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**Gordon Keith Tait**

VENTURA, Calif. — Gordon Keith Tait, 70, formerly of Billings, died Friday May 16, 2003, in a Santa Barbara Hospital.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Wednesday, May 21, at the Ted Mayr Funeral Home, 3150 Loma Vista Rd., Ventura, Calif.

# Alfred Talcott

BILLINGS GAZETTE

JUL 15 2003

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Alfred "Ab" H. Talcott, 91, of Sheridan, died Friday, July 11, 2003, at Westview Health Care Center in Sheridan.

Viewing will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, July 15, at Champion Ferries Funeral Home in Sheridan. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, July 16, at Champion Ferries Funeral Home. Burial will be in the Sheridan Municipal Cemetery.

# Ethel Mae (Fleming) Talcott

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

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Ethel Mae (Fleming) Talcott was born Dec. 16, 1914, at the family home of Ollie and Walter Fleming near Knowlton. She died Wednesday, March 12, 2003.

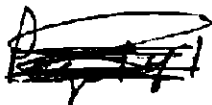
She attended elementary school at Knowlton, Custer County High School at Miles City, graduating in 1933, and Eastern Montana College of Education at Billings.

Her career as a schoolteacher started in a one-room country school 10 miles from Miles City. She continued teaching three more years in Eastern Montana. The last four years of her successful career, she was employed to teach in the Huntley Project Schools, a consolidated district. She taught the second and third grades at Pompeys Pillar.

While she was teaching here, she met Bill Talcott and they were married June 8, 1942. They established their home on a ranch north of Pompeys Pillar and continued to spend their entire lives there. They were blessed with two daughters, Judy and Janet.



**ETHEL MAE  
TALCOTT**



Ethel Mae was affiliated with the Congregational Church at Pompeys Pillar and served many years as Sunday School teacher and superintendent. She later transferred to Congregational Church in Ballantine.

In 1943, Ethel Mae was initiated into Jephthah Chapter No. 116, Order of the Eastern Star, at Worden. She served as Worthy Matron in 1954 to '55, and soon received appointments in the Grand Chapter of Montana. She served as Worthy Grand Matron in 1971 and '72, and later held a three-year term as a General Grand Committee member.

Ethel Mae was a member of Bath Zabbia Temple No. 21, Daughters of the Nile, and served as Queen in 1975 to '76. She was honored by receiving the Grand Cross of Color of the International Order of Rainbow for Girls in 1973.

Eastern Star was the love and light of Ethel Mae's life and she has continued to serve the Order for these many years.

Her hobbies were flower gardening, bird feeding and watching and doing crossword puzzles.

Ethel Mae was preceded in death by her parents; her husband William D. Talcott in 1999; and brothers Donald and Maurice.

ETHEL MAE  
(FLEMING) TALKOTT THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

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Survivors include her daughters, Judy and her husband Steve Oblander and Janet Talcott; her grandchildren, Clayton (Arla) Oblander, Stephanie (John Madra) Oblander, and great-granddaughter Shelby Oblander.

Funeral services will be 1 p.m. Monday, March 17, at Smith West Chapel, 304 34th St. West. Interment will be in Pleasantview Cemetery, Ballantyne.

Memorials to the Worden Fire & Ambulance, or the Jephthah Chapter No. 116, Worden Order of the Eastern Star.

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JUN 22 2003

## Raymond Tallwhiteman

**LAME DEER** — Raymond Tallwhiteman (Namus), age 65, great-grandson of Tallwhiteman, the Cheyenne Warrior, of Lame Deer passed away on Wednesday,

June 18, 2003, at the Lame Deer Clinic. Raymond was born Jan. 13, 1938, at Crow Agency, the son of Jasper Tallwhiteman and Alice (Becky) Parker. He grew up on the Northern Cheyenne Reservation. Raymond relocated with his family for a time to Southern California, where he graduated from Pasadena High School.

Raymond enlisted in the United States Navy and served at various duty stations including Guantanamo Bay and Port Hueneme, Calif. During this time he married Marlene Harris and later divorced. He is survived by three children from this marriage, Judy Harris of Lame Deer, Valarie Nation of Billings and Glenn Tallwhiteman of Concord, Calif. Ray served in the U. S. Navy for ten years and was hon-



**RAYMOND  
TALL  
WHITEMAN**

orably discharged.

Ray returned to the Northern Cheyenne Reservation where he was employed as a police officer. He married Christine Littlemouth and was later divorced. From this union, he is survived by two children, Melissa Tallwhiteman of Lame Deer and Everett Tallwhiteman of Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada.

Raymond later resided for a time in Helena where he continued his education at Carroll College and then worked for the Council for Aging Services Department. He married Feral Wagner of Browning and was later divorced. Raymond returned to the Northern Cheyenne Reservation and worked as a consultant for the Tribe and then for the BIA until his retirement in 1987. Raymond married Mercedes Littlehead in 1985, who became a cherished part of his children's and grandchildren's lives for the next 18 years.

Raymond enjoyed hunting, fishing, riding horses and being outdoors. He was especially

proud of his Northern Cheyenne heritage. Grandpa Ray enjoyed the time he spent with his grandchildren and took any opportunity to share how proud he was of them. In addition to his children, Raymond is survived by two brothers, Dennis Whiteman of Fort Washakie, Wyo., and John Tallwhiteman of Duluth, Minn.; 14 grandchildren, Angelina Flores, PFC Anthony Flores (US Army), John, Jill, Jude, Jane and Jennifer Knows His Gun, Raylee Pretty Weasel, Shenaya Michelle and Shandon Tallwhiteman, Nicolas Tallwhiteman, Becca, Derek and Avery Tallwhiteman; and one great-grandson, Chance Flores. Survivors include two aunts and an uncle, Elizabeth Riojas of Lame Deer, Susie Wilsey of Poplar and Joseph Tallwhiteman of Busby. Raymond is also survived by his sister, Mary Ann's children, and his brother Dennis's children. Mercedes, along with his step-children, Patrick, Sr., Robert, Jr., and Sherri Doyle, along with their 13 children and three grandchildren. Survivors also include members of the LaRance, Parker, Clubfoot, Littlebird, Bearcomesout, Spotted Wolf, Sandcrane, Rowland, Robinson, Shoulderblade families and the Youpee family of the Fort Peck reservation. Raymond was pre-

ceded in death by his parents; one brother, Richard Tallwhiteman; and one sister, Mary Ann Rochelle.

Wake services are at 8 p.m. on today, June 22, at the Blessed Sacrament Church in Lame Deer. Funeral Mass will be at 11 a.m. on Monday, June 23, at the Blessed Sacrament Church in Lame Deer, with burial at the St. Labre Cemetery in Ashland. Condolences can be sent to the Tallwhiteman family at [www.stevensonandsons.com](http://www.stevensonandsons.com). Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home of Forsyth is in charge of arrangements.



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**Russell Tall Bull**  
**1-1-27 — 3-29-03**

LAME DEER — Russell Tall Bull, 76, was born at Muddy Creek to Charles Tall Bull and Mary Brady on Jan. 1, 1927. He passed on March 29, 2003, in Redmond, Ore., after a short illness.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Della; daughter, Rosie; parents, Charles and Mary; his brothers, Joe, Henry, Bill, Charles and Matthew Tall Bull.

Survivors include Merlin Red Cherries, Lame Deer, Melward Tall Bull, Warm Springs, Ore., Mildred Red Cherries, Lame Deer, Ardyth Wheeler, of Venezuela, South America, Thorton Tall Bull, Seattle, Jolera Cordell, Fort Lewis, Wash., Meredith Tall Bull, Switzerland; his sister, Nellie Beartusk; brothers, Nelson and Jacob Tall Bull.

He attended Busby School, was a member of the Mennonite Church, also a member of the Dog Soldier Military Society of the Cheyenne Nation.

He joined the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict and was honorably discharged.

He married Della Red Cherries at the Busby Mennonite Church. He worked on the railroad, sawmill ranch and did mechanical work. He was employed with the AP program as a carpenter.

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He enjoyed working on cars, gardening, driving around, visiting friends and relatives, picking berries, making dry meat. He enjoyed his grandchildren growing up.

Wake services will be Friday, April 4, 8 p.m., at Lame Deer Mennonite Church. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 5, at Petter Mennonite Church in Lame Deer. Burial will be held at Tall Bull Family Cemetery at Muddy Creek.

**MAR 17 2003**

**Thomas  
Tallwhiteman Sr.**

**BIRNEY — Thomas Tallwhiteman Sr., Mohenah-Kahpits "Little Horse," 36, died Thursday, March 13, 2003 at his home.**

**Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Wednesday, March 19 at the Birney Community Hall. Burial will be in the family plot. A Wake will be 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 18 in the New Apostolic Church. Stevenson and Sons Funeral Home in Forsyth is in charge of arrangements.**

**Thomas  
Tallwhiteman, Sr.**

**MAR 18 2003**

**BIRNEY —**

**Thomas Tallwhiteman Sr., Mohean — Kahgits, "Little Horse," age 36, of Birney, passed away at his home on Thursday, March 13, 2003.**



**THOMAS  
TALLWHITEMAN**

Tom was born on April 9, 1966, at Crow Agency, the son of Ruby Tallwhiteman. He grew up at the family home and attended St. Labre Indian School, graduating in May of 1984. During his schooling, Tom kept busy by working with the "Peanut Crew" and also the Neighborhood Youth Corps, NYC. He was also very gifted in the sports he played, especially football, which earned him the opportunity to play for BYU in Utah. Opting not to attend BYU, Tom enrolled in college at Lawrence, Kan.

On Dec. 19, 1987, Tom was united in marriage to Faith Payne in Wolf Point. To this union, three wonderful children were born. Following their marriage, Tom and Faith remained in Wolf Point, where Tom helped at Faith's family farm. They later moved to Birney, where Tom was employed

at the Northern Cheyenne Pine Company as an operator for four years. Following his time working at the Pine Company, Tom began his employment with the St. Labre Educational Association as a maintenance person and from there, he worked in the print shop as well as driving bus. Tom was later hired by the BIA as a laborer and operator for the blacktop hot plant. During the off season at the BIA, Tom kept busy by working for the V-1 Oil Co. delivering propane.

Tom was respected among his peers as well as his elders. He grew up in the traditional Cheyenne ways and was able to speak fluently in the Cheyenne language. He took great joy in being with his family, being in the outdoors, boating, hunting, fishing, hiking, gardening and attending powwows. Tom always read the Bible and was a faithful church member at the New Apostolic Church in Birney. He loved his family as well as his life.

He is survived by his wife Faith; his three children, Thomas Gerald Tallwhiteman Jr., Layton Henry Tallwhiteman and Tiffany Joy Tallwhiteman, all of the family home in Birney; his mother, Ruby Tallwhiteman; his grandma and grandpa, Sylvia Elkshoulder and George Elkshoulder. He also survived by his uncles Andy, Mark Leonard, Eugene and George Elkshoulder, Jr., as well as severa

cousins, nieces and nephews. Tom was preceded in death by his mother-in-law and father-in-law, Layton and Joy Payne.

Funeral services will be on Wednesday, March 19, at 11 a.m., at the Birney Community Hall in Birney. Burial will be in the Tallwhiteman family cemetery on the divide. A Wake will be on Tuesday, March 18, at 7 p.m. in the Birney Community Hall in Birney.

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

## **C. Ronald Tande**

SCOBAY — C. Ronald Tande, 83, died Thursday, July 24, 2003, at the Daniels Memorial Nursing Home.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, July 29, at the Scobey Lutheran Church. Interment of ashes will be at a later date. Waller Funeral Home of Scobey is in charge.

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**JUL 26 2003**

# Lyder Christian Tande

DECEASED

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SCOBEY — Lyder Christian Tande, 75, of Scobey, died of natural causes, in his home, Wednesday morning, Jan. 1, 2003. Services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 4, at Scobey Lutheran Church. Interment will be at a later date.

He was born April 30, 1927, in Scobey, to Christian O. and Julia Theresa (Lien) Tande. He attended Scobey schools and upon graduation from SHS in 1945, he joined the U.S. Army. After his discharge in 1947, he utilized the opportunity of the GI Bill to attend Concordia College in Moorhead, Minn. Lyder graduated in the summer of 1951 with a double major in history and math education.

While at Concordia, he met, and on Aug. 5, 1950, married, Isabelle Louise Eklund of Ada, Minn. He brought his bride to Scobey, where they have lived ever since.

That same year, 1950, Lyder joined his Dad in running Tande's Grocery. In 1960, Lyder and his brother Ludwig built DC Lanes. Lyder sold his shares in 1963 and bought Howard's Jack & Jill in Poplar. In December 1972, his son Brad joined him in running the Poplar store.

When Lyder "retired" in 1992, son Craig joined Tande's Grocery in Scobey. Despite

"retirement" and a leg amputation, Lyder remained a vital presence in the stores.

Lyder was a member of the C-400, the American Legion and Elks. He served as chair of the Daniels County Democratic Central Committee for several terms.

A passion of his has long been rural health. He was a member of the Montana State Rural Health Committee, the Daniels County Foundation Board and the DC Hospital Board. His longest continuous membership, from baptism to burial, has been with the Scobey Lutheran Church.

Lyder is survived by "Bootsie," his wife of 52 years; sons, Craig (Mida) of Scobey, Brad (Lee Ann) of Poplar; daughters Teresa (Doug Darling) Tande of Devils Lake, N.D., and Victoria (Tracy) Howard of Baker City, Ore.; sisters Jeannette Oklund of Minneapolis, Olga Belgium of Thousand Oaks, Calif., and Donna Lyng of Bowie, Md.; his mother-in-law, I. Viola Eklund of Buena Park, Calif.; grandchildren, Chris (Dana), Mike and Jessica Tande, Maria (Brad) Lamb, Kendra and Lindsey

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Tande, Trevor and Trenton  
Howard; four step-grandchild-  
ren, Shannon (Adrian)  
Spotted Bird, Keri and Jeremy  
Fox, and DJ Darling; a great-  
grandchild, Katelyn Christine  
Lamb, to whom he was "the  
granda who was great"; and  
four step-great-grandchildren,  
Ryan and Austin Spotted Bird,  
and Alexis and Hunter  
Lambert.

Waller Funeral Home <sup>of</sup> in  
charge of arrangements. <sup>in</sup> <sub>OO</sub>

## John A. Tarter

BILLINGS GAZETTE

APR 10 2003

LOVELL, Wyo. — John A. "Jack" Tarter, 88, died Tuesday, April 8, 2003, at Hot Springs Co. Hospital in Thermopolis.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, April 12, at the Greybull-Basin LDS Chapel between Greybull and Basin. Visitation will be from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. Saturday, in the Relief Society Room of the church. Burial will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, in the Lovell Cemetery. Haskell Funeral Home of Lovell is in charge.



## **Dawn V. Dishon Tasker**

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**AUG 19 2003**

**SIDNEY — Dawn V. Dishon Tasker, 47, of Sidney, died Friday, Aug. 15, 2003, at her home.**

**Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 21, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Church in Sidney. Interment will be in the Fairview Cemetery. Fulkerson Funeral Home of Sidney is in charge.**

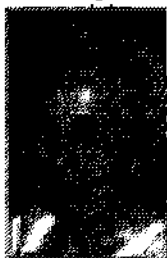
## Celia Taskila

BILLINGS GAZETTE

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On Nov. 12, 2003, a kind and gentle soul joined her Lord in Heaven. Celia Taskila, 86, passed away peacefully at St. Vincent Healthcare, with her family at her side.

Celia was born Jan. 23, 1917, in Buffalo, N.Y., to Thomas and Frances Szulis, the third of five children.



**CELIA  
TASKILA**

While riding a bus in Mississippi during WWII, she met a young soldier, home on leave, and began writing to him. On April 30, 1946, she married Buck Sgt. Eino Taskila in Great Falls. They began a 57-year journey, farming in Geyser and Roberts until 1969, when they moved to Joliet, and she worked for Yellowstone Furniture in Bridger. In 1981, Celia and Eino retired to Billings. She loved joining friends for bingo, pinochle and walks in the mall.

Celia loved to crochet; as a volunteer for St. Vincent Hospital, she made hundreds of heart monitor pouches and puppets for the sick. She loved to garden and her flowers. Celia tended her family and friends with as much care and compassion as she did her plants, taking joy in each seedling, watching them grow.

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She was a wonderful grandma  
 to her two special granddaugh-  
 ters, Becky and Trisha Ayre of  
 Robert A Loving "known" to  
 many, including Mike and Rita  
 Ayre and Cline Bertino. And she  
 was a loving and devoted wife to  
 Hino-Cella. He also survived by one  
 brother, Mike (Oren) Sauls and  
 family of Medina, N.Y.; brother  
 and sister-in-law, David and  
 Rennie Richardson-of-Ceyser, and  
 many nephews, nieces and  
 friends.  
 She was deeply loved and will  
 be very missed, but our memories  
 will last forever.  
 Memorials may be sent to the  
 Roberts Community Foundation,  
 Box 284, Roberts, MT 59076, or  
 the charity of one's choice.  
 Special thank you to Dr.  
 Burnett, Saint Moses, the nurs-  
 ing staff at St. V's ICU and to  
 Counte Kramer, RN, for their kind  
 and compassionate care.  
 Cremation has taken place.  
 Memorial Mass will be 1 p.m.  
 Monday, Nov. 17, at St. Thomas  
 The Apostle Church, with inter-  
 ment in Mountview Cemetery.  
 Michael-Guyver's Mortuary  
 will charge of arrangements.

## David Tate

Former Powell resident, David Eugene Tate, 84, died at his home in Dunlap, Tenn., on Sept. 8.

Mr. Tate was born in Bersheba Springs, Tenn., and educated at the Missouri School of Mines. He was a veteran of World War II.

While a resident of the Powell community, he was employed at the Shoshone-Heart Mountain Irrigation District as a civil engineer. The family relocated to his beloved home state of Tennessee after the youngest child graduated from Powell High School.

Survivors include his wife, Katheryn Rus-sold Tate of Dunlap, Tenn.; son David F. Tate of Dunlap; and daughters, Carolyn Tate, Jean Harrison and Jackie Tate of Chattanooga, Tenn. He is also survived by former daughter-in-law Lorrie Tate of Powell; grandsons Travis Tate of Powell and Randy Tate of Gillette; and four other grandchildren in Tennessee and eight great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were Wednesday, Sept. 10 at the Ewton Funeral Home Chapel, with burial in Chattanooga National Cemetery. For those who wish, the family suggests memorial donations to the American Heart Association.

**Robert Thomas Tate, Jr.**  
**July 8, 1916 — Dec. 23, 2002**

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**JAN 14 2003**

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Robert Thomas Tate, Jr. died of natural causes at his ranch in Sheridan on Dec. 23, 2002.

Bob was born July 8, 1916, to Robert and Erma Tate near Hulett.



**ROBERT  
TATE**

His mother's parents, Jeremiah and Belle Bush, were the first pioneer settlers of the Devils Tower area.

The Tate family moved to Sheridan in 1925, in team

drawn wagons and with a herd of 60 horses. His father raised and sold horses to the Army remount and as polo prospects.

Bob attended Linden School and Sheridan High School. When he was 16, he began buying and selling horses and by the mid 1930s, he had developed a reputation as a superior horseman. He trained and traded race horses, rode as a jockey, and roped calves in the county race meets and fairs.

When war was begun in 1941, Bob joined the Marine Corps, but failed their physical because of a broken hip suffered when he bucked off a horse. The Army

accepted him for service in 1942. He served in the remount division of the Quartermaster Corps.

He spent the war years in India and Burma packing supplies on mules over the Burma Road to Merrill's Marauders who were fighting the Japanese in northern Burma and China. Later he transferred to New Delhi where he trained officers' mounts and polo ponies. His discharge papers at war's end described his military occupation specialty as 093, "Horse Trainer."

Following the war, he moved briefly to his parent's ranch at Otter Creek, Mont., where he began selling horses to polo players in the east he had met through his connections in the Army.

