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Kathryn Isobel Quam

GLASGOW
— Kathryn Isobel Quam, 85, devoted and beloved wife of Clifford Quam of Frazer, died peacefully Friday, Aug. 29, 2003, at Valley View Lutheran Home in Glasgow.



**KATHRYN
QUAM**

Born Feb. 16, 1918, to Martin and Frances Lien in Pelican Rapids, Minn., Kathryn lived most of her life in Frazer, where her parents came to homestead. She was among the early graduates of Frazer High School, and a lifelong member of St. Paul Lutheran Church, where she was confirmed at age 16 by Pastor Gerhard Frost.

After the closure of St. Paul in 1983, she and Cliff became members of Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church in Nashua. Under the guidance of her piano teacher and mentor, Florence Friedlund (who also became teacher for her children), Kathryn developed her passion for music. In her father's business, Lien Motor Sales in Frazer, she clerked, drove cars to and from Minnesota, kept books and helped collect bills. She attended St. Olaf College in

Northfield, Minn., transferring to the University of Minnesota, where she graduated in 1939 with a BS in early childhood development.

Following college, she taught kindergarten and glee club at Mahtomedi, Minn., where she met fellow teacher Clifford Quam. After their engagement, Cliff nearly lost Kathryn to tuberculosis, but with his help, she recovered and they were married in 1942. During WWII, Cliff's work as a civilian instructor with the Air Force took them to St. Louis and Sioux Falls, S.D.

Following the war, Kathryn and Cliff moved to Frazer with their infant daughter, Ann, where Cliff joined Kathryn's father in business. Three more children, Bob, Jon and Tom, were added to the family while they lived in Frazer.

Kathryn continued to share gifts of faith and music with family, friends, worshippers, choir singers and piano students. Her life sang in her service as accompanist for church, school, junior and senior choirs and community gatherings. She maintained a lifelong passion for writing witty and soul-searching letters to her friends and family. She found

time for the magic of picnic suppers in the cottonwoods by the Missouri River and for marathon conversations accented with bursts of laughter over waffles cooked at the table with family and friends. Her collection of "friendship" teacups were put to frequent use for coffee and a "good visit."

She loved her travels with Cliff, in trailer camping with their young family, and later in many RV adventures: camp-outs at Fort Peck and trips to see friends and family from Alaska to Florida. Her date bars and her pickled beets, crab-apples and green tomatoes remain family legends, along with her fudge when it had a "good do."

Kathryn's gifts for teaching were again exercised when she tutored a disabled Frazer student from eighth grade through graduation. She also found joy as caregiver to both her parents in the last years of their lives. Her life with others was reflected in her "tickled-to-see-you" smile, masked only in her final few years by Parkinson's and Alzheimer's Disease.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Martin and Frances; and by a stillborn granddaughter, Kathryn Ann. She is survived by her husband of 61 years, Clifford of Frazer; daughter Ann Quam Haakenson, Rapid City, S.D.; grandson Haakon Haakenson, a student at Carroll College, Waukesha, Wis.; sons, Robert Quam, Billings, Jon Quam, Washington, D.C., and Thomas Quam and his wife Sandie, Billings.

Worship with Holy Communion celebrating Kathryn's life and witness will be at First Lutheran Church in Glasgow on Wednesday, Sept. 3, 2 p.m., with Rev. Martin Mock officiating. Bell Mortuary of Glasgow is in charge.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Cliff and Kathryn Quam Scholarship Fund for Frazer High School, PO Box 545, Frazer, MT 59225; or to the charity of one's choice.

MAR 17 2003**John 'Merle' Quass**

John "Merle" Quass, 96, formerly of Menlo Park, Calif., passed away peacefully on March 15, 2003, at St. Johns Lutheran Home in Billings. He was born on Feb. 23, 1907 in Cedar Rapids,

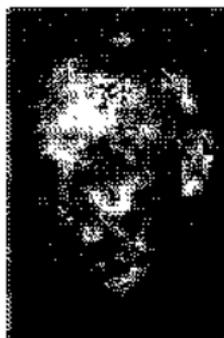
Iowa. He graduated from St. Patrick's High School and Coe College with a business degree.

Merle served as a major in the Army during WWI. He married

the love of his life, Mary McNelis in 1940. Merle worked as production controls manager for Serta Mattress in San Francisco until he retired at age 70.

In 2000, Merle and Mary moved to Billings to be closer to family. Merle loved to bowl and golf, but his most important priorities were God and his family. He was a wonderful husband, father, grandfather, brother and uncle.

Merle is preceded in death by his parents and two sisters, Kathleen and Madellon.

**JOHN QUASS***(over)*

Survivors include his wife, Mary; son Jim, and wife, Jane; grandchildren, Jamie and Michael Quass all of Billings; a brother Don and wife, Helen; a sister, Betty Zipperer of Cedar Rapids; a sister, Helene Schatteles of Los Angeles; and many nieces and nephews.

Vigil service will be 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 19, at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary. Funeral Mass will be 11 a.m. Thursday, March 20, at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary. Interment will follow at Holy Cross Cemetery.

Mary McNells Quass

Mary McNells Quass, formerly of Menlo Park, Calif., passed away peacefully on Sept. 25, 2003, at St. Johns Lutheran Home in Billings.

She was born on Feb. 23, 1910, in Bisbee, Ariz. She graduated from Globe High School and she attended business college in Los Angeles. She married the love of her life, Merle Quass, in 1940. Mary was an efficient business woman and a devoted wife and mother. In 2000, Mary and Merle moved to Billings to be closer to family.



MARY QUASS

Mary is preceded in death by her husband, Merle; her parents; her brother, Bill; two sisters, Betty Talbot and Ros Germscheid. Survivors include her son Jim and wife Jane; grand children, Jamie of Billings and Michael of Dickinson, N.D.; and many dear nieces and nephews.

Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 29, at Michelotti Sawyers Mortuary. Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 30, at Michelotti-Sawyer Mortuary. Private interment will be at Holy Cross Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Capuchin Seminary Fund 1345 Cortez Ave., Burlingame, CA 94010.

Hulda Quick

CODY, Wyo. — Hulda Josephine Quick, 93, of Cody, died Monday, Feb. 17, 2003, at her home.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 22, at Ballard Funeral Home in Cody. Interment will follow in Riverside Cemetery.

BILLINGS GAZETTE
FEB 22 2003

Kobe Ashton and Michael John Quigley

Kobe Ashton and Michael John Quigley, infant sons to John and Cami Quigley, knew only love for their short lives. The sweet little twins are forever in Heaven.

Kobe and Michael were born and passed away at St. Vincent Healthcare Sept 3, 2003. There are survived by John and Cami Quigley of Billings.

To Kobe and Michael

You blessed our lives for a moment in time

And our hearts are forever changed

Your precious spirits reached

To bind us together as one

Love knows no space

Love knows no time

We can be a family again

But until that time comes, the
Heavens will know

The joy of Kobe and Michael

P.S. Grandpa always wanted
his grandsons. Now he's
smiling in Heaven!

Love is in

Melissa Quilling

BILLINGS GAZETTE

AUG 26 2003

Melissa Quilling, 66, passed away Saturday, Aug. 23, 2003, at the home of her daughter in Billings, surrounded by her family, after a long struggle with cancer.



**MELISSA
QUILLING**

She was born on May 23, 1937, in Douglas, Wyo., to Edna Mae (Dolly) and Marion Nathaniel Hughes. The family later moved to Miles City, where she met and married Thomas Glenn on Aug. 28, 1953. They later divorced and she moved back to Wyoming, where her heart was. After living in Rawlins, Wyo., for a number of years, she retired in Thermopolis, Wyo., where she resided until the time of her death.

Melissa was a member of the First Baptist Church and enjoyed volunteering for numerous functions of the church.

She is survived by her three sons and their wives, William (Cynda) Glenn of Fruitland, Idaho, Dan (Sylvia) Glenn of Del Rio, Texas, Virgil (Jo) Glenn of Crestview Fla; 11 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; one brother, Nate Hughes of Rawlins; and two sisters, Jenny Willmon of Eufaula, Okla., and Susan Hough of Thermopolis. She was preceded in death by her parents, four brothers and one sister.

Memorial services will be held 11 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 27, at the First Baptist Church in Thermopolis, with Pastor Kenny White officiating.

Arrangements are by Cremation or Funeral Gallery.

MAY 17 2003

Leonard Oswald Quicker

Leonard Oswald Quicker, 66, of Fosyth, died May 15, 2003, at the Billings Health Care Center. He was born in Fosyth, Mont.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. May 19, at the Lutheran Church in Fosyth. Burial will be in the Fosyth Cemetery. Rev. Mark Quicker is in charge.

MAY 18 2003

Edward Quincer

FORSYTH — Leonard Edward Quincer, 66, of Forsyth, went to be with his Lord on Thursday, May 15, 2003, at the Rosebud Health Care Center in Forsyth following a short battle with lung cancer.

Leonard was born Nov. 6, 1936, in Baker, the son of Edward and Tillie Leno Quincer. He spent his youth and attended schools in Plevna, graduating from Plevna High School in 1954. On Dec. 2, 1955, Leonard entered the U.S. Navy, receiving his honorable discharge on Oct. 11, 1957.

On Dec. 25, 1956, Leonard married his childhood sweetheart, Thelma Shipman, in Plevna. They farmed in the Plevna area, later moving to Clark, Wyo., where they ranched. Leonard and Thelma lived in Livingston and Glendive before coming to Forsyth in 1965, where they owned and operated the Modern Locker Plant. Leonard also sub-divided a parcel of land on the east edge of Forsyth known as Quincer subdivision. He also built and operated the Forsyth Mini Storage. In 1975, Leonard went to work for the Burlington Northern Railroad as a clerk in

Forsyth. Following his retirement in 2002, Leonard continued to live in Forsyth where he enjoyed golfing, playing cards, and woodworking.

He is survived by his wife Thelma of Forsyth; two daughters, Kelly (Ira) Lehmann of Forsyth, Korry (Mark) Zuber of Glendive; his son, Lance Quincer, of Laurel; six grandchildren, Dusty, Sarah, Casey, Sadie, Hannah, and Hattie; one great-grandson, Wesly; his mother, Tillie Quincer of Miles City; one sister, Lorraine (Larry) Tveit of Sidney; as well as several nieces and nephews. Leonard was preceded in death by his father.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday, May 19, at the Concordia Lutheran Church in Forsyth, with interment to follow in the Forsyth Cemetery. Beals Mortuary of Forsyth is assisting the family with these arrangements.



**LEONARD
QUINCER.**

NOV 22 2003

Manuel Quintana

SHERIDAN, Wyo. -- Manuel S. Quintana, 94, of Sheridan, died Wednesday, Nov. 19, 2003, at the Sheridan VA Medical Center.

Visit services will be at 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 23, at Champion Fentes Funeral Home in Sheridan. Liturgy services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, Nov. 24, at Holy Name Catholic Church. Burial will be in the Sheridan Municipal Cemetery.

Eulane M. Quiring

NASHUA — Eulane M. Quiring, of Nashua, died Saturday, Aug. 2, 2003, at her home.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 9, at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Nashua. Burial will be in Nashua City Cemetery. Bell Mortuary of Glasgow is in charge.

BILLINGS GAZETTE

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SPARKS, Nev. — Steve Racki, formerly of Roundup, Mont., passed away Dec. 10, 2003, at his home surrounded by his family. Steve was born Nov. 11, 1950, in Billings, Mont., to Steve and Catherine Racki. He was raised in Roundup, Mont. Steve was a veteran of the armed forces, serving in the U.S. Army from December 1969 to December 1971. He attended Eastern Montana College and received his Bachelor of science in secondary education in 1974. He extended his education, later earning a master's degree of guidance counseling and a master's degree in administration. He taught at Roundup High School until 1988 when he accepted an administration position at Bigfork High School in Bigfork, Mont. Steve and his wife moved to Sparks, Nev., in the summer of 2002 after Steve accepted the principal position at Earl Wooster High School.

Steve married his high school sweetheart, Luba K. Panyak Jan. 23, 1971. They have two children.

His parents, his nephew, Gabriel Racki and his grandfather, Nona, precede Steve in death. He is survived by his wife and sons, Jacob Thomas of the family home in Sparks and Joshua Anthony of Kalispell, Mont.; sis-

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ter, Marie Corn (Richard) of Las Vegas; sister, Judy Reighard (Ronnie) of Sunburst, Mont.; brother, John Racki (Wendy) of Roundup, Mont., and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins. Steve also leaves behind his constant companions, Mickey and Shelby, his two dogs.

Steve's greatest love was his family and spending time with them at their cabin in Montana. He was an avid hunter and fisherman and enjoyed playing racquetball with his buddies in Bigfork, cross-country skiing, jogging and hiking. He was a devoted husband, father and brother and will be greatly missed.

The family extends a personal thank you to Steve's friends and colleagues for their kindness and support. Another special thank you goes to Dr. Conrath and his staff, Station 36 at Washoe County Medical Center, and Circle of Life Hospice for their excellent care.

Cremation has taken place. At Steve's request, no services are planned. There will be a private scattering of his ashes in Montana this coming summer. Memorials in Steve's name may be made to the Steve Racki Memorial Scholarship Fund, c/o Wooster High School, 1331 East Plumb Lane, Reno, NV, 89502, or the charity of your choice.

FEB 19 2003

McKinzie Nicole Shields-Rackley

ROY — On Feb. 17, 2003, our littlest angel, McKinzie Nicole Shields-Rackley was called home.

McKinzie was born June 26,



**McKINZIE
SHIELDS-
RACKLEY**

2002, at Marshall Hospital in Placerville, Calif.,

to parents Jennifer Shields and Thomas Rackley. Her

time on earth was too short,

but she gave such joy to her parents and everyone who

knew her. She touched so many lives with her wonderful smile and loving sunny disposition.

In addition to her parents, she is survived by her grandparents, Rick and Sandy Thompson of Roy, Ira and Karen Rackley of Carson City, Nev., and Duane Shields of Placerville, Calif. Great-grandparents include Laurel Cooney of Carson City, Bob and Nola Toombs of Lavina, Ross and Barbara Shields of Placerville, Ted and Judy Thompson of Roy and great-great-grandfather Frank Cimrhakl of Roy. Aunts are Sheri (Joel) Dunn of Carson City, Kayla Thompson of Roy.

Uncles are Thomas (Michell) Shields and Colton Shields of Susanville, Calif., and Cole

Thompson of Roy. McKinzie was loved and will be missed by her extended family, which includes great-aunts and uncles and numerous cousins; great-uncle Glen (Jennie) Cooney of Stanwood, Wash.

Mommy and Daddy love you, McKinzie.

We will hold you in our hearts forever.

Memorial services will be held 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 21, at the Roy School gymnasium. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Roy School Library, PO Box 9, Roy, MT 59471.

Wier Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Brittany Rader

GILLETTE, Wyo. — Funeral services for Brittany Rader will be held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 1, at the Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home, Gillette. Burial will be at Mt. Pisgah Cemetery of Gillette. Visitation will be 4 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 30, at the Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home.



**BRITTANY
RADER**

Brittany Rader, 17, of Gillette, died at her home on Friday, Sept. 26, 2003.

Brittany Nicole Rader was born on June 6, 1986, in Gillette, to Paula (Badger) and Travis Rader. She was raised in Gillette and graduated from High School in Sheridan in 2003. After graduating from high school, Brittany returned to Gillette where she lived with her mom, Paula.

As a child, she would love to spend time with her Grandm and Grandpa Rader. She also liked to spend time with her dad building kites, coloring and making snowmen. As a teenager, she had a special relationship with her Aunt Emily, and enjoyed having coffee with her. Brittany also loved to cook and bake for her family and enjoyed spending time with her friends. Brittany will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

Brittany is survived by her father, Travis Rader of Gillette; her mother and stepfather, Paula and John Villa of Gillette; her paternal grandparents, Clarence and Louetta Rader of Chillicothe, Mo.; her maternal grandparents, Jerry Badger of Valmy, Nev., and Vivian Balgheim of Gillette; two brothers, Esequiel Villa and Max Rader of Gillette; three sisters, Aurora Badger and Deni Evans of Gillette, and Lauren Hoffmeyer of Orlando, Fla.; and numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Condolences may be sent to the family in care of Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home at 210 West Fifth Street, Gillette, WY 82716, or via the Internet at www.stevensonandsons.com.

Julia Radke

BILLINGS GAZETTE

AUG 14 2003

Mass of Christian Burial for Julia Radke, 75, of Billings, formerly of Sidney, is 10 a.m. Friday, Aug. 15, at the St. Matthew's Catholic Church in Sidney, with Father Greg Staudinger presiding, with interment in the Sidney Cemetery, under the direction of Fulkerson Funeral Home of Sidney.

Julia Dorothy Radke was born Sept. 8, 1927, in Eugene, Ore., to parents Michael and Anna (Basaraba) Elko. Julia grew up in Savage, Mont., and graduated from Savage High School, class of 1945. On July 29, 1946, Julia was united in marriage to Clinton D. Radke in Sidney. While Julia was raising a family, she worked at the Russell Miller Flour Co., AT&T and the Sidney sugar beet factory, and was a member of St. Matthew's Catholic Church.

In her spare time, Julia loved reading, playing cards and square dancing. After retirement, Julia and Clinton eventually settled in Billings and became a member of St. Thomas, The Apostle Catholic Church of Billings.

Julia died Tuesday morning, Aug. 12, 2003, in Deaconess Billings Clinic, Billings.

Julia is survived by her two sons, Michael C. (Laura) Radke, Billings, and Steven D. (Kathlee) Radke, Decatur, Ala.; three daughters, Judith (Richard) Janssen, Ronan, Pamela K. (Terry) Watson, Watford City, N.D., and Connie G. (Duane) Sebastian, Billings; 12 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Mike and Anna Elko; husband, Clint; daughter, Debra L. Radke, in August 1966; and a brother, Bill.

Carole Rae

BILLINGS GAZETTE

FEB 26 2003

"And you learn to build all your roads on today because tomorrow's ground is too uncertain for plans and futures have a way of falling down in mid-flight.

And you learn that you really can endure that you really are strong and you really do have worth. And you learn and you learn with every goodbye you learn...." (Veronica Shoffstall)

ROUNDUP — On Sunday Feb. 23, 2003, at home with family and surrounded by the love of those who brought joy and gladness into her world, Carole Jean Rae was carried to Paradise in the arms of her loving parents, Jeanne and John Rae, showing her the way home one last time.

To know Carole was to learn of endurance, strength and courage. However, the greatest lesson to be learned from this amazing woman was the love of a mother. Her only child and love of her life, Jeremy Michael Rae, was the driving force behind her will to live years beyond the most optimistic medical prognosis. This child, now a man, stands ready to embark upon a wonderful future, with great thanks in his heart to the mother who stayed to help him grow into a loving successful young man.

Born March 11, 1948, Carole grew up in Roundup under the loving care of her parents, grandparents (Kathryn and Joseph Wier and Sarah and George Rae) and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins. Graduating from RHS in 1966, Carole attended business school in Helena. Before returning to make Roundup her permanent home in 1972, Carole worked with deaf children in Great Falls, a job she dearly loved.

Until health issues forced her retirement, Carole worked for Wier Furniture and Funeral Home, which she co-owned with her parents and brother. Like a true Rae, she was a sports fanatic; her favorite team always the Roundup Panthers. Babies and dogs had a special place in her heart. She loved telling jokes, playing cards, bowling, crafting, gardening and spending time with family and friends.

Family and friends remaining to celebrate Carole's life are her son, Jeremy M. Rae, a chemical engineering student at MSU-Bozeman; brother, John and wife Susan and their three sons, Connor, Tyler and Tanner (Roundup); Susie Hofer and family (Roundup); sister, Kathleen Zednick (U.S. Virgin Islands); nephew, Casey T. Zednick and

wife Yukari (Missoula); nieces, Jessica Lofland (Oklahoma), Jesse Harris (Shepherd); special cousins, the Robbins girls: Patty Kozlaker, Connie Igo, MariJane Orner, Michelle Weitzel, Sara Robbins, Robin Byford and Audra Rook, their families and their father, Uncle Herschel Robbins; Uncle Jim Wier, Aunt Helen Lenhardt, Uncle Melvin Rae, Aunt Leona Reighard, Aunt Nancy Wier, "Aunt" Isabelle Rom, Sally Ann Palmer and numerous cousins; special friends, Pat Robertson and family, Sharon McHenry and family.

Mass of the Christian Burial will be held to honor Carole on Friday, Feb. 28, at 1 p.m. at St. Benedict's Catholic Church in Roundup. Burial to follow at Roundup City Cemetery. Remembrance gifts can be made to Jeremy Rae to help with college expenses. Wier Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

William Rafferty

BILLINGS GAZETTE

JUL 31 2003

FAIRVIEW — William "Bill" Rafferty, 72, of Fairview, died Tuesday, July 29, 2003, at the Sidney Health Center, Sidney.

Funeral services will be at 9:30 a.m. Friday, Aug. 1, at the St. Mary's Catholic Church in Lemmon, S.D. Interment will be at 2:30 p.m. Friday, in the Black Hills National Cemetery, south of Sturgis, S.D.

Fulkerson Funeral Home of Sidney and Evenson-Jensen Funeral Home of Lemmon are in charge.

Edgar Clarence Raidiger

BILLINGS GAZETTE

FEB 22 2003

On Friday, Feb. 21, 2003, Edgar C. Raidiger, age 96, went to be with the Lord. He passed away at Deaconess Billings Clinic from complications of pneumonia.

He was a New Year's baby, born on Jan. 1, 1907, in Elgin, Minn., to Otto and Mathilda Rux Raidiger. His parents and five siblings came to Montana as homesteaders and settled on a dryland homestead near Emory. On April 6, 1931, he married Clara Goehring in Roundup. Of this union, four children were born, Delbert, David, Bonnie and Connie.

His vocations during his lifetime were many - starting at a young age working for the Milwaukee Railroad, to coal mining, to mechanics, to eventually retiring from the City of Billings Street Department. His career didn't end there however, as he worked part time up to his final retirement at age 87.

He was an avid big game hunter with a passion for loading shells for each hunting season. He never missed a hunt and at the age of 93, shot his last big buck right through the eye! He lived a long and healthy life, spanning from the homestead era to the space age.

His family was very important to him. He is survived by son David of Billings and his children, Guy (Lorri) of Billings, Arden

(Roger) Smith of Brooklyn Way Minn., and Greg of Billings daughter Bonnie (Ron) Zieske of Billings and their children, Zach and Suzie; and daughter Connie (Robert) Weber of Helena and their children, Cristy (Brian) Gould and Ryan. Also survived by great-grandchildren Shannon and Kelly Raidiger of Billings Cory and Tyler Smith, of Minnesota, Chelsea and Melissa Raidiger of Arizona, and Desirae Gould of Helena.

Preceding him in death was his wife, Clara, and son, Delbert, and all his brothers and sisters.

Happy hunting Dad - Gramps-Poppa. We love you.

Funeral service will be 10 a.m., Wednesday, Feb. 26 at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary with burial at Sunset Memorial Gardens. Memorials may be made to the charity of one's choice.

Powell Tribune Thurs, Oct 21, 2003

Cecelia (Ceil) Rains

Funeral services were held Oct. 9, 2003, in Kirkland, Wash., for Cecelia "Ceil" Rains, 77, wife of Powell native Floyd L. "Roy" Rains of Bothell, Wash.

Ceil died Oct. 3, 2003, at Hospice Care Center in Kirkland after a long illness.

Ceil was born Feb. 2, 1923, in Chicago and married Roy Rains in 1949. Survivors include sons Rick and Stephen Rains, daughters Kathleen Powell and Suzanne Neir, sisters-in-law Lorna Fry and Edna Becker of Powell and Janice Stump of Cody, brother-in-law Ivan Wolfe of Garland and numerous nieces, nephews and grandchildren.

Cards may be sent to 19712 88th Pl. NE; Bothell, WA 98011. Memorials may be sent to Evergreen Hospice, Center C 12822 124th Lane NE; Kirkland, WA 98033.

Esther Raines

MAY 28 2003

**G R E A T
F A L L S** — Esther
Wolf Raines, 77,
of Great Falls,
died Tuesday,
May 27, 2003, at
a Great Falls
Nursing Home,
of natural caus-
es.



**ESTHER
RAINES**

Esther was
born Aug. 25,
1925, to Julia and Matthew Wolff,
in Medina, N.D. On Nov. 27, 1949,
she married Reuben Raines.
Esther was a homemaker and a
member of Grace Baptist Church.
She enjoyed baking, cooking,
cleaning and fishing.

Esther is survived by her sons,
Stan Raines of Billings and Curt
Raines of Klamath Falls, Ore.; sis-
ters, Ida Hochhalter and Violet
Tanke, both of Billings; and
brother Ruben Wolff of
Massachusetts; and three grand-
children. She was preceded in
death by her husband Reuben in
1990; and her son, Jeff.

Funeral service will be at 11
a.m. Friday, May 30, at Grace
Baptist Church. Burial will be in
Highland Cemetery. Chapel of
Chimes Funeral Home of Great
Falls is handling arrangements.

Memorials are suggested to
Camp Big Horn or Grace Baptist
Church Building Fund.

APR 05 2003

PARK CITY — Ron Rains, 60, of Park City, passed away Wednesday, April 2, 2003, after a battle with heart disease for many years.

Ron was born to Clyde and Della Rains on Oct. 27, 1942, in Forsyth, where he grew up to be the wonderful person he was.

Ron was a talented artist, but most of all he was an incredible father, husband, brother and friend. Ron touched many lives; he never judged anyone, and always had a witty sense of humor. He had a wonderful circle of friends, some of which he has now joined. All of his friends meant a great deal to him.

**RON RAINS**

Ron had completed the beautiful life size sculpture of Dan Mortensen that stands at Metra. He worked very hard for many years on this accomplishment and we are very proud of him. The sculpture is a wonderful reminder to Montana of the wonderful artist he was.

Ron is survived by the love of his life, his wife Sandy; his 8-year-old son, Tyler; his 29-year-old daughter, Misty

(Lonnie) Hull and 8-year-old granddaughter, Bailey. He is also survived by his six brothers and sisters, Tammy (Gary) Lowman, Linda (Steve) Lehman, Patsy (Tom) Cassidy, Bob (Ida) Rains, Bill (Melissa) Rains, Don (Char) Rains and many nieces and nephews.

Ron was preceded in death by his parents and many good friends he considered as family. Thank you for being the wonderful father you were to Tyler and I. We love and miss you terribly, dad. "Here's looking at you, kid."

Ron will be missed deeply by his family and many friends. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that the memorials be given to Tyler Rains Memorial Trust.

Cremation has taken place at Ron's request. Services in celebration of his life will be held at Smith Funeral Chapel-Laurel on Tuesday, April 8, at 10 a.m. A reception will follow at the Caboose Saloon in Laurel.

Viola Blier Raitt MAR 12 2003

Viola Ella Blier Raitt, 85 years of age, was peaceably reunited with her Heavenly Father on Monday, March 10, 2003.

Viola was born on April 11, 1917, in Billings, to Linda Elizabeth Summers Blier and Robert (Bob) Ray Blier. She was preceded in death by her parents; her sister, Beulah Manning; and her husband, Grant P. Raitt. Viola has a sister, Linda Blier, who resides in California.

When Viola was 2 years old, her father was sent to France to serve in WWI. She was reunited with him 5½ years later. The family moved often to seek medical help for her father's active TB, which he contracted during the war. During this period, Viola developed a special bond with her mother, who was a Unity Church pastor, devoted mother and Christian.

Eventually, the family settled at Bracket Creek near Clyde Park. This is where Viola grew up. Viola had fond childhood memories of growing up on the wheat farm that her parents operated. The three little girls were the envy of all the neighbor children because they had a two-wheel cart and an old horse to roam the hills.



VIOLA RAITT



The family hit hard times during the Depression when their crops and farm failed. Their diet consisted of "every scrap of food that Mother Nature offered." Oranges were a luxury. Viola's father started a sawmill on Bracket Creek near Clyde Park. The girls recall working long days next to their father. They finally bought a house for \$250 in Clyde Park. The house had no kitchen, indoor bathroom, running water or electricity. Eventually a kitchen and running water were added. "This," Viola said, "began my kaleidoscope of happy memories!"

Viola spent many happy evenings listening to her favorite record, "Bye Bye Blackbird," on a hand-cranked phonograph. She enjoyed ice-skating and family picnics with fried chicken. School was a wonderful experience for Viola, which led to her desire to become a teacher. Viola recalled many of her happiest memories from her school years and bosom friends. In high school she was class president, acted in numerous school plays, writer and illustrator of school year and memory books, and played basketball. She wrote poetry as well as many whimsical stories about her childhood. She graduated from Clyde Park High School in 1935.

Viola graduated from Eastern Montana State Normal School in Billings, (now MSU-Billings) with a teaching degree in June 1937.

was the ninth annual commencement of the college. Viola was immediately offered a job teaching first and second grade in Clyde Park Public School. Viola's uncle, Burt Bliler, offered to "happily and willingly resign from his school board position in order to give Viola the chance to teach." She taught school in Clyde Park, her hometown. She loved teaching. "It was the highlight of my life" Viola recalled.

Viola had an early and deep love for the Lord, Jesus Christ. Viola's mother taught her to "Let go and let God," and "Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid," in dealing with life's daily struggles. Viola passed this teaching down to her children throughout the years. Viola's spiritual strengths came from daily prayer, reading the Bible (esp. the book of John), and her favorite devotional called "The Daily Word." Viola's favorite Bible verse was Psalm 23.

In the summer of 1938, Viola agreed to a blind date with Grant Raitt from Lewistown. Grant stated that "It was love at first sight!" when he met Viola. After three days of courtship, Grant asked Viola to marry him and she accepted; they were married in Boulder on June 26, 1939. Viola, who was a schoolteacher, had to keep the marriage a secret, as teachers were not permitted to marry during those times. The new couple needed Viola's income, so they lived apart, and

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kept their marriage a secret until Viola's teaching contract was completed.

Viola and Grant resided in St. Louis, Mo., while Grant finished medical school. During WWII in 1941, Grant enlisted in the Army as a medical doctor. He served in Europe for three years. Viola moved back home with her family during this time in her life. During the war, Grant was one of few who were permitted to have a camera. He sent film of WWII pictures to Viola, who developed the pictures and mailed them back to Grant to be sold overseas.

Grant returned to St. Louis in 1945. It was there that their first child, Melina, was born. After his residency, the young family moved to Billings. Between the years of 1949 and 1953, Grant and Viola welcomed two more daughters, Marlene and Bonita, and a son, Gary.

~~FOOTNOTES~~

Viola was diagnosed with breast cancer in April 1973. This led Viola to becoming an active participant in cancer research and preventative medicine. Her husband, Grant, a medical doctor of pathology, supported and cared for Viola through her cancer ordeals. He encouraged and assisted with her genealogy research, which became a passion for Viola. Viola survived breast cancer twice. Viola's entire family became a part of the cancer research gene study. As a result of this case study, there were numerous breakthroughs in understanding how cancer spread and how to prevent it in the development of breast cancer. The Breast Cancer Study Project at the University of California was an attempt to explore the link between environmental factors and cancer and finding patterns to breast cancer in families. Another outstanding result that came out of this research was Viola's complete family history that went back to the 1700s. During the research, Viola discovered that she had lived longer than any other women relatives who had been diagnosed with breast cancer, possibly because of Grant's presence for nearly

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In 1981, Viola attended the Kachina School of Art where she refined her passion for art. This began her career of beautiful oil paintings and other mediums such as watercolor, pen and ink, tole painting, and centerpieces displayed at the First Presbyterian church functions. Viola took art lessons from several well know artists, including Bruce Haughey.

Between 1957 and 1997, the family owned three beautiful ranches where the family spent many weekends and holidays. For 20 summers, the family went to Hebgen Lake where they spent several weeks fishing, boating, and sleeping in tents. Grant and Viola took wonderful trips to Hawaii, Egypt, Scotland, Canada, Mexico, England and Japan. They especially enjoyed two trips they took to Scotland to trace ancestry and visit the Rait Castle.

Viola and Grant's second home was at Red Lodge, where numerous weekends, summers, and holidays were spent with their children and grandchildren. This is where Viola enjoyed afternoon walks and found inspiration for her paintings. Viola spent endless hours painting the history and natural beauty of the Red Lodge area. She especially loved painting pictures of deer, old barns, Red Lodge Creek and the mountains.

Viola was a devout and active member of the First Presbyterian



Church. She lectured and counseled adult women as well as taught Sunday school and Bible study for many years. She was involved in decorating the church for special occasions. Viola had a very close walk with the Lord who often spoke through her. She kept writings of these inspired messages and shared them with several Pastors at her church. These messages were often used in Sunday sermons.

Her husband, Grant, of 63 years, passed away Nov. 20, 2002. Survivors include four children, Melina Hawkins (Billings), Marlene Raitt (Libby), Bonita Burton (Roundup), Gary Raitt (Billings); seven grandchildren, Michelle and Bryce Thompson, Brandi Budell, Kristi Elliott and James, Joshua and JaDeen Wright, and 12 great-grandchildren.

Special thanks and appreciation to the Professional Nursing Pool staff who lovingly cared for Viola during the past eight months.

Funeral services and a lunch reception will be held on Friday, March 14, at 11 a.m. at the First Presbyterian Church. Interment will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens. Dahl's Funeral Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

Memorials can be made to the organization of your choice.

Mom...Grandma, we love you and we'll always cherish our special memories of you. Everyone who met you said you were the sweetest woman on earth. You

gave unconditional love and tender care to all of your children. God bless you and keep you.

My Kaleidoscope of Memories
by Viola E. Raitt

Hold back the clock — it rushes so,

There are still so many things undone.

Things to be said, books to be read.

Life, where have you gone while I busied myself?

Stop hurried world, let me rest a while,

Let me look back through my kaleidoscope.

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Thomas Randklev

Thomas Randklev, 53, passed away suddenly at his home on May 20, 2003. He was born in Burley, Idaho, on Dec. 6, 1949, to Ted and Hilda Randklev. The second of four sons, Tom graduated from Burley High School and Idaho State University.



**THOMAS
RANDKLEV**

Tom married Karen Geisler and to this union were born two children, Thomas and Liz. Karen and Tom later divorced.

Tom spent most of his career in the sales business beginning in the auto industry. For many years he excelled in the medical supply business. Currently, Tom was employed by Denny Menholt Chevrolet and took pride in selling the new Hummers.

Tom enjoyed every day of his life to the fullest. He loved to tell stories and could always make everyone laugh. A gourmet cook, he loved to try a new recipe and share it with his friends. A good time on the golf course was his

idea of a great day. Tom was an excellent father and was so proud of his children and their accomplishments.

Tom was preceded in death by his parents. Tom is survived by his beloved soul mate, Cindy Holtz; son Thomas (Monica) Randklev of Decatur, Ga.; and daughter Liz (Robert) Wertz of Columbia, S.C. He was so excited about his new granddaughter, Tabitha Wynne Randklev, who regarded her grandfather as a "hero." Also surviving are his brothers, Jerry of Boise, Idaho, Richard of Burley, Idaho, and Robert of Texas.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, May 24, at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary, at 11 a.m. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Zoomontana, 2100 S. Shiloh Road, 59106, or Headstart Inc. at 2802 13th St. W., 59102.

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Richard W. Rankin, Sr.

BELFRY — Richard W. Rankin, 65, of Alpine, Texas, former Belfry resident Doris "Dodie" (Hansen) Rankin, passed away Wednesday, Nov. 19, 2003, in Alpine.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 29, at Smith-Olcott Funeral Chapel in Red Lodge. Interment will be in the Belfry Cemetery. A funeral mass was celebrated on Nov. 22 in Alpine.

Richard was born on March 25, 1938, in St. Louis, Mo., a son of Joseph and Loretta Skala Rankin. On July 10, 1971, he married Doris "Dodie" Hansen. He had been employed as a training coordinator by Shell Oil Company, and had resided in Alpine for the past 12 years. A member of the Catholic church, Richard was a loving husband, father, brother, grandfather and friend who will be greatly missed.

Survivors include his wife of 32 years, Doris "Dodie" Rankin of Alpine; his two daughters who formerly resided in Billings, Patty A. (Rankin) Roll

of Spokane, Wash., and Vicki L. (Rankin) Harmon of Bozeman; two sons, Richard W. Rankin, Jr. of Amarillo, Texas, and Russell S. Rankin of Austin, Texas; five brothers, Barry Rankin of Illinois, and Edward, Gene, Jay and Frank Rankin, all of Missouri; and six grandchildren.

Harold Mathias Rapstad

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ROSEVILLE, Calif. — Harold Mathias Rapstad passed away in Roseville on July 23, 2003.

He was born in Billings in 1920, the eldest son of Nora and Mathias Rapstad. He graduated from the Huntley Project High School in 1938 and shortly thereafter enlisted in the U.S. Army, later into the air cadet program, becoming a pilot during WWII. He remained active in the Air Force Reserves, retiring from there in 1980, and worked for 25 years at Lockheed in Sunnyvale, as their launch director in the Space and Missiles Division until his retirement in 1983.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Betty, and is currently survived by his present wife, Sally Jo; a daughter, Mylie Lynn (Rod) Bell; two grandchildren; three sisters, Thelma (George) Kratochvil, Elva Gunn, of Billings, Connie (Francis) Durfee of Apple Valley; and a brother, Raymond (Jackie) of Custer, Mont.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

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Lydia Paschlow

BROADUS — Lydia Paris Paschlow, 90, of Broadus, died Wednesday, March 25, 2009.

Visitation will be held on Sunday, March 30, in the chapel of Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, March 31, in the chapel of Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City. Interment will follow in the family plot in the Custer County Cemetery.

Myrtle Rasmussen

SPOKANE, Wash. — Myrtle Rasmussen, 92, of Spokane, formerly of Sheridan County, Mont., died Jan. 2, 2002, at her home.

A remembrance service was held in Spokane, Jan. 4, for friends and family. A memorial service will be held at Nathanael Lutheran Church in Dagmar, Mont., in the spring. Fulkerson Funeral Home of Plentywood is in charge.

W.L. 'Bud' Rasmussen

MOORE — W.L. "Bud" Rasmussen, 80, passed away Tuesday, March 11, 2003, at the Central Montana Medical Center in Lewistown, due to complications of diabetes.

Bud was born on July 25, 1922, in Harlowton, to Gunnar and Blanche (Hale) Rasmussen. As a young man, he began his railroad career with the Milwaukee Road working in Harlowton, Lewistown, Great Falls, eventually moving to Missoula, where he also worked for the Great Northern and Amtrak. He retired from Amtrak in October 1979.

In August 1942, he married Betty Jo Walker; to this union was born two sons, Michael and Randy. Betty Jo passed away March 1989.

In February 1993, he was united in marriage to Thelma Gates. They built a new home in Moore and he resided there until his death.

Bud was talented wood craftsman; he enjoyed all aspects, to the planning and finished product. He freely gave his projects away.

Bud is survived by his wife, Thelma; and children, Randy, and wife Cinda, and Michael and his wife Delrene. In addition, he is survived by ~~his~~ grandchildren, Graham, Haley, Harla, Trevor, and Tracy; stepchildren, Debra (Terry) Sutton, Charles (Annela)

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Helmer; and step-grandchildren, Micah, David, Catherine, Cari, Emily and Caroline; and brothers, Marvin (Ann) Hasmussen, Albert (Lynn) Rasmussen; and sisters, Adele (Walt) Chatham, Blanche Blum; and numerous nephews and nieces.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Betty Jo; his parents; two sisters, Norma and Darlene; and three brothers, Linden, Robert and Gerald.

Memorial services for Ed Rasmussen will be held at the Moore United Methodist Church on Friday, March 21, at 1 p.m.

Cremation has taken place.

Memorials are suggested to the Moore United Methodist Church or to the charity of the donor's choice.

Creel Funeral Home of Lewistown is in charge of arrangements.

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Bernard 'Bernie' D. Rasmusson

Bernie Rasmusson, 72, passed away early in the morning of Nov. 29, 2003, in his Billings home of a heart attack.



**BERNARD
RASMUSSON**

Bernie was born Dec. 4, 1930 in Lavina. His parents were Melvin and Bertha Rasmusson. Born and raised in the Lavina area, Bernie was playing the trumpet, sax and trombone in his parents dance band from the age of 10. He convinced his mom to let him play a fiddle that belonged to her mother. The rest is Montana old time fiddling history!

Following high school, he served in the army, stationed most of his time in the San Francisco area, where he met Juanita Nation, the mother of his two daughters, Linda and Laurie. Bernie played in the army band during those years.

In 1961, Bernie met and married Alice Kraft of Billings. Together, they moved to Polson and shared many wonderful years where he worked as a mechanic for local auto

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dealerships. After a few years, he was found to have osteoporosis, an inherited disease which, over the years whittled more than 10 inches from his 6'2" frame. He got his barber's license and barbered until moving to Billings in the late 80's.

After Alice's death in 1994, Bernie met Dolores Clark of Billings. Together, they enjoyed each others companionship and had a mutual passion for music. Bernie and Dolores entertained audiences for the past several years, and eventually married July 18, 2002.

Bernie was known and loved widely for his fiddling. He competed regularly in the state's old time fiddler's contest which was held for many years in Polson. He won the state title three times and regularly placed in the top three. He was the association's president for three terms.

Bernie was the first recipient of the Montana Governor's award for the arts. His home is a veritable showcase of trophies and various awards for his music and time given to the art.

Bernie loved people, and people loved Bernie as many have danced to and have been blessed by his music. Through great physical difficulties, he never seemed short of having a

smile, a joke or a great story to liven someone's day.

Survivors include his wife, Dolores of Billings; daughters, Linda and her husband, Jerry Praetzel of Polson, and Laurie Reaka of Billings; two granddaughters; three grandsons; and five great-grandchildren.

Words cannot express how much we will miss Bernie. We will all be eternally grateful for the memories and the musical legacy he has left us.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m., Wednesday, Dec. 3, at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary in Billings. Interment will take place at the Lavina Cemetery following the service. A reception will be held at the Legion Hall in Lavina after burial. Memorials may be made to Montana Old Time State Fiddlers Camp, 319 Old Divide Road, Roundup, MT. 59072.

Michelotti-Sawyers is in charge of arrangements.

LEONA RATH

SCRANTON, N.D. — Leona Rath, 90, died Friday, July 25, 2003, at Dorsett Health Care Center of Spearfish, S.D.

A rosary service will be at 7 p.m. Thursday, July 31, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Scranton. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, Aug. 1, at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Burial will follow the funeral mass in Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery. Krebsbach Funeral Service of Bowman is in charge.

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Ken Rathbun

GLENDIVE
— Kenneth R. Rathbun, age 50, of Glendive, passed away on Wednesday, May 7, 2003, at his home, following a brief battle with cancer.



**KEN
RATHBUN**

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 10, at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church, with Father Joseph Ponessa officiating. Interment with military honors will be in the Dawson County Cemetery. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Glendive is entrusted with arrangements.

Ken was born on Dec. 28, 1952, in Beach, N.D., the son of James and Ruth (Snow) Rathbun. He received his early education in Zap and Dickinson, N.D. Ken moved with his family to Glendive, where he graduated from Dawson County High School with the class of 1970. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served as a corpsman until his honorable discharge in 1978.

Ken was united in marriage to Gloria Ann Segrave on Aug. 26, 1978, in Auburn, Wash. They made their home in Auburn where Ken attended Green River Community

College. They moved to Glendive in 1982, where they have made their home since. Ken was employed as a licensed practical nurse at Eastmont Human Services Center until the time of his death. Ken maintained a special relationship with members of the staff as well as the residents he worked with at Eastmont.

Ken loved fishing, hunting and golfing with all of his friends and family. He was a great gardener and enjoyed jigsaw puzzles. Ken was a good cook who enjoyed barbecuing. Ken also loved his English Setter, "Lucky."

Ken was a member of the Montana Public Employees Association for 20 years and had served as a union representative and was instrumental in contract negotiations. He was a member of the American Legion.

Ken was preceded in death by his father, Jim Rathbun; his mother, Ruth Rathbun Frank and his stepfather, Albert Frank.

Survivors include his wife Gloria, of Glendive; his daughter Joy Marie Rathbun and her fiancé Steve Meland both of Billings; two brothers, LeRoy Rathbun and his

wife Mariys and Larry Rathbun
and his wife Gina, all of Gladwin;
one sister, Patty Taylor and her
husband Ellery of Gulf Shores,
Ala.; numerous nieces and
nephews.

Remembrances and con-
dolences may be shared with the
family at [www.silverdale-silhafu-
ncsillhome.com](http://www.silverdale-silhafu-
ncsillhome.com).

Hank Rathjen

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FORSYTH — Hank Rathjen, 57, of Forsyth, died Sunday, Jan. 12, 2003, in Baker.

A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Jan. 24, at the chapel of Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Forsyth.

MARGARETT RATHVON

A gentle soul in Margarett Rathvon, of Billings, left us on Feb. 9, 2003, in the same grace in which she lived her life.

Margarett was born to Philip and Elizabeth Root Paden in Buchanan, Mich., on Sept. 2, 1927. Margarett lived her early years in Texas and moved to Denver, where she attended Smiley Junior High, Saint Mary's Academy, and East High School. Known then as Petie, Margarett leaves many dear friends from her days in Denver. As a young girl, Margarett had many years of special times in Texas with her Mother's sisters, whom she so dearly loved, Florra Root Cody and Margarett Root Brown. She attended Penn Hall in Chambersburg, Pa., and graduated with a degree in psychology from The University of Denver.

After the birth of her daughter Norma in 1948, Margarett moved to Pueblo, Colo., where she taught school. She met her husband, Peter Reigart Rathvon, on a blind date to the Yellow Rose Ball in Central City, Colo. They married in 1951 and son Peter was born in 1952.

Margarett is survived by her two adoring children, Norma Buchanan and Peter Rathvon; and her son-in-law Gary Buchanan and daughter-in-law, Nereyda Chota Rathvon; grandchildren, Todd and Kelly Buchanan, Mercedes, Elizabeth

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and Alex Rathvon, and Elizabeth's husband Jarret Kulick and great-grandson, Julia Kulick; sister-in-law, Jane Meloy Paden; niece Debbie Neel and husband David, and nephew Philip Paden and wife Trixie. She is also survived by her special Winter Park family.

Margarett was preceded in death by her parents and her brother James Root Paden.

Margarett lived a rich and varied life. She and Pete owned a bar and restaurant in Winter Park, Colo., for over 20 years. Their purchase of Adolf's was sentimental because it is where they spent many fun times together during their skiing days. Although Pete and Margarett lived in Denver during these years, they spent over 20 winters at Adolf's, which was a very popular hangout for the ski crowd. She and Pete also spent many years traveling to Mexico City. After Pete's death in 1972, Margarett purchased "The Caminante," a motor sailor which was moored in Cozumel, Quintana Roo, Mexico. She enjoyed many years with her family, sailing and scuba diving in the Caribbean waters. Margarett moved from Denver to Helena in 1981 and later to Billings in 1985.

Margarett began an intense 20-year venture of world travel in the 1980s. New Guinea, Greece, Yugoslavia, Antarctica, Chile, Indonesia, Tibet, Sumatra, Ecuador, Bolivia, Sri Lanka, Borneo, Mongolia, Vietnam, Bali, Mali, Timbuktu, Thailand, Nicaragua, India, Egypt, Burma, Peru and Saudi Arabia were among the many places she ventured. She found an especially deep love for the African desert and its nomadic tribes people. She felt so grateful for the full life which she was able to lead.

Margarett was an excellent seamstress, a fine chef, an entrepreneur, a patient and loving mother, mother-in-law and grandmother, and just plain excellent at everything she did. During her grandchildren's growing up years, Margarett spent time every summer with them at the C Lazy U guest ranch in Granby, Colo., which was a four generation family tradition. Margarett taught her family to love and respect the many cultures and religions in our vast world. She was a woman of acute intelligence and a never-ending curiosity to always see more and learn more. Margarett leaves behind her loving family and so many wonderful friends whom she loved so very much.

Margarett learned much from the wonderful array of arts and cultures across the globe and spent a lot of her energy making sure that the communities she

lived in could appreciate these same joys right in her own backyard. The Billings Symphony, the Yellowstone Art Museum, The Rimrock Opera Company and most especially ZooMontana were among the lucky to have her guiding presence and dedication. If you wish to honor Margarett's memory help continue her efforts by supporting one of these institutions.

A celebration of life gathering will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 15, at ZooMontana. Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

A Tribute to Margarett Rathvon

By Todd Buchanan, grandson

"I know nothing," is the only fib I can remember Grandma telling. Born in rural Michigan, Margarett Rathvon came and left this life with a flare for being direct and having the gift of inspiration. Not many women have donned so many names and so many personalities, yet always maintaining a consistency of passion in each. Margarett Rathvon



**MARGARETT
RATHVON**

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John Ratliff

SIDNEY — Memorial services for John Ratliff, 62, of Sidney, are at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 10, at the Church of Christ.

Fulkerson Funeral Home of Sidney is in charge of arrangements. Memorials can be sent to the K-M Scout Ranch or the Yellowstone Bible Camp.

John Wesley Ratliff, age 62, passed away May 5, 2003, in Bismarck, N.D., after an extended illness. John was born to Ashley and Alta (Randolph) Ratliff, April 25, 1941, in Enumclaw, Wash. He graduated from Enumclaw High School in 1960. John played football for the Enumclaw Hornets and was very active in the FFA chapter with his prizewinning cow, Bess.

After high school, John attended Harding College in Searcy, Ark., and then transferred to Magic Valley Christian College in Albion, Idaho, to complete his degree in education. Later, he went on to complete his master's degree in education from Abilene Christian College in Abilene,



**JOHN
RATLIFF**

Texas.

While attending Magic Valley Christian, John met Lois Fay Knote. They were married Sept. 1, 1952. Together, they had two children, Dohn (1966) and Rohn (1979).

John began his teaching career in Burley, Idaho, in the fall of 1966. John began teaching in the Sidney schools in 1969, teaching grades fifth and sixth until his retirement in 1996.

John was an active member of the Sidney Church of Christ. John led singing, taught, preached and spent his retired years writing letters to an extensive list of shut-ins, college students, family and friends on a monthly basis. John loved painting, fishing and camping anywhere and anytime.

As a member of Jaycees, John's favorite phrase was, "Service to Humanity is the best work of life," and devoted his life to the youth of Sidney. His service to youth included work with AAU wrestling, 4-H, Elk's Hoop-Shoot, the Kiwanis Easter activities, fifth and sixth grade basketball coach, football coach, and

most of all, the Boy Scouts of America.

John saw the movie, "Follow Me Boys" and decided he wanted to help with scouting. John began his 30 years as a scoutmaster while living in Bentley and upon moving to Sidney, became the Scoutmaster of Troop 187 and Cubmaster of Packs 143 and 188. John truly believe in the Scout Oath and Law and helped many young boys become young men. John was proud of all the boys that made it to Scouting's highest rank of Eagle, but it was extra special for him when both of his sons earned the rank of Eagle. As a scout leader, John was awarded the Silver Beaver, Scouting's highest honor given to an adult volunteer.

John was generous with his time, his love and his laughter. He will be remembered always for the hours of tireless service to those he loved and by the many lives in the community and the state that were blessed by his devotion.

John is survived by his wife of 40 years, Lois; sons, Dohn (Maggie) and Rohn (Rachel); and two grandchildren, Manul and Charity, all of Sidney; brothers Eddie (Pat) of Orting, Wash., and Raymond of Phoenix.

John was preceded in death by his father, Ashley, and mother, Alta.

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 Beth Margaret Paden, will always be a grandma, a community servant, a bar owner and tender, a teacher, an explorer, an inspiration, a leader, a cynic, a believer, a religious diplomat, a pillar of strength and most consistently, an angel of grace.

Margarett started in the 1920s, amidst great confusion. She lived through more than half a dozen wars in which her country took part, the birth and death of black and white television, the introduction of the automobile into everyday life and the transition into three car garages and digital quality films. She will be most remembered, by those who were lucky enough to know her, as a calming force. That force may have reached across the country as she was born during an economic and political depression and is leaving us during another.

She formed her own understanding of the importance of education by spending her younger years as a single parent teacher with the goal of educating those less fortunate around her. Her political beliefs were developed while passing holidays with those who would leave their tenure in politics with Presidential honors and nicknames as outstanding as "The Master of the Senate Floor."

Margarett's spiritual affiliations were not formed solely through listening to sermons or reading passages. Instead she spent 2 years of her life developing a profound appreciation for the high power by traveling through life side by side with the Hindi, the Buddhists, the Catholics, the Protestants, the Communists, the agnostic and other countless populations. She developed social skills at high teas and behind a bar. A magician in the kitchen, an artist in the home, a princess in the streets and an entrepreneur in the business world, Margarett left no one she met with nothing short of awe and inspiration.

Grandma was quick to hug, sharp with wit, staunch with beliefs and imaginative with appreciation. Not many lived through so much change with their integrity so well intact. To say that she is gone would get a stifling glare from Grandma Stern. To reach for her calming quality will take the strength only Grandma could instill. And to challenge oneself to live with the level of appreciation only Margarett was capable of will leave one feeling completed. "I know nothing," she would say when it was time for others to answer their own questions or fix

their own conflicts. She committed her life to finding her right answers and left us with the task of doing the same for ourselves. She knew everything!

Evelyn M. Rauscher

LIVINGSTON — Evelyn M. Rauscher, 85, of Livingston, formerly of St. Paul, Minn., died Thursday, Sept. 4, 2003, at Livingston Memorial Hospital.

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

NOV 11 2003**Francis E. Raw**

LEWISTOWN — Francis E. Raw, 87, of Garnett, died Sunday, Nov. 10, 2003, at the Central Montana Skilled Nursing Center in Lewistown.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 15, at the Summit Hill Church of the Nazarene. Private graveside burial will be Wednesday, Nov. 12, at the Mason Cemetery. Creel Funeral Home of Lewistown is in charge.

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Donna Lee Rawlings

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Donna Lee Rawlings, 70, died Sunday, Nov. 2, 2003, at Memorial Hospital.

Visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 9, at Kane Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, Nov. 10, at Trinity Lutheran Church. Burial will be in the Elks section of Sheridan Cemetery. A luncheon will follow at the Elks Club.

Sheldon Dwayne Ray

Sheldon Dwayne Ray, 46, passed away Sunday, Sept. 21, 2003, at his home in Lockwood, after a long illness.

Memorial service will be at 3 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 25, at Cremation or Funeral Gallery.

Myrtle 'Velma' Huffman Rayle

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DEAVER, Wyo. — Myrtle "Velma" Huffman Rayle, 88, died, Saturday evening, Jan. 4, 2002, at her daughter's home in Deaver.

Funeral services will be later this week in Wellington, Kan. Mirinsky-Easton Funeral Home of Powell is in charge of arrangements.

Lula Raynor

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Lula Raynor, age 81, passed away Thursday morning, May 22, 2003, at Aspen Meadows Nursing Home, after a short struggle with pneumonia.



Lula was **LULA RAYNOR** born Oct. 16, 1921, to Earl and Lala Pigford in Jackson, Miss.

She met Arvel in 1943. They were married May 5, 1946, after Arvel returned from serving in World War II. They moved to Idaho after their marriage, where their three children were born. Billings became their home in 1968. Lula was a homemaker while Arvel worked for the USDA.

Lula suffered a stroke in 1993, which left her partially paralyzed. In 1995, it was necessary for them to relocate her to Aspen Meadows Nursing Home. Arvel passed away Feb. 24, 1997. They would have celebrated 51 years of marriage in May of that year.

Lula enjoyed spending time with her family, watching baseball (especially the Atlanta Braves!), the Billings Bulls, word search puzzles and going on outings.

She never lost her Southern accent, and always enjoyed a good bowl of grits and black-eyed peas.

Lula was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; a brother and a twin sister. She is survived by her three children, Linda Huss of Grand Forks, N.D.; David (Kim) of Billings and Susan Schleining (Terry) of Billings. She is also survived by her grandchildren, Matt, Erin, Lacey, Amy, Angie and Molly.

The family would like to extend sincere gratitude to ALL the staff (including the kitchen staff) at Aspen Meadows for the superb care they provided to our mom and grandma. She is leaving behind many special people whom she loved very much and they loved her.

At Lula's request, graveside services will be held 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, May 27, at Sunset Memorial Gardens. Viewing will be held at Smith's West Chapel; 304 34th St. West, 4 to 8 p.m. Sunday, May 25, and 4 to 9 p.m. Monday, May 26.

Julian C. Read

MAY 25 2003

MESA, Ariz. — Julian C. Read, age 87, passed away on Wednesday, May 21, 2003, in Mesa. He was born on Dec. 19, 1915, in York, N.D., to Edward and Celia Brager Read. He was raised in Leads, N.D., where he graduated from high school.

Julian worked the family farm until he graduated from high school. He then moved to Missoula, where he worked at the Bonner Mill. He also taught guitar lessons, then worked for Whites Dairy. After high school, he attended the Pratt and Whitney Aircraft and Engine school in Glendale, Calif. He was certified as an A&E mechanic. Julian also attended Real Estate School in Missoula, where he obtained his Broker's license in 1969. Later he completed a graduate Realtor course getting his GRL.

He married Alma Rugland on March 29, 1942. He serviced in the Civil Air Patrol, flew for the Border Patrol on the Rio Grande River in 1942, as well as flew "Tow Target" for the military in Mississippi. From 1944 until 1945, he served in the U.S. Army Air Force as an Air Inspector. He was discharged as a Master Sergeant. After his military ser-

vice, he went to work at both Lincoln Mercury as both the sales and service manager.

In 1956, he bought Chilco Ho Springs, just south of Livingston. In 1967, he worked briefly for Korn Buick, then he bought Cap's Sporting Goods on Main Street. He operated it as Reads Sporting Goods until becoming a Real Estate Broker. He retired in 1980.

He was active in the local Republican Party, was a member of both the Elks Lodge and the Rotary Club. He was on the Board of Realtors, having served as Chairman, and was on the Salvation Army Board. He loved his lawn and flower gardens, boating and lake fishing.

Julian was preceded in death by his wife, Alma; brothers Paul, Clifford, Donald, Raymond, George and Charles; sisters Bertha, Martha, Myrtle, and Melinda; infant granddaughter Megan Read. He is survived by his wife, Ferol Read of Mesa, Ariz.; two sons, Tom Read of Kalispell and Don Read of Seattle; one brother and one sister, Kenneth Read and Esther

Garret Read, both of Seattle; daughter-in-laws Yvonne and Helen; stepsons Larry and Rod Bailey.

A family graveside service will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, May 31, at G.H. Conrad Memorial Cemetery with a memorial service following at 2 p.m. at the Scandinavian Lutheran Church in Edinboro. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

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Julian was preceded in death by his wife, Alma; brothers Paul, Clifford, Donald, Raymond, George and Charles; sisters Bertha, Martha, Myrtle, and Melinda; infant granddaughter Megan Read.

He is survived by his wife, Feroi Read of Mesa; two sons, Tom Read of Kalispell and Don Read of Seattle; one brother and one sister, Kenneth Read and Esther Pine, both of Missoula; grandchildren, Erin Read of Calgary, Kathy Read of Kalispell, Nathan and Garret Read, both of

Seattle; daughters-in-law, Yvonne and Helen; stepsons, Larry and Rod Bailey.

A family graveside service was held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, May 31, at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery, with a memorial service following at 2 p.m. at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Kallispell. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

COLSTRIP

— William E. "Bill" Read, Sr., 67, of Colstrip, passed away Sunday, May 25, 2003, at his home in Colstrip.



BILL
READ

Bill was born July 26, 1935 in Mitchell, Neb., the son of Earl and Mabel Bennett Read. He spent his youth and attended schools in Pavillion, Wyo. Bill entered the U.S. Air Force on Dec. 3, 1951, where he was a crash rescue specialist. Bill received his honorable discharge on April 3, 1963, returning to Montana.

On Oct. 12, 1963, Bill married Donna Bickel in Billings. They lived in various locations in Montana while Bill worked construction as a heavy equipment operator, constructing missile sites in the Great Falls and Conrad areas. In 1967, Bill and Donna moved to Kemmerer, Wyo., later returning to live in Billings. They moved to Colstrip in 1976, where Bill worked in the construction of the Colstrip power plants, and later for Montana Power Company until his retirement in 1994. Bill started driving school bus for the Colstrip Schools in 1996, which

he has continued to do since.

Bill enjoyed hunting, bowling, listening to western music, wood-working, and was an all around handy man. He was a former member of the Colstrip Moose Lodge, a member of the American Legion, IBEW 1638, Operating Engineers 400, Colstrip Rod and Gun Club, Alert CB Group, AF & AM of Billings, as well as the Super Stop Coffee Group.

He is survived by his wife Donna of Colstrip; his children, John (Tonja) Read of Rapid City, S.D.; William Read, Jr. and fiancée Tara Jacobs of Billings; two sisters, Shirley M. West of Colstrip, Lois E. (Howard) Young of Billings; three grandchildren, Thomas, Starla and Bradley; several nieces and nephews; adopted daughters, Cathi Sopher, and Joan Ehrismann; his many friends; as well as his many "adopted" bus kids. Bill was preceded in death by his parents; and his nephew Thomas White.

Funeral services will be held 4
p.m. Thursday, May 29, at the
First Baptist Church in Colstrip.
Visitation will be held 2 to 4 p.m.
Thursday, at the First Baptist
Church in Colstrip. Interment
will follow in the Colstrip
Cemetery. Beals Mortuary of
Forsyth is assisting the family
with these arrangements.

Dorothy Ream

BILLINGS GAZETTE

APR 12 2003

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Dorothy Mae Ream, 82, of Sheridan, died Thursday, April 10, 2003, at Sheridan Manor.

Services will be at the Osheim Catron Funeral Home in Rapid City, S.D. Burial will be in the Black Hills National Cemetery in Sturgis, S.D. Champion Ferries Funeral Home is in charge of local arrangements.

JUL 26 2003

**Robert E. Lee 'Bob'
Reaves**

Robert E. Lee "Bob" Reaves passed away July 24, 2003.

Cremation has taken place, a private service will be held at a later date.

Bob was born in Wilmington, N.C., on May 8, 1921, the son of John C. Reaves and Daisy Crumpler Reaves. Bob attended schools in Wilmington, graduating from New Hanover High. Bob enlisted in the U.S. Marines and obtained the rank of master sergeant in 1943. He served in the South Pacific and China and was discharged in 1948.

Bob enrolled at city college in Los Angeles in the fall of 1948. In 1950, he went to Fairbanks, Alaska, for a summer vacation and stayed for seven years. In Fairbanks, he worked in the car business and went to the University of Alaska for two years. He learned to fly and bought a plane, returning to the States and getting into the insurance business.

Bob then arrived in Billings about 1958. In 1978, he married Pauline in Cody, Wyo. They spent many hours on the greens at Lake Hills and other golf courses across Montana. Bob was an avid golfer with a lifetime achievement of five holes-in-one; he was Yellowstone County champion one year. Bob loved golf.

Bob and Pauline traveled the back roads of Montana, visiting with farmers and ranchers about life insurance. Bob did very well in the insurance business and enjoyed many trips to the Caribbean and Hawaii. Bob's success in the insurance business also achieved him many awards over the years.

His wife Pauline survives; his stepdaughter, Lavonne, her children, Roger, Lee and Erin; numerous nieces and nephews; loved ones survive Bob. His death was preceded by his father and mother; his brothers, James, Tom, Ben, John Jr.; twin brothers, Elwood and Lynwood; his sisters, Lillie and Grace.

Pauline appreciates your calls and prayers. Now it's time for some much needed rest. Give someone a hug today.

Russell James Rebsom

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

MAR 09 2003

MILES CITY — Russell James Rebsom, age 56, of Miles City, passed away on Friday, March 7, 2003, at the Holy Rosary Health Center after a courageous battle with cancer.

Russ was born in Dickinson, N.D., on Nov. 20, 1946, the son of Ralph and Mary (Zewick) Rebsom. He was raised in Killdeer, N.D., where he attended school through the fourth grade. He then moved with his family to Valley City, N.D., where he graduated from high school in 1964.



RUSSELL REBSOM

Russ enlisted in the United States Army where he served during Vietnam. Russ was honorably discharged on July 8, 1970. Following his discharge, he moved to Bismarck where he worked at Office Machines and Furniture and finished his schooling at Wahpeton College.

Russ married Lorretta Rathjen on Oct. 9, 1971 in Hazen, N.D. They then moved to Miles City in 1973 where Russ began working at the Miles City Star as an office machine technician. He then became the manager of the store where he has been for the past 30 years.

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Russ was involved in Little Guy Football, the Montana/North Dakota high school all-star football game, Miles City Sports Boosters, Miles City Library Board, president of Rural Cancer Foundation, past president of VFW, past member of Masons and Eagles and a past president of MOMDA (Montana Office Machine Dealers Association).

Russ enjoyed reading, fishing, watching football (he was an avid Vikings fan), history and loved his cat "Fonzy." Russ loved being around people and had nicknames for most everyone. He passionately loved his family and spending time with them. His battle with cancer brought him closer to the Lord Jesus Christ. He said from the beginning, "Lord it's in your hands" and he trusted him to the end.

Russ is survived by his wife Lorretta Rebsom of Miles City; two daughters: Kristi Rebsom of Miles City and Jolene Dutton and her husband Barry of Miles City; a son, Ryan Rebsom of Glasgow; his mother, Mary Rebsom of Jamestown, N.D.; a brother, Curtis Rebsom of Cooperstown, N.D.; six sisters, Janet Johnson and her husband Butch of Fargo, N.D., Diane Adams and friend Kirk McDonald of Denver, Vicky Close and her husband Ed of Washington, Lori Menz and her

husband Joel of Wimbledon, N.D., Susan Mourning and her husband Stan of Kelso, Wash., and Valerie Brant and her husband Mike of Rapid City, S.D.; a special friend, Jackie Sather of Jamestown, N.D.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held Monday in the chapel in Miles City. A prayer service will be held Monday, March 10, at 7 p.m. in the chapel of Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City. Funeral services will be held Tuesday, March 11, at 1 p.m. at the Assembly of God Church in Miles City. Interment will follow in the Eastern Montana State Veteran's Cemetery with full military honors. Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home of Miles City is in charge of the arrangements.

DEC 04 2003

Mabel Record

GILLETTE, Wyo. — Mabel Nellie Record, 89, of Gillette, died Monday, Dec. 1, 2003, at the Pioneer Manor in Gillette.

Visitation will be from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, in the chapel of Stevenson Wilson Funeral Home in Gillette. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Monday, Dec. 8, at the Presbyterian Church in Gillette. Interment will follow in the Mount Pisgah Cemetery in Gillette.

Anna James Rector

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Anna James Rector died in her sleep in Sacramento, Sept. 8, 2013. She was 97 years old and still lived in her own home with her husband, Lewis Rector, who recently celebrated his 100th birthday.



**ANNA
RECTOR**

She was born Anna Marie Pedersen, daughter of Mathias Elias Andreas (Matt) and Marie Karoline Bendtsen Pedersen, who were both born on the island of Bornholm, Denmark, and immigrated to America as young adults. Anna was born May 8, 1916, in Keuterville, Idaho. When she was 11, her parents sold their Idaho land and purchased railroad land near Circle, Mont. She attended the Hell Creek School.

In 1925, she met and married David James, who had homesteaded near Circle. They raised a family of six children. Together they survived droughts, hailstorms, grasshoppers, prairie fires and the Depression, but also had many good years farming and ranching. Both were determined advo-

cates of education, and they encouraged their children and grandchildren to attend college.

After David's death in 1957, Anna attended Dawson Community College and received her high school diploma when she was in her 70s.

In Circle, Anna was a 50-year member of the Circle Homemakers Club, a member of the United Christian Church and the VFW Auxiliary. She was noted for her artistic crafts, needlework and her large vegetable garden.

Anna later married Lewis Rector, and they traveled extensively and had many happy and active years together in Helena and Deer Lodge, Mont., spending many winters in Mesa, Ariz., before moving to Sacramento six years ago. For several years, while in their 80s, they participated in the New London to New Brighton (Minn.) Endurance Run in a 1903 Ford vintage automobile, as well as other old-car club and car museum activities in Montana and California.

In addition to her husband, survivors include two daughters, Irene Jones (Ellis) of Lakewood, Colo., and Ruth Towe (Tom) of Billings; two sons, Dr. Owen James of Helena and Dr. Wesley James (Karen) of Bryan, Texas, and Bigfork, Mont.; 13 grandchildren, Mary Margaret James of Billings, Sean James of Anaheim, Joanna James of Missoula, Mont., Ellen Stegbauer of Billings, Owen Jones of Lakewood, Gwen Johnson of Lakewood, Darci Tyson of Denver, Tami Jensen of Austin, Texas, Karla James of Berkeley, David James of Bryan, Eric James of Arlington, Texas, James Towe of Missoula and Kristofer Towe of Portland, Ore.; 17 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren; two sisters, Lillian Krebs of Ronan, Mont., and Marie Duval (Ron) of Trout Creek, Mont.; and a brother, Hans Pedersen, also of Trout Creek. She was preceded in death by a daughter, Mary Ellen; a son, Matthew (Judy); her parents; sisters Carrie Nagel, Boddil Nagel, Julia Enneking; and a brother, Carl Pedersen.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, Sept. 20, at 2 p.m. at the Clayton Stevenson Funeral Chapel in Circle. Interment will take place at Riverside Cemetery, with a luncheon to follow at Schmidt's Banquet Room. Condolences can be sent to the family online at www.stevensonandsons.com or e-mailed to csmc@nemonet.net.

Margaret Redburn

SHERIDAN, Wyo.

Margaret "Peggy" Redburn, 77, of Sheridan, died Monday, Oct. 13, 2003, of pancreatic cancer in San Francisco.

Memorial services will be at 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 18, at the First Presbyterian Church. Private burial will be in Laramie. Champion Ferris Funeral Home of Sheridan is in charge.

Wanda M. Redder

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Helen Wanda Redder, 78, of Sheridan, died Thursday, Oct. 9, 2003, at Memorial Hospital of Sheridan County.

Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 15, at Champion Ferries Funeral Home in Sheridan. Funeral liturgy will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 16, at Holy Name Catholic Church. Burial will be in the Elders' section of the Sheridan Municipal Cemetery.

NOV 15 2003

Calvin Reddig

GLASGOW — Calvin Carl Reddig, 86, died Wednesday, Nov. 12, 2003, at Valley View Home in Glasgow.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 18, at Glasgow Evangelical Church, and at 2 p.m. Tuesday, at Lustre MB Church in Lustre. Interment will be in Lustre MB Church Cemetery. Bill Mortuary of Glasgow is in charge.

Ruth L. Redding

Ruth L. Redding, loving mother, grandmother, sister and friend, passed away peacefully on Oct. 5, 2003.

Born in Minnesota on Jan. 31, 1921, she later moved to Billings to raise her family. Ruth touched everyone she came in contact with and was considered by all to be an angel here on earth. She was a beautiful spirit whose gift in life was making others happy and her greatest joy was her family.

That legacy of love lives on in her five children, Karen Cates, Warren Hoffman, Larry Hoffman (Karen), Chuck Haynes and Kim Redding, and all of her beloved grandchildren. She is also survived by her sweet sister, Anne Peterson, and her dear brother, Jim Holmberg (Marian), as well as numerous nieces, nephews and cherished friends.



**RUTH
REDDING**

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Steve Redding.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, Oct. 11, at 1 p.m. at the Unity Church, 9 14th St. W (one block north of Central), followed by a celebration of her new life to be held at her son Chuck's house.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Animal Welfare League, Animal Shelter or charity of one's choice.

Thank you, Mom, for everything. Your strength and grace have blessed us all. We love you.

MAR 11 2003

Almena Clara Reddog

POPLAR —Almena Clara Reddog, 73, died Thursday, March 6, 2003, at Northeast Montana Health Services Center in Poplar.

Visitation will begin at noon Tuesday, March 11, at Clayton Memorial Chapel in Poplar. A wake will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday, at the Poplar Cultural Center. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 12, at the Poplar Cultural Center. Interment will be in the Ft. Kipp Cemetery. A feed will be held at the Poplar Cultural Center following the funeral.

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**Jeremy James
Red Dog Sr.**

**BELLINGS GAZETTE
AUG 18 2003**

WOLF POINT — Jeremy James Red Dog Sr., 24, died August 8, 2003 near Wolf Point as the result of drowning.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, Aug. 18 at Wolf Point Community Hall. A feast will follow. Burial is in King Memorial Cemetery. Clayton Stevenson Memorial Chapel is in charge.

Lynn Grace Redekopp

Lynn Grace Redekopp, 52, of Billings, passed away peacefully in her sleep on Friday evening, Aug. 8, 2003, at St. John's Lutheran Home.

Lynn was born June 16, 1951, in Libby, a daughter to Robert and Betty Neils. The fifth of five children, Lynn completed grade school and high school



**LYNN
REDEKOPP**

in Libby and received her bachelor's degree from Montana State University in Bozeman.

She married Dallas Redekopp in August of 1973 and began a series of teaching jobs beginning in Elizabeth City, N.C., then Norfolk, Va., and finally in Billings at the Career Center and Billings Senior High. While teaching at Billings Senior, she also completed her master's degree in education.

She is survived by her husband Dallas of Billings, son Randy of Bozeman and daughter Chrystal of Billings. Also surviving are her sister Joan Ropka of Florida and brothers John Neils of Idaho and Rob Neils of Washington.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Faith Evangelical Church. Cremation has taken place.

BILLINGS GAZETTE

AUG 12 2003

Lynn loved the people who cared for her at St. John's Lutheran Home and the family requests that memorials be sent there.

OCT 16 2003

Lois Redford

MILES CITY — Lois Redford, 105, of Miles City, died Tuesday, Oct. 14, 2003, at the Cottonwood Care Home in Miles City.

Funeral services will be at 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 17, at the chapel of Stevenson & Sona Funeral Home in Miles City. Interment will be at a later date in Liberty Hills, Texas.

Irvin P. Redfox

LAME DEER
 — Irvin Redfox, 71, passed away Thursday, June 5, 2003, at St. Vincent Health-care.

Irvin was born on Oct. 29, 1932, in Busby, the son of Robert Redfox and Cecelia

(Whitemoon) Redfox. Irvin graduated from Busby High School and continued his education at OIT in Oregon. In 1959, Irvin was the first to receive the MVP Award of the Klamath All Indian Basketball Tournament, which is the oldest All Indian Tournament in the Nation.

As a young man, he was an avid basketball player and later switched his interests to training horses and team roping; he and his children spent many long hours at his roping arena. Irvin enjoyed family gatherings and holidays where his children and grandchildren surrounded him. Irvin also served on the Northern Cheyenne Council and was vice president for the Northern Cheyenne Tribe. One of his proudest accomplishments was in being instrumental



**IRVIN
 REDFOX**

in helping the Northern Cheyenne Tribe purchase land at Bear Butt which is a sacred mountain for the Cheyenne's. He served in the U.S. Army from 1953 until 1958, which he was extremely proud of.

Irvin is survived by his children, Warren (PJ) Redfox of Phoenix, Betty (Charles) Case of Chiloquin, Ore., Melanie (Charles Charette) of Fonda (Jay Lytle) Redfox of Cut Bank; brother Ralph (Marsha) Redfox of Boise, Idaho; sisters, Edna Seminole of Ashland, Mae (Paul) Eckman of Caldwell, Idaho; grandchildren, Ian, Ryan, Sierra, Danielle, Ty, Antone, Kara, Breanna, Erin, Robby, Eleece, John Jr., Taylene, Mariah, Trevor; and other numerous nieces and nephews.

Irvin was preceded in death by his youngest son, Irvin P. Redfox Jr.; sister Helen RisingSon; sister Irene Curly; parents, Robert and Cecelia (WhiteMoon) Redfox.

The wake will be the evening of Thursday, June 12, at the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Lame Deer. The graveside services will be held Friday, June 13, at the Fairview Cemetery in Hardin, at 11 a.m. Rausch Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Robert Redinger

Robert Redinger, 70, of Sheridan, died Friday, Sept. 12, 2003, at his home.

Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 14, at the Old Lutheran Church.

Visitation services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 15, at the Old Lutheran Church. Kane Funeral Home of Sheridan is in charge.

Martha Rediske

HELENA — Martha Rediske, 87, formerly of Baker, died Tuesday, July 1, 2003, at the Big Sky Care Center in Helena.

Prayer service will be at 7 p.m. Sunday, July 6, at the chapel of Stevenson Funeral Home in Baker. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Monday, July 7, at the Baker Community Church. Burial will follow in the Bonnievale Cemetery. A luncheon will be served back at the church.

BILLINGS GAZETTE

JUL - 3 2003

Clara Louise Redman

BILLINGS GAZETTE

JUL 10 2003

COLUMBUS — Clara Louise Redman, 69, of Columbus and formerly of Bridger, passed away Tuesday, July 8, 2003, at the Beartooth Manor.

Clara, the daughter of Paul and Myrtle (DeFlyer) Hoover, was born Nov. 20, 1933, at Malta. She was first married to Clyde Drain and from that union, one son, Richard Paul, was born. In 1978, Clara married Paul Redman. The couple lived in Bridger up until the time of Paul's death in 1989. Clara then moved to Columbus to be closer to family and care for her mother.

Clara enjoyed fishing, rock hunting, bowling and playing pool with her many friends around Absarokee and Fishtail.

She is survived by her mother, Myrtle Morris; son, Richard (Marge) Drain; sisters, Thelma Black of Columbus, and Shirley (Bud) Holwagner of Silesia; and brother, Jim (Mary Lou) Hoover of Columbus; and her grandchildren whom she loved and was so proud of, Danny, Josh, Carly, Jake and Chalice.

Memorial services will be 10 a.m. Friday, July 11, at the Beartooth Manor in Columbus.

Cremation or Funeral Gallery is in charge of arrangements.

Donald Redmond

BILLINGS GAZETTE

JUL 31 2003

FORSYTH — Donald "Don" Redmond, 85, of Forsyth, formerly of Bozeman, died Monday, July 28, 2003, at the Rosebud Health Care Center in Forsyth.

Funeral Mass will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Aug. 1, at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Forsyth. Interment will follow in the Forsyth Catholic Cemetery. Beals Mortuary of Forsyth is in charge.

George Reed

BILLINGS GAZETTE

AUG 17 2003

LAUREL — George Reed, 75, of Laurel, passed away Friday, Aug. 15, 2003, in Red Lodge Cedar Wood Villa of natural causes.

He was a beloved husband, dear friend and father. He loved metal detecting, crossword puzzles, river rock hunting and being with his family and friends.



GEORGE REED

He is survived by his loving wife of 13 years, Diana; his sister, Vivian of Glenwood, Iowa; four children, Linda Reed, George E. Reed, Rebecca Feyk (Ric), and Theresa Freestone (Tony), of Billings; his grandson, Nicholas Lyle (Christine) of Billings; five step-children, Brenda Cherry (John), Wanda Sanderson (Dale), Susan Conner, Mona Degele (Dan), Shawn Crisp (Sandy); 13 step-grandchildren, Winter Buckalew (Clint), Spring Job, Jennifer Sanderson (Bruce), Evelina, Kelly, and Johnny Sanderson, Fallina, Felista, and Feron Degele, Daniel Degele, Andrew Conner, and William and Hunter Crisp; and three step-great-grandchildren, Alexyz Warner, Logan Buckalew and Trinity Warner.

Cremation has taken place with services to be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 19 at Calvary Baptist Church in Laurel.

Jean Arthur Reed**MAR 05 2003**

POWELL, Wyo. — Jean Arthur Reed was born on April 4, 1919, to Lee and Irene (Leggett) Reed in Clark County, Ill., and died Feb. 19, 2003, at his home in Apache Junction, Ariz., of cancer.

He served his country in the Army Signal Corps, Pacific Theater, from 1941 to 1945. Following WWII, he continued his employment with Ohio Oil, later Marathon Pipeline Company.

In 1946, he married Edith Louise Lee in Martinsville, Ill. In 1948, he transferred to Wyoming, where he designed and implemented Marathon's electrical and communication system for their oilfield operations. He retired from Marathon Pipeline in 1982 after a career spanning four decades.

In 1990, Jean married Clara (Cox) Fischer of Harlowton, Mont., in Apache Junction. Jean and Clara shared their time between Wyoming, Montana and Arizona.

Jean is survived by his wife Clara; daughters Gail and husband Jeb, Leesa and husband Kurt; and Clara's family, Ron Fischer, Maxine Koss, Marlene Robertson, Mary Walter,

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Madonna Bishop, 78 grandchil-
dren and two great-grandchil-
dren. Jean is also survived by his
brother, Clark Nicholas Reed and
wife Louise. He was preceded in
death by his infant twin sister,
wife Louise; sister Agnes; par-
ents; and an infant granddaugh-
ter.

Memorial services will be held
at the United Presbyterian
Church of Powell, March 8, at
10:30 a.m. Memorials may be sent
to the American Diabetes
Association, the American
Cancer Society or the United
Presbyterian Church of Powell.

MAR 20 2003

Jonnie Bledsoe Reed

RENO, Nev. — Jonnie Bledsoe Reed, 41, of Reno, formerly of Miles City, Mont., died Monday, March 17, 2003, in Reno.

Visitation will begin at 9 a.m. Saturday, March 22, at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 22, in the chapel of Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City. Private family interment will be held at a later date.

MAR 28 2003

Lois J. Reed

BIG TIMBER — Lois J. Reed, 73, of Big Timber, died Wednesday, March 26, 2003, at Pioneer Medical Center in Big Timber.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 29, at the Evangelical Free Church in Big Timber. Graveside committal will follow in Mountain View Cemetery. Lowry Funeral Home of Big Timber is in charge.

FEB 4 2003**Mary B. Reed**

GILLETTE, Wyo. — Mary B. Reed, 78, of Gillette, died Saturday, Feb. 1, 2003, at her home.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 4, at the Christian Church. Private family interment will be in the Pleasant Valley Cemetery at a later date. Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home of Gillette is in charge.

Vanchie L. Reed

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

MAR 12 2003

Longtime Sheridan, Wyo., resident, Vanchie L. Reed, 89, died Saturday, March 8, 2003, at West Park Village senior residence, in Billings. She had moved there in August 2002, to be near her family.



**VANCHIE
REED**

Vanchie Louise Ball was born Nov. 14, 1913, in Sheridan, the oldest child of George and Myrtle Ball. She attended Sheridan county schools and worked at a variety of jobs before her marriage. On March 14, 1933, she married Lester C. Reed in Hardin. They lived in Montana for a short time and on various ranches in the Sheridan area before settling on a small farm south of Sheridan where they resided until moving into town in May 1981.

Many students from Woodland Park, Sheridan College, Sheridan High School, and Coffeen School may remember her as "the lunch lady" as she spent 25 years employed in those school cafeterias, retiring in 1981 as head of Coffeen's lunch room.

In retirement, she delighted in frequent trips to her beloved Big

lorn mountains, spending time with family and friends, and taking ceramics classes, quilting, crocheting and other projects. Her vegetable gardens were prolific and she was proud of her roses. But her greatest passion was cooking and those who visited her never went home empty-handed. No family dinner was complete without her homemade pies and rolls. Vanchie was a charter member of McCormick Homemakers Club, a group she enjoyed until her move to Billings. She had also volunteered at the Senior Citizens Center after she retired.

She is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Myrtle and Charles Riggle, Hebron, Ind., and Mission, Texas; and son and daughter-in-law Charlie and Audrey Reed of Billings; seven grandchildren, Tim and Jeff Reec of Billings, Anna (Ruben) Santos of Lowell, Ind., Charles (Donnelle) Riggle of Crown Point, Ind., Lester Riggle of Maui, Hawaii, and Jennifer Keiser of Madison, Wis.; and five great-grandchildren; a sister, Mrs. Kenneth Nelson of Joliet; numerous nieces and nephews; and also by her best friend Mary Morel of Sheridan, Wyo.

She was also "Grandma Vanchie" to her daughter-in-law's family in Gillette, Bill and Eileen Suchor and Bill and Sherry Appel and their families, Angela (Jon) Kennedy and Melanie (Tom) [unclear] all of Gillette. Tiffany

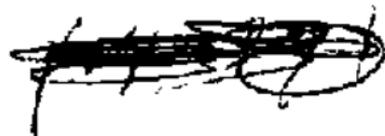
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Janet Cholez of Littleton, Colo., Brett (Christine) Suchor of Lafayette, Colo., and Jennifer Suchor of San Francisco. She considered the seven great-grandsons in that extended family hers as well.

Varchie will be remembered for her kindness, generosity and her interest in others as she gave unselfishly of herself. Like many who lived through the Depression era, she didn't believe in spending a lot on herself but was so giving to others. She was a loving mother, mother-in-law, grandma, great-grandma, and friend and will be greatly missed by many.

The family honors her request that no services be held. Cremation has taken place and private family inurnment will be held in Sheridan at a later date. If friends desire, memorials may be made to Sheridan Senior Citizens Center, 241 Smith St., Sheridan, WY, 82801, to Big Sky Hospice, PO Box 35033, Billings, MT 59107, or to the charity of one's choice.

Her family expresses appreciation to the wonderful staff at West Park Village and to Hospice personnel for their loving care and assistance the past few weeks.



Robert Bruce Reep

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DENVER — Robert Bruce Reep, 77, formerly of Billings, was born Sept. 1, 1925, in Vincennes, Ind. He was a World War II Marine Corps veteran.

Robert married Kay Lutz on July 7, 1952, and resided in Billings until her death in 1980. He was a Denver resident thereafter until his death on Jan. 9, 2003.

Survivors include dearest (adorable) friend, Jane Morris; sons, Robert M. Lutz and wife Ginny of Montgomery, Texas, and James L. Lutz and wife Jan of Monument; as well as three grandchildren and five great-grandkids.

Cremation has taken place and no services are planned per the deceased's personal request. Memorials may be made to Hospice of Metro Denver.

Vernon Reep, Sr.

BUFFALO, Wyo. — Vernon James Reep, Sr., 78, of Buffalo, died Wednesday, April 2, 2003, at his home.

Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Sunday, April 6, at Adams Funeral Home Chapel in Buffalo. A rosary will be at 7 p.m. Sunday, at the St. John the Baptist Church. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. Monday, April 7, at the St. John the Baptist Catholic Church. Burial will be in Willow Grove Cemetery.

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Margaret Sarah Rees

NASHUA — Margaret Sarah Rees, 75, died Monday, Dec. 15, 2003 at Frances Mahon Deaconess Hospital in Glasgow.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Thursday at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Nashua. Interment will be in the VFW Cemetery in Circle. Bell Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

Michael Wayne Reese

Michael Wayne Reese, 22, of Billings, passed away Friday, Jan. 3, 2003. He was born in Fargo, N.D., April 12, 1980, to Wayne and Sandy Reese of Billings.

Mike graduated from Laurel High School in 1998. After graduation he attended Rocky Mountain College for a semester. He worked for Laurel Federal Credit Union for two years and then went to work for Greg Lapp with Cool Buys of Laurel.

Mike loved golfing, fishing and shooting pool with all of his family and friends. He will always be remembered for his outstanding personality.

Survivors include his father Wayne; mother Sandy; sister and husband and niece, Jennifer, Dale and Ashley Sitzman of Park City; sister and husband Tricia and Keith O'Neil of Winter Garden, Fla.; grandparents Myron and Gloria Reese of Billings, and Wesley and Irene Nelson of Fargo. Other close relatives are aunts and uncles, Gail and Darrell Discher of Davenport, N.D., Kevin Nelson of Seattle, Wanda and Rick Hall of Oxbow, N.D.,



**MICHAEL
REESE**

Dean and Rhonda Reese of Bismarck, N.D.; cousins Kristin Hoyme, Melissa Discher, Amanda Discher, Nikki Hall, Eriq Hall, Brady Reese and Morgan Reese.

Mike had numerous close and special friends that he enjoyed everyday of his life.

"SON, BROTHER, GRANDSON, UNCLE, NEPHEW, COUSIN AND FRIEND, WE LOVE YOU WITH ALL OUR HEARTS AND MISS YOU SO MUCH!"

Cremation will take place after visitation for family and friends. Visitation will be held only from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, and from 8 to 10 a.m. on Monday at Smith Funeral Chapel-Laurel.

A Memorial Service will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 8, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Laurel.

Memorials are suggested to charity of choice.

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Mary Regelin

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Mary M. Regelin, 75, of Sheridan, died Wednesday, April 18, 2003, at her home.

A memorial service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 21, at Kane Funeral Home in Sheridan.

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Brenda Jean Rehard

RED LODGE — Brenda Jean Rehard passed away early Wednesday morning, Nov. 19, 2003, in Red Lodge, after a long struggle with muscular dystrophy.

**BRENDA REHARD**

Brenda was born on March 10, 1957, in Billings, the daughter of Irene (Coombs) and Orlie Kukus.

She graduated from Billings Senior High in 1976, and in 1988, married Timothy Rehard. Together, they raised their daughter and lived in Billings and Red Lodge.

For the last two years of her life, Brenda lived at Cedar Wood Villa in Red Lodge, where she was lovingly cared for by her husband and the staff. She loved making quilts and had recently donated two of them for a raffle at Cedar Wood Villa.

Survivors include her husband, Tim, and daughter, Kathleen Rehard of Red Lodge; her mother, Irene Johnson of Billings; and a brother, Ken Kukus of Naples, Italy. Brenda was preceded in death by her father, Orlie, and a brother, Micheal.

A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 22, at the Smith Downtown Chapel, 120 N. 26th St., in Billings. Cremation has taken place at the Smith Crematory. Memorials are suggested to the Muscular Dystrophy Association, 2070 Overland Avenue, Suite 101, Billings, MT 59102.

Arson Kenneth Rehder

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RANCHESTER, Wyo. —
Arson Kenneth Rehder, 19, of
Ranchester, died Sunday, June 15,
2003, of injuries in an automobile
accident.

Viewing was held
Wednesday, June 18, at
Champion Ferries Funeral Home
in Sheridan. Funeral service will
be at 2 p.m. Thursday, June 19, at
Champion Ferries Funeral Home.
Cremation will follow.

Carol M. Reichert

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Carol M. Reichert, age 64, of Billings, died Friday, Nov. 28, 2003, at St. Vincent Health-care of cancer.



**CAROL
REICHERT**

She was born Aug. 6, 1939, at Hazen, N.D., the daughter of George and Doris (Miller)

Wilm. As a young girl she moved with her family to Bridger where she attended school. Carol moved to Billings and became a certified nursing assistant and worked in that profession for many years.

Carol married Gabriel "Gabe" Reichert on Feb. 4, 1961, in Billings. She enjoyed being a mom and grandma as well as working as a CAN.

Carol enjoyed bowling and was a member of the VFW Auxiliary #6774.

Survivors include her children, Kelly (Marcia) Reichert, and their children, Sakara, Andrew and Cullin of Fromberg; Glen (Billie Jo) Reichert and their children, Tanner, Chessa and Breanna of Billings; Carol Marie Reichert of Glendive; Rita (Don) Dvorak and their children, Randi Dawn

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and Eddie of Worden and Ed (Tia) Reichert and their children, Tabby and Mason of Montrose, Colo., and their other children, Mary, Danny and Eleanor of Billings. Also surviving are her siblings, Betty (Gary) Skinner of Billings; Evelyn Elton Marty of Laurel; and Rodney (Marilyn) Wilm of Moses Lake, Wash.

Carol was preceded in death by her husband, Gabe, on Jan. 31, 2001; her parents; three brothers and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be 1 p.m. Monday, Dec. 1, 2003, at Smith's Downtown Chapel, 120 N. 26th St., Billings. Interment will follow at the Bridger Cemetery. Visitation will start 12 p.m. today at the Chapel.

Joseph A. Reichert

LAUREL — Joseph A. Reichert, 71, of Laurel, died at his home, due to a massive heart attack, Sunday, Sept. 28, 2003.



JOE REICHERT

Joe was born in Fromberg, Dec. 26, 1931, a son of Anton and Mary Reichert. He started first grade at Chance School and attended schools in Fromberg, Bridger, Round Butte and Tucker.

Joe was employed by Russell Miller Co., and Cereal Foods, and retired in 1993. In his free time, Joe tied flies for fishing, hunted and tended his loving wife's flower garden until his death.

Joe was preceded in death by his wife, Vera; his parents; his sisters, Dorothy Ehrmantraut, Lorene and Catherine Reichert; and brother Adam.

Joe is survived by his daughter Sherrie and son-in-law Jim Wegner; granddaughters Dawn Lisa and April; and great-grandchildren, Alee Mae Kell and David Alan Moore; brothers Chris (Donna), John (Dee), Tec (Marcia); and sisters Mary Ann (John) Griffith, Irene Seavy, Magdalena Wittmer, Betty (Robert) Kraus and Sharon (Jerry) Kale; and his special neighbors, Bud and Rose.

Joe was loved very much and will be missed by his family and friends.

Funeral Mass will be celebrated 10 a.m. Friday, Oct. 4, at St. Anthony Catholic Church, Laurel. Interment will be in the Bridger Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to charity of choice. Smith Funeral Chapel-Laurel was in charge of arrangements.

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Paul P. Reichert

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Paul P. Reichert, 83 of Billings, passed away Friday, Dec. 5, 2003, at St. Vincent Health-care.

The son of Paul and Kathryn Reichert, he was born in Bridger, on June 6, 1920. After attending school in Bridger, Paul worked in the CCC camps, fighting forest fires. He married Helen R. Hegel in Fromberg on Nov. 19, 1940.

During WWII, Paul joined the Navy Seabees and served at Adak in the Aleutian Islands.

A member of the Teamsters Union, Paul had worked for Billings Dairy, United Buck-



PAUL REICHERT

ingham Freight and Ringsby United. A skilled carpenter, he had also worked for American Appliance and Montana Billiards before retiring.

He enjoyed fishing, hunting, fly tying, camping, metal detecting, rock hounding and

sharing stories. Whenever he was able to, he liked having his good friend, Vern Kilfoy, pick him up so he could be with his Saturday morning coffee buddies. He always enjoyed baby sitting and playing with his great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his son Don, and brothers and sisters, Anne, Thelma, Frank, John, Antone, Maggie and Rose.

Survivors include his wife Helen; daughters, Jeanette Peterson and Linda (Joe) Hoppman of Billings; son, Ted (Pat) Reichert of Helena; daughter-in-law, Eilene Reich-

ert of Billings; two brothers, Pete of Billings and Martin of Tucson; 10 grandchildren, Rusty and Rachelle Reichert, Toby Erickson, Jeff and Scott Peterson, T.J., Donald and Eric Reichert, and Melissa Hoppman Parish and Matthew Hoppman, and five great-grandchildren.

Vigil services will be 8 p.m. Monday at Holy Rosary Church. The Funeral Mass will be 11 a.m. Tuesday at the church.

Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary has charge of arrangements. Memorials may be made to Holy Rosary Church.

Jack F. Reid

April 2, 1937 — Oct. 4, 2003

Jack, loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, uncle and friend, passed away peacefully, Oct. 4, 2003, at St. Vincent Health-care, surrounded by his family.



JACK REID

Jack was born April 2, 1937, to David and Irene Reid in Bearcreek. Jack grew up in Red Lodge. In 1956, Jack enlisted in the Navy. After the service, Jack returned to Red Lodge, where he met and married the love of his life, his wife of 42 years, Lois Kainu Reid. Jack and Lois made their home in Billings, where together they raised three daughters, Tina, Lisa and Gina.

Jack worked as a mechanic for International Harvester, owned Jack's Exxon, was a sales rep, worked for numerous contractors in the electrical trade, was a member of the Operating Engineers while employed in Colstrip at the mine, and later retired from the Billings Gazette, where he worked for building maintenance. Jack truly was the "Jack of all Trades"!

Jack loved spending time with his family. He especially looked forward to the times that involved his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He also enjoyed gardening, camping, fishing, boating and golfing with his wife, family and friends!

Jack will be remembered for his overwhelming enthusiasm to help whenever he could, however he could. He was always there to lend a hand!

Jack is survived by his wife, Lois; daughter Tina (Dennis) Dowdy of Redmond, Ore., Lisa (Mike) Moline and Gina (Cedric) Reid-Pogue of Billings; grandchildren, Julie Dowdy of Bend, Ore., Krystal (James) Lyons of Hinesville, Ga., Rochelle "Rocky" Dowdy of Redmond, Jamie and Makayla Moline of Burns, Ore., Taylor Scott of Lewistown, Destiny Reid, Alexis Walls, Jordyn Pogue of Billings, Cedric Pogue, II of Chester and Anthony Pogue of Mt. Enterprise, Texas; great-grandchildren, Vanessa Reid-Dowdy, Te'a and Mekhi Dowdy of Bend and Layla Lyons of Hinesville; a brother, Paul (Judy) Reid of Billings; and numerous nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his father, mother and brother David.

A father is...

A father is a source of strength,

A teacher and a guide,

The one his family looks up to
With loving trust and pride...

A father is a helper

With a willing hand to lend,

A partner, an adviser,

And the finest kind of friend

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be held Wednesday, Oct. 8, at the Cremation or Funeral Gallery, at 11:30 a.m. Reception to follow at the Moose Lodge, 171 Calhoun Lane. Should family or friends desire, memorial contributions can be made to an organization of one's choice.

We will miss you more than you will ever know!

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Agnes Reidle

FAIRVIEW — Agnes
Dachak Reidle, 81, of Fairview,
died Wednesday, Dec. 3, 2003, at
the Sidney Extended Care
Facility.

Funeral services will be at 10
a.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, at the Zion
Lutheran Church in Fairview.
Burial will be in the Fairview
Cemetery.

Falkerson Funeral Home of
Sidney is in charge.

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Phil Reimers

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Phil Reimers, 82, of Sheridan, died Wednesday, Nov. 19, 2003, at Sheridan Manor.

Visitation will be from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 23, at Kane Funeral Home in Sheridan. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, Nov. 24, at First Christian Church. Interment will follow in the Sheridan Municipal Cemetery.

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John Reiss

John Reiss, 81, passed away at St. Vincent Healthcare on Thursday, June 26, 2003, after a long and courageous fight with cancer.

John was born in Vinkovci, Yugoslavia, Jan. 1, 1922, to Paul and Sophie Reiss. John spent his youth in Yugoslavia and later moved to Germany with his family. Those years prior to John coming to the U.S. held very difficult times and challenges, but also held very rich and engaging stories of an extremely interesting man.

In 1955, John moved to Billings through the sponsorship of First Congregational Church and Jackie North, where he joined his sister, Johanna, who was also residing here. In 1956, he founded Star Office Machines, one of Billings' oldest retail businesses. The business, which originated downtown on First Avenue North, grew from a one-room store to the present-day location.

John married Diane Jackson on Sept. 8, 1957. They loved to dance and did so until the wee hours at Billings' most popular nightclubs of the day. They also enjoyed get-togethers with their European and American friends. They were blessed in the years to come with three children.

Throughout the following years, time was divided between running Star Office, many social

**JOHN REISS**

and civic activities, children's activities and events, and a beautiful cabin at Nye. John and son Greg spent hours tending to the outdoor chores of the cabin, but it resulted in a beautiful and peaceful setting to get away from it all. John could often be seen in his chef's apron at the outdoor barbecue cooking up some fantastic feast for huge groups of friends. The parties held at Nye and at John and Diane's home in Billings were the talk of the town.

At some point, John and Diane purchased a new cabin retreat in Red Lodge. John loved it there and again spent hours working outdoors, until his health no longer allowed.

He was no stranger to hard work and up until a few years ago could work circles around people half his age. He loved to cook. He was also a very talented artist and painted some beautiful oil paintings. John loved politics and spent much time discussing the politics of Europe, as well as U.S. politics. He loved to discuss European history and held many captive with great stories and favorite jokes, which would bring a huge grin to his face.

John enjoyed all sports and played in one of the Billings original soccer teams with a host of European friends. Most recently he made a point to attend his grandson Brian's many sporting events which brought him great joy.

He was very proud of his family business and very fortunate to work along side his wife, three children and mother-in-law, as well as many wonderful and devoted employees. You could always count on him to be the first one through the door in the morning to start the coffee and the last to lock up at night. Through the years of John's illness, he never missed a day from work unless he was in the hospital. He could be found at the bench working on a

typewriter, but greeting as many friends and customers as possible was what he enjoyed most.

John was a member of Ashlar Lodge-Scottish Rite, Al Bedoo Shrine, and Sheriff's Brigade, Billings Kiwanis (past president) Golden K Kiwanis, BPOE Elks and he spent many years involved with NOMDA (National Office Machines Dealer Association).

John's faith in God sustained him and we know that he is now home without pain and suffering.

The family would like to thank the staff of Billings Oncology Associates and in particular Lori Carahasen for the compassion she shared with John throughout the past months. We also want to thank the staff of St. Vincent third floor Oncology section for their caring assistance to the end.

John is survived by his wife of 46 years, Diane; one son, Greg (Cindy) Reiss; two daughters, Lietta Bourne and Renee (Larry) LeSueur; three grandchildren, Brenna Bourne, Lindsey Reiss and Brian LeSueur; his mother-in-law, Ruth Jackson; his sister, Johanna Sasich, all of Billings. He also has two sisters, Rosie Reiss and Kathe Krauch; and one brother, Adolf Reiss, all of Germany; and many nieces and nephews.

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John was preceded in death by his parents, father-in-law Willis Jackson, and most recently son-in-law, Lin Bourne.

Dad — "The strong person you were and the influence you made in our lives will never be forgotten. Your perseverance over the past month to try everything possible to stay with us is a tribute to the type of man you were. We love you and will hold you in our hearts forever. Prost!! Until we meet again!!"

Grandpa — "We love you and will miss you very much. You will never be forgotten."

Visitation was on Monday, June 30, at Michelotti-Sawyers. Funeral services will be held at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 1, at First Congregational United Church of Christ. Interment will follow at Yellowstone Valley Memorial Park. Memorials may be made to the charity of one's choice.

Michelotti-Sawyers is in charge of arrangements.

Amelia Reiter

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Amelia Reiter, 90, died Dec. 29, 2003, at Aspen Meadows with family by her side. A thank you to the nurses, CNAs and all who took care of her.

Amelia was born April 26, 1913, in Garden City, Kan. She moved to Balantyne with her parents, Fred and Anna Oblander, where she attended school and worked many hours in



**AMELIA
REITER**

the fields of her parents' farm. On Dec. 31, 1932, she married George Reiter in Worden where together they farmed for many years, raised chickens and sold eggs to many people and businesses in the area.

Mom enjoyed cooking many German dishes which we all enjoyed so very much. She was well known for her delicious angel food cakes which she would make for friends, family and shut-ins. She was active in her church where she played the piano and organ and sang in the choir.

After George's death in January of 1982, Amelia continued to live on the farm until May of 1999 when she could no longer live alone and moved to

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Aspen Meadows Assisted Living. In December of 2001, she was moved to the Aspen Meadows Nursing Home.

The joy of her life was to help and see her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. We all loved her dearly and will miss her, but we know she is in Heaven rejoicing with her family who have gone before.

She is survived by one son, Eugene Reiter and wife Carol of Worden; one daughter, Evelyn Cline and husband Bill of Billings; one son-in-law, Tom Baum of Ballantine; 11 grandchildren, Diane Morehouse of Worden, Susan Johnson of Minot, N.D., David Reiter of Colorado, Nancy Reiter of Baltimore, Steven Reiter of Laurel, Jamey Baum of Ballantine, Cheryl Ryan of Colorado, Charleen Habel of Billings, Coreen Wright of Colorado, Teri Richardson of Billings and Keri Hovland of Billings; sisters-in-law, Alvina Oblander of Billings and Clara Reiter of St. Louis; 17 great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, George; a daughter, Doris Baum; grandson Lonny Baum; four brothers, Bill, Jake, Ed and George Oblander; sisters, Frieda Kindsfather and Mollie Henry; and her parents, Fred and Anna Oblander.

Thanks, Mom, for being a wonderful, kind, caring and loving Mother, Grandmother and friend. We have many precious memories.

Visitations may be made Friday at the Smith Downtown Chapel. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday at the First Alliance Church, 19th Street W. and Central Avenue, with interment to follow at the Pleasantview Cemetery in Ballantine. Memorials may be made to the Worden Open Bible Church.

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Katherine Mary Reiter

Katherine Mary Reiter, 96, of Billings, died Sunday, Dec. 7, 2003, at St. John's Lutheran Nursing Home.

The daughter of Nick and Anna Kraus, Katherine was born Feb. 18, 1907, in



**KATHERINE
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Beitrance, Luxembourg. The family came to the United States in 1909 and settled in North Dakota where they lived until moving to Medicine Lake, Mont., where she started school. In 1920 they moved to Grenora, N.D., where she graduated from high school. After attending college at Minot and Valley City, N.D., Katherine taught for seven memorable years in the rural schools of North Dakota, where she loved the children very much.

In 1934, she moved to Laurel. From 1936 until her retirement in 1972, Katherine was employed by the O.M. Wold Co. She loved people and enjoyed working with them.

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She married Alexander "Dick" Reiter on Feb. 6, 1971. He passed away March 24, 1986.

Katherine loved the outdoors and enjoyed fishing, baseball, and driving about the country sight seeing and hiking. She had many pastimes including reading, playing cards, crossword puzzles and fancy work. She had many friends and spent much time visiting and being with them.

The last of the Kraus family, Katherine is survived by four nieces, Jacque, Beverly, Barbara and Kay, and two nephews, Mike and Bill.

Vigil services will be 7 p.m. Wednesday at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Laurel. Funeral Mass will be 10 a.m. Thursday at the church with Rite of Committal in the Laurel Cemetery.

Hazel Ellen Rehms

Hazel Ellen Rehms, 87, of Billings, died Sunday, March 9, 2003, at Deaconess Billings Clinic.

No services are planned. Smith Funeral Chapels is in charge of cremation.

Frieda Reiber

GREYBULL, Wyo. — Frieda Reiber, 78, of Greybull, died Sunday, Aug. 24, 2003, at the Bonnie Bluejacket Nursing Home in Greybull.

Her funeral service will be 10 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 28, at Zion Lutheran Church in Worland. Burial will follow in Riverview Cemetery in Worland. Veile Mortuary of Worland is in charge.

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Sophie Reich

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Sophie Reich, 89, of Billings, died Saturday, July 19, 2003, at the Billings Health and Rehab Center.

Funeral services will be 1 p.m. Wednesday, July 23, at Smith Downtown Chapel with interment to follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens. No visitations are planned. Smith Downtown Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Darla Jean Reid

RED LODGE — Our loving mother went home to be with our Lord on Thursday, Jan. 23, 2003. She was born in Red Lodge on Oct. 29, 1936, to Barbara and Russell Loughney. Darla married David K. Reid and lived in Red Lodge with their four children. Her family was her life and her greatest joy came from her grandchildren.

Survivors include three sisters, Jackie Bakich, Kay Parker and Gaynell Russell; her aunt Gaynell and uncle Fred Schwin; aunt Phyllis Hansen; uncles Dick and Joe Loughney. Darla has two daughters, Jean DeVerniero and her husband, Paul; and Jan Miller and her husband, Hugh; two sons, David Reid and his wife, Debbie; and Bob Reid and his wife, Vickie. Also, many grandchildren, Pam Westberg, Angie DeVerniero, Heather and Sarah Reid, Ryan and Erin Miller, Kayla, Jeremy and Dylan Reid; and great-grandchildren Darion and Tyler Westberg.

Mom and Dad are together again, forever.

A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. at St. Agnes Church in Red Lodge on Tuesday, Jan. 28. A luncheon will be served at the church following the burial services at the Red Lodge Cemetery. Donations can be made to Horizon Hospice House.

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Emma Rein

TERRY — Emma Rein, 88, died Saturday, Jan. 11, 2003, at the Prairie Community MAF in Terry.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 15, at the Terry Community Presbyterian Church in Terry. Interment will be in the Sidney Cemetery in Sidney. Visitation will be from 2 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 14, at the chapel of the Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home in Glendive, with a prayer service at 7 p.m. Visitation will also be one hour prior to the service at the church on Wednesday. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Glendive and Frank Family Funeral Home of Wahpeton, N.D., are in charge.

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Shirley A. Reineke

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LEWISTOWN — Shirley A. Reineke, 70, of Lewistown, died Sunday, Feb. 9, 2003, at the Central Montana Medical Center.

Memorial services will be at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 13, at Cloyd Funeral Home Chapel in Lewistown. Cremation has taken place.

MAR 09 2003**Marilyn A. Reinitz**

CAMPBELL, Neb. — Former Roundup, Mont., resident Marilyn A. Reinitz, 67, died after a short illness on Tuesday, Feb. 18, 2003, at University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha.

Marilyn was born in Minneapolis, Aug. 9, 1935, to Adolph and Emma (Moenke) Reinitz. He attended high school in Belle Plaine, Minn., and graduated from Adolphus Gustavus College, St. Peter, Minn., in 1957. He continued his education, studying hospital administration, and, subsequently, worked as a hospital/nursing home administrator in Minnesota, Montana, Washington and Nebraska, until retiring in Campbell in 2001. While he was working in Roundup, he married

Margaret "Peggy" (Stefanik) Lee on April 19, 1981.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one son, Allen; and one brother, Arvin.

Survivors include his wife Margaret "Peggy" Reinitz, of Campbell; daughter, Wendy (Kelvin) Nelson, of Cokato, Minn.; daughter, Gaile (Daryll) Sutton, of Kenai, Alaska; step-daughter, Leah (Tim) Ostrander, of Campbell; stepson, Christopher (Robin) Lee, of Orlando, Fla.; and 14 grandchildren.

Services will be held at a later date in Minnesota, with inurnment in Brown Cemetery, Henderson, Minn. Heafey-Heafey-Hoffman-Dworak and Cutler in Omaha were in charge of arrangements.

Beatrice Mae Reinke

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JUL 10 2003

COLUMBUS — At the age of 78, Bea Reinke died peacefully at Beartooth Manor in Columbus, early Tuesday morning, July 8, 2003. Bea has been a resident at Beartooth since 1993.

Born in Dean, Mont., the daughter of Charles and Bertha Rickman, Bea moved with her family to Billings at a young age. She attended Billings Senior High.

On Feb. 22, 1946, Bea married Irvin Reinke in Forsyth. They owned and operated a bar and restaurant in Hysham. Also during that time, she owned a dress shop in Forsyth, commuting daily from Hysham to Forsyth. In 1973, they sold the bar and the dress shop and moved to Billings.

In 1986, they moved to Huntley. Following Irv's death in 1989, Bea moved to Billings, residing there until being admitted to Beartooth Manor in Columbus.

Bea leaves behind her two sons, Ron of Mesa, Ariz., and Irvin (Donna) of Kent, Wash.; and four grandchildren.

A funeral service will be 1:30 p.m. Saturday, July 12, at Dahl Funeral Chapel in Billings. Visitation will be from 12:30 to 1:15 p.m., prior to the service. Cremation will take place following Bea's service. Memorials may be made to Beartooth Manor, 350 West Pike Ave., Columbus, MT 59019.

JUN 29 2003

John Reiss, 81, passed away at St. Vincent Healthcare on Thursday, June 26, 2003, after a long and courageous fight with cancer.

John was born in Vinkovci, Yugoslavia, Jan. 1, 1922, to Paul and Sophie Reiss. John spent his youth in Yugoslavia and later moved to Germany with his family. Those years prior to John coming to the U.S. held very difficult times and challenges, but also held very rich and engaging stories of an extremely interesting man.

In 1955 John moved to Billings through the sponsorship of First Congregational Church and Jackie North, where he joined his sister, Johanna, who was also residing here. In 1956 he founded Star Office Machines, one of Billings oldest retail businesses. The business, which originated downtown on First Ave. N., grew from a one room store to the present day location.

John married Diane Jackson on Sept. 8, 1957. They loved to dance and did so until the wee hours at Billings most popular nightclubs of the day. They also enjoyed get-togethers with their European and American friends. They were blessed in the years to come with three children. Throughout the following years, time was divided between running Star Office, many social and

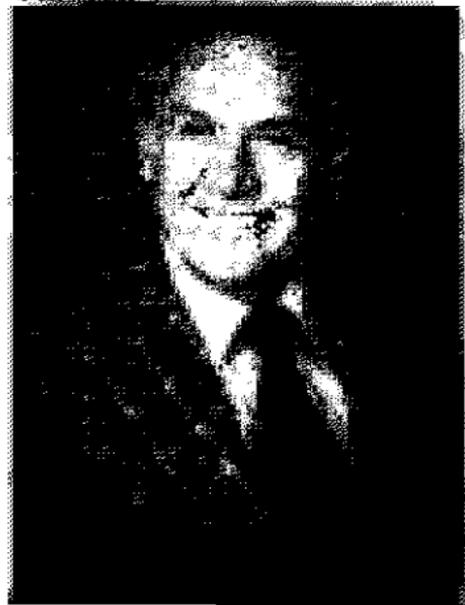
civic activities, children's activities and events, and a beautiful cabin at Nye. John and son Greg spent hours tending to the outdoor chores of the cabin, but it resulted in a beautiful and peaceful setting to get away from it all. John could often be seen in his chef's apron at the outdoor barbeque cooking up some fantastic feast for huge groups of friends. The parties held at Nye and at John and Diane's home in Billings were the talk of the town. At some point, John and Diane purchased a new cabin retreat in Red Lodge. John loved it there and again spent hours working outdoors, until his health no longer allowed.

He was no stranger to hard work and up until a few years ago could work circles around people half his age. He loved to cook, he was also a very talented artist and painted some beautiful oil paintings. John loved politics and spent much time discussing the politics of Europe, as well as U.S. politics. He loved to discuss European history and held many captive with great stories and favorite jokes, which would bring a huge grin to his face. John enjoyed all sports and played in one of the Billings original soccer

teams with a host of European friends. Most recently he made a point to attend his grandson Brian's many sporting events which brought him great joy.

He was very proud of his family business and very fortunate to work along side his wife, three children and mother-in-law as well as many wonderful and devoted employees. You could always count on him to be the first one through the door in the morning to start the coffee and the last to lock up at night.

Through the years of John's ill-



JOHN REISS

ness he never missed a day from work unless he was in the hospital. He could be found at the bench working on a typewriter but greeting as many friends and customers as possible was what he enjoyed most.

John was a member of Ashlar Lodge-Scottish Rite, Al Bedoo Shrine, and Sheriff's Brigade, Billings Kiwanis (past president) Golden K Kiwanis, BPOE Elks and he spent many years involved with NOMDA (National Office Machines Dealer Association). John's faith in God sustained him and we know that he is now home without pain and suffering.

The family would like to thank the staff of Billings Oncology Associates and in particular Lori Carahasen for the compassion she shared with John throughout the past months. We also want to thank the staff of St. Vincent third floor Oncology section for their caring assistance to the end.

John is survived by his wife of 46 years, Diane; one son, Greg (Cindy) Reiss; two daughters, Lietta Bourne and Renee (Larry) LeSueur; three grandchildren, Brenna Bourne, Lindsey Reiss and Brian LeSueur; his mother-in-law Ruth Jackson; his sister Johanna Sasich-all of Billings. He also has two sisters; Rosie Reiss and Kathe Krauch; and one brother, Adolf Reiss all of Germany; and many nieces and nephews.

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John was preceded in death by his parents, father-in-law, Mike Jackson, and most recently mother-in-law, Lisa Bourne.

Dad - The strong person you were and the influence you made in our lives will never be forgotten. Your perseverance over the years to try everything possible to stay with us is a tribute to the type of man you were. We love you and will hold you in our hearts forever. Rest in Peace Until we meet again!

Grandpa - "we love you and will miss you very much. You will never be forgotten."

Visitation will be from 3 - 7 p.m., Monday, June 30, at Michelotti-Sawyers. Funeral services will be held at 3:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 1, at First Congregational United Church of Christ. Burial will follow at Yellowstope Valley Memorial Park. Memorials may be made to the charity of one's choice.

Michelotti-Sawyers is in charge of arrangements.

DEC 30 2003

Bernard H. Rembold

HARLOWTON — Bernard H. Rembold, 72, formerly of Big Timber, passed away Sunday, Dec. 28, 2003, at Deaconess Billings Clinic.

Cremation has taken place and a memorial service will be held in Harlowton at a later date. Arrangements are by Cremation or Funeral Gallery in Billings.

APR 22 2003



STEVEN RENNER

Steven Michael Renner

Steven Michael Renner was born on Aug. 26, 1974, in Pasco, Wash., and passed away in Billings, of unknown complications, on April 19, 2003.

He is survived by his wife Hope, daughter of Curt and Sue Schelle, 4½-year-old son, Parker Steven Michael, 2½-year-old, Page Emilee Noel; his parents, Bob and Peggy Renner of Billings; brother Rob and wife Heather of Vancouver, Wash. (Hayden); grandmothers Opal Renner of Woodland, Wash., and Ruth Campbell of Yacolt, Wash.

Steven moved to Billings in 1995 and married the love of his life in 1997. His passions were his family and the outdoors. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, camping and beautiful sunsets. Steven always wanted his children to

know there is nothing they can't do, as long as they are willing to try and keep trying even if they don't succeed the first time.

Funeral services will be held at Mount Olive Lutheran Church on Thursday, April 24, at 10 a.m., where Steven was a member. Interment will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that memorial gifts be sent to The Steven Renner Children Fund, c/o First Interstate Bank, PO Box 31438, Billings, MT 59107.

Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

MAR 25 2009

John Resinger

John Resinger, 87 of Billings, passed away Sunday, March 23, 2009, at the Valley Health Care Center.

The son of Joseph and Mary Resinger, John was born Nov. 6, 1915, at Carpenter Creek, Mont.

During WWII, John served with Company A, 280th Combat Engineer Battalion, and fought in the Battle of the Bulge. Following his discharge, he returned to Montana. On Nov. 22, 1958, he married Doris Bear in Columbus. Following their marriage, they made their home in Billings.

John was a carpenter and worked for Hanson and Kelly Construction until retiring in 1978.

An avid golfer, John loved to play Par Three.

Survivors include his daughter, Pam Coop and her husband Rick of Billings; three grandchildren, Bret, Andy and Samantha Becker; and two sisters, Hedvig Simera of Washington and Nellie Nelson of Billings.

He was preceded in death by his wife Doris on Feb. 8, 1990; son John "Sonny" in 1980; and a brother, Jake; and sister Alice.

Funeral services will be 1 p.m. Friday, March 28, at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary. Interment with military honors will follow at Mountview Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the DAV.

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Fidencio (Curly) Reyna

Fidencio (Curly) Reyna, 72, of Powell died at Deaconess Hospital in Billings in the early morning hours of Saturday, Oct. 18.

Visitation will be on Thursday evening from 5 to 7 p.m. at Miratsky-Easton Funeral Home.

Per his wishes, cremation will follow the Thursday night visitation and no funeral services are scheduled.

JUN 6 7 2003

GILLETTE, Wyo. —Fred
Clark Reynolds, 85, of Campbell
County, died Wednesday, June 4,
2003, at the Campbell County
Memorial Hospital.

Funeral services will be at 2
p.m. Monday, June 9, at the
Presbyterian Church in Gillette.
Burial will follow in the Rozet
Cemetery in Rozet. Visitation
will be from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Monday, at the Presbyterian
Church. Stevenson-Wilson
Funeral Home of Gillette is in
charge.

DEC 06 2003

Robert Roy Reynolds

COLUMBUS — Robert R. Reynolds, age 75, of Columbus, passed away peacefully and unexpectedly in his sleep at his home near Columbus on Thursday, Dec. 4, 2003.

Bob was born March 13, 1928, in Grand Rapids, Mich., the son of Peter and Mildred (Ladewig) Reynolds. He attended school in Grand Rapids and graduated from South High School in Grand Rapids in 1946. The day after graduation, Bob left for the Navy and, after getting out in 1948, joined the IBEW electrical apprenticeship program in 1950. He worked as a construction electrician until his retirement in 1991.

Bob was very proud to be a master electrician in Michigan Local 307 and 557 and the Billings Local 332, with a total of 50-plus years.

When he was 40 years old, he came to Montana to hunt with friends. He fell in love with Montana and moved his family here 25 years ago and Montana was home.

Bob was preceded in death by his father, sister Elaine and daughter Charlene Mary Reynolds of Michigan.

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Bob is survived by his wife Jean of 52 years; son, Robert B. Reynolds of Fromberg; daughter, Terry (Jim) Nowak of Gainesville, Fla.; daughter, Jill Reynolds of Columbus and her children Rebecca and Darren and son-in-law, Mark Geldersma of Lowell, Mich., and his children, Augustus and Joshua. Bob's grandchildren were very special to him, and he loved people and animals very much.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Monday at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Columbus. Smith Funeral Chapel-Columbus is in charge of arrangements.

MAY 19 2003

Shirley Reynolds

SAVAGE — Shirley Reynolds, 75, of Savage, died Sunday, May 11, 2003, at the Sidney Health Center Extended Care Facility.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, May 15, at the First Lutheran Church in Savage. Interment will be in the Riverview Cemetery in Savage. Falkerson Funeral Home of Sidney is in charge.

Mary Alice Rhoads

LOVELL, Wyo. — Mary Alice "Muggs" Rhoads, 89, died Saturday, April 5, 2003, at New Horizons Care Center.

Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, April 10, at Haskell Funeral Home in Lovell. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Friday, April 11, at the United Methodist Church. Interment will be in the Lovell Cemetery.

BILLINGS GAZETTE

APR 08 2003

MAR 21 2003

LIVINGSTON — Gertrude Malinda Ricci, 82, of Livingston, died Tuesday, March 18, 2003, at Livingston Health and Rehab Center.

A rosary will be at 7 p.m. Friday, March 21, at St. Mary's Catholic Church. Mass of the Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 22, at St. Mary's Church. Graveside committal and burial will follow in Calvary Cemetery. Franzen-Davis Funeral Home of Livingston is in charge.

Betty Lou 'Pudge' Harmon Rice

MISSOULA — Pudge passed away at her daughter's home in Missoula on Dec. 25, 2002. She was born on Jan. 12, 1936, at the family ranch in Harlem. She graduated from Chinook High School in 1954, attended Great Falls Commercial College in the fall of 1961, and on Jan. 12, 1962, she married James R. Rice.

Pudge was raised on the family ranch and became a champion barrel racer who also trained and cared for working horses. She loved the ranch and the rodeo arena. However, her life centered around her children and nothing made her happier than raising and spending time with them. She was an extraordinarily kind and generous woman who touched many lives; we all will miss her terribly while remembering her many, many special ways.

Pudge was preceded in death by her parents, Albert C. Harmon and Cynthia Leona Clixby Harmon; brothers A.W. "Buck" Harmon and V.J. "Bud" Harmon; sister Velma Leona Harmon Crook; brothers-in-law James Crook and Charles Hegman; nephew Curtis Hegman; and grandnephews Jon and Jan Artic Creighton.

Pudge is survived by her sister, Margaret L. "Sis" Harmon Hegman of Missoula; husband James R.

Rice of Conrad; daughter Debi Knight, son-in-law Kirk and grandson Andy, all of Missoula; son Victor C. Rice, daughter-in-law Kim Rice, step-grandson Matthew A. Goddard and "Spring" baby Rice, of Stevensville; and grandsons Alex M. and Wesley P. J. Rice of Vista, Calif.; daughter Brenda L. McKinnon and son-in-law Douglas G. McKinnon, granddaughter Brittany L. Bentham, all of Billings; and grandson Justin M. Bentham of Laurel. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Cremation has taken place and a private memorial service will be held at the 2003 Harmon Family Reunion. The family requests that memorials be made to any Hospice program.

I Have Decided

- I will do more than belong..
- I will participate.
- I will do more than believe..
- I will practice.
- I will do more than care..
- I will help.
- I will do more than be fair..
- I will be kind.
- I will do more than forgive..
- I will forget.
- I will do more than teach..
- I will exhort.
- I will do more than be friendly..
- I will be a friend.

Dorothy Tindall Rice

BILLINGS GAZETTE

APR 02 2003

Dorothy Tindall Rice, 94, of Billings, formerly Waterbury, Md., died Monday, March 31, 2003, at St. John's Lutheran Nursing Home.

Survivors include her daughter, Mary Gottwals and her husband Harry of Billings; grandsons, Bill Gottwals and his wife Paige of Billings, Philip Gottwals and his wife Deb of Columbia, Md., and Clif Gottwals of Boulder, Colo.; and four great-grandchildren.

Cremation has taken place. Graveside services will be held at the Baldwin Memorial United Methodist Church Cemetery, Millersville, Md., at a later date.

Memorials may be made to St. John's Lutheran Nursing Home.

Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary has charge of arrangements.

DEC 16 2003

George P. Rice

DENTON — George P. Rice,
85, died Sunday, Dec. 14, 2003, at
his home.

Funeral services will be at 11
a.m. Thursday at Hillcrest
Cemetery. The family asks that
friends and family meet at
Denton Community Methodist
Church at 10:00 a.m. and proceed
to the cemetery. Creel Funeral
Home in Lewistown is in charge.

MAY 12 2003

Howard R. Rice

HARLOWTON — Howard Rice passed away peacefully on Saturday, May 10, 2003, at the Deaconess Billings Clinic. Services to celebrate his life will be in Harlowton at 10 a.m. Tuesday, May 13, at the Perkins Funeral Home. Burial will follow services at Harlowton Cemetery.



**HOWARD
RICE**

Howard R. "P-Nutz" Rice was born Sept. 11, 1917, in Cincinnati, Iowa. His parents were William Cleve Rice and Rosa Fidelia Irving Rice. His dad was killed in a coal mining accident at Queens Point in Roundup in 1946. His mother, Delia, later married Eli Popovich and lived in Roundup for many years until her death on Aug. 6, 1983.

P-Nutz came to Montana in 1927 when he was 10 from the family farm in Iowa. He attended school in Roundup from fifth grade through his junior year. On Jan. 29, 1935, he began to work at the mine, and continued until

February of 1942. He worked for the Roundup Coal Mining Company in the No. 3 Mine.

On Aug. 10, 1941, he went to work as a brakeman with the Milwaukee Railroad, where he remained a loyal employee for over 30 years. He moved to Harlowton in 1952, where he lived until his death in 2003. While he was employed by the railroad, he also enjoyed farming from 1967 to 1990, south of Shawmut on the Homer Griffith farm.

He married Josephine "Jo" Smith on Dec. 31, 1968. She had three daughters, and throughout their 32-year marriage he played an active role in the lives of the girls and their families. He loved fishing, and had a long and successful hunting career with 27 elk to his credit. He built more than 900 various birdhouses, and gave them to area ranchers and townspeople in hopes of increasing the native bird population in Montana.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sisters, Nina Meyers,

Leona Burns, and Ima Jean Rice; and is survived by his brother, Gene Rice and sister, Roberta Morse.

His beloved wife, Josephine Rice preceded him in death on Nov. 15, 2001. His surviving family members include Twyla Wise and her husband, Harlan, of Roundup, Wilma Clark and her husband, Gary, of Belgrade, and Glenda Johnson and her husband, David, of Virginia Beach, Va. He has six grandchildren, Bobbye Eike and her husband, Bert, of Big Fork, Michael Clark and his wife, Michale, of Belgrade, David Clark and his wife, Carmen, of Bozeman, Kody Boeger and her husband, Scott, of Craig, Colo., McKenzie Laurence and her husband, Brian, of Jacksonville, N.C., and Matthias Johnson of Annapolis, Md. He also had six great-grandchildren with expected twins on the way.

CODY, Wyo. — Misses Rich,
Oct. 8, 2000,
Home Care

will be from 3 to 7
p.m. Thursday, Oct. 9, at Ballard
Funeral Home in Cody. Funeral
services will be at 10:30 a.m.
Friday, Oct. 10, at Grace Baptist
Church. Interment will follow in
Cody Cemetery.

Billings, Mont.
 of his family
 Billings, Mont.

BUFFALO, Wyo. — Leon
 Dick, 83, of Buffalo, died Sunday,
 Sept. 7, 2008, at the Johnson
 County Healthcare Center.

A rosary will be at 7 p.m.
 Thursday, Sept. 12, at St. John the
 Baptist Catholic Church. Mass of
 Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m.
 Friday, Sept. 13, at St. John the
 Baptist Catholic Church. Private
 family interment will be in the
 Mount Pagan Cemetery in
 Helena. Adams Funeral Home of
 Helena is in charge.

Willis D. Rich

BILLINGS GAZETTE
APR 13 2003

CODY, Wyo. — Willis D. Rich, 79, died Thursday, April 10, 2003, at the West Park Long Term Care Center.

Visitation will be 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., Monday, April 14, at Ballard Funeral Home. Funeral services will be 2 p.m., Tuesday, April 15, at the First Presbyterian Church. Interment will follow in Riverside Cemetery.

JUN 19 2003

Dwight E. Richard

BOZEMAN — On Friday, June 13, 2002, Dwight E. Richard lost his battle with cancer at Mountain View Care Center.

Dwight was born Jan. 14, 1950, in Dillon, to Dean and Doris (McAdam) Richard. He received his education in the schools there and graduated from Beaverhead County High School. He also attended the University of Montana-Western.

During his high school and college years, he worked for Dan Ibey Construction. Following school, he moved to Bozeman, where he continued his wood-working career.

He was preceded in death by his father and his grandparents.

Dwight is survived by his mother, Doris, Dillon; brother, Don (JoAnn), Miles City; sister, Darlene (Eric), Oklahoma City, Okla.; sister, Deanna (John), Missoula; and numerous nieces and nephews.

There will be a time of remembering for friends and relatives at 7 p.m. Thursday, June 26, at Dokken-Nelson Sunset Chapel, 113 S. Willson Ave., Bozeman.

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

Dorothy Richards

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Dorothy Richards, 94, of Sheridan, died Thursday, June 26, 2003, at Sheridan VA Medical Center.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, July 2, at Griswold Cemetery in Griswold, Iowa. Duhn Funeral Home of Griswold is in charge of Iowa arrangements. Kane Funeral Home of Sheridan is in charge of local arrangements.

BRILLIANT GAZETTE

JUL - 2 2003

Gregory Richards

BILLINGS GAZETTE

AUG 26 2003

Gregory Richards, 56, of Billings, died Saturday, Aug. 23, 2003, at Deaconess Billings Clinic.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 27, at Cremation or Funeral Gallery.

Janet Marie Richards

BILLINGS GAZETTE

AUG 13 2003

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Janet Marie Richards, 61, died Saturday, Aug. 9, 2003, at her home.

Memorial services are at 2 p.m. Aug. 23, at the Big Horn Mountain Eagles 4169. Cremation will take place. Kane Funeral Home is in charge.

Ira Richardson

BILLINGS GAZETTE

FEB 23 2003

MISHAWAKA, Ind. — Ira R. Richardson, 64, of Cobblestone Circle North in Mishawaka, Ind., formerly of Billings, died Friday, Feb. 21, 2003, in his home of natural causes.

There will be no visitation or services. A wake will be held at a later time. Chapel Hill Funeral Home in Osceola, Ind., is in charge.

Ira R. Richardson
Nov. 13, 1938 — Feb. 21, 2003

BILLINGS GAZETTE

FEB 25 2003

MISHAWA-
KA, Ind. — Ira
R. Richardson,
age 64, of Cob-
blestone Circle
North in Mis-
hawaka, former-
ly of Billings,
Mont., passed
away at 4:05 a.m.
Friday, Feb. 21,
2003, in his
home, of natural
causes.



**IRA
RICHARDSON**

Mr. Richardson was born Nov. 13, 1938, to Clarence and Lorretta (Beatty) Richardson in Cincinnati. On Oct. 16, 1998, he married the former Ms. Debra Feiock-Pendergrass in Billings. She survives.

Also surviving are his mother, Lorretta Gross of Anderson; sons, Raymond and Owen Richardson of Billings; daughters Glenda and Darta Richardson of Billings; four brothers, Don Richardson of Florida, Jim Richardson of Anderson, Ron Richardson of Mishawaka and Michael Richardson of Florida. Surviving as well is a sister, Zola Kelly of Mishawaka; and 14 grandchildren. His father, Clarence, preceded him in death.

Mr. Richardson served his country as an Army Ranger in the U.S. Army from 1959 to 1982. As a

ranger, he served in a re-con unit, and earned six silver stars. Ira was also inducted into the Army Ranger Hall of Fame, and graduated from Columbia University. After retirement from the Army, Mr. Richardson was employed at Rimrock Mall, as a salesman at Archie Cochrane Ford and at the Billings Plaza Holiday Inn, Billings, before moving to Indiana.

There will be no visitation or services. A wake will be held at a later time. Chapel Hill Funeral Home, Osceola, is handling arrangements.

Mr. Richardson was a good man and was loved by all. He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

MAY 03 2003**Kenneth Lee
Richardson**

FLORENCE, Texas — Kenneth Richardson was born Sept. 18, 1959, in Billings, the son of H. Keith and Maria Richardson, and passed away April 26, 2003, in Florence. He was raised in Billings and graduated from West High and MSU-Bozeman and pursued his masters at the University of Texas. Kenneth owned and operated Applied Microbial Technology in Georgetown from 1985 to 2002.

Kenneth is survived by his parents; his son, Kenneth Andrew Richardson of Dickinson; a sister, Kathleen (Thomas) Hansen of Snohomish, Wash., and their children, Kaitlen and Eric; and special friends, Larry Fenton and Margaret Lively.

Cremation has taken place at the Gabriel Funeral Home in Georgetown. A memorial service will be held 4 p.m. Saturday, May 10, at Smith's West Chapel, 304 34th St. West.

JUN 19 2003

Nita Lucille Richardson

COLUMBUS — Nita Lucille Richardson, 88, passed away on Sept. 8, 2002, in East Greenwich, R.I.

Memorial services will be held 11 a.m. Friday, June 20, at the Community Congregational Church, Columbus with private family interment at Nye Cemetery.

FEB 28 2003

Rick Edward Richardson

WRIGHT, Wyo. — Rick Edward Richardson, 43, of Wright, died Tuesday, Feb. 25, 2003, in Casper, from injuries sustained in a fall.

Visitation will be from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday, March 2, at the Stevenson Funeral Home Chapel in Gillette. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Monday, March 3, at the Wright Baptist Church.

Robert N. Richardson

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Robert N. Richardson, 76, of Sheridan, died Thursday, Sept. 4, 2003, at Westview Health Care Center.

A private family memorial service will be at a later date. Christine Ferris Funeral Home of Sheridan is in charge.

Ryan Dean Richardson

Known affectionately as "Pete," "Petey," "Pedro" and "Orv," Ryan Dean Richardson, 21, died in a traffic accident near Bridger, Mont., Friday, Sept. 5.

He was born May 7, 1982, in Powell to Eric Dana and Sharon Marie (Bessler) Richardson. He graduated from Powell High School with the Class of 2001.

During his high school years, he was a member of the PHS wrestling team for four years and the rodeo team for three years. He competed in the Cody Night Rodeo from age 9 until his death, in events "from steers to bulls."



Ryan Richardson

He enjoyed being with his dad and sister, hunting, fishing or horn hunting, riding bulls and enjoying the wonders of the Wyoming outdoors. Those close to him will remember his infectious smile, bull-legged walk and his capacity, at times, to be a very stubborn guy.

Following his father's death in June of 2000, he was a great comfort and helper to his mom.

He was a loving son, brother, grandson, nephew, boy friend and friend.

Family members said of Ryan: "He was known to give more than 100 percent all the time, and whatever needed done, got done. Ryan was a leader, a very giving person to all that he came in contact with, be it behind the chutes at the rodeo, assisting family or friends or at his job. Young or old, they looked up to Ryan for his guidance and leadership. A son that everyone would want to have, no doubt."

Survivors include his mother, Sharon Richardson and the late Eric Dana Richardson of Powell; a sister, Dana Richardson; grandparents Raymond and Janice Bessler (Ninnie and Papas) and Fred and Barbara Richardson (Granny and Grampy), all of Powell; fiancée Kori Cross and her family, Danny and Val Cross and Justin Cross of Powell; aunts and uncles, Guy and Jan Bennett of Powell, Bud and Linda Bessler of Worland, Mike and Rindy Bessler of Shoshoni, Wanda and Cal Jacobs of Rochelle, Ill., Nancy and Carl Richardson of Vail, Ore., and Robin Richardson of New Meadows, Idaho; and numerous cousins.

Memorial services will be held today (Tuesday) at 4 p.m. at the Powell Eagles Lodge, with Pastor Kurt McNabb officiating. Casual dress is requested.

Should friends desire, memorials may be made to the Northwest College Foundation or a charity of choice.

Miratsky-Easton Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Lavio Richau

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

JUN 12 2003

TEMP E,
Ariz. — On March 6, 1931, Lavio Richau was sent to Earth on the cold wintry prairie of Western North Dakota. Lavio was a unique spirit who God sent to spread love and laughter wherever he went. He entertained without trying and he lifted others without knowing. His family was his hallmark.



**LAVIO
RICHAU**

At the age of 16, he married his life partner and soul mate, Janis Hendricks, on Sept. 13, 1947. In 1949, Lavio and Jan chose Billings as their home and began to raise multiple generations of loving children and as many animals as he could smuggle into the house. Lavio spent many of his working years with the American Appliance Co. of Billings. Lavio came to Arizona to bask in the sun in the '80s and never missed one day of northern weather.

Lavio was a gifted craftsman with many talents and will always be remembered for his pride in a job perfectly done. He

loved to make us laugh. Imagine his surprise when a swiftly moving cancer overtook him. He went to meet our Lord on June 8, 2003, surrounded by loving family and the support of his church home.

Lavio is survived by Janis, his wife of 55 years; his children, Greg (Debbie) Richau, Kevin (Pam) Richau and Ellen Raines; his grandchildren, Shawna (Brian) Bartel, Josh Richau, Sienna Richau, Ben Richau and Mandy Richau; his great-grandchildren, Brittney Richau, Kaylan Raines, Dakota Pollard and Ayden Oliver Richau; his mother, Esther Richau; his paternal brothers, Clem (Jean) Richau, Arly (Kathy) Richau, Lee (Amy) Richau; his paternal sister, Bonnie (Ron) Frohlich; and his maternal siblings, Ramona, Valerie, Paul, Lyle and Jerry. Lavio was preceded in death by his son/grandson, Shayne Raines, his father, Emil Richau and his birth mother, Lena Richau.

A memorial service will be held at the New Hope Church, Thursday, June 12, at 3 p.m. Any desired memorial gifts may be directed to the New Hope Church, 9365 South McKenay Street, Suite 103, Tempe, AZ 85284. An additional celebration of his life will be held in July in Billings.

David A. Richmond

BILLINGS GAZETTE

JAN 16 2003

COLUMBIA FALLS — David Andrew Richmond, 46, of Columbia Falls, died Monday, Jan. 13, 2003, at Memorial Hospital of Sheridan County, Wyo.

Cremation has taken place and a memorial service will be held at a later date in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Champion Ferries Funeral Home of Sheridan is in charge.

Leora Rickner

BELLINGS GAZETTE

NOV 02 2003

LEWISTOWN — Leora N. Rickner, 84, died Friday afternoon in the Central Montana Skilled Nursing Center of natural causes. She was born May 13, 1919, in Hector, Minn., the daughter of Herman and Mabel Spliltgerger. She received her education in Hector and then worked in the Hector area. On July 21, 1919, she was united in marriage to Herbert Wehking in Hector. They made their home in Hector until 1967, when they moved to Parkers Prairie, Minn. In 1972, they moved to Alexandria, where they lived

until his death in 1980. On Nov. 26, 1983, she was united in marriage to Chester Rickner in Alexandria. They moved to Lewistown in 1985, living the summers in Lewistown and the winters in Minnesota until 1990. In 1991, they moved to Great Falls, returning to Lewistown in 1994.

She was a member of the Zion Lutheran Church of Lewistown.

She enjoyed spending time with family and friends, painting, crocheting and hunting.

She is survived by her husband, Chester of Lewistown; two sons, Delmar Wehking of Parkers Prairie, Minn., and Richard Wehking of Hector, Minn.; two daughters, LaVonne Wilson of

Over

Lewistown, and Eaye Mylly-
kangas of Hutchinson, Minn.; one
brother Orb Fluhrer of Buffalo
Lake, Minn.; eight grandchildren,
six great grandchildren and sev-
eral nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by
her parents, two brothers and
two sisters.

Funeral Services for Leora M.
Rickner will be 2:00 p.m. on
Friday, Nov. 7, in the Zion
Lutheran Church with interment
to follow in the Lewistown City
Cemetery. The Cloyd Funeral
Home is in charge of arrange-
ments.

Friends are asked to make
memorials to the Zion Lutheran
Church or the charity of their
choice and they may be left at the
Cloyd Funeral Home.

Robert Rider

BILLINGS GAZETTE

JAN 19 2003

LAUREL — Robert Rider, 75, passed away Friday, Jan. 17, 2003, at Laurel Evergreen Health & Rehabilitation Center. His wife and family were at his side. He was born in Laurel on April 25, 1927, to Molly Gomer and Alex Rider and attended school in Laurel.



**ROBERT
RIDER**

As a young man he worked in the shipyards in Oregon, served in the U.S. Marines and started employment with Cenex Refinery in Laurel. He worked 45 years at Cenex, retiring in 1989.

He married Lorraine Kilwein on April 25, 1949. They shared 54 years of marriage together. Robert and Lorraine built a cabin on the East Fork of the Bitterroot River near Sula, sharing many happy times with family and friends. They brought their grandchildren with them to share Montana's treasures. Friends and family enjoyed vacations, hunting, fishing, snowmobiling and four-wheeling with them.

Robert and Lorraine traveled to Australia and New Zealand with his brother Ted and sister-in-law, Betty, for six weeks, celebrating his retirement. Robert

and Lorraine also traveled to Florida and the Bahamas with their daughter Audrey in 1988 and to El Salvador and Guatemala with their daughter Dawn and son-in-law, Gene, in 1999. During retirement he enjoyed gardening daily socializing with friends at Hardee's in Laurel and spending time with grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife Lorraine; two daughters, Dawn (Gene) Eckhardt of Laurel and Audrey Nichols of Missoula; a son, Robert Dean Rider of Laurel five grandchildren, Tech Sgt Colin (Julia) Stevick of Buechel Germany, Captain Chad (Jennifer) Eckhardt of Fort Rucker, Ala., Brandi and Cale Nichols of Missoula, and Kellie (Paul) Rasmussen of Hoageland; three great-grandchildren, Rachel and Rebecca Stevick and Daniel Rasmussen; three brothers, Theodore (Betty) Rider of Billings, Don McGinnis of Oregon City, Ore., and William (Denise) McGinnis of Klamath Falls, Ore.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, step-mother Martha Rider, step-father Ed McGinnis, and nephew Jack Rider.

Dad, take care. We will see you soon in eternal life.

C. L. R.

Memorials may be made to Big Sky Hospice, P. O. Box 30053, Billings, M.T. 59107-533, or St. Anthony Catholic Church in Laurel, at church of choice.

Services will be held 10 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 22, at Smith Funeral Chapel-Laurel.

Interment will be in the Laurel Cemetery with military honors.

JUN 28 2003

Ada Rides Horse

L O D G E
GRASS — Ada Rides Horse, 72, of Lodge Grass, died early Thursday morning, June 26, 2003, in the Billings St. Vincent Healthcare.



ADA RIDES HORSE

She was born Dec. 1, 1930, in Crow Agency, a daughter of Pete Whiteman and Susie White Hip. She was raised as a traditional Crow woman while receiving her education in Lodge Grass.

Ada married Henry Rides Horse, Sr. on Aug. 27, 1953, in Sheridan, Wyo., and the couple made their home in Lodge Grass. Mr. Rides Horse died in 1984.

She was a member of the Big Lodge Clan, a child of the Big Lodge Clan, a faithful member of the Our Lady of Loretto Catholic Church, Parish Council, Sacred Tobacco Society, Ree Society, as well as participating in several Sun Dances. Her traditional talents included the art of beading. Ada always opened her home to law enforcement officers for coffee and a break station, her home was known as the "Lodge Grass Substation."

Ada raised four of her grand-

children, Dezmond, Raphael, Whitney and Tiger. She was a proud "Kaala" and was extremely delighted to travel with Dezmond to numerous powwow competitions, where he performed Traditional and Chicken dances. She also enjoyed being visited by Diana Old Elk, Buddine Bends, Joann and Rhonda Horn.

Her parents; stepfather, Harry Beads Don't Mix; brothers, Raphael and Clifford; twin sisters, Thelma and Delma; sister, Rita; aunt, Clara Bends; and nephew, Francis, preceded Ada in death.

Survivors include four daughters, Luanna (Marvin) Stewart, Rhonda Rides Horse, Christine (Reuben) DeCrane and Ursula (Barry) Russell; six sons, Henry (Laura), Robert (Alberta) and Harold Rides Horse and Adrian Whiteman, Manuel (Linda) and Bernard (Delia) Covers Up; her adopted children; Raphael Rides Horse, Henry "Sargie," Jack and Debbie Old Horn, Theresa Haun, Carla Wilson, "Moke" Eagle Feathers, Aaron, Marlon, Elmer,

Deno (Marie) and Tom Yarlott; her sisters, Clara Nomee, Annette Anderson, Emma Bad Horse, Mary Helen (Alex) Medicine Horse and Harriett Don't Mix; her brothers, Jerome (Lois) and Vincent White Hip, Ivan Don't Mix, Sr., Thomas (Lois) Whiteman and William Gros Ventre; her adopted brothers and sisters, Dora Rides Horse, Paul and Joy Matt; her Traditional Crow mother, Lillian Hogan; her grandchildren, Stephanie (TR), Robin, CJ, Tanisha, Mikey, Stephanie, Alan, Bethany, Martin, Frankie, LJ, Harold Jr., Selena, Jullanna, Delbert, Adriano, Melanie, Sidney, Thomas, Nina, Stephen, Amber, Rocelle, Jon, Suzie, and Henry; her great-grandchildren, Thea, Tia, Tashon, Arella, Ervin, Aaliyah, Cyrilla, Andre, Romello, Michael and Daniel; her nieces, Georgine (Ronald) Falls Down, Natalie (Irvin) Stings Good, Annie (Cyrus) Leider, Mary and Tracy White Hip, Marie (Preston) Onion, Ardith (Lloyd) Hogan and Carmen (Clayton) LaForge; her nephews, Ryder, Neil (Michelle), Frazier, Gary and Steven White Hip; her extended family, including the Grey Bull, Cummings, Blaine, Horn, Hill and Little Nest families.

Rosary will be recited 4 p.m. Sunday, June 29, in the Bullis Funeral Chapel. Rite of Christian Burial will be celebrated 10 a.m. Monday, June 30, in the Lodge Grass Our Lady of Loretto Catholic Church. Rite of Committal will follow in the Lodge Grass Cemetery. Bullis Mortuary of Hardin has been entrusted with the arrangements.

APR 23 2003**Mary C. Ridl**

Mary C. Ridl, 79, of Billings, went to be with her loving husband and son on April 21, 2003. She was born June 12, 1923, in Jamestown, N.D., the daughter of Emil and Frances (Augsberger) Kerner. Mary graduated from high school in Jamestown.

Mary was united in marriage to Andrew C. Ridl on April 21, 1941. Their first home was on the family farm outside of Dickinson, N.D. They later lived in Miles City, Red Lodge and Billings.

While raising their seven children, Mary worked as a waitress, inspiring them with her strong character and diligent work ethic. She enjoyed cooking, caring for her plants, and especially loved her aquarium.

The sweetest joy of Mary's life was her family, supporting her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren with her unconditional love.

Mary leaves behind six of her children: Richard (Dana) Ridl of Billings, Patricia (Hal) Hanson of Spokane, Wash., Phyllis

(Kenneth) Kindelman of Billings, Pamela (Dave) Malek of Billings, Ronald (Karen) Ridl of Spokane, Rodney (Mary) Ridl of Portland, Ore.; 14 grandchildren and two

great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband Andrew; son, Raymond and three grandchildren.



**MARY
RIDL**

Memorial services will be held 10 a.m. Friday, April 25, at St. John's Lutheran Home, in the Ocee Johnson Chapel located just inside the Rimrock Road entrance. A reception will follow, with interment of ashes in Holy Cross Cemetery. Memorials may be made to St. John's Lutheran Home Ministry, 3940 Rimrock Road, Billings, MT 59102, or the charity of your choice. Dahl Funeral & Cremation Service is in charge of arrangements.

MAR 14 2003

Frieda Riedel

FAIRVIEW — Frieda Riedel, 73, of Parshall, N.D., formerly of Fairview, Mont., died Wednesday, March 12, 2003, at the Rockview Good Samaritan Center, Parshall.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, March 17, at the Zion Lutheran Church. Interment will be in the Fairview Cemetery. Fulkerson Funeral Home of Sidney is in charge.

FEB 1 2003

SAN ANGELO, Texas — Carol was born Nov. 20, 1949, to Leo and Marie Ruff in Billings, Mont., and was raised in Bridger, Mont. She was one of six children. Carol

**CAROL RIEKER**

passed away unexpectedly from a cerebral aneurysm in El Paso on Jan. 23, 2003, with loved ones at her side.

Carol touched the hearts of many, young and old, during her lifetime. She made them laugh as well as they made her laugh.

Carol loved the bright color red, which means happiness. She also loved photography, crafts, music, Oreo cookies, driving fast, and cherished sunsets, which, at the time of her passing, she had painted a beautiful one on the horizon.

Carol had the God-given ability to talk to total strangers who would be able to tell her their life stories in a condensed version. She never walked away from these people, but listened to them with genuine interest. They were never thought less of or judged by her, but instead accepted fully.

Carol was preceded in death by her mother and father, her brother Ray, in-laws Ed and Ann Rieker and dearly loved aunts

and uncles.

She is survived by her sons, Shane Rieker (Billings), Jason and wife, Lynette Rieker (Billings); her loving husband of 32 years, Douglas Rieker (Billings); her sisters who adored her, Lia (Bill) Byars (Billings), Rita Ruff (Vancouver, Wash.), Audra (Bo) Ruff-Smith (Las Vegas), Janice (Phil) Shipp (Billings), Theresa (Dan) Barthuly (Billings); and a very special aunt, Kitsie Probandt (San Angelo). She is also survived by her brother-in-law and wife, Mark and Corinne Rieker (Billings); and wonderful nieces and nephews, Brandon Byars, Brad Byars, Justin, Lona, Kiana, Kaylee and Kara Kindsfather, Kory Kindsfather, Heidi and Trevor Bice, Eric and Anna Kron, Maggie Barthuly, Kyle Raymond Ruff, Tonya and Daryl Doney, Jeremy Rieker and Justin Rieker.

Cremation has taken place and a memorial service will be held Saturday, Feb. 8, at 11 a.m. at the Lockwood Evangelical Church, 1413 Rosebud Lane. Luncheon will follow at the church.

Memorials may be made to the charity of your choice.

JUL 16 2003

PLENTYWOOD — Memorial Services for George Rierson will be held at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, July 19, at the Sheridan Memorial Nursing Home.

George, of Plentywood, passed away on July 11, 2003, at the Wyoming Medical Center in Casper, after a brief illness.



**GEORGE
RIERSON**

He was born George Elmer Rierson to Norwegian immigrant parents Nils and Anna (Utseth) Rierson in Bowman, N.D., where the family homesteaded. They later briefly moved to Spokane, Wash., before finally locating at Comertown, where George attended grade and high school.

George married Adeline Koterba from Outlook, Sept. 18, 1949, and they have made their home in Plentywood since, where they raised their four children. He owned and operated the L&R Body Shop with Benny Lee for 34 years before retiring in 1985.

He was a devoted family man and husband, having spent the last nine years of his life as a regular at the nursing home caring for Adeline. He also considered Plentywood and Sheridan County as the last best place on earth.

Recently after suffering an hour long traffic jam in Denver, he matter-of-factly stated that he "would rather live in the north of Canada and eat reindeer meat than live in this place!" and knowing his aversion to eating wild meat, that meant he was more than ready to get back home! As is custom in Plentywood, he was a regular of the coffee scene, where the addiction wasn't caffeine but friendship local lore and a sense of belonging that people in cities like Denver simply could not enjoy in quite the same way.

George is survived by his wife, Adeline, his children Ron (Sonya Miller) of Highlands Ranch, Colo., Greg (Merna Christensen) of Casper, Wyo., Kirt of Bozeman, Lynette of Las Vegas; and his grandchildren, Roni Rierson, Darbi Rierson, Tommy Dye, Michael Ellis and Tyler Rierson. He is also survived by a brother Al and sister Gladys.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers Clarence, Albin "Red," Benny and Leonard; and a sister, Mabel.

Fulkerson Funeral Home of Plentywood has charge of local arrangements.

Arlene B. Ridgely

BILLINGS GAZETTE

JUL 10 2003

Arlene B. Ridgely, 83, died July 7, 2003, at St. Vincent Healthcare. Cremation has taken place and memorial services will be held at a later date. Smith Downtown Chapel is in charge of arrangements.



**ARLENE
RIDGELY**

Arlene was born Jan. 15, 1920, at Verona, N.D., the daughter of Carl Edwin and Anine Marie (Peterson) Benson. She was raised on the family farm in North Dakota with her three sisters and two brothers. She graduated from Verona High School and attended the Wapeton School of Science.

She married John "Jack" McBee in 1940, later divorcing. They lived in Great Falls and had two children: John "Jack" McBee and Colleen "Susie" McBee Sprague.

She married Leland "Buck" Ridgely in 1963. They traveled all over the world with Buck's work as a pipeline supervisor and had many happy experiences together. After retirement, they moved to Teague, Texas, where Buck raised cattle and Mom made a beautiful home. She loved to play

bridge and quilt. She especially enjoyed her family and made many trips to Billings and North Dakota for family reunions. After Buck died, she moved to Billings and resided at West Park Village, where she continued to play bridge and made many new friends.

She is survived by a daughter, Susie (Mike) Sprague, Billings; and a son, Jack McBee, Denver; one brother, Judge Paul Benson, North Oaks, Minn.; two sisters, Evelyn (AW) Schmidt, Brenham, Texas, and Betty (Robert) Ault, Jamestown, N.D.; three grandchildren, Lori, Michael and Brian; and four great-grandchildren, Madeline, Rachel, Mason and Mikayla.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one brother, Darold Benson; and one sister, Marjorie Holdridge.

DEC 28 2003

Dolores J. Riley

COLUMBUS — Dolores J. Riley, 71, of Columbus, passed away Friday, Dec. 26, 2003, at her home on Countryman Creek.

Dolores was born in Broadview June 18, 1932, a daughter of Jack and Amelia (Beurer) Harding. She was raised and attended school in Broadview.

Dolores worked as a waitress for many years. She lived for her children and grandchildren and liked to sew and knit. She was a member of Columbus Evangelical Church. Dolores had been married to Alvin Riley for 35 years.

Survivors include her husband, Alvin of Columbus; four children, Rich (Janice) Devitt of Park City, Dennis (Maria) Chavez of Alaska, Carol Cushen of Columbus and John (Eileen) Devitt of Columbus; a sister, Beulah Kerber of Columbus; 11 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.



**DOLORES
RILEY**

Funeral services will be held 1 p.m. Friday, Jan. 2, 2004, at Smith Funeral Chapel-Columbus with interment in Mountainview Cemetery. Visitation will be 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral chapel.

Elizabeth Jane Rinaldo

THERMOPOLIS, Wyo. — Elizabeth Jane "B.J." Rinaldo, 74, died Thursday, May 29, 2003, at Hot Springs County Memorial Hospital.

Private family memorial services will be held. Cremation has taken place. Mortuary Funeral Home of Thermopolis is in charge.

Grace Rindal

LAKE DALLAS, Texas — Grace Cecelia Rindal, 95, of Lake Dallas, formerly of Roy, Mont., died Friday, Jan. 17, 2003, at her daughter Phyllis' home in Lake Dallas.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 25, at the First Presbyterian Church in Lewistown, Mont. Interment will be in the Central Montana Memorial Gardens in Lewistown. A reception at the Eagles Club in Lewistown will follow. Creel Funeral Home of Lewistown is in charge.

Olaf J. Rindal

LEWISTOWN — Olaf J. Rindal, 96, of Lewistown, died Monday afternoon, Oct. 6, 2003, at the Central Montana Skilled Nursing Center, of natural causes.

The last of seven sons and one daughter born to John and Kristi Rindal on Jan. 8, 1907, in Rindal, Norway, he received his schooling in Norway. He emigrated on the Majestic Steam liner with his parents and brother Mike and his family, arriving on Ellis Island. After being granted entry to the U.S., they traveled to Eau Claire, Wis., to visit relatives, and then to Fergus.

He moved to Washington and joined family members there, but was unable to find work, so he returned to Fergus and worked for his brother Anton. There, he met the love of his life, Rose Baucke, and they were married on Jan. 17, 1929, in Lewistown.

They ranched several places in Fergus County prior to homesteading on the Missouri River. They had four sons and moved into Roy, where they lived and the boys attended school. They later bought a small ranch near Lewistown, where they lived until purchasing the Cooley Place. She preceded him in death in 1982; he has continued to live in Lewistown until the time of his death.

Olaf was proud to be an American-Norwegian and his sons were his heroes.

He is survived by sons Ralph and wife Michelle of Lewistown, Robert and wife Connie of Billings and Dan and his wife Pat of Pauls Valley, Okla.; daughter-in-law Joyce of Spokane, Wash.; 21 grandchildren, 39 great-grandchildren and 13 great-great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by his son John; six brothers; one sister; his parents; and four grandchildren.

Funeral services for Olaf J. Rindal will be Saturday, Oct. 11, at 10 a.m., in the Cloyd Chapel, with interment to follow in Central Montana Memorial Gardens. The Cloyd Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Friends are asked to make memorials to the Roy Foundation, Central Montana Hospice or the charity of their choice, and they may be left at the Cloyd Funeral Home.

Lindsey Neil Ringler

BILLINGS GAZETTE

JUL 28 2003

CODY, Wyo. — Lindsey Neil Ringler, 50, died Friday, July 25, 2003, in Powell.

A memorial service will be 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, July 30, at the Ballard Funeral Home.

Paul E. Rippeon

BILLINGS GAZETTE

JUL 21 2003

HUNTLEY — Paul E. Rippeon, 48, of Huntley died Saturday, July 19, 2003, at St. Vincent Healthcare.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be 2 p.m. Tuesday, July 22 at Valley Baptist Church, Hwy. 312 and Rd. 8 N. in Huntley. Cremation or Funeral Gallery are in charge of arrangements.

Phillip Ray Risingsun

BUSBY — Phillip Ray Risingsun, 44, of Busby and Crow Agency, passed away Tuesday, Sept. 2, 2003, at the Crow Northern Cheyenne IHS Hospital.

He was born Feb. 23, 1959, in Crow Agency, a son of Raymond Little Bear and Jeanne Risingsun. He was raised in the Busby area and attended the Northern Cheyenne Tribal School in Busby. He took part in rodeo, particularly the bull-riding event. He worked as an EMT and was stationed in Lame Deer. He later worked as a firefighter.

Phillip married Peggy Wilson on Jan. 26, 1976, in Everett, Wash., and the couple made their home in Busby.

Survivors include his wife,

Peggy of Busby; his seven children, Angela (Robert) Risingsun of Washington, Tonya (Arthur) and Randy Risingsun of Billings, Lisa, Phillip, Jr., Moses (Molly) and Eugene (Delea) Risingsun of Busby; his brothers, Randy and Larry (Jolene) Risingsun, Melvin Frank, R.J., Dayton and Wayne (Alona) Strange Owl, Regis (Diann) and Vernon (Vickie) Littlebear of Busby; sisters, Leann Little Bear, Shasta and Rachel Strange Owl of Busby, Eva Strange Owl of Miles City, Debbie Emerson and Sylvia Shorty of Arizona; and 10 grandchildren.

Wake services will be held 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 4, at the Jeannie Strange Owl residence in Busby. Funeral services will be held 2 p.m. Friday, Sept. 5, in the Busby White River Mennonite Church. Interment will follow in the Busby Cemetery. Bullis Mortuary of Hardin has been entrusted with the arrangements.



**PHILLIP
RISINGSUN**

MAY 07 2003

Florence Risley

LIVINGSTON — Florence "Barbara" Risley, 81, of Livingston, died Friday, May 2, 2003, at Livingston Health and Rehab Center.

Cremation has taken place at Franzen-Davis Funeral Home & Crematory in Livingston. Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, May 9, in the chapel of Franzen-Davis Funeral Home.

Dennis C. Ritter

CLIVE, Iowa — Dennis C. Ritter, former Billings resident, died at the age of 71, on Monday, June 23, 2003, at his home in Clive.

He is survived by his wife, Sue; his sons, Michael of Urbandale, Iowa, and Mark of Danbury, Conn.; and three grandchildren.

BILLINGS GAZETTE

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**Brandon Michael
"Skater" Ritterodt**

ST. REGIS —
Brandon "Skater" Ritterodt, age 28, of St. Regis, formerly of Roundup, died March 8, 2009, at St. Patrick Hospital in Missoula.



**BRANDON
RITTERODT •**

He was born June 20, 1974, in Billings. He moved to Roundup with his mother and graduated from Roundup High School in 1992.

Brandon worked for the Goffena Ranch, east of Roundup, and for Ron Trow, also of Roundup, where he built pole sheds and many other types of buildings. He later moved to St. Regis, where he worked for Tri-Con Timber as a night shift forklift operator.

Brandon had many things in life that he loved to do: helping his grandfather on the family ranch west of Broadview, fishing, hunting, auto body work, mechanic work on autos, and he loved to race in the "Bump-N-Rin" Racing.

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Survivors include his mother, Debbie Holzworth of Billings; stepfather, Dale Ritterodt of Roundup; grandmother of Washington; Nancy Hammet, aunt, of Roundup; William R. Jones, uncle, of Broadview; and many other cousins and relatives.

"Skeeter" will be greatly missed by his many friends and family, and by a very special cousin, Tana Mpa, of Roundup, who was like a sister to him.

He was preceded in death by a grandmother, his grandfathers and great-grandparents.

A graveside memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. on Monday, March 17, at Sunset Memorial Gardens. Smith Downtown Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

David Rivenes

BILLINGS GAZETTE

MILES CITY — David Gerald Folkestad Rivenes, 90, of Miles City, died Monday, March 31, 2003, at his home.

Visitation will be held Thursday, April 3, in the chapel of Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, April 4, at the First Lutheran Church in Miles City. Interment will follow in the family lot in the Custer County Cemetery in Miles City.

APR 02 2003

Joseph Louis Rivera

Joseph Louis Rivera, 75, passed away on the afternoon of Monday, Oct. 9, 2003, after a long but valiant fight with cancer.

Joseph was born in Phoenix, Ariz. on July 28, 1928, to Mary and Felix Rivera. The family moved to Billings when Joseph was at a young age. He was educated and lived in Billings his entire life.

Joseph served in the Army Air Forces from Jan. 3, 1946 to May 20, 1948. His true talent and lifetime profession was construction, where he worked as a superintendent on residential, commercial and industrial projects. He was a member of good standing in the Carpenter's Union Local 1172.

He is survived by his wife of 36 years, Dorothy; four children, Joseph, Kim (Cheryl), Koko (Dick) Vetsch, and Bobbie (Joe) Bateson; siblings, Robert, Julio, Carl, Ida, Helen, Margaret and Mary; nine grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

A memorial mass for Joseph will be held Monday, Oct. 13, at the Little Flower Catholic Church. His ashes will be buried at Holy Cross Cemetery. Dahl Funeral Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Richard William Roach

Richard William Roach, of Billings, passed away on Oct. 8, 2003, at the age of 94.

Mr. Roach was born Oct. 21, 1908, in Eagle Bend, Minn. He graduated from Eagle Bend High School and attended Hamline University in St. Paul, Minn., and St. Cloud (Minn.) State Teachers College.

In 1933, he joined his brother in Billings and became a true lover of the beauty of Montana. From 1934 to 1936, he drove tour buses in Yellowstone National Park and was noted

in the local papers for surviving a fight with a grizzly bear.

On Nov. 14, 1936, he married Emily Streck in Lewistown, and they made their home in Laurel. Mr. Roach began work with the Northern Pacific Railway in 1941, retiring from the Burlington Northern Railway in October of 1973. He was an avid fan of all Laurel High School sports and shared his love of baseball by coaching several Babe Ruth League teams. He was a member of St. Albans Episcopal Church,



**RICHARD
ROACH**

the Laurel Police Auxiliary, the Scottish Rite of Billings and was the past master of the Corinthian Lodge No. 72, AF & AM in Laurel. He was also a member of the Moss Agate Chapter, OES.

He married Ernestine Wiley on July 29, 1978, in Billings. After his retirement, he became more involved in the Al Bedoo Shrine, the Elks Club, St. Stephens Episcopal Church. He belonged to the "Kitchen Crew" and prepared monthly meals for the Shrine. He enjoyed going to their Canyon Ferry summer home and was a faithful fan of the Billings Mustangs Baseball Club. He enjoyed gardening and raising roses. Richard was a quiet, soft-spoken gentleman who will be greatly missed by his family.

He is survived by wife, Ernestine (Wiley) of Billings; daughters, Yvonne (Orville) Johnson of Helena and Marilee (Greg) Paquette of Maple Grove, Minn.; stepdaughter Jeannette Gratwohl of Missoula; grandchildren, Owen Johnson, Matthew (Jesse) Paquette, Jistine Paquette, Debbie (Gordon) Campbell, Rhonda (Tom) Poindexter, Annette Lane, Jody (Brent) Zanto, Brandy (Steve) Aagenes; nine great-grandchild-

children and three great-great-grandchildren; sister, Dorothy (Clayton) Peterson of Long Prairie, Minn.; Ernestine's children, Charlotte (Don) Frazier, Charles (Marilyn) Wiley and Violet (Myron) Bramhall; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by parents, George and Mabel Roach; wife Emily (Streck) Roach; brother Clifton Roach; and sister Helen Peterson.

A celebration of Richard's life will be held 10 a.m. Monday, Oct. 13, at St. Stephens Episcopal Church, corner of 13th Street West and Crawford Drive in Billings. A reception will follow the service. Interment with Masonic rites at the Laurel Cemetery. Visitation at Smith Downtown Chapel, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11, and 12 noon to 8 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 12.

Memorials to Shrine Hospital for Crippled Children, PO Box 20673, Billings, MT 59104, or charity of choice.

Richard R. 'Dick' Rober

Richard R. "Dick" Rober, 75, of Billings, died Sunday, May 11, 2003, at Deaconess Billings Clinic.



DICK ROBER

The son of Ernest and Theresa Rober, Dick was born Aug. 28, 1927, in Dickinson, N.D. He moved with his family to Mandan, N.D., where he was raised and educated. Dick married Rose Marie Erhart in Bismarck, N.D., Dec. 20, 1947. They lived most their married life in Mandan, moving to Billings in 1977 to be near their daughter.

Dick worked for the railroad for 45 years, retiring in 1994. He enjoyed woodworking, playing pool, hunting and fishing. His greatest love was horseshoes; he had 78 trophies and had placed third in the Senior League at Nationals. Dick was a Boy Scout leader for many years, a member of the American Legion and Knights of Columbus, and had been active in the Mandan Senior Citizens.

Survivors include his wife Marie of Billings; daughter Geri and her fiancé Michael Murray of Billings; sister Florence Cassidy of Newburg, Ore.; two grandchildren, Naomi Marie Graus and Ray K. Rousley; and four great-grandchildren, Nicholas Franklin Rousley, Christine Rousley, Karl Dan Rousley and Michael Austin Rousley.

He was preceded in death by a brother and a grandson, Roy Franklin Rousley.

Vigil services will be 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 14, at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary. Funeral Mass will be 11 a.m. Thursday, May 15, at St. Pius X Church, with Rite of Committal at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

John Victor Robbins

SEATTLE — John Victor Robbins passed away Sunday, Sept. 21, 2003, in Seattle.

He was born Dec. 25, 1939, in Idaho Falls, to H. Merlin and Ruth W. Anderson Robbins, and was the sixth of 15 children. He married Sandra M. Williams, May 29, 1962, in the Logan, Utah, LDS Temple.

He is preceded in death by his parents, one brother, two sisters, and his infant daughter, Jacklyn. He is survived by his wife and their six living children, Kent (Sherry), Blake (Jill), Adam (Christina), Sonja (Bill) Fischer, Julie (Gina) and Owen (Jennie); and 26 grandchildren. He is also survived by six brothers and five sisters.

Funeral services will be held in the Dillon, Mont., LDS Church on Friday, Sept. 26, at 1 p.m. Visitation will be held at the Dillon LDS Church on Thursday, Sept. 25, from 7 to 9 p.m., and Friday, Sept. 26, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., prior to the service. Interment will take place in Idaho Falls on Saturday, Sept. 27, at 11 a.m.

Agnes F. Roberts

BILLINGS GAZETTE

APR 13 2003

LEWISTOWN — Agnes F. Roberts, 86, died Friday afternoon, April 11, 2003, at the Central Montana Skilled Nursing Center of natural causes.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. on Wednesday in the Cloyd Chapel, with interment to follow in the Winifred Cemetery.

Daniel Ray Roberts

BILLINGS GAZETTE
FEB 8 2003

CLYDE PARK — Daniel Ray Roberts, 32, of Clyde Park, died Thursday, Feb. 6, 2003, at his home.

Cremation has taken place at Franzen-Davis Funeral Home & Crematory in Livingston. Memorial services will be at 1 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 9, at Clyde Park Community Hall.

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Edward M. Roberts

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Edward M. Roberts, 95, died Tuesday, Dec. 16, 2003, at Memorial Hospital of Sheridan County.

Viewing is from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at Kane Funeral Home. Services are at 1 p.m. Saturday at Grace Baptist Church with burial in Sheridan Municipal Cemetery.

Theresa E. Roberts

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE
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Theresa E. Roberts passed away May 14, 2003, at the Deaconess Hospital, due to cardiac arrest during surgery. She had lived for 83 years.



**THERESA
ROBERTS**

Theresa was born March 11, 1920, at Rock Springs, the eighth of nine children born to Frank and Rita (Lacher) Revell. She grew up on a farm in the Sheep Mountains of Eastern Montana. She graduated from St. Mary's High School in Bismarck, N.D., and in 1940, graduated from St. Alexius Nursing School, also in Bismarck. Her brother George had paid her tuition and she was always grateful.

Theresa was employed by Indian Public Health from 1940 to 1950. From 1951 to 1988, she worked at the Billings Clinic, 30 of those years for George R. Brosius, MD.

In 1941, she married Theodore Ewing Jamerson. From that marriage a daughter, Rita Susan, was born. Theresa divorced in 1951 and in 1952, she married Duane Lee Roberts. They enjoyed 40 years together.

Theresa's favorite pastime was baking pies, rolls and cake, and she loved to cook for company. She enjoyed reading and working crossword puzzles and was independent until the day of her death.

In 1993, she was devastated by the death of her grandson, Stuart Lee Robinson, in January and her husband, Duane, in September. Her brothers, Ralph, Norman, Ray, Richard, Floyd and George, and sisters, Frances and Helen, also preceded her in death.

Theresa is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Rita and Edward Reeve of Billings; a granddaughter, Elizabeth Robinson of Studio City, Calif.; a brother, Leo Revell of Hamilton; and her companion for 12 years, her dog Jacquot.

We wish to thank her special friends, Lucille Revell, Ray and Robert Dockstader, Carol Trawick, Dr. Tom Jochem, and Lynda and John Walker. Their friendship enriched her life. A special thanks also to the ambulance driver from American Medical Response, the RN and

staff at Deaconess ER and
Ambulatory Telemetry Unit, and
Charles Winson, M.D. for their
special care.

On her request, there will be no
funeral. A celebration of her life is
planned at a later date. The family
requests that no flowers be sent,
rather memorials be suggested
to teenage foster children c/o
Jane Collins, Child and Family
Services, 2508 Third Ave. N.,
Billings, MT 59101. Smith
Downtown Chapel is assisting
with arrangements.

Kevin Partridge Robertson

BILLINGS GAZETTE
JUL 22 2003

LOVELL, Wyo. —Kevin Partridge Robertson, of Lovell, died July 19, 2003, in Billings, after a brief illness. He was 42.



**KEVIN
ROBERTSON**

Born in Chicago on Nov. 3, 1960, to Ralph and Mary Robertson, he was the second of their eight children. Kevin graduated from Lovell High School in 1979, and the University of Wyoming in 1985. He married his sweetheart, Brenda Asay, in the Provo LDS Temple on July 30, 1980. Kevin taught junior high and high school and also coached various sports in Burlington for six years. In 1991, he moved his family to Lovell, where he taught high school and coached football, girls' basketball, track, volleyball and swimming. Kevin was devoted to his wife and children and was an active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Kevin was an avid history buff and also enjoyed sports, fly fishing, hunting and motorcycling. He loved to strike out into the middle

unknown territory and explore there is hardly any dirt road in the county that he didn't know. Kevin was a caring teacher and loyal friend. He touched the lives of hundreds of students and athletes, as well as colleagues at work and church, who will miss him tremendously.

Kevin leaves behind his wife Brenda, of 23 years; his children, Daniel Jay, Joel and his wife Sarah and daughter Jerma; Devin, Dane and Erin; his mother, Mary; his brothers, Eric and Gareth; his sisters, Joyce, Gwen, Marianne, Margaret and Karen; his parents-in-law, Gary and Glenda Asay, and their children, April, Marchia, Paul and Meredith. He was preceded in death by his father, Ralph V. Robertson, Jr.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, July 24, 11 a.m., at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Stake Center in Lovell. A viewing will be held Wednesday, July 23, from 6 to 8 p.m., at Haskell Funeral Home in Lovell.

Ralph Robertson

BILLINGS GAZETTE

JUL 17 2003

LOVELL, Wyo. — Ralph Vernon Robertson, 68, died Tuesday, July 15, 2003, at North Big Horn Hospital in Lovell.

Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, July 18, at Haskell Funeral Home in Lovell. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, July 19, at the Lovell LDS Stake Center. Interment will be in the Lovell Cemetery.

John Robertus

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

LAUREL



**JOHN
ROBERTUS**

John Robertus, age 86, passed away Thursday, June 26, 2003, at Tender Nest in Laurel. John was born Aug. 23, 1916, in Fort Collins, Colo., to Henry and Elizabeth (Grasmich) Robertus. The family moved to Montana in 1926 and settled along the Clark's Fork River south of Laurel. It was there that he attended Webster School. In 1936, the family moved to the Hilgert place west of Laurel.

On April 26, 1946, John married Viola Reich in Billings. They jointly farmed with John's brother, Henry Jr., before moving north of Laurel in 1949.

In 1960, John purchased the Hilgert place west of Laurel and moved the family to farm here for the rest of his life. During his life, John served as a member of the C6ve Ditch board and was an active member of the First Congregational church in Laurel for 77 years. He served on the church board and as deacon for a number of years during this time. Both John and Viola were active in the building fund for the new

church. John took great pride in his home and farm and worked diligently to make a comfortable life for his family, raising sugar beets, corn, grains, milking dairy cows and feeding feedlot cattle.

John was preceded in death by his wife Viola, who died in 1995 after 49 years of marriage; and an infant daughter. He was also preceded in death by his parents; his brothers, Harold and Alex; and sisters, Amelia Podalanchuk and Emma Zeiler.

He is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Tom and Pam Robertus of the family farm west of Laurel; and daughter and son-in-law, Patricia and Chris Calvert of Winters, Calif. He is survived by his granddaughter, Shelley (Robertus) and Scott Clayton and great-grandchildren, Brandon, Taylor and Jordan of Lake City, Fla., as well as grandson Doug and Allyson Robertus and two great-granddaughters, Aspen

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and McKenna of Laurel. John loved his family and will be greatly missed. John is also survived by his brothers, Henry, Jr. (Hannah), Albert (Jean) and Raymond (Gloria); his sisters, Lila Gordon and Esther (Clem) Lambrecht; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Monday, June 30, at the First Congregational Church, 506 S. Fifth, Laurel. Interment will be in Laurel Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Big Sky Hospice or charity of one's choice. Visitation will be Sunday, June 29, 3 to 8 p.m. at Smith Funeral Chapel-Laurel.

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Jack Dale Robbins

Jack Dale Robbins, 76, of Billings, passed away Thursday, Aug. 28, 2003, at Deaconess Billings Clinic.

He is survived by his wife, Rosemary, of 54 years; his son, Dale (Barb); and his grandson, Jamie.

Cremation has taken place and a gathering of friends and family will be 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 31, at the family home, 225 Eighth St. West. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Parnly Billings Library, 510 N. Broadway, Billings, MT 59101. Arrangements are by Cremation or Funeral Gallery.

Glenna M. Robinson

BILLINGS GAZETTE

AUG 19 2003

LEWISTOWN — Glenna M. Robinson, 65, of Lewistown, died Friday, Aug. 15, 2003, at the Central Montana Medical Center.

At her request, cremation has taken place. Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 21, at the Calvary Community Church in Stanford. A potluck barbecue will follow at the Robinson home in Lewistown. Cloyd Funeral Home of Lewistown is in charge.

DR. HARLEY R. ROBINSON

Dr. Harley R. Robinson, 77, of Billings passed away at his home on Friday, April 18, 2003, of an apparent heart attack.

He was born in Billings on Jan. 12, 1926, a son to Ralph and Orpha (Oswald) Robinson. He was raised and educated in Billings, graduating from high school in 1943.

Dr. Robinson served in the U.S. Navy during WWII. Following his honorable discharge, he returned to Billings.

On Jan. 1, 1947, Harley married the love of his life, Helen Schmidt. Following their marriage, Harley and Helen moved to Indiana where he graduated from Lincoln Chiropractic College in 1951. Following graduation, they returned to Billings where he began his practice. At the time of his death, Dr. Robinson was still a practicing chiropractor.

He was a past president of the downtown Optimist Club, a member of the Laurel Golf Club, a past president of the Montana Chiropractic Association, a member of the Elks Club and a member of the American Legion.

He enjoyed his family, especially the time he spent with his



**DR. HARLEY
ROBINSON**

grandchildren. He also enjoyed bowling, having bowled with the same team for almost 50 years.

Survivors include his wife, Helen; his two daughters, Carol (James) Pickens and Gail (Anthony) Hoer, all of Billings; his brothers, Ed and Jack; his sisters, Irene and Ella; his three grandchildren, Justin Bice, Jeff Pickens and Ashley Thorson; and one great-granddaughter, Jordan Pickens.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Charles, and his sister, Geraldine.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m., Tuesday, at the First Congregational United Church of Christ. Cremation will follow services.

Memorials may be made to the First Congregational Church, 310 N. 27th St., Billings, MT 59101, or to the American Legion, 1540 Broadwater Ave., Billings, MT 59102.

Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

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Hope Robinson

CASTRO VALLEY, Calif. —

Hope Jeanette Robinson (a.k.a. Hope Jeanette Cathcart), 85, of Castro Valley, formerly of Basin, Wyo., area, died May 29, 2003.

Joint graveside services for Hope and her husband John will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 14, at Mount View Cemetery, Basin, Wyo. Burial will follow. Atwood Family Funeral Directors, Inc. is in charge of local arrangements.

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DELL ROBINSON

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Dell Robinson, 48, of Sheridan, died Sunday, May 18, 2003, in Sheridan.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, May 28, at Kane Funeral Home in Sheridan.

Lila L. Robinson

BILLINGS GAZETTE

JUL 2 1 2003

MALTA — Lila L. Robinson, age 73, died Friday, July 18, 2003, at the Phillips County Good Samaritan Center in Malta of natural causes. Funeral services will be 11 a.m., Wednesday, July 23, at the Malta Lutheran Church. Burial will be in the Malta Cemetery. Adams Funeral Home and Crematory of Malta is in charge of arrangements.



LILA
ROBINSON

Lila was born July 23, 1929, at Havre to Vern and Charlotte (Bridal) Brader. She was raised in Havre and graduated from Havre High School. She moved to Las Vegas and worked at the Boulder Dam for several years as a secretary. She returned to Havre in 1959 and worked for the Ruby Bank System prior to marrying F. Lee Robinson May 9, 1964, in Havre. They have lived in Malta since. Lila was active in the Republican Party both Phillips County and State of Montana and was a member of the Malta Lutheran Church.

Survivors include her husband, F. Lee Robinson of Malta; two sons, F. Scott Robinson of Bozeman and Richard L. Robinson of Broomfield, Colo.; two grandchildren; and a nephew, Michael Bowery of Carmel, Calif.

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John Robinson

CASTRO VALLEY, Calif. — John Enevald Robinson (a.k.a. Johann Enevald Emborg), 90, of Castro Valley, formerly of Hyattville, Wyo., area, died May 28, 2003.

Joint graveside services for John and his wife Hope will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 14, at Mount View Cemetery, Basin, Wyo. Burial will follow. Atwood Family Funeral Directors, Inc. is in charge of local arrangements.

JUN 29 2003

Marvin Lester Robinson

WIBAUX — Marvin Lester Robinson, 72, died Friday, June 27, 2003, at his home in Wibaux.

Visitation for family only will be held at 8 p.m. on Monday, June 30, at the Chapel of Silverdale-Sills Funeral Home in Wibaux. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Tuesday at the Wibaux County High School Gymnasium. As per Marvin's wishes, cremation will follow the services.

Michael John Robinson

GLENDIVE — Michael John Robinson, 54, passed away Saturday, Oct. 4, 2003, in Glendive. Cremation has taken place and a private family memorial will be held at a later date.

Michael is survived by wife Millie (Gunn) and daughter Elizabeth of Glendive; daughters Marla of Billings, Katrina (Vance) of Victoria and grandson Dalton of Glendive. He is also survived by his mother Theresa of Lawintown; sister Wanda (Dan) Haszaker of Helena; brother Mack of New Jersey; and several nieces and nephews.

Silvernate-Silba Funeral Home is charge of arrangements.

JAN 30 2003**Ralph Robinson**

GILLETTE, Wyo. — Ralph Edward Robinson, 56, died Monday, Jan. 27, 2003, at the Campbell County Memorial Hospital in Gillette, after an extended illness.

Visitation will be from 6 to 10 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 2, at the Thacker Memorial Funeral Home in Pikeville, Ky. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, Feb. 3, at the Thacker Memorial Funeral Home. Burial will follow in the Annie E. Young Cemetery. Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home of Gillette is in charge of local arrangements.

MAY 29 2003

John Robison

RANCHESTER, Wyo. — John Robison, 75, of Rancheater, formerly of Miles City and Broadus, Mont., died Monday, May 26, 2003, at the Valley View Health Care facilities in Sheridan.

Visitation will be from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, May 30, in the chapel of Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 31, at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home. Interment will be at 2 p.m. in the Valley View Cemetery in Broadus.

Mary E. Robson

Mary "Teany" Robson, 82, passed away on Friday, Sept. 19, 2003, at her home in Billings.

Teany was born in Wibaux on May 11, 1921, a daughter of Joe and Stella Kegley. Her family ranched in the Blue Mountain area north of Wibaux. When the older children reached high school age, the family moved to Wibaux and later Glendive. She was schooled in Wibaux and Glendive.



MARY
ROBSON

On April 19, 1941, Teany and Ivan Robson of Lindsay, Mont., were united in marriage in Glendive. They farmed in the Lindsay and Glendive areas until they moved to Billings in 1966 and purchased the Picture Court Motel. They later sold the motel and operated the Heights A & W Drive-in. Prior to moving to Billings, she worked at the Cloverleaf Café and Montgomery Wards store in Glendive and later at Hennessey's Department Store in Billings.

She was preceded in death by Ivan; her parents, Joe and Stella; brothers, Harold (Buster) Fargo, Glenn of Missoula, Joe (Butch) and Wayne of Glendive and John Garoutte of Texas; one sister, Sudie of Wisconsin; one grandson, Travis Robson of Billings. She is survived by her sons, Larry and his wife, Ella of Huntley, Darrell and his wife, Vonnie of Billings; daughters, Linda and her husband, Larry (Dusty) McLeod of Billings and Tami and her husband, Adam Olivas of Molt; 13 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. Other survivors include sisters, Grace Smith (Roger), Hazel Rogers (Harvey) and Irene Koffler all of Glendive, and Bonnie Breitbach of Circle; brothers, Donald (Bev) of Everett, Wash., and Melvin (Betty) of Billings; sister-in-law, Agnes Kegley of Glendive; brother-in-law, Arnie Robson of Lindsay; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

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Teany and Ivan enjoyed touring the country in their motor home, which they did for many years. They also enjoyed square dancing and were members of the 59ers, the Grand Squares and the Challengers square dance clubs. Teany was very much a family-oriented person. She particularly enjoyed her grandchildren and great-grandchildren and was very much a part of their lives, as was her little feline companion, Ebony. Her home-made cinnamon rolls were enjoyed by everyone, particularly her grandchildren. Her home was often the center of many family gatherings.

She will be greatly missed by everyone who knew and loved her!

Funeral services will be 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 23, at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary. Interment will be at Mountview Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the charity of one's choice.

George W. Roby

CODY, Wyo. — George W. Roby, 74, died Thursday, Jan. 2, 2003, at the Powell Nursing Home.

Cremation has taken place. At his request, no services are planned. Ballard Funeral Home of Cody is in charge.

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Charlotte Rock

GILLETTE, Wyo. — Charlotte Rock, 82, died Dec. 9, 2003, at her home.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 15, at the Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home Chapel in Gillette. Interment will follow at the Mount Pleasant Cemetery. Visitation will be at 2 p.m. today, Dec. 14.

Floyd V. Rock

BILLINGS GAZETTE

AUG - 1 2003

Floyd V. Rock, 91, of Billings, died Wednesday, July 30, 2003, at Eagle Cliff Manor.

Cremation has taken place at Cremation or Funeral Gallery. As requested, no services are planned.

William Thomas Rock**9-21-1921 to 6-4-2003**

William T. Rock, 82, died peacefully on June 4, 2003. He was born on Sept. 21, 1921, in Livingston, to Roy C. and Rose Rock. William lived in Livingston until 1939, when he moved to Billings to drive truck for H.B. Burleson, hauling supplies to mines in the Columbus area. He joined the army in 1942 and served in WWII, stationed in the Philippines until 1946, when the 789th was disbanded. He had reached the rank of First Sergeant.

**WILLIAM
ROCK**

Upon returning to Billings, he again took up employment in the trucking industry. He has owned trucking firms as well as working for national and regional carriers. He retired in 1994. He was an avid boater, camper and fisherman, who would help out anyone. William was the best father, grandfather and friend.

William was preceded in death by his parents and brother. He is survived by his wife of 61 years,

Betty; daughter Kathy of Billings; sons Tom (Shirley) and Jim (Linda), both of California; nine grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Graveside burial of ashes 2 p.m. Saturday, June 7, Woosley Family Cemetery near Wilsall. Call family for directions.

Dahl Funeral & Cremation Service is in charge of arrangements.

Darwin Oliver Rockhold

BILLINGS GAZETTE

JAN 12 2003

POWELL, Wyo. — Darwin Oliver "Jack" Rockhold, 81, died at his home on Friday morning, Jan. 10, 2003.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 15, at Union Presbyterian Church. Interment will follow in Crown Hill Cemetery. Miratsky-Easton Funeral Home of Powell is in charge.

Darwin Oliver 'Jack' Rockhold

POWELL, Wyo. — Darwin Oliver "Jack" Rockhold, age 81, passed away at his home in Powell on Friday morning, Jan. 10, 2003. He was born on Nov. 5, 1921 in Princeton, Mo., to Oliver and Vernelia Rockhold. He attended school in Princeton and he and his brother, Bob Rockhold, farmed one year for their father and then came to Powell in 1938 and worked for area farmers. He was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1942. In January of 1944 he was sent to England and was involved in the invasion of France; D-Day plus one with the Fifth Armored Division on June 7, 1944. He was a tank commander and participated in five major battles in WWII. He was honorably discharged on Oct. 21, 1945 and returned to Powell. He worked for area farmers and in the Elk Basin oil fields before marrying Betty Smith Bullock on Nov. 10, 1950, at the home of brother and sister-in-law, Dick and Jeanette Smith. He farmed until his retirement in 1987. He also drove a school bus for 18 years for the Powell Schools.

He was a member of the Presbyterian Church and the American Legion Post #26. He was given the award of FFA Honorary Chapter Farmer and also FFA Honorary State Farmer. He enjoyed big game hunting, fish-

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ing, horses and camping.

He is survived by his wife Betty of the family home; a son Steve Rockhold and his wife Tammy (Vogt) of Littleton, Colo.; a daughter, Virginia Mangin and husband, David of Methven, New Zealand; seven grandchildren: Terra Rockhold and Brittan Rockhold of Cheyenne, Wyo.; Emily Rockhold and Lees Rockhold of Littleton, Colo.; Aimee Mangin and Timothy Mangin of Methven, New Zealand; and Daniel Rockhold of Var Buren, Maine; one sister, Heler Dickerson of Washington, Iowa; sisters-in-law, Maxine Rockhold of Green River, Wyo. and Thelma Rockhold of Ft. Collins, Colo.; brother-in-law, Roy Argo of Clio, Iowa; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Dean Rockhold; four brothers, Wayne, Robert, Harold and Marvin; and four sisters, Eva Hines, Hazel Argo, Marguerite Jones and Ruth Virden.

Funeral Services will be 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 15, at Union Presbyterian Church, Powell, Wyo., with Pastor David Hunter officiating. Interment will follow in Crown Hill Cemetery with the Powell Veterans Honor Guard according military honors. Should friends desire, memorials might be made to the War Memorial Fund, in care of Powell High School.

Maxine Leora Owens Rockhold

Funeral services will be conducted today (Tuesday), Sept. 9 at 10 a.m. at the Union Presbyterian Church in Powell for Maxine Leora Owens Rockhold, 93, who died Friday, Sept. 5 at Castle Rock Convalescent Center in Green River.

The Rev. David Hunter will officiate at services and burial in Crown Hill Cemetery.

She was born Aug. 17, 1910, to Elbert Edward Owens and Gracie Maud Duncan Owens in Mercer, Mo.

She married Wayne Lyle Rockhold Aug. 18, 1930, in Powell. They began married life on a farm and farmed until he retired in 1972.

She worked in the food service department for the Powell schools and later for Stockhill's Tax Service in Cody. She enjoyed knitting, gardening and having her family around her. In 1995, she and her husband moved to Green River to be closer to their son.

Survivors include a daughter, Sharon Harrison and husband Dale of Albuquerque, N.M.; a son, Clifford Rockhold and wife Jackie of Green River; six grandchildren; Morgan Creeger and husband Todd of Houston, Texas, Darcy Bath and husband Fred of Rock Springs, Darrin Harrison and wife Michelle of Topeka, Kans., Michelle Rose and husband Pete of Denver and Travis Harrison and wife Adria of Medina, Ohio; and two great-granddaughters, Kailey Creeger and Lynsey Creeger of Houston, Texas.



Maxine Rockhold

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; and three sisters: Pauline Bell, Arleen Coorough and Catherine Owens.

Joseph 'Joe' Anton Rodakowski, Jr.

MAR 07 2003

PAULS VALLEY, Okla. — Joseph "Joe" Anton Rodakowski Jr., age 54, of Pauls Valley and formerly of Glendive, Mont., passed away peacefully on Monday, March 3, 2003, at his residence in Pauls Valley.



**JOE
RODAKOWSKI**

Vigil/Rosary will be held at 7 p.m. Sunday, March 9, at the Chapel of the Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home in Glendive. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, March 10, at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Glendive, with Father Joseph Pobessa officiating. Rite of committal will be in the Dawson County Cemetery. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home is entrusted with arrangements.

Joseph was born on Jan. 31, 1949, in Dickinson, N.D., the son of Joseph Sr. and Verna (Makaruk) Rodakowski. They moved to Glendive in 1951. He grew up and received his education in Glendive, attending Sacred Heart Catholic School and Dawson County High School. Baseball was very good to Joe and he participated in the 1963 Babe Ruth World

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Series in Glendive. He was an avid musician and was a bass guitar player for The Castaways, The Monks and other local groups in Glendive and also continued playing with other musical groups in Billings. Joe was married in 1969. He worked as a glazier in Billings.

Joe was predeceased in death by his parents, Joseph and Verna; his maternal and paternal grandparents; and his stepfather, Paul Felts.

Survivors include his daughter, Jody Euge and her husband Zak of Sherman, Wyo.; his son, Brad Buchanan and his son Benjamin of Green Bay, Wyo.; two sisters, Mary Ann Rahn and her husband Stan of Billings and Per Belz and her husband Allen of Billings; one brother, Joan Mikalowski and his wife Kira of Red Lodge, Mont.; three nieces, Belka Rahn, Heidi Saylor and Lori Agnew and one nephew, Jeff Rahn; 11 grandchildren and nephews, several aunts and many cousins.

Joe will be missed by his family and many friends. "ACHEE-WAWA"

Remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at www.dorlandfuneralhome.com

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Local Deaths

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Donald
Frost Lobell, 70, of Sheridan, died
Tuesday, March 27, 2003, at
Sheridan Hospital of Sheridan,
Wyo.

Funeral services will be at 2
p.m. Monday, March 31, at St.
Peter's Episcopal Church. Burial
of remains will be in the
Woodland Cemetery in Casper at
a later date. Champion Ferries
Funeral Home of Sheridan is in
charge.

Benjamin F. Rodgers

BILLINGS GAZETTE

JUL 30 2003

LIVINGSTON — Benjamin F. Rodgers, 85, of Livingston, died Saturday, July 26, 2003, at Livingston Memorial Hospital.

Cremation has taken place at Franzen-Davis Funeral Home & Crematory in Livingston. No services are planned.

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Christopher Rodgers

MOUNTAIN HOME, Idaho
— Staff Sergeant Christopher Rodgers, 24, formerly of Miles City, died Wednesday, Nov. 26, 2003.

Family will receive friends from 4 p.m. to 6 on Wednesday, Dec. 3, at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City. A Vigil service will be on Wednesday Dec. 3 at 7 p.m. in the chapel of Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4 at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Miles City. Interment will follow in the Calvary Cemetery with full military honors.

Hector Earl (Peck) Rodgers

BILLINGS GAZETTE

JUL 14 2003

COLUMBUS

— Hector Earl (Peck) Rodgers passed away Saturday, July 12, 2003, at his home in Columbus. He was born on Aug. 26, 1922, in Seattle, the son of Maggie Abel



**HECTOR
RODGERS**

and Charles J. Rodgers. He attended grade school and high school in Billings and attended the University of Montana, Missoula, before World War II. He graduated from Montana State College of Bozeman in 1950 with a degree in animal science.

He served four years in the Army Air Corps, two of those years in the Southwest Pacific. During his service career, he received the Presidential Unit Citation with four oak leaf clusters, his silver wings, Philippine Defense Ribbon, Southwest Pacific Ribbon with four battle stars and Purple Heart.

After graduation from college, he worked for the USDA for five years. He spent the balance of his working years with the Yellowstone Bank of Columbus, retiring in 1983 as senior vice president. For many years, he

owned the 7/7 Ranch Co. located in the Bull Mountains north of Pompey's Pillar. The ranch was sold in 1992.

Mr. Rodgers married Viole Pfaff in 1943. She preceded him in death on July 30, 1988. He was also preceded in death by his parents and three sisters.

He helped organize little guy football in Columbus and coached for 10 years. He announced local football games for more than 30 years and served as secretary for the Stillwater County Republican Central Committee for several years. He was instrumental in getting a private nursing home in Columbus. He served as chairman of the Montana Bankers Association Agricultural Credit Conference in 1967-68. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, playing golf and working in his garden.

He is survived by four daughters, Mrs. Lynn (Larry) Redfield of Kalispell, Mrs. Pam (Rick) Hulbert of Helena, Mrs. Pat (Bob) Castleberry of Laurel, and Mrs. Cindy (Grant) Larsen of Forsyth. He is also survived by three grandchildren: Stewart

(Shannon) Redfield, Stacey Castleberry and Roger Hulbert; two sisters, Mrs. Roberta Reichenberg and Mrs. Polly Kitchens, both of Billings.

Graveside services with military honors will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, July 16, in Mountainview Cemetery, Columbus. Smith Funeral Chapel-Columbus is in charge. No visitation.

Joan E. Roediger

BILLINGS GAZETTE

FEB 9 2003

BUFFALO, Wyo. — Joan E. "Jody" Roediger, 73, died Saturday, Feb. 8, 2003, at the Wyoming Medical Center in Casper, Wyo.

Visitation will be held in the Funeral Home Chapel from 1 to 10 p.m. on Tuesday, and from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 12, in the Adams Funeral Home Chapel in Buffalo. Burial will be in Willow Grove Cemetery.

MAY 28 2003

Leland Roen

BOWMAN, N.D. — Leland Henry Roen, 87, of Bowman, died Thursday, May 22, 2003, at the Southwest Longterm Healthcare Center in Bowman.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 31, at the Bowman Lutheran Church. Burial will follow in the Bowman Cemetery. Krebsbach Funeral Service of Bowman is in charge.

Leland Henry Roen

BOWMAN, N. Dak. -

Leland Henry Roen, 84, of Bowman, N.D., died Thursday afternoon, May 22, 2003, at the Southwest Long-Term Healthcare Center in Bowman. Funeral services were held Saturday morning, May 31, at the Bowman Lutheran Church. The Reverend Galen Strand officiated, with burial in the Bowman Cemetery following the service.

Leland Henry Roen was born December 18, 1918, at Bowman, the son of Henry and Elizabeth Kradovill Roen. He attended rural Grainbelt #1 School and graduated from Bowman High School in 1936. Inheriting his mother's love for music, he attended Concordia College in Moorhead, Minn., where he received voice lessons and further musical training. He was a member of the concert choir and sang first tenor in a male quartet which spent a summer touring the upper Midwest, promoting music and the college. One of the highlights of his later musical career was an invitation to sing on the Lawrence Welk television show in 1965; he

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enjoyed a long friendship with Mr. Welk.

On October 14, 1940 Leland married Pearl Gilseth from Grand Forks, N.D. in Baker, Mont. From this union, two children were born: Dr. William G. Roen, an internist at Mid-Dakota Clinic in Bismarck, N.D., and Dr. Gail Roen, a clinical psychologist of Bismarck, N.D., both deceased.

Following his marriage, Leland turned to his second career choice - breeding and raising fine horned Hereford cattle. He joined his father and brothers in operating the Roen Brothers Hereford Ranch at Bowman, N.D. He had a deep, constant love for the Hereford business. Producing quality cattle was a consuming interest for him; not only a pleasure, but a life's focus.

Leland was also keenly interested in politics, being a staunch Republican, and in 1949 he was elected to rep-

resent the 39th Legislative District. He continued to serve for 26 years in the House and later, the Senate. He loved ranching in south-western North Dakota; however, failing health necessitated residency at Southwest Healthcare Center in Bowman, where he received excellent care much appreciated by him and his family.

Leland was a member of the Bowman Lutheran Church and the Bowman Lutheran Choir for a number of years. In younger years he was in 4-H, where he showed and judged cattle. He attended 4-H Livestock Judging in Chicago, where he won a number of awards. He was a member of the North Dakota Stockmen's Association and the American Hereford Association for many years, and was honored as the AHA Man of the Year in 1994. He will be missed in our community, where he lived a long and prosperous life.

He was preceded in death

by his parents; his wife, Pearl, on July 11, 1990; his son, Dr. William Roen, on December 29, 1999; his daughter, Dr. Gail Roen, on July 6, 2001; one grandson, Roen Radiant Hope Pearson; and two brothers, Chris and Glen Roen. Survivors include two sisters, Ethel and Bernard Johnson of Reeder, N.D. and Edith Holmquist of Lakewood, Colo.; one brother and two sisters-in-law, Robert and Virginia Roen of Aladdin, Wyo. and Anna Roen Ellender of Billings; two grandsons, Graham and Carson Roen of Redmond, Wash.; and one daughter-in-law, Suzanne Roen, also of Redmond.

John M. Rogers

BILLINGS GAZETTE

AUG 23 2003

LIVINGSTON — John M. Rogers, 87, of Livingston, died Thursday, Aug. 21, 2003, at Livingston Memorial Hospital.

Cremation has taken place at Franzen-Davis Funeral Home & Crematory in Livingston. A memorial gathering at Livingston Elks Lodge will be held at a later date.

Iris Rogers

BELLINGHAM GAZETTE

FEB 20 2003

MILES CITY. — Iris Rogers, 81, of Miles City, died Wednesday, Feb. 19, 2003, at the Holy Rosary Extended Care in Miles City.

Visitation will be held Friday, Feb. 21, at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 22, at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home. Interment will follow in the family lot in Custer County Cemetery.

Jessi Sophia Belle Rogers

WILLINGS GAZETTE
JAN. 23 2003

NEW TOWN, N.D. — Jessi Sophia Belle Rogers was born on Sept. 22, 1985, in the John Moses Hospital, Minot, the daughter of Jamie Rogers. She was a member of the Hidatsa Mahxoxdi Clan. Her Hidatsa name is Many Grows, "Ahdu abaade ahoosh."

Jessi left us for the spirit world on Jan. 20, 2003, due to an accidental death.

She attended school at Mandaree and New Town. Jessi was currently a junior in the Mahadu Sagee School.

As a youth, Jessi was an outstanding athlete, participated in the steer riding event at rodeos, was an undefeated peewee wrestler, was a talented basketball player. Jessi enjoyed basketball, loved her teammates, coaches and her team's many fans. She looked forward to graduating from high school. Jessi hoped to attend college and experience the many wonderful things about the sacred thing called life. She had a great respect for her Hidatsa language and culture. Jessi was a beautiful young girl who always had a smile or hug for everyone.

Jessi is survived by her mother, Jamie Bruce; other

mother and dad, Jessica and Randy Phelan; a sister, Heather Bruce; maternal grandfather, Reginald Rogers; maternal grandmother, Martha Baker; her many mothers, sisters, brothers and other blood relatives. She was preceded in death by her little brother, J.C. Bruce. Jessi was a vibrant, beautiful and young spirit who touched many lives. She will be greatly missed but not forgotten.

Wake services will be 4 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 23, at New Town Civic Center. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, Jan. 24, at New Town High School, with Rev. Spencer Wilkinson, Sr. officiating. Interment will be in Snow Bird Chapel Cemetery. Fulkerson Funeral Home of Watford City is in charge of arrangements.

DEC 17 2003**Margaret Rogers**

Margaret Rogers passed away on Dec. 14, 2003, at Deaconess Billings Clinic. Marge, as she was known to her family and friends, was born March 19, 1924, in Linton, N.D. She was the daughter of Michael and Johanna Scherr. Marge had worked at St. Vincent HealthCare until her retirement.

She is preceded in death by her daughter Mary Rhodes. She is survived by her daughters, Jo Singer and her husband Paul; Cathy Majusiak and her husband Bernie and Cindy Sawyer and her husband Jeff. Marge is also survived by 11 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

A Rosary will be recited at 7 p.m. on Thursday at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary. Funeral Mass will be held at St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church at 1 p.m. Friday with interment at Holy Cross Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church or to the charity of one's choice.

Michelotti-Sawyers is in charge of arrangements.

LIVINGSTON — Michael Patrick "Mickey" Rogers, at age 38, beat the battle of brain cancer by leaving it behind. Mickey died at home, surrounded by family, friends and pastor on Aug. 30, 2003.

Services will be held Thursday, Sept. 4, at 5 p.m., at Redeemer Lutheran Church, corner of Fifth Street and Lewis in Livingston. Pastor Eric Thorson will officiate. A dinner will be held following services, at Holbrook United Methodist Church, also at Fifth Street and Lewis. Arrangements are under the direction of Franzen-Davis Funeral Home, 118 N. Third St.

Mickey was born in Indianapolis, Sept. 15, 1964, to Robert and Dorothy Rogers. He lived in many states and traveled all over the country with his parents. He graduated from Billings Senior High with the class of 1982.

On an NJROTC trip, he met Laurie Adams in San Francisco. They were married Aug. 17, 1985, in Billings. Laurie and Mickey had two beautiful children, Matthew and Devon.

He installed carpet with his father in Tennessee while going to college. He also worked as a photography assistant, computer consultant and for R.E.A.C.H. at the group homes as a counselor for developmentally disabled adults.

Mickey was a very positive person with a wonderful sense of humor. He was exceedingly generous, even to strangers. Several times he came home without a winter coat because he had given it to a homeless person who he said needed it more than he did.

Mickey enjoyed camping, photography, hiking and biking and he loved to visit with people. He loved to sing. He sang in a church choir and even sang in an opera once, called Aida. He especially loved Buddy Holly. But his biggest love was his children. He taught his sons to be courteous, kind and respectful, especially to women. He has left them with many fond memories.

Mickey liked to travel across the country with his boys. He would take them to museums to learn about history. Traveling with their dad, they experienced the sense of adventure of seeing new places and landmarks. One of Mickey's favorite things was Cub Scouts. He loved being Cub Master and Den Leader. Sometimes he was both at the same time.

When Mickey was first diagnosed with a brain tumor in 2000, he met the challenge with a positive attitude. By going to M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, he was able to beat the first tumor. He had one-and-a-half years of being tumor-free. In November of 2002, he was dia-

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Mickey Rogers

nosed with a second brain tumor. Once again, he met it with courage and fortitude. Even as things got worse, he never complained.

This last month, even though very ill, Mickey participated with his family at the For One Another Camp in Bozeman. The For One Another Cancer Family Network has a camp for families that are dealing with cancer. Here Mickey created many memories and he and his family made lots of friends. They attended seminars and many activities that were available. The fondest memory of Mickey was how much he smiled and laughed that week.

Mickey is survived by his wife, Laura of Livingston; two sons, Matthew Blair and Devon Michael; his parents, Robert and Dorothy Rogers; three brothers, David, Steven and Randy; three sisters, Susie Gale and Dorothy, as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

One of Mickey's last wishes was that any memorial donations in his name would be sent to the For One Another Cancer Family Network, PO Box 6446, Bozeman, MT 59771.

Mickey always saw the good in people and loved life up to the very end. His favorite saying was always, "Life is Good."

Mickey Rogers

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WARREN EARL ROGERS

Jan. 15, 1924 — April 16, 2003

WIBAUX — Warren Rogers, 79, passed away peacefully in his sleep, April 16, 2003, at his home, after a long and courageous battle with cancer complicated by heart problems.

Warren was born Jan. 15, 1924, in Glendive, to Neal and Hazel (Bell) Rogers. He was one of their five children: Bill (deceased), Beverly, Lloyd (deceased) and Tim (deceased). He was raised on the farm west of Wibaux, the farm that was homesteaded by his mother's parents. He attended and graduated from Wibaux Schools. After graduating, he enlisted in the U.S. Army. He proudly served his country during WWII, including the Battle of the Bulge in Germany. After being honorably discharged, he worked road construction and in oil field for a several years. Warren was also a self-taught mechanic who was willing to help family, friends and neighbors with large and small mechanical problems.

On Feb. 7, 1948, Warren married Catherine Schieffer. They farmed west of Wibaux, then moving to town in 1963. To that union, they were blessed with five children: Kenneth, Sharon, David (deceased), Billy (Nordine), Robert (Molly), all of Wibaux. Grandpa Warren will be greatly missed by all of his children; his 13 grandchildren, Katrinka (David)

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Scherman of Golva, Kent Rogers of Washington, Ward (Monika) Feldmann of Pasco, Wash., Loren (Laura) Feldmann of Bismarck, N.D., Ryan Feldmann of Wibaux, Kyle (Dixie) Feldmann of Miles City, Brent Rogers of Wibaux, Joyelle (Denna) Richey of Wibaux, Michelle Rogers of Wibaux, Krystin Rogers of Bozeman, Maggi Blankenship of Wibaux, LesLee Rogers of Wibaux and Teri Rogers of Wibaux. He is also survived by nine great-grandchildren, McKenzie and Bridger Feldmann, Jordyn and Cole Richey, Samantha and Tristen Rogers, Hunter Feldmann, Tessa Feldmann and Sidney Scherman. His longtime friend, Ardice Austby of Wibaux, will also miss him.

He was preceded in death by his grandson, Joseph Feldmann.

Graveside services with interment will be held Saturday, April 19, at 1 p.m. at the Dawson County Cemetery with Military Honors. Honorary pallbearers are Ward Feldmann, Loren Feldmann, Ryan Feldmann, Kyle Feldmann, Brent Rogers and Kent Rogers. Following the service, there will be a reception at the Palace Cafe in Wibaux. Everyone is invited. Bullis-Graves Funeral Home in Miles City entrusted with arrangements.

Charles Rogerson

WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS
— Charles "Mike" Rogerson, 83,
of White Sulphur Springs, died
Monday, Sept. 29, 2003, at
Mountainview Medical Center.

Memorial services will be at 1
p.m. Friday, Oct. 3, at Twichel
Funeral Home in White Sulphur
Springs.

Otto Rogge

BILLINGS GAZETTE

JUL 31 2003

MILES CITY — Otto Karl Rogge, 86, of Miles City, died Monday, July 28, 2003 at the Holy Rosary Health Center.

Visitation will be Thursday, July 31, in the chapel of Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Aug. 1, in the chapel of Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home. Interment will follow in the family lot of the Custer County Cemetery.

BROADUS

BROADUS — Paul James Rogge, 80, of Broadus, died Wednesday, May 14, 2003, at the Holy Rosary Health Center Extended Care Unit.

Visitation will begin on Sunday, May 18, at the Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Broadus. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday, May 19, at the Congregational Church in Broadus. Interment will follow in the family lot of the Valley View Cemetery in Broadus.

Richard Rogge

JORDAN — Richard Clarence Rogge, 52, of Jordan, died Thursday, Oct. 23, 2003, at his home, of natural causes.

Visitation will be from 1 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 28, at the Chapel of Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Jordan. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 29, at the VFW Hall in Jordan. Interment will follow in the Wolf Cemetery in Sand Springs.

John Rohan

BEACH, N.D. — John T. Rohan, 85, of Beach, died Friday, June 27, 2003, at St. Joseph's Hospital in Dickinson.

A rosary and vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 1, at St. John's The Baptist Catholic Church in Beach. Mass Of Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, July 2, at St. John's The Baptist Catholic Church in Beach. Rite of committal will follow in St. John's Catholic Cemetery in Beach. The Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Beach is in charge.

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Loretta T. Roholt

BILLINGS GAZETTE

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McCALL, Idaho — Loretta T. Roholt passed away Sunday, July 13, 2003, in McCall.

Loretta was born Dec. 5, 1920, to Hugh and Julia Langton in Silver Creek, Pa. Loretta and the love of her life, Tom, were married Sept. 13, 1945, in Philadelphia. After their marriage, the couple moved to his home state of Montana. There, they lived in Santa Rita near Cut Bank for a short time before moving to Billings, where they lived until her husband's retirement in 1986. Since then, they have traveled between homes in Phoenix and McCall.

Loretta was a firm believer in family, country and God. She was a kind and gentle woman whose giving spirit was always seen. Her commitment as a mother and dedication to her family were second to none. She was an active volunteer at Deaconess Medical Center in Billings for many years. She was an avid reader, an excellent cook and thoroughly enjoyed traveling. She and her husband recently took a trip covering 20 states and 5,000 miles to visit family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, three brothers and seven sisters.

Loretta is survived by her husband, Thomas M. Roholt; daughter, Donna Ueland and husband Marty of Fresno, Calif.; three sons and their wives, Thomas M. and wife Sharon Roholt of Cold Springs, Minn., Jon D. and wife Jenny of Meridian, Idaho, and Dr. Ronald L. and wife Denise of Augusta, Ga.; grandchildren, Eric, Christian and Jon Ueland, Ashley Roholt, Michael, Anna and Sara Roholt, and Kimberly, Cynthia and Christopher Roholt; great-granddaughter, Emma Roholt; as well as many nieces and nephews who loved their "Auntie Laurie."

Loretta is now at peace forever in this everlasting light. Safely home in heaven at last.

Funeral services were Friday, July 18, at Sunset Memorial Funeral Home in Missoula, with burial following at Missoula's Sunset Memorial Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials in Loretta's name to a charity of the donor's choice.

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Clarice Roland, a longtime resident of Billings, passed away on Aug. 17, 2003.

She was born Clarice Irma Ford on Aug. 13, 1917, in Minot, N.D. She grew up in Minot and attended Minot State Teachers College. In 1940, she married E.O. "Red" Roland, also of Minot, her seventh grade sweetheart. They spent the early years of their marriage in Seattle. In 1950, they moved with Mobil Oil to Billings. Clarice went to work for WyoBen and was a dedicated employee for 30 years.

Clarice was very active in the Secretary's Society, AM Investors, St. John's Lutheran Home Auxiliary and First English Lutheran Church. Clarice had many close friends and in the final years of her life, she spent much time with her dear friend, Ruby Scott. She was a world traveler and enjoyed crafts, reading, bridge, sewing and Mustangs baseball. Her late husband was an announcer for the local team.

She is survived by a daughter, Virginia and her husband Cully, and a grandson Scott, all of Lakewood, Colo. She is also survived by her three dear sisters-in-law, Gladys Nielsen, Inga Nielsen and Clare Sheehan, all of the Seattle area, and numerous nieces and nephews scattered throughout the country.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Friday, Aug. 22, at First English Lutheran Church, with interment in Mountview Cemetery.

Michelotti-Sawyers has charge of arrangements.

Richard Dale Rolfson

June 7, 1929 to Feb. 3, 2003

YUMA, Ariz. — Richard Dale Rolfson, 73, passed away unexpectedly on Monday, Feb. 3, 2003, at his home in Yuma.

Dick, the son of Raymond "Rocky" Rolfson and Marie Mumedy Rolfson, was born on June 7, 1929, in Ekalaka, Mont. Dick married Bernice Sleeth on July 2, 1951. Their partnership saw them first as friends, and later as parents of their three children.

Dick's kind heart, generosity, and quick sense of humor earned him many friends. He spent decades of service to the Broadus Volunteer Fire Department and as an ambulance driver.

Dick is survived by his wife, Bernice; and their three children, Mary Faye LaFaver and her husband John, Tom Rolfson and his wife Lori and Raymond Rolfson and his wife Teresa; his seven grandchildren, Sean, Jeremy and Amy LaFaver, Amanda Rolfson, Tanner and Coy Tinsley, and Kameron Rolfson; his sister, Betty Rae Teigen; and two cousins raised by his parents, Mary Alys Counts and Barbara Ann Banderob.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 18, at the United Church of Christ in Broadus, Mont. Memorials can be made to the Broadus Volunteer Fire Department or the Rolling Hills Golf Course in Broadus.

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Frances Rolfe

GILLETTE, Wyo. — Frances Rolfe, 92, died Thursday, Dec. 4, 2003, at the Campbell County Memorial Hospital.

Visitation is from 9 a.m. to noon Monday at the Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home. Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at the First Baptist Church with burial in Mt. Pisgah Cemetery.

Nelson H. Rome

DEER LODGE — Nelson H. Rome, 82, died Thursday, April 3, 2003, at Powell County Memorial Hospital.

A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 12, at the First Christian Church. Jewell Funeral Home of Deer Lodge is in charge.

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John W. Romero

LOVELL, Wyo. — John W. Romero, 57, died Saturday, Jan. 17, 2003, at the home of his sister-in-law, Jackie Nichols.

Rosary will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 22, at Haskell Funeral Home in Lovell. Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 23, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Lovell. Burial will be in Crown Hill Cemetery in Powell.

JAN 21 2003

Lloyd Romero

Lloyd Romero went to be with the Lord on Saturday, Jan. 18, 2003. Lloyd was born on Nov. 2, 1910, to Louis and Margaret Romero.

Lloyd married Rachel Deaguero in Fromberg, in 1930. He worked for Conoco Refinery until he retired.



**LLOYD
ROMERO**

He was preceded in death by two sons, Willard and Fred Romero.

He is survived by his children, Ed Romero, Felix Romero, Richard Romero (Carmel),

Frances Salazar, Shirley Valenzuela (Rosario), Valentine Caylon (Andrew) and Margaret Romero, all of Billings, and Robert Chan Romero (LaVern) of California.

Lloyd has 61 grandchildren, 97 great-grandchildren and several great-great-grandchildren. There is one very special gifted great grandchild, "Lela," who brought so much joy, love and laughter to her great-grandpa.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 22, at 2:30 p.m. at Full Gospel Revival Tabernacle, 3307 Third Ave. N., with interment to follow at Mountview Cemetery.

Dad, we were very blessed to have you 92 years. We all love you so much, but we know you are at home and we have great memories to treasure.

DEC 19 2003

Clarence Romo

BAINVILLE — Clarence Romo, 83, of Bainville, died Wednesday, Dec. 17, 2003, at the Roosevelt Memorial Hospital in Culbertson.

Visitation is from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday at Fulkerson Funeral Home in Williston, N.D., and, in Bainville, one hour prior to the service. Services will be at 2 p.m. (MST) Saturday at the Bainville High School gymnasium, with burial in the Bainville Cemetery.

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LEWISTOWN — Donald L. Romo, 52, of Lewistown, died Sunday evening, April 13, 2003, at his home, of cancer.

He was born Dec. 20, 1950, to Mildred and Francis Romo in Wallace, Idaho. The family moved to Lewistown in 1955, where he attended school. Upon graduating from Fergus High School in 1969, Don attended the University of Montana, receiving a BA in Accounting in 1973.

Don began his career as a certified public accountant in Kalispell and returned to Lewistown in 1976. Don was currently self-employed at Romo and Simonfly, formerly Berres and Romo. He was well known for his strong work ethic, attention to detail and commitment to providing sound financial advice.

Don was dedicated to ensuring quality healthcare for the community. He was a founding member of the Central Montana Foundation. He currently served as the Central Montana Foundation Board financial advisor and was a member of the Medical Center Foundation Advisory Board. He was a member of the United Methodist Church, the American Institute of CPAs, the Montana Association of CPA Firms, Rotary Club, Eagles Lodge and the American Legion Club.

He is survived by one sister,

Linda Andrews and her husband Wayne of Lewistown; one brother, Kenneth and his wife Marie of Townsend; nephew Shane Romo and his wife Teresa of Townsend; nieces, Shauna Rademaker and husband Dave of Billings, Tina Cox and her husband Christopher of Forest Grove, Brenda Andrews of Billings and Jodi Hanson and husband Nels of Fort Knox, Ky.; great-nieces and nephews, Mariah, Caleb and Shanrea; and a special friend, Candy Turner.

He was preceded in death by his father in 1997, and his mother in 2002.

Funeral services for Donald L. Romo will be Thursday, April 17, at 2 p.m., in the United Methodist Church, with interment to follow in Central Montana Memorial Gardens of Lewistown. The Cloyd Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Friends may make memorials to the Central Montana Foundation, the United Methodist Church or the charity of their choice, and they may be left at the Cloyd Funeral Home.

FEB 18 2003**Glen J. Rood**

SIDNEY — Glen J. Rood, 93, of Sidney, died Saturday, Feb. 15, 2003, at the Sidney Health Center Extended Care Facility.

Memorial services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 20, at the Lonsdale United Methodist Church. Fulkerson Funeral Home of Sidney is in charge.

Margaret I. Rood

NOV 13 2003

SIDNEY — Memorial service for Margaret L. Rood, 93, of Sidney, will be 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 15, at the Lonsdale Methodist Church, with Pastor Susan Twidwell officiating. Interment of remains will be in the Sidney Cemetery, under the direction of Fulkerson Funeral Home of Sidney.

Margaret was born April 22, 1910, at the family homestead near Dore, N.D., the daughter of Gilbert H. and Leslie (Gosnell) Nevins. The Nevins family arrived at Mon-Dak from Andover, Ohio, in February 1909.

After several years of home schooling due to illness, she completed the eighth grade at Dore, then graduated from Fairview High School in 1928. After high school, she was employed by Holly Sugar Co., initially weighing beets at several locations, then continuing with Holly Sugar in the accounting department for a number of years.

She married Glen J. Rood on June 21, 1930, at the Presbyterian Church in Fairview. Their wedding was the first to be held at the new church.

In addition to raising two children and her Holly Sugar employment, she had a lifelong interest in needlework crafts.

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She excelled in all facets, including design, repair, instructing and judging. She loved to enter her handiwork in not only county fairs, amassing over 600 blue ribbons and numerous "Best of Show" awards, but also entering national competitions, where she received two top 10 awards, competing against over 100,000 entrants. Locally, she is remembered for introducing many to these crafts. She loved presenting her creations as gifts and is remembered fondly by those who possess some of her work.

One of her other serious hobbies was square dancing. She and Glen traveled widely, dancing and instructing. She even designed and created dance costumes.

In 1957, she and Glen purchased the El Rey Motel in Sidney. As the day to day manager, Margaret was appreciated by many for her hospitality and business acumen. Many of these customers stayed in touch as lifelong friends.

Margaret died peacefully, Tuesday afternoon, Nov. 11, 2003, at home, with her family present.

Surviving are her children, Doma Lee McBride and her husband Richard of Bullhead City, Ariz., and Del J. Rood and his wife LeNore of Sturgis, Mich.; seven grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren; and three sisters, Evelyn Sorensen of Sidney. Lucille

Kaufman of Fairview and Norma Nevins of Miles City.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Glen and her sister Ada Nevins.

Jane 'Effie' Rookhuizen

Jane Rookhuizen, 81, had a peaceful passing on Sunday, Sept. 7, 2003, with her family at her side, at St. Vincent Healthcare.

She was born in Milan, Mo., on March 6, 1922, to Emma Rigger and George Beardie McNealy. As a young woman, she moved to Billings and married William "Babe" Rookhuizen.



**JANE
ROOKHUIZEN**

Effie was very fond of her childhood town and returned to Milan on a regular basis to visit friends and relatives. In later years, she divided her time between residence in Billings and Milan. Effie so loved the people of Milan and the Milan Boynton Baptist Church, of which she was a member.

Everyone who knew Jane was awed by her zest for life, compassionate love and generosity. Jane loved to be around people and held a special place in her heart for children. She enjoyed shopping, going out to dinner with family and friends, and listening to country music. Jane will be dearly missed by her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Jane is survived by her son, Steve Rookhuizen, granddaughter Maureen Rookhuizen; daughter Rachel (Gordon) McCann, granddaughters Tanna (Will) Kincaid, Amie (Jason) Flick and Jenny (Tom) Laughery; son Bill, grandsons Jamie and Michael Rookhuizen and granddaughter Alesha Rookhuizen; daughter Esther (Willie) Seerup and grandson Jereme Mohland; son Herman Rookhuizen, grandsons Nick and Brett Rookhuizen; daughter Emma (Randy) Nauman and granddaughters Janice and Mandy Nauman; and son John (Jennifer) Rookhuizen and grandson Brandon Rookhuizen and granddaughters Jessica and Tiffany Rookhuizen. She is also survived by great-grandchildren,

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Shane Rookhuizen, Gage Laughery, Haylee, Emily and Wyatt Flick, Ashlyn and Colton Kincaid, and Devin and Aaron Rookhuizen. Jane was preceded in death by her adored little sister Virginia; her parents (George "Birdie" and Emma McNealy); her brothers, Dean, and Ed McNealy and her husband William "Babe" Rookhuizen.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 11, at the Shiloh United Methodist Church, 1810 Shiloh Road. Interment in Mountview Cemetery. Casket will be closed at church. Public visitation will be on Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., at the mortuary. The family requests memorials to the charity of one's choice.

Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

April 30, 1920 — April 14, 2003

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Leona C. Root, 82, of Billings, entered into eternal life with her Lord and Savior Jesus on April 14, 2003, at Deaconess Billings Clinic.



LEONA ROOT

Leona was born in Cole Camp, Mo., on April 30, 1920, a daughter to William and Christine Bohling. She married Charles E. Root, Sr., on Dec. 8, 1942, in Kansas City, Mo., and lived at several naval bases, spending most of their years together in the San Francisco Bay area. They were blessed with two sons, James, who died at the age of 11 months, and Charles Jr., who died on Sept. 6, 1992, at the age of 45. Leona moved to Cole Camp shortly after her husband's death on April 15, 1971, to be closer to her only sister, Bertha, and her mother, Christine. Leona then moved to Billings in January of 1989 to be with her son Charles and family, which she faithfully watched and prayed over.

Many words can be used to describe Leona, but the one that fit her most was "faithfulness." She was faithful to her family, grandchildren, friends, but most of all to her Heavenly Father. Her

wit and spontaneity always brought smiles to many faces.

Leona loved to knit and spent many hours of the 14 years that she lived in Billings knitting mittens to warm the hearts and hands of God's little children at Head Start.

She especially loved her grandchildren Philip and Alyssa and kept notes and journals of every event in their lives whether big or small.

Leona was preceded in death by her father William; and her mother Christine; her sister Bertha; her husband Charles; her sons James and Charles; and her grandson Daniel.

She is survived by Ruth and Gary Linse and family, dear friends who loved her as their own; her daughter-in-law, Lynne; and her beloved grandchildren, Philip Root of Tempe, Ariz., and Alyssa Root of Billings. Also missing her will be numerous nieces and nephews, as well as her many friends and loved ones at Sage Towers and Mount Olive Lutheran Church.

Memorials may be made to Trinity Lutheran School, 2802 Belvedere Drive, The Lutheran

Hour of the charity of choice.
Funeral services will be held
at Mount Olive Lutheran Church,
2306 St. Johns Ave., on Thursday
April 27, at 10 a.m. Interment will
be at Trinity Lutheran Cemetery
in Cole Camp.

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Onie May Root

MILES CITY — Onie May Root, 73, passed away on Thursday, Dec. 11, 2003, at the Holy Rosary Extended Care.

Visitation is on Friday at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home. Services are at 8 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home with burial in the Custer County Cemetery.

Gary Kenneth Rosager

BILLINGS GAZETTE

AUG - 7 2003

ENNIS — Gary K. Rosager, 58, of Ennis, died Friday, Aug. 1, 2003, as a result of a motorcycle accident.



**GARY
ROSAGER**

He was born Oct. 2, 1944, to Viggo and Shirley (Forbregd) Rosager in San Francisco. As a boy, he moved to Wolf Point, where he was raised and graduated from high school. He attended MSU for one year and was active in the ROTC.

He married Doris Wiens (Tomlinson) in 1970 and they had two children. They continued to live in Wolf Point, where he worked as a mechanic and owned Modern Music. They later divorced and Gary moved to White Bear Lake, Minn., and then to West Yellowstone before settling in Ennis in 1992. He worked there as a mechanic for D&D Auto.

Six years ago, he found his soul mate, Susan Perrault and they were together until his death.

Gary enjoyed his work camping, photography and he especially loved riding his Harley. He was a talented musician and a gifted mechanic who loved to share his vast knowledge with others. He was an avid runner and ran several marathons while in Minnesota. He adored his grandson. Gary will be remembered for his big heart and free spirit.

He was preceded in death by his mother and stepfather, Francis and Shirley Delaney.

Survivors include his son, Kris (Carol) Rosager; daughter, Michelle (Luke) Hayes; grandson, Kristian Hayes; companion, Susan Perrault; sister, Sandy (Bill) Shikany; stepsister, Denise Delaney; and many other friends and family.

Cremation has taken place and a memorial service was held in Ennis on Tuesday, Aug. 5.

James N. Rose

BILLINGS GAZETTE

NOV 06 2003

LEWISTOWN — James N. Rose, 80, of Lewistown, died Wednesday, Nov. 5, 2003, in the Central Montana Medical Center, of natural causes.

He was born Jan. 19, 1923, in Choteau, the son of John and Elsie Rose. He attended rural and Choteau schools, graduating from Teton County High School in 1940, where he played football and basketball. In the summers, he worked for the old "F" Ranch on the Sun River. He then served in the Army Air Corps' Air Transport Command from 1942 to 1946, and was honorably discharged, Jan. 6, 1946.

On Sept. 28, 1946, he was united in marriage to Marjorie A. Chapman in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. In 1949, he graduated from Montana State College, where he was a member of Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity, Les Bouffons and the Ag. Club. He ranched south of Choteau for several years and also worked for the U.S. Forest Service at Choteau and Augusta. Later, he worked for USDA Soil Conservation Service in Three Forks, Glasgow, Malta and Lewistown, retiring in Lewistown in 1987, after 27-1/2 years of government service.

He was a member of the Methodist Church; past master of Choteau Masonic Lodge 44; past

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commander and lifetime member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4605; Fergus American Legion Post 16 of Lewistown; Eagles Lodge and Elks Lodge of Lewistown; Central Montana Chapter 1909 of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees (NARFE), serving as president in 1996; the Choteau School Board, past president of the sons and daughters of the Tetons Oldest Settlers (Young Timers).

Jim was a wonderful husband, father, friend and a tough cowboy.

He is survived by one son, John of Bozeman; two daughters, Suzanne Rose of Williston, N.D., and Judy Rose of Salt Lake City; two brothers, Donald of Cascade and Sam of Choteau; numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife Marjorie in 1999; his parents; one brother and one sister.

Memorial services for James N. Rose will be Saturday, Nov. 8, at 2 p.m., in the Cloyd Chapel, with inurnment to follow in the Lewistown City Cemetery. At his request, cremation has taken place. The Cloyd Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Friends are asked to make memorials to the Central Montana Home Health or the charity of their choice and they may be left at the Cloyd Funeral Home.

NOV 07 2003

James N. Rose

LEWISTOWN — James N. Rose, 80, of Lewistown, died Wednesday, Nov. 5, 2003, in the Central Montana Medical Center, of natural causes.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 8, at United Methodist Church in Lewistown. Inurnment will follow in the Lewistown City Cemetery. At his request, cremation has taken place. The Cloyd Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

NOV 05 2003

Richard Robert Rose

ROUNDUP — Richard Robert Rose courageously fought cancer for five months when the Lord called him home on Nov. 4, 2003.

Richard was born on April 4, 1937, in Berkeley, Calif., to Bernice and Robert Rose. He graduated from Sacramento Senior High in 1955 and the University of Puget Sound, Tacoma, Wash., in 1969.

He enlisted in the U.S. Coast Guard in 1955 and served 10 years in the medical corps and weather forecasting. The next 23 years were served as reservist in port security. He received his direct commission in 1993 and retired with the 13th Coast Guard District, Puget Sound, as a lieutenant, with a total of 32 years of military service.

Richard married Susan Powell in Sunnyside, Wash., on Feb. 14, 1959.

Richard is survived by his wife and three children, Mark Jeffrey Rose (Sheila), Kingston, Wash., Lori Ann (Brian) Lidyard of Buckley, Wash., and Vicki Sue (Victor) Petersen of Poulsbo, Wash. Richard was blessed with 13 surviving grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Richard had a diverse career. He worked as a financial consul-

tant, helping institutions and individuals manage their resources. Richard and Susan later lived in Bangladesh, working on a rural development project for three years. He then became vice president at Northwest College in Kirkland, Wash.

After retiring from the college, Richard and Susan moved to Roundup to do his heart's desire: ministry at Roundup Assembly of God. His outreach to the community included Roundup's Rotary Club as this region's assistant district governor; Roundup Memorial Hospital Endowment Committee and Roundup Ministerial Association.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, Nov. 8, at 2 p.m., at Assembly of God, 903 Main St., in Roundup. Viewing will be Friday evening, Nov. 7, 5 to 9 p.m., and Saturday morning, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Wier Funeral Home at 208 First St. West. Remembrances in honor of Richard Rose may be sent to Roundup's Assembly of God, Roundup Memorial Hospital Endowment Fund, Roundup Rotary Club or Glacier Bible Camp in Hungry Horse.

Wier Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Dr. Neil Rosenberg**MAY 02 2003**

LIMA, Peru — Dr. Neil Rosenberg, 48, founder of the International Institute for Inhalant Abuse, died of a heart attack Monday, April 14, 2003, in Lima. In recent years, he divided his time between homes in Pine, Colo.; Billings; and Peru. He was a leader in neurotoxicology, who researched the effects of toxic solvents on the brain, and was an expert on the drug abuse of inhalants such as glue and spray paint.

**DR. NEIL
ROSENBERG**

The Chicago native was a former associate professor and researcher at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center in Denver, where he investigated causes and better treatment for neuromuscular diseases in the 1980s. He became an early member of the Colorado Neurological Institute in Englewood where he spearheaded research and clinical care in neurotoxicology and neuromuscular treatment. For the past year, he had been a member of the Department of Neurosciences at Deaconess

Billings Clinic, where he was establishing a national referral center for neurotoxicology.

"He was a wonderfully gifted neurologist and researcher. In his relatively short life, he made major contributions to the field of neurology. He and his wife, Cathy, provided countless hours of charitable work to disadvantaged people in Peru and elsewhere in the world," said his friend and coworker Dr. John England.

Dr. Rosenberg treated patients with work-related exposure to toxic substances and was an expert witness in many trials. He wrote and edited neurological textbooks, published more than 100 scientific articles and abstracts and spoke to medical students and professionals around the country. He was a visiting professor at universities, including the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in the Bronx, N.Y.

By the early 1990s, he had started the International Institute for Inhalant Abuse in Denver. In recent years, he devoted himself primarily to

research and advocacy work through the clinic. From his home in Peru, Dr. Rosenberg often provided free medical care to disadvantaged neighbors who would show up at his door, or bring vegetables or other gifts in payment.

Survivors include his wife, Gaby MacIntyre Rosenberg, a village native; two children, sons Philip Rosenberg-Watt and Thomas MacIntyre; daughters Rachel Rosenberg-Watt, Beth Moore and Christine MacIntyre; his father and mother, Charles and Helen; a sister, Donna; and brothers Sonny and Harry, all of Illinois; two grandchildren, John and Lisa.

MAY 13 2003**Garnet A. Rosendahl**

Garnet A. Rosendahl, 70, passed away May 11, 2003, at the Horizon Hospice Home in Billings. He was born on Dec. 4, 1932, in Westhope, N.D., to Neil and Myrtle (Hulse) Rosendahl. He attended school through eighth grade in Westhope. He left school to farm until he joined the Navy in 1952. He served as boatswain mate during the Korean conflict.

In 1956, he returned home to marry Janice Steinhaus. Together, they had four children. He worked in oilfields throughout the U.S. and Canada until his retirement in 1999.

Garney enjoyed fishing for walleye at Ft. Peck Reservoir and at Van Hook near New Town, N.D. He loved his grandchildren. He took them on trips to see the

**GARNEY
ROSENDAHL**

country and to fish, boat and swim.

Garney is survived by his wife of 46 years, Janice; his children, Monte Rosendahl of Livingston, Mike (Lori) Rosendahl of Grand Junction, Colo., Mira Harvilak of Billings; seven grandchildren; one brother, Richard (Lois) Rosendahl of Minot, N.D.; a sister, Beverly Granger, also of Minot; and numerous nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents and his son, Mark Rosendahl.

Memorial services will be 11 a.m. Friday, May 16, at the Dahl Funeral Chapel in Billings. A reception will follow at the VFW Hall in Billings Heights. A memorial service will be held 2 p.m. Monday, May 19, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Westhope. The burial of ashes will take place at Westhope Cemetery. A luncheon will follow the burial at the church. Memorials may be made to the charity of your choice or Big Sky Hospice, PO Box 35033, Billings, 59107.

Betsy Ross

BILLINGS GAZETTE

JUL 11 2003

FORSYTH — Betsy Ross, 72, of Forsyth, died Wednesday, July 9, 2003, at the Rosebud Health Care Center.

Visitation will be from 1 to 6 p.m. Friday, June 11, in the chapel of Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Forsyth. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 12, in the chapel of Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home of Forsyth. Burial will be in the family lot in the Forsyth Cemetery.

Dale Ross

1941-2003

PLENTY WOOD — Dale Ross was born Oct. 4, 1941, in Plentywood, the son of Willard and Joan Ross. He attended grade school and high school in Plentywood. In 1960, he joined the National Guard. Dale married Sandra Tymofichuk and they were later divorced. They had two sons, Terry and Monty. He was also married to Leanarda Murphy and they also were divorced.



DALE ROSS

Dale operated a hot oil business, then worked for Murphy Oil Well Company of Poplar. In later years, he worked for a gravel crushing company, also in Poplar.

He enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren and loved to cook and work in his shop.

Surviving are his mother, Joan Ross of Plentywood; his sons, Terry and Monty, both of Poplar; five grandchildren, Gary Ross, who is Terry's son, and Sherry, Jennifer, Misty, Ellie, and Monty Adam Ross, children of Monty. He is also survived by a sister, Judy Morken and her husband, David of Hungry Horse, Mont. and Yuma, Ariz.

Dale died Oct. 17, 2003, at Deaconess Billings Clinic after having four strokes and surgery.

Funeral services for Mr. Ross will be 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 21, at Clayton Stevenson Memorial Chapel in Poplar with a one hour visitation prior to services. Graveside services will be held in Plentywood on Wednesday, Oct. 22.

Condolences may be sent to the family at csmc@nemontel.net or at www.stevensonandsons.com. Clayton Stevenson Memorial Chapel of Poplar and Fulkerson Funeral Home of Plentywood are in charge of arrangements.

JUN 14 2003

TERRY
David Ross, age 87, of Terry, passed away on Wednesday, June 11, 2003, at the Prairie County Nursing Home.



DAVID ROSS

David was born in his parents' farmhouse outside of Terry, on April 6, 1916, the son of George A. and Clara (Jacobus) Ross. He attended Broadview School until the eighth grade and Terry High School, where he graduated in 1934. He worked on the construction of Fort Peck Dam, and as a clerk in the Terry grocery store during the winters. He moved to California in 1940, where he constructed planes for Lockheed Aircraft Corp. David married Mildred Beason of Circle on March 1, 1941, in Alhambra, Calif. The family grew to include two daughters, Donna and Della.

After the war, they returned to Terry to take over the Ross farm on Broadview Bench, where a third daughter, Dixie, was born. The family worked together to make the farm successful in spite of hail, drought and grasshoppers. Sundays were always set aside for church and family activities.

David was an avid sportsman and excelled at football in high

school and bowling in later years. He loved watching team sports, and was passionate about the Terry Terriers and any game involving his kids or grandkids. He enjoyed good music and joined in family sing-a-longs. He was a member and supporter of the Community Presbyterian Church for 74 years. David also served his community as a 20-year member of the Tongue River Electric board, the Farmers Union Oil Board of Directors, and the ASCS board.

Dave and Milly retired from farming in 1983 and moved into Terry, where they have remained.

David is survived by his wife, Milly Ross of Terry; three daughters, Donna Marshall and her husband Dick of Hooksett, N.H., Della Howell of Laurel and Dixie Iverson and her husband Daniel of Winnett; a sister, Helen Dersham of Miles City; eight grandchildren, Davey, Danny, Drew and Delight Iverson, Connie Howell Burchett, Dean Howell, Susan Brisson and

Joanna Williams; and five great-grandchildren, Gabriel and Savanna Burchett, Alexander, Benjamin and Isaac Brisson. He was preceded in death by his parents, and a sister, Florence Falkenstern.

Visitation was held Friday, June 13, in the chapel of Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Terry. Funeral services will be held Saturday, June 14, at 4 p.m. at the Community Presbyterian Church in Terry. Interment will follow in the Prairie County Cemetery in Terry. Please send your condolences to the family at www.stevensonandsons.com. Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home of Terry is in charge of the arrangements.

Should friends desire, memorials may be made to the Parish Scholarship Fund, at the Community Presbyterian Church or to the charity of one's choice.

JUN 17 2003

DeVorah Ross

GREAT FALLS — DeVorah Stone Ross, 93, of Great Falls, formerly of Livingston and Shelby, died Thursday, June 12,

A celebration of life will be at 10 a.m. Friday, June 20, at Grace United Methodist Church in Livingston. A social hour will follow. Cremation committal services and burial will follow in Red Lodge Cemetery in Red Lodge. Thomas Davis Funeral Home of Livingston is in charge.

Irene Mary Ross

Irene Mary Ross, 96 years of age, died on Tuesday, Oct. 28, 2003, at Valley Health Care Center.

She was born April 9, 1907, in Fromberg, the daughter of Anton and Emma Buzzetti. The family moved to Hardin in 1925, where she attended high school.

She attended Montana State University in Bozeman and returned to Hardin, where she worked in Big Horn State Bank.



**IRENE
ROSS**

In 1930, she and Robert S. Ross, her high school sweetheart, were married in Red Lodge. Since 1954 they lived in Billings and were members of St. Patrick's Co Cathedral. Mr. Ross died in 1993. Their son, Robert John, died in 1988.

She is survived by her daughters, Kristen (Robert) White and Joyce (William) Enslow; and her son, Rickard (Jan) Ross; 13 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren; and her brother Edward J. Buzzetti.

Cremation has taken place and a private family interment is planned. Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

James T. Ross

DEC 15 2003

ROUNDUP — James T. Ross, 78, of Roundup and the Boulder River Valley passed away peacefully Friday Dec. 12, 2003 at his home in Roundup.

Jim was born on March 11, 1925 in Roundup, the son of Robert Norton Ross and Mary "Polly" (Finnan) Ross. He was raised by Jennie and Art Conger.

He attended school in Klein. In 1946, he married his childhood sweetheart, Erma Masini. He served in the Navy during WWII and again in Korea.

He was a businessman who owned Ross Cleaners. Jim was active in the Masonic Lodge Unity #71 and the Roundup Fire Dept. Through his involvement as County Civil Defense director, Jim was instrumental in establishing the Musselshell County Ambulance. He trained many local EMT's and first responders throughout the area. Jim was an EMTA and paramedic with St. Vincent's HELP helicopter service and continued teaching for many years until his retirement.

Jim was a devoted husband, father and grandfather who had a knack for making people laugh. He was the type of man that people turned to in an emergency.

Survivors include two sons, Robert (Carol) Ross of Sunburst, and Michael (Kersten) Ross of Anchorage, Alaska; one daughter, Nancy (George) Griemsman of Roundup; four grandchildren, Suzanne (Ross) Wood, Scott Ross, Troy and Tyler Griemsman.

Jim was preceded in death by his wife, Erma; his brother, Robert; parents and step-parents.

Memorial services will be 1:30 p.m. Tuesday Dec. 16, at the Roundup Masonic Hall. Memorials in Jim's name may be made to Unity Lodge #71 in Roundup, or to a charity of one's choice. Arrangements are by Cremation or Funeral Gallery.

MAY 28 2003

Jim L. Ross

FORSYTH — Jim L. Ross, 74, of Forsyth, died Monday, May 26, 2003, at the Rosebud Health Care Center, of cancer.

Visitation will be from 1 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, May 28, the chapel of Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Forsyth. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, May 29, at the Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home. Burial will be in the family lot of the Forsyth Cemetery.

Lewis Neville Ross

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

MAR 21 2004

Lewis Neville Ross was called to his Lord peacefully in his sleep on March 17, 2003, in Westaco, Texas, where he spent his winters.



He was born in Otthon, Saskatchewan, Canada, on Nov. 17, 1915, to Anna and Paul Bucsis the oldest of seven children.

LEWIS ROSS

As a 5-year-old, he moved to the Bull Mountain area of Montana, where his aunt and uncle, Irene and Walter T. Ross, raised him. Lewis graduated from Billings High School in 1935, and then received his bachelor's degree from the University of Montana in 1940. While at the university, he actively supported his professor, Mike Mansfield's first run for political office.

After college, Mr. Ross spent five years in the U.S. Army, serving his country during World War II. He was a union carpenter, assisting in the building of Yellowtail Dam, missile silos throughout central Montana, the John Deere Building, the Sheraton Hotel and many local business and homes throughout the Billings area.

Lewis, or "Butch" to his high school buddies, was an all-state football player in high school and remained an avid fan of local high school teams. He attended games regularly. He also loved golf, playing for the University of Montana golf team and playing until the last two years of his life. In retirement, Lewis and his wife, Margie, traveled extensively to all parts of the world.

Mr. Ross is survived by his wife of 59 years, Lena Marjory Ross; five children, Irene Davies of Kent, Wash., Walter Ross of Waterflow, N.M., Christine Bilant of Whitefish, Elizabeth Cole of Des Moines, Wash., and Charles Ross of Des Moines. Twelve grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; his brother, Walter Bessie; his sister, Jane Bodie, both of Melville, Sask., Canada; and his cousin, Betty Deaton, of Glendive, also survive him.

Lewis was known for his dry sense of humor and his love of visiting. Dad was loved by his family and will be missed.

A vigil service will be held Friday, March 21, 7 p.m. at Dahl Funeral Chapel. A Funeral Mass will be held at St. Thomas Catholic Church on Saturday, March 22, at 11 a.m. The Rite of interment will follow in Holy Cross Cemetery.

Pearl L. (Imlay) Ross

BILLINGS GAZETTE
APR 13 2003

ABSAROKEE — Pearl L. (Imlay) Ross, 91, of Absarokee, passed away Thursday, April 10, 2003, of natural causes at Brookside Personal Care Facility in Absarokee.



PEARL ROSS

Pearl was born Feb. 29, 1912, near Derby/Humeston, Iowa, to Edgar Harold Thompson and Lola Pauline (Rash) Thompson. She was the third eldest of eight children. She came to Montana as an infant with her parents. They homesteaded south of Reed Point in the Kent Lake area where she attended grade school at Kent Lake.

Pearl married Theron Carl Imlay April 20, 1928. They moved into Reed Point in 1930 where they raised their six sons. She did laundry for several of the residents of Reed Point, cleaned tourist cabins and served as a barber to many, anything to bring in extra money. She worked in the post office as a postal clerk from 1948 to 1958.

In November, 1958, Pearl and Carl moved to Absarokee, where she became a Rural Mail Carrier, retiring in March of 1975. After Carl's death, March 26, 1974, Pearl married Jack Ross, an old family friend, on May 15, 1977. Jack died

Nov. 28, 1981.

Pearl dedicated her life to God, her six boys and her church. She enjoyed flowers, gardening, and crocheting afghans, making quilts and embroidering. In November of 2001, Pearl suffered a debilitating stroke, causing the loss of much of her speech and use of her arm and hand, but she did not lose her spirit or loving smile.

She was a life member of the Evangelical Church of North America; a life member of Ladies Auxiliary of V. F. W. 7311; Rock Rose Chapter 63 Order of Eastern Star; a member of the National Letter Carrier Association and a member of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees.

She was very proud and honored to be a member of all these organizations.

Pearl was preceded in death by her parents, her two husbands and sisters, Selma Miller, Myrna Harris, Clella Leland, Arleta Callantine, and brother Leo Thompson, and one son Vernon, who died June 27, 1983.

Pearl is survived by her five sons, Everett (Maria) Imlay, Donald Imlay, Carl Imlay, all of Absarokee, Wesley Imlay (Speed) of Bridger, and Gene (Betty) Imlay

of Missoula. Also surviving are sisters, Doris Essex of Weed, Calif., and Florence Loughane of Belgrade; and sister-in-law Faye Thompson of Seal Beach, Calif.; 18 grandchildren and many great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, April 15, at the Absarokee Evangelical Church. Interment will be in Mountainview Cemetery, Columbus.

As suggested memorials may be made to the Absarokee Evangelical Church or Absarokee Volunteer Fire Dept. or charity of choice.

Smith Funeral Chapel, Columbus was in charge of arrangements.

God saw her getting weary; He did what he thought best; He put His hands around her, and whispered come and rest.

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Sherrie Ross

BILLINGS GAZETTE

JUL 31 2003

LAUREL — Sherrie Ross, formerly of Laurel and Roundup, died May 6, 2003.

A memorial service will be at 1 p.m. Monday, Aug. 4, at the Calvary Baptist Church in Laurel. A reception will follow.

MAY 19 2003

MESA, Ariz. — Mesa resident Sherrie Ross passed away May 6, 2003, in her home. Sherrie had lived in Mesa for eight years and was working for AT&T at the time of her death. Funeral services were provided by Mechler Mortuary Chapel of the Roses in Mesa, May 10, at 1:30 p.m. A memorial service is tentatively scheduled Aug. 4, in Laurel, Mont.

Sherrie was born Oct. 18, 1949, to Wayne and Marion Manchester Gilbert in the cab of a truck that was stuck in a snowdrift while they were en route to the hospital in Central Montana. She was 10 days old before she made it into Conrad Memorial Hospital. Sherrie and her family moved from the Conrad area in 1954 to Hobson, Mont., and in 1960, she moved again to Roundup, Mont., where she graduated from high school.

In 1967, she married Larry Ross of Roundup. Sherrie was injured in a car accident in 1970, which left her in a wheelchair for the next 33 years. In 1972, Sherrie and Larry moved to Anchorage, Alaska, where Larry was employed in the oil fields. Sherrie had a son, Michael, in 1976, despite doctor's recommendations, and the family continued to live in Anchorage until 1982. Sherrie and Michael

relocated to Laurel, where she returned to college and earned her CPA degree. She also taught accounting at Billings Business College. After surviving breast cancer in the early '90s, Sherrie moved to Arizona for a warmer climate.

It was often said of Sherrie that she accomplished more from her wheelchair than many of us did standing up. She was small in stature, but mighty in her accomplishments! Sherrie was a loving daughter, mother, sister, aunt and friend who will be greatly missed by all who loved her.

Sherrie was preceded in death by her father, Wayne Gilbert; and her mother, Marion Manchester Gilbert, both of Roundup. She is survived by her son, Michael Ross of Anchorage; her brother and sister-in-law, James and Rosemary Gilbert of Anchorage; brother, Ronald Gilbert of Roundup; nephew and nieces, Rodney, Katie and Lexi; former husband Larry Ross; his extended family; and many other relatives and friends.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Christopher Reeve Paralysis Foundation, 500 Morris Ave., Springfield, NJ 07081.

Vivienne V. Ross

BILLINGS GAZETTE

JUL 26 2003

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Vivienne V. Ross, 80, of Billings, passed away peacefully on Sunday evening, July 20, 2003, in St. John's Lutheran Home, surrounded by family members who truly loved her.



**VIVIENNE
ROSS**

Vivienne was born on July 18, 1923, in Westham London, England, the daughter of Arthur and Germaine (Weksteen) Smith. The family moved to Bicester, Oxfordshire, England, when Vivienne was just a little girl. Vivienne attended St. Mary's Catholic School during her first 12 years of education. She then attended Oxford University for four years, acquiring degrees in business and secretarial courses.

After finishing college, Vivienne went to work for the Royal Exchange Assurance Co., from 1940 to 1943, then she was in the Civil Defense from 1943 to 1945. When she got out of Civil Defense, she went to work for the Ministry of Supply.

In 1946, while working for the Ministry of Supply, she met John D. Ross. After a courtship, they were joined in holy matrimony on Oct. 12, 1946. They resided in Germany for a short time while her husband was in the armed

forces.

John was transferred to Washington, D.C., in 1947. Vivienne stayed behind in England until 1948 when she then joined her husband in Washington.

While Vivienne was in Washington, she obtained her most prized possession, her American citizenship, on Nov. 11, 1952.

Shortly after arriving in the United States, she went to work for GEICO.

In 1949, Vivienne and John had their first daughter, Anne, and then in 1951, their second daughter, Mary, was born. Then in 1952, John was discharged from the military and the family moved to Billings.

When they arrived in Billings, John went to work and Vivienne stayed home to take care of their children. In 1953, they had their first son, John D. Jr., and then in 1956, they had their second son, Michael.

To help take care of the family, Vivienne worked at New American Life Insurance Co. for a few years. After the children were old enough, she returned to working in 1970, doing numerous things until her retirement.

Vivienne was also a very active and diligent member of numerous organizations, including Catholic Daughters of America, the Caledonian Society, Stephen Ministry and the Secular Franciscan Order. She was actively involved in her faith and the Catholic Church.

Vivienne is survived by her children, Mary Kosmann and Michael Ross, both of Billings, Anna (Stan) Gerke of Helena and John Jr. (Cathy) Ross of Lakewood, Wash. She is also survived by her grandchildren, David M. (Jennifer) Kosmann of Billings, Katie, Janet and John III of Lakewood; and numerous other family members, including David E. Kosmann.

According to her wishes, a funeral mass was held on Thursday, July 24, at St. Bernard's Parish and she was laid to rest at Holy Cross Cemetery.

The family wishes to thank St. John's Lutheran Home for their excellent care and for the love they gave Mom. A special thank you to Dr. Kerstin Beijer and Mary Jo Michalski.

Memorials may be made to St. John's Lutheran Home, 3940 Rimrock Rd., Billings, MT 59102.

Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary was in charge of arrangements.

May you walk through Heaven with Our Lord; you are deeply loved and will be missed always.

Grace Smith Russell

MISSOULA — Grace Smith Russell, 91, passed away on Saturday, June 14, 2008, at the Missoula Riverside Health Care Center, of natural causes.

She was born Jan. 5, 1912, on the family homestead near Ballantine, to Albert and William

Christopher "ABC" Smith and Mary Cleveland Smith. As a young girl, she lived with her family on the Huntley Project Homestead and was educated in the Ballantine-Worden Public Schools. While in high school, she participated in the 4-H Club, and along with her teammate, earned a trip to Portland, Ore., where they won the 1929 Western Regional 4-H Demonstration Contest. She graduated valedictorian of her class in 1930. She received scholarships to attend Billings Normal School, now MSU-Billings. She worked as a clerk at the Project Mercantile for Hans Hanson, where she used her linguistic ability to speak German and Spanish to the local patrons.



**GRACE
ROSSELL**

On Sept. 2, 1937, she married Charles H. Russell in Hardin. The couple ranched in the Bull Mountains, Absarokee, Laurel, Big Horn, Hysham, Cat Creek, Shawmut and Forsyth, while keeping a home base in Billings, then retiring to Ballantine, and later, Missoula.

She was 4-H leader, a member of the Homemakers, won a bread-baking contest sponsored by Fleishmann's Yeast Company. She was active in her church as a Sunday school teacher and in the nursery during church services. She sponsored a KYB (Know Your Bible) Club after school for children in the neighborhood.

She raised an acre-sized garden, sold produce and often organized neighborhood canning groups. She sewed, played the piano and the accordion. Her most happy times were those spent with her husband and children, ranching, riding horses, doctoring cattle and being a mechanic with her son. She and her family often trailed the cattle from one location

to another, sometimes moving them over a hundred miles. She was a true Westerner. After retiring from ranching, she took great pride in being asked to score for the World Horseshoe-Pitching Tournaments in Biloxi, Miss.; Spearfish, S.D.; Stone Mountain, Ga.; and Columbus, Ohio.

She was preceded in death by her parents; sister, Hazel L. Smith; and brother, Albert W. Smith.

Survivors include her husband, Charles; a son, Charles Hugh (Jan) of Great Falls; two daughters, Betty (Gary) Leppart of Billings and Carolyn of Missoula; a brother, Clarence E. Smith of Breaux Bridge, La.; six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be 9 to 11 a.m. Tuesday, June 17, at Smith Downtown Chapel, 120 N. 26th St., Billings. Services will be 2 p.m. Wednesday, June 18, also at Smith Downtown Chapel, with burial at the Ballantine Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Shaun Wulff, Fred Reed, Butch Ewen, Keith Ewen, Danny Ewen and Brandon Ewen. Honorary pallbearers: Mark Agar, Jesse Deming, Carl Styger, Morris Styger, Wendall Copenhaver, Gene Copenhaver, Gene Goff and John Goff.

The family suggests memorials be sent to the St. Labre Indian School, 1000 Tongue River, Ashland, MT 59003.

Bernard 'Bennie' Roth

BRIDGER

Bernard "Bennie" Roth, 95, of Bridger, passed away peacefully at St. Vincent Health-care, Sunday evening, May 4, 2003, surrounded by family.



BENNIE ROTH

He was born Jan. 9, 1908, at Mott, N.D., the son of Karl and Wilhelmina Roth. Orphaned at a young age, he was raised by Adam and Elizabeth Roth, an uncle and aunt.

He farmed in the Bridger area, raised and pipe-lined in Montana and neighboring states. He retired in the mid-1970s and lived in Bridger until his death.

Bennie married Genevieve "Gen" Weisgerber on Feb. 15, 1938, in Fromberg, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church.

He is survived by his wife, Gen, of 65 years; three sons and one daughter, LaVerne (Kay) Roth of Farmington, N.M., Bob (Rhonda) Roth of Maricopa, Ariz., Gerry Roth of Bridger and Susan (Larry) Kalina of Lewistown; nine grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Bennie was also survived by two sisters, Betty Goodfellow of Redding, Calif., and Celestine

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Pteitie of Mott, N.D. He was preceded in death by his parents, four brothers and two sisters.

He was known by many and loved by more.

A vigil will be held Thursday, May 8, at 7 p.m. and the funeral mass will be celebrated 10 a.m. Friday, May 9, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Bridger, with interment in the Bridge Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial may be made to the charity c donor's choice. Smith Funerary Chapel of Laurel is in charge of arrangements.

Ruth May Bernice Rostad

BIG TIMBER — Ruth May Bernice Rostad, 77, of Big Timber, passed away Sunday evening, June 29, 2003, at the Pioneer Medical Center in Big Timber.

Ruth was born on May 9, 1926, the youngest of nine children born to Richard and Bina (Omdahl) Hauge, who were Norwegian immigrants. She lived all her life in Sweet Grass County.

On May 9, 1946, she married Clarence S. Rostad in the Big Timber Lutheran Church. They had six children. Ruth loved being a housewife, she enjoyed cooking and loved children.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her sisters, Marie Satre and Frances Arseth; her brothers, Henry, Palmer, Rudolph, Donald and Elmer Hauge; and one grandson, Benjamin Andersen.

She is survived by her husband Clarence; three sons, George (Terri) of Colorado City, Colo., Daniel of Big Timber and Kenneth (Rica) of Fife, Wash.; three daughters, Shirley (Joe) Bowden of Big Timber, Emily (Jerry) Graves of Big Timber and Diane (Andy) Livingston of Grass Range; 14 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; her brother, Richard of Elliston; and sister-in-law, Margaret Hauge of Big Timber; and several nieces and nephews.

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Funeral services will be held 2 p.m. Thursday, July 3, at the Big Timber Lutheran Church. Interment will follow at Mountain View Cemetery. Arrangements are by Cremation or Funeral Gallery.

Robert D. Rotthoff, II

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MEETEETSE, Wyo. — Robert Daniel Rotthoff, II, 52, died Sunday, June 29, 2003, at the West Park Hospital in Cody.

Memorial services will be at 6 p.m. Tuesday, July 1, at the Broken Spoke Cafe in Meeteetse. Cremation has taken place. Ballard Funeral Home of Cody is in charge.

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Roberta 'Bobbi' Joan Rovai

Roberta "Bobbi" Rovai, 62, passed away Aug. 11, 2003, at her home in Billings.

She was born May 9, 1941, at Fort Benton, Mont., the daughter of Tom and Aldean Hardy. On Nov. 24, 1962, Bobbi married Rolland "Denny" Rovai.



BOBBI ROVAI

She was preceded in death by her parents and sister, Patricia Scribner. Bobbi is survived by her husband of 40-plus years and her three daughters, Terri (Dean) Haley, Lori (Kenny) Byers and Danelle Rovai, all of Billings. She is also survived by her brother, Charles (Karen) Hardy of Seattle; sister, Elaine (Kenny) Glass of Denton; granddaughters, Nikki and Kelly Haley, Carrie Rovai and Megan Byers and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

At Bobbi's request, cremation has taken place and no services will be held. Memorials may be made to Big Sky Hospice or a charity of your choice. Arrangements are by Cremation or Funeral Gallery.

Ed Rowland

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LAUREL

Ed Rowland, 91, of Laurel, formerly of Fishtail, died Monday, July 21, 2003, at Evergreen Laurel Health and Rehabilitation Center. Cause of death was pneumonia.



ED ROWLAND

Ed was born to Shirley Sawyer Rowland and Leo Earl Rowland in Ashley, N.D. He was the oldest of two children. He was raised in the Bull Mountains near Pompeys Pillar, north of Billings. Ed married Margie Ida Tempero on July 19, 1936. They moved to the family farm at Fishtail, where he lived until 1988. Ed remarried in 1987 to Viola Braswell and separated in 1992.

Ed was very active in Absarokee Community Congregational Church. He contributed thousands of hours of building construction and maintenance of the church property. He served on the Fishtail School Board for many years.

Ed was active in dancing organizations. He enjoyed square dancing clubs and learned to call square dancing. He enjoyed car trips and using his motor home. He loved to eat chocolate cakes and chocolate candies.

Ed was preceded in death by his parents.

Survivors include his sister, Maxine Clague; sons, Leo Rowland of Hillsboro, Ore., and Roy Rowland of Renton, Wash.; a daughter, Shirley Mellor of New Orleans; and the children's mother, Margie, who resides in Red Lodge. Grandchildren are Craig Rowland, Brian Rowland and Paul Rowland, Raymond Rowland, Cynthia Rowland, Jeffery Rowland and Cheryl Mellor. He is also survived by two nephews, Fred and David Clague; and daughters-in-law, LaRayne and Sandi Rowland.

Last rites will be held at the Congregational Church in Laurel, 10 a.m. Thursday, July 24. Interment will be in the Laurel Cemetery.

Smith Funeral Chapel-Laurel was in charge of arrangements.

Florence Rowland

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

MAY 30 2003

BUSBY — Florence Rowland, 80, of rural Busby, passed away Thursday morning, May 29, 2003, in the Billings St. Vincent Hospital.

Ame'tse'he'e, "Walking Women," was born Sept. 12, 1922, in Busby, a daughter of James Wilson and Martha Yellow Eagle. She grew up in the Busby area, where she received her education. She later attended college for one year.

Florence married Ben Rowland on Dec. 24, 1940, in Busby. The couple made their home in Sheridan, Wyo., until moving to Billings, returning to the Busby area in 1958. Mr. Rowland passed away in December of 1971.

She was a member of the Catholic Church.

Florence worked as an instructional aide at the Busby school for a number of years. In her spare time she enjoyed beading and sewing.

Two sons, Randy and Zack; and a daughter, Noma, preceded Florence in death.

Survivors include two daughters, Esther Yellowrobe of Lame Deer and Rebecca Hatfield of Kirby; two brothers, George Wilson of Ashland and Peter John Wilson of Lame Deer; 10 grandchildren and eight great-

grandchildren.

Wake services will be held 7 p.m. Sunday, June 1, in the Busby Christ the King Catholic Church. Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Monday, June 2, in the Church. Interment will follow in the Rowland Family Cemetery near Kirby. Bullis Mortuary of Hardin has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Lerena Mae Rowland

LAME DEER — Lerena Mae Rowland, 55, of Lame Deer, died Monday, May 5, 2003, at St. Vincent Healthcare in Billings.

Wake service will be at 8 p.m. Thursday in the Social Room of the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Lame Deer.

Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Friday in the Boys & Girls Club. Burial will be in the Whiteman Family Cemetery near Lame Deer.

Rausch Funeral Home of the Northern Cheyenne Nation is in charge.

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Errena Mae Rowland

LAME DEER — Loving mother and friend to many, Lerena Mae Rowland passed away Monday evening, May 5, 2003, after a long struggle with diabetes. Born in the Crow Agency Hospital on July 5, 1947, Lerena's Cheyenne Indian name was Shevon'e, which is translated in English as "Fast Growing Woman."

Survivors include Ted Rowland (husband of 38 years); sons and daughters, Regina (Calvin) Two Two, Benjamin James (Dorcsilla) Rowland, Claudia (John) Kaufman, Claude (Kelly) Rowland, Monica Rowland, Realanda (Mike) Willard and Heather (Realand) Johns. Along with numerous grandchildren she was caring for, Lerena also raised in the family home: Realand Whiteman, Jason Whiteman, Lonnie Little Bird, Franklin C. Rowland, Charlote Whiteman and Rogene Whiteman-Not Afraid.

A private viewing for the family was held at the family home nine miles south of Lame Deer on Wednesday afternoon and evening. A public wake was held at the Lame Deer Catholic Church Social Room on

Thursday evening from 8 to 10 p.m.

Funeral services were held at the Northern Cheyenne Boys and Girls Club in Lame Deer on Friday, May 9, at 2p.m. The Reverend Michelle Wilson officiated services and the Rausch Funeral Home was in charge of all funeral arrangements.

Lots Jean 'Jeannie' Rowland

LIVINGSTON — Lois Jean "Jeannie" Rowland, 74, passed away early Monday morning, Sept. 1, 2003, surrounded by her family, in Livingston. She was born Dec. 4, 1928, in Great Falls, to Elizabeth and Julius Rinan. Jean attended schools in Great Falls and graduated from Great Falls High School. Upon graduation, she attended Montana State University in Bozeman.

Jean married Gene Snyder and they were blessed with two daughters, Kathy and Sandy.

Jean worked for the ABC Kiddie Shop and was the receptionist at KRTV for many years. Upon retirement, Jean loved to do needlepoint and to spend time with her friends and family. When Jean's health began to fail, she moved to Billings 10 years ago to be closer to her family.

Always a dog lover, Jean found great enjoyment the last few years in her little dog, Sadie, who was a gift from her family.

Jean was preceded in death by her parents; sister, Joyce Connor; and brother, Sonny Rinan. She is survived by her daughters, Kathy Carrick (Paul Revell) of Livingston and Sandy (Alan) Anseth of Billings. In addition, Jean leaves behind two grandchildren, Andrew and Annie Anseth.

The family wishes to extend their heartfelt thank-yous to Dr. Ronald Burnam and Judy, Dr. Geraldo Midence and, also, Joanne Lassier, at St. Vincent Healthcare.

Mom and Grandma, we love you and miss you. We will take good care of Sadie for you. We know you are now in a better place and free from pain.

A graveside service in memory of Jean will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 3, at Highland Cemetery in Great Falls.

If so desired, memorials may be sent to American Lung Association, Big Sky Hospice in Billings or ZooMontana.

Chapel of Chimes of Great Falls is handling arrangements.

Marilynn M. Rowlison

BILLINGS GAZETTE

APR 02 2003

Her savior Jesus Christ called Marilynn M. Rowlison, wife, mother and grandma, on March 31, 2003. She died at St. Vincent Healthcare of a brain aneurysm.

She was born Dec. 21, 1942, to Lenard and Elizabeth Yost. She graduated from Billings Senior High in 1960. In 1963, she married Dick Rowlison in Billings and they had two children, Barry



**MARILYNN
ROWLISON**

(Hallie) of Joliet and Valerie of Miles City. Her pride and joy were her two grandchildren, Kaylee and Taylor.

Marilynn loved to travel and spend quality time with friends and family. She also loved playing golf with Dick in Laurel, where they were members, and working in the yard.

She was a member of the Billings Friendship Chapter 124, Eastern Star and Daughters of the Nile. She was very involved with the Al Bedoo Shrine clown unit, in which Dick is a member. She was also a member of Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd.

Dick and Marilynn owned and operated Loranz Gourmet in West Park Plaza for 13 years. She was currently employed at First

Interstate Bank as a data processor.

Mom and Grandma, we love you dearly and we will miss you deeply. We know that your love, kindness and generosity will live on with us and also through the many lives you've touched.

She is survived by her husband, Dick; son Barry (Hallie); daughter Valerie; and two grandchildren, Kaylee and Taylor. She is also survived by two sisters, Betty (Bill) Eaton and Joan Gernant; brother Leonard (Dolores) Yost, Jr. and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Thursday, April 3, at the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, 24th St. West and Lewis Ave. Interment will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be 6 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, April 2, at Smith's West Chapel, 304 34th St. West, and one hour before the service at the church.

Memorials can be made to either the Scottish Rite Speech and Language Clinic or the Billings Shrine Transportation Fund.

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John 'Travis' Roy

John "Travis" Roy, 33, died Feb. 7, 2003, at his home in Wright, WY, surrounded by his family.

He was born on July 12, 1969, in Douglas, WY. In 1991, he was united in marriage with Ticy Lynn Hughes of Guernsey, WY. After graduating from the South Dakota School of Mines, the couple made their home in Wright where he joined the Powder River Coal staff as the Safety Supervisor and Safety Training Coordinator. In addition, he was a volunteer fire fighter and certified EMT.

He was an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed hunting, fishing, golfing, boating, playing chess, riding 4-wheelers, rodeo, and time with friends. His greatest passion in life was being a father, husband and family man and he graciously accepted cancer as part of his life's journey.

Survivors include his wife, Ticy; two sons, Courtland Shane and Stormy Sky; his parents, Arthur and Rhonda Roy of Douglas and Rick and Echo Roy-Klaproth from Shoshoni, WY; one sister, Amanda Roy and niece, Rayne of Casper, WY; two brothers, Tye and wife Shelly Roy and their children, Hunter and Aaden of Laurel, and Sean and wife Jennifer Hopkins and sons, Justin, Josh from Mitchell, NE; step-siblings of the family home, Patrick, Andrew and Ashley Morgan; brother-in-law, Starr and wife Dana Hughes and their children Dallas, Steel, and Livie from Douglas; as well as a long list of friends and extended family.

His remains will rest at the family cabin which he helped build in the mountains he loved, south of Douglas. Memorials were to either Northeast Wyoming Hospice, P.O. Box 3259, Gillette, WY 82717 or to Wright Volunteer Fire Department, P.O. Box 81, Wright, WY 82732. Converse Funeral Chapel of Douglas was in charge of arrangements.

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MARTHA ROYBAL

Martha B. Roybal

Martha Belle Trump Roybal, 84, passed away peacefully at St. Vincent Healthcare, on June 5, 2003, after a brief illness. Her family and several ministers provided her with a tender and loving departure.

Martha was born in Huntley in 1919, to Otto Trump and Minnie Spry Trump. She was the ninth of 10 children. Her youth was spent in Indiana, Judith Gap and finally in Billings, where she graduated from Billings High School in 1937.

Martha received secretarial training under FDR's WPA and NYA make-work program. While there, she met fellow worker Jesse Roybal. They married in 1941. From that union, Martha had two children, Jesse Dwaine and Margaret Lee "Peggy."

During WWII, Martha began attending the Church of the Air, now the Billings Bible Church,

where she was actively involved in the nursery program, pioneer girls, Women's Missionary Society, and Clydehurst Christian Ranch. Missionaries and evangelists were frequent meal and overnight guests at the Roybal home. Martha was well known for her gift of hospitality and for her steadfast Christian faith. Her most cherished life-verse was Jeremiah 29:11.

When her children started school, Martha served several terms as president of the Taft School PTA. She later worked for 16 years as the secretary of First Alliance Church for Rev. James McFadden, "Pastor Mac."

Most of all, Martha was devoted to her family. She provided a lifetime of nurture and encouragement to her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Martha will be greatly missed by all of us, along with her larger extended family, and her many, many friends.

Marrin is survived by her children, Donald (Donald) Rybel and
Dorothy (Dorothy) Rybel and her sister,
Dorothy (Dorothy) Rybel; her grand-
children, Donald Rybel, Jim
Rybel, and Frazier,
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Funeral will be at Huntley
Cemetery, where her parents and
grandfather are also buried.
Funeral services will be 11 a.m.
Monday, June 9, at First Alliance
Church, 10th St. Rev. James
Moffatt officiating.

Donations may be made to
Lutheran Christian Church, c/o
10th St. Church, Christian
Missionary Alliance, or to the
Lutheran Christian Church.

Carol Diane Rubich

Memorial services will be at 3 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 11, for Carol Diane Rubich, 45, of Billings.

Carol was born July 19, 1958, to Beryl and Chris Rubich. She attended Poly Drive Elementary School and Will James Middle School and graduated from Billings West High in 1976.

She received a business-administration degree from Eastern Montana College in 1982 and became a certified public accountant, working for General Hydrocarbons, St. Vincent Healthcare, Denny Menholt Chevrolet and other Billings businesses.

She was preceded in death by her father and is survived by her mother; her brothers and sisters and their spouses, William and Sandy Rubich, Chris Rubich, Linda Hodges, Susan and Rocky Smith and Keith Rubich; numerous nephews; a niece; several great-nieces and a great-nephew.

Memorials may be made to the Shrine Transportation Fund; PO Box 20673; Billings, MT 59104, or the charity of your choice.

Memorial services will be at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary, 1001 Alderson Ave.

Keith Ruby

BILLINGS GAZETTE

APR 12 2003

BUFFALO, Wyo. — Keith Ruby, 70, of Buffalo, died Wednesday, April 9, 2003, at the Deaconess Billings Clinic.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 15, at the Adams Funeral Home Chapel in Buffalo. Visitation will be from 1 to 10 p.m. Monday, April 14, and from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, at the Adams Funeral Home. Burial will be in Willow Grove Cemetery, with graveside services to follow the funeral.

M. Louise Ruby

BILLINGS GAZETTE

APR 29 2003

WORLAND, Wyo. — M. Louise Ruby, 88, of Worland, died Sunday, April 27, 2003, at Washakie Medical Center.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, May 1, at the Church of Christ. Cremation will follow the service. Veile Mortuary of Worland is in charge.

NOV 08 2003

Sue Rude

GREAT FALLS — Sue Rude, 60, of Great Falls, formerly of Miles City, died Friday, Nov. 7, 2003, in Great Falls.

A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Monday, Nov. 10, at the Sunrise Presbyterian Church in Great Falls. Visitation will be Tuesday, Nov. 11, in the chapel of Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 12, in the chapel of Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City. Interment will follow in the family lot of the Custer County Cemetery in Miles City.

William A. Ruesch

CODY, Wyo. — William A. Ruesch, 72, of Cody, died Friday, Jan. 31, 2003, at his home.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 6, at Ballard Funeral Home in Cody. Interment will follow in Riverside Cemetery. Visitation will be 10 a.m. Thursday, until service time at Ballard Funeral Home.

Alice E. Ruff

BILLINGS GAZETTE

JUL 19 2003

Alice E. Ruff, 71, of Billings, died Friday, July 18, 2003, at Parkview Care Center.

No services are planned. Cremation will be held with inurnment at the Absaroka Bearpaw Columbarium. Cremation or Funeral Gallery is in charge.

Eleanor Ruff

GILLETTE GAZETTE

FEB 21 2003

GILLETTE, Wyo. — Eleanor Seldon Ruff, 87, of Gillette, formerly of Butte, Mont., died Monday, Feb. 17, 2003, at Campbell County Memorial Hospital.

Private family services will be held. Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home of Gillette is in charge.

JAN 30 2003

BRIDGER — Douglas Mark Rukavina died at he age of 52, on Tuesday, Jan. 27, 2003.



DOUGLAS RUKAVINA

Doug was born the son of Peter John and Alaina Marie (Smith) Rukavina on April 19, 1950, in Billings. He lived in Bluewater, Mont., until 1967, when his family moved to Bridger, where he graduated from high school in 1969. He worked for Montana Power and NorthWestern Energy.

On Oct. 4, 1975, Doug was united in marriage to Carolyn Faye Kahler. Together, they raised four children. Doug served as a Bridger Volunteer Fireman for 33 years.

Doug leaves behind his wife of 27 years, Carolyn; his four children, Mark (Jacqueline) Gangstad of Livingston, Candie (Ted) Stimac of Colstrip, Tracy (Dennis) Healy of Yakima, Wash., and Tina Louise Rukavina of Albuquerque, N.M., and Adam (Carrie) Blumenthal, whom they welcomed into the family during his high school years; his parents, Pete and Marie Rukavina; his brother, Gary Saarela; his moth-

er-in-law, Elfrieda Kahler of Billings; six grandchildren, numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews and a multitude of friends.

Funeral services will be held at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Bridger at 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 31. Doug will be laid to rest in the Bridger Cemetery following the service. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be made to the Bridger Volunteer Fire Department. Dahl Funeral Chapel is in charge of arrange-

William 'Suggs' Ruland

William "Suggs" Ruland, a.k.a. Old Man Ruland to those who knew and loved him, passed away at his home, Sunday, Nov. 16, 2003.

He was born Dec. 5, 1935, in Fort Morgan, Colo. In 1945, his family moved to the Huntley Project, where he lived and grew up.

Suggs worked construction most of his life. He enjoyed taking long drives in the country hills around the Project. He loved to go fishing and boating the lakes and rivers of Montana and hunting, especially for deer. He had a wise way about him and a calming effect on those who sought his advice. He was always there whenever we needed him. He was a patient man who taught us all different lessons in life. He was a loyal father, friend and brother.

He was preceded in death by his parents Lucille and Andy Ruland; siblings, Andrew D. Ruland, Wade Ruland and Shirley Cummins. His survivors include brothers Jim Ruland of Worden, Steve Ruland of Ballantine, Charlie Ruland of Texas; his two daughters, Stefani Ruland of Sacramento, Calif., Peggy and Rick Gutierrez of Billings; his grandchildren, Carrie and William; his longtime companion and best friend, Carol Heath of Livingston; his cherished little black dog, Midnight; his step-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews

BILLINGS GAZETTE

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To our father, brother and friend, you will be greatly missed and loved always. God bless you.

Memorial service to be held at Smith Funeral Chapel, 120 N. 26th St., Billings. Viewing Thursday, Nov. 20, 5 to 9 p.m., funeral 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 21. Reception to follow.

NOV 01 2003**Peggy Rulli**

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Peggy George Rulli, 89, of Sheridan, died Thursday, Oct. 30, 2003, at her home.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Monday, Nov. 3, at St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Sheridan. Champion Ferries Funeral Home of Sheridan is in charge.

Catherine Rumph

BIDDLE — Catherine H. Rumph, 75, of Biddle, died Saturday, Aug. 30, 2003, at her daughter's home in Gillette, Wyo., of ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease).

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 3, at Stevenson Funeral Home in Broadus. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 4, at the First Baptist Church in Broadus. Burial will be at Valley View Cemetery, Broadus.

Jack Delmar Rumph

He passed away quietly Sunday afternoon, July 29, 2003, at the age of 64.

Jack was born on March 23, 1939, in Broadus. His parents were Everett and Elaine Rumph. At age 2 years old, he and his family moved to California. Jack, his wife and four children moved back to Billings in 1981. His three other children and their families followed him from California to Billings years later.

Jack was a Jehovah's Witness for many years, which he faithfully followed in all his affairs.

He owned several sign shops throughout the years and developed Signwriters Publishing Company in 1969, which his wife still runs today. Jack was active and well known in the sign business and would help anyone interested in the business.

He loved others and was well loved by everyone he met.

His wife, June Rumph, and his seven children survive him: Cyndi Rumph Beckett of Wyoming, Raymond Rumph, Mark Rumph of Billings, Roger Hudson of Bakersfield, Calif., Sandy Hudson and James Hudson of Columbus, Jack E. Rumph of Billings. A brother, Dan Rumph of Wyoming; and a sister, Janet Lynch of Bakersfield; and many cousins, nieces and nephews also survive him. Jack had 17 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

BILLINGS GAZETTE

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A memorial service will be held at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, located at 405 S. 36th St. West, at 2 p.m. Saturday, July 5.

Helen Agnes Rupert

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April 29, 2003 Helen Rupert, 87, died peacefully of natural causes, after a long battle with declining health.



HELEN RUPERT

Helen was born in NuMine, Pa., in 1915, completed high school then went directly into nurse's training in Pittsburgh. She married Gene Rupert of Kittanning, Pa., in 1940, and after Gene's discharge from the Army in 1945, they relocated to Cody, Wyo., where they lived for most of their lives except for a few years in Thermopolis, Wyo.

Helen's career as a registered nurse was very important in defining her as a person and she worked regularly until retirement. For years, she was a highly sought after private duty nurse in a bygone age where nursing was defined by compassion and personal care.

Helen was preceded in death by her husband Gene in 1983; and her brothers, Ben and Guido Oddi. She is survived by her sons, Keith Rupert (Nancy), Billings,

and Jerry Rupert (Helen), Houston, Texas; and her brother, Victor Oddi; by her grandchildren, Randy Rupert (Coryll), Portland, Ore., Katie Ruff (Chris), Seattle, Brandy Jacobson (Ty), Las Vegas, Bree Garcia (Brett), Houston, Scott Rupert, Billings, Kelly Rupert, Billings; and by her great-grandchild Abigail Ruff, Seattle.

Helen will be remembered by her family for her caregiving, direct talk, wry sense of humor, and brave battle to remain self reliant as her health failed.

Graveside service 11 a.m. Saturday, May 3, Riverside Cemetery, Cody. Memorial service 1 p.m. Saturday, Cody United Methodist Church.

Memorials may be sent to Saint Vincent Healthcare Foundation, General Nurse Education Fund, PO Box 35200, Billings, MT 59107 or Cody United Methodist Church, Cody, WY 82414.

Lena Rupp

Lena Rupp, 74, passed away Friday, Feb. 14, 2003 at Eunice's Private Care. She had been under their care for the past six years.

Lena was born Feb. 27, 1928 in Laurel, the daughter of George and Elizabeth Reiter. She married Albert Rupp in 1945 and they moved to Bil-



LENA RUPP

lings. Lena was employed in a variety of jobs, her most recent being with the Billings Public Schools. She enjoyed sewing, cooking and traveling. She was a member of the Pilgrim Congregational Church for over 50 years.

Lena is survived by her daughters, Bonnie (John) Seabury of Great Falls and Linda Rupp of Denver. She is also survived by two sisters, Polly Kern of Hardin and Ruth (Henry) Flagler of Billings; as well as numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband in 1988 and by brothers, Henry, Alex, and George; and sisters, Mary, Elizabeth, and Lydia.

Lena's daughters wish to thank the many compassionate caregivers over the past six years. They believe the Lord took her on Valentine's Day to be with her beloved husband.

BILLINGS GAZETTE
FEB 17 2003

Funeral Service will be 2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 20 at Pilgrim Congregational Church. Interment will be at Sunset Memorial Gardens. Memorials can be given to the Pilgrim Congregational Church (409 South 36th Street, Billings, MT 59101) or to the Parkinson's Foundation (c/o Billings Clinic, P.O. Box 3566, Billings, MT 59102.)

MAR 23 2003

Arthur E. Rusch

CHINOOK — Arthur E. Rusch, 76, died at his home on Friday, March 21, 2003, due to natural causes.

Rosary will be recited at 7 p.m., Sunday, in the Edwards Funeral Home Chapel, Chinook. Funeral mass will be at 11 a.m. on Monday in Saint Gabriel's Catholic Church with burial following at Kuper Memorial Cemetery with military honors.

MAR 11 2003

Wife Care Rush

COLUMBIA FALLS — Vera Gore Rush, 92, died Friday, March 7, 2003, at the Montana Veteran's Home in Columbia Falls.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, March 13, at the Creel Funeral Chapel in Lewistown. Interment will be in the Lewistown City Cemetery.

Teena Jensen-Ruse

BILLINGS GAZETTE

AUG 22 2003

Teena Jensen-Ruse, 39, of Billings, died Thursday, Aug. 21, 2003, at Deaconess Billings Clinic.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial will be Monday, Aug. 25, in Gunnison, Colo. Cremation or Funeral Gallery is in charge.

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Dorothy Mae Russell, 77, passed away Tuesday, Aug. 26, 2003, at Horizon Hospice Home in Billings. She was born Dec. 28, 1925, in Vilas County, Wis., to Peley and Barbara (Kidd) Ashley.

**DOROTHY
RUSSELL**

Dorothy worked at the Vegas Club and Hilands Golf Club as a waitress for many years.

Dorothy is survived by her son, David (Sharon) Hull of Billings; and a daughter, Jeneane (Dave) Kratky of Longmont, Colo.; four grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; sisters and brothers, Lorene Allen, William Ashley, Jerry Ashley, Ronald Bryson, Paul Bryson, all of Washington, Charles Ashley of Florida and Bonnie Shriner of California. She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Lonnie Ashley.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Friday, Aug. 29, at the Dahl Funeral Chapel. Interment will be in Sunset Memorial Gardens.

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

Many thanks for the loving care of the staff at Big Sky

Gabriel Russell

BILLINGS GAZETTE

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LAME DEER — Gabriel Russell, 24, of Lame Deer, went to rest with the Creator on July 1, 2003, from injuries received in a one-vehicle accident near Lame Deer.

Gabriel was born on Feb. 19, 1979, in Sheridan, Wyo., to Darlene Russell and Clifford Limpy. He grew up and lived in Lame Deer. He married Debra Reed and was later divorced. From this union a beautiful daughter, Talissa Marie was born.

Gabe worked as a seasonal firefighter for the Bureau of Indian Affairs's Forestry Branch for several seasons. He was also employed as a security guard at the Shoulderblade Complex in Lame Deer. His hobbies were basketball, fishing and hunting. He was a member of the Catholic and Native American Church.

He was preceded in death by grandmother, Mary Killsnight Blackwolf; two sisters, Rea Rose Willow and Denise Russell; and an aunt, Pauline Marie Russell. His father, Clifford Limpy Sr.; mother, Darlene Russell; two children, Talissa of Colstrip and Gabriel Russell Jr. of Lame Deer, survive him, along with six brothers, Clifford Limpy Jr., Merlin Limpy Sr., Jonathan Limpy, Bob Whistling Elk, Whitebird Limpy of Lame Deer and Jeremy Limpy

of New York; and three sisters, Cheyenne Limpy, Billings, Maria Florence Russell and Rose Russell of Lame Deer.

A wake was held at 8 p.m. Monday, July 7, at the family home in Lame Deer. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, July 8, at the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Lame Deer, with burial near the Clifford Limpy home, approximately 10 miles from Lame Deer. Rausch Funeral Home is in charge.

Leatha L. (Anderson)

Russell

LAUREL — Leatha L. (Anderson) Russell died Sunday, Aug. 10, in Laurel. She was born in Fairbury, Neb., on March 22, 1906.



**LEATHA
RUSSELL**

Leatha married Ray Russell on Jan. 28, 1928, and moved to Laurel in 1936.

During her many years in Laurel, Leatha worked at the Yellowstone Hotel and Cafe, the Ben Franklin Store (Hested's store) and at Clarence and Dorothy Sonstegaard's hardware store.

Leatha was a member of the United Methodist Church and the Retired Railroad Club. She enjoyed gardening, cooking and watching birds. All who knew her appreciated her cheery disposition. She will be missed.

Leatha is survived by three step granddaughters, Ellen L. Bode (Dennis) of Fort Collins, Colo., Kathy Payne (Bob) of Brighton, Colo., and Merna Kybic (Bill) of Lyons, Colo.; six great-grandchildren and six great-great grandchildren. Leatha had numerous nieces and nephews including B. J.

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Russell, J.O. Russell, Lori Russell and Ida Russell, all of Billings, and Cindy Kunz and children, Scott and Angela of Bridger.

Leatha was preceded in death by her husband Ray, her stepdaughter Ellen C. Sharpe and husband Jim, two brothers and two sisters.

Services will be held 10 a.m. Thursday at the Smith Funeral Chapel in Laurel. Interment will be in the Laurel Cemetery.

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

MAY 13 2003

John Russell, Jr.

John Russell, Jr., 57, of Busby, passed away Saturday, May 10, 2003, at St. Vincent Healthcare in Billings.

He'heenoohvoKomaestse (White Black Bird) was born Feb.

21, 1946, in Busby, a son of John Russell, Sr. and Alice Rising Sun. He grew up in the Busby area, attended the area school and graduated from Busby High School in 1964. He later



**JOHN
RUSSELL, JR.**

attended the Haskell Indian School in Lawrence, Kan., where he received an AA degree in auto mechanics. Following his education, John entered the U.S. Army, served in Vietnam during the Tet offensive and received his honorable discharge.

John married Glenda Brady and was later divorced. He married Thomsaine Woodenlegs on May 16, 1991, in Sheridan, Wyo., and the couple made their home in Lane Deer.

He worked for the Busby School as a maintenance person,

as well as serving as a member and former board chairman of the Busby School. He later worked for several years as an EMT and its director on the Cheyenne Reservation. He currently was employed as the food distribution director for the Northern Cheyenne Tribe. John also served on the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council as the Busby District representative for several years.

John was a traditional Cheyenne man who was a spiritual leader, a member of the Hereditary Chiefs Society, Native American Church, Northern Cheyenne Honor Guard and the Sweat Lodge. He participated in numerous sun dances and followed the powwow Circuit. Because of his traditional values, he was given the honor of having several young men named after him.

His parents: sister Agnes Russell; brothers Charles, Eugene and Clifford Russell, Sr.; and adopted brother, Norman Brady, preceded John in death.

Survivors include his wife, Thomsine Russell; his daughter, Alice Jean Russell-Salazar; four sons, Lance, Merle (Christy), Charles and John Russell, III; three stepsons, Brandon, Tyrone and Kenny Woodenlegs; his three sisters, Marge, Elva and Elsie Russell; his adopted sister, Eva Bearcfitm; his adopted daughters, Maria Buckaboo and Esther Littlewolf; his adopted brothers, Justin (Barbara) Jenkins, Linwood Tallbull, Gabriel (Virgenta) Little Calf and Patrick Allori; his special brothers-in-law, Marvin and Thomas Woodenlegs; numerous grandchildren; as well as a host of nieces and nephews.

Traditional wake services will be held 7 p.m. Thursday, May 15, at the family homestead near Busby. Traditional funeral services will be held 10 a.m. Friday, May 16, at the home. Interment with traditional and military rites will follow in the Russell Family Cemetery. Bullis Mortuary of Hardin has been entrusted with the arrangements.

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Michael Jay Russell

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**MICHAEL
RUSSELL**

passed away suddenly on Thursday, June 5, 2003, at the Community Medical Center.

Michael was born June 13, 1953, in Madison, Wis., to Jerry and Donna Russell. He graduated from high school in Darwin, Australia. He worked for the railroad for 14 years as a shop extension, doing various tasks. For the past six months, he worked for Lolo Plumbing and Heating. He took great pride in his work.

Michael married Kim Chapel on June 9, 1996, in Mesa, Ariz. They moved to Missoula a year ago. He thoroughly enjoyed hunting, fishing, camping and the outdoors.

Michael is survived by his wife, Kim Russell of Missoula; his daughters, Jessie, Kristy, Julie, and Venessa; his sister, Leanne of California; his parents, Jerry Russell of Cody, Wyo., and Donna Russell of Billings; and

seven grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held Wednesday, June 11, at 11 a.m., at the Cremation and Burial Society of the Rockies Chapel, corner of Reserve Street and Spurgin Road in Missoula, with Rev. Dan Dixon officiating. Memorials are preferred to the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Cremation and Burial Society of the Rockies in Missoula.

Mildred M. Russell
1908 — 2003

BILLINGS GAZETTE
JUL 18 2003

SHERIDAN, Wyo. —

Mildred M. Russell, age 94, of Sheridan, died Friday, July 4, 2003, in Sheridan Manor.

She was born Oct. 15, 1908, in Northwood, Iowa, to Louis and Mina "Minnie" Madson. She grew up and attended schools in Northwood. She received her teaching degree from State Teachers College, Cedar Falls, Iowa (now the University of Northern Iowa). She married Dr. Bryan F. Russell on June 30, 1934, in Northwood.

She taught school in Iowa and Cody before coming to Sheridan. Dr. B.F. Russell died in 1995. Mrs. Russell was very active in Sheridan, being a member of First United Methodist Church, PEO Sisterhood, American Legion Auxiliary, Sheridan Woman's Club, Daughters of the Nile, United Methodist Women, Fine Arts Club, Sheridan Book Review Club and a life member of the Friends of the Library.

Brother Alton Madson and sister Myrtle M. Rider also preceded Mrs. Russell in death.

Mrs. Russell is survived by her son, Bryan W. Russell and wife Edith of Cheyenne; daughter, Mildred R. Marsh and husband Robert of Billings; grandchildren, Scott and Wendy Marsh of Bothell, Wash., and Kirsti Marsh of Newcastle, Wash.; and great-grandchildren, Heidi Marsh and Nolan Marsh of Bothell.

Memorial service will be 10 a.m. on Monday, July 28, from First United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Don Derryberry officiating. Inurnment of cremains will be in Sunset Rest Cemetery, Northwood.

Memorials may benefit Cottey College, 1100 W. Austin Blvd., Nevada, MO 64772-2790, or First United Methodist Church, 215 W. Works St., Sheridan, WY 82801.

Pete Russiff

BILLINGS GAZETTE

APR 11 2003

Larry Peter Russiff, 54, passed way of heart failure at his home on Sunday, April 6, 2003. He will be greatly missed by his family and dear friends.

Pete was born Nov. 28, 1948, to Delores and Clifford Lynn in Brunswick, Ga.

George Russiff became his father and helped Dee raise him when Pete was 2.

Pete graduated from Billings West High in 1967 and joined the U.S. Army Reserve, 592nd Ordinance Co.

Pete and Debi McMahon were married from 1976 to 1994.



PETE RUSSIFF

He began his heavy machinery sales career in 1976 with Hall Perry. Pete transferred to Great Falls in 1981 to be manager and back to Billings in 1986 as general manager.

In 1990, Pete and Debi bought Magoos Bar, which Pete was still operating at the time of his death. Pete was preceded in death by his birth father and his mother.

He is survived by his father, George (Laurel); sister, Kathy (Jim) Miller; brothers Bob (Diana) Russiff, Rick (Josie) Russiff, all of Billings; and

nieces and nephews: Jodee Miller, Mike Miller, Christie Russiff, Rickie Russiff, Andria Russiff, Taylor Russiff, Kelly Plume; two grandnieces and a grandnephew. He also leaves Judy Wood, who was a good friend and companion, and the many friends he made through his life.

Pete enjoyed golfing and organizing golf tournaments, skiing, and gathering his friends together. He was also a very talented craftsman and helped several friends build their homes. He was a proud member of the Rimrock Masonic Lodge and 32nd degree member of the Billings Scottish Rite. He was also a member of the Al Bedoo Shrine Temple and its Oriental Band.

Cremation has taken place and there will be a celebration of Pete's life at the Shrine Auditorium, Monday, April 14, at 3 p.m.

Memorials may be sent to the Al Bedoo Temple, 1125 Broadwater Ave., Billings, MT 59102.

Jessie Ann Ryan

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JORDAN —

Jessie Ann Ryan, age 69, of Jordan passed away Monday, Aug. 11, 2003, at the Roundup Memorial Hospital in Roundup.



**JESSIE ANN
RYAN**

Jessie was born in Roundup on March 23, 1934, the daughter of Edgar "Buster" and Mary Francis (Phipps) Knapp. She attended schools in Melstone and Lost Horse south of Melstone. Following her schooling, she went to work for St. Vincent Hospital in Billings.

Jessie married Jim Ryan in Roundup on Feb. 18, 1953. Following their marriage, they lived in Billings for a short time before moving to Jordan in 1954. They purchased Jordan Meat Market in 1957. They later built Ryan's Grocery in 1967 and Ryan's Processing in 1980 where Jessie was active at both places until the time of her death.

Jessie loved to bake and enjoyed preparing family meals. Jessie loved to fish. She was also involved in family events from docking lambs, endurance riding, to doing things with her grandchildren.

In Jim's absence during many

tours of duty with the Montana National Guard, Jessie raised the family and operated the business. She was honored to be presented with the Spouse's Certificate of Appreciation from the adjutant general of the Montana National Guard, Maj. Gen. James Duffy. Jim and Jessie received the Distinguished Service Award from the Garfield County Chamber of Commerce in 1998. She was also a member of the VFW Ladies Auxiliary.

Jessie is survived by her husband Jim Ryan of Jordan; a son, Ed Ryan and his wife Diane of Jordan; three daughters, Bonnie Bischoff and her husband Robb of Buffalo, Wyo.; Beverly Gibbs and her husband Pat of Jordan; and Marilyn Howell and her husband Jim of Circle; two brothers, Roger Knapp and his wife Judi of Hysham; Richard Knapp and his wife Marie of Lima; a sister, Ruth Coulter and her husband Kenneth of Brusett; and seven grandchildren, Roni Bollinger and her husband Jason. Heidi

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Ryan, Reid Ryan, William Gibbs, Jay R. Gibbs, Nathan Howell and Matt Howell. She was preceded in death by her parents and a son, Pat in 1970.

Visitation will be held Thursday from 1 to 6 p.m. in the chapel of Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Jordan. Funeral services will be held Friday at 10 a.m. at the VFW Hall in Jordan. Interment will follow in the Pioneer Cemetery in Jordan. A luncheon will follow the services at the VFW Hall. Condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.stevensonandsons.com.

Should friends desire, memorials may be made to the VFW Veterans Memorial or to the charity of ones choice.

NOV 12 2003

Sigra Skretteberg Rye

COLSTRIP Signe
Skretteberg Rye, 97 of Colstrip,
died Monday, Nov. 10, 2003, at
her home.

Funeral services will be at 11
a.m. Friday, Nov. 14, at the Beals
Mortuary Chapel in Forsyth.
Interment will follow in the
Forsyth Cemetery.

Signe Skretteberg Rye

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COLSTRIP — Signe Skretteberg Rye, 97, passed away on Nov. 10, 2003, in her home in Colstrip.



Signe was born in Seim, S.D., on Oct. 3, 1906, the daughter of Emma Myhren and Christian Skretteberg, both born in Norway. They

SIGNE RYE had homesteads in South Dakota and Montana, plus lived in Fort Steele, British Columbia, before they finally settled in the Rosebud Creek area near Colstrip, where Signe attended schools. She attended high school in Forsyth and was on the basketball team and in the "G" Glee Club.

On June 2, 1928, Signe married Obert Rye in Glendive, living in Medora, N.D., Starbuck, Minn., and at various construction jobs around the United States. In 1935, Foley Brothers Company moved Signe and Obert and their only child, Shirley Yvonne Rye, to Colstrip. Throughout the years, Signe held many roles in the development of the Colstrip community with her tireless dedication to helping others at all times. She was a charming and gracious

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lady who always had a smile and cheerful word for each of us at the moment we needed it most.

After the death of her daughter and son-in-law in 1956, Signe and Obert became the guardians of their four grandchildren whom they raised with love. They became the "best" parents to these children by taking on this great responsibility, giving out credit and always finding solutions to problems with grace and inspiration.

They taught them to speak kindly, act fairly, endure patiently and enjoy life by their examples. Their lifetime commitment to excellence was modestly acknowledged.

Her cheerful and supportive involvement in the community were demonstrated in the numerous activities including the Colstrip Community Church as a charter member, a director on the board, Evening Church Circle, Afternoon Circle and Sunday school teacher. Also, a Girl Scout leader, 4-H leader, election judge at the polls, Heart Fund drives, and Red Cross and the Colstrip Bridge Club.

Her numerous accomplishments and good deeds were recognized by many awards, including Princess of Rosebud County, 1924; Mother of the Year for Rosebud County, 1969; Yard of the Month by Colstrip Garden Club, grand marshal of Colstrip Days Parade.

She is survived by her four grandchildren, Debby and Keith Beartusk of Billings and their children, Tahnee and Mike Barnes of Butte, Miki and Bill Lloyd and children Brent and Kaci of Helena; Wendy and Monty Willson of Great Falls and their children, Shirley Willson of Atlanta, Leroy Willson of Missoula, and Peter Willson of Reston, Va.; Heidi and Edd McClain of Atlanta and their daughter, Ramona McClain of Atlanta; Mark Rye Beals of Colstrip. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews who were an integral part of her life. Signe was preceded in death by her parents; her only child, Shirley Rye Beals, and son-in-law Burdette Beals; her husband of 52 years; and her 11 sisters and brothers.

Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Friday, Nov. 14, at the Beals Mortuary Chapel in Forsyth, with interment to follow in the Forsyth Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Colstrip Library or to a charity of one's choice.