

**DEC 30 2003****Ona Pearl Oakland**

**BOWMAN, N.D.** — Ona Pearl Oakland, 92, peacefully passed away at the Sunset Home in Bowman Monday morning, Dec. 29, 2003. Ona was born Sept. 12, 1911, in Rhame.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lawrence; and daughters, Mary Ann Oakland and Opal Christine Sunden.

She is survived by her son, Myron Oakland of Billings; and daughters, Carol Vail of Bowman, Linda Ann Aasen of Rapid City, S.D., and JoAnn Lutz of Omaha, Neb.

"I have done what I was here to do. Now it is my turn to go."

# Taylor Ryan Oakland

BILLINGS GAZETTE

AUG 24 2003

ROTAN, Texas — Taylor Ryan Oakland passed away on Aug 22, 2003, after a year-long battle with ALD.

Taylor was born on Nov. 16, 1997, in Topeka, Kan. He was sent here as our little angel and made friends with anyone and everyone he met.



**TAYLOR  
OAKLAND**

Taylor blessed us all with his smile and will never be forgotten as a tender-hearted and courageous little boy. We are thankful for the time we had with him no matter how short, as he was truly special.

Survivors include his father, Shawn (Lisa) Oakland, step-brother, Nick and step-sister, Alyssa of Aurora Colo.; mother, Heather Randolph of Rotan; grandparents, Judy (Tom) Madigan of Roselle Ill., and Rich Oakland of Billings; great-grandmother, Lillian Quale of Billings; great-uncles, Allen (Olga) Quale of Tracy Calif., Burton Quale of Phoenix Ariz., and great-aunt, Edna (Chuck) Martin of Billings, along with many cousins and friends.

Taylor was preceded in death by his Uncle Ryan Oakland. We are confident that Ryan and Taylor are either playing catch or riding dirt bikes right now.

The family would like to thank the Ronald McDonald House, Make a Wish Foundation, Denver North Hospice, Texas Children's Hospital and the Rotan Hospice for all their help this past year. Most of all we would like to thank our friends and family for all their support.

Taylor, you will always be our "little angel" and we love you.

Funeral services will be held in Rotan on Tuesday, Aug 26, at 6:30 p.m. Memorials can be made to the Ronald McDonald House, Make a Wish Foundation or Hospice.

JUN 24 2003

**Winnie Oakland**

**CARTWRIGHT, N.D. —**  
Winnie Oakland, 89, of  
Cartwright, died Saturday, June  
21, 2003, at the Sidney Health  
Center in Sidney, Mont.

Funeral services will be at 10  
a.m. Wednesday, June 25, at the  
Zion Lutheran Church in  
Fairview, Mont. Interment will be  
in the Fairview Cemetery.  
Fulkerson Funeral Home of  
Sidney is in charge.

## Bernard 'Bernie' Obie

Bernard "Bernie" Obie, 85, passed away Saturday, May 17, 2003, at The Vista. Bernie was born April 7, 1918, in Belfield, N.D. His parents were George and Audenia (Weisgerber) Obrigewitsch. During WWII,



**BERNIE  
OBIE**

Bernie served in the U.S. Army Air Corps as a radio operator and was stationed in England. At the conclusion of the war, he received an honorable discharge and returned to Billings and farmed in the Shepherd area. He later met and married Ella Mae Hamby on June 7, 1947. Ella Mae preceded him in death March 2001.

Bernie was employed by Exxon as a carpenter/warehouseman for 27 years, retiring in 1974. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus and one of the founding parishioners, along with his wife, Ella Mae, of St. Bernard's Parish. Traveling, fishing, gardening, gambling and square dancing were favorite pastimes.

Bernie is survived by his children, Larry (Cathy) and their children, Jeff (Niki) and Nicole, of Billings; Jim (Glenna) and their children, Chandra and Barry, of Montana City; Bonnie (John)

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Siran and their children, Tyler and Kelsey of Colorado Springs, Colo. Gene (Anne) and their children Devon and Elliott, of Clinton Wash.; and Linda of Billings. Also surviving are his sisters, Rosemary Schaff, Lizzie Mitzell, Katherine Oswald, all of Billings, and Eugenia Lawrence of Sun City, Ariz.; brothers, Nick (Grace) Schaff of Billings, Ned (Gail) Schaff of Broadview; sister-in-law Florentine (Ken) Malsbury of Billings; brothers-in law, John (Shirley) Hamby of Billings, Bill (Carole) Hamby of Spokane, Wash.; and sisters-in-law Kate (Charles) Redman of Miles City, and Thelma Hamby of Billings. His parents, several sisters and brothers have preceded Bernie in death.

The family would like to extend a sincere "thank you" to the wonderful staff at The Vista for their kindness and care that they showed to Dad these last few months.

Rosary will be held at St. Bernard's Parish Tuesday, May 20, at 6 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial at St. Bernard's Parish will be Wednesday, May 21, at 11 a.m.

Interment with military honors will be at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

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

Michelotti-Sawyers has charge of arrangements.

## **James T. O'Boyle**

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — James T. O'Boyle, 68, of Sheridan, died Thursday, Feb. 20, 2003, at the VA Medical Center in Sheridan.

Cremation has taken place in Sheridan. Memorial services will be held at a later date in Huron, S.D. Kane Funeral Home is in charge.

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**FEB 22 2003**

## Edna O'Brien

BILLINGS GAZETTE

FEB 9 2003

THERMOPOLIS, Wyo. — Edna O'Brien, 85, died Friday, Feb. 7, 2003, at the Life CareCenter in Cheyenne, Wyo., where she had been a resident the past few months.

A Rosary will be recited at 7 p.m. on Thursday at the funeral home. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 14, at St. Francis Catholic Church. Burial will follow at Monument Hill Cemetery. Mortimore Funeral Home of Thermopolis is in charge.



## **Fred L. O'Brien**

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**JUL 30 2003**

MISSOULA — Fred L. O'Brien, 89, passed away on Sunday, July 27, 2003, at the Heritage House in Missoula.

He was born on Dec. 2, 1913, in Newlon, Mont., to George and Bertha (Dore) O'Brien. Fred was raised and educated in Sidney.

After he started working for the railroad in Missoula, he met Frances "Scotty" Miller and the couple was married on June 3, 1945. Fred worked for the railroad for more than 40 years and retired in 1977.

For most of his life, he enjoyed raising Morgan horses. Fred was also known as an avid scholar of the Old West.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Frances; four brothers, John, Henry, Donald and Gerald O'Brien; and two sisters, Anna Kizziar and Dorothy Ford. Survivors include his son, David O'Brien of Billings; two grandsons, Cory and Will O'Brien, both of Billings; one sister, Pauline Kopp of Glendive; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

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

Donations may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

Arrangements are under the care of Garden City Funeral Home and Crematory.

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**John Joseph O'Brien**

John J. O'Brien, 89, died peacefully at his home, surrounded by family, early Friday morning, June 27, 2003.

John was born May 4, 1914, in Butte, the son of Thomas and Margaret (Hynes) O'Brien. He attended school in Butte. On Sept. 22, 1956, John was united in marriage to Lucy Gilbert in Butte. Together, they raised three children while John worked for the Anaconda Co. in Butte, retiring in 1976. In 1987, John and Lucy moved with their family to Billings.

A devout Catholic, John attended Mass daily at the St. Vincent Chapel. He was truly a family man and loved spending time with his children and grandchildren, enjoyed working in the yard and loved wood-working, sharing his projects with his family and friends.

John leaves behind his beloved wife Lucy, of 46 years; his daughters, Mary O'Brien of Billings and Ann (Jeff) Daniels of Olathe, Kan.; his son, Joseph O'Brien of Billings; and three grandchildren, Kate, Matthew and Patrick Daniels. He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Mary O'Brien.

Cremation has taken place and a memorial service for John will be 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, July 1, at St. Thomas The Apostle Church, with a luncheon to follow. Inurnment will be in Holy Cross Columbarium.

Memorials may be made to St. Vincent Healthcare Foundation, PO Box 2505, Billings, MT 59103. Dahl Funeral & Cremation Service is in charge of arrangements.

**John Joseph  
O'Brien**

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Patrick Daniels. He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Mary O'Brien.

Cremation has taken place and a memorial service for John was held on Tuesday July 1 at St. Thomas The Apostle Church. Inurnment was in Holy Cross Columbarium.

Memorials may be made to St. Vincent Healthcare Foundation, P.O. Box 2505, Billings, MT 59103.

## Marabelle O'Dell

JUN 03 2003

Marabelle O'Dell, 87, passed away June 1, 2003. Marabelle was born Nov. 22, 1915, to Z.H. and Buelah Lewellen in Central Montana. She attended elementary school at Chippewa and Fergus County High School in Lewistown.



**MARABELLE  
O'DELL**

On Oct. 4, 1936, she married Bob O'Dell in the First Baptist Church at Lewistown. They had two children.

Marabelle enjoyed sewing and crocheting and her family. But the real love of her life was Jesus Christ. She was a lifelong member of the Baptist Church, a true Bible scholar and a powerful prayer warrior.

Marabelle was preceded in death by her husband Bob in 1982; and great-grandchild Mitchell Appel in 1994; two brothers and one sister.

She is survived by a son, Larry (Sue) O'Dell of Billings; and daughter Nancy (Ron) Appel, also of Billings; seven grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

She is also survived by two sisters, Eileen (Tony) Hruska of Billings and Maxine (Joe) Crees of Utica; one half-sister, Sandra (Dale) Bodeker of Lewistown; and two half-brothers, Bill (Melody) Lewellen of Midland, Texas, and Ron Lewellen of Glendive.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Thursday, June 5, at the Trinity Baptist Church in Billings. The graveside service will be 3:30 p.m. Thursday, at Central Montana Memorial Gardens in Lewistown. Visitation will be 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday, June 4, at Smith's Downtown Chapel, and before the service at the church.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to Trinity Baptist Church, 1145 Nutter Blvd., Billings 59105.