It was at Otter Creek that he met Aileen Hagen, whom he married in 1947. By 1951, they had four children and were living on the Lyon Creek Ranch of Aileen's father.

They moved to their ranch in Sheridan in 1955. On the "Wymont Ranch," he traded horses and with four Thoroughbred studs and as many as 40 Thoroughbred

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mares, he produced foals which he sold as polo pony prospects, hunter and jumpers and steeple chase horses.

Over the years he sold thousand of horses, many of them to the best polo players in America who came to the ranch each year to buy them. He loved to drive with his favorite customers to the back roads of Wyoming and Montana looking for horses.

He developed a reputation as an extraordinary horseman and in 1996 he was inducted into the International Livestock Congress Hall of Fame in Houston, Texas, in recognition of his lifetime contribution in producing and selling polo ponies and sporting event horses.

To his children, he was a dedicated and loving father who was devoted to each of them to the end of his life.

Bob considered himself to be very fortunate and often times remarked that, "We should count our blessings." Life had in fact been good to him. It could be said without much exaggeration that he managed to live his life pretty much on his terms.

In the later years of his life he loved to irrigate his ranch in the summer and watch college basketball on TV in the winter. He loved horse racing, polo, his granddaughter's sporting and

ries about the history of the horse world in Wyoming and Montana from his unique perspective as one of the premier horseman of his time.

Bob was preceded in death by his wife, Aileen; his parents and sisters, Naomi Thompson and Jerry Belle Allen. He is survived by his children, Tom (Susan), Mimi (Jim), Richard (Alex), Hardy (Patrice); his granddaughter, Martha; and step-grandchildren Amy and Audrey.

At his request, there will be no funeral. A gathering of family and friends to celebrate his life will be held at a later date. Arrangements are with Champion Ferries Funeral Home.

Memorials may benefit the Hospice of the Big Horns, 1401 W. Fifth St., Sheridan, WY 82801.

**Virgil Tatro**

**JUN 28 2003**

**WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS**

— Virgil Leroy Tatro, 79, of White Sulphur Springs, died Thursday, June 26, 2003, at Stillwater Community Hospital in Columbus.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday, June 30, at Twichel Funeral Home, White Sulphur Springs. Interment will follow in Mavn Cemetery.

## **Ann Taylor**

**SIDNEY** — Mass of Christian Burial for Ann Taylor, 90, of Sidney, formerly of Richey, was Saturday, Sept. 20, at the St. Matthew's Catholic Church of Sidney, under the direction of Fulkerson Funeral Home of Sidney.

Ann Taylor was born in Glendive on July 7, 1913, to Jack and Eva (Martin) Schloss. They had both immigrated to the U.S. from the area of Odessa, Russia. Ann had three brothers and four sisters.

She began her schooling in Glendive. Ann's father died when she was 12 years old and she had to start working to help support the family. As her first job, she lived and worked for the Hagen family while going to school. Many jobs and experiences followed, such as work at Carey's Sweet Shop and in the diet kitchen of the hospital.

Ann was united in marriage to Erwin Atwood in 1931. They had two children, a son who died as a baby and a daughter. The Atwood family had a dairy southeast of town, so she kept busy working with the family. She worked at the J.C. Penney Store in the men's department. They worked on a commission or bonus and she usually topped the other employees in sales.

In 1944, after having been divorced, she married Cecil Taylor of Richey. In March of 1945, they moved to Richey, where Cecil farmed. Four children were born of this union, two daughters and two sons. Shortly after moving to Richey, she ran the cafe for Merl and Lena Long for a short time.

Ann always loved to play cards and with her "card smarts," she usually had very good luck. She worked at the Reynolds Store in Richey when Kenneth McGovern was the manager. After that, she was asked by the banker to reopen the cafe. She had Taylor's Cafe for 14 years. Her delicious food was well-known in the area; her doughnuts and pies were in demand. Some would come in and order certain types of pie when they had company coming.

The family moved to Billings for one year, but decided small-town living and the farm were calling them back. Shortly after returning, Elmer Schmasow asked her if she would run the Stockman Bar while he and Viola took a trip to California. She ended up with the ownership of the bar for 11 years. Many tales could be told about those years, but enough said when I say she ruled it with a heavy hand. She



wanted the customers to enjoy themselves, but no foul language or rough-housing was allowed. They were soon shown the door and some never allowed to enter again. They knew she meant business when she said to behave or get out. When there was time, you could see her playing cribbage or pinochle with whomever was available.

Cecil died in 1977, and she continued to operate the bar for another year. With her 65th birthday coming up in July 1978, she wanted to retire, so a daughter and son-in-law took over the operation in May 1978. She kept her finger in the pot, though, helping any way that she could.

After her retirement from the bar, she kept very busy with her yardwork. Garden and flowers kept her hopping in the summer, but she still managed time to bake her own bread and always had cookies or some other goodie to offer anyone who stopped by. She was famous for her pies, especially apple. Any time there was a potluck or bake sale, she always contributed generously. In fact, recently, a woman from Richey told her they sure missed all her good cooking now.

She has had some time traveling. A trip to Louisiana gave her a chance to see several different states. While there, she also went through Alabama to Florida, where a granddaughter lived at the time. She took the train from Louisiana to California, where Cecile and family lived. She had made other trips to California as well. She loved playing duplicate bridge while at Thousand Oaks. The last few years, medical problems kept her from doing a lot of traveling, but had done nothing to stem her enthusiasm for cooking or playing cards. She moved to Crestwood Inn and continued her baking and cooking skills, as well as her card playing.

Ann died Wednesday, Sept. 17, 2003, at the Sidney Health Center - Extended Care Facility, Sidney.

Ann is survived by her daughters, Joylyn (Burton) Berg, Billings, Phyllis (Garry) Slabaugh, Sidney, and Cecile (Ron) Butkay, Temecula, Calif.; son Burton (Bud) Taylor, Billings; 13 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; one sister; two brothers and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband Cecil; two sons, Erwin Atwood, infant, and Ron Taylor; a brother and three sisters.

# Armour 'Bill' Taylen

WILSON COUNTY RECORD

FEB 13 2003

FORSYTH — Armour "Bill" Taylen, 84, of Forsyth, formerly of Hysham and Bozeman, died Monday, Feb. 10, 2003, at the Rosebud Health Care Center in Forsyth.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 15, at the Hysham Community Presbyterian Church, with interment to follow in the Hysham Cemetery. Beals Mortuary of Forsyth is in charge.

## Armour 'Bill' Taylen

BILLINGS GAZETTE

FEB 14 2003

FORSYTH — Armour "Bill" Taylen, 84, of Forsyth, formerly of Hysham and Bozeman, passed away Monday, Feb. 10, 2003, at the Rosebud Health Care Center in Forsyth.

Bill was born Aug. 12, 1918, in Hysham, the son of Andrew and Letta Turley Taylen. He spent his youth and attended schools in Hysham, graduated from Hysham High School in 1936 as valedictorian of his class. Bill ranched and farmed with his family in the Myers area west of Hysham.

On Feb. 4, 1954, Bill married Betty Ann Halland in Las Vegas. They continued to live on the ranch until 1955 when they moved to Bozeman, where he attended Montana State University. In 1959, Bill received his bachelor's degree in Ag Business. They lived in Missoula for two years and returned to Bozeman, where he continued his work in Ag Banking, retiring in 1981. Bill and Betty moved to Hysham in 1992, and later moved to Forsyth in 2001, where they have continued to live since.

Bill was active in the Presbyterian Church in Bozeman and Hysham as well as the Evangelical Free Church of Bozeman. He was also an active member of Toastmasters, 4-H and Little League Baseball. Bill loved his family, and enjoyed ranching

and breaking horses, the outdoors playing cards, bowling and bible study.

He is survived by his wife Betty of Forsyth; his children Diana (Bill) Chalkley of Pocatello, Idaho, Phillip (Kari) Taylen of Forsyth, Gale (Tony) Ackerman of Puyallup, Wash., Bill (Deana) Taylen of Bozeman; nine grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 15, at the Hysham Community Presbyterian Church, with interment to follow in the Hysham Cemetery. Heals Mortuary of Forsyth is assisting the family with these arrangements.

JUN 27 2003

## Marie Taylor

OBITUARY — Marie Taylor, 86,  
1000 1/2 St. James, died June 22, 2003, at her  
home after a long illness.

Funeral services will be at 11  
a.m. June 27 at the St. James  
Catholic Church in Malta.  
Burial will be in the Malta  
Cemetery.

## Bernice Taylor

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WINDHAM — Bernice Earline (Stewart) Taylor, 79, of Windham, died Thursday, Jan. 2, 2003, at Central Montana Medical Center in Lewistown.

Graveside memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, Jan. 6, at Philbrook Cemetery in Hobson. Cremation has taken place. Cloyd Funeral Home of Lewistown is in charge.

**Bette Marie Taylor**

Bette Marie Taylor, 80, of Billings, passed away peacefully Friday, Sept. 5, 2003, at Valley Health Care Center.

Bette is survived by her best friend Woody Taylor.

Cremation has taken place, and at Bette's request, no services are planned. Inurnment of Bette's ashes will be in the Absaroka Bearsooth Columbarium. Arrangements are by Cremation or Funeral Gallery.

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## Beverly Rose Taylor

LAUREL — Beverly Rose Patikas Taylor fell asleep in death in ICU at Billings Deaconess Clinic after battling various health complications.

Bev was born on April 20, 1932, to Nicholas and Mary Patikas in Miles City.

She was educated there and after graduating from nursing school was an RN at Holy Rosary Hospital where both of her daughters were born: Susan Marie Williams of Laurel and Carla Lynn Weston of Walla Walla, Wash.

Bev was united in marriage to LeRoy John Taylor, also of Miles City, in a double ceremony along with his twin Donald and closest childhood friend, Sarah Glewis.

Bev and LeRoy settled in Laurel in 1971 where she enjoyed her friends from the local congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses as well as her pets and gardening. Bev was a loving and caring woman with a heart large enough to make room to extend her family to include those related to her through her daughters-in-law.

Beverly was preceded in death by her husband, LeRoy in 1997.

She is survived by her two daughters, Carla and Susan; two grandsons; two granddaughters; her special "adopted" daughter, Cheryl; her son-in-law, Larry Weston; one great-granddaughter;

many nieces and nephews; a sister, Maureen Patikas of Miles City and one brother, Thomas Patikas of Wenatchee, Wash.

Memorial services will be held in celebration of Bev's life at 10 a.m. Friday at Smith Funeral Chapel-Laurel. Inurnment will be in the Laurel Cemetery.

## Dennis Dean Taylor

**SIDNEY** — Dennis Dean Taylor was born on April 11, 1956, in Sidney to William and Ruby (Storm) Taylor. He passed away on Aug. 9, 2003, at the Sidney Health Center.

Dennis is survived by his wife, Betty; two children, Dennis Taylor (Mande) and Brandi Sander (John); five grandchildren, Cody, Halee, Caden, Nash and Austen; his mother, Ruby Taylor; sisters, Norene (Ken) Yelich, Marsha (Jr.) Byrd; brothers, Ray (Sharon) Taylor and Randy Taylor. He was preceded in death by his dad, William Taylor.

Dennis spent the first three years of his life in Lambert. The family moved to Fairview where he began school, joined the Cub Scouts and was a Little League pitcher. He also enjoyed playing basketball. He said he always had to wear "flat" tennis shoes. He loved the "butch" haircuts his dad gave him and had fond memories of his grandmother, Ennie Storm, combing her long hair and making waffles for him.

The family moved to Sidney in 1965, and Dennis attended Sidney schools and worked as an attendant at a local gas station where he met his future wife, Betty Reitz.

They were married in 1974 and had two children: Dennis Dean and Brandi.

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The family traveled while Dennis worked as a seismograph operator. He owned Black Jack Drilling, Addo Drilling, Renegade Drilling and T&T Hole Plugging until the bottom fell out of the oil business.

In 1982, Dennis and Betty started delivering The Billings Gazette which led to his career with Airborne Express. He worked as a delivery person until he was diagnosed with Hodgkins lymphoma in July of 2001.

His main hobby was his work. He life revolved around his kids and grandkids.

If you asked Dennis what kind of a man he was, his reply was always, "I'm just a simple man."

Visitation will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Fulkerson Funeral Home. The funeral will be held at Pella Lutheran Church at 2 p.m. Wednesday. Following the interment at Sidney Cemetery, luncheon will be served at Pella.



## **Donald John Taylor**

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**GLENDIVE — Donald John Taylor, 84, died Wednesday, July 16, 2003, at the Eastern Montana Veterans Home.**

**Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at the Zion Lutheran Church with burial in the Dawson Memorial Cemetery. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home is in charge.**

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**George Taylor**

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — George Taylor, 73, died Friday, Dec. 5, 2003, at the Sheridan Manor.

Visitation is from 1 to 10 p.m. Sunday and 8 to 9:30 a.m. Monday at Adams Funeral Home. Graveside services are at 10 a.m. Monday at Willow Grove Cemetery.

## **Russell Taylor**

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

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**MILES CITY — Russell William Taylor, 84, of Miles City, died Wednesday, July 30, 2003, at the Friendship Villa.**

**Visitation will be held Friday, Aug. 1, in the chapel of Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 2, in the chapel of Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home. Interment will follow in the Eastern Montana State Veteran Cemetery in Miles City.**

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**William Nell Taylor**

**WOLF POINT —** William Nell "Bill" Taylor, 67, died Tuesday, May 6, 2003, at the Northeast Montana Health Services in Wolf Point.

Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. Thursday, May 8, at Clayton Memorial Chapel in Wolf Point. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, May 9, at Clayton Memorial Chapel.

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### WILLIAM SHAW

William Shaw, 71, died on Friday, Feb. 28, at the home of cancer.

Funeral services will be from 6 to 8 p.m. on Saturday, March 3, at Ballard Funeral Home in Cody. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. on Sunday, March 4, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints State Center. Interment will follow in Riverside Cemetery.

# William Reed Taylor

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CODY, Wyo. — William Reed Taylor, 71, died Feb. 28, 2003, at his home, following a battle with multiple myeloma.



**WILLIAM  
TAYLOR**

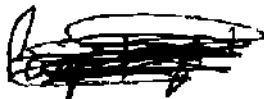
He was born March 4, 1931, in Vernal, Utah, to Thomas LeRoy and Josephine Harris Taylor. He graduated from Alterra High School in 1949.

He served in the Naval Reserves during the Korean War.

He married Arlene Horrocks in 1950. They later divorced, and he married Elaine Samuels on Aug. 23, 1973. Their marriage was solemnized in the Salt Lake Temple on Dec. 13, 1980.

Mr. Taylor was active in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, serving in several positions in Vernal, Ten Sleep and Cody churches. Much of his work involved children. He also enjoyed serving as a temple worker in Billings.

He was a cattle rancher and businessman. His businesses included Dinosaur Conoco; Macco Mud Trucking Co. (for which he and Grant Southman hauled the first load of 5,000 tons of phosphate samples from the Stauffer Phosphate Plant in



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Vernal to Leaf, Wyo.; W.R. Trucking Co., which hauled livestock and later petroleum products from Vernal, Gillette, Casper and Cody and at one time employed 100 people; Big Valley Irrigation Co.; and in 1980, the Taylors established Rimrock Tire Co. and Conoco Gas Station in Cody.

He loved ranching and owned and operated ranches in Vernal, Little Brush Creek and Brown's Park, Utah, and Hyattville and Cody. He also enjoyed many years as a rodeo clown in amateur and professional rodeos with his longtime friend Ivan Merrill.

He served as vice president and director of the Utah Cattlemen's Association, president of Uintah Cattlemen's Association, adviser to Utah and Utah BLM, alternate to the BLM National Advisory Board, director of Wyoming Trucking Association and 4-H leader. He supported youth at county livestock sales for many years.

He is survived by his wife Elaine of Cody; children Vickie Jo (Erick) Hubble of Bakerfield, Calif., Randall (Julie) Taylor of Richfield, Utah, Melody Ann (Brent) Beuter of Centerville, Utah, Mathias (Steve) Richens of Vernal, Sandra (Billy) Self of Kinging, Okla., and Dawnell (Dave) Daniels of Cody; 18 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren, brothers and sisters.

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~~William~~ (Milton) Taylor of  
Aurora, Colo., Tom (Jan) Taylor  
of Pleasant Grove, Utah, and  
Mary (Wynne) Panner of  
Rocklin, Calif.; brother-in-law  
Jack Trott of Almont, Mich.;  
cousins Lewis (Katherine)  
Taylor of Springville, Utah,  
Lamar Empey of Cody, and  
Barbara Sutter of Provo, Utah;  
and many nieces, nephews,  
cousins and friends.

He was preceded in death by  
his parents; sons Thomas Taylor  
of Cody and Wade Jones of  
Vernal; and sister Lois Trot of  
Farmington Hills, Mich.

Funeral services will be at 10  
a.m. Tuesday, March 4, at the  
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-  
day Saints, 1500 Heart Mountain  
Drive.

Visitation will be one hour  
prior to services at Ballard  
Funeral Home. Interment will be  
at Riverside Cemetery.

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**Jay Edward Teal**

**O'FALLON, Mo.** — Jay Edward Teal, 45, of O'Fallon, formerly of Billings, died Thursday, May 8, 2003, at St. Joseph Health Center in St. Charles.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, May 13, at the Living Word Lutheran Church in St. Louis. Visitation will be from 3 to 8 p.m. Monday, May 12, at Base Hospital Home in O'Fallon, and at 10 a.m. Tuesday, at the church.

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## JoAnn Irene Teegarden

JoAnn Irene Teegarden, 66, of Billings, formerly of Roberts, passed away at home, quietly and peacefully, on Tuesday, Nov. 11, 2003, surrounded by loving family, after a long battle with ovarian cancer.

JoAnn was born Feb. 28, 1937, in Butte, the second daughter of Ted and Melba Marshall. JoAnn spent her infancy in Butte while father Ted worked in the mines. Later on, they moved to the farm/ranch north of Roberts, where she was raised. She attended the Roberts School, graduating from high school in 1955.

Working at a time when customer service really mattered, JoAnn became a telephone operator for Mountain Bell, where she continued to work after her marriage to Bob Teegarden. She married Bob on Oct. 22, 1955. After several moves and over many years, JoAnn leaves a legacy of numerous treasured friendships in those cities where they lived: Bozeman; Vale, Ore.; Washington, D.C.; Miles City and finally Billings.

JoAnn was known for her friendliness, generosity and loyalty. She possessed the unique ability to quickly gain the confidence of a person even with new

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acquaintances. People felt comfortable confiding in her and seeking her advice. She earned the reputation as a trusted chaplain. She inspired anyone who knew her with her bubbly personality and perpetually positive attitude.

Family was always her priority. After becoming a grandmother, her grandsons, Will, Jack and Dylan, were the highlights in her life. She always just happened to carry a small photo album in her purse to further her bragging rights. She never tired of doing things with them and for them. Whether those activities included shopping, gaming, reading, fishing, camping or just observing and hearing about their activities, GrammyJo's enthusiasm was cherished and loved.

After family, JoAnn's interests and activities centered on bridge, dancing, bowling, flower gardening, fishing, traveling and volunteer work. JoAnn had a special knack for fishing. It showed up when others were skunked and unlike husband Bob, she always managed to catch a fish. This special fishing magnet was a ceaselessly amazing fact noticed by the rest of the family, especially pointed out to husband Bob.

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Her attraction by little children overshadowed even her fishing knack. She could console and quiet the loudest, fussiest baby or child, oftentimes even when their mother wasn't able to do so.

JoAnn was generous with her time for the benefit of others. She was active in the Methodist Church activities in the various locations where she lived and often led campaign drives for charities in her home neighborhood. She was past president of D.O.E.S. Lodge No. 78 in Miles City. For 16 years, she worked in the Miss Montana pageant in various capacities. Her greatest achievement was not a title, but in the sense of achievement and being a confidant and inspiration to many of the young women contestants aspiring to improve themselves.

A special source of pride existed in all things related to her Finnish heritage. Active for many years in the Ladies of Kaleva, she reluctantly had to decline the

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position of national junior grand matron after learning of her disease in 1999. Nevertheless, promoting and participating in all related Finnish ethnic and cultural activities like song, dance, food and language sparked a gratifying sense of joy in JoAnn.

JoAnn is survived by her husband Bob; her daughter, Patti Zupan (Paul) and grandson Dylan McShane, all of Red Lodge; her son Rob Teegarden (Mindy) and grandsons, Will and Jack, all of Orlando, Fla.; her sister, Joyce Kober (Clifford) of Roberts; two brothers, Ron Marshall (Georgianna) of Brookfield, Colo., and Larry Marshall (Barbara) of Columbus; many special nephews and nieces, cousins and aunts. She was preceded in death by her mother, Melba; and father, Ted Marshall.

A funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 15, at Smith-Olcott Funeral Chapel in Red Lodge, with cremation to follow. Memorials in her name may be sent to the Knights of Kaleva, Big Sky Hospice or charity of choice.

## Henrietta A. Tehle

A Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated for Henrietta A. Tehle at noon Monday at St. Patrick's Cathedral in Billings. Burial will follow in Red Lodge next to her beloved husband. Mrs. Tehle, 78, died Thursday, Oct. 9, 2003, of natural causes at the home of her daughter in Gillette where she had been residing since June.

"Grandma," as she was so fondly called, was born in Red Lodge, to Kate and Henry Albert. As a young person, she loved riding horses and training her dog, Prince.

After graduating from Carbon County High School in Red Lodge in 1943, Henrietta attended college at St. Catherine's College in St. Paul, Minn. While attending college, she met the great love of her life, Matthew Tehle.

Henrietta and Matt were united in holy matrimony at St. Agnes Catholic Church in Red Lodge on Oct. 24, 1945. They resided in St. Paul and Crookston, Minn. for eight years where Henrietta was a housewife and mother. In 1954,



HENRIETTA  
TEHLE

Henrietta and Matt with their young family moved to Billings. Billings remained her home and center for her family and community service until the recent move to Gillette.

"Grandma" devoted her life to her family. For more than 50 years, her home was the center for family holidays and activities. Her great family pride established the Tehle family reunion that kept the widely spread family in touch and devoted. "Grandma's" devotion and love developed generations of successful Tehles. First, she raised her son, Michael and

her daughter, Kathryn. Then she concentrated on her grandchildren, Beth, Matthew, Robert, and Susan. She was still busy with her great-grand daughter, Casey who affectionately called her "G.G.etta" at the time of her death.

An accomplished seamstress, "Grandma" sewed and designed clothes for her family and friends. When she wasn't sewing, her crafts kept her happy. She and her husband designed and sold crafts at various shows in their spare time.

Although she never seemed to have enough time, Henrietta loved to play bridge with her good friends. However, her pursuits never limited her devotion to the service of others and her family. She made friends wherever she went, but especially among the faithful she met through her devotion to her God and her church. She was always the face and hands for the God she served with utter devotion.

Her son, Michael and daughter-in-law, Cheryl of Billings; her daughter, Kathryn and her husband, Richard Holland of Gillette, Wyo.; her granddaughter, Beth Holland and grandson, Matthew Holland of Gillette, her granddaughter, Susan Tehle, and grandson, Robert Tehle, his wife, Diane; and great-granddaughter, Casey of Billings, survive "Grandma."

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Matthew; and her parents.

Memorials may be donated to the Gillette Oncology Center or another charity of your choice.

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**James TenBoer**

**THERMOPOLIS, Wyo.** —  
James Henry TenBoer, 87, died  
Friday, March 21, 2003, at Canyon  
Village Senior Apartments in  
Thermopolls.

Cremation has taken place.  
Memorial services are pending at  
Hard-Hendricks Funeral Home  
in Knoxville, Ill.





## MEL TERRIBILINI

### Joseph Melvin Terribilini

Joseph Melvin Terribilini passed away April 8, 2003, at home with family and friends, after a short battle with cancer.

Mel was born in Devore, Calif., on Sept. 25, 1925, to John and Lily Terribilini. Mel grew up in Devore and San Bernardino, Calif. Mel enlisted in the U.S. Navy Reserve in 1943 at the age of 17 and served two tours of duty. Mel's first tour was served in the American Area, the Asiatic Pacific area and spent most of his service in the Admiralty Islands. He was a ship's cook 2/C and was awarded the Victory Medal-WWII. Mel's second tour of duty was during the Korean Conflict aboard the USS Goss as a ship's cook 3/C. He was awarded the National Defense Service Medal. Mel was honorably discharged in 1954.

Mel married Thelma R. Haney in 1946. To this union, two sons were born, Ronald John and Richard Keith. Mel was married to Catherine Doreen Wright in October 1953. Doreen died November 1956. Mel married

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Norvell Sisney, December 1957, and to this union, three daughters were born, Cynthia Joann, Carol Lea and Doris Kay.

Mel abounded in energy and good health. He enjoyed making wine, fishing and big game hunting. Mel was an avid gardener and his vegetable garden each summer was a work of art, the produce he generously shared with family and friends.

Mel was preceded in death by his parents; his second wife Doreen; his sister Julia Robinson; his brother Johnnie; and his grandson Byron Wayne Gruel, and brother-in-law Melvin Grant. Mel is survived by his sons, Ronald J. (Peggy), and Richard K. (Elaine) of Billings, and his daughters, Cynthia J. (Les) of Bakersfield, Calif., Carol L. Anderson of Billings and Doris K. (Rick) of Tulare, Calif.; grandchildren Ronda (Rob) Hott of Aurora, Colo., Jeff (Wendy) Gruel of Billings, Kristin Gruel, Phoenix, Dana Elkins of Tulare, Erik and Kelsey Anderson of Billings, Michael and Charles Daily of Bakersfield; one great-grandson, Kale Daily; three great-grand-

daughters, Alice (Mrs.) of  
Belleville, Riley (Mrs.) of  
Belleville, and the three of  
Belleville, of Hesperia,  
Calif., Bernardino (Al) Fieser of  
Fenton, Md., Marine (Daa)  
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(Mrs.) of Hesperia, Hesperia, Calif.;  
brothers, Earl (Matylin) of  
Hesperia and many nephews and  
nieces and three very dear friends,  
Frank, Ernest and some Albert and  
Scott of Missoula.

Our blessings are with you,  
and may those "Harbor  
blessings" guide you on your journey  
and we will meet again upon  
some distant shore. Bye for now,  
but we will miss you.

In lieu of flowers, please send  
donations to Big Sky Hospice.

Funeral services will be 1 p.m.  
Friday, April 11, at Michelotti-  
Belleville Mortuary. Interment  
with military honors will follow at  
Mountain View Cemetery.

## **Anna M. Tesarek**

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**AUG 10 2003**

LEWISTOWN —Anna M. Tesarek, 99, formerly of Coffee Creek, died Wednesday, Aug. 6, 2003.

Cremation has taken place. Inurnment will be 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 12, at Central Montana Memorial Gardens. Cloyd Funeral Home is in charge.

## Robert E. Tesch

SPOKANE, Wash. — Robert E. Tesch (80) entered into rest Feb. 19, 2003.

He is survived by his loving wife of 61 years, June (Grafmiller)

Tesch. Bob is also survived by three daughters and their spouses, Betty Jo and Peter J. Nebb of Monterey, Calif., Jacqueline Kay and Jim Yandle of Boise, Idaho, and Roberta Sue and Rick Robinson of



**ROBERT  
TESCH**

Rosalia; two sisters, Mrs. Irene Flynn of Spokane and Mrs. Myrtle Glasgow of Medical Lake; four grandchildren, four great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Bob graduated from Medical Lake High School and Kinman Business University in Spokane. He was a life member of the Moose Lodge #161, Spokane. Bob served in the Army Air Force from 1942 to 1946 and was the recipient of many honors and medals. He retired as a Regional Director for Burlington Northern Inc. after 40 years of employment and served in the following public offices: President of PTA at Longfellow Elementary School, Director of Junior Bowling for Spokane and Klamath Falls, Ore.,

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Governor of Moose Lodge, Klamath Falls, President of Lutheran Church, Klamath Falls, President and Board Member of Laurel Golf Club, Laurel, Mont.

No memorial services are planned. Memorial contributions can be made to the American Lung Association of Washington, Spokane branch, 124 E. Augusta, Suite 200, Spokane, WA, 509-325-6516. Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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## **James 'Jim' Tescher**

**BEACH, N.D.** — James F. "Jim" Tescher, age 74, a rancher from Beach passed away on Saturday, Dec. 27, 2003, at a Mandan medical facility, with his loving family at his side.

A vigil will be held at 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 2, 2004, at St. John's The Baptist Catholic Church in Beach. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 3, 2004, at St. John's. The Rite of Committal will follow the services at the Medora Cemetery. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Beach is entrusted with arrangements.

Jim was born Aug. 15, 1929, in Beach to Matt C. and Antionette Gass Tescher. He grew up on a farm 6½ miles north east of Sentinel Butte. He received his education at various country schools in the surrounding area. At the age of 17 he went to work at the South St. Paul Stockyards for two years and from there to the Walt Neuens ranch near Medora.

He married his 1946 prom date, Loretta Brown, in a double wedding ceremony on June 13, 1950, along with Lloyd Brown to Rosemarie Tescher in Sentinel Butte.

In November of 1952 they bought the old Cliff Wagner ranch from Henry Townley in northern Billings County, N.D. Jim's rodeo career started in his early teens and he joined the RCA in 1948. He won most of the major rodeos from Madison Square Garden to Pendleton, Calgary to Fort Worth to Miami. In 1959 and 1963, he won the Saddle Bronc riding at the National Finals and qualified for the steer wrestling in 1959 also. He was runner up in the Saddle Bronc Championship of the world in 1964 and third in the All-Around. In 1965 he only competed in 13 rodeos and placed at all of them, which qualified him for the National Finals. He qualified on every horse and threw every steer in the four times he competed at the National Finals. In 1975, in his last year of rodeo competition, Jim entered seven rodeos and placed at all of them. Jim was among the first group of inductees into the North Dakota Cowboy Hall of Fame in 1998.

Jim enjoyed hard work, but also enjoyed having fun which included fishing, card playing, softball, storytelling and tickling the grand-kids on the living room carpet. Jim was an avid Minnesota Twins fan. He enjoyed raising good horses and good cattle and insisted things

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be done the right way.

Jim served as vice president for two terms for the Rodeo Cowboy Association. He was a trustee at St. Michael's Church in



**JAMES  
TESCHER**

Sentinel Butte, currently a member of St. John's The Baptist Catholic Church in Beach, chairman of the Billings County weed board and 36-year member of the North Dakota Stockman's Associ-

ation. One of his special interests was devoting his time, talent and treasure to Home On The Range. He was also a member of the North Dakota Hall of Fame and a gold card holder for the PRCA.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents, Matt C. Tescher and Antionette Tescher; brothers, Pete, Toney, Donnie and Mathias (Jim passed away the same day as his younger brother Donnie 51 years earlier to the day); sisters, Antionette, Rosemarie and Rosalie and a grandson, Chip Stockwell.

Jim is survived by his wife of 53 years, Loretta Brown Tescher of Beach; they have five children, Gary (Ardis) Tescher of Sidney, Mont., Cindi Stockwell (special friend Bob) of Plummer, Minn., Barry (Rita) Tescher of Minot, Troy (Inanne) Tescher of Beach

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and Bonnie Froehlich (special friend Shane) of Williston. There are 15 grandchildren, Beau and Ty Tescher; Chad, Chelsea and Chase Stockwell; ShayAnne, Laramie, Kolton Hunter and Kaleb Tescher; Jessica, Christa and Jordan Tescher, and Jeremy and Wyatt Froehlich; and one great-grandchild, Tyler Puhl. Surviving brothers and sisters include Marie Maus of Beach, Cel Rutledge of Sun City, Ariz., Alvin Tescher of Beach, Tom Tescher of Medora, Joan Kittelson of Beach, Dona Lowman of Fairfield, and Alice Meginnis of Tucson, Ariz., and numerous nieces and nephews.

Most important to Dad was his family and his faith. He will be remembered as being a people person and his golden smile. We love you; Jim, Dad, and Grandpa.

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



## **Anna Louise Thar**

**MOORCROFT, Wyo.** — Anna Louise Thar, 92, died Monday, Jan. 20, 2003, at Pioneer Manor in Gillette.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 24, at the Cornerstone Mission in Moorcroft. A private burial will follow at a later date. Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home of Gillette is in charge.

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## Jerry L. Thayer

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CODY, Wyo. — Jerry L. Thayer, 79, died Friday, Aug. 15, 2003.

Cremation has taken place and a private family memorial graveside service will take place. Ballard Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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**Phillip G. Thieda**

**LEWISTOWN** — Phillip G. Thieda, 59, died on Saturday, Sept. 13, 2003, at St. Vincent Healthcare in Billings, due to heart failure.

Phil was born in Jacksonville, Ill., on March 14, 1944, to Harold W. and Rhoda (McCarty) Taylor.

He received his schooling at Morton East High School at Cicero, Ill., and Trinidad (Colo.) Junior College.

On Jan. 16, 1965, at River-side, Ill., he was united in marriage to Elaine Maytan. Phil was employed as a gunsmith; adjuster for Associate Loans Co.; loan officer at a bank; and for 20 years, he was a police officer for the village of Downers Grove, Ill., retiring in June of 1992. They have been residents of Lewistown since 1992.



**PHILLIP  
THIEDA**

Phil was a member of the Illinois Police Association, an endowment member of the National Rifle Association, a member of Pheasants Forever, Loyal Order of Moose, Fraternal Order of Elks, Fraternal Order of Eagles, the Fraternal Order of Police and the Lewistown Trap and Skeet Club.

Phil had much expertise in firearms and enjoyed hunting. He also enjoyed classic cars and stories of the Wild West. He loved to make soup and help in the kitchen.

Phil is survived by his wife, Elaine, of Lewistown; his mother, Rhoda Nordby, of Scottsdale, Ariz.; a brother, Harold (Sandra) Thieda of Saugatuck, Mich.; and a niece, Nichole.

He was preceded in death by his father, Harold W. Taylor; his stepfather, Dr. Arthur A. Thieda; and his grandparents, Zoe and Clyde McCarty.

A memorial service for Phillip G. Thieda will be at the Creel Funeral Chapel on Saturday, Sept. 20, at 11 a.m. Cremation has taken place. Memorials are suggested to the charity of donor's choice.

Creel Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

## Roley Clyde 'Rob' Thiel

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**LAUREL** — Roley Clyde "Rob" Thiel, 48, of Laurel, died Monday evening, May 5, 2003, in an automobile accident near Billings.



**ROB THIEL**

The son of Clyde and Bonnie Thiel, Rob was born Feb. 3, 1955, at Sidney. He graduated from Billings Senior in 1973. Following high school Rob served in the Army for three years, stationed at Fort Lewis, Wash.

Rob worked as a carpenter and electrician and for the past four years had operated Rob's Electric with his son Ryan and nephew Chip.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing, raising horses, and loved to cook. Most of all, Rob enjoyed spending time with his best friend and son Ryan. He took great pride and interest in his home which he remodeled with the help of his boys.

Survivors include his wife Patti; parents, Clyde and Bonnie Thiel of Billings; son Ryan Thiel of Laurel; daughter Jodi Thiel of Worland, Wyo.; Patti's children,

Keith Lamont of Worland, Kristi Lamont of Denver, Keil Lamont of Thermopolis, Wyo., and Kassi Lamont of Worland; his brother, Choyia Thiel of Billings; nephew Chip Thiel of Laurel; niece Katie Thiel of Cheyenne, Wyo.; and two grandchildren, Darien and Tasia. Also surviving are many close friends and business associates, including close friend Doug Robertson.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial services will be 1 p.m. Friday, May 9, at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary. Memorials may be made to Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch, a neighbor of Patti and Rob Thiel.

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## Ruth Marie Thielman

**GLENDIVE** — Ruth Marie Thielman, 78, passed away at the Glendive Medical Center on Friday, May 2, 2003. A prayer service will be at 7 p.m. Monday, May 5, at the Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. at Our Savior Lutheran Church of Glendive on Tuesday, May 6, with Pastor James Hageman and Pastor Howard Schreibeis officiating. Interment will be in the Dawson Memorial Cemetery, Glendive. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Glendive is entrusted with the arrangements.

Ruth was born on May 24, 1924, in Glendive, the daughter of Henry and Margaret (Hansen) Oellermann.

Ruth attended the Seven Mile School near Bloomfield and later graduated from Dawson County High School in Glendive in 1942. She attended Billings Business College for one year and she worked for Yale Oil.



**RUTH  
THIELMAN**

Ruth married Jennis "Butts" Thielman on July 30, 1944, in Bloomfield. She and her husband farmed in the Bloomfield area their entire life until their retirement in 1989. Ruth was preceded in death by her husband on Dec. 6, 1992.

Survivors include three daughters, LaLonnie Huncovsky and her husband Mack of Bismarck, N.D., Mari Sue McPherson of Glendive, and Nancy Stoltz and her husband Barry of Topeka, Kan.; one son, Jim Thielman of Glendive; one brother, Vernon and his wife LaVerne of Glendive; one sister-in-law, Kathleen Zuroff of Richey; six grandchildren, Scott McPherson and his wife Rita, Steve McPherson and his wife Amber, Shane McPherson, Tom Huncovsky and his wife Heather, and Chris and Emily Stoltz; three great-grandchildren, Kayla, Hannah, and Gavin McPherson; and numerous nieces and nephews.

## **Robert Thiemke, Jr.**

GILLETTE, Wyo. — Robert Sanford Thiemke, Jr., 31, died Friday, June 27, 2003, in Johnson County, from injuries he received in a vehicle accident.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, July 2, at the Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home in Gillette. Interment will follow in the Gillette-Mt. Pisgah Cemetery.

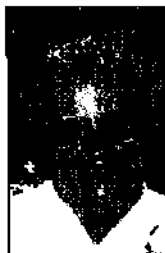
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## **Evelyn F. Theisen**

After having a major stroke on March 1, Evelyn Frances Theisen died in St. Vincent Healthcare on March 8, 2003, a day before her 86th birthday.

The daughter of Gus and Frances Hemmi, Evelyn was born on March 9, 1917, at home on her family's cotton farm in Hallettsville, Texas.



**EVELYN  
THEISEN**

As a young woman, Evelyn worked in a photography studio in San Antonio, Texas. While in San Antonio, she met Wilfred Theisen at a USO dance. They were married on Jan. 9, 1946, in Hallettsville. The newlywed couple moved to Montana, where they farmed and ranched in Molt until they retired from farming in 1975. After leaving the farm, they lived in various homes in Billings and also spent several winters in Mesa, Ariz. After Wilfred was moved to a nursing home, Evelyn continued to live in their home until she moved to an assisted living apartment at Aspen Meadows and then to Magnolia Place.

Evelyn's Catholic faith and her family were most important in her life. Her family and others were blessed by her continual

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prayers and rosaries. She was a long-time member of St. Thomas Church. She most enjoyed music, traveling and gardening.

She is survived by her daughters, Sister Mary Ann, Linda (Bob) Lang, Diane (Troy) Slind; her sons, Ron and Gary (Linda), all of Billings; her nine grandchildren, Bobby, Brian, and Jason Lang; Steven, Kristin, Adam, Gary Jr. Theisen, Eric and Ethan Slind; and five great-grandchildren, Decee, Mickal, Katelyn, Jennifer and Mariah Lang; her brothers, Walter and Alphonse, of Hallettsville; Texas and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; her sisters, Annie and Helen; her brothers, Elvin, James and Leon.

The Vigil and Rosary will be 7 p.m., Tuesday, March 11, at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary. The Funeral Mass will be offered at 11 a.m., Wednesday, March 12, at St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church, 2210 Colton Blvd. Cremation has taken place. Inurnment will be at Holy Cross Cemetery. Memorials may be made to American Heart Association, 2512 1st Ave., N., Ste. 206, Billings, MT 59108 or to the charity of your choice.



**Peter D. Thiessen**

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**SIDNEY** — Funeral services for Peter D. Thiessen, 90, of Sidney, are at 10 a.m. Friday, Dec. 5, at the Sidney Church of the Nazarene. Interment will be in the Community Memorial Cemetery in Lambert, under the direction of Fulkerson Funeral Home of Sidney. A memorial service will be held at Broen Memorial Home in Fergus Falls, Minn., on Tuesday, Dec. 9, at 1:30 p.m.



**PETER  
THIESSEN**

Pete was born on Oct. 9, 1913, in a homestead dugout near Castle Rock, south of Lambert, the seventh son of David and Aganetha (Holzrichter) Thiessen. He was educated in rural schools at McCone Heights and Round Butte, graduated from Lambert High School and later received a bachelor of arts degree at Northwest Nazarene College, Nampa, Idaho.

While at NNC, Pete met Nancy Mae Edes, whom he later married at Hewitt, Minn., on Aug. 31, 1939. Together, they farmed in Richland County most of their married lives. They retired to an

apartment in Sidney in 1978 when son Dwight, along with his wife Diana, took over the family farm west of Crane. Pete and Nancy Mae were instrumental in starting two Christian schools in Norwalk, Calif., and Nampa. Pete lost Nancy Mae in 1992. On June 14, 1994, Pete was married to Doris Kelley in Fergus Falls. Pete and Doris lived both in Sidney and Bertha, Minn., in the years following their marriage, and were faithful in the church attendance. Since August of 2000, when Pete was injured in a pedestrian accident, he has been a resident of Broen Memorial Home in Fergus Falls.

Singing Gospel songs was one of his biggest enjoyments throughout his life. Residents and staff of the Broen Home came to know him for his love of singing.

Pete was a member of the Sidney Church of the Nazarene, the Gideons International and Eastern Montana Bible Camp Association. He was also a very active supporter of the Republican Party. He loved farming, reading his Bible, singing, keeping up with current political affairs and attending activities in which his grandchildren participated.

Peter died on Sunday, Nov. 30, 2003, at the Broen Memorial Home in Fergus Falls.

Surviving him are his wife, Doris Kelley-Thiessen of Sidney; a son, Dwight (Diana) Thiessen of rural Savage; three grandchil-

dren, Peter Thiessen of Sidney, Andrew Thiessen of Medora, N.D., and Jessica Thiessen of the family home; five stepchildren, Marilyn (Leonard) Howard of Fergus Falls, Virginia Prouty of Mountain Home, Idaho, Mervin (Renee) Kelley of Fargo, N.D., Kaureen (Reno) Wells of Hackensack, Minn., and Angie (Steven) Schlossberg of Fairfax, Va.; 14 step-grandchildren and 14 step-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a wife, Nancy Mae; a daughter, Luanne Mae; brothers, Heinrich, David, Henry, Isaac, John and Cornelius (C.R.); and sisters Anna Thiessen and Neta Sessions.

# Thomas S. 'Tom' Thill

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NOV 25 2003

CLOQUET, Minn. — Thomas S. "Tom" Thill, 72, of Cloquet, died Saturday, Nov. 15, 2003, in his home.

He was born Oct. 21, 1931, in Cloquet, to Henry and Marjorie Thill, and was a lifelong Cloquet resident. Tom served his country during the Korean War as a sergeant in the U.S. Army. He worked and retired from the Potlatch Corp. as a machine tender.

Tom was a member of the Carl Anderson American Legion Post 262 and had served as commander; the Hebert-Kennedy VFW Post 3979; and was a member of the Cloquet Combined Honor Guard. He was a volunteer for the Veterans on the Lake disabled veterans fishing program; a volunteer for the Salvation Army bell ringing; had coached Little League baseball; and was a member of the Potlatch Quarter Century Club.

Tom was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Kathleen Kriske. He is survived by his children, Jeanmarie (Bob) Thill-Dantic, of Laurel, Mont., Michael (Charlotte) Thill, of Laurel, Keith (Gayle) Thill, of Billings, Richard (Patti) Thill, of Lakewood, Colo., and Peggy Thill of Lakewood; one brother, Kenneth Thill of Cloquet; two sisters, Virginia "Ginger" Koski of Cloquet, and Faye (Delbert)

Paarni of Cloquet; 10 grandchildren, Christopher Dantic, Aaron Dantic, Jacquelyn Busch, Jack Thill, Jessica Thill, Josh Thill, Maggi Thill, Manda Thill, Lauren Thill and Andy Johnson; one great-grandson, Preston Thill; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral Mass took place in Cloquet on Nov. 19. Online guest book available at [www.legacy.com](http://www.legacy.com).

## **Lucas Robert Thiry**

**LIVINGSTON** — Lucas Robert "Luke" Thiry, 22, of Livingston, died Saturday, March 22, 2003, at St. Vincent Healthcare in Billings, as the result of injuries he sustained earlier in a single vehicle accident.

Vigil will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 26, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Livingston. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, March 27, at St. Mary's Catholic Church. Graveside committal and burial will follow in Calvary Cemetery. Franzen-Davis Funeral Home of Livingston is in charge.

## Patricia Thogersen

BILLINGS GAZETTE

SIDNEY — Patricia "Tris" Thogersen, 72, of Sidney, died Saturday, Aug. 23, 2003, at the Sidney Health Center Extended Care Facility.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 28, at the St. Matthew's Catholic Church. Interment will be in Sidney Cemetery. Fulkerson Funeral Home of Sidney is in charge.

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# Marie Thomalla

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**APR 06 2003**

LAUREL — Marie Thomalla, 95, of Laurel, passed away Thursday, April 3, 2003, at her home in Laurel. She was the oldest child of August and Berget Johnson Thomalla, born Sept. 7, 1907, in a small house in Jamestown, N.D. She moved with her parents shortly thereafter to Fargo, N.D., and lived there until she was four years old, then the family moved to a homestead in Golden Valley township in Roseau County near Skime, Minn. She attended grade school in the little old log schoolhouse about two miles south of her home. Hers was the last class in that school. She attended Roseau High School and Warroad Teacher Training Department. She started teaching in 1926. Marie continued teaching in the rural schools of Roseau County until 1948 when she went to Oklee, Minn., to teach. In 1937 she got her two year diploma from Bemidji State Teachers College, and in 1948 she received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Education from the same school.

In 1938 Marie met with the Gospel when Harry Johnson and William Peterson came to the Skime School to hold meetings.

In 1949 she moved to Laurel to teach. She retired from there in 1972 after 23 years of teaching

in Minnesota and 23 years in Montana. During the years she taught in Laurel she earned her Master of Science Degree in Elementary Education from Eastern Montana College in the summer of 1958, but was awarded the degree in 1959.

Marie is survived by two sisters, Yvonne Habedank of Thief River Falls, Minn., and Delores T. Smith of Seattle. Several nieces, nephews and cousins also survive.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m., Tuesday, April 8, at Smith Funeral Chapel-Laurel. Interment will be in the Laurel Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to Big Sky Hospice or charity of choice.

## Bertha Thomas

Bertha Baum Thomas of Billings, died Thursday evening, Dec. 11 at St. Vincent Hospital of natural causes. God brought her into this world on Dec. 11, 1920 and took her home 83 years later on her "Special Day." Bertha was a gracious lady who loved good company and pretty things. She always enjoyed visiting with her dear friends and family over a cup of coffee or tea and a fancy dessert.

She was born in Ballantine, to Henry and Katherine Baum and graduated from Huntley Project High School. On Jan. 17, 1942, she married C.R. "Tige" Thomas in Billings. Mary will remember Bertha when she worked at the

Mildred Hazel dress shop, Sophie's, and the Spinning Wheel.

Bertha was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Tige Thomas; daughter, Dixie Shields; two sisters,

Katherine Karst, Marie Puhr; five brothers, Phillip, Sam, Henry, Jake, and Leo Baum.

She is survived by her son, Gary Thomas of Billings; son-in-law, Court Shields of Massachusetts; her grandchild-



BERTHA  
THOMAS

dren, Shawn (Jennifer) Shields of Massachusetts, Samantha Shields of California, Tina Miller of Washington, Deanna Burrece of Washington; her great-grandchildren Erin Rose and Caroline of Massachusetts, Rebecca, Collin and Robin of Washington; and many beloved nieces, nephews, cousins, and dear friends.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial services will be 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 20, at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary. Should friends desire, memorials in Bertha's name may be made to Big Sky Hospice, P.O. Box 35033, Billings, MT 59107 or to the charity of your choice.

# Jessie R. Thomas

**RED LODGE**  
 — Jessie Ruby  
 Burton Thomas,  
 94, of Red  
 Lodge, passed  
 away Thursday,  
 Jan. 23, 2003, at  
 Cedar Wood  
 Villa.



Jessie was  
 born on Sept.  
 22, 1908, in Raleigh, W.Va., a  
 daughter of Charles and Charity  
 (Rawlins) Burton. She came to  
 Red Lodge with her parents and  
 sister Zena. Jessie attended  
 schools in Red Lodge, Roundup  
 and graduated from high school  
 in Billings.

In 1926, she married Darcy  
 Thomas in Columbus, and they  
 lived in Billings until 1943, when  
 Darcy was drafted into World  
 War II. After the war, they set-  
 tled in Red Lodge. They enjoyed  
 their home at 117 South Platt, and  
 Jessie did everything she could  
 to make it a warm and loving  
 home. Jessie was so pleased that  
 the new owners of their house,  
 Larry and Trish Yung, have lov-  
 ingly restored it and are working  
 to have it placed on the historic  
 register. In fact, the house will be  
 featured on the Home & Garden  
 Channel in September.

Jessie and Darcy's recreation  
 was boating, camping and fish-  
 ing. They frequently visited  
 Cooney Dam, Yellowstone Park  
 and enjoyed picnics on Rock

## JESSIE THOMAS

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Creek or even in their back yard.  
 Jessie was a caring, generous  
 person who was always willing  
 to help her family and friends.

Jessie was preceded in death  
 by her husband, Darcy, in March  
 of 2000; her parents; sisters,



Zena Burton  
 Moore and  
 Ethel Burton  
 Ogbin; and  
 brother, Richard  
 Albert Burton.

Jessie's death  
 brings an end to  
 this Burton-  
 Rawlins line.

**Survivors**  
 include her sister-in-law,  
 Genevieve Burton; nephew  
 Larry Burton and niece Bonnie  
 Burton Sutton, all of Missoula;  
 nieces Jean Burton Jones of  
 Bozeman, and Gloria Burton  
 Kealy of Spokane, Wash. Also,  
 nieces Ethel Ogbin Hardwick of  
 Sun City, Ariz., Delores  
 Anderson of Helena; Darcy's  
 niece Deanna Thomas of  
 Billings; nephews Orville,  
 Richard, Gary, Lloyd Jr., and  
 Leroy Ogbin; great-nieces and  
 nephews Theresa Jones Wirth,  
 Deborah Jones Story, Jay Jones,  
 Michael Jones, Robert Sutton,  
 Jack Sutton, Jr., and Pamela  
 Sutton Stubbs; great-great-



nieces and nephews Brent Caudill, Tara Jean Caudill, Brittany Wirth, Sean Wirth, Steven Jones, Tasha Jones, HonniJean Kealy, Robert Stubbs, Randi Stubbs and 15 other great-nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 30, at Smith-Olcott Funeral Chapel. Visitation will begin Wednesday afternoon, Jan. 29. Interment will be in the Red Lodge Cemetery, with a reception to follow at Cedar Wood Villa. Memorials may be given to Cedar Wood Villa, Box 430, Red Lodge MT 59068.

# Lola B. Thomas

BILLINGS GAZETTE

FEB 3 2003

Lola B. Thomas died peacefully in her sleep on Feb. 1, 2003. At the time of her death Lola was attended by all of her children and many of her grandchildren. Lola was born on the family ranch west of Billings, October 3, 1909. She attended Elder Grove Elementary school and graduated from Billings Senior High in 1928.



**LOLA  
THOMAS**

She married Lawrence J. (Jack) Thomas in January of 1933 and was the mother of six children. She was involved in many community and service organizations including March of Dimes State Chairman, PTA State President, Red Cross Grey Lady Volunteer at Deaconess Hospital for 17 years, De Molay mother, band mother and always interested in her children's activities. She belonged to the Canyon Creek Pioneers and was an officer in AARP.

She was an active member of the First Christian Church where she taught Sunday school for 43 years and in 1993 was honored as Elder Emeritus.

She moved from Billings to Colorado Springs, Colo., in Jan.,

2001 in the care of her daughter Betty. In September 2003, she moved to Greeley, Colo. in the care of her son James.

Lola is survived by her brother Virgil of Billings; children, Jim Thomas of Greeley, Colo., Kenneth Thomas of San Diego, Allene Thomas of St. Marie, and Betty Brown of Colorado Springs, Colo. She was Grandmother to 20 children, Great-Grandmother to 42 children and Great-Great-Grandmother to seven children.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two sisters, one brother, husband, son Robert and daughter Ellen.

The Rev. Art Greenlee will conduct the service for Lola at the Michelotti-Sawyers Funeral Home, 1001 Alderson Ave., Billings, MT, at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 4. Burial will follow at Mountview Cemetery, Billings.

# Mertie 'Mitzi' Harris Thomas

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**MERTIE THOMAS**

Mertie "Mitzi" Harris Thomas, 70, passed away Friday, Aug. 29, 2003, at Deaconess Billings Clinic following bypass surgery.

She was born Nov. 16, 1932, in Billings to Van and Magnhild (Grotbo) Harris. She lived in Billings most of her life and graduated from Billings Senior High School in 1951. She joined the Women's Army Corps on Jan. 28, 1952, and served in the Korean conflict. She was honorably discharged as a corporal on Feb. 13, 1954. Mitzi was awarded the National Defensive Medal, the Korean Service Medal and the United Nations Service Medal. After the service, she attended Rocky Mountain College. She worked many places in Billings during her life, including Jubilee Bowling Lanes and West Park Plaza.

Blessed with an extremely outgoing and friendly personality she made friends everywhere she went. Children were especially fond of her.

Mitzi is survived by four brothers, Paul (Loretta) Harris of Sioux Falls, S.D., Jim (Irene) Harris, Ted (Delores) Harris of Billings, and Roy (Alice) Harris of Wolf Point; two sons, Mike (Debbie) Goodson of Summit, N.J., and Rich Thomas of Seattle; five grandchildren, Marguerite, Ashley, Stephanie, Benjamin and Matthew Goodson; her sister-in-law, Laura Harris; many nieces and nephews; and her special friend, Josie Heiser.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her sister, Lilah Harris; and her brother, Gerald Harris.

Visitation with the family present will be on Monday Sept. 1, from 7 to 8 p.m. at Smith Downtown Chapel, 120 N. 26th St. where a time of reminiscing and remembering will be shared. Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 2, at the Smith West Chapel, 304 34th St. West. Interment will follow at the Sunset Memorial Gardens in Billings.

**Michael William Thomas**

1958-2003

husband, son,  
brother, uncle and friend,

Michael William Thomas, passed away in Mesa, Ariz., on Sept. 13, 2003. He was a resident of Chandler, Ariz.

Mike, as he was called, was born in Billings on Feb. 18, 1958, to Myles J. "Jack" Thomas and Alice H. "Dee Dee" Thomas. He graduated from Billings Senior in 1976 and attended the University of Montana, where he was initiated into the Sigma Chi fraternity. He loved the Grizzlies. Mike loved people and people loved him. He was very successful at selling cars. He didn't have customers; he had friends.

Mike married Shelly Kay Lapica on July 12, 1986, and they moved to Arizona right after the wedding.



**MICHAEL  
THOMAS**

He is survived by his wife; his parents; brothers, Mark Thomas (Carol) of Auburn, Wash., and Matt Thomas of Davie, Fla.; sisters, Bonnie (Jim) Mountain of South Orange, N.J., Shelly (Kyle) Kite of Dewey, Okla., and Suzie (Steve) Cranston of Billings. He is also survived by numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews and his long time friend Bob McIver of Billings.

A memorial service celebrating Mike's life will be held at St. Patrick's Co-Cathedral on Saturday, Sept. 27, commencing at 10:30 a.m. Memorials are suggested to the Billings Family YMCA, Thomas Kids Gym, or to Career Concepts for Youth, PO Box 32864, Phoenix, AZ 85064

As Mike said, "It's been a great ride."

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## **Memorial William Thomas**

A memorial service celebrating Miller's life will be held at St. Patrick's Co-Cathedral at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 27.

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# Services For Lee Thomas

**REDWOOD CITY, Calif.** —  
Perrine Lee Thomas died suddenly Friday, Sept. 20, 2003.



He was born Nov. 6, 1934, in Billings, Mont. Terry lived in Red Lodge, Mont., and then on his 80s. He

**TERRY THOMAS**

spent the last 20 years in the San Francisco Bay Area, where he worked at Kaiser Permanente Neurological Center in Redwood City.

Terry was a car and motorcycle enthusiast, a Vietnam veteran, and a very devoted husband and father.

Terry is survived by his wife of 36 years, Arlo; his son and daughter-in-law, Andrew and Rosemarie; his daughter and son-in-law, Erin and Edward; his sisters, Alice and Debbie; and his nephew, Alina.

A memorial service was held at Chapel by the Sea in Pacifica, Tuesday, Sept. 23.

# Velda Arlene Thomas

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LAUREL — Velda Arlene Thomas, daughter of Clare (Shorty) and Edna Loy (Marsh) Starbard, was born Nov. 8, 1923, and passed away Feb. 4, 2003, in Lincoln City, Ore.

Velda grew up in Laurel, and after leaving as a young lady, she returned in 1983 to care for her mother. At that time she opened her store, Ye Olde Curiosity Shoppe.

Velda was also known as "Vicki" and the lady with the large collection of vintage jewelry and clothing. She had so much knowledge about both and truly enjoyed passing it along to people who visited her store. She was also known for her wonderful talent of being able to design and make dresses and costumes which looked exactly like the originals.

Mom retired in 1997 because of health reasons and moved to Casper, Wyo. Later she moved to Lincoln City, Ore., where she passed away.

Mom is now reunited with her husband, Ralph Thomas; her young son, Lee Allan; her mother, father and brother Fred.

Surviving are two sons and one daughter, Paul (Marcia) Thomas of West Orange, N.J., Larry (Jo Ann) Thomas of Laurel and Claire Friez of Lincoln City; 14 grandchildren and spouses and

23 great-grandchildren; and many cousins.

Mom is now in our Heavenly Father's care, greatly loved and missed by all.

Services will be held 10 a.m. Monday, Feb. 10, at Smith Funeral Chapel-Laurel.

Interment will be in the Laurel Cemetery.

**FEB 6 2003****Walter William Thomas**

**MILES CITY —** Walter William Thomas, 81, of Miles City, died Wednesday, Feb. 5, 2003, at the Friendship Villa Care Center in Miles City.

Visitation will be held Friday, Feb. 7, at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 8, at Stevenson & Sons. Interment will follow in the family lot in the Custer County Cemetery.



Alice was born Aug. 29, 1913, near Coteau, N.D. She was the daughter of Annie Peterson and Charles Butgereit. She died Saturday, Sept. 27, 2003, in Billings.

She married Roy Thompson on April 23, 1939, in Kenmare, N.D. She joined the Silver Link Rebekah Lodge in Kenmare in 1941.

Alice has been a member of a wonderful group of ladies in Billings, Zelda Rebekah Lodge #14. She has been a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church since 1950, when it was in the Milking Barn.

Alice was the money manager for the family's businesses, and also worked on the renovation of many houses.

She had two sons, James and Keith (Jean Carroll). She had great affection for her grandchildren, Derek (Penny) Thompson, Chanda (Ruben) Mendoza, Rhonda Thompson, Whitney (Suavi) Oden, Tyler (Hyla) Thompson, Travis Thompson and Adeia Thompson. She had nine great-grandchildren.

Her husband Roy and son James preceded her in death. Remaining family members who meant a great deal to her are her uncle, Edwin Peterson; and her cousins, Helen, Cleve, Norma, Gordon, David, Ann, Edwina and members of their families.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 1, at Smith's West Chapel, 304 34th St. West. Interment will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

## David Bruce Thompson

BILLINGS GAZETTE

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DICKINSON, N.D. — David Bruce Thompson, 63, formerly of Beach, died Saturday, Aug. 2, 2003.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 6, at the First Lutheran Church in Beach. Interment will follow at the Beach Lutheran Cemetery. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Beach is in charge of arrangements.

**DEC 25 2003****Ellen L. Thompson**

**SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Ellen L. Thompson, 73, died Saturday, Dec. 20, 2003, at her home.**

**Vigil services are at 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 28 at Champion Ferries Funeral Home. Funeral liturgy is at 10 a.m. Monday, Dec. 29, at Holy Name Catholic Church. Burial will be in Little Big Horn Battlefield National Cemetery in Crow Agency, Mont.**

**Glenfield 'Glen' F.  
Thompson**

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**JUL 14 2003**

**THERMOPOLIS, Wyo. —**  
Glenfield "Glen" F. Thompson,  
formerly of Emblem and  
Greybull, Wyo., died Friday, July  
11, 2003, at the Wyoming Medical  
Center in Casper.

Funeral services will be 1 p.m.  
Tuesday, July 15, at the Zion  
Lutheran Church in Emblem.  
Burial will follow at the Emblem  
Cemetery.

Atwood Family Funeral  
Directors are in charge of  
arrangements.

# John C. Thompson

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FORSYTH —

John C. Thompson, age 65, of Forsyth, passed away on Saturday, Nov. 1, 2003, at his home in Forsyth.



**JOHN  
THOMPSON**

John was born on May 21, 1938, in Sheridan, Wyo., the son of John and Lillian (Collinge) Thompson. John moved with his family to the ranch on Reservation Creek when he was a young child. He attended country school and later graduated from Forsyth School. Following his graduation, John went to Texas, where he worked as a geology surveyor, and later returned to Forsyth.

John was married to Christie Schenk and together, they had two children: Becky and Wayne. John was later married to Karen Scott in Forsyth on Feb. 4, 1977.

John worked in construction doing dirt work his entire life. He was a member of the Land Improvement Contractors Association (LICA). John enjoyed flying, skiing, snowmobiling, but most of all, John enjoyed working and loved moving dirt.

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John is survived by his wife Karen, of 26 years, of Forsyth; his children, Wayne Thompson (Dawn) of Bozeman, Becky Thompson-Flatness of Forsyth, Barbara Fulton (Clay) of Billings, David Keyes (Marlissa) of Sandpoint, Idaho; and his grandchildren, Dustin, Cody, Austin, Olivia and Slater. John is also survived by his three brothers, Gary Thompson (Shari), Dwight Thompson (Sherry) and Charlie Thompson (Mary), as well as several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Kay Lenz.

Funeral services will be on Thursday, Nov. 6, at 2 p.m. in the Chapel of Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Forsyth.

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

Condolences to the Thompson family can be sent to [www.stevensonandson.com](http://www.stevensonandson.com). Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home of Forsyth is in charge of the arrangements.

**JUN 18 2003**

**Pamela Lou Thompson**

MEDORA, N.D. — Pamela Lou Thompson, 51, of Medora, died Sunday, June 15, 2003, at her home.

A vigil will be at 7 p.m. Monday, June 19, in the chapel of the Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home in Beach. A Mass of Christian Burial will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday, June 20, at the Medora Community Center in Medora. Interment will follow services in the Medora Cemetery.

# Theodore "Teddy" Amos Thompson

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MAR 14 2003

## BIG TIMBER

Theodore "Teddy" Amos Thompson, 82, of Big Timber, passed away Wednesday, March 12, 2003, at Pioneer Medical Center in Big Timber.



## TEDDY THOMPSON

Teddy was born Feb. 28, 1921, to Sven and Ellen Skretting Thompson at home outside Big Timber. He attended Big Timber Grade School and spent all of his life on the ranch.

He was very active in the sheep business. For 75 years, Teddy took his sheep to the mountains for summer pasture. Teddy was one of the founders of the Sweet Grass County Mountain Lamb Pool and also, once the president of the Sweet Grass Woolgrower's Association. In 1993, Teddy was awarded the American Sheep Industry's McClure Silver Ram Award in recognition of outstanding service to the sheep industry.

Teddy went into the outfitting and guide business in the early 1950s. Teddy was presi-

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agent of the Treasure State  
Outdoors and member of the  
Mountain Outfitters Guides. He  
was also charter member of Big  
Timber Rifle and Pistol Club  
and a member of the Knights of  
Pythians. Teddy was director  
of the Pioneer Ditch Company.

In 1925, he married Annette  
O'Leary. They had two sons,  
Steven Thompson and Timothy  
Gene. Teddy was preceded in  
death by his son Steven and a  
brother, Amos.

He is survived by his wife  
Annette of Big Timber; son  
Tim and wife Gail of Big  
Timber. He is also survived by  
his sisters Anna (Loren)  
Pudwell of Big Timber and  
Solly (Dave) Johnston of  
Bosman; brothers Allen (Lois)  
Thompson of Laurel and  
Kenneth (Catherine)  
Thompson of Big Timber.

Services will be held 1 p.m.  
Saturday, March 15, at Big  
Timber Lutheran Church, with  
Pastor Jim Holmquist officiat-  
ing. Lewis Funeral Home  
assisted the family with the ser-  
vices.

## Rex Thompson

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**APR 11 2003**

**FAIRVIEW** — Rex Thompson, 76, of Fairview, died Wednesday, April 9, 2003, at the Sidney Health Center in Sidney.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, April 14, at the Fairview Alliance Church. Interment will be in the Fairview Cemetery. Fulkerson Funeral Home of Sidney is in charge.

## **W.J. 'Wally' Thompson**

**ABSAROKEE** — W. J. "Wally" Thompson, 84, of Absarokee, passed away Saturday, May 10, 2003, at Stillwater Community Hospital.

He was the third son and the fifth child of Adolph and Ida Thompson, born May 23, 1918, at Columbus. He attended grade school at Upper Whitebird

Grade School and then graduated from Columbus High School. For two years, he attended Riverside (Calif.) Junior College, and then one year at the University of Montana majoring in forestry.

Wally entered the U.S. Army on Sept. 14, 1942, and spent the next three years in the European Theater in WWII, being honorably discharged Nov. 8, 1945.

After the war, Wally pur-



**WALLY  
THOMPSON**

chased the Jack Haney Ranch and other ranches and homesteads around it and ranched there for the rest of his life.

He married Virginia Kennedy in November of 1947 and was later divorced.

He served 20 years on the school boards of Absarokee and Columbus, and was a member of the VFW, American Legion and Stillwater Masonic Lodge #62 AF & AM.

Survivors include his son, Tim Thompson of Absarokee; and one grandson, Blake Thompson of Absarokee; one brother, Leonard Thompson of Ketchikan, Alaska.

Graveside services will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, May 15, at Mountainview Cemetery, Columbus. Smith Funeral Chapel-Columbus was in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are suggested to the Cobblestone School Preservation Society, Absarokee, MT 59001.

## **Edith Thomson**

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**APR 04 2003**

**JOLIET — Edith Adele Thomson, 85, of Joliet, died Tuesday, April 1, 2003, at the Heritage Acres Nursing Home in Hardin.**

**Cremation has taken place in the Bullis Eastern Montana Crematory. Memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 5, at the Joliet Wesleyan Church. Bullis Mortuary is in charge.**

## Cecil Thorington

POWELL, Wyo. — Cecil Thorington, 87, died Saturday, Oct. 4, at the Powell Valley Care Center.

Cremation has taken place. Services will be at a later date in Webster City, Iowa. Miratsky-Nelson Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

**MAY 01 2003**

**DEATH**

**WILSON CITY** — N. Barry  
Wilson, 70, of Graybull, Wyo.,  
died Tuesday, May 27, 2003, in

his home. Services will be at 2  
p.m. Thursday, May 1, at the  
Graybull Community Church of  
Jesus Christ of Latter-day  
Saints between  
Graybull and Basin, Wyo.  
Burial will be from 9 a.m.  
to 11 a.m. Thursday, at the  
Graybull Family Funeral Chapel  
in Graybull, and one hour  
at the church.  
Funeral home is the Society Room.  
Visitation will follow services in  
the Society Room in Graybull.

# Howard John Thornburg

BILLINGS GAZETTE

AUG 10 2003

On Aug. 4, 2003, the soul of our father and son was delivered into the loving hands of God. Howard Thornburg died peacefully in his sleep at his residence in Billings.

Howard was born to Allan and Ruth Thornburg on Aug. 28, 1955, in Charleston, S.C. The fourth of nine children, Howard traveled extensively



**HOWARD  
THORNBURG**

overseas during our father's time with the Air Force. He attended Our Lady of Lourdes Parochial School and Central Catholic High School in Great Falls and later attended Montana State University School of Nursing in Bozeman. He was an accomplished rock climber, scuba diver and triathlete.

Howard was an avid reader who faithfully pursued the study of his Christian belief. In 1970, Howard became the state Parochial Wrestling Champion in his weight class. He also played football for Central High School.

Howard was known for his keen wit and sense of humor, especially when with family. He is survived by his daughter, Karlyn

of Seattle; his mother, Ruth of Bozeman; brothers, Mike, Barry, Jack, Kurt, Chris, Sean, and Tim; a sister, Missy; and numerous other nieces, nephews and other relatives.

We will miss him forever.

A Rosary will be held at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 12, at St. Mark's Catholic Church in Belt. The Funeral Mass will be at 9 a.m. Wednesday at St. Mark's, with interment of the urn to follow. Smith Downtown Chapel of Billings has assisted with arrangements.

## Cecil Thorington

Cecil Thorington, 87, died peacefully in his sleep at the Powell Valley Care Center Saturday, Oct. 4.

He was born July 24, 1916, near Kirksville, Mo., the son of George and Amelia (Lovejoy) Thorington.

His father died when Cecil was very young. Since these were hard times and his mother could not care for him, he spent much of his youth in an orphanage in Davenport, Iowa.

Eventually he began working for and lived with a bachelor named John Werner on a farm near Statford, Iowa. Mr. Werner became a father to Cecil and helped him through high school. Although short at 5 feet, 8 inches, Cecil lettered in basketball and also football. He graduated from Stratford High School in 1936.

With Mr. Werner's help, Cecil went on to college at Iowa State

University in Ames, graduating in 1939 with a bachelor's degree in agriculture with a teaching certificate.

About 1940, Cecil met his life's companion, Dorothy Marie Burns. They were married June 9, 1940, and shared each other's lives for the next 63 years.

Cecil and Dorothy worked a farm south of Stratford. While driving to town, they heard on the car radio that the Japanese had attacked Pearl Harbor. Cecil was drafted into the U.S. Army, where he served as a Tech-Sergeant in charge of the motor pool. He was in the European theatre from 1942-1946, serving in and around Munich, Germany.

After the war, he returned to Stratford where he became an agricultural teacher. It was during this time that Dorothy bore Cecil a son they named Jay.

In 1949, Mr. Thorington wanted to put into practice what he had been teaching. Cecil and Dorothy settled on a farm they purchased northeast of Stratford. Besides raising corn, oats, alfalfa and soybeans, Cecil also raised



Cecil Thorington

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cattle, sheep, pigs and broke a horse or two.

In 1953, their second child was born, a girl they named Joy.

In addition to farming, Cecil taught agricultural night classes to veterans of the Korean War. He was also active in the American Legion, the Lions and was a Mason. He was a Boy Scout leader, superintendent of Calvary Methodist Church in Stratford and was elected to the county school board in Hamilton County, Iowa.

Throughout his life, Cecil enjoyed sports, but was especially an avid fisherman. He bagged his share of whitetail while on the farm.

"Cec" and "Dot" operated the farm until 1980 when he retired. After selling the farm in Iowa, they followed their son to Montana. The chance to fish every day figured prominently in these plans. Although Cecil had not golfed until he retired, he won several tournaments while living in a house on the golf course at West Glacier, Mont.

When Jay's family moved to Wyoming, Cecil and Dorothy followed to Powell, where Cecil continued golfing for as long as he could.

Survivors include his wife Dorothy of Powell; his son Jay and wife Annette (Grabau) Thorington of Powell; daughter Joy Fjare and husband David of Council Bluffs, Iowa; his grandchildren, Zack and Dana (Dietz) Thorington of Powell, Pvt. Samuel Thorington of Fort Huachuca, Ariz., Matthew and Jennifer Fjare of Ohio and Emily Fjare of Council Bluffs, Iowa; great-grandchildren Hartly Thorington of Powell and Hannah and Mica Fjare of Ohio. Also surviving are two half-brothers, Frank of Iowa and Phil of California.

His brothers Perry, Raymond and Jess, and sisters Ester and Sarah preceded him in death.

Though many in Powell didn't know Cecil, his family in the Powell area, in Iowa, Ohio and California, will miss him as husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather and brother.

A military service will be held at a later date with re-burial in Iowa. Cremation has taken place.

# Ludwig 'Lute' Thormahlen

BILLINGS GAZETTE

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PARK CITY — The Lord has called back home through Jesus Christ, on July 18, 2003, Ludwig "Lute" Thormahlen, 93, of Park City. He passed away at Stillwater Community Hospital, after residing at the Beartooth Manor in Columbus.

Lute was born in Withee, Wis., Feb. 24, 1910, the tenth child of Carsten and Magda Thormahlen. He came to Bridger as a child and the family settled in the Sandcreek region.

He married Magdalena Bouwens on Sept. 19, 1934. Lute farmed, did mechanic work and custom thrashed in the Bridger area, and during World War II, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy.

He was blessed with three children, Robert, David and Dennis. In 1950, he ventured to the Powell, Wyo. flat area where he farmed and also did mechanic work until approximately 1978. For the past 16 years, he and his long time loving wife, Magdalena have lived in the Powell and Park City areas.



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THORMAHLEN

He is survived by his wife of 68 years, Magdalena; a son, Bob Thormahlen of the Denver area, and a son David (Gerri) Thormahlen of the Washington and Oregon areas; four grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Services will be 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, July 23, at Smith Funeral Chapel-Laurel. Interment will be in the Bridger Cemetery at approximately 11:30 a.m. A luncheon will follow at the Bridger Café. Memorials are suggested to St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Park City, MT 59063.

# Leona May Thorman

BILLINGS GAZETTE

APR 27 2003

Leona May Thorman, 80, formerly of Fairview, passed away on Friday, April 25, 2003, with her three daughters by her side.

Leona was born in Hydro, and in her early years moved to North Dakota. She married Edward Thorman on Feb. 13, 1942, and they worked and lived in the Fairview ar-

ea. In 1997 they moved to Billings to be closer to their family.

Leona was a homemaker who was active in her church and community. She enjoyed gardening, canning, crafts, reading and spending time with her family.

Her parents; a son, Gary; and several siblings preceded her in death. Leona is survived by her husband, Ed; sisters, Bertha, Evanda and Evelyn; a brother, Don; her daughters, Joanne (Dean) Ellis, Mariene Tucker and Diana (Keith) Monte; 13 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren.

Visitations will begin Monday morning at the Smith Downtown Chapel. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, April 29, at



LEONA  
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the Smith Downtown Chapel with interment at Sunset Memorial Gardens. A reception at Smith West Chapel, 304 34th St. W., will follow the services. Memorials are suggested to a charity of choice.

# Almira R. Thorsen

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WOLF POINT — Almira R. Thorsen, 93, died Jan. 3, 2003, at Faith Lutheran Home.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Monday, Jan. 6, at First Lutheran Church. Interment will be in Greenwood Cemetery. Clayton Memorial Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

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## **Anne David Thorson**

Burne David Thorson, infant son of Eric and Nancy Thorson of Billings, was born Monday, Dec. 22, 2003 at St. Vincent Healthcare in Billings and died Dec. 23, 2003.

Other survivors include his paternal grandparents, Bruce and Nancy Thorson of Waite Park, Minn., and maternal grandparents, Paul and Kay Hanson of Bratislava, Slovakia; aunt, Anne Marie Thorson of St. Paul, Minn., and uncles, David Hanson and Chad Eberle of Tacoma, Wash.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Saturday at King of Glory Lutheran Church, 4125 Grand Ave, Billings. Cremation will follow. Memorials may be made to the Christikon Lutheran Bible Camp, 1108 24th St. W., Billings, Mont. 59102. Smith Downtown Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

**Jack Johnson Three Fingers**

**LAME DEER** — Jack Johnson Three Fingers passed away on Aug. 28, 2003, at St. Vincent Healthcare.

Jack (Honevotoneveste) was born in Birney to William and Lucy (Hardground) Three Fingers on Aug. 15, 1949.

He attended elementary school at Birney Day School and high school at St. Labre, where he graduated.

He made his home in Lame Deer.

He served his country in the Vietnam War. He was active with the Morning Star Chapter of Vietnam Era Veterans and was extremely proud of the fact that their group was known worldwide.

He enjoyed spending time with all of his family, doting on his grandchildren and listening to his music.

He was preceded in death by his father, William; mother, Lucy; brothers, Joseph, Sr., and Paul; sister, Katie; and wife, Milene Eaglefeathers.

He is survived by his sister, Alice Bartlett; daughter, Michelle; sister-in-law, Lillian; "his girls," Jade and Jackie; numerous nieces and nephews; and numerous grandchildren.

Wake services will be held at his home in Lame Deer at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 3. Funeral services will be held at the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Lame Deer at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 4. Burial will follow in Birney.

Rausch Funeral Home has been entrusted with the arrangements.

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## **Jack Three Fingers**

**LAME DEER —** Jack Johnson Three Fingers, 54, of Lame Deer, died Aug. 28, 2003, at St. Vincent Healthcare.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. **Wednesday, Sept. 3**, at the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Lame Deer. Burial will follow in Birney.

# Milene Eaglefeathers- Three Fingers

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## MUDDY CLUSTER —

Milene Rose Eaglefeathers-Three Fingers, 44, of Muddy Cluster, died early Friday morning, Aug. 8, 2003, on injuries sustained in an auto accident east of Busby.

She was born July 25, 1959, in Crow Agency, a daughter of Milton and Mamie Bites Eaglefeathers. She grew up in the Busby and Ashland area, where she attended local schools. She attended high school at the Intermountain Indian School in Brigham City, Utah. Milene married Dornie American Horse and was later divorced. She recently married Jack Three Fingers and the couple made their home in Muddy Cluster near Lame Deer.

She worked as flag person of several construction companies and most recently was employed as a security guard for the Northern Cheyenne Housing Authority.

Her father and two sisters, Delpha and Twila Eaglefeathers, preceded her in death.



**MILENE  
EAGLE-  
FEATHERS-  
THREE  
FINGERS**

Survivors include her husband, Jack Three Fingers; her daughter, Michelle (Shaun) Eaglefeathers-Elkshoulder of Billings; three sons, Brandy American Horse of Ashland, Dornie (Teeka) American Horse, Sr. and Randy of Lame Deer; her mother, Mamie Eaglefeathers of Lame Deer; her sisters, Mildred Eaglefeathers of Lame Deer and Marietha (Bob) Henderickson of Billings; her brother, Melbert (Carol) Eaglefeathers of Butte; her adopted brother, Eugene Fisher of Browning and her adopted sister, Rhoda Glenmore of Busby and all of her grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Wake services will be held 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Mamie Eaglefeathers residence in Lame Deer. Funeral services will be held 10 a.m. Thursday in the Lame Deer Morning Star Baptist Church. A private family interment is planned. Bullis Mortuary of Hardin has been entrusted with the arrangements.



## James Thronburg

THEMOPOLIS, Wyo. — James Thronburg, 90, died Saturday, Oct. 4, 2003, at Hot Springs County Memorial Hospital in Thermopolis.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 8, at the First Baptist Church. Burial will follow in Monument Hill Cemetery. Mortimore Funeral Home of Thermopolis is in charge.

## Mary Tibbetts

BILLINGS GAZETTE

APR 29 2003

TERRY — Mary Tibbetts, 90, of Terry, died Saturday, April 26, 2003, at the Holy Rosary Health Center in Miles City.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Saturday, May 3, at the Community Presbyterian Church in Terry. Visitation will be from 1 to 6 p.m. Friday, May 2, at the chapel of Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Terry. Burial will be in the family lot at the Prairie County Cemetery.

# Lewis Lyman Tippetts

BILLINGS GAZETTE

APR 30 2003

DAYTON, Wyo. — Lewis Lyman Tippetts, 78, of Dayton, passed peacefully from this world in his sleep, April 25, 2003, in Deadwood, S.D., while visiting his son.

Lewie was born in Cowley, Aug. 3, 1924, to Joseph and Clara Lyman Tippetts. He attended schools in Cowley before the family moved to Yuba City, Calif., where Lewie graduated from high school. After graduation, he joined the Navy and was stationed aboard the USS Aulick in the South Pacific.

On April 30, 1951, he wed Joan Butler in Billings. This union was blessed with four children: Sherri, Wade, Brett and Bart. Lewie and Joan later divorced.

Lewis was employed by Peter Kiewit Construction and retired in 1987 from Decker Coal Company. He loved spending time with his family, golfing, fishing, hunting and driving around his beloved Dayton. Lewie was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Lewie is survived by the love of his life, his longtime companion LuRee Dowdy; his children, Sherri (David) Bensfield, Brett (Lynn) Tippetts and Bart Tippetts; grandchildren, David Bensfield, Jr., Lacy Tippetts, Nicole Tippetts and Tanner Tippetts; sister, Wanda DeMeyer; and brothers,

Wendell and Joseph Tippetts.

A graveside service will be held for family and friends on May 2, at 11 a.m., at the Cowley Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family requested that donations be made to the Dayton-Ranchester Senior Citizens, c/o Cowboy State Bank, PO Box 7891, Ranchester, WY 82839.

# Thea W. Tidyman

RANCHO MIRAGE, Calif. — Thea W. Tidyman passed away Sunday, Dec. 22, 2002, in Rancho Mirage.

Born in Lewistown, Mont., Thea was the sole child of Frank and Thelma Williams. Thea graduated from Billings Senior High in 1954 and earned a BS from the University of Montana in 1958. She was a member of the Kappa Alpha Theta sorority.

Thea was an elementary school teacher for 17 years. She was married to Cole MacPherson, Missoula (1960-1975), and they had two sons, Bret and Scott.

In 1977, Thea married Jim Tidyman. They recently celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary. During their marriage, Thea lived in Billings; Spokane, Wash.; Hayden Lake, Idaho; and Rancho Mirage. Thea was president of Planned Parenthood of Spokane, and she served six years as a member of the University of Montana Foundation.

Thea's compassion to teach and help others was evident throughout her life. Her talents and energies were graciously given to her family, friends and several organizations.

Her survivors include mother, Thelma Williams (Spokane); husband, Jim Tidyman (Hayden Lake); son, Bret MacPherson with

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wife Elizabeth (Spokane) son Scott MacPherson with wife Jane (Spokane); son, Scott Tidyman with wife Elizabeth (Bellevue, Wash.) daughter Heather Tidyman (Spokane) and three grandchildren.

In honor of Thea W. Tidyman, a Celebration of Life will be held in Hayden Lake, Idaho, in 2003.

## George Tillitt

## BILLINGS GAZETTE

JUL 28 2003

**FORSYTH** — George Nole Tillitt, 90, of Forsyth, died July 24, 2003, at Eastern Montana Veterans Home in Miles City from complications following radiation therapy.

He was born Sept. 2, 1912, in Spokane, Wash. He graduated from Custer County High School in 1930.

In September 1935, he married Ethel Greer. In 1938, they moved to Forsyth, where he spent many years serving the community. He was city water collector and city clerk, served on the Fire Department, School Board, American Legion and country club board for many years.

He was an agent for Standard Oil Co., served in the Navy and owned an insurance agency.

He was an avid golfer, bowler and, most of all, an aviator who held a commercial license with instructor and instrument ratings. He spent many hours training and giving proficiency tests to other pilots and providing life-line-flying services for patients before the advent of the HELP helicopter.

Survivors include two sons, David Tillitt of Idaho Falls, Idaho, and Richard Tillitt of Diamondville, Wyo.; four grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. His wife and one son, Dennis, preceded him in death.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, July 29, at the Federated Church in Forsyth with burial to follow in the Forsyth Cemetery. Beals Mortuary of Forsyth is assisting the family with these arrangements.

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**Donald Tynn**

HINSDALE — Donald Tynn, 77, died Monday, Nov. 3, 2003, at Valley View Nursing Home in Glasgow.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 8, at the Hinsdale Local Church. Burial will be in Highland Cemetery in Nashua. Mr. Tynn's family of Glasgow is in Glasgow.

**MAR 26 2003**

**Charles Edward Timmins**

MONTEBELLO, Calif.

Charles Edward Timmins, 64, passed away on Feb. 27, 2003, at Beverly Hospital in Montebello, from complications of diabetes.

Charles was born on March 16, 1938, to Leah and Mary Timmins in Billings. Charles is survived by his mother, Mary Timmins of Kennewick, Wash.; and his two children, Barry Timmins of Big Bear City and Teresa Agustin of San Jose.

Services were held at Meridian Garden Memorial Park & Mortuary located in Brea, on March 6.

# Charles Emory Timmons

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(Charles) Emory Timmons ascended to his Heavenly Home on Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 24, 2003. Coincidentally the hour was almost midnight in the little town of Bethlehem.

Emory was the third child born to Mark Timmons and Bertha Catherine (Thatcher) Timmons on Oct. 6, 1914, in Fromberg. He was raised and educated there and graduated from Fromberg



**EMORY  
TIMMONS**

High School in 1933. As a young man he farmed and raised white-face Herefords with his father and brother.

On March 23, 1940, he and Elizabeth Julia DeSaveur were united in marriage in Red Lodge. To this union were born two children: Charles Mark and Joanne Marie.

He continued farming and raising Herefords in the Bridger and Fromberg area until he ultimately realized this would never be a profitable venture. Emory and Elizabeth had the opportunity to purchase the O'Connor Grocery in Fromberg and operated it as ENE Market for about 13 years.



Wanting to be closer to their children and grandchildren and looking forward to retirement, they sold the store and had a home built in Billings — moving into it in February of 1970. (Emory continued living there until Nov. 21, 2003). However, Emory soon realized he was not ready to retire, so he worked a few more years — first in a hardware store, next as a maintenance man at the airport and finally he purchased and operated the porter service at the airport. Emory's love for watching airplanes and flying made these last two jobs especially enjoyable. Besides that, his son Charlie worked for Frontier Airlines so Emory got to see him about every day!

Always a wonderful steward of the land, Emory took pride in keeping his yard beautiful and raising an incredible vegetable garden every summer, including the summer of 2003. He helped Elizabeth can and freeze the bounty of their garden as long as she was able. They loved sharing their vegetables with family, neighbors, friends and even with mere acquaintances.

More important, though, Emory and Elizabeth always found time to support school and sporting events for their children, then their grandchildren and, most recently, for their great-grandchildren.

Emory is now re-united with Elizabeth and Charlie, his parents,

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sister Edith, brother Cy, many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Those left to remember him and rejoice in a life well lived include daughter Joanne Timmons-DeSaveur, former son-in-law Clay Jellison, daughter-in-law Marge Flynn and her husband Ben, four grandchildren and their spouses and eight great-grandchildren. Also surviving are his sister Mildred Saylor, three sisters-in-law, a brother-in-law, numerous nieces, nephews and cousins and special neighbors (for 33 years) Mark and Sherry Ferguson and their four children.

When diagnosed with terminal cancer in March of this year, Emory truly embraced the philosophy of living each day to the fullest. May we honor his memory and his life by remembering and acting on the words of Ralph Waldo Emerson: "You cannot do a kindness too soon, because you will never know how soon it will be too late." So may we be kind to one another and to ourselves on this day and every day from now until Eternity.

For those who desire, memorials may be made to Big Sky Hospice or Horizon Hospice Home, PO Box 35033, Billings, MT 59107 or the charity of your choice.

Emory was sincerely appreciative and grateful for the skilled expertise and care from Dr. Kathy Kadri and Dr. Ben Marchello, all

of their nurses and the staff at Northern Rockies Cancer Center during his illness. Also many thanks to the staff, caregivers, cooks and residents at Highgate Senior Living who helped make his time there so enjoyable. And last but not least, there will always be special place in our hearts for everyone at Big Sky Hospice who helped Emory and Horizon Hospice Home staff for the loving, compassionate care given to Emory and his family.

Please join us in a celebration of Emory's life to be held at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary and Crematory on Saturday, Jan. 3, 2004, at 10 a.m. Burial of his physical remains will follow at the Rockvale Cemetery, and then we ask you to join us at the Flansburg Methodist Church basement for lunch and a time of visiting and joyful reminiscence.

**Arnold L. Tincher**

**FORT BELKNAP —** Arnold L. Tincher, 72, died Saturday, Aug. 30, 2003, at his residence.

Wake services will be 7 p.m., Monday, Sept. 1, at the Tincher residence three miles south of Fort Belknap. Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m., Tuesday, Sept. 2, at St. Thomas Church in Lodge Pole with burial in the Lodge Pole Cemetery. Adams Funeral Home of Malta is in charge of arrangements.

**Funeral Home**

**Funeral Home** — Spencer  
of Campbell County  
will be buried Thursday, Oct. 2,  
2003, at the Campbell County  
Memorial Hospital at Gillette.

Funeral services will be 1 p.m.  
Tuesday, Oct. 7, at the Stevenson-  
Wilson Funeral Home Chapel in  
Gillette. Visitation will begin one  
hour prior to the service. Burial  
services will be held at a later  
date in Michigan.

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### Joe Tkachyk

DECEASED — Joe Tkachyk, 90, died Monday, March 17, 2003, at Daniels Memorial Hospital.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, March 20, at the Miller Funeral Home Chapel in Sidney. Burial will be in the St. Michael's Cemetery.

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**Local News**

**WOLF FORT** — Services for  
John Thomas Thoms, 67, of Wolf  
Fort, will be at 10 a.m. Saturday,  
June 28, at the First Lutheran  
Church. Visitation will be from 1 to  
3 p.m. Friday, June 27, at the  
Memorial  
Church.

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**Donald Stetson Todd**

**BIG TIMBER —** Donald Stetson Todd, 41, of Big Timber, Mont., passed away as a result of a snowmobile accident Saturday afternoon, Feb. 22, 2003, in Grand County, Colo. Stetson Ford was his Ford dealership in Big Timber. Services are pending with Lowry Funeral Home in Big Timber.



# Donna Claire Todd

BILLINGS GAZETTE

FEB 7 2003

SILVERDALE, Wash. — Donna Claire Todd was born on Jan. 29, 1934, to Herbert George Carmichael and Mildred Christine Martinsen Carmichael. She was a "Montanan" raised in Butte and educated at Montana State University in Bozeman. Her Home Economics degree benefited all who knew her. She was a great cook (known for her homemade rolls and almond roca), caterer extraordinaire, and known for her welcoming home.

She married Kenneth Bayard Todd of Bozeman. They lived most of their married life in Billings, Mont., and Boise, Idaho. Their children include Clayton (47), Ginny (45), Wayne (37), and Preston (34). Donna and Kenneth divorced after 28 years of marriage.

In the second half of her life, she found her true calling and attended Boise State University to become a teacher of children with learning disabilities. Her efforts were not limited to the classroom. She ensured students and their parents were supported whether it meant a ride, warm clothes, homemade rolls or a hug. She loved her 15 years of teaching in the Boise School District.

She retired in 1995 and moved to Silverdale to be near her family and help raise her grandchildren. She enjoyed gardening, her

dog Shiloh, swimming and church activities. She was an active church member of Hillview Methodist Church in Boise, and more recently of United Methodist Church at Seabold on Bainbridge Island. She was blessed with much support from her spiritual community.

Donna died at her home Feb. 5, 2003, at 5 a.m., being cared for by her family and Hospice from metastatic uterine cancer.

She is survived by Clayton Stuart Todd and wife Georgie of John Day, Ore., Ginny Elaine Todd Sugimoto and husband Mark of Bremerton, Wayne Matthew Todd of Boise and Preston Bayard Todd and wife Veronica of Bainbridge Island. Her grandchildren include Benjamin Michael Todd, Ryan Nathan Todd, Megan Samantha Todd, Lacy Rae Johnson, Cortney Nicole Todd, Katherine Kiyoko Sugimoto, Thomas Takashi Sugimoto, Isabella Marie Todd and Josephina Marie Todd. She will be missed by all.

Memorial service will be held at United Methodist Church at Seabold on Saturday, Feb. 8, at 3 p.m. The address is 6894 NE Seabold Church Road, Bainbridge Island, WA 98110, phone (206) 842-3622.

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## **L. Calvin Todd**

CODY, Wyo. — L. Calvin Todd, 78, of Cody, died Thursday, March 13, 2003, at the Powell Hospital.

Cremation has taken place. At his request, no services are planned. Ballard Funeral Home of Cody is in charge.

## **Margaret Louise Todd**

**WESTCHESTER, Wyo.** — Margaret Louise Todd, 85, died Saturday, Oct. 4, 2003, at the West Park Hospital in Cody.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 8, at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Interment to follow in the Monticene Cemetery. Ballard Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

# Stetson Todd

**BIG TIMBER** — Our friend — buddy — and rock, Stetson Todd, died Saturday, Feb. 22, 2003, resulting from a snowmobile accident in Colorado.

Donald Stetson Todd was born May 18, 1961, in Big Timber, the eldest son of Donald "Sonny" Todd and Rosalie Myers Todd. He attended grade school in Reed Point, on a cattle station in



**STETSON  
TODD**

Australia on 1968, in McLeod and then grade school and all of high school in Big Timber where he graduated from Sweet Grass County High School on his birthday in 1980. Stetson's secondary education began at Tarleton State in Arlington, Texas, and he attended college at MSU in Bozeman...Go 'Cats!

Stetson pursued life with passion. He drew his love of the outdoors and Montana into many elements of his life. His enthusiasm was infectious.

Excitement, fun and adventure defined time spent with Stetson. Every time you were with Stetson, a new story was made. Whether hunting, fishing, golfing or just talking business, his determination, drive and

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competitive spirit brought life to each of us that knew him.

He grew up on his family's ranch in Big Timber, learning a respect for the outdoors, nature, work, responsibility and family values. His many business endeavors ultimately landed him squarely in the automotive business under the guidance of his mentor, Bert Arnlund. Beginning as a salesman out of college, Stetson eventually became one of the youngest dealers in the Ford Motor Company's recent history.

He married Donna Elizabeth Ellis, Dec. 30, 1983, at Beartooth Ranch in the Stillwater Valley. Donna was his soul mate in life as well as business.

Stetson and wife Donna owned and operated several business ventures and dealerships throughout the region over the years. Most notably, stores in Powell, Wyo., Livingston and Bozeman, and their flagship store, Stetson Ford, in Big Timber, which they have owned and operated for 15 years.

Only his love and commitment to family rivaled his passion for life. Donna and the boys were the light from which he drew his energy, his strength of conviction and the place where he was grounded. He spent countless hours in devotion to his family,

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friends and community.

He was a member of St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Big Timber and a member and loyal supporter of many local and regional civic organizations and charities. He was an avid MSU Bobcat alumnus and very proud to have been a current representative of the Montana Automobile Dealers' Council, as well as a leader in the National Automobile Dealers Association 20 Groups, an elite group of honored automobile dealers from around the country.

He is survived by his wife, Donna Ellis Todd; and sons, Logan and Dillon; his father, Donald "Sonny" Todd and his mother, Rosalie Myers Todd, both of Big Timber; his brother, Justin Todd of Boise, Idaho; his brother, Richard Donald Todd of Billings; and sister, Nikki Todd Blaylock of Columbus.

He leaves behind many extended family members and friends. We will miss the Stetson that each of us personally knew and loved. The husband, the father, the son, the brother and the friend...the push from behind whenever doubt entered our thoughts. The leader, the shoulder, The Rock...our Stetson. He did it his way.

Services will be held at the Sweet Grass County High School Gymnasium in Big Timber, at 11 a.m. on Saturday, March 1, with a celebration of Stetson's life to fol-

low at the Grand Hotel, served by the churches of Big Timber.

The family requests memorials, in lieu of flowers, to: Sweet Grass County Search & Rescue, Box 567, Big Timber, MT 59011; Stetson Todd Class of 1980 Memorial Scholarship, c/o Empire Bank, Box 4189, Big Timber, MT 59019; Little Herder Football Program, Box 1011, Big Timber, MT 59011.

# John Todoroff

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**MILES CITY** — John Peter Todoroff, 71, of Miles City, died Saturday, Feb. 22, 2003, at his home, south of Miles City.

Visitation will be from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 28, at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 1, at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home. Interment will follow in the family lot in the Calvary Cemetery.

## Charles Theodore Toennis

Charles Theodore Toennis, father of seven, grandfather of 13 and great-grandfather of six, passed away on Oct. 18, 2003, after 83 years.



**CHARLES  
TOENNIS**

Charles was born in Miles City on March 8, 1920, to Bernard and Esther Toennis. He graduated from Custer County High in 1939. Charles and his younger brother Grant enthusiastically joined the Army Air Corps immediately after Pearl Harbor. Charles was stationed in England as a radio operator from 1942 until after the end of the war.

Charles returned to Montana, and on June 13, 1946, married Esther Leone Glaser. Charles and Leone eventually settled in Billings in 1954. Charles was an IBEW electrician and spent nearly 30 years with Yellowstone Electric, retiring in 1985.

He and his wife raised seven children, Carolyn (and Willard) West of Billings, John (and Connie) Toennis of Westminster, Colo., Annette (and Dean) Moody of Hardin, Kathleen Toennis of Westminster, Pam (and Rod) Martens of Billings, Paul (and Jennifer) Toennis of Billings, and Roger (and Carrie) Toennis of Arvada, Colo. Charles has four surviving siblings: Mary Rose of Kalispell, Ruth of Miles City, Patrick of Miles City and Joseph of Phoenix. He was predeceased by his brothers James and Grant.

Charles was a skilled maker of picture frames for his wife's paintings. He also enjoyed Major League Baseball, especially the Atlanta Braves and the Colorado Rockies. Charles was founding member of St. Pius X Catholic Church and was devoted to his faith.

He will be warmly remembered by all for his delightful sense of humor and infectious smile.

A memorial service is scheduled at 11 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 23, at St. Pius X Church. Memorials to St. Pius X Church.

PALOS VERDES, Calif. — Cecil G. Toftness, 83, died Monday, Aug. 13, 2003 at his home.

Graveside services will be 11 a.m. Monday, Aug. 18, at Highland Cemetery in Glasgow. Bell Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

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## Ina G. Tolman

GLASGOW — Ina G. Tolman, 91, died Thursday, Jan. 2, 2003, at Valley View Nursing Home in Glasgow.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Jan. 10, at Bell Mortuary Chapel in Glasgow. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery in Fairfield.

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**Raymond J. Turvelino**

MILES CITY — Raymond Joseph Turvelino, 63, of Miles City, died Sunday, Nov. 9, 2003, at the home of a friend.

Visitation will be Wednesday, Nov. 12, at the chapel of Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City, with a prayer service at 2 p.m. Burial services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 13, at the chapel of Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City. Entombment will be at 3:30 p.m. Thursday in the family lot in the City of Hope Cemetery in Fairview.

**AUG 12 2003****Michael J. Tomicich**

LITTLETON, Colo. —

Michael J. Tomicich, 56, formerly of Red Lodge, Mont. Beloved husband of Nancy and father of Sarah and Jerad. Also survived by his mother Minnie of Montana, sister Sherrie, and brothers, Greg and Mark. Memorial services 10 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 14, at Littleton Christian Church, 6116 S. Pennsylvania St.

**Pamela Ellen**

**(Morrison) Tonkovich**

WORLAND, Wyo. — Pamela Ellen (Morrison) Tonkovich was a loving, creative, gentle mother and preschool teacher. Over the years, her classroom was a safe haven and place of discovery for hundreds of impressionable young children.

Pam died of cancer at the University of Utah Medical Center in Salt Lake City, on Tuesday, the 25th of February, 2003. She was 49 years old.

Pam was born in Camp LeJeune, N.C., on the 30th of September, 1953, and grew up in Errol, N.H., where her father was a logger. Pam had fond memories of growing up in the forest and helping her father repair logging equipment. When the timber industry moved south, her family moved to Raleigh, N.C., where she completed high school as an honors student.

In 1971, she came west to attend Brigham Young University, where she defied her father's advice "never to date any boys from Wyoming." At BYU, she met her future husband, Kevin, who was the only boy undeterred by her ugly back brace that she had to wear as a result of an inner-tubing accident. Pam finished two years at BYU and returned home to complete her bachelor's degree at North Carolina State University in 1975.

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After a three-year letter-writing courtship, Pam and Kevin got married in Washington, D.C., on the 28th of June, 1975. Pam skipped her own college graduation to attend her wedding.

Both Pam and Kevin chose to become teachers, and their family lived in Provo, Utah; Eugene, Ore.; and Eagle River, Wis., before eventually returning to Worland (where Kevin grew up). Pam's career as a preschool teacher began in Eugene and continued in Eagle River and Worland. Her classroom was a humane place, where children were welcomed with open arms despite their "disabilities" and weaknesses. Pam also worked as a receptionist for Frontier Archaeology during its years of operation, where she welcomed various archaeologists despite their disabilities and weaknesses.

Most recently, Pam was employed by The Children's Resource Center and was a teacher and case manager in Thermopolis. She was instrumental in helping to build a strong program there.

Pam and Kevin had a curly-headed daughter born in each of the locations they lived. Katie and her husband Britt, Megan and Annie, all currently reside in Salt Lake City. Emily lives with her

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ILLIE (BROWN) MORRISON, still living in Raleigh.

Pam was a talented, creative woman who poured her energy into her family and work and came home exhausted every night. She loved gardening, traveling and home improvement, and her home (no matter how messy) was always a late-night haven for her children's many teen-aged friends. Pam cultivated the talent of being a good listener, and because of that ability, she had numerous friends of all ages. She was a gentle, loving woman — the kind of person the world needs in these warlike, troubled times.

Pam's body has been cremated and the remains will be scattered in Yellowstone Park later this spring (when the rangers aren't looking). No funeral will be held, but an informal memorial celebration of her life will be held at the Washakie County Museum on Saturday, March 1, from 3 to 5 p.m. The public is invited. If you wish, please bring a picture of Pam and/or an anecdote about a memory of her written on a card to put on a bulletin board. Please don't waste money on flowers, but rather make a donation in her name to your favorite charity.

Pam's family thanks the numerous individuals who have so generously helped our family in monetary and spiritual ways over the last hard years. Many of you are anonymous, but please know that we appreciate you.

# Catherine Tonn

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MILES CITY  
— Catherine Lee Tonn, age 82, passed away at the Holy Rosary Health Center on Thursday, Nov. 13, 2003.



**CATHERINE  
TONN**

Catherine was born on April 1, 1921, in Brighton, Iowa. She was the daughter of Eliphalet Whitman and Osa Catherine (Smith) Wood. When Catherine was five, the family moved to Miles City where she attended grade school and high school. She graduated from North Phoenix High School in 1939. During WWII, Catherine worked at an airplane factory. After returning to Miles City, she married Marcus Tonn on Oct. 24, 1947. They moved to SY Ranch on Pumpkin Creek, south of Miles City, where they made their home until 1995, when they moved to Miles City.

Catherine was a people person, who always had a smile on her face. She loved being out and about where everyone she ran into was a friend. She enjoyed eating out with her friends and family. She taught many children to play the piano. Catherine enjoyed many hours playing the piano and the fiddle. Most of all she loved her family

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and being with them. Catherine was a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church, District 7 Fiddlers, Range Riders, and Lutheran Woman's Missionary League.

Catherine is survived by her husband, Marcus, of 56 year; two sisters-in-law, Elpie Wood and Frances Wood, both of Miles City; and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, Eliphalet and Osa; her sister, Helen; and her brothers, Charles, Merle and Eugene.

Visitation will be 1 to 8 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 16 at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home of Miles City. Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Monday, Nov. 17, 2003, at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Miles City. Interment will follow in the Custer County Cemetery. Condolences may be sent to the family by visiting . Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home of Miles City has been entrusted with the arrangements.

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

**CLIFFORD TOPHAM SR.****Clifford Edward  
Topham, Sr.**

Our dear Dad, Clifford Edward Topham Sr. went to be with the Lord on Sept. 6, 2003, in his home surrounded by loved ones. After several battles with cancer, this final battle he could not win. Dad was born in Red Cloud, Neb., on Jan. 30, 1930, second child of Rozella and Wilbur Topham. The family lived in Laramie, Wyo., until he lied about his age and enlisted with the U.S. Marine Corps in 1946. He proudly served in the Korean conflict stationed on the Inchon Peninsula and became one of the "Frozen Chosen." He was one of eight survivors of a platoon of 1,000. Returning from Korea, he was stationed at Camp Pendleton as a drill sergeant.

While on leave, he met our smiling, blue-eyed beauty, Shirley Ruth Spunt. They married and raised three children. Although he loved his wife and children, his greatest passion in life was golf! Having played the most beautiful golf courses around the world, it is to his enormous relief that there are no sand traps where he is playing now!

His parents and his beloved wife, Shirley of 44 years, preceded Dad in death. He is survived by his sister, Betty (Bob) Hilleman of Laramie, Wyo.; his children, Monica (Steve) Sayler, Cliff Jr., and Sherry "Tedee" (Steve) Church, all of Billings. Nine grandchildren and one great-granddaughter, Kiarra Sayler, also survive him; as do numerous nieces and nephews. In addition, he leaves behind his very special, caring friend, Jane Widdicombe, and his four-legged sidekick "Bubby."

Our father, our friend, our "Boppa" always had a compliment for his companions. He was a gentleman first and last and always. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to Big Sky Hospice or the charity of one's choice.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial to honor Cliff Topham will be 2 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 10, at Cremation or Funeral Gallery, 29 Eighth St. W., Billings, MT 59101.



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**Anne M. Torgerson**

GLASGOW — On the 30th day of October, 2003, just two days after her 93rd birthday, longtime resident Anne (Swenson) Torgerson died at Valley View Nursing Home, of natural causes.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday, Nov. 1, at First Lutheran Church, with Rev. Martin Klock officiating. Interment will be in Highland Cemetery. Bell Mortuary in Glasgow is in charge.



ANNE  
TORGERSON

Anne was born Oct. 28, 1910, in Glasgow, to Norwegian immigrants, Tov and Birgit Berstad, who were early homesteaders 10 miles north of Glasgow. It was here she learned her faith in life that she shared with everyone who knew her. Despite the hardships of the time, she and her sister Ingeborg went on to college to become teachers. Anne taught at several country schools, including those that came with the Fort Peck Dam construction days. Many a grown student remembers her fondly as their teacher.

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On June 7, 1938, she married Magnus Swenson from Vardal, Norway, in a Norwegian service at First Lutheran Church in Glasgow. In January of 1948, Magnus passed away from a farm accident. Anne was left with four children (ages 6, 5, 2 and 7 months). With neighbors and relatives helping and much hard work, she was able to keep the farm until the children were old enough to help. She loved her animals, giving each cow their own special name. The farm is now the home of her son Leonard and his wife Sandy. On March 21, 1987, Anne married Harold Torgerson at First Lutheran Church. They resided in Glasgow until moving to

Valley View Home in October of 2002.

She is survived by her husband Harold (93); and her four children, Marlene and husband Charles McVee, Ruth Myhre, Leonard and wife Sandy Swenson, all of Glasgow, and Karen and husband Ronald Combs of Lewistown. She has 13 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren — her newest one arriving just two days before her passing. She has two surviving sisters, Ingeborg Jackson of Fort St. John, B.C., Canada, and Clara Anderson of Seattle. She is also survived by a brother-in-law, Harold Swenson; and two sis-

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JORGENSEN

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ters-in-law, Petra Welton and Anna Sundby, all of whom live in Norway, as well as many nieces and nephew both here and in Norway.

She was preceded in death by her brother, Ingvar Barstad of Glasgow; sisters Bertha Schwenke of Seattle and Signe DeCroce of Denver; and two half-brothers, Knut Barstad of California and Harold Barstad of Telemark, Norway; and a son-in-law, Wayne Myhre of Glasgow.

Anne was a charter member of the Highland Lutheran Church, where she helped her father Tov build the altar. Later, when the church was brought to town, she continued to be an active and lifelong member of First Lutheran Church.

Anne used her resourcefulness to make things go on the farm. She milked cows and sold milk, cream and eggs, raised a big garden, worked at the Glasgow Sales Yard for many years, helped with the Election Board, made and decorated many wedding and special occasion cakes, was an active and lifelong member of the Sons of Norway Lodge, and later joined the Rebekah Lodge. She loved music and encouraged all of her children to love music as well. We will treasure our memories of times we shared with her.

## **Robert 'Torgie' Torgerson**

**PLENTYWOOD** — A funeral service will be held for Robert "Torgie" Torgerson at 10 a.m. on Thursday, March 13, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church. Father Robert Sewvello will officiate and burial will be in Plentywood Cemetery. A luncheon will be held at the church following interment. Robert, 82, died Friday morning, March 7, 2003, at Sheridan Memorial Hospital.

Robert was born on a farm north of Dooley, Mont., Jan. 22, 1921, the son of Melvin and Agnes (Ladwig) Torgerson. As a teenager, he spent time working on the Fort Peck Dam project, where he met his future wife, Alice Goodson. They were married on April 2, 1940, in Sidney. They spent the early years of their life farming north of Dooley.

In 1953, they moved into Plentywood, where he operated heavy construction equipment. On Feb. 26, 1974, Robert was

injured in a job accident that left him a quadriplegic. After four years in Yakima, Wash., Robert moved to the Sheridan Memorial Nursing Home, where he resided the past 24 years. Robert enjoyed life, even with its ups and downs, but his greatest loves were hunting and fishing.

Survivors include his sons, Robert (Judy) of Union Gap, Wash., Otto of Antelope, William (Terri) of Moses Lake, Wash.; and a daughter, Jo Ann (Larry) Garrick of Plentywood; grandchildren, Alice, Tina, Leann and Mark Torgerson, Glen Garrick and Cindy (Alan) Coldwell and one great-granddaughter, Ashley Henty; and an aunt, Kelly Torgerson, of Wenatchee, Wash.

He is preceded in death by his parents; wife Alice; and a grandson, William, Jr.

Fulkerson Funeral Home of Plentywood is in charge of arrangements.

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## John Anthony Toscano

LIVINGSTON — John Anthony Toscano, 58, of Livingston, died Sunday, Jan. 12, 2003, at Livingston Memorial Hospital.

Cremation has taken place at Franzen-Davis Funeral Home & Crematory in Livingston. Graveside committal services and burial of the cremated remains will be at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 15, in Calvary Cemetery.

# Lizzie (Elizabeth) Bird Town

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**BRIDGER — Lizzie Bird**  
Town, 85, of Bridger, died Wednesday evening, April 16, 2003. Lizzie worked for many years as a waitress at the Kit Kat Cafe in Billings.



**LIZZIE BIRD  
TOWN**

She was born on March 29, 1918 at Garryowen, a daughter of Henry and Katherine Reichert Zier. She was raised in the Bridger area.

In 1943, Lizzie married John Smith Bird. John's career as a construction electrician took them to various places. They were at the Hanford facility in Washington during World War II, and also lived in Eugene, Ore., Richland, Wash., and in Great Falls and Whitefish. Mr. Bird died in 1956.

In 1982, Lizzie was married to William R. Town. Bill died in 1987.

Crocheting was one of her favorite hobbies. Her afghans and doilies grace the homes of friends and family throughout the country. She was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church of Bridger and the Bridger Senior

Citizens.

Survivors include her daughter, Clara Mae S. Bird; granddaughter Kari Carlson; great-grandson T.J. Carlson; brothers George, Fred, Dan and Richard Zier; and sisters Kay Lazard, Amelia Zier, Louise Sekora, Claire Marchesani, Lydia Kercher, Dorothy Strickland, Lillian Wood and Eva (Bubbles) Zier; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, April 22, at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Bridger. Viewing will be at the church only for one hour prior to the service. Interment will be in the Bridger Cemetery, with Smith-Olcott Funeral Chapel of Red Lodge in charge of arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to St. Paul Lutheran Church, PO Box 310, Bridger, MT 59014.

## Jessie Townsend

BAKER — Jessie Townsend, 98, of Baker and Ekalaka, died Wednesday, April 23, 2003, at FMC in Baker.

Visitation is 1 to 8 p.m. Sunday, April 27, at the chapel of Stevenson Funeral Home in Ekalaka. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Monday April 28, in the Ekalaka Bible Church. Burial will be in Beaverlodge Cemetery.

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## James Edward Trammel

James Edward "Eddie" Trammel, 67, went home to be with the Lord on Monday, Oct. 27, 2003, after a long illness.

Eddie served in the U.S. Air Force. He then became a career truck driver and a longtime resident of El Paso, Texas, moving to Billings three years ago.

Eddie was preceded in death by his parents, James and Alene Trammell. He is survived by his sister, Norma Barr of Billings; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitations will begin

Thursday afternoon, Oct. 30, at the Smith Downtown Chapel. A graveside service with military honors will be held at 1 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 31, at the Riverside Cemetery, 1300 Bitterroot Drive. A memorial service will then be held at 2 p.m. at the Open Bible Christian Center, 302 19th Street West, on Friday, Oct. 31, with a gathering to follow at the church. Memorials may be sent to Philip Barr, 4328 Ryan Ave., Billings, MT 59101. Smith Downtown Chapel is assisting with arrangements.



**JUN 18 2003****Emilia Trask**

**TERRY** -- Emilia Trask, 91, of Terry, died Monday, June 16, 2003, at the Glendive Medical Center.

Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, June 18, at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Terry. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, June 19, at the Community Presbyterian Church in Terry. Interment will follow in the family lot in the Prairie County Cemetery.

**Don Henry Traver**

**GLASGOW** — Don Henry Traver, age 66, passed away March 22, 2003, at the Frances Mahon Deaconess Hospital in Glasgow, from congestive heart failure.

Don was born Jan. 30, 1936, to Earl and Alpha (Sevier) Traver, at his grandmother Della Sevier's home in Nashua. He grew up in Nashua and graduated from Nashua High School in 1954.

He married Emma "Toots" Bondy in July of 1954 in Glasgow. Two daughters and one son were born to this marriage. They were divorced in March of 1959 and he moved to San Marcos, Calif., in 1960. He married Doris Gibson Greenleaf in 1966 in Las Vegas. They made their home in Escondido, Calif., for many years. Doris passed away in March of 1983.

In August of 2000, Don moved back to Glasgow, making his home at Nemont Manor.

Don and Doris enjoyed traveling and rodeo. Don loved sports

of all kinds, particularly football. The San Diego Chargers were their favorite team for many years.

Don was preceded in death by his wife, Doris; his parents; one brother, Charles; and nephews Randy and Marty DeTienne.

Survivors include two daughters, Nancy Kallern of Rock Springs, Wyo., and Anita Mayes of Basin, Wyo.; two stepsons, Bob and John Greenleaf; two granddaughters, Shiloh Mayes and Ellen Mayes Todosichuk; one step-granddaughters, Julie Greenleaf Fennell; sisters, Tess Watterud of Fresno, Calif., Judy Cole and Beryl DeTienne of Glasgow; brothers, Spud Traver of Colorado Springs, Colo., and George Traver of Las Vegas; his aunt, Freeda Knaff of Glasgow; his friend and cousin Dick Wessler of Nashua; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Bell Mortuary is in charge of cremation, and, at Don's request, no services are being held.

## Lloyd David Travis

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LAKESIDE — Lloyd David Travis, 68, of Lakeside, died at home on Sunday, Aug. 3, 2003, after an extended battle with cancer.

Lloyd was raised in Miles City. He met Carmen Minjares of Sidney, whom he married in 1956. Lloyd retired from the Federal Aviation Administration after a 30-year career.

He was involved in St. Mathews Catholic parish. He loved his dog Suzy.

Lloyd was preceded in death by his father, Lloyd O. Travis; and his grandson, Brandt Travis. Lloyd is survived by his wife Carmen; sons Michael, Steven, Gregory and Lloyd; mother Angela; sister Nelly; and grandchildren.

# Elmer E. Treftz

Elmer E. Treftz, 66, died Wednesday, Jan. 8, 2003, at his home.

He was born May 31, 1937, in Richey, to Christian and Rosina (Job) Treftz. He was raised on the family farm and graduated from high school in Richey. He began his land

surveying career with the Montana Highway Department, receiving his

Montana surveying license in 1965. He was also licensed in Washington state. He was also a licensed realtor.

On Aug. 26, 1961, he married his wife of 43 years, Diana Mittelstaedt, in Glendive. Together, they raised four children.

Elmer loved the outdoors, fishing, boating and camping. He took great joy in his grandchildren and his dogs. He found many opportunities to help people, whatever was needed.

He is survived by his wife Diana; daughters, Yvonne Treftz-Hayes-Watson, Annette Laundry Rosina Boyd; his son, Eugene; and son-in-law, Robert Hayes, all of Billings; three grandchildren, Alicia and Sheena Hayes and Bailey Everitt; brothers Gust

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Treftz of Glendive and Gordon Treftz of Chinook; sisters Martha McCloy of Glendive, Emily Schumacher of Wolf Point, Clara Baker of Billings, Joan Baker and Helen Beres, both of Glendive; his brother and sister-in-law Delila and Alex Kaiser of Billings and sister-in-law Marilyn Mittelstaedt of Stanwood, Wash.

Preceding him in death were his father, Christian Treftz in 1952; his mother, Rosina Treftz Shumacher in 1998; and his brothers, Henry and Samuel Treftz.

Cremation has taken place and a memorial will be held 10 a.m. Monday, Jan. 13, at Cremation or Funeral Gallery. Inurnment will follow in the Absaroka Beartooth Columbarium.



ELMER TREFTZ

## Elizabeth Trenka

Elizabeth Trenka went to be with her Lord and Savior on Oct. 24, 2003, surrounded by loving family members.

Born to Joseph and Dora Trenka on April 26, 1916, at home in Carpenter Creek, Mont., Elizabeth and her family soon moved the short distance to Absber, where her father worked in the coal mines. Her family also ran a grocery store and boarding house that served the miners.

Liz and her siblings grew up working in the family enterprises, as well as helping many Hungarian family members who came to America, and shared many fond memories of the tiny "green house" and the crowded times shared there with friends and family.

Liz moved to Billings to complete high school, followed soon by the rest of the family and the opening of Trenka's Grocery Store. The store was soon joined by Liz's beauty salon, where she faithfully served her clientele for the next 60 years. Originally renowned for her Marcel waves, she soon became known for her



**ELIZABETH  
TRENKA**

loving personal service and counted her ladies among her many friends. She surrounded their home with beautiful gardens.

Her famous poppies were so spectacular that strangers would stop to ask her of her gardening secrets. They often left with great advice and seeds to plant the following season. With all of this, she still found to cook and bake traditional Hungarian goodies for her loved ones, and won many awards for her recipes. We will never forget her deep-dish apple pie and kifle.

An active member of the community, Liz was a steadfast member of the Ladies' Auxiliaries of the Moose and American Legion, the Royal Neighbors of America, and a faithful member of St. Pat's parish. Liz remained involved in business as she aged, serving as vice-president for Sunsilks, Inc.

She received great joy for over 50 years as a bowler, traveling far and wide with her dear friends to bowl in tournaments and share wonderful times. It was with great sadness that the team finally retired their bowling balls. An avid card player, she was instrumental in passing on the love of the game to her great-nieces, who will never forget the wonderful sleepovers with Aunt Liz, where they first learned how to lose at cards!

Liz was preceded in death by her parents; sister, Margie; brothers, Steve and Joe; and niece, Diane. Her nieces, Judy Trenka (Billings), Linda Christensen (Anburn, Wash.); nephew, Jim Trenka (Miles City); and dear cousin and best friend, Margit Dame (Billings) survive her. Included in those mourning her loss are her cousins as well as many great-nieces and nephews, who viewed her as their "bonus grandmother." Her great-great niece and nephew, Olivia and Joe Higgins, who brought her much pleasure in the last two years, also survive her.

Elizabeth asked that no flowers be sent, and that if so inclined, people remember her with a memorial to the Homebound program at St. Pat's that was so helpful to her, to Big Sky Hospice, who eased her final days, or to the Salvation Army of Billings, which she felt contributes much.

A vigil will be held 6 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 28 at Cremation or Funeral Gallery, 29 Eighth St. W. Funeral Mass will be at 12 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 29, at St. Patrick's Co-Cathedral, with burial to follow at Mountview Cemetery.

# George W. Tresler

WILLINGS GAZETTE  
FEB 10 2003

CODY, Wyo. — George W. Tresler, 84, died Thursday, Feb. 6, 2003, at the West Park Hospital in Cody.

Funeral services for George will be 2 p.m., Tuesday Feb. 11, at the Ballard Funeral Home with interment to follow in the Riverside Cemetery.

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**DEC 30 2003**

**WIBAUX** — Eva Marie Trester, 92, formerly of Sentinel Butte, N.D., passed away at the Wibaux County Nursing Home in Wibaux on Wednesday, Dec. 24, 2003.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday at the Evangelical Church in Beach, N.D., with Rev. Scott Jordan officiating. A private interment will be held at the Sentinel Butte Cemetery. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Beach is entrusted with arrangements. Remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at: [www.silvernale-silhafuneralhome.com](http://www.silvernale-silhafuneralhome.com)

Marie was born Sept. 1, 1911, in Kosciusko County, Ind., a daughter of William Henry and Maude Marie (Wagner) Hollar. She moved with her parents to Beach in 1918. Marie's mother passed away when she was nine years old. Her dad later remarried Clara Anderson. Marie attended school through the sixth grade.

Marie married Henry Arnold Trester on Sept. 4, 1926. Because Marie's stepmother was ill, Marie and Henry took Marie's half-sister Betty Lou on their honeymoon as far as Detroit Lakes, Minnesota, where they left her in the care of her Aunt Gena until her mother recovered. Marie and Henry continued on to Indiana where they spent the next month of their honeymoon.



Henry and Marie farmed in the rural Sentinel Butte area until 1949 when they added a farm in Princeton, Minn., to their holdings. This was Marie's first house with running water and indoor plumbing. In 1953 Marie's daughter Joyce and her husband, Ken, took over the farm in Minnesota and Marie moved back to Sentinel Butte.

Marie loved flowers, gardening and handy work. She also liked watching and caring for birds. She had feeders, birdhouses and waterers all over her yard in Sentinel Butte.

Marie was preceded in death by her dad, mother, stepmother, brothers Harold, Francis and baby D. Eldon, sister Helen, age 6, and her husband Henry.

Marie is survived by a son, Larry Trester of St. Louis Park, Minn.; a daughter, Joyce Selin of Princeton, Minn., and her son Boyd Trester of Sentinel Butte; half-sister, Betty Lou Lohmann Horn of Big Horn, Montana; sister-in-law Marie Hollar of Medora, nine grandchildren; 33 great-grandchildren, and five great-great-grandchildren.

# H. Gordon Tripp

HELENA GAZETTE

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HELENA — H. Gordon Tripp died of natural causes at his home on Jan. 19, 2003.

He was born Feb. 1, 1943, in Glasgow, to Howard Donald and



**H. GORDON  
TRIPP**

Katherine Virginia Tripp. In 1962, he graduated from Helena High School and later joined the Navy, earning an Honorable Discharge in 1969. Married to Gloria Hermanson in 1968, they began their

life together in California, returning to Montana in early 1971.

Following his discharge from the Navy, Gordon worked for the 3M Company as a Customer Service Representative. Upon his return to Montana, he worked for H&M Equipment Company, a family owned business, and then began his career with Farmers Insurance Group as an agent in 1973, where he remained until his death. The time Gordon spent with his clients and friends who continually dropped by his office to chat, tell jokes, and generally "pass the time of day in a friendly Montana way" was a major source of comfort and pleasure.

Over the years, Gordon was affiliated with DeMolay for Boys, the Exchange Club, the

American Legion, and the VFW. He was an avid outdoorsman who loved to hunt, fish, and camp with family and friends. An excellent racquetball player, he won numerous titles in both singles and doubles.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Robert D. Tripp.

Gordon is survived by his son Buck and Buck's wife Cheri and their three children, Kayla, Jayden and Tanner; his stepdaughter Marni Tripp and her children Taylor and Tori; sister Nancy and her husband Charles Hepburn of East Helena; brother Tom Tripp and his wife Sharon of Billings; and numerous nieces and nephews.

There will be military graveside services on Monday, Jan. 27, at 1:30 p.m. at the Montana State Veterans Cemetery at Fort Harrison, with Pastor Jim Heikes officiating. Following the services, there will be a gathering of family and friends at the Fort Harrison Service Club.

In lieu of flowers, donation can be made in Gordon's name to the Montana Racquetball Association (c/o John Kennis, MT Racquetball Association, 120 Ponderosa, Butte, MT 59701).

# Clara Tillman Trocinsky

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GLENDIVE — Clara Tillman Trocinsky, age 91, of Glendive, passed away Saturday, July 19, 2003, at Magnolia Place care center in Billings. A

memory service for family and friends will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 22, at the Chapel of the Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home in Glendive. Funeral services will be held at



**CLARA  
TROCINSKY**

10 a.m. Wednesday, July 23, at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Glendive with Pastor James Hageman officiating. Interment will be in the Dawson Memorial Cemetery in Glendive. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Glendive is entrusted with arrangements.

Clara was born Aug. 7, 1911, in Glendive. The daughter of Charles and Anna Tillman, Clara was raised on the Tillman homestead, near Bloomfield and attended Seven Mile grade school. Clara was quite the tomboy and she loved the country, sometimes riding horses to school. She attended school in Glendive and Billings Polytechnic Institute. After the death of her father in 1936, she took care of her mother in

Glendive while working as a legal secretary. She met and fell in love with Tom Trocinsky, and they were married in 1941 in Billings where they resided. Clara remained at home and cared for her mother until the time of her death in 1946. Her husband Tom, a railroader, was transferred to Mandan, N.D., in 1947 where they resided until 1949 at which time they were transferred back to Glendive with the Northern Pacific Railroad.

Clara was a generous, loving person who was always giving and thinking of other people. She loved being with family and friends, her many nieces and nephews and grandnieces and nephews. Hosting family holiday gatherings and playing cards were her delight. She loved winning at cribbage. Clara was an avid volunteer and an active member of Our Savior Lutheran Church in Glendive. She also enjoyed traveling, music and any occasion for a good time.

Clara loved the Lord and lived her life in service to Him. She was an example to her family and a role model. Although Clara and her husband did not have any children, she was a guiding light in the lives of her nieces and nephews. She will always be loved and truly missed by her family.

Clara was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Tom, her dear friend Val Pfau and her brothers Clarence and Harry Tillman. Her loving family includes nieces and nephews Cherylee and Mike Popiel of Bozeman and their children Brian Popiel and Lindsey Mercier, Charles and Loretta Tillman of Nampa, Idaho, and their children Rich, Randy and Jon Tillman, Sharon Reil of Billings and her children Matthew Reil, Desiree Gauer, Clint Reil, Johanna Fields, Julie Hugelen, Becky Reil and Anthony Reil, Jerry and Cindy Tillman of Bloomfield and their children Laurie Tillman, Debbie Simmons, Chris Greiner and Cindy's three boys, Adam, Pat and Greg, Thomas Tillman of Mohaje, Ariz., and his children Troy and Travis Tillman, and Patricia and Jim Reynolds of Billings and their children Rob Kubesh, Blaine Kubesh and Rachel Huncovsky, and numerous great-great-nieces and nephews.

God bless you, dear Aunt Clara. Your memories will always be with us.

## Morris J. Tronrud

BILLINGS GAZETTE

JAN 09 2003

HELENA — Morris J. Tronrud 73, of Helena, formerly of Melville, passed away Tuesday, Jan. 7, 2003, at his residence. Morris was born Oct. 20, 1929, to Morris and Isolene Myrtle (Kepler) Tronrud in Big Timber.

Morris attended Melville schools, graduating from Sweet Grass County High School in 1946. He married Shirley Margaret Boylan on June 15, 1952, in Absarokee. They ranched in Melville until moving to Helena in 1989.

He was a 4-H Leader for 25 years and an active member of the Jaycees. Morris had his own dance band and played in Billings, Harlowton, Big Timber and surrounding areas. Morris was a member of the Melville Lutheran Church.

Morris was preceded in death by his parents; son Morris Elton Tronrud in 1994; and his sister, Betty Weinfurter. He is survived by his wife Shirley of Helena; sons Michael Tronrud of Helena and Mark Tronrud of Billings; daughter Audrey Clark of Lewistown; and one granddaughter, Stacy Clark.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 11, at Big Timber Lutheran Church, with Pastor Jim Holmlund officiating. Graveside committal will follow in Mountain View Cemetery. Lowry Funeral Home assisted the family with the arrangements.

# Charles T. Trott

# BILLINGS GAZETTE

## JAN 12 2003

GREAT FALLS — Charles T. Trott, age 58, died Monday, Jan. 6, 2003, at his home.

Services are tentatively scheduled for 1 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 18, at the Faith Lutheran Church in Great Falls. Cremation has taken place under the direction of O'Connor Funeral Home.

On Monday, Jan. 6, Charlie T. Trott went to be with our Lord. Charlie was born and raised in Billings. He graduated from Billings Senior High School, then furthered and completed his education from Eastern Montana College, receiving his master's degree in education.

Charlie entered the United States Marine Corps and achieved the rank of Sergeant before his honorable discharge. He was very proud of "The Corps" and what he achieved.

Charlie then worked for seven years at the Boulder River School and Hospital as principal and director, working towards and eventually being an instrumental figure in changing the way residents lived and were received, by moving away from institutions into community based services, offering a higher quality of life.

After a short stay in the family business, Charlie returned to what would become his life's work and passion — helping the developmentally disabled.

In 1985, Charlie moved to Great Falls and joined Quality Life Concepts as residential program director, which he held until 1990. He then became CEO, and held that position until his death.

Charlie grew and expanded Quality Life Concepts and its many services in new areas. Charlie was very active in numerous communities and in the Montana Association of Independent Disability Services. Charlie lived to improve the quality of life for the developmentally disabled. He was also honored to be associated with the many fine people he worked with.

Charlie is survived by his four sons, Jason (Brenda) Trott of Billings, Kyle Trott of Los Angeles, Robert (Michelle) Morgan of Billings, Richard (Peggy) Morgan of Columbus; two sisters, Barbara (Duncan) Crump of Olympia, Wash., and Carol (Tom) Pipinich of Riverton, Wyo.

Charlie also leaves behind many friends, colleagues and dedicated, caring employees.

# Jay Trotter

BILLINGS GAZETTE

NOV 27 2003

Jay Trotter passed away in Billings on Nov. 23, 2003.



JAY TROTTER

He was born Jan. 7, 1955, to Eugene and Cecilia Trotter. He was the fourth child of seven. He attended schools in North and South Dakota. In 1987, he united in marriage to Debbie Runnels. He was blessed with two daughters, Leslie and Carmen; a son, Heath; and a grandson.

Jay was a carpenter and an avid outdoorsman and had been a policeman in Nebraska. Jay was also a loving husband and father.

He leaves behind his wife of 17 years; two daughters, his son and grandson; his mother, Cecilia of Bismarck, N.D.; brothers, Terry (Angie) of Mandan, N.D., Gene of Forest Lake, Minn., Duane of Bismarck; sisters, Patti of Aberdeen, S.D., Janice of Winnebago, Neb., and Renee of Billings; as well as several aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Eugene Trotter; his grandparents and uncles.

Funeral Mass will be 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 28, at St. Patrick's Co-Cathedral with Rite of Committal at Holy Cross Cemetery.

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

Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary has charge of arrangements.

**NOV 12 2003****Charles E. True**

**GLENDIVE —** Charles E. True, 61, formerly of Terry, died Friday, Nov. 7, 2003, at the Glendive Medical Center.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 12, at the chapel of Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Terry. Interment will follow at the veterans section of the Prairie County Cemetery in Terry.



**Benjamin E. Truffile**

SHERIDAN, Wyo. —

Benjamin E. Truffile, 74, of Sheridan, died Friday, Sept. 5, 1963, at Memorial Hospital of Sheridan County.

Mass of the Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 10, at Holy Name Catholic Church. Interment will follow in Sheridan Municipal Cemetery. The Funeral Home of [Name] is in charge.

## **Myrtle Trumbull**

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**  
**FEB 8 2003**

**BUFFALO, Wyo. — Myrtle B. Trumbull, 83, of Buffalo, died Thursday, Feb. 6, 2003, at the Amie Holt Care Center in Buffalo.**

**Visitation will be from 1 to 10 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 9, at Adams Funeral Home Chapel in Buffalo. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, Feb. 10, at the Church of Christ in Buffalo. Burial will be in Willow Grove Cemetery.**

## **Glenn Edward Trussell**

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**EMIGRANT** — Glenn Edward Trussell, 76, of Emigrant, died Tuesday, July 15, 2003, at his home in Paradise Valley.

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Cremation will take place at Franzen-Davis Funeral Home & Crematory in Livingston. A private service will be conducted by members of Church Universal & Triumphant.

**FEB 27 2003****Connie Jo Tryan**

CARRINGTON, N.D. —  
Connie Jo Tryan, 42, of  
Carrington, formerly of Scobey,  
Four Buttes and Whitetail, Mont.,  
died Tuesday, Feb. 25, 2003, at  
Carrington Health Center, of  
inflammatory breast cancer.

Memorial services will be at 1

p.m. Saturday, March 1, at Trinity  
Lutheran Church in Carrington.  
Interment will be in Scobey  
Cemetery. Scobey services will be  
at 11 a.m. Tuesday, March 4, at the  
Scobey Lutheran Church. Evans  
Funeral Home of Carrington is in  
charge.

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ASHLAND — On Saturday, Dec. 20, 2003, Rodney passed away at his home in Ashland.

Rodney was born in Clearwater, Fla. on Jan. 27, 1952 to Jasper and Judy (Jail) Tucker. Rodney made his home in Ashland for the past four years. He loved the Montana country. While in Montana, he enjoyed learning of the Cheyenne traditional ways. He was employed at various jobs, including Club Buffet, Ray Lilliarthal Construction, and bricklaying for Tom Boss.

Survivors include his special companion, Norma Brady of Ashland; his children, William, stationed in Korea, and Tiffany of Florida; stepchildren, Tess and Johnny Weathers of Georgia; brother, Randy of Florida; aunt, Sybil; and uncles, Jerry and Ralph of Moultrie, Ga.; special friend, (Bubba) Leroy (Charolotte) Runsabove of Lame Deer; special niece, Branlee Montoya Runsabove of Lame Deer; uncles, Eddie (Katherine) Foote, Jr. and Daniel Foote of Lame Deer; as well as relatives and the friends he made while in Montana.

Wake services were held at St. Labre social room on Dec. 28. Funeral services will be held at a later date in Old Town, Fla. Rausch Funeral Home of Lame Deer is in charge of arrangements.

## James Tupper

MILES CITY — James Tupper, 52, of Miles City, died Saturday, April 5, 2003, at the Friendship Villa Care Center.

Visitation will be held Thursday, April 10, at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, April 11, at Stevenson & Sons. Interment will follow in the Eastern Montana State Veteran Cemetery.

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**George A. Turbak**

**HAVRE** — George Albert Turbak, 89, of Havre, went to be with the Lord on Dec. 9, 2003, after a long battle with cancer.

George was born on Feb. 28, 1914, in Fairmount, N.D., and graduated from Fairmount High School in 1934.

He married Renette L. Bogat on Aug. 10, 1940, in Havre where they resided until his death.

He worked for Cudahy Packing Co., Gamble Robinson, Black's Transfer, E.W. Elliot and the Great Northern Railway. He retired from the Burlington Northern railway in May of 1975.

He was one of the organizers of the Havre Central Roundtable and served as treasurer for several years. He was especially interested in the youth sports program. He was a member of St. Jude Parish, Knights of Columbus, Eagles, and Blue Horizon Good Sam's Chapter, where he also served as treasurer. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and camping. His family always came first in his life.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jacob and Jessie Turbak; sisters, Kay, Marguerite and Joan; and a daughter, Joan Patricia Turbak.

Survivors include his wife of 63 years Renette Turbak of Havre; daughters Judy (Ed) Matter, and Julie Turbak of Havre, Jeanne (Mike) Kase of Billings and Janice (John) Miller of Tulsa, Okla.; sister, Donna Theede of Overland, Mo.; 10 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to St. Jude Education Trust Fund, 624 Fourth St. Havre, MT 59501, or to a person's choice.

## Edward William Turcotte

Edward W. Turcotte passed away Jan. 31, 2003, at the age of 77, after a courageous battle with leukemia.

Ed was born on Oct. 5, 1915, in Rolla, N.D., to Henry and Rose Turcotte. Ed was the eldest of two children. Henry came to Montana with his wife and Ed, and homesteaded near Reed Point in 1918, and due to a severe drought, was forced to sell the homestead and move back to Rolla, where Ed was educated. One of Ed's favorite activities in his youth was playing alto sax in the band and going to dances.

Ed married Alice Elise Hippie on June 18, 1939, in Billings, at St. Patrick's Church rectory. Ed and Alice made their home in Billings, working at Safeway, and Alice working for Sears Credit Department. Ed worked for Safeway until they moved to Portland, Ore. During the war, Ed served in the Merchant Marines and was honorably discharged in 1945 and settled in Columbus. Ed and Alice bought their own grocery store called "TURCOTTE'S MARKET," and with a lot of hard work, were successful. The time in Columbus holds a special place in his heart because of the friends and success he attained while working and living there. Ed and Alice were a team. Ed was a promoter and salesman and made the business come together. Alice, as a good mother and

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wife, kept track of the books and raised the children.

Ed attained 4th degree in the Knights of Columbus, and was also a member of the Columbus volunteer fire department, member of the Elks for 24 years, and active in the Catholic Church in Columbus.

Ed and Alice had five children, Gary, who died at birth; Jim, the oldest; John; Joan; Judy.

In 1957, Ed and his family moved to Missoula and set up a soft drink bottling business, and after two years, sold this and moved back to Billings. Ed went to work for Ryan Grocery as a supervisor of stores and traveled throughout northern Wyoming. Ed's beloved wife Alice passed away in December 1960, and he raised four children by himself until he met Ruth Neyer from Buffalo, Wyo. Ed and Ruth were married in the spring of 1965 and resided in Billings, where he purchased Gorham Park IGA and brought Jim and John into the business to assist. In 1968, he sold the business to lay back for a while and enjoy life.

In 1969, Ed needed a challenge and moved to Alaska and worked for a grocery warehouse in Anchorage, training store managers in the grocery business, but did not like the weather well

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through to stay and moved back to Billings. Ed purchased the Thunderbird Lodge in Billings, which he ran until his total retirement in 1982. Ruth passed away shortly after their retirement and was laid to rest in Buffalo, Wyo.

Ed remarried for the third time to Gladys VanHooser and Gladys passed away in the winter 1993.



**ED TURCOTTE**

Ed's hobbies after retirement were traveling and one of his most favorite trips consisted of travel from Billings to Seattle, then north to Canada and across Canada to the eastern seaboard and then back to Billings. Ed also enjoyed working in the yard, and tinkering in the garage on anything and everything. If it was mechanical, