taken place. The family asks that, in lieu of flowers, donations be made to Big Sky Hospice or the St. Vincent Foundation.

Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary has charge of arrangements.

**In Memory of Shawn
Kitch****Born on Nov. 14, 1977,
died Sept. 1, 2003**

Born at St. Vincent's in Billings. Now he's resting in peace. He lived life to the fullest. He lived day by day because he said tomorrow may never come. He would give his shirt off his back, even to a complete stranger.

Survived by his father, Frank; mother, Theresa; brother, Michael; and sister, Christina (Koch). Loved by too many relatives to mention.

Funeral services at 145 Alderson, Billings, 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 6. A gathering will be at Pioneer Park following services.

MAY 15 2003

Agnes K. Kotz
Agnes K. Kotz, 83, formerly of Sheridan, Wyo., died Saturday, May 10, 2003, in Tucson.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. on Monday, May 17, at Kane Family Home in Sheridan. Burial will follow in the Sheridan Memorial Cemetery.

Ernest G. Koenig

CODY, Wyo. — Ernest G. Koenig, 84, died Sunday, April 6, 2003, at the West Park Long Term Care Center.

Memorial services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday, April 11, at Ballard Funeral Home in Cody.

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Violet 'Vi' Koenig

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Violet peacefully passed away Feb. 7, 2003. Vi was born July 5, 1910, in Steele, N.D., on the way to Baker, to Hans and Elenore Haagenson. On Dec. 1, 1928, she married Emanuel Koenig in Baker. After making several moves, they settled in Billings in 1939.



VI KOENIG

Vi was a gifted seamstress and worked many years for Cole's Men Store running their alterations department. She was also handy with the drumsticks and played the drums in the Koenig Trio. She was a lifetime member of the musicians union and a member of the Moose Lodge.

Vi is survived by her children, daughter, Loretta Garcia of Billings; sons, Carrol (Darlene) of Billings and Wesley (Bertie) of Bellingham, Wash.; sister, Rose Rigo of Albuquerque, N.M.; brother, Norman Haagenson of Denver. Also surviving are six grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren and 10 great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband Emanuel; sister Geneva; and brothers, Lester, Edwin and Helmer.

Services will be held 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 15, at Smith's Downtown Chapel. Interment will follow at the Bridger Cemetery. Viewing will start Thursday, Feb. 13, at Smith's Downtown Chapel.

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

Irene Kogele

BROADUS — Irene Kogele, 75, of Broadus, died Monday, Aug. 4, 2003, at the Powder River Manor.

Visitation will be from 1 to 6 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 7, in the chapel of Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Broadus. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Aug. 8, at the First Baptist Church. Interment will follow in the family lot in the Valley View Cemetery.

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Richard Kogele

MILES CITY — Richard Kogele, 86, of Miles City, died Wednesday, Feb. 26, 2003, at the Holy Rosary Extended Care.

Visitation will be held Sunday, March 2, at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday, March 3, at the First Presbyterian Church. Interment will follow in the Eastern Montana State Veterans Cemetery in Miles City.

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Salmo 'Sam' Kogele

MILES CITY
— Salmo Kogele, age 87, of Miles City, formerly of Terry, passed away on Saturday, June 14, 2003, at the Friendship Villa Care Center in Miles City.



SAM KOGELE

Salmo, better known as Sam, was born on Jan. 13, 1916, the son of Jakob and Christina (Mueller) Kogele. He was one of 11 children. As a young man, he hired out to the Beiber ranch. While working there, he was helping Mrs. Beiber butcher turkeys, and a plucked turkey got up and started walking around. Mrs. Beiber got up on a table and screamed until Sam made sure the turkey was dead.

Sam also worked rounding up wild horses with the Hedstrom and Sukut brothers. On one of the roundups, Sam's horse stepped in a hole and fell, causing Sam to break his ankle. During those times, there were no doctors available to help, so Sam kept his foot in his boot, and that is how his ankle healed. Sam then went to work for the CCC, and was discharged from there after working

for three years. While he was there, he worked building dams and other construction jobs.

In 1943, Sam moved to Billings and worked for Pierce Packing for about two years. He married Hertha Gunsch on Oct. 12, 1945, and the couple moved north of Terry, where he farmed on the family farm. Sam and Hertha had a daughter while they were living on the farm. Sam was mainly a wheat farmer, but he also had some cattle and chickens. Sam sold the farm in the early '80s and moved himself and his wife to Miles City. They bought a house at 320 Yellowstone, where they planned to enjoy their retirement years.

Sam enjoyed playing pinochle and pool with his many buddies. He was happiest when he was around people. Sam enjoyed company from friends and family.

Sam is survived by his daughter, Cheryl Ann Wulf of Helena; two brothers, Otto Kogele of Anchorage, Alaska, and Melvin

Kogele, of Omaha, Neb.; four sisters, Ida Stadler of Palmer, Ala., Hodelia Lamers of Monmouth, Ore., Martha Bradley and Anna Fiskefeldt, both of Billings, and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife; his parents; a sister Magdeline; and three brothers, Jakob, Richard and Will.

He will be missed by everyone who knew him.

Visitation will begin on Friday, June 20, from 4 to 8 p.m., at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City. Funeral services will be held on Saturday, June 21, at 11 a.m., at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home. Interment will follow in the family lot of the Custer County Cemetery. Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home of Miles City is in charge of the arrangements.

Should friends desire, memorials may be made to the charity of one's choice.

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Patricia Kohnopp

MAY 06 2003

MILES CITY — Patricia Joanne Kohnopp, 50, of Miles City, died Sunday, May 4, 2003, at her home.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 10, at the residence of Michael Wootan, 607 N. Merrill, Glendive. Private family interment will be held at a later date. Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home of Miles City is in charge.

JAN 08 2003**Louis J. Kolarich**

RED LODGE — Louis J. Kolarich, 87, of Red Lodge, went to be with our Lord on Sunday, Jan. 5, 2003, at Cedar Wood Villa.

Louis was born in Red Lodge on June 21, 1915, a son of Charles and Marie Kolarich. He attended Red Lodge schools, and in March of 1942, he joined the U.S. Army Air Force. After his honorable discharge in December of 1945, he returned to Red Lodge.

Louis worked as a mechanic for Whitcomb Garage, and later for Ray Judd Ford, where he retired in 1985.

He was an avid bowler, winning many trophies over the years. His other hobbies included restoring old cars and going fishing. Louis was a member of St. Agnes Catholic



**LOUIS
KOLARICH**

Parish and the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Margurite; his parents; two brothers and one sister.

Survivors include two sisters, Betty J. Bourne of Billings and Helen Pipkin in Washington; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 9, in Smith-Olcott Funeral Chapel. Interment will follow in the Kolarich family plot in the Red Lodge Cemetery.

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

JUN 25 2003

Betty Mae Cook Koleff

Our mother, sister, grandmother and friend went to be with her Lord and Savior on her 76th birthday. Betty Mae Cook Koleff was born to Victor and Jesse (Didlot) Cook on June 22, 1927, in Bonner, Neb., and was raised in Casper, Wyo.



BETTY
KOLEFF

Betty graduated from beauty school as a young woman and began her career as a hairdresser in Casper. She and her husband, Orville Selle, moved to Billings in 1951, where they raised five children: Kenneth Bruce (Pam) of Portland, Ore., Karen Lorenz (John) of Helena, Jack Selle (Cheryl) of Billings, Shelly Selle Krohn of Anchorage, Alaska, and Barry Selle (Judy) of Billings.

Many people in Billings knew Betty for her friendly smile and excellent service as a waitress at the Turf downtown, and later at the Muzzleloader Cafe.

Betty's love of baseball made her a regular at many baseball games in Billings; first for her own

sons, then her grandsons. She could be heard as of late yelling, "throw strikes, Kendall!"

Betty was an avid gardener, and her family and friends benefited from the fruits of her labor when they shared her canned goods. She loved cooking for her family and friends and was always careful to include her guest's favorite dishes.

After retirement, Betty joined her husband Bob Koleff in Colstrip, where she became active in the Senior Citizens Center making quilts. Her first love was her family and making quilts and doilies for all the family and friends. Many people are warmer tonight because of the hundreds of quilts she made and gave away.

Betty is preceded in death by her parents, her husbands, her two brothers and her granddaughter. Betty is survived by her sister, five children, 13 grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, several nieces and nephews and numerous friends.

Betty's passing will leave a large void in the lives of all those who knew and loved her. Those who knew her will never forget her.

Those choosing to honor her memory may do so through the Billings American Legion Baseball, PO Box 22825, Billings, MT 59104, and/or the Open Bible Christian Center, 302 19th St. West, Billings, MT 59102.

Funeral services will be held 1:30 p.m. Thursday, June 26, at the Open Bible Christian Center, 302 19th St. West. Interment will follow at Terrace Gardens Cemetery.

John M. Kolendich

MISSOULA — John Michael Kolendich, 47, of Trabuco Canyon, Calif., passed away Monday, Sept. 22, 2003, at his family home in Missoula, in the arms of his loving wife, Kathleen, with his children by his side. Our beloved John fought so gallantly in his battle with cancer. He did not lose this fight, but instead went triumphantly to glory, fully restored to the man we all knew and loved, sitting today in the presence of God.



**JOHN
KOLENDICH**

John was born in Missoula on Nov. 11, 1955, to Frank and Evelyn Kolendich. He went to Hawthorne Grade School, where he met his best friend, Bob Pettit and graduated from Missoula Sentinel High School in 1974. He attended the University of Montana and was a lifelong Grizzly fan. John, like his older brothers and sister, thoroughly enjoyed sports during his youth. He worked at Hermie's Drive-In during his high school years before moving on to Bob Ward & Sons. John moved to Southern California in 1978, where he man-

aged the Men's Clothing Department at Robinson's Department Store. In 1980, he joined his brother Matt in owning and operating Valley Building Materials. Their business is now one of the largest masonry supply yards in Southern California with two locations in Lake Forest and Yucaipa, Calif. John regarded his employees as part of his extended family.

John met Kathleen McMillin in 1984, and they were married on March 24, 1990, in Kennewick, Wash. His proudest achievement was his three beautiful children, Johnny, 10, Nicholas, 9, and Katherine, 5. John was an avid golfer and spent the last few years enjoying his children's many activities. He recently fulfilled his dream of building a log cabin on Swan Lake for his family and friends to enjoy. One of John's primary passions was to make a real difference in people's lives.

He learned his compassion from his parents, who would help anyone in need. Over the years, John and Matt have had an annual charity golf tournament for the purpose of raising funds for various charities. The charities have included Operation Santa Claus to benefit Orangewood Children's Home, Byron Scott's Challenge for Children's Fund and HomeAid Orange County, which provides housing for the homeless, AIDS patients and battered women and children. In May of 2003, he was one of 10 men honored in Orange County by the Boy Scouts of America as a Man of Character.

John was preceded in death by his father Frank in 2000. He is survived by his loving family, wife Kathleen; sons Johnny and Nicholas; and daughter Katherine; his mother, Evelyn; sister Gail and husband Tom Reidy; brother Frank and wife Toni Kolendich; brother Matt and wife Lisa Kolendich.

Funeral services will be on Friday, Sept. 26, at 11 a.m., at Christ the King Catholic Church, Missoula.

The family suggests donations be made to Hospice of Missoula, 800 Kensington, Suite 209, Missoula, MT 59801, or HomeAid Orange County, 17744 Sky Park Circle, Irvine, CA 92614.

John will be greatly missed by all those who knew and loved him.

John W. "Jack" Kolstad

John W. "Jack" Kolstad, 76, of Billings, passed away Thursday morning, Sept. 11, 2003, at his home.

Jack was born on June 20, 1927, in Billings, a son to John and Lela (Gleason) Kolstad. He was raised and educated in Billings and while attending high school, he joined the U.S. Navy and served in WWII. Following his honorable discharge, Jack returned to Billings, where he graduated from Billings Senior High School in 1947.

Jack loved to dabble in art, so he moved to Seattle, where he attended commercial art school. He returned to Billings and started his career with the U.S. Postal Service as a mail carrier. Later in his career, he became the post office "staff artist" making signs and other art objects when necessary. He also designated the Billings 100th Anniversary post office cancellation stamp. In 1984, Jack was the winner of the Red Lodge Centennial Logo design that was used for the town's logo.



**JACK
KOLSTAD**

Jack married the love of his life, Vera Wlosak in Billings, on Jan. 14, 1955.

Jack retired from the post office in 1982 after 30 years of service. Following his retirement, Jack and Vera spent a lot of their time at their second home in Red Lodge. In 1996, they returned to their Billings home full time.

Jack had a wonderful dry sense of humor, he was known for his quick wit. He loved to paint and to draw cartoons depicting funny events that happened at work or home.

Jack is survived by his loving wife, Vera; his son and his wife, John and Diane of Lake City, Fla. He is also survived by his sister, Betty Jane Snyder of Granbury, Texas; his two grandsons, Andrew and Charles; his nephews, Mark, Tommy and Chuck; and his nieces, Isla Jane and Patricia.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Sept. 15, at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary. Interment with military honors will follow the service at Mountview Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Rocky Mountain Home Care, 2110 Overland Drive, Billings, MT 59102.

Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

WIFE DIES — Nellie
Wendell, 103, died Friday,
May 27, 2003, at the Central
Montana Skilled Nursing Center.
Funeral services will be at
10:30 a.m. Monday, June 2, at the
Central Chapel in
Billings. Burial will be in
Central Montana Memorial
Park.

LeRoy 'Harry' Komrosky

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GLASGOW — LeRoy "Harry" Komrosky, 71, died Friday, April 25, 2003 at the Frances Mahon Deaconess Hospital.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 29, at the First Lutheran Church in Glasgow. Interment will be in the Highland Cemetery. Bell Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

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Pearl Opal Konig

GLENDIVE — Pearl Opal (Harman) Konig, 94, died Monday, Dec. 8, 2003, at the Glendive Medical Center.

Memorial services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 20, at Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home with burial in Dawson Memorial Cemetery.

Barbara Ann Koontz

Barbara Ann Koontz, 84, passed away Thursday, Oct. 23, 2003, at Valley Health Care Center in Billings. She was born Sept. 4, 1919, in Billings to William J. "Bill" and Florence Shirley. She graduated from Havre High School and attended Montana State College in Bozeman.



BARBARA ANN KOONTZ

On July 17, 1940, she married Harold E. "Hal" Koontz in Hardin and accompanied him during a brief venture in the clothing business and throughout his military service.

After the war, they returned to Montana where they were once again involved in the clothing business with Woodward's Clothing Store in Chinook. They later moved to Miles City and Missoula where Hal worked for Conoco, then moved to Billings where he sold insurance.

Barbara was very outgoing and collected friends all along the way, but the group closest to her heart was the Girl Scouts from her Havre High days. Regardless of the locations of

the individual members, that group maintained close ties and held annual reunions for more than 60 years.

In Billings Barbara was active in her church and community, serving as precinct committee chairman for the Republican Party and as an election judge for many years. She volunteered as a "Pink Lady" at the hospital. Barbara was an accomplished gardener who was especially adept at growing prize-winning tomatoes. She loved animals and took care of many pets for her friends. She was the ultimate caregiver, taking care of her husband Hal for many years.

Barbara is preceded in death by her husband Hal who died July 23, 2003. She is survived by a son, Dick and grandson Jonathon of Missoula; a son, Bob and his wife Shellie of Billings; and a sister, Viva Ann (Ty) MacLeod of Billings.

A memorial service will be held 11 a.m. Saturday at the Mayflower Congregational Church with a luncheon to follow. A private family interment will take place.

Memorials may be made to Alzheimer Association, 2 Poly Dr., Blgs, MT 59102.

The family would like to thank the caring staff at Evergreen Laurel Health & Rehab Center, Deaconess Billings Clinic and Valley Health Care Center.

Harold 'Hal' Koontz

Harold Earnest "Hal" Koontz, 88, passed away Wednesday, July 23, 2003, at Valley Health Care Center in Billings. He was born Dec. 24, 1914, in Deer Lodge, to Earnest and Maude (Burton) Koontz. He served two years in the Army and two years in the Navy as a weather aviator. On July 17, 1940, he was united in marriage to Barbara Ann Shirley in Hardin.



HAL KOONTZ

Hal worked at Woodward and Conoco before beginning his career with NWNL Insurance Co. Hal was past president of Mountain Bluebird Trails, a member of the Harmony Lodge of Masons, and was elected to the DeMolay Legion of Honor. He founded the first chapter of DeMolay in Hardin. Hal was an Al Bedoo Shriner and a member of the Billings Lions Club. He was active in the Mayflower Church in Billings. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, doing mechanics and loved gardening.

Hal is survived by his wife, Barbara; two sons, Dick of Missoula and Bob (Shellie) of Billings; and grandson Jonathan Koontz. He is preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Lamont Koontz.

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The family would like to express their gratitude to the special staff at Valley Nursing Home.

A memorial service will be 11 a.m. Saturday, July 26, at the Mayflower Congregational Church with a luncheon to follow. Memorials may be made to the Mountain Bluebird Trails, 600 Central Ave., Suite 320, Great Falls, MT 59408 or to the Mayflower Congregational Church, 2940 Poly Drive, Billings, 59102.

Patrick Kopczynski

BILLINGS GAZETTE

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SPOKANE, Wash. — Patrick Kopczynski, age 42, died tragically in a snowmobiling accident on Feb. 22, 2003.

He was born June 26, 1960, in Huntsville, Ala. He graduated from Billings (Mont.) High School.

He is survived by his wife of seven years, Amy Kopczynski, at the home; four children, Shawnee Marie Kopczynski, Scott Patrick Kopczynski, both at the home, Nicholas Saint Kopczynski, Mattie Jean Kopczynski, both of Billings; his parents, John and Tera Kopczynski, Spirit Lake, Idaho; three brothers, Eric Kopczynski, Clarkston, Paul Kopczynski, Post Falls, Idaho, Father Sean Kopczynski, Kentucky; two sisters, Marya Pongrakthia, Thailand, Megan Kopczynski, Absecon, N.J.; grandparent, John Kopczynski, Sr., Grangeville, Idaho. He was preceded in death by one brother, Ricky John Kopczynski.

Patrick was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church. He was a contractor at Mullen Managment.

Visitation was held Tuesday, Feb. 25, at Ball & Dodd Funeral Home-South. Funeral Mass will be Wednesday, Feb. 26, at 2 p.m., at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 304 S. Adams, Father Sean Kopczynski officiating. Interment will be Thursday, Feb. 27, at 11

a.m., at the Cottonwood (Idaho) Catholic Cemetery.

Friends who wish may make memorial contributions to The Pat Kopczynski Family Fund at any Bank of America branch.

Richard Duane Kopitzke

Dick went to be with the lord Jan. 2, 2003, after losing a courageous battle with lung cancer. He was surrounded by his family and close friends who dearly loved him.

Born Oct. 15, 1938, next to youngest of five children, he was raised on the family farm north of Brockton. After serving in the U.S. Army at Fort Bragg, N.C., he attended and graduated from MSU in Bozeman in 1965. Following graduation, he moved to Denver, where he worked for a CPA firm for seven years. While there, he joined Masonic Lodge 169 and became the Denver Broncos' biggest fan.

Dick's adventurous spirit took him to Breckenridge, Colo., where he owned and operated a vending business and a restaurant and bar for 14 years. His path in life soon took him back home to his beloved Montana where he operated a window repair business, a car dealership, and later found his calling with sales and installation of solariums.

During his years in Billings, he pursued his lifelong interest in flying. He served as president of Chapter 57 of the Experimental



**RICHARD
KOPITZKE**

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Aircraft Association between 1997 and 1999. He owned several aircraft over the years and he finally had the opportunity to pursue his dream of building a Mustang II, which became his labor of love for several years. As someone once said to him, "Never forget how to fly." Along with his love of flying, Dick was an avid outdoorsman and hunter.

In 1991, Dick met not only his best friend, but also the love of his life, Janice Cherpeski (Babe). Together they shared a wonderful love affair and built many romantic memories that will be cherished forever.

Dick's great sense of humor and ability to make others laugh, along with his illustrious smile that could light up a room, will be sorely missed. Every time a plane flies overhead, we will look to the sky and think of you. We know you are now in a better place. We love you, Dick.

He is survived by his lifetime love, Janice Cherpeski of Billings; daughter Julie Kopitzke of Billings; daughter Kelly Higgins and her husband Mark of Roundup; step-daughter Shawntell Brey of Bridger; step-son Duke Cherpeski of Billings; brother Herman Kopitzke and his wife Helen of Boone, Iowa; sister Shirley Kopitzke of Lethbridge, Alberta;

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brother Robert Kopitzke of Fort Collins, Colo.; and eight grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents Herman and Margaret Kopitzke, and older brother Edmund Kopitzke.

Cremation has taken place and a private memorial service will be held near his family farm June 14. In lieu of flowers, donations honoring Dick's life may be made to Big Sky Hospice in Billings or the American Cancer Society.

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Pauline Eleanor O'Brien Kopp

GLENDIVE — Pauline Kopp age 95, died at the Glendive Extended Care on Friday, Dec. 12, 2003, the last surviving member of the Ted and Bertha O'Brien family of Sidney.



PAULINE KOPP

Pauline Eleanor O'Brien was born on Sept. 9, 1908, in her pioneer parents' home at Newlon, five miles south of Sidney. Pauline was the second of eight living children born to Bertha Dore and George Titus "Ted" O'Brien. Ted O'Brien was born at Newlon in 1884 and served seven terms as Richland County sheriff. He was appointed by President Franklin D. Roosevelt Sidney's tenth postmaster, dying in office in 1943.

Pauline's mother, Bertha Augusta Dore, arrived in the Lower Yellowstone Valley as a child of 12 with her family, by covered wagon from Sterling, Colo., in 1896. Bertha's mother, Pauline Amelia Dore, settled in Ridgelawn, a community north of present day Sidney. Dore, N.D., is named after Pauline

Amelia's son, George, who was its first postmaster.

Pauline Kopp was the granddaughter of John W. O'Brien, one of the earliest settlers in the Lower Yellowstone Valley. John W. O'Brien arrived in the late 1860s as a soldier with the 6th Infantry regiment at Ft. Buford, Dakota Territory. He married Ellen Kennedy and built their home in 1881 at Newlon, which was then the earliest settlement in the original Dawson County. This two-story log home became the O'Brien Stagecoach Stop and the O'Brien store. It was also the Newlon post office, with Ellen Kennedy O'Brien as postmaster.

Pauline attended Newlon school and, in 1925, wrote a history of that school, from which her father had also graduated. She graduated from Sidney High School in 1927. After graduation from Holy Rosary Hospital School of Nursing in Miles City in May 1930, she attended the International Congress of Nurses in Paris, France, and Brussels, Belgium, in 1930. After working as a nurse for a year in Miles City, she operated the Elizabeth Hospital in Baker for two years.

After surgical nursing training at Stanford University she served as a registered nurse in California from 1933 to 1935. Returning to Montana for Christmas 1935, she worked in Columbus, before joining the Sidney Deaconess

hospital (under Sidney Memorial Hospital) as an R.N.

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In 1939, in Sidney, she married

George Kopp
who was born in
Shakopee,
Minn., in 1902.
After World
War II ended,
the family
joined Pauline's
sister, Anna
O'Brien Kizlar,
also a nurse, in

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Jackson, Mich. Pauline worked there as a nurse until the family returned to Sidney in 1958, where she assumed general duty at Sidney Memorial Hospital, as well as private duty, for which she was much sought after for the excellent care she provided, as well as for her deep convictions and sense of humor.

Except for about six years, Pauline spent her entire lifetime in the rolling hills of the Valley, near the town of Sidney, Minn. She was a member of the Church in Sidney, Minn. (Lutheran) in 1939. In 1958, she moved to the United States and resided in Sidney, Minn. as a member of the Church of Christ. She was a member of the Ladies Aid Society and the

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well as by sisters, Anna Kizziar and Dorothy Ford, and brothers, John, Fred, Donald, Henry and Gerald O'Brien. She is survived by her four children, Maryellen Navratil (Gerald) of Sidney, Ted Kopp (Jo) of Sacramento, Calif., Lyman Kopp of Glendive and Gerald R. Kopp (Rudell) of Atlantic Beach, Fla.; four grandchildren, Lynn and Heather Navratil, Kimberly Navratil-Pope and Christopher Kopp; three great-grandchildren, Alexandra, Aleksander and Danielle; and three nephews, John and Richard Kizziar and David O'Brien. Also surviving are numerous relatives, including Bob and Barbara Dore, Rudy Dore and Luella Dore of Sidney.

True to her pioneer roots, Pauline was a very strong and independent woman who enjoyed nothing more than the gatherings of family and friends, a long-standing O'Brien tradition. Her nursing school motto, "Simplicity, sincerity, service," accurately reflects her life.

Cremation has taken place and her ashes will be interred at the Newlon Cemetery in a private service at a later date, according to her wishes. Memorials may be made to the Mondak Heritage Center, Sidney, or to the charity of one's choice.

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

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James J. Kopriva

POWELL, Wyo. — James J. "Jim" Kopriva, 65, of Powell, died Saturday, Sept. 20, 2003, at his

home. A cremation has taken place. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 24, at St. Barbara's Catholic Church. Burial will follow in Crown Hill Cemetery. Miratsky-Easton Funeral Home of Powell is in charge.

William A 'Bill' Korizek

Bill Korizek, 86, died July 3, 2003, at St. John's Nursing Home in Billings. Bill was a former director of the Helena Vocational-Technical Center and assistant superintendent of School District No.1 Helena. Bill started his teaching career as an instructor in the evening at the School of Aeronautics and Related Trades. With the exception of three



**WILLIAM
KORIZEK**

years when he worked as an A and P instructor in the Boeing B-29 school in Seattle, he was associated with the Helena Vocational-Technical Center, formerly the School of Aeronautics and Related Trades in Helena. In 1964, Korizek was appointed director of the Center until his retirement in 1978.

Bill Korizek was born in Helena, Mont., on July 24, 1916. He was educated in the Helena schools, graduating in 1934 from Helena High School. He was awarded his bachelor of science degree in 1962 and master of education in 1966 from Colorado State University. He was a member of Phi Delta Kappa, Phi Kappa Phi, Honor Scholastic Society and

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Iota Lambda Sigma, Honorary Society for Industrial Educators.

While attending high school and for a time after graduation, he worked for the Montana Power Company as a mechanic and during this time served his apprenticeship to become a journeyman machinist. His membership in the International Association of Machinists, Local 231, was maintained for over 25 years. He has also been a licensed FAA aircraft mechanic and examiner since 1941.

Bill held offices as president and secretary-treasurer of the Montana Vocational Association, director of Region 8, NCLA and president of the National Council of Local Administrators and was a liaison member of the Board of Directors for the American Vocational Association from 1972 to 1974. As a member of the National Council of Local Administrators, he assisted in the establishment of the Administrative Division of AVA.

Mr. Korizek participated in many community and fraternal affairs. He served as a member of the Helena Chamber of Commerce for many years and was a director from 1974 to 1976. He was also a member of Masonic Lodge No. 5, Helena Consistory Scottish Rite and was elected Potentate of Algeria Shrine in 1979.

Bill is survived by his wife, the former Rena Mae Albro, whom he married 65 years ago; his sister, Helen Kovich; a daughter, Carol A. Korizek-McKenzie (Craig) and his son, Bob (Merle). He has five grandchildren, Marie (David) Tindall, Keri Geiger, Pam (Mike) Walz, Nancy (Tony) Hines), and Bob Korizek, as well as three great-grandchildren, David and Thomas Walz and Jillian Hines. He is also survived by numerous brothers and sisters-in-law, nieces and nephews.

In their retirement, Bill and Rena enjoyed traveling extensively.

Memorial services will be held at the Plymouth Congregational Church in Helena at 11 a.m. Saturday, July 12. Memorials may be made to the Algeria Shrine Transportation Fund, 15 N. Jackson St., Helena, MT 59601; St. John's Lutheran Ministries, 3940 Rimrock Rd., Billings, MT 59102 or the donor's choice.

Lola Korman

SACO — Lola (Stewart) Korman, 89, died Saturday, Oct. 11, 2003, at Phillips County Good Samaritani Retirement Center in Males.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 16, at the Saco Lutheran Church. Interment will be in Grandview Cemetery in Saco. Ball Mortuary of Glasgow is in charge.

Hazel Kortge

A memorial service was held Sunday, Oct. 5 for Hazel Marjorie Kortge, who died peacefully Saturday, Sept. 27 at Powell Valley Healthcare Center. She was 89.

She was born Feb. 21, 1914, to Paul and Nettie Stein in The Dalles, Ore. She was a graduate of The Dalles General Hospital School of Nursing.

In August of 1936, she married Paul Kortge.

As a registered nursing during World War II, she worked at The Dalles hospital whenever needed.

For 20 years, she and Paul operated a ranch south of Dufur, Ore. They resided in Salem, Ore., before moving to Powell in the fall of 2001.

She is survived by Paul Kortge, her husband of 67 years; her two daughters, Donna (William) Young of Palmdale, Calif., and Kathleen (George) Brown of St. George, Utah; her son, Lloyd (Elsa) Kortge of Powell; her sister, Pauline Morris, of Salem, Ore.; six grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

For those who wish, donations may be made in Hazel's name to the Jerry Walker Depriest Memorial Endowment Fund, P.O. Box 98, Dufur, Ore.; the American Cancer Society; or the Powell Medical Foundation, designated to the Heartland Assisted Living Facility.

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Hazel M. Kortge

Hazel M. Kortge, 89, died Saturday, Sept. 27 at Powell Valley Care Center.

She was born Feb. 21, 1914, in The Dalles, Ore., to Paul and Nettie (Johnson) Stein. She was a registered nurse at The Dalles Hospital during her working years.

Local survivors include her husband, Paul D. Kortge, living in the Heartland; and son and daughter-in-law, Lloyd and Elsa Kortge of Powell.

According to her wishes, cremation has taken place, and burial of remains will be in Oregon. Miratsky-Easton Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Ed L. Korwald

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Ed L. Korwald was born Jan. 12, 1915, in Hastings, N.D. He homesteaded in Montana in 1918 near Kremlin, with his mother, Emma, father Nels, and brothers Gordon and Morris. The family

later moved to Lewistown, where Alta, Ed's sister, was born.



ED KORWALD

Ed grew up playing basketball at Fergus County High School, hunting and fishing in the mountains around Lewistown and dating Norma Gilham. After graduation from high school, he worked in a refinery near Winnett and delivered fuel oil to ranchers. Ed was drafted at the age of 25 and served in the South Pacific. He was shot in the leg on the New Britain Islands and returned to the states for rehabilitation. Ed attended school at Montana State College in Bozeman, and soon rekindled his love for Norma. They were married in 1947 and moved to Billings. Ed became a Greyhound bus driver and taught himself house building and contracting. He and Norma built houses in their spare time and Norma painted beautiful murals in the dining rooms.

Ed loved to fish on the Stillwater and hunt in the Snowies. He was an avid water skier, skiing on his 80th birthday.

Ed passed on to his daughter his love of nature and animals. He was a great dad and husband. He loved his entire family.

Ed passed away peacefully on Feb. 2, 2003, after a long and happy life.

He is survived by his wife, Norma; his daughter, Deidra Fuller and son-in-law Brad of Billings; brother Morris of Billings; and sister Alta Hickey of Lewistown.

Memorial services will be 1 p.m. Friday, Feb. 7, at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Salvation Army, Alzheimer's Association, Montana Chapter, or the charity of one's choice.

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Marvin Harold Koschel

At the age of 78, Marvin Koschel died peacefully at Valley Health Care Center on Wednesday, May 14, 2003, due



**MARVIN
KOSCHEL**

to complications from Parkinson's. Marvin was the son of Edward and Christina (K r a u s z) Koschel, born on Sept. 21, 1924, in Wessington Springs, S.D.

On Aug. 30, 1958, Marvin was united in marriage to Anita (Saur) Kesler in Billings. Marvin worked as a telegrapher for the Northern Pacific Railroad, owned a bakery in Buffalo, Wyo., worked for various bakeries, and retired from Safeway in 1987.

Marvin was an avid outdoorsman; he loved fishing, hunting and gardening. Baking was a hobby Marvin was great at, especially his Christmas cookies. His family always looked forward to enjoying that special treat at Christmas. Marvin had a deep-rooted faith and a great love of the Lord. He was an active member of Grace Baptist Church.

Marvin leaves behind his wife, Anita, of 44 years; his children, Rayman (Cathy) Koschel of Billings, Reinhold (Aurelia) Koschel of Abbeville, S.C., Ronald (Linda) Kesler of Laurel, Roselyn (David) May of Midvale, Utah, Rene Kesler of San Jacinto, Calif., Roger (Susan) Kesler, Rhonda (Montgomery) Bruski, all of Billings; grandchildren, Shawn (Jodi), Rhona (Mike), Jeremy, Kristen (Mike), Benjamin (Brittany), Aaron, Sherri (Michael), Nick (Kam), Tanja, Caleb, John, Joseph, Caitlin, Chris, Charity, Reagan and Preston; great-grandchildren, Derrick, Kylee, Mason, Autumn, Deja, Ashley and a soon-to-be Bruski baby; a brother, Gilbert (Doris) Koschel; sisters, Arlene Schaefer and Marlys (Harry) Shryock.

Marvin is preceded in death by his parents; a brother,

Orrille Koschel; and several
aunts and uncles.

Funeral services will be held
at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, May 17, at
the Dahl Funeral Chapel in
Milwaukee. Interment will be in
Sunset Memorial Gardens.
Memorials may be made to
Grace Baptist Church, c/o
Wheelchair Lift Fund.

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Carl E. Koseck

LIVINGSTON — Carl E. Koseck, 89, of Livingston, died Tuesday, Dec. 2, 2003, at Livingston Memorial Hospital.

Funeral services will be at 1:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5, at Franzen-Davis Funeral Home in Livingston. Graveside committal and burial will follow in Mountain View Cemetery.

Elizabeth Cade Koski

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Elizabeth was born in Sanders, Mont., on May 22, 1912, and passed away March 6, 2003, in Billings.

She was the second youngest of seven children of Charles and Renilde

(Saelens) Verhelst who emigrated from Belgium in 1904. She was the last surviving member of her brothers and sisters:

Mary Willems, Bertha Mackley, Edmund Verhelst, Margaret Mueller, Gerald Verhelst and Renilde Steiner.

The Verhelst family homesteaded in Eastern Montana near Sanders, and during Elizabeth's early years she worked on the family farm. She graduated from Hysham High School in 1930.

She married Millard Cade in 1930 and they had three children: Edmund, Cecelia and Thelma. She and Millard were later divorced. During WWII she and the children moved to Portland, and Elizabeth became a welder in the shipyards there.

She married Eino Koski in 1950. They moved to Wallace, Idaho, where they owned and operated the Temple Hotel and



**ELIZABETH
KOSKI**

Vets Club Bar for several years. They then moved to Hayward, Calif., and at the age of 43 Elizabeth finally realized her lifelong dream of attending college. She completed a five-year teaching degree in two years and graduated from San Francisco State College with near perfect grades. She loved teaching and helping her students.

In 1974 they moved to Sequim, Wash., and enjoyed an active retirement. She was a devoted member of the St. Joseph's parish where she enjoyed cooking for numerous church fund-raisers, sometimes feeding 200 people. She also cooked for fund-raisers at the Sequim Dungeness Museum, The Sequim-Dungeness Duplicate Bridge Club, and for the Toastmistress Club, which she founded.

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Elizabeth traveled to many parts of the world, and she loved to share stories of the people she met, many of whom became life-long friends.

After Eino died she moved to Vancouver, Wash., in 1987. She became very active in the Friendship Force and sponsored many foreign exchange students from Japan and other countries. She was a Life Master Bridge Player and competed in tournaments throughout the country.

Elizabeth was honored by her daughter's religious vocation and enthusiastically supported the Dominican Sisters of Mission San Jose.

Elizabeth loved her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren and took time to write to each of them on birthdays and Christmas. She valued education and provided a trust fund to help her great-grandchildren go to college.

She is survived by her children, Edmund (Bernice) Cade of Gearhardt, Ore., Sister Renilde Cade (O.P) of Mission San Jose, Calif., and Thelma (Corwin) Albrecht of Billings.

She has 10 grandchildren: Brenda (Jeff) Dunham of Billings, Audrey (Mark) Kiszla of Littleton, Colo., Damian (Janie) Cade of Sammamish, Wash., Joseph (Sharon) Cade of Portland, Ore., Matthew Cade of Kent, Wash., Susan Cade of

Deming, Wash., Amy (Bill) Sage of Chicago, Tom Cade of Seattle, Jennifer (John) Ruddell of Los Angeles, and Michael (Sonja) Cade of Snohomish, Wash. She is also survived by 22 great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

A memorial mass will be offered at 10 a.m. Monday, March 17, 2003, at Little Flower Catholic Church. Cremation has taken place. Family interment of the cremated remains will be at the Custer National Battlefield Cemetery on Tuesday, March 18.

Memorials may be made to the Dominican Sisters of Mission San Jose, PO Box 3908, Fremont, CA 94539, or to the charity of one's choice.

Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

Alice Kostenko was born on the family farm between the years of 1915 and 1921, in the cold month of March, outside Killdeer, N.D.

In the year of 1946, she met Clarence Kostenko and after a year of courtship, they were married.

They worked the family farm outside Killdeer for a couple of years, then they had a job opportunity in Thermopolis, Wyo., to work on the Boysen Dam. They moved to Thermopolis, where they bought a home.

A couple of years later, her husband passed away and she sold her home and took her two children and moved to Boulder and bought a hotel. She lived in Boulder for a while, then sold the hotel and moved to Lovell, Wyo., where she worked a variety of jobs until her children graduated from high school. She then moved to Billings, where she bought another home on Labraun Lane and settled in.

During Alice's life in Billings, she enjoyed talking about times gone by on the farm. The hardships and good times that she had enjoyed. This was her way of trying to teach us about life. Alice



**ALICE
KOSTENKO**

also loved to ride the MET bus every day to see her friends and shop. Her other pleasures in life were her garden and flowers, plus she always made time to feed the birds. When it came to cooking, she was always trying new recipes (some recipes worked fine, some didn't).

Within the last few years, Alice had health problems caused by complications to diabetes.

This medical problem caused her to move into the Parkview Convalescent Nursing Home, where she was well taken care of with love and caring until her death on Aug. 30, 2003.

Alice was preceded in death by her parents, Fred and Tikla Tooz; her two sisters, Doris Carrico and Rozella Hermis; and her brother, Ernest Tooz.

Alice is survived by her son, Clarence and Wanda Kostenko of Billings; her daughter Beverly and Mark Spungin of Guernsey, Wyo.; three grandsons, Brian Kostenko of Seattle, Brad Kostenko of Billings, Frederick Spungin of Guernsey; and one granddaughter, Letitia Spungin, also of Guernsey.

Viewing of Alice will be on Sept. 10, 11, 12, at the Smith Downtown Chapel.

A graveside service will be held at the Holy Cross Cemetery, on Friday, Sept. 12, at 2 p.m. The

Irene Kottenbauer

BUFFALO, Wyo. — Irene Mader Kottenbauer, 83, of Buffalo, died Monday, Sept. 1, 2003, at the Johnson County Health Care Center.

Visitation will be from 1 to 10 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 3, and from 8 a.m. to noon, Thursday, Sept. 4, at the Adams Funeral Home Chapel in Buffalo. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, at the Union Congregational Church in Buffalo. Burial will be in Willow Grove Cemetery.

Maymie Kotar

RED LODGE — Maymie Kotar, 92, of Red Lodge, formerly of Bearcreek, passed away Tuesday, Sept. 23, 2003, at Bearcreek Hospital Long Term Care Unit.

She was born on March 31, 1911, in Bearcreek, a daughter of Joe and Stana Savich. Maymie was raised and educated in Bearcreek, and as a young woman, was employed by the hotels in Yellowstone Park.

On May 21, 1934, she married Vincent E. Kotar in Livingston. They made their home in Bearcreek, and in later years Maymie worked as a cook at Carbon County Memorial Hospital in Red Lodge. She enjoyed rock collecting and hunting with her sons. Her husband died on Nov. 25, 1979.

Survivors include her three sons, Robert (Evelyn) Kotar of Wolverine, Mich., Ronald (Shirley Ann) Kotar of Red Lodge and Richard (Dawna) Kotar of Bearcreek; nine grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held at 5 p.m. Monday, Sept. 29, at Smith-Olcott Funeral Chapel. Cremation has taken place. Memorials may be given to the charity of one's choice.

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Iris G. Koterba

LEWISTOWN — Iris G. Koterba, formerly of Outlook, died Monday, Dec. 22, 2003, at the Central Montana Skilled Nursing Center in Lewistown. A memorial service will be at 10 a.m. Jan. 2, 2004, at Highland Lutheran Church in Outlook.

Iris was born in Logansport, Ind., on March 19, 1914, to Otto and Solpha Grantham. She moved with her family to northeastern Montana as a child where she grew up in the Outlook-Raymond area.

She married Donald C. Koterba on Christmas Day, 1935. They started farming south of Outlook and continued living on their farm until Donald's death in 1979. She lived briefly in Plentywood and Kalispell before moving to a retirement center in Billings until 1998 when she moved to Lewistown.

She and Donald raised their two sons, Don and Phil, in the Outlook community. Iris was a dedicated volunteer. She was a faithful member at Highland Lutheran Church and served as a church officer and president of the Lutheran women's group for several years. She was a 4-H leader, an officer in the Community Club and worked with her husband in volunteer-

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ing time in supporting the involvement of their sons' youth activities.

Iris only completed the eighth grade but expected her sons to complete their college education. She insisted that both boys excel in their schoolwork and take piano lessons. She took great pride in the fact that her grandchildren did well in school and the business world.

Iris and Donald worked together to produce huge gardens. They took great pride in landscaping their yard. Iris was known for growing beautiful roses. She also sewed, knitted, crocheted and worked with ceramics.

She traveled extensively in the United States and Europe after her retirement from the farm. She especially enjoyed her trips to Ireland and the Holy Land.

She is survived by her sons, Don (Rozanne) of Helena, Phil (Pam) of Lewistown; her grandchildren, Sharon (Kevin) Cowell, Dan Koterba, Kim Koterba and Rick (Yvonne) Koterba of Spokane, Wash., Scott (Jessica) of Lewistown, Shelley (Barry) Lewis of Meyersville, Md., and Jenny (Damon) Combs of Billings. She has 12 great-grandchildren.

She is also survived by her sisters, Mae Corcoran and Connie Kirby of Kalispell and

Memorials may be made to
Central Montana Skilled
Nursing Center, 408 Wendell
Ave., Lewistown, or Highland
Lutheran Church of Outlook.
Creel Funeral Home of
Lewistown and Fulkerson
Funeral Home of Plentywood
are assisting the family with
arrangements.

one brother, Charles (Mabel)
Grantham of Thompson Falls
and many nieces and nephews.

Besides her parents and her
husband, she was preceded in
death by a sister, Florence and
brothers, Willard, Paul, Melvin
and Lloyd.

MAY 07 2003

**Katherine L. (Kucera)
Kracaw**

RED LODGE — Katherine L. (Kucera) Kracaw, 60, of Red Lodge, formerly of Laurel, passed away Monday, May 5, 2003, following an eight-month illness. She was born on Jan. 31, 1943, in Billings, to Edwin and Ellen (Reardon) Kucera of Laurel.

Kathy grew up in Laurel, attending and graduating from Laurel Public Schools. Following high school, she attended Billings Business College for one year. She later moved to Sacramento, Calif., where she worked for the California State Dept. of Motor Vehicles. While there, she met and married Michael A. Kracaw, who was serving in the U.S. Navy at the time. Following service obligations, they remained in California until 1968, when the family returned to Montana. They stayed in Montana until 1971, when they moved to Iowa. They subsequently moved to Wisconsin, where they remained until August 2002, when they returned to Montana, retiring to Red Lodge.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Edwin and Ellen Kucera; and a brother, Anthony E. Kucera.

Kathy was wonderful wife, mother, grandmother and friend to many. She will be greatly missed by all. Kathy enjoyed her family and friends as well as numerous crafts, hobbies and travel.

Kathy is survived by her husband, Mike; children and grandchildren, a son, Kurtis M. Kracaw, his wife Kristin and children Zackariah and Cassandra, all of Two Rivers, Wis.; a daughter, Jennifer A. Kracaw of Lincoln, Ill.; a son, Peter A. Kracaw, his wife Josephine and children Alicia, April and Joshua, all of Two Rivers, Wis.; and a daughter, Sarah K. Mueller, her husband Leon and children Abigail and Molly.

She is further survived by a sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Judy and Michael McGrath of Myrtle Beach, S.C., and their children, Timothy, Patrick and Kelly and their families; her wonderful aunt, Margret Hirschfelt of Laurel; and very special friends, Wally and Claudia Miller of Butte, and Robert and Rita Ryder and Kim of Laurel, and Linda Shaw of Red Lodge; and numerous first, second and third cousins which complete a very strong extended family.

The family wishes to extend their deepest gratitude to Dr. Donald Twito, the Deaconess Billings Clinic staff, as well as Drs. William George and Clint Hauxwell and their clinic staff, and the staff of Beartooth Hospital & Health Center in Red Lodge.

Cremation has taken place, and a memorial service is being planned for mid-summer in Red Lodge. Relatives and friends will be notified of the date. Smith-Olcott Funeral Chapel of Red Lodge is assisting the family with arrangements.

The family requests donations to either of the following: Deaconess Billings Clinic Cancer Program Endowment of Billings, MT 59108; or Beartooth Hospital & Health Center, Box 590, Red Lodge, MT 59068.

Edwin W. Kraftenberg

LEWISTOWN — Edwin W. Kraftenberg, 80, died Monday, April 21, 2003, at St. Vincent Healthcare in Billings.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, April 25, at Zion Lutheran Church. Burial at Central Montana Memorial Gardens will precede the service at 1 p.m. Creel Funeral Home of Lewistown is in charge.

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Richard Jacob Kragler

Memorial services will be conducted Saturday, Aug. 30 at 11 a.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Powell for Richard Jacob Kragler, 91, who died Tuesday, Aug. 26 at the Powell Hospital.

Pastor Larry Veland will officiate. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service.

Mr. Kragler, who most recently lived at the Heartland assisted living facility in Powell, for many years owned and operated the Ben Franklin Store, and later, Kragler's, a variety store in the same downtown Powell location.

He was born May 1, 1912, in Omaha, Nebr. During some 50 years in Powell, he was active in the business community and civic life. He often spoke of his enjoyment from participating in Powell's parades where he portrayed various characters.

He was a member of the Immanuel Lutheran Church, the Lions Club, Eagles, the Kiwanis Club, the Senior Citizens Center, and, previously, the Big Horn Basin Boat Club.

He enjoyed fishing, snowmobiling, reading and especially having a cup of coffee with friends. Travel was important to him, whether to see the world or to see his family. His many trips took him to China, Australia, Europe, Mexico, the Panama Canal and Africa, among others. But coming home to his beloved Powell and Wyoming brought him great happiness.

Survivors include his daughters, Shirley Kelley and husband Jerry of Canton, Mich., Sharon Ross and husband Read of Lansing, Mich., Sherry Kragler and a special friend, John Talue, of Muncie, Ind., and Janice Ellis and husband Richard of

Willard, Ohio; seven grandchildren, Kurt, Scott, Todd, Jill, Sean, Brad and Erica; and four great-grandchildren, Skylar, Mitchell, Rilyn and Erin.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Alice Terry Kragler; a son, Richard A. Kragler; and a grandson, Mitchell K. Kelley.

For those who wish, the family would appreciate memorial contributions to the Northwest College Foundation or a charity of choice. Miratsky-Easton Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

A private interment will be held at Crown Hill Cemetery.

POWELL, Wyo. — Richard Jacob Kragler, 91, died Tuesday, Aug. 26, 2003, at Powell Valley Healthcare Center.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 30, at Immanuel Lutheran Church. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service. A private interment will be held in Crown Hill Cemetery in Powell. Miratsky-Easton Funeral Home of Powell is in charge.

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Eugene Henry 'Gene' Kramer

BILLINGS GAZETTE

FEB 26 2003

SACRAMENTO, Calif. —

Eugene Henry "Gene" Kramer, age 93, formerly of Roundup and Billings, Mont., passed away Feb. 6, 2003, in Sacramento, following a brief illness.



**GENE
KRAMER**

He was born May 4, 1909, in St. Cloud, Minn., the son of August N. and Emma B. (Reinholt) Kramer. He attended schools in North Dakota and worked in Fargo, N.D., and Detroit Lakes, Minn., until enlisting in the U.S. Navy in 1942. He served in the Pacific Theater and was honorably discharged in 1945.

He married Marian E. Landers in 1943. In 1949, they moved to Red Lodge, Mont., and operated the Beartooth Lanes. They moved to Billings in 1954, where he worked for Montana Oliver Equipment Co. until his retirement in 1971.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife Marian (1985); and two sisters, Naomi Nelson (1997) and Viola Kramer (died in infancy). He is survived by his son, Steven

(Gwayne) of Sacramento; and grandson, Jeremy (Cris) of Minneapolis; sister Leona Brown of Jamestown, N.D.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was a member of Masonic Unity Lodge #71 (Roundup), Star in the West #40 (Red Lodge), Scottish Rite and Al Bedoo Shrine (Billings). He enjoyed hunting and fishing and won many bowling trophies. He was a wonderful father and father-in-law. He and Marian were devoted grandparents.

At his request, cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be 3:30 p.m. Monday, March 24, at Cremation or Funeral Gallery, 29 Eighth Street West, Billings, with a celebration of his life to follow at the Billings Masonic Center, 1101 Broadwater Ave. Private interment will be at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Memorials may be made to the Shrine Children's Hospital, Special K Ranch or the charity of one's choice.

Arrangements were by Cremation or Funeral Gallery.

Gary Kramer

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SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Gary Kramer, 61, of Sheridan, died Monday, Jan. 27, 2003, at Memorial Hospital of Sheridan County.

Graveside services will be at 2:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 30, in the Sheridan Elks Cemetery. Kane Funeral Home of Sheridan is in charge.

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Robert L. "Bob" Kramer

KALISPELL — Robert L. "Bob" Kramer, 77, passed away Sunday, March 23, 2003, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

Bob was born Sept. 22, 1926, in Republic to Louise and Harriet Kramer.

Bob is survived by his wife of 35 years, Vernice "Vicki" Kramer of Kalispell; son Richard Kramer of Bullhead City, Ariz.; daughters Barbara and husband Gaylord Paine of Polson, Linda and husband Mike Bracy of Harbor City, Calif., Rita and husband Tom Hall of Kalispell; six grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. on April 2 at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home Chapel with the Reverend Larry Stappler officiating. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be made to the Marine Home Foundation, P.O. Box 5286, Kalispell, MT 59901. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

Clarence Krampart

BILLINGS GAZETTE

JUL 31 2003

CODY, Wyo. — Clarence Charles Krampart, 74, died Wednesday, July 30, 2003, at the West Park Long Term Care Center in Cody.

Memorial services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Aug. 1, at Ballard Funeral Home in Cody. Cremation has taken place.

Adolph Kramler

MILES CITY — Adolph Kramler, 89, of Miles City, died Wednesday, March 5, 2003, at his home.

Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. Sunday, March 9, at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday, March 10, at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home. Interment will follow in the family lot in the Custer County Cemetery.

DEC 14 2003

Florence Krandler

Florence H. Krandler, 78, of Billings, died Wednesday, Dec. 10, 2003, at the Parkview Convalescent Care Center.

Cremation is planned and a memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 17, at the South Downtown Chapel. Interment of the urn will follow at Mountview Cemetery.

Raymond Kratzer

On Friday, Feb. 14, 2003, Raymond was allowed to "depart to be with Christ, which is far better." We will all miss him greatly, but we rejoice that he is with the Lord that he loved and served, and out of the physical body which suffered so much in recent years.



**RAYMOND
KRATZER**

Raymond Kratzer was born in Allentown, Pa., on Dec. 28, 1920, to Myrtle and Raymond Kratzer, Sr. He graduated from Stevens Trade School in Lancaster, Pa. Ray used his electrical skills for Curtiss Wright Aircraft in Buffalo, N.Y., during World War II. He was married to Winifred Shoff on Oct. 30, 1943. He went on to earn a Bachelor of Theology degree from United Wesleyan College in Allentown while working full time and supporting a family.

He held responsible positions such as Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds at several colleges and hospitals. These included Roberts Wesleyan College and the University of Rochester hospital in New York, Greenville College in Illinois, Culver-Stockton in Missouri, and Iowa Wesleyan. Mostly during this same period, Raymond

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served Free Methodist congregations as Pastor for 23 years in New York, New Jersey and Illinois. Dad was a great father and always supported his family well.

In 1975, at the age of 54, Raymond moved to Montana and embarked on a new career. After working for a builder in Great Falls, he began his own business, earned Master Electrician status, and made many new friends and loyal customers by his quality craftsmanship. He built two complete homes, did several major remodels, and many other construction and electrical projects in the Great Falls and Sun River area. During these years, Ray also supervised and did much of the work himself for large church additions in Great Falls and Sierra Vista, Ariz., as well as remodeling for friends that had moved to Arizona. He was a very strong man in spite of his small stature, and even came back to work hard days of construction after a major heart attack.

Dad was a great Grandpa and loved his children and their children, spouses and relatives warmly and practically. From teaching the young ones to fish, taking them camping, having us all for meals and good times, to doing the electrical and plumbing and construction correction

in a new home, he was always there for us. And the many all over the country who love him would testify that he was always unselfish, easy to get to know and be with, and served others not himself during all those useful years. Even during many times of suffering, Dad instilled excellent values like honesty, hard work, dependability and compassion by example in his children and grandchildren - all with his irrepressible sense of humor.

Raymond is survived by his wife of 59 years, Winifred, of Billings; sister Charlotte Thomas of Allentown, Pa.; identical twin brother Rev. Ernest Kratzer of Rock Island, Ill.; daughters and sons-in-law Carol and Dennis Dixon of Billings and Darlene and Neil Chambers of Galesburg, Ill. These daughters gave him six grandchildren who, in turn, gave him nine great-grandchildren.

Raymond was preceded in death by his older brother, Howard Kratzer of Bellevue, Wash.

Visitation will be at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 19, at Stephens Funeral Home, 1335 W. Linden St., Allentown, PA 18102, followed by the funeral there at 10:30 a.m., and burial at Morgenland Cemetery.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 1, at the First Church of the Nazarene, 1727 Second Ave. S, in Great Falls.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to Big Sky Hospice, 123 S. 27th St., Billings, MT 59101; Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch, 1732 S. 72nd St. W, Billings, MT 59106; or the Great Falls First Church of the Nazarene.

LAVINA — Emil H. Krause, a farmer in the Belmont area for over 45 years, passed away at the age of 87 on Tuesday, Jan. 21, 2003, in Billings.

Emil was born on the family homestead south of Lavina on Oct. 8, 1915, a son of Carl A. and Augusta (Tellejohn) Krause. He attended the Utopia Grade School and graduated from the Belmont High School in 1934.

He spent his early years working at the Frank Mazuta Coal Mine and for the Charles Bair and Edmund Pound ranches. Emil worked on the flume at Hesper and on the original construction of State Highway 3. In 1945, he began to acquire land and started his lifelong occupation of farming small grains, mainly wheat. He retired at age 72.

He married Jean L. Pickens in June 1954 and two children were born of this union: Dale L. and Nina J. He was a lifelong member of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Lavina. Emil enjoyed hunting, fishing and gardening until health problems prevented pursuing them. He was a member of the Lavina Senior Citizens Club for many years.

Survivors include his wife of 48 years, Jean; a son, Dale and his wife Lorna Krause of Fort Benton; a daughter, Nina Gonzalez and her husband Alden of Laurel; four grandchildren,

LaRae, Lindsey and Logan Krause, and Heather Gonzalez; and a sister, Viola Stanisha of Lavina. He was preceded in death by his parents and three brothers, Robert, Henry and Walter.

Visitations will be on Sunday, Jan. 26, from 1 to 8 p.m., at the Smith West Chapel in Billings. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 27, at the Lavina Methodist Church, with interment to follow at the Lavina Cemetery.

Memorials are suggested to the Quick Response Unit, Golden Valley County, c/o Floyd Fisher, Ryegate, MT 59074, the Lavina Senior Citizens Club, c/o Minnie Krause, Lavina, MT 59046, or a charity of choice. Smith West Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

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Morris Ernest Krausz

MILES CITY — Morris Ernest Krausz, 76, died Friday, June 30, 2003, at the Friendship Villa Care Center in Miles City.

Visitation will be held Tuesday in the chapel in Miles City. A prayer service will be held Tuesday, June 3, 6 p.m. in the chapel of Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home. Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Wednesday, June 4, in the chapel of Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City. Interment will follow in the family lot in the Calvary Cemetery.

Ralph Kroon

GLASGOW — Ralph James Kroon, 63, died Friday, March 21, 2003, at Frances Mahon Beaumont Hospital in Glasgow, of leukemia.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, April 3, at Queen of Angels Catholic Church, in Nashua. Burial will be in the private family cemetery in Nashua. Bill Mortuary of Glasgow is in charge.

Ralph James Kress

NASHUA — Ralph James Kress, 63, farmed and ranched in Nashua for the past 12 years. He died of leukemia Friday, March 21, 2003, at the Glasgow hospital.

His funeral is at 10 a.m. Thursday, April 3, at St. Raphael's Catholic Church in Glasgow. Bell Mortuary of Glasgow is in charge of the arrangements. A gathering of friends and relatives to celebrate Ralph's life will be held at the home of Tom Kress in Laurel at 3 p.m. on July 4th.

Survivors include his wife of 37 years, Eleanor Kress of Nashua; children, Dorothy Kress of Boulder, Colo., Theresa Vogel of Bozeman, Ralph Kress and Jennifer Nickels of Nashua, Larry Kays of Billings, Jean Crow of Columbia Falls and LeeAnn Beckett of Missoula; a brother, Tom Kress of Laurel; 12 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.



**RALPH
KRESS**

He was preceded in death by his mother and father.

Ralph was born Aug. 11, 1939, in Billings, to Ralph and Dorothy Kress. He was raised around Joliet by Chris and Rosie Ward, his Grandma Hatten, and Great-Grandma Obert.

After high school, he worked for the railroad, married Janice McGeorge and had three children. Ralph met his second wife, Eleanor Vaughan, and they married in Laurel on July 2, 1966. They had four children.

After farming and ranching in Circle for several years, the family moved to Augusta to run the Elkhorn Grocery and Butcher Shop for eight years. They then lived near Choteau for a few years before moving to his farm on the Missouri River east of Nashua.

His biggest enjoyments in life were horses, farming and ranching. His greatest loves were his grandkids, from playing at the table to bouncing in an old pickup across the prairie with the grandkids at his side.

He will be greatly missed.

NOV 29 2003

Bertha Kreger

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Bertha Grace Wallace Kreger, 92, of Sheridan, died Friday, Nov. 21, 2003.

Private family graveside service was held. Champion Ferries Funeral Home of Sheridan is in charge.

Betty Kriese

LAWTOWN — Betty
Buchman Kriese, 82, died
Wednesday, Sept. 3, 2003, at her
home, of cancer.

Graveside services will be at 2
p.m. Monday, Sept. 8, at the
Hillbrook Cemetery. Cremation
has taken place. Greel Funeral
Home of Lawtown is in charge.

Jane E. (Baker) Krings

LEWISTOWN — Jane E (Baker) Krings, 50, died Tuesday, May 13, 2003, in her home, surrounded by her husband and children, following a six-year battle with cancer.



JANIE KRINGS

Janie was born on Oct. 30, 1952, in Great Falls, to Dean and Geraldine "Jerrie" (Thatcher) Baker. She grew up and attended school in Stanford, graduating in 1970. Janie attended Bozeman Vo-Tech, becoming a licensed practical nurse in 1971. She was employed at Bozeman Deaconess Hospital.

She married Joseph Douglas Krings on Sept. 18, 1971, in Lewistown. She continued to work until 1972 when she "retired" to begin her family. Janie and her husband Doug purchased Krings Greenhouse in 1974 upon moving to Lewistown. For 30 years, she cultivated her family and business, enabling both to bloom. Janie and Doug were blessed with four children, Beth in 1972, Bonnie in 1974, Doug in 1979

and Holly in 1984.

Janie was a member of St. Leo's Catholic Church and very active in her church and community.

Her interests included grandchildren, gardening, and working in the greenhouse. She loved spring and visiting with customers.

Janie enriched many lives. The happiness she gave will be passed on for years to come.

Celebrating her memory, survivors include her husband, J. Douglas Krings of Lewistown; her parents, Dean and Geraldine "Jerrie" (Thatcher) Baker of Lewistown; three daughters Elizabeth Ann Kirsch and her husband Scott of Katy, Texas, Bonnie Jo Haigh and her husband Scott of Great Falls and Holly Maria Krings of Lewistown; a son, William Douglas "Doug" Krings of Lewistown; three sisters, Charlotte Cartwright of Owings Mills, Md., Kathlene Bovee of Jefferson City, Mary Michelle "Shelley" Johnson of Lewistown; one brother, Michael Baker of Sonoma, Calif.; her grandmother, Gladys Thatcher of Lewistown;

and four grandchildren, Madelyn, Noah and Joseph Kirsch, all of Eddy, and Annika Haigh of Great Falls.

She was preceded in death by her grandfather, Orrin Thatcher.

A vigil service for Jane E. Krings will be held at St. Leo's Catholic Church on Friday, May 16, at 6 p.m.

Funeral liturgy will be at St. Leo's Catholic Church on Saturday, May 17, at 10 a.m. Burial will be at Mount Calvary Cemetery.

Memorials are suggested to Central Montana Hospice, 629 N.E. Main, Lewistown, MT 59457.

Creel Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

MAY 14 2003

Paul E. Kristensen, 75, passed away on Monday evening, peacefully in his home after a short but courageous battle with cancer.



**PAUL
KRISTENSEN**

He was born in Fargo, N.D., and was the son of Kris and Mildred (Trumbo) Kristensen. He attended school in Huntley and spent his single years traveling the east coast and Cuba. He also used to love to hike, fish and camp. He returned to Billings in 1955 and was employed at the Billings Gazette as a printer for over 35 years. He retired in 1995.

He married Joyce O'Connor on Dec. 27, 1958. They had three children. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Kris Jr., who died in WWII.

His pastimes included reading, gardening, bridge, golf, playing solitaire and watching sports on TV. Most of all, he loved his family. He was so proud of all of us. We love you, dad, and we'll miss you!

He is survived by his wife of 44 years, Joyce; his daughters, Rhonda (Jerry) Taylor of Billings, Kristi of Seattle; his son, Kurt (Lisa) of Billings; and two grandchildren, Sheleen and Jade; and his special dog, Dusty. He is also survived by his brothers and sisters-in-law, Jack and Claudine, Nick and Herschel, Danny and Lynette, Patty and Shirley O'Connor of Baker and their families and Lonna and Jim Corey of Albuquerque, N.M., Janice and Clancy Iverson of Billings and their families; and numerous other relatives and friends.

Cremation has taken place and burial will take place at the Bonneville Cemetery in Baker. Memorials may be made to the St. Pius Building Fund or the charity of choice.

DEC 04 2003**Miss Kristman**

MILES CITY — Alice Viola Kristman, 74, of Miles City, died Tuesday, Dec. 2, 2003, at her home.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, at the ~~Graves~~ Graves Memorial Chapel. A private interment will take place in the Eastern Montana Veterans Cemetery.

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Kathryn M. Krivec

ROUNDUP. — Kathryn M. Krivec, 90, of Roundup, passed away on Feb. 17, 2003, at Deaconess Billings Clinic.

She was the daughter of George and Agatha Demitrovic Antolich, born on Nov. 16, 1912, in Roundup.

Katie worked in Los Angeles during WWII as a Navy Munitions Inspector. She was also a beautician for many years.

She married John Krivec on Oct. 4, 1942.

She belonged to the VFW Auxiliary, St. Benedict's Catholic Church and Women's Altar Society.

Katie enjoyed traveling many states with John during his work as a Boeing missile security guard.

Katie enjoyed family and friends and doing crossword puzzles.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband John; two sisters, Mary Bratetich and Ann Robson.

She is survived by her nephews and nieces, Cecil Robson of Billings, Gerald (Alice) Robson of Billings, Robert (Carol) Robson of St. Mary, Ga., Charles (Kay) Robson of Billings, Bernard Robson of Byron, Wyo., Gary Robson of Roundup; niece Patsy (Rick) LaPointe of Chubbuck, Idaho; nephews Patrick Krivec of

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Billings, Tom Krivec of Billings, Michael Krivec of Billings, James Krivec of Billings; and niece Margaret Krivec Daugherty of New Mexico; and one sister-in-law, Peg Krivec of Billings.

Vigil service will be 6 p.m. Sunday Feb. 23, at St. Benedict's Catholic Church. Memorial services will be 11 a.m. Monday Feb. 24, at St. Benedict's Catholic Church. Memorials to charity of one's choice. Wier Funeral Home

Olive J. Kroetch

Olive J. Kroetch, 76, of Billings, passed away Wednesday, Oct. 29, 2003, at St. John's Lutheran Nursing Home, after a lengthy illness with cancer.

The daughter of Leslie and Cleone Severance, Olive was born Feb. 19, 1927. She was raised on a farm near Fairview, where the family grew grain, sugar beets and potatoes. Olive

graduated from high school there and moved to Billings to attend Business College. While working at Selover Buick, she met her husband John. They married in 1951. John preceded her in death, Feb. 10, 1998.

Olive always kept busy with home remodeling projects and the garden. She had worked as secretary for Dr. Hultgren and Yellowstone Water Conditioning.

After retirement, John and



**OLIVE
KROETCH**

Olive enjoyed traveling to the Southwest and their many good friends, who all enjoyed dancing and country music. Olive loved sports, especially the Denver Broncos. Olive will be remembered for her positive outlook, friendliness and good humor.

Survivors include her daughters, Leslie McMenemy and her husband John of Frederick, Colo., and Cindy Gessler and her husband Matthias of Billings; and two sisters, Elma Davidson and her husband Ab, and Viola Haubrich and her husband Joe, all of Billings.

The family would like to thank the staff at St. John's and the doctors at Billings Clinic for the care and concern shown to Olive.

Funeral services will be 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 1, at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary, with interment in Mountview Cemetery. The casket is closed.

Memorials may be made to the St. John Lutheran Nursing Home Foundation.

NOV 16 2003**JOHN KROH AND MAX**

LAUREL — John Patrick (Pat) Kroh, 44, died of injuries received in an accident near Laurel, Thursday, Nov. 13, 2003.

He was born August 15, 1959, in Oak Harbor, Wash., the son of John and Alice Marie (Kinney) Kroh. He was raised and educated in Laurel and had worked at various types of employment in his life with the last being a pipefitter at the Cenex Refinery in Laurel.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing, hot rods and building log furniture and dog houses along with many other items.

Survivors include his best friend and buddy "Max," his pet dog. His son, Levi Bockness, of Laurel; father and step mother, John and Donna (Bender) Kroh of Billings; brothers, Mike L. Kroh of Absarokee, and his children, Karessa, Kacey and Kory; and his other brother, Josh Kroh, of Billings; his grandmother, Edith Kinny, of Laurel; and uncle, Stan Kinny of Laurel.

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Pat was preceded in death by his mother, Alice Marie; a brother, Gerry Tooter; his grandmother and grandfather, Rachel and Carl Rossum; and grandfather, Albert Kiny.

Funeral service will be Tuesday, Nov. 18, at the Smith Downtown Chapel in Billings. Cremation has taken place. Interment of his cremains will be at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the charity of your choice.

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Herman Kuebler

SACO — Herman Kuebler, 95, died Sunday, Dec. 14, 2003, at his home of natural causes.

No services are planned at this time. Cremation has taken place. Adams Funeral Home and Crematory of Malta is in charge.

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Jean H. Krug

Jean Helen (Walker) Krug went to her Lord and Savior, Oct. 22, 2003. She was born in Duluth, Minn., March 30, 1921.

Jean was active in her high school and graduated from Denfield High School in Duluth. She served in the USMC Women's Reserve and attained the rank of sergeant from April 1944 to October 1945, with an honorable discharge. While in the Marines, she married Staff Sgt. Henry "Hank" Krug, April 28, 1945.

Jean was a very compassionate, loving and caring person. She enjoyed baking, reading, doing crossword puzzles and traveling. She was an accomplished seamstress and liked crocheting and knitting. An active member of Trinity Lutheran Church, Jean sang in the choir for many years. She also was an involved member of American Legion Post 4, Billings.



JEAN KRUG

Jean was employed by numerous oilmen in Billings, worked as a secretary in the Labor Temple for the Retail Clerks Union and Painters Union, and finally worked part-time for the American Legion. She will be greatly missed by all.

She was preceded in death by her father, Charles Amos Walker; mother, Hazel Marguerite (Haugen) Arnsen; two brothers, Donald and Raymond Walker; and her sister, Lois Brander.

Survivors include her son, Larry W. Krug and his wife Barbara of Sugarland, Texas; a daughter, Linda J. Gerdes and her husband Don of Billings; six grandchildren, three step-grandchildren, one great-grandchild and one step-great-grandchild.

Visitations will begin Monday morning, Oct. 27, at Smith Downtown Chapel, with family greeting friends from 5 to 7 p.m. at the chapel. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 28, at the Trinity Lutheran Church, with military honors and burial at Mountview Cemetery. Memorials may be made to charity of your choice or Trinity Lutheran Church. Arrangements made with Smith's Downtown Chapels.

Meah Anne Krum

BOZEMAN — Our little angel, Meah Anne Krum, died of natural causes on Saturday, June 28, 2003.

Her parents are Jeramie and Jessie Krum of Bozeman, formerly of the Belfry area. Meah was born June 8, 2003, in Billings.



Surviving besides her parents are: grandparents, Julie and Darrel Krum of Belfry, Noralee

MEAH ANNE KRUM Hoefer and Harvey Willis of Clark, Wyo.; great-grandparents, Les and Maybelle Judkins of Bridger, Martin and Cindy Krum of Belfry, Florence Krum of Billings, Wilda Hoefer of Clark, Wyo., and Mary Willis of Powell, Wyo.

Cremation is planned. A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, July 2, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Bridger. Smith-Olcott Funeral Chapel of Red Lodge is in charge of arrangements.

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JAN 21 2003**Virginia M. Kubsch**

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Virginia M. Kubsch, 82, of Sheridan, died Monday, Jan. 20, 2003, at Memorial Hospital of Sheridan County.

Rosary services will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 21, at Kang Funeral Home in Sheridan. Mass of the Catholic Burial will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 22, at Holy Name Catholic Church. Interment will be in the Sheridan Elks Cemetery.

Elizabeth M. Kuchera, affectionately known to friends and family as Betty, passed away on April 14, 2003, after a brief but determined battle to fight back lung cancer.



**BETTY
KUCHERA**

Betty was born on Sept. 18, 1926, in the Detroit area to David and Elizabeth (Bokor) Soltesz, the oldest of three children. She grew up in the Detroit suburb of Lincoln Park, where she graduated from high school.

She then worked for Motorola on the assembly line until she met her future husband, Ernest Kuchera. They married on Nov. 30, 1946.

They moved to Montana and farmed near St. Xavier, a small town south of Hardin. This was a very new and unexpected life change for Betty — moving from a large metro city to a "Little House on the Prairie" with no electricity, running water or any other niceties of life. Most of her family wagered she would be back in Michigan within 60 days. After farming, they operated Kuchera Furniture in Hardin until closing the business and moving to Billings. She then worked briefly for Anthony's department

store.

Betty and Ernie adopted their three children, David, Jerry and Louise. Jerry died in 1996. Louise lives in Corvallis with her husband Richard Lockhart. David and his wife Laura live in Billings. Betty had eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Betty's husband, Ernie, passed away on Dec. 1, 1999, a day after their 53rd wedding anniversary, long outlasting the 60 days her family predicted. Ernie's last words to her on that anniversary were "I love you...take care of yourself."

The week before last Thanksgiving, Betty was diagnosed with small cell lung cancer and began an ordeal of chemotherapy and radiation treatments. She had smoked since she was 18 and quit, much to her family's delight, in July of 2000. She always said afterward that she wished she had listened to her family sooner.

Betty had just finished her last radiation treatment and was walking into her home to get her daily dose of pudding — her Special Treat, as she called it — when she collapsed and was

taken to Deenofess medical center. She very much appreciated the care she received from the staff of the hospital, the oncology department at the Billings Clinic, and the Northern Rockies Cancer Center during her treatment.

She was a generous and kind lady who will be missed by her family and friends. Visitation will begin Thursday, April 17, at the South West Chapel, 304 34th St. West. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, April 18, at the South West Chapel. Cremation will follow.

Charlotte Kuehn

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GLENDIVE
— Charlotte Kuehn, age 91, of Glendive, passed away on Thursday, Feb. 20, 2003, at the Glendive Medical Center Extended Care Facility in Glendive.



**CHARLOTTE
KUEHN**

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 22, at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Glendive, with Pastor James Hageman officiating. Interment will be in the Dawson County Cemetery in Glendive. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Glendive is entrusted with arrangements.

Charlotte was born on Sept. 27, 1911, in Farrington, N.D., the daughter of Franz and Rosina (Puttmann) Schöpp. She was raised and educated in the Beulah, N.D., area. Charlotte was confirmed in the Zion Lutheran Church in Beulah in 1925. She married William "Willie" Kuehn on Feb. 10, 1935, in Beulah. They moved north of Terry, and farmed in the Terry and Glendive areas. They moved into Glendive in 1942.

Charlotte was a great and wonderful mother, mother-in-law and grandmother. She enjoyed gardening and always grew the largest onions and cabbage. She also enjoyed sewing, crocheting,

ceramics and making homemade noodles. Charlotte had made a quilt for each of her grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband Willie on March 18, 1984; two daughters; three sisters and one brother.

Survivors include five daughters, Jean Witkowski and her husband Don, Lucille Sullivan, Agnes Malkuch and her husband Don, Linda Pearson and her husband John and Betty Reinhart and her husband Darold, all of Glendive; two sons, Glenn Kuehn and his wife Trena and Bob Kuehn and his wife Carol, all of Glendive; 23 grandchildren, 44 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandson.

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

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James Kuehn

YUMA, Ariz. — Former Great Falls, Mont., area resident James Kuehn, 77, a retired operator and ground man with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Union, died of cancer May 13, 2003, at a nursing home in Yuma.

Cremation has taken place and a memorial service will be held at a later date. Burial of ashes will be in St. Paul's Lutheran Church cemetery near Fairfield, Mont.

Jim is survived by brothers Erv of Billings, Alvin (Sibby) of Tucson and Glen (Ann) of Fort Benton, Mont.; sisters Adena Palmerton of Pocatello, Idaho, Hertha (Royal) Hawthorne and Katherine Loss of Fairfield, Ida (Paul) Shatto of Yuma, Betty (Harry) Brown of Deer Lodge and Marion (Frank) Riley of Winter Park, Fla.; and numerous nieces and nephews scattered throughout the United States.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Ernie and Raymond; and a sister, Doreen Francois.

Jim was born Dec. 9, 1925, in Talbot, Alberta, Canada, to Gust and Helen Kuehn. He received his schooling in Terry, Fairfield and Great Falls.

Jim never married and felt free to work and travel where work took him. He considered himself a professional vagabond. Due to a hearing problem, he could not get into the military, which greatly disappointed him.

He was a member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 1245 in San Diego, and was involved in construction and maintenance of low voltage power lines to large transmission lines up to 500,000 volts, all across the western United States. While working in the southwestern states, he took liking to the mild winter weather and working in the northern states was no longer an option. In August of 1988, he gave up working and settled down in Yuma where the weather was more to his liking.

Jim will be greatly missed by all who knew him and loved him and are comforted to know that he is out of his pain and home with his Lord.

Memorials are suggested to charity of your choice.

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Henry William 'Bud' Kuhlmann

LEWIS - TOWN

Henry William 'Bud' Kuhlmann, age 88, died early Thursday morning, Nov. 20, 2003, at Valle Vista Manor where he had been a resident since July 2000.



HENRY
KULMANN

He is survived by his loving wife of 63 years, Geneta Hilda Lehms Kuhlmann, also a resident of Valle Vista Manor, and his cherished son, William (Bill) Kuhlmann and his wife Karen, also of Lewis Town.

In addition he is survived by Bill's children, Laura Kuhlmann of Chicago, Darrell, his wife, Marcie, and their daughter Elizabeth Kuhlmann of Minneapolis, and Dan, and his son Kayden, of Bloomington, Minn. Cousins, Steve and Berni Kuhlmann of Billings and Margaret Kuhlmann Ostad of Great Falls and their families also survive Mr. Kuhlmann.

Born Feb. 7, 1915, in Gaylord, Minn., Henry's father died of cancer when Henry was an infant. He was raised in Minneapolis by his mother

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Lydia and her twin sister, Alma. As a boy, he spent his summers with cousins at his Uncle Koefker's farm in Arlington, Minn.

In the early '40s, Henry Kuhlmann worked as a foreman in the Assembly Department of Heidbrink Division of Ohio Chemical Co; manufacturing critical oxygen units for the U.S. war effort. Later he and a friend founded Hydraulic Jack Sales and Service where they worked together until 1965 when the business was sold.

Henry and Geneva were married in Minneapolis on Sept. 14, 1940. In 1955, they moved to Golden Valley, Minn., with their son, Bill. They remained in Golden Valley until 1997, when they moved to Apple Valley Villa senior residence.

Henry and Geneva were loyal members of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Minneapolis, where Henry served on the Church Council and as an usher for many years. He and Geneva were enthusiastic supporters of the Aid Association for Lutherans Chapter.

A Corvair car collector, Henry and Geneva were active members of the Twin Cities Corvair Club. Henry was an avid hunter and fisherman. Henry and Geneva enjoyed camping and boating in the early years of their retirement often with their

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grandchildren. Over the years they also took pride in their German Short Haired Pointer dogs.

In July 2000, Henry and Geneva moved to Lewistown with their son, Bill. Since early 1950, they had been visiting cousins in Montana on an annual basis making Montana their "second home".

A memorial service celebrating the life of Henry W. Kellerman will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Nov. 24, at Zion Lutheran Church in Lewistown. As soon as arrangements can be made, a memorial service in Minneapolis at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church will be held, as well as a graveside service at Arlington Cemetery in Arlington, his final resting place.

Friends wishing to honor Henry's memory may make donations to Home-Health Hospice at Central Montana Medical Center or Zion Lutheran Church.

Arrangements in Lewistown are being managed by Creel Funeral Home.

Laurence Kuhry

BILLINGS GAZETTE

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GRASS RANGE — Laurence Kuhry, 73, died Thursday, Aug. 7, 2003, at his home of natural causes.

Memorial services will be 2 p.m. Monday, Aug. 11, at the Grass Range Masonic Hall. Cremation has taken place. The Cloyd Funeral Home is in charge.

Doris Mae Kutowski

DECEASED. — Doris Mae Kutowski, 78, of Beach, died Monday, Oct. 26, 2003, in Glendale, Mo., of cancer.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 30, at St. John The Baptist Catholic Church in Beach. A rosary/vigil will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 29, at the Silvernale-Silba Funeral Chapel in Beach. Interment will follow services at St. John's Cemetery in Beach.

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Vera Bernice Kukowski

DICKINSON, N.D. — Vera Bernice (Heath) Kukowski, 86, of Dickinson, formerly of Beach, N.D., died Friday, June 20, 1963, in Dickinson.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, June 24, at St. John's the Baptist Catholic Church in Beach. A vigil will be held at 7 p.m. on Monday, June 23, in the Chapel of Silvasalo-Silha Funeral Home in Beach. Rite of committal will be in St. John's Cemetery in Beach.

Ardele D. Kolbeck

HARLEM — Ardele D. Kolbeck, 72, died Thursday, March 20, 2003, at Benefis Skilled Nursing Home in Great Falls due to cancer.

Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. on Wednesday in the Harlem High School Gymnasium with burial following in the Harlem Cemetery. Edwards Funeral Home of Chinook is in charge.

Ronald E. Kumpula

LAUREL — "Any man can be a father, but it takes someone special to be a Dad." Ron Kumpula, 62, of Laurel, formerly of Red Lodge, died Thursday morning, April 24, 2003, 64 years to the day after his parents' marriage in 1939.

He was born in Red Lodge on Aug. 19, 1940, the son of Edward Otto and Esther Wilson Kumpula. Tragedy struck early in his life when his father was killed in the Smith Mine Disaster in 1943. Ron and his mother remained in the Red Lodge area, and he was fortunate to have been educated in a country school at Fox. Ron's mother married George Hill, and three daughters subsequently joined the family. Ron's sisters, Patsy, Helen and Nancy, completed the family, and they became lifelong best friends.

Ron graduated from Red Lodge High School and was attending Eastern Montana College in Billings when he married Carolyn Boyer, also from Red Lodge. Ron and Carolyn have two sons, Ronald Wayne and Bruce Donald. Together they raised them from birth through the rite of passage, and on to the fine men they are



**RONALD
KUMPULA**

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today. Much of that time was spent on the family farm on Willow Creek.

Ron loved his sons very much, and taught them various life skills. His legacy lives on in their hunting, fishing and carpentry skills, but particularly in driving trucks, which was Ron's life passion. Ron spent many happy years with Raymond Corcoran Trucking of Billings, and his sons continue that tradition. He was proud of his sons and grandsons, Jeff, Ron W., Corey and Josh.

After becoming disabled in 1996, Ron had the time and skill to create many beautiful woodworking projects. He helped Bruce create Boot Hill Casket Company, which started in the family garage, and continues today producing custom pine caskets marketed to several funeral homes throughout the area. Ron will be laid to rest in a Boot Hill pine casket, built and embellished by his sons and grandsons; a fitting tribute to a father who gave so much to his children.

Ron's friends were such an important part of his life, and he considered them family.

We all love you, Ron. Your pain is gone and our hearts go with you as you journey to meet your family and friends who have passed before you. Give them hugs and kisses — we miss them, too.

Survivors include his wife, Carolyn Kumpala of Laurel; two sons, Ronald W. of Billings, and Bruce (Myra) of Laurel; eight grandchildren, Jeff, Ron W., Corey, Jonathan, Jodi, Jess (USMC) and Kayce Kumpala, and Mindy and Brandon Dunning; three sisters, Patsy May of Dillon, Helen Reinholz of Laurel and Nancy Fish of Bozeman; one uncle, Terry Lantz of Red Lodge; and numerous extended family members.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. on Monday, June 10, at the Billings Funeral Home, 1001 10th St. Burial will be in the Garden of Memories, Billings.

Foundation for Diabetes, P.O. Box 2566, Billings, MT 59103.

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E. Walter Kanna

LEWISTOWN — R. Walter "Walt" Kanna, 77, died Saturday, May 24, 2003, at the Central Montana Medical Center, of cancer.

Memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Friday, May 30, at the Lewistown United Methodist Church. Cremation has taken place. Graveside memorial service will be held in Hardin at a later date. Creel Funeral Home of Lewistown is in charge.

Patricia A. Kungas

RED LODGE — Patricia Audrey Kungas, 80, passed away Sept. 23, 2003, at her home north of Red Lodge, after a short illness.

She was born Aug. 17, 1923, in Joliet, a daughter of Frank and Rosella Tresner. On Sept. 22, 1940, she was united in marriage to Matt Kungas in Red Lodge. She worked as a waitress for many years.

Pat is survived by sons Gary (Elaine) of Billings, Dennis (Gloria) of Butte, Todd of Red Lodge, and daughter Karen Brown (Bill) of Mohave Valley, Ariz. Also surviving is her sister, Evelyn Hansen (Carl) of Joliet, and 12 grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1985; a daughter, Patricia A. Anderson in 1989; one son; three sisters; and one brother.

Cremation has taken place at Cremation & Funeral Gallery.

At Mom's request, there will be no services.



RUDY KUNKEL

Rudolph 'Rudy' Kunkel

Dad went to Heaven Thursday evening, Jan. 2, 2003, surrounded by all of his loving family, after a very painful, however courageous, 10 days with a left leg aortic occlusion.

Rudolph was born on Feb. 11, 1912, to Otto and Frieda Kunkel in New Salem, N.D. On June 14, 1937, he married Evelyn Ringham in Billings and to this 65-1/2-year union, Jerry, Ray, Don, Jeanne and Ken completed the strong family tie.

Rudy owned and operated Kunkel Construction. His kind, honest, generous, hard-working reputation will forever honor his memory.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his brother Lorenz; and a sister, Margaret. Survivors include "His One and Only" Evy; sons and daughters-in-law, Jerry and Betty, Ray and Mary, Don and JoAnn, and Ken and Sandra; a daughter and son-in-law, Jeanne and Larry Watterson; grandchildren, Rick Kunkel, Mike Kunkel,

Kari Goodale, Perry Kunkel, Cal Kunkel, Heather Graf, Kim Reeves, Shawn Kunkel, Aimee Huck, Rob Congdon, Alexandra Kunkel and Anna Kunkel; and 18 great-grandchildren.

Visitations will begin Saturday afternoon, Jan. 4, at Smith Downtown Chapel. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 6, at Peace Lutheran Church, 1301 Ave. D, with interment to follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

A very special thank you to Lar, Aim, Rob, Mom, Don, Sister Monica, Drs. Dernbach and Wickstrom, Julie Larson, and the staff and my wonderful coworkers and friends at St. V's.

We all love you, Grampa! I'll never forget our promise, Dad. Love you so much; thank you, thank you, thank you; your only daughter, Jeanne.

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David W. Kuntz

GILLETTE, Wyo. — David Wayne "Dave" Kuntz, 49, of Gillette, died Sunday, May 4, 2003, at his home, of cancer.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, May 9, at the Greenwood-Walker Funeral Home Chapel in Gillette. Burial will follow in the Gillette Mt. Pisgah Cemetery.

Helen P. Kuntz

ROUNDUP — Helen P. Kuntz, 77, of Roundup, died Sunday, March 16, 2003, at the Boniday Memorial Nursing Home.

Private services will take place at a later date. West Funeral Home of Roundup is in charge.

Leonard Kurokawa

WOLF POINT — Leonard "Fat" Kurokawa, 74, died Thursday, Sept. 4, 2003, at his home.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Monday, Sept. 15, at Clayton Stevenson Memorial Chapel in Wolf Point.

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George D. Kums

LEWISTOWN — George D. Kums, 90, died Wednesday, Dec. 10, 2003, in the Central Montana Skilled Nursing Center.

Graveside services are at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Central Montana Memorial Gardens. Cloyd Funeral Home is in charge.

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Manval R. Kurtz

BELFRY — Manval R. Kurtz, 64, of Belfry, formerly of Pompeys Pillar, died Tuesday, Jan. 14, 2003, at his home.

Graveside military honors will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Jan. 17, in the veteran's section of Rockvale Cemetery. Smith-Olcott Funeral Chapel of Red Lodge is in charge.

Karoly Kutasi

Dr. Karoly Kutasi, of Billings, passed away at the age of 91 on March 18, 2008, at the Horizon Hospice Home after a fight with lung cancer.



**KAROLY
KUTASI**

Karoly was born April 7, 1911, in Hungary and finished school there, earning a Doctor of Law degree from the University of Pecs. He came to this country in 1952 and worked at the University of Michigan at the Museum of Paleontology as a research photographer.

He married Margaret, whom he met in Germany in 1948, in Michigan in 1952. He and Margaret celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in March 2002. He was gentle soul who loved his family greatly.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret; and his two daughters of whom he was extremely proud, Gabriella Decke (Phillip) of Billings and Katálin Kutasi of New York City.

Memorial Services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, March 20, at Michelotti-Sawyer Mortuary. Memorials may be made to Horizon Hospice House, 1019 Neptun Boulevard, Billings, MT 5910 or Big Sky Hospice, PO Box 35033, Billings, MT 59107.

May he rest in peace.

James H. Kuyatt

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

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WINSLOW, Ariz. — James H. "Jim" Kuyatt, 57, died Monday, May 5, 2003, at his home in Winslow.

Jim was born on Dec. 24, 1945, in Billings, the son of Ruben and Cecelia Kuyatt. He attended elementary and junior high at Huntley Project Schools and graduated from Big Horn High School at Sheridan, Wyo. He attended Sheridan College and graduated from Oklahoma State University with a BS in fire prevention in 1971. He also received a degree in micro computer from Northern Arizona Institute of Technology in 1991.

Jim served in the Army Reserve from Feb. 8, 1967, until Jan. 26, 1972. He worked for the State of Wyoming as deputy fire marshal and for Decker Coal Co., Kachine Gardens and Hopi Technologies.

He loved camping, fishing and hunting.

Jim is survived by his wife, Venaca, Winslow; sons, Steven Kuyatt, Vancouver, Wash., Brian Kuyatt, Omaha, Neb.; stepdaughter, Audrey Long, Las Vegas; sister, Susan Arneson, Billings; niece, Darcie Addington, Billings; nephew, Donald Ford, Dallas.

He was preceded in death by his parents and grandparents, Reverend Henry and Lena Dietrich, and Jacob and Amelia Kuyatt.

A memorial service will be held Friday, May 9, at 10 a.m. in Winslow. Greer's Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Doris Kuykendall

BILLINGS GAZETTE

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SIDNEY — Doris Kuykendall, 81, of Sidney, formerly of Cartwright, N.D., died Wednesday, Aug. 20, 2003, at the Sidney Health Center-Extended Care Facility.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 23, at the Sidney Health Center-Extended Care Facility Chapel. Interment will be in the Nameless Cemetery, Cartwright, N.D. Fulkerson Funeral Home of Sidney is in charge.

Pauline Kuzara

BILLINGS GAZETTE

FEB 8 2003

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Pauline Kuzara, 91, of Sheridan, died Thursday, Feb. 6, 2003, at her home.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 11, at Kane Funeral Home in Sheridan. Interment will be in the Elks Cemetery.

Local Deaths

WALTON — Ralph Kworth, 74, of Bozid, died Sunday, Oct. 25, 1903, at Deaconess Billings Club.

Cremation has taken place at Cremation or Funeral Gallery in Billings. A graveside committal service will be at 10 a.m. Monday, Nov. 2, at the Kyle Cemetery, north of Park.

Ernest Mervyn 'Ky' Kylander

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

MAR 08 2003

POWELL, Wyo. — Ernest M. "Ky" Kylander, age 83, of Powell, died Thursday, March 6, 2003, at the Powell Valley Nursing Home after a valiant battle with Alzheimer's Disease.



KY KYLANDER

Visitation will be on Tuesday, March 11, from 6-8 p.m. at the Miratsky-Easton Funeral Home in Powell. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, March 12, at the Powell LDS Church. Interment will follow at Crown Hill Cemetery.

Born April 24, 1919, in Burns, he was the seventh of eight children born to Arthur Elerton Kylander and Lulu Elizabeth Watts. The family moved to Powell when Ky was six months old.

Ernie was a member of the Powell High School Class of 1937 and went on to earn his master's degree in the School of Hard Knocks. He married Roselin Pryde of Byron on July 12, 1939, in Cody. To this union, three daughters were born.

Ky developed a strong work ethic at an early age. At the age of

10, he single-handedly hoed a bean field east of Powell. He picked potatoes up for harvest, delivered the Denver Post on his rickety old bike throughout the town of Powell and made home deliveries for local grocery stores.

Ky drove truck for Art Glasgow, Keller Trucking and H. F. Johnson Transportation out of Laurel, Mont. (starting the night of his 21st birthday) and Dick Jones Trucking. Other work included tank building and driving truck at the Heart Mountain Relocation Camp between Cody and Powell. He also roughnecked on drilling rigs in Elk Basin.

Ernie enlisted in the United States Navy SeaBees in September, 1943, at the age of 24 and served with the 140th Battalion. He earned his Ship Fitters classification due to his tank-building experience as a civilian and operated heavy equipment on what was to be the largest supply base in the Southwest Pacific, namely, the Admiralty Islands. Ky returned to Powell on New Year's Eve, 1945, upon discharge from the Navy.

He then took a job with Sam Jones Construction, operating heavy equipment in the Elk Basin

ou new helping build the site for the Amoco Sulphur Plant. During that time, he and co-worker Wayne McGary decided to start their own business. McGary & Kylander Construction Co. was founded in February, 1948. After Wayne died in 1965, Ernie continued the business as Kylander Construction. The business was sold in May, 1992, when he retired after 44-plus years of hard work.

Ky belonged to the local Lions Club and was recently named a Melvin Jones Fellow by the Lions Club International Foundation. He held membership in the Masons Absarokee Lodge No. 30, Shriners, Medicine Wheel Snogoers and Veterans of Foreign Wars. In 1994 he was elected and served on the board of the Powell Fire Protection District No. 1.

Ky had a passion for snowmobiling. He loved fishing, big band music, hanging out at the local card club, horseback riding in the Thorofare, helping with countless demolition derbies, and how he loved to dance with his beautiful wife. He was a regular for early morning coffee at the Skyline Cafe for many years.

He was preceded in death by his parents, sisters Buelah Kylander, Verna Strite, Lettie Nelson, and a brother, Emil Kylander.

Ernie is survived by his wife of 63 years, Roselin; their three daughters and their families, Mary Lou and Clay Davis, RoJean "Jeanne" and Garv Greenwald,

Roxane and Jeff Sheridan, all of Powell. His surviving grandchildren and their spouses are Marci Davis (Sacramento), Denton and Alta Davis (Powell), Trevor and Sarah Greenwald (Lovell), Trisha and Jamison Ziegler (Pinedale), Trent and Kristin Greenwald (Powell), Jenni and Jeff Skalsky (Powell), Katie Sheridan and Chance Sheridan (both of Powell). Ernie's great-grandchildren who will carry his memory are Kylander Davis, Karson Skalsky, Kade Ziegler and two more on the way: He is also survived by siblings and their spouses, Leatha and Skip Evans (Medford, Ore.), Bernita Moody (Lovell) and John Francis and Ann Kylander (Cheyenne), cousins and numerous nieces and nephews.

For those who wish, memorials are suggested for Powell Medical Foundation, 777 Avenue H, Powell, Wyo., or Northwest College Foundation 231 West Sixth Street, Powell, Wyo.

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Elaine G. Kyriak

Elaine G. Kyriak, 61, of Billings passed away Thursday, Dec. 18, 2003, at the St. Vincent Healthcare.

Elaine was born in Billings Feb. 16, 1942, the daughter of George W. and Bertha Blakely. She was raised and educated in Billings and graduated from Billings Senior High in 1960. She had also studied computers.

Elaine worked as a secretary at Special Transportation for six months and then worked as a dietitian for St. John's Lutheran Home.

Elaine enjoyed gardening, cooking and embroidery work. She had a special love for kittens and cats.

Elaine is survived by her son, Larry and his wife Virginia of Billings; her long time companion, Don Zehner of Billings; two brothers, John Blakely of Harvey, N. D., and George Blakely of Terry; and a special sister-in-law, Jeanette O'Dea of Miles City.

Memorial service will be 11 a.m. today at the Smith Downtown Chapel. Cremation has taken place. Interment of her ashes will be at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

William H. Kysar, Sr.**JUN 8 2003**

POWELL, Wyo. — William H. Kysar, Sr. (Bill), age 70, passed away on Friday afternoon, June 6, 2003, at Powell Valley Healthcare Center surrounded by family and loved ones following his two and one-half year battle with quadriplegia. Bill passed due to kidney failure and other complications from his injury.

Bill was born on April 9, 1933, to Carl and Eva Kysar in Alluwee, Okla. He had three brothers and one sister. He attended Powell High School and then entered the U.N. Navy at the age of 18. He served his country from 1951 until 1955, during the Korean Conflict. On Nov. 21, 1956, he married his wife of 46 years, Kathleen "Kay" (Wick) in Absarokee. Bill did many things during his lifetime, however, above all else, he will always be remembered as a husband, father, grandfather, brother, son and a real Family Man.

"Family Man"

"You are leaving now and all we can do is pray. This poem is a reminder of the fact that I will think of you everyday. On your journey, try to be positive and brave. You played a bigger role in my life than you think. In our family you are the strongest link.

You have always been the greatest father in my life." Love, Alisha Bretzman, granddaughter.

Bill is survived by his loving wife, Kay Kysar, of Basin, Wyo., and seven children and their families; Diana Foretich of Green River, Wyo., Janet Tanner of Rock Springs, Wyo., William Kysar, Jr., of Bismark, N.D., Michael Kysar of Parma, Idaho, Karen Bretzman of Basin, Wyo., Carl Kysar of Basin, Wyo., and Amber Marie of the U.S. Navy, Spain. Seventeen grandchildren, one great-grandchild, a brother, Jerry Kysar of Powell, and a sister, Anna Hoch of Wagner, Okla., numerous nieces and nephews also survive him. His parents and two brothers, Jack Kysar and Bob Kysar, preceded him in death. Per his wishes, cremation has taken place and Memorial Services will be held at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, June 10, at Glad Tiding Assembly of God Church, 777 E. Seventh St., Powell. Should friends desire, memorials may be made to the Paralyzed Veterans of America.

Miratsky-Easton Funeral Home of Powell is in charge.