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## **Bernice J. O'Donnell**

GILLETTE, Wyo. — Bernice J. O'Donnell, 73, died Friday, Dec. 12, 2003, at the Campbell County Memorial Hospital of natural causes.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the Gillette Christian Center. Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home is in charge.

# Elizabeth M. Odde

BELLINGS GAZETTE

FEB 5 2003

THERMOPOLIS, Wyo. — Elizabeth M. Odde, 90, died Sunday, Feb. 2, 2003, at Hot Springs County Memorial Hospital.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 6, at Mortimore Funeral Home in Thermopolis. Burial will follow in Monument Hill Cemetery.

## Floyd Odom

Floyd Odom was born in Casper, Wyo., on April 10, 1926, and he passed away at the Parkview Convalescent Center on Jan. 27, 2003.

Floyd lived in Laurel for many years and he worked as a pipefitter and plumber until his retirement.

Floyd was preceded in death by his wife, Helen; and his parents. Services will be held at the Smith Downtown Chapel on Wednesday, Feb. 5, at 1:30 p.m. Cremation has taken place.

**BELLEVILLE GAZETTE**

**FEB 4 2003**

## **Arlene Ogdahl**

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**MILES CITY —** Arlene Spencer Ogdahl, 80, of Miles City, died Wednesday, July 16, 2003, at the Shady Lane Assisted Care Living in Miles City.

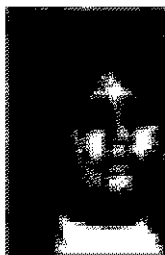
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Visitation will be held Monday, July 21, at the chapel of Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, July 22, at the First United Methodist Church. Interment will follow in the Eastern Montana State Veteran Cemetery in Miles City.



**JUN 10 2003****Whitney Marie Ogle**

**POPLAR —**  
 Whitney Marie Ogle, age 14, of Poplar, died June 8, 2003, as the result of a motor vehicle accident.

**WHITNEY  
OGLE**

She was born in Williston, N.D., on Jan. 21, 1989, to Lloyd "Slugger" and Williamette "Billie Jo" (Red Boy) Ogle. Whitney grew up and had just graduated from the eighth grade in Poplar. Ceramics, beading, drawing, listening to music and being with her relatives and friends were her favorite pastimes. She was an honor student and had received an achievement award in art and attained the highest grade in math in the eighth grade. Whitney had just started working as an assistant under the summer Youth Work Force Development.

She is survived by her parents, Lloyd "Slugger" and Williamette "Billie Jo" Ogle and one brother William Ogle, all of Poplar; grandparents, Ray and Reba Ogle, Sr., of Poplar, Beverly Red

Eagle of Poplar, Merceline Red Boy of Wolf Point, and Gloria and Bob Garcia of San Jose, Calif.; her special uncle, Raymond (Abby) Ogle of Poplar; uncles Elmer "Andy" (Renita) Ogle of Busby, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Hale of Fort Totten, N.D., and Justin Hale from Billings; aunts, Maizie (Arnold) Youngbird, Mary (Greg) Plante, Judy (Arnie) Ogle, Jewel Ogle, Shari Ogle, all of Poplar, and Ronnette (Phillip) Red Boy from Wolf Point; other uncles and aunts include the Red Eagles, Red Boys, Hales, Garcias, Bull Chiefs, Dionnes, and many more. Special cousins include Markie Vondall, Krysta Clark, and Lyssa Plante; cousins, Myron (Sonya) Olson, Robble Olson, Michael (Red) Brown, Raymond (Desi) Brown, Jason (Autumn) Brown, Stephanie (Myron) Whiteman, John Whiteman, Aaron Little Eagle, Louis Ogle, James Red Tomahawk, Trenton Red Boy, Charles Clark, Launa Swanson, Nikolas, Connor and Cameran McKay, Les Ogle; and

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all her nieces and nephews too numerous to mention.

"We love you and will miss you dearly."

A wake will be held on Friday, June 13, at 3 p.m. at the Poplar Episcopal Center, with a prayer service at 7 p.m. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 14, at the Poplar Episcopal Center, with Rev. Enright Bighorn officiating. Interment will be in the Riverside Cemetery at Brockton. Clayton Stevenson's Memorial Chapel of Poplar is in charge of arrangements.

JUN 07 2003

## Irene Shotwell O'Hara

November 1920 — June 2003

### "Our Mama is Gone"

Irene Shotwell O'Hara, 82, passed away Thursday, June 5, 2003, at her home, following a brief battle with cancer.

Irene was born on Nov. 16, 1920, to Jake and Rosie Wills in Terry. She had four sisters and three brothers. She attended county grade schools and graduated from Forsyth High School in 1938.

Following her graduation, she met and married Richard "Dick" Shotwell. They had three children together: Sandra, Connie, and Rick. In 1948, Irene and Dick moved to Laurel, where they owned and operated the Owl Cafe. After selling the Owl, they then owned and operated Laurel Trading Co., and later Irene operated the Yellowstone Cafe.

In 1958, Irene moved to Billings, where she met John O'Hara while working at the Stockman Cafe, whom she mar-



**IRENE  
O'HARA**

ried in 1963. After their marriage, they owned and operated the A & A Cafe and O'Hara's Restaurant. John and Irene finally retired in 1986 and settled down to a much-needed rest.

Irene was and always will be remembered as a caring, loving, nurturing wife, mother, grandmother and friend. She was always one to put others' needs ahead of her own. She enjoyed cooking, always making sure everybody was well-fed and taken care of.

She was a member of the Eastern Star of Laurel, a volunteer for Yellowstone County on Aging, and she helped deliver Meals on Wheels.

Irene was preceded in death by her husband John; parents Jake and Rosie Wills; brothers Johnny, Rueben and Jimmy Wills; sisters Leith Morrow, Mary McCord and Goldie Griggs; and a grandson, Michael Henry. She is survived by her sister, Helen Sorenson; son Richard "Rick" Shotwell

(Susan); daughters Sandra Henry (George) and Connie Anderson (Joe), all of Billings; grandchildren Diana Nichols (George) of Forest Lake, Minn., Rory Anderson (Judy) of Billings, Tammy Henry-Sanchez (David) of Billings, Debbie Anderson (Dennis) of Roundup, Shawn Anderson (Carlene) of Billings, Bryce Shotwell of Billings, Lana Shotwell of Tigard, Ore., and Victoria Shotwell of Denver; great-grandchildren Jennifer Fenton (Joshua), Jay Dee Anderson, Lacy Anderson, Caleb Nichols, Riley Anderson, Michelle Nichols, Jessica Anderson and Shawn Allen Anderson; great-great-grandchildren Michael and Kennyth Fenton; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family would like to thank the staff at Big Sky Hospice for all their help and services. Memorials can be made to Big Sky Hospice or charity of one's choice.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be held at Smith West Chapel, 304 34th St. West, on Monday, June 9, at 2 p.m. Come rejoice Grandma's new lease on life, and she gets to go see Grandpa.

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**Maurice Olroy**

GILLETTE, Wyo. — Maurice B. Olroy, 83, of Gillette, died Saturday, Nov. 1, 2003, at his home.

Visitation will be from 4 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 4, at the Stephens-Wilson Funeral Home of Gillette. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 5, at the First Baptist Church in Gillette. Interment will follow the funeral services in Mt. Pisgah Cemetery.

MAR 09 2003

BUTTE — Jane Okrusch passed away Thursday evening at the Butte Convalescent Center.

Jane was born on Nov. 16, 1925, in Miles City, the daughter of George and Dorothy Burke. Jane's family moved to Butte when she was 9 years old. She attended Monroe Grade School and Butte High School, and then worked as a waitress at Gamer's Confectionary.

She married Robert Okrusch on Aug. 17, 1947, in St. Joseph's Church. They moved to Great Falls in 1970 and then to Billings in 1980 where they lived until Bob's death in 1997.

Jane happily moved back to Butte in July of 2000, as she missed the mountains, and Butte was always her home at heart. She was known for her great sense of humor and her love of music. She would sing the lyrics of the golden oldie songs and loved country music. Her loving and caring ways always made her a favorite no matter where she resided.

An infant son, her parents and her loving husband Bob preceded Jane in death.

Surviving relatives include son, Butch Okrusch and his wife Cyndi of Dallas; daughter, Sandy Garrett and her husband John of Butte; daughter, Bobbie Madigan and her husband Tom of Billings; brothers, Dick Burke and his wife Irene, Jim Burke and his wife Virginia; two

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sisters, Mary Boenmer of Butte and Betty Brockman of Oregon; her sister-in-law, Bertha Okrusch of Butte; grandchildren, Chad and Margi Okrusch of Oregon, Bobby Okrusch, Josh and Missy Okrusch, Cori and Jini MacMillan and John and Jackie Garrett, all of Butte, Jeff Garrett of Bozeman and Ashlie Madigan of Billings. Jane also leaves behind six great-grandchildren.

Funeral Services will be held Monday at 10 a.m. in the Duggan Dolan Chapel. Cremation will take place following the service. Interment of ashes will be with her husband Bob in Great Falls. The family has requested memorials be made to the charity of donor's choice.

# Nathan N. Old Crow

BILLINGS GAZETTE

AUG 25 2003

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LODGE GRASS — Nathan Neal Old Crow, 38, of Lodge Grass passed on to the other side to be with his relatives on Aug. 17, 2003.

Chiwakii Kaashiish "Earnestly prays," a name given to him by his Clan uncle, Harold Stone, was born July 30, 1965, in Rapid City, S.D., a son of Ross and Kathryn Stops Old Crow. He was a descendent of the Crow chiefs Plenty Coups and Old Crow.



**NATHAN  
OLD CROW**

He grew up and received his education in Lodge Grass, graduating from Lodge Grass High School in 1984. While in high school, he actively participated in basketball and football, as well as being a member of the rodeo team, where he took part in the saddle bronc, bareback, bull riding and team roping events, winning numerous events. He later received a carpentry training certificate from the Utah Technical College/Provo in Orem, Utah. Utilizing his trade, Nathan worked in most of the lower 48 states and was known as a hard worker by all his employers. Throughout his life as a carpen-

ter, he had a hand in building many spectacular homes.

Nathan was a member of the Catholic Church, Greasy Mouth Clan and a child of the Big Lodge Clan. He often utilized his carpentry skills, making repairs for family and friends.

In Utah, he met and later married his soul mate, Augusta Bia, in 1990 in Chinle, Ariz. The couple was residing in Lodge Grass.

Nathan was employed by the Crow Housing Authority and was a project construction supervisor.

His father, Ross; sister, Starla Fitzpatrick and grandparents, Fannie Deer Nose, Anna Old Crow, Clark Stops and Simon Old Crow preceded Nathan in death.

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Survivors include his wife, Augusta; two daughters, Courtney Old Crow and Jovonne DeCrane; seven sons, Luke, Wade, Cody, Corey and Jesse Old Crow, Solon Fitzpatrick and Kasey Old Crow-Reece; his mother, Kathryn Old Crow; four sisters, Adora (AJ) Turnsplenty, Felicia (Lane) Schenderline, Yolanda (Chester) Turnsplenty and Lucinda (Dylan) Black Eagle; his brother, Preston Old Crow; a half-brother, John (Rhea) Onion; his grandmothers, Laura Singer, Christine Stewart and Mildred Old Crow; two adopted sisters, Fatima and Ursula Bad Horse and an adopted brother, Newton (JR) Old Crow Jr.

Rosary will be recited at 4 p.m. Tuesday in the Bullis Funeral Chapel. Funeral Mass will be celebrated 10 a.m. Wednesday in the Lodge Grass Our Lady of Loretto Catholic Church. Interment will follow in the Lodge Grass Cemetery. Bullis Mortuary of Hardin has been entrusted with the arrangements.

The family would like to express our deepest gratitude to those who helped in the search for our loved one.

MAY 24 2003

## Wesley Old Elk

**CROW AGENCY** — Wesley Old Elk, 37, of Crow Agency, passed away Wednesday, May 21, 2003, in the Billings St. Vincent Healthcare.

Aluutechia "White Arrow" was born April 23, 1966, in Crow Agency, a son of George Old Elk, Jr. and Pansy Dawes. He grew up in the Crow Agency area and attended schools in Crow Agency, St. Xavier,



**WESLEY  
OLD ELK**

Hardin and Richland, Wash. Following his education, he worked on the Crow Reservation for the Abandon Mine Lands Program, the National Park Service, the BIA Forestry as a seasonal fire fighter and most recently as a fencing crew member for the Holding Ranch.

He was a member of the Pentecostal church, Whistling Water Clan and a child of the Big Lodge Clan. He was an intelligent, down-to-earth, artistic, thoughtful son, husband, father, brother and friend.

Two sisters, Fairalee and Roberta; a niece, Jazmin; nephews, Todd, Allan and DeAllen, preceded

ed Wesley in death.

Survivors include his mother Pansy Dawes of Crow Agency; his father, George "Chood" (Diana) Old Elk, Jr. of Lodge Grass; his wife Pauline Espinoza of Hardin; his daughter, Jamie and his son, Aaro Old Elk of Hardin; four sisters Crystal (Levi) Little Light, Jane (Shobe) Little Light, Georgiann and Chelsey Old Elk; his brother: George "Porkey" (Gloria) Old Elk Lyndon (DeWanda) Old Elk, Lyle Old Elk and Garlon (Garla Williamson, Jr.); his half-sisters Amy (Tom) Yellowtail, Twili (Howard) Old Chief, Julane Old Elk and Shannon (Kyle) Rauth; his half-brother, Esley Old Elk; and his uncles and aunts, Dan (Carlene) Andrew (Janet), Johnny (Karen) Clayton (Georgina), Walter (Colleen) and Larry (Carol) Old Elk, Dora Rides Horse, Elsie (Melvin) Pretty Paint, Claude (Marvella) Dawes, Jr. and Gwendlyn (Larry) Plain Bull; his grandmothers, Evelyn Old Elk, Annie Costa and Henrietta Pretty on Top; an adopted sister, Jamie

Delp; as well as members of the Moccasin family.

Funeral services will be held 1:30 p.m. Saturday, May 24, in the Bullis Funeral Chapel. Interment will follow in the Crow Agency Cemetery. Bullis Mortuary has been entrusted with the arrangements.

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**Otis O. Oldenburg**

CHANDLER, Ariz. — Otis O. Oldenburg, 87, of Chandler, passed away Dec. 1, 2003.

Otis, a steel worker, was born Feb. 27, 1916, in Presque Isle, Maine. He moved to Pennsylvania in 1937 where he met and later married Bertha "Tootie" Ganss.

He and Bertha resided in Pennsylvania where Otis worked at Allegheny Ludlum Steel, retiring in 1977 as superintendent of laminations after 42 years of service.

The Oldenburgs moved to Billings in 1995 and to Chandler in 2001.

Otis was a lifetime member of the Masonic Lodge and the Shriners.

He was a loving and devoted husband, father and grandfather. His warmth, wit and love will be dearly missed.

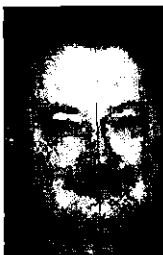
He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Bertha; his daughter, Lana Pearson (Stove) of Tempe, Ariz.; his son, Lynn Oldenburg (Lee) of Billings; four grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Interment will be in Natrona Heights, Pa.

**John G. 'Jack'O'Leary**

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DALLAS — Jack O'Leary was born in Billings, Mont., the son of Norma Dean (Metcalf) and Paul E. O'Leary, on Oct. 16, 1955. He graduated from Billings Senior High in 1974 and moved



**JACK  
O'LEARY**

to Dallas, where he spent the remainder of his life. He died on March 11, 2003, in Dallas.

During high school, Jack played on the American Legion baseball team for the Royals and basketball for Senior High. Jack was a very loving husband, father, son and brother. He loved music and singing Karaoke. He enjoyed Dallas Cowboys football, the Mavericks, playing softball and coaching his children's baseball teams.

He is survived by his wife, Jennifer; sons Chelton, Jaxon and Dylan; and his daughter Jordan, all of Dallas. He is also survived by his in-laws and brothers and sisters-in-law and their families all of Dallas. Jack is survived by his mother; sisters Deanne O'Leary, Laura Weber, Valerie

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Vachrich and brother Paul, all of Phoenix; and sister Peggy O'Leary of Billings and their families and several aunts and cousins.

Jack was preceded in death by his father in 1991. Memorial services were held in Dallas on March 15.

Jack, until we meet again, you will always be present in our hearts. We love and miss you.

NOV 08 2003

## Pearl May Oliver

Pearl May Oliver was born March 11, 1911, to John and Clara Schneider Horrocks. She graduated from Billings High School in 1929 and received nursing training at St. Vincent Hospital. Pearl married Fritz Oliver in Red Lodge, Oct. 1, 1949. She served her country as Navy nurse during World War II, and during her time of service, she was stationed on New Caledonia and Fiji in the South Pacific.



**PEARL  
OLIVER**

After her period of service ended, she returned to Billings and resumed her civilian nursing career. She worked for several doctors in Billings as well as Deaconess Hospital, until her retirement in 1976.

She lived on North 24th Street, and was a good neighbor and made many friends. She and her husband Fritz were active in the Elks Club. She loved to play bridge and will be missed by her bridge partners as well.

At the time of her death, she was a resident of St. John's.

She was preceded in death by her husband Fritz in 1994; and her sister Musette Davis in 1990. She is survived by her nephew, Jack

OLIVER

Davis (Margie) of Wenatchee, Wash.; and her niece, Rosemary Morris (Bill) of Thornton, Colo.; and many friends in the Billings community.

Pearl passed away peacefully in her sleep on Monday, Nov. 3, 2003. Her family deeply appreciates the loving care she received at St. Johns and Mission Ridge.

For those who wish to make donations in her memory, St. Johns, 3940 Rimrock Road, Billings, MT 59102 or Peace Lutheran Church, 1301 Ave. D, Billings, MT 59101 or charity of one's choice.

Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Monday, Nov. 10, at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary, with interment at Mountview Cemetery.



**Corin Mandi Ollerman**

GLENDIVE — Corin Mandi Ollerman, infant daughter of Meranda (Spencer) and Corey Ollerman, died June 27, 2003, at Benefis Health Care in Great Falls.

Graveside services will be 10 a.m. Tuesday, July 1, in the Dawson Memorial Cemetery in Glendive, with Fr. Joseph Ponessa officiating. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Glendive is entrusted with the arrangements.

## **Corin Mandi Ollerman**

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**GREAT FALLS** — Corin Mandi Ollerman, infant daughter of Corey and Meranda (Spencer) Ollerman, died on Friday, June 27, 2003, at Benefis Health Care in Great Falls.

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Corin was born on May 26, 2003, in Great Falls.

Graveside services will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, July 1, at the Dawson Memorial Cemetery in Glendive, with Father Joseph Ponessa officiating. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Glendive is entrusted with arrangements.

She is survived by her parents, Corey and Meranda Ollerman; her twin sister, Camri Ollerman, and her sister, Deon Ollerman; paternal grandparents, Allen and Joleen Ollerman and Vickie Engle; maternal grandparents, Marvin Duane and Anita Spencer; paternal great-grandparents, Lester and Bonita Ollerman, Art Weinberger, all of Glendive, and Bob and Carol Svir of Wisconsin; maternal great-grandparents, Bev Spencer and Tom and Esther Job, also of Glendive.

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

## Leon Ray Olson

WALDEN — Leon Ray "Ole" Olson, 74, of Vaughn, died Saturday, Oct. 25, 2003, at Peace Hospice Residence Center in Great Falls.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 30, at the Rose Room in Cruxford & Sons Funeral Home in Great Falls. Burial will be in Sun River Cemetery in Great Falls.

## **Akirra Elizabeth Olson**

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**APR 24 2003**

**BIG TIMBER** — Akirra Elizabeth Olson, infant daughter of Richard Gerald Olson and Sachelle Winter DeCock of Big Timber, was born April 19, 2003, and died April 21, 2003, at 9:15 p.m., at St. Vincent Healthcare in Billings.

Akirra is survived by her parents, Richard G. Olson and Sachelle W. DeCock; one brother, Gavin Kober of Big Timber; maternal grandparents, Monica and Rick DeCock of Big Timber; paternal grandparents, Richard and Lita Olson of Greycliff; three uncles, Chantz Olson, Chase Olson and Colt DeCock; and two aunts, Andrea Olson and Whitney DeCock.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, April 26, at 2 p.m., at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 1110 E. Second Avenue, Big Timber. Michael McFarland will officiate. Burial will follow in Mountain View Cemetery, Big Timber. Lowry Funeral Home assisted the family with arrangements.

## **Bobby Olson**

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**APR 17 2003**

GILLETTE, Wyo. — Bobby Chris Olson, 74, died Monday, April 14, 2003, at the Campbell County Memorial Hospital in Gillette.

Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. Thursday, April 17, at Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home in Gillette. Burial will follow in the Gillette-Mt. Pisgah Cemetery.

## Brian Olson

BILLINGS GAZETTE

APR 06 2003

CROW AGENCY — Brian Todd Olson, 38, formerly of Poplar, died Wednesday, April 2, 2003, at Crow Agency Hospital.

Visitation will be held at Clayton Memorial Chapel in Poplar from 4 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, April 8. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, April 9, at the Poplar Cultural Center. Interment will be in the Poplar Cemetery.

## Dale A. Olson

**COLSTRUP** — Dale A. Olson, 76, of Colstrup, died Monday, Oct. 13, 2003, at the Rosebud Health Care Center in Forsyth.

A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Oct. 17, at the Concordia Lutheran Church in Forsyth. Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home of Forsyth is in charge.

## Dale Arvid Olson

**COLSTRIP** — Retired coal miner Dale A. Olson, 76, of Colstrip, died in the ambulance that was bringing him one step closer to home on the afternoon of Oct. 13, 2003.

Dale was born to Lawrence and Manda (Ryan) Olson in Columbus, N.D., on April 12, 1927. He was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith. He was the youngest of four children.

He lived with his family southwest of Larson, N.D. Sometime in the 1930s, his family moved west of Larson and started a coal mine.

When Dale was 8 years old, he drove a team of three horses on a coal dump wagon, hauling spoil from the old steam shovel that his brother operated. He dumped the wagon himself by ratcheting the door chute on the dump wagon. The summer after Dale finished the eighth grade, he ran a 3-cylinder D6 Cat and a scraper. During the fall and winter months, he ran the tippie on the coal mine. The family closed the mine when his oldest broth-



**DALE  
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er LeRoy was drafted. At that time the dirty '30s were over, so Dale helped his Dad farm until he married Phyllis Simonson on April 17, 1949, at the First Lutheran Church in Columbus, N.D. They had five children together.

Dale farmed in Montana and North Dakota until they moved to Colstrip in 1968 to help reopen the coal mine. In 1970, Dale went to work at the Peabody Coal Mine for the UMWA where he ran a drill, did some blasting, operated a shovel and the dragline. Dale retired in 1991.

Dale enjoyed the simple things in life and was dearly loved by his family. He enjoyed helping his kids with their projects or keeping himself busy in his workshop. He whistled everywhere he went so it was easy to find him in the house or out in the yard. He enjoyed the family get-togethers and loved to play Whist especially when he "skunked" the other team. He enjoyed his fall trips to Missouri with Phyllis to visit his daughter and her family. He especially enjoyed time spent with Phyllis



when they could reminisce about their time in North Dakota. He enjoyed going to the post office for the mail every afternoon and visiting with who ever he ran into.

Dale was diagnosed with a lung disease approximately six years ago. Over the last couple of years, the disease kept him close to home, where his wife looked after him. He looked forward to his 10 a.m. beer and visits from friends and family. Dale fought hard against his disease with the help of his wife until the very end, so he survived longer than anyone had initially predicted. At moments we thought the disease was going to get him but his old hard-headed North Dakota Spirit wouldn't let it, and by the grace of God, we were able to have him with us for a little bit longer.

Dale is survived by his loving and dedicated wife, Phyllis Olson; his five children and their spouses and his grandchildren and great-grandchildren, Judy (Rick) Lumm of Missouri, Vicki (Kim) Mees of Forsyth, Terry (Debby) Olson, Roger (Patricia) Olson and Layne (Sandi) Olson of Colstrip. He is also survived by his brothers LeRoy Olson of Colorado and his brother Dean Olson of North Dakota. He was preceded in death by his mother, and father and one sister Maxine (Olson) Nordman.

Memorial services will be held on Friday, Oct. 17, at 2 p.m. at Concordia Lutheran Church in Forsyth. Interment of ashes will follow at the Forsyth Cemetery, with a reception being held at Stevenson and Sons Funeral Home in Forsyth.

Memorials can be made to a charity of one's choice.

Condolences can be sent to the Olson family at [www.stevensonandsons.com](http://www.stevensonandsons.com).

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

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MAR 21 2003

## **Eleanor L. Olson**

**PLENTYWOOD —** Eleanor L. Olson, 92, died Wednesday, March 19, 2003.

A funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 22, at Fulherson Funeral Home Memorial Chapel in Plentywood. Burial will be in Plentywood Memorial Cemetery. A luncheon will follow in Plentywood Lutheran Church.

**DEC 05 2003****Gladys Olson**

**CULBERTSON** — Gladys Olson, 97, of Culbertson, died Dec. 2, 2003, at the Roosevelt Memorial Nursing Home in Culbertson.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Alexander, N.D. Family services will be held in the lower level of the church one half hour before the public service.

Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5, and for one hour before service time Saturday, at the Fulkerson Funeral Home in Williston, N.D. Burial will be in the Alexander Cemetery.

## Gordon W. Olson

NOV 11 2003

Gordon Olson was born Aug. 8, 1921, at Langford, S.D., to Carl and Bertha (Storseth) Olson. He died peacefully on Wednesday, Oct. 29, 2003, at the Autumn Care Center, in Billings.

Following his country school education, Gordon worked as a farm hand in Langford, until he entered the U.S. Army Infantry in 1942. Upon returning from World War II, he drove truck for Dugan Truckline in Valley City, N.D.

He met Olive when they were co-workers in a farm and ranch operation, and they married April 17, 1947, in Valley City. They moved to Billings in the mid-'50s, where Gordon drove for Garrett Trucking until his retirement. He received numerous awards for safety and his accident-free mileage records.

Gordon was an avid woodworker and enjoyed spending many hours building toys and crafts in his shop. He was a member of First English Lutheran Church beginning in 1958, and is remembered as a cheerful friend to many.

Gordon is survived by Olive, his wife of 56 years; and preceded in death by eight brothers, Merle, Herman, Ernest, Virgil, Delano, Clifford, Milton and Gale; four sisters, Hazel, Doris, Lillian and Shirlev.

Visitation will be 2 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 11, at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary. Memorial Service will be held Wednesday, Nov. 12, 11 a.m., at First English Lutheran Church. Graveside committal will precede that service at Yellowstone Valley Memorial Park at 9:30 a.m.

# Harriet Olson

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

APR 07 2003

PLENTYWOOD — A private, family funeral service for Harriet Olson will be at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, April 8, at Fulkerson Memorial Chapel in Plentywood. Pastor Ryan Wickman will officiate and burial will be at Big Lake Cemetery in Homestead, Mont. Public visitation will be all day Monday and Tuesday morning at the Chapel. Harriet, 90, died on Saturday, April 5, 2003 at Sheridan Memorial Hospital in Plentywood.

Harriet was born Jan. 15, 1913 in Ryegate, the daughter of Eugene and Nora (Bissonette) Strand. She grew up in north-eastern Montana and graduated with the first graduating class of Frazer, Mont., in 1931. She attended college at Northern in Havre and taught school at Inverness, Medicine Lake and Froid. Harriet met Clifford Olson while teaching at Medicine Lake Elementary School and they were married Dec. 9, 1939.

They made their home in Homestead and raised four daughters. Clifford died in 1988.

She was a member of Homestead Lutheran Church and was church pianist for 22 years and choir director for 17. She was a member of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society and was Postmaster in Homestead from 1969 to 1981. Harriet and Clifford

enjoyed traveling and visiting their children and grandchildren. The grandchildren would often visit and spend time with them in the summer months. She crocheted, enjoyed watercolor and oil painting and corresponded with many people. She was also an avid reader and enjoyed flower gardening. In her later years, she enjoyed going on tours to Europe, Alaska, Branson and other destinations.

Harriet is survived by three daughters, Margaret Boggess and husband, Don, of Stevensville, Nancy Mertz and husband, John of Reno, and Barbara Abar and husband, Gordon, of Homestead. Also surviving are 13 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and her sister, Elizabeth Murchison of Portland, Ore. She is preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Cliff; her daughter, Pam Keer; two brothers; and one sister.

Fulkerson Funeral Home of Plentywood is in charge of arrangements.

DEC 29 2003

### **Isabelle Olson**

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Isabelle Olson, 88, died Thursday, Dec. 25, 2003, at Memorial Hospital.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 31, at Kane Funeral Home. Interment will follow in the Sheridan Municipal Cemetery.

## **John William Olson**

**WOLF POINT —** John William Olson, 69, of Wolf Point, died Monday, March 10, 2003, at Northeast Montana Health Services (Trinity Hospital) in Wolf Point.

Visitation will begin at 3 p.m. Thursday, March 13, at the Wolf Point Community Hall, with a prayer service at 7 p.m. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, March 14, at Clayton Memorial Chapel. Interment will be in King Memorial Cemetery.

**DEC 30 2003**

**LeRoy K. Olson**

**MEDICINE LAKE — LeRoy K. Olson, 77, died Wednesday, Dec. 24, 2003, at his home of a heart attack.**

**Memorial services are 2 p.m. Saturday at the Union Congregational Church with interment in the Plentywood Cemetery. Fulkerson Funeral Home is in charge.**



DEC 04 2003

## Lyle Dean Olson 'Mongo'

At the age of 43, Lyle Dean "Mongo" Olson, died Sunday, Nov. 30, 2003, at his home in Billings.

Lyle was born the son of Kenneth and Arlyne (Fosso) Olson on March 23, 1960, in Wilmar, Minn. He attended schools in New London - Spicer, Minn., and Billings West



**LYLE  
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High School, moving with his family to Billings in 1973. Lyle was a roughneck, working on oil rigs in Wyoming and most recently as a drywaller in the Billings area.

Lyle enjoyed working on and riding motorcycles. He will not be forgotten by his motorcycle club brothers as they prepare for their annual Motorcycle Toy Run, something he enjoyed helping them with every year.

Lyle leaves behind his son, Jeremy Peterson of Billings; sister, Kimberly (Richard) Woltjer of Pennock, Minn.; brother, Eric Olson of Billings; two nephews and one niece.

He was preceded in death by both his parents.

Visitation for Lyle will be 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4, at Dahl Funeral Chapel. Memorial services will be 10 a.m. Friday, Dec. 5, at Dahl Funeral Chapel.

Memorials may be made to Jeremy Peterson, c/o Eric Olson.

DEC 10 2003

## **Mary Clara Olson**

**ROUNDUP —** Mary Clara Olson, 71, passed away Thursday, Dec. 4, 2003, at St. Vincent Healthcare.

Cremation has taken place at Cremation or Funeral Gallery, and a memorial will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Roundup Assembly of God Church.

## Mildred Olson

CARTWRIGHT, N.D. — Mildred Olson, 96, died Aug. 8, 2003, at Bethel Lutheran Home in Williston.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m. (MDT), Tuesday, Aug. 12, in Zion Lutheran Church of Fairview. Interment will be in the Yellowstone Point/Pleasant Cemetery in Cartwright. Everson Funeral Home in Williston is in charge of arrangements.

## Mildred Olson

WILLISTON, N.D. — Mildred Olson, 96, formerly of Cartwright, N.D., died Friday at the Bethel Lutheran Home in Williston.

Visitation is from 9 to 10 a.m. Tuesday at Zion Lutheran Church in Fairview, Mont., where the funeral will be held at 10 a.m. Everson Funeral Home in Williston is in charge.

BILLINGS GAZETTE

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**Orella Olson**

**MALTA — Orella H. (Buer) Olson, 85, died Sunday, Sept. 7, 2003, at the Phillips County Good Samaritan Center.**

**Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Sept. 12, at the Malta Lutheran Church. Interment will be in the Malta Cemetery. Adams Funeral Home of Malta is in charge.**

# Patricia L. Olson

BILLINGS GAZETTE

JUL 31 2003

Patricia L. Olson, born Aug. 12, 1940, to Harry and Stephanie (Radulovich) Stellingwerf, died July 29, 2003, at home after a hard-fought battle with cancer.



**PATRICIA  
OLSON**

She is survived by her husband, Sage H. Olson; daughters, Teri (Todd) Wilson of Rocklin, Calif., Laurie (Russ) Spika of Lewistown, Kimberley A. (Jason) Lizik of Sterling, Va., and Scott (Tiffany) Olson of Missoula; brother Ron (Julia) Stellingwerf of Sheridan, Wyo.; and grandchildren, Stephanie, Allison and Julie Spika, Shannon and Grant Wilson, Ashleigh Olson and Julia Ann Lizik.

She adored her grandchildren and was very proud of her career as a legal secretary. She enjoyed her family, gardening, cooking and her collectable dolls.

She was a devoted member of Prairie View Bible Church.

Funeral services will be 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 2, at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary, with interment in Mountview Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Shrine Children's Hospital.

NOV 20 2003

**Pauline Eileen Olson**

Pauline Eileen Olson, 84, of Billings, passed away Friday, Nov. 14, 2003.

She was born Oct. 1, 1919, in Wilton, N.D., to Paul and Mary Gregoryk. She graduated from Wilton High School and went on

to attend Minot State Teachers College. Later, Pauline moved to Tacoma, Wash., where she was a cashier at the Wintthrop Hotel.



**PAULINE  
OLSON**

Pauline met Sheldon Olson and married him

on June 13, 1943. They lived in Tacoma until he was discharged from the Navy. They moved to Billings in 1948 and raised eight children: Paulette Ann (Walt) Stauffer, Sheldon J. (Debbie) Olson, Richard (Kay) Olson, Donald P. Olson, Penny Olson, Larry (Leigh Ann) Olson, and Thomas Olson, all of Billings, and Johnny Olson of South Dakota.

Pauline was a very loving person, and raised beautiful gardens, especially the most beautiful roses. She was a member of the Bitterroot Garden Club for many years.

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She will be greatly missed by her surviving friends and family, including her children; two sisters, Elaine (Ervin) Engel of Minot, N.D., and Marion (Alan) Oldham of Billings; as well as many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild. Pauline was preceded in death by her parents and five brothers and sisters.

A vigil service will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 20, at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary.

Memorial Mass will be held 11 a.m. Friday, Nov. 21, at St. Plus-X Church. Inurnment will take place at Yellowstone Valley Memorial Park following the reception.

Memorials may be made to St. Plus X Church, 717 14th St. S.W., or to the United Olympic Club of Montana.

Michelotti-Sawyers is in charge of arrangements.

**'Ric' Olson****MAR 09 2003**

**MALTA** — Richard Donald "Ric" Olson, 37 years, a trucker and rancher, died Wednesday, March 5, 2003, at his home, from a self-inflicted gunshot.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Monday, March 10, at the Adams Memorial Chapel in Malta. Interment will be in the Malta Cemetery. Adams

**RIC OLSON**

Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements

Survivors include his wife, Cindy; sons, Jordan and Jade, all of Malta; daughters, Jami Olson of Denver, Jodi Olson of Malta; mother, Jean Olson of Malta; brother Lynn Olson of Jordan; sisters, Caryl Stewart of Malta, Marilyn Robins of Billings; aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his father, Donald L. Olson, on Oct. 31, 1995.

Ric was born Nov. 17, 1965, in Malta, the son of Donald and Jean (Horn-Carlson) Olson. He was raised and educated in Malta. After school, he rodeoed in Wyoming and Nebraska. He worked in Texas doing ranch work for the Holt Ranches. Ric

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married Betty L. Miller on June 1, 1905, in Grange, Wyo., and they moved to Malta. Ric was involved with ranching, trucking and rodeoing.

His main interest was the rodeo. Ric was pickup man for Big Circle Rodeo Co. of Circle. He started all rodeos, produced rodeos and trucking for rodeo stock, roping and rodeo bulls, horses and other stock. Ric produced rodeos and youth rodeos throughout the Hi-line area, including Chisook, Havre and Dodson. He was Pickup Man of the Year four consecutive years and received the Tony Lama Top Hand Award, given by Northern Ag Network of Billings. Ric enjoyed watching his sons wrestle and teaching them to be cowboys.

**AUG 12 2003****Patrick B. 'Pat' Oltrogge**

Patrick Bernard Oltrogge was born June 16, 1951 to Bernard William and Betty Lou Oltrogge. Pat left this world peacefully on Sunday, Aug. 10, 2003.

Patrick attended Huntley Project Schools while being raised in Ballantine.

Patrick had numerous hobbies and was blessed with a keen curiosity. Patrick was always loyal to his loved ones and in particular to his soulmate and fiancée Vickie Burling and her children.

Patrick had a deep faith in Jesus Christ and was always willing to share it with others.

Patrick is survived by his sister, Nancy Oltrogge of Ballantine, and three brothers, Timothy of Billings, Neil (Teresa) of Forsyth and Douglas (Rita) of Ballantine. He is also survived by three half-sisters, Nannette (Ron) Sperry of Red Lodge, Gwen (Harry) Heimer of Absarokee, Mary Lou Feller of Hardin and numerous nieces and nephews.

Graveside services will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Pleasantview Cemetery in Ballantine. Memorials may be made to the charity of one's choice.

Michelotti-Sawyers is in charge of arrangements.

# Gerald Eugene Oman

BILLINGS GAZETTE  
JAN 31 2003

WAWA, Pa. — Gerald Eugene Oman, a civil engineer who spent his career preventing floods, died of a heart attack on Dec. 30, 2002, at his home in Granite Farms Estates, a retirement community in Wawa.

A native of Manhattan, Mont., he attended Montana State University for three years before serving in the Navy on an oil tanker in the Pacific during World War II.

After the war, he earned his engineering degree from Montana State and then joined the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Soil Conservation Service. He was working for the service in Hysham, Mont., when he met his future wife, Lois Kolb. They married in 1949.

Mr. Oman designed flood-prevention dams. In 1960, he and his family moved to Broomall, where he became head of the design section for the Soil Conservation Service in the Northeast region of the United States.

He retired in 1982, then worked part time for several years, setting up equipment in the hydraulics lab at Villanova University.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by a son, Daniel; a daughter, Diann Reber; and five granddaughters.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Building Fund at Middletown Baptist Church; 28 S. Middletown Rd.; Media, PA 19063.

# Anna Omdahl

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BILLINGS GAZETTE

FEB 15 2003

MALTA — Anna Seaford Omdahl, 89, of Malta, died Thursday, Feb. 13, 2003, at a local nursing home.

Funeral services are at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 18, at the Malta Lutheran Church. Interment will be at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, in the Landusky Cemetery. Adams Funeral Home of Malta is in charge.

# Larry Allen Omdahl

BILLINGS GAZETTE

GLASGOW — Larry Allen Omdahl, 50, died Saturday, Aug. 23, 2003, at the Frances Mahon Deaconess Hospital in Glasgow, of cancer.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 28, at the Bell Mortuary Chapel in Glasgow.

AUG 26 2003

**Jack D. Oneyear**

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Jack D. Oneyear, 64, of Sheridan, died Monday, Nov. 17, 2003, at his home.

Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 20, at Champion Ferries Funeral Home in Sheridan. Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Nov. 21, at Champion Ferries Funeral Home. Burial will be in the Sheridan Municipal Cemetery.

JUN 04 2003

### George Lee Overdick

Wright, Wyo. — George Lee Overdick, 57, of Wright, formerly of Marlinton and Great Falls, Mo., died Saturday, May 31, 2003, at the Campbell County Memorial Hospital, after a sudden illness.

Funeral services will be from 4 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, June 4, at the Campbell County Memorial Home Chapel in Wright. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, June 5, at the Wright Baptist Church in Wright. Burial will be in the Wright Cemetery.

NOV 27 2003

## **James E. Opsta**

**SIDNEY —** James E. "Jim" Opsta, 67, of Sidney, died Tuesday, Nov. 25, 2003, at his home.

Funeral services are at 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 29, at the Lonsdale United Methodist Church. Interment will be in the Richland Memorial Park Cemetery. Fulkerson Funeral Home of Sidney is in charge.



# Shelby Dawn Orelup

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MAR 05 2003

WICHITA FALLS, Texas — Shelby Orelup went to be at peace, Friday, Feb. 28, 2003.



**SHELBY ORELUP**

Shelby was born Nov. 14, 1980, in Billings, the daughter of Shirley and Steven Orelup. Shelby was raised and attended school in Billings, where she graduated from Billings Senior High.

Shelby joined the Air Force on Feb. 3, 1999, as an airman first class. She attended basic military training at Lackland AFB. After graduating basic training, she was assigned to Sheppard AFB Texas as a fuel apprentice student. She graduated technical training May of 1999 and was assigned to Lakenheath, United Kingdom, as a fuel support apprentice. January 2001, she became a fuels distribution journeyman. She was promoted to senior airman August 2001 and remained at Lakenheath until July 2002 when she became an instructor at Sheppard AFB Texas. She was promoted to the rank of staff sergeant on Feb. 28, 2003.

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Shelby leaves behind her daughter, Aubrey, born April 27, 2001; mother Shirley; father Steven. She is also survived by her sister, Raelene (Michael) Holland of Billings, their children, Hunter and Trysity Holland; her sister, Tanya Orelup of Miami and brother Victor DeSautel (Cheralynn Ortiz) of Kennewick, Wash.

Shelby is also survived by grandparents, Lyle "Bud" and Barbara Orelup, Billings, Jack and Edith Henry of Colville, Wash., aunts and uncles as follows: DeeAnn Orelup, Billings, Trudy (Benny) Gavin, Billings, Charlene Horner, Huntsville, Ala., Dale (Hailey) Orelup, Billings, Wade (Debi) Orelup, Billings, Kathleen (Donald) Thompson, Colville, Wash., Carolyn Henry, Colville, Jack (Edith) Henry, St. Anthony, Idaho.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Thursday, March 6, at Cremation or Funeral Gallery, 29 Eighth St. West, Billings.

Reception to follow at Hope Lutheran Church, Lockwood, 1911 Highway 87 East, across from Lockwood Schools.

**Geraldine Lee Orendack**

MALTA — Geraldine Lee Orendack, 62, died Friday, March 7, 2003, at the Deaconess Billings Clinic.

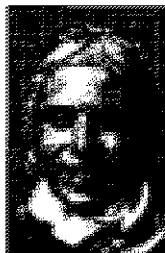
Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, March 11, at the Elin Lutheran Church in Malta. Burial will follow in the Malta Cemetery. Edwards Funeral Home of Chinook is in charge.

## James Scofield O'Rourke, III

James S. O'Rourke, III died Wednesday evening, Sept. 17, 2003, at St. John's Lutheran Home in Billings, following a lengthy illness. He was 81 years old.

Mr. O'Rourke, who was a lifelong resident of Montana, was born on Jan. 16, 1922, in Livingston, the only child of James S. O'Rourke, II and Alice Bequette O'Rourke. The family moved to Billings in 1928, where Mr.

O'Rourke's father operated an automobile dealership and repair garage. O'Rourke Motor Company, located first on Montana Avenue and later on First Avenue North at North 31st Street, distributed Oldsmobile motor cars just after World War I, and later Packard automobiles.



**JAMES  
O'ROURKE**

The younger Mr. O'Rourke, known to family and friends as "Jake," graduated from Fratt Memorial School in 1936 and Billings High School in 1940. He then attended the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, Ind., where he studied management. In 1942, he volunteered for active duty in the U.S. Army Air Corps and rotated through various assignments, serving primarily as a crew member aboard the B-29 Stratofortress.

In August of 1945, Mr. O'Rourke married Miss Joan Louise Boardman, the daughter of a prominent Michigan shipping and cement executive. The couple met in 1940 when she was a student at St. Mary's College of Notre Dame.

Following World War II, Mr. O'Rourke worked in the family's automobile business from November of 1945 until the sale of the firm in 1967. He later worked as a manager and sales executive for several local firms and as a field agent for the State of Montana's Commission on Aging until his retirement in 1984. Mrs. O'Rourke died in December of 1985.

He is survived by one son, James S. O'Rourke, IV, of Granger, Ind., a retired United States Air Force officer and a professor of management at the University of Notre Dame. He is also survived by three grandchildren: Colleen O'Rourke Veltz, an artist living in Capistrano Beach, Calif.; Molly Scofield O'Rourke, a television producer living in Hermosa Beach, Calif.; and Kathleen Spencer-Boardman O'Rourke, a student at the University of Notre Dame. Mr. O'Rourke had one great-grandson, Cianan Jason Veltz of Capistrano Beach, Calif.

Mr. O'Rourke was an active coach in youth sports in Billings, winning state championships in Babe Ruth Baseball, Catholic Elementary School Basketball and a city championship in Little Guy Football. A number of his players went on to successful careers in professional baseball and other walks of life. He was a member of American Legion Post 4 and a life-long congregant of St. Patrick's Parish, Billings.

A funeral mass will be offered at 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Patrick's Co-Cathedral. Rite of Committal will follow at Holy Cross Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the charity of one's choice.

Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

JUL 26 2003

**LAUREL** — Jean Elizabeth O'Rourke passed away peacefully at home, July 24, 2003. She was born Jan. 31, 1925, to Joseph and Emma Koerber in Manhattan.

She graduated from Manhattan High School and then attended nurses training in Missoula. She worked for Dr. R.A. Williams for several years. She married James O'Rourke, Sept. 7, 1946, and they had a wonderful life for 57 years. They lived in Bozeman and enjoyed 40 years in Bridger and more recently in Laurel.

She is survived by her husband, Jim; and two sons, Mike O'Rourke, his wife Sandy, their two daughters, Kellie and Carly of Great Falls, Dan O'Rourke and his wife Michelle and their two daughters, Kelsie and Kaitlyn of Laurel; four sisters, Madalyn Guggia, Theresa Rockafellow, Barbara Fior and Linda Saunders, all of Livingston; also her sister-in-law, Pat Hadry of Laurel; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her brother, Joseph Koerber, and her sister, Mary Ann Hendershott.

A memorial mass is pending at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Livingston. In lieu of flowers, donations may be given to the Heart Association or charity of your choice. Jean's body has been donated to the W.W.A.M.I. Medical Program at Montana State University in Bozeman.

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**Rita M. O'Rourke**

**GREAT FALLS —** Rita M. (Dunns) O'Rourke, 88, of Great Falls, died Monday, Nov. 10, 2003, at Peace Hospice.

A vigil will take be at 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 16, at Holy Family Church. Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Monday, Nov. 17, at Holy Family Church. Schneider Funeral Home in Great Falls is in charge.

**APR 17 2003****Ruby Mae Orthman**

**MILES CITY —** Ruby Mae Orthman, 80, of Miles City, died Tuesday, April 15, 2003, at Eagle's Manor.

Visitation will be held Monday, April 21, at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City, with a prayer service at 6 p.m. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday, April 22, at the First Baptist Church. Interment will follow in the family lot in Custer County Cemetery.



FEB 12 2003

## David Shawn Osborne

**HARDIN** — At the young age of 29, David Shawn Osborne, of Hardin, went home to be with the Lord on Feb. 6, 2003.



**DAVID  
OSBORNE**

He was born Jan. 23, 1974, in Seattle, to Karen (Coley) Hampton and John Osborne.

Moving to Hardin in 1979 with his family, he attended school and graduated from Hardin High School in 1993. During high school, David worked at KC's Drive Inn. After graduation he moved to Idaho Falls in 1994, where he worked as a cook. He loved dancing to country western music, camping with his family, riding horses, but, most of all, talking on his cell phone. He had a natural ability for decorating for Holidays and on Christmas he enjoyed dressing up as Santa Claus to surprise the children.

In 2002, David returned to Hardin, working at the Four Aces, Merry Mixer and Ben Franklin, before returning to Idaho Falls. He always considered Hardin to be his home. David was a good-natured person who would help anyone in need. He will be missed by all.

Surviving him is his mother, Karen Hampton of Hardin; dad, John Osborne of California; step-dad, Mike Hampton of Hardin; sister, Lee Ann Osborne of Hardin; brother Joe (Katy) and their son Casey of Billings; twin brothers Mike and Chris of Hardin; grandmother, Marge Baldwin of Hardin.

Funeral service will be 2 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 12, at the Church of The Open Bible with interment in Fairview Cemetery. Reception to follow at the church. Dahl Funeral Chapel in Hardin is in charge of the arrangements.

## FEB 20 2003

LEWISTOWN — Peggy

Osborne, 79, died Monday, Feb. 17, 2003, at St. Vincent Hospital in Billings, of complications following surgery.

Peggy was born Oct. 22, 1923, at Lewistown, to Peter J. and Carrie (Oppgaard) Salte. She attended Lewistown schools and graduated from Fergus County High School in 1941.

On May 8, 1964, in Lewistown, she was united in marriage to Pete Osborne. He preceded her in death in 1991.

She worked as a civilian secretary to the Commanding Officer 73 AAF Base Unit in the U.S. Army Air Corp. from 1942 to 1945. She was also a legal secretary at Dekalb, Dockery and Mondale; and a secretary/bookkeeper at Cooley Chevrolet. She then worked as a court reporter of the 10th Judicial District, retiring in 1982.

She enjoyed knitting, crocheting, crossword puzzles, reading and spending time with her grandchildren and family. She also enjoyed watching basketball and football on television.



**PEGGY  
OSBORNE**

Survivors include a daughter, Karen (Bobby) Putnam of Burbank, Wash.; and a son, Pete Flotlin of Billings; three grandchildren, Tammy Bench, Patti Jo Putnam and Bobby Joe Putnam, Jr.; and three great-grandchildren, Ernie Bench, Amye Lynn Putnam and Theresa Allen/Bench. In addition, she is survived by a nephew, Ron Salte of Lewistown; two sisters-in-law, Marge Fisher and Grace Jakes, both of Lewistown; and two cousins, Marie Pierce and Joanne Selfridge, both of Great Falls.

She is also survived by a special friend, Eadie Schultz of Lewistown.

Peggy was preceded in death by her husband; a brother, Clarence; her parents; and her stepmother, Alma Salte.

Memorial services for, Peggy Osborne will be at the Creel Funeral Chapel on Saturday, Feb. 22, at 2 p.m. with inurnment to follow at the Lewistown City Cemetery. Cremation has taken place.

Memorials are suggested to the Lewistown Public Library or to the charity of the donor's choice.

Creel Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

**MAR 05 2003**

**William Oset**

**ROUNDUP** — William Oset, of Plentywood, formerly of Roundup, died Monday, March 3, 2003.

Visitation will be from 5 to 9 p.m. Thursday, March 6, at the Wier Funeral Chapel in Roundup. Mass of the Christian Burial will be at 11 a.m. Friday, March 7, at St. Benedict's Catholic Church in Roundup. Interment will follow in the Roundup City Cemetery.

**William J. Oset**

PLENTYWOOD — William J. Oset passed away peacefully at the Sheridan Memorial Nursing Home in Plentywood on March 3, 2003.

Bill was born in Roundup on Jan. 18, 1918, to Vince and Helen Oset. Bill's mother Helen died when he was 8 years old. Subsequently, Bill spent a number of years at an orphanage in Great Falls with some of his brothers and sisters.

Bill was inducted into the Army on March 13, 1942, in Fort Lewis, Wash., and honorably discharged on Nov. 25, 1945, in Fort Douglas, Utah. Bill served as a supply sergeant during his time in the military.

Shortly after, he went to work as a coal miner in the Number 3 Coal Mine in Roundup, where he spent a number of years. He later worked as a section hand for the Milwaukee Road. Most of Bill's years were spent living on Smokey Road in Camp 3, Roundup, across the street from his sister Mary Bublich and her husband John.

Bill was preceded in death by his sisters, Helen and Mary; and brothers Phillip, Vince and Tony. He is survived by his brother, Frank Oset of Roundup; and numerous nieces and nephews.

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Bill's number one priority after retirement was helping people and making friends. He was affectionately known as the "Mayor" of Camp 3. "Uncle Bill," we will miss you very much.

Visitation will be from 5 to 9 p.m. Thursday, March 6, at the Wier Funeral Chapel. Mass of the Christian Burial will take place 11 a.m. Friday, March 7, at St. Benedict's Catholic Church. Interment with military honors will follow in the Roundup City Cemetery.

Wier Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

## **Lowell F. Ostermann**

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**AUG - 1 2003**

**FORSYTH — Lowell F. Ostermann, 65, of Forsyth, formerly of Colstrip, died Saturday, July 26, 2003, at the Rosebud Health Care Center, from natural causes.**

**Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 2, at the Beals Mortuary Chapel in Forsyth. Cremation has taken place and interment of the urn will be held at a later date.**

# Samuel 'Sam' Ostermiller

BILLINGS GAZETTE

JUL 14 2003

Samuel "Sam" Ostermiller, 88, of Billings, passed quietly away on Saturday, July 12, 2003, at Horizon Hospice House, surrounded by his loving family. Sam was born March 9, 1915, in Billings to John and Katherine Marie Ostermiller, originally from Saratof, Russia.



**SAMUEL  
OSTERMILLER**

Sam served his country in World War II and saw action in the Normandy, Northern France and Rhineland Campaigns and received the European Theatre of Operations Ribbon with three bronze stars, Good Conduct Ribbon and the Distinguished Unit Badge for outstanding performance of duty in action.

Sam worked as a farmer and carpenter, a member of Carpenter's Local #1172 for more than 50 years. Sam had a strong belief in helping others and was always there to lend a helping hand whenever family or friends were in need. Sam was a quiet and gentle man loved and respected by those who knew him.

Sam is survived by three sons Robert (Jeannie), Chuck, and Richard; two grandsons, Justin and Tom; his sister, Olinda Smith and numerous nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his wife of 64 years; his parents; brothers, George and Harold; and sisters, Katherine Hofferber and Mary Eckhardt.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Wednesday, July 16, at Smith West Chapel. Interment with Military Rites will be at Mountview Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Horizon Hospice House, 1019 Neptune Blvd., Billings MT 59105, where Sam was given excellent care by a group of wonderful and endearing angels.

# Marion William Ostle

BILLINGS GAZETTE

FEB 16 2003

BYNUM — Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 18, at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Choteau for Marion William Ostle, age 82, of Bynum, who died Friday, Feb. 14, 2003, at Benefis East Hospital in Great Falls. Reverend Jerry Olson will be officiating. Interment will follow in the Choteau Cemetery under the direction of Gorder Funeral Home of Choteau. Visitation will be from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 17, at the funeral home in Choteau.

Marion was born April 5, 1920, in Helena, the son of William and Marie (Meinz) Ostle. He attended Beaver Creek schools near Winston. Following school he worked on several Winston area ranches. He also worked for Beckman's Furrier and the Anaconda Smelter, both in Great Falls. He then became an engineer custodian for the Great Falls schools, where he retired after 20 years of service in 1982.

Marion married Margaritte Hicks Ostle in 1952 in Great Falls and they later divorced in 1963.

He was a lifetime member of the Eagle's Club in Helena, joining in 1944. He also enjoyed fishing, hunting and playing cards. He was an avid fan of the baseball World Series.

He is survived by a sister, Violet Ostle Lay of Rosco; a brother, Percy Nicholas Ostle of

Bynum; two nephews, John Ostle of Bynum and Gary Lay of Roberts; and a niece, Nancy Ostle of Butte.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Henry Ostle; and a nephew, Billy Lay.

Memorials are suggested to a charity of the donor's choice.



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## **RoseMary S. Ostlund**

**GILLETTE, Wyo.** —

RoseMary S. Ostlund, 73, died Monday, June 23, 2003, at the Campbell County Memorial Hospital in Gillette, of cancer.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, June 24, at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Gillette. Burial will follow in the Gillette Mt. Pisgah Cemetery. Jameson Wilson Funeral Home of Gillette is in charge.

# Melvina Margaret (Hein) Ostwald

WILLINGBO GAZETTE  
FEB 28 2003

LAUREL — Melvina Margaret (Hein) Ostwald passed away on Feb. 27, 2003. She was born Nov. 18, 1923, in Billings, to John and Elizabeth (Bott) Hein. Mel graduated from Billings Senior High in 1942. She worked at Hart Albin and later at the Yellowstone County treasurer's office.



**MELVINA  
OSTWALD**

Melvina married Herman Ostwald on July 31, 1948. Their two children, Steven and Vicky, were born in Laurel.

Mel was a lifelong member of Pilgrim Congregational Church of Billings and First Congregational Church at Laurel. She enjoyed creating ceramics, baking and playing piano. Her family and home were her life. Mel bravely battled Parkinson's for 30 years.

Melvina was preceded in death by both parents and brother Wilbert Hein. Her laughter and love will be missed by husband Herman of Laurel; son Steve (Radene) Ostwald of Glendive; daughter Vicky (Bob) Hettinger; granddaughter Chandra and grandson Jesse, all of Laurel.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Monday, March 3, at First Congregational Church in Laurel with interment in the Laurel Cemetery. Memorials may be made to First Congregational Church. Visitation will be 4 to 8 p.m. both Saturday, March 1, and Sunday, March 2, at Smith Funeral Chapel in Laurel.

**MAR 05 2003**

**Richard G. Oswald**

GREYBULL, Wyo. — Richard Glenwood Oswald, 76, of Greybull, died Monday, March 3, 2003, at his home.

Memorial services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, March 7, at the Grace Fellowship Church in Greybull. Cremation has taken place. Atwood Family Funeral Directors, Inc., of Basin is in charge.

## Emmett Other Medicine

CROW AGENCY — Emmett Other Medicine, 66, of Gallup, N.M., formerly of Crow Agency, went home to be with the Lord Jesus on Wednesday, July 16, 2003, in Gallup.

*God saw he was getting tired and a cure was not to be. So He put His arms around him and whispered "come with Me." With tearful eyes we watched him silently fade away, although we couldn't bear to lose him, we could not bid his stay. A Golden heart stopped beating. Our dear one laid to rest. God broke our hearts to prove to us he only takes the best.*

Emmett knew for a while now that he was going home but he held on a couple more years to spend time with his children, family and friends in whom his life was enriched and fulfilled. He lived his life doing things he enjoyed to lend a hand, and was not ashamed of his love for Jesus. He witnessed for Jesus in the highways and byways. A great man will surely be missed. But now we know he is in Heaven, sitting by the Throne of God, receiving his riches in Heaven.

He was born Nov. 5, 1936, in Crow Agency, a son of Chester and Lucy Yarlott Other Medicine. He grew up and received his education in Crow Agency. He worked for the John Scott ranch, as a "Rough String Rider." Emmett enlisted in the U.S. Army

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in 1955 and received his honorable discharge in 1957. He returned to the Crow Agency area for a time, then moved to the Southwestern United States where he actively participated in rodeos, particularly the saddle bronc event.

The highlight of his life was the life of a saddle bronc rider; he rode in Gallup and Albuquerque, Phoenix, New Underwood, S.D., Hyannis, Neb., the National Senior Pro Rodeo Finals in Reno, Nev., and Las Vegas. The Western Horseman and Pro Rodeo Sports News personally interviewed Emmett, highlighting his special talents as a saddle bronc rider. He was a champion saddle bronc rider, taking home many trophies, including buckles and saddles. He returned to Crow Agency in the late 1970s and began a career with the Indian Health Service, retiring after several years of service.

Emmett was a member of the Greasy Mouth Clan, a child of the Bad War Deeds Clan, a member of the Crow Community Baptist Church, Rocky Mountain Indian Rodeo and the All Indian Rodeo of Oklahoma. He was a family person who enjoyed visiting, family devotions and assisting other people with their problems. He helped raise many of his nieces and nephews.

His parents; four brothers, John and Walter Onion, Jenson and Chester Other Medicine; and a sister, Corrine Little Light, preceded Emmett in death.

Survivors include his daughters, Lucy Ann (Wayne) Mendes of Georgia, Audrey (Harrison) Jim of New Mexico, Rochelle Other Medicine of Dunmore, Emery Other Medicine and LuAnna (Larry) Flinn of California; his son, Shannon (Eva) Other Medicine of Arizona; five sisters, Marjorie Wilkinson, Lucille, Violet, Dineen and Ardena Other Medicine; four brothers, James B. Onion, Alonzo Ten Bear, Robert Pickett, Sr. and John Paul Other Medicine; three adopted daughters, Dora (Jerome) Hugs, Elsie (Allie) Bird in Ground and Marie Rose Bull Chief; one adopted son, Duran Little Light; 22 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; his uncle, David Yarlott; his nieces, Renee, Geraldine, Gloria, Clara and Dora Little Light, Johann,

Elsie and Jennifer Onion; and his nephews, Curtis Real Bird, Bruce and Gerald Little Light, Jr., Preston, Pete and Thomas Onion. Members of the Other Medicine, Yarlott, Birdin Ground, Pickett, Falls Down and Morrison Families also survive him.

Funeral services will be held 1 p.m. Monday, July 21, in the Crow Community Baptist Church. Interment with military honors will follow in the Crow Agency Cemetery. Bullis Mortuary of Hardin has been entrusted with the arrangements.

DEC 02 2003

**Paul G. Otis**

SILESIA — Paul G. Otis, 92, longtime resident of Silesia, died of natural causes Sunday night, Nov. 30, 2003, at St. Vincent Healthcare in Billings.

Paul was born Feb. 27, 1911, near Greybull, Wyo., the second of 14 children born to Frank and Esther Otis. They moved to a farm near Silesia in 1936. He married Agnes M. McDowell of Silesia in 1945. They raised six children. Paul was well known in the area for his antique farm trucks and was a ham radio operator.

He is survived by three sisters, Mildred of Alaska, Ethel of Boise, Idaho, and Jane of Billings; four brothers, Jim, Roy and Claude, all of Hermiston, Ore., and Jack of Billings; three children, Don (LeeAnn) Otis of Missoula, Dianne (D'Er) Otis of Great Falls and Sue (Randy) Anderson of Billings; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Paul was preceded in death by his wife Agnes, daughter Carol and sons Art and Lee.

Graveside services will be held 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 3, at Rockvale Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to Northern Rockies Cancer Treatment Center.

Smith Funeral Chapel-Laurel was in charge of arrangements.

# Lois 'Dolly' O'Toole

# BILLINGS GAZETTE

FROID — Lois "Dolly" O'Toole, 75, a lifelong Froid area resident, passed away Sunday morning, June 29, 2003, at the Mercy Medical Center in Williston, N.D., after a courageous battle with cancer.

A funeral honoring Lois' life will be celebrated Wednesday morning, July 2, at the Froid Gymnasium at 10 a.m. MDT, with Rev. Tim Hutslar officiating. Cremation will follow.

Lois Lorraine Purvis was born March 18, 1928, to Robert and Angelo (Walks) Purvis in Fargo, N.D. The family moved to a farm west of Froid when Lois was only a year-and-a-half. Her family also included an older brother, Merton (Pete), and a younger brother, Robert, Jr. "Bobby." She attended school there, graduating from Froid High School in 1946.

She continued working in Froid after graduation, where she met Jim O'Toole. They married on Dec. 17, 1948. Together, they ran their business, the Mint Bar and Cafe, for some 43 years before retiring in 1990. In Froid, they also raised their family of six children.



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O'TOOLE

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Lois never stopped being a mother. The most important thing in her life was her family and she also took special delight in children. She said one thing that the only thing she kind of wished she had done differently in her life was to become a teacher. Little did she know she was a wonderful teacher and an inspiration to all who knew her.

She was a member of the Froid Congregational Church and Ladies Aid, where she was very active.

Lois is survived by her loving husband, James; her four sons, Mike O'Toole (Cindy) of Polson (and their children, Kerri and Kati), Steve (Holly) O'Toole of Sidney (and their children, Mark and Erin), Joe O'Toole of Froid, Jerry (Sherie) O'Toole of Froid (and their children, Kendi, Michael and Shelby); her two daughters, Patty (Phil) Petrik of Sidney (and their children, Alli

(Greg), Mike (Sarah), Kale and Kallie) and Denise (Garl) Benson of Plains (and their children, Bryce and Cole); six great-grandchildren, Jonah, Sanni, Julia, Skylar, Ethan and Brendon; and brother, Merton (Pete) Purvis.

She was preceded in death by her parents and brother, Robert "Bobby."

Lois passed away with her family at her side. She will be missed by all who knew her.

The family wishes memorials be directed to the charity of the donor's choice.

Friends may call Wednesday at the gymnasium for the hour preceding the service.

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## Anton 'Tony' Ott

Anton Joseph "Tony" Ott, 77, passed away Nov. 22, 2003, at St. Vincent Healthcare in Billings.

He was born Feb. 8, 1926, to Felix Joseph and Matilda Anne Ott, in Frumberg. Tony served in the military police in the Asian Pacific during World War II. He retired from Salt



TONY OTT

Creek Freightways in 1983 after a long career as a truck driver.

Tony is survived by his son, Gary (Marie) Ott; daughter Colleen (Mark) Bartley; grandchildren, Chris Ott, Lance Ott, JoAnn (Brock) LaMeres, Cody Bartley and Dustin Bartley; six of his 14 brothers and sisters, Mike (Delphine) Ott, Valentine (Francis) Ott, John (Eva) Ott, Anne (Jim)Rekdal, Tillie Smidt and Julia Herbert.

His greatest joy in life was hunting with his son and grandchildren. He never missed a season. There was nothing more important to him in life than to comfort and care for his children and grandchildren.

We will all miss you greatly. We will always love you and you will be in our hearts forever.

A vigil service for Tony will be 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 25, at the Dahl Funeral Chapel. A Funeral Mass will be 10 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 26, at St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church. Committal will be in Sunset Memorial Gardens. Memorials may be made to the charity of one's choice.

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**Irene Margaret Otten**

**GLASGOW — Irene Margaret (Vincent) Otten, 78 died Friday, Nov. 14, 2003 at the Frances Mahon Deaconess Hospital.**

**Funeral services will be 1 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 20, at the Bell Chapel in Glasgow. Interment will be in the Nashua Cemetery.**

**Blanche Overman**

**SIDNEY** — Blanche Overman, 91, of Sidney, died Monday, Oct. 20, 2003, at the Sidney Health Center-Extended Care Facility.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 25, at the Church of Christ. Interment will be in the Sidney Cemetery. Fulberson Funeral Home of Sidney is in charge.

## **Gloria Jean Owen**

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**JUL 23 2003**

**DENVER —** Gloria Jean Owen, 62, (Sept. 27, 1940 to July 19, 2003), longtime resident of Billings, died at her home in Denver on July 19, 2003.

Survived by her mother, Genevieve Taylor; siblings, Bob Taylor, Jay Taylor and Loretta Gustafson; children, John Owen, Jerry Owen and Patti Owen-DeLay; grandchildren, Shannon DeLay, Jenni DeLay, Lauren DeLay, Taylor Owen, Mark Owen, McKenzie Owen, Hunter Owen and Nick Owen.

Gloria returned to Denver in 1996 due to health problems. Billings was her home for 16 years from 1980 to 1996. She was an active part of the community and a member of the International Soroptimist of Billings.

The family is requesting donations, in lieu of flowers, be made in Gloria's name to the Rocky Mountain Multiple Sclerosis Center at 701 East Hampden Ave., Englewood, CO 80110-2790.

A service will be held Friday, July 25, at St. Vincent's Catholic Church in Denver. Rosary will be at 9:30 a.m. and the Mass will be at 10 a.m. Arrangements are being handled by Horan & McConaty, (303) 477-1625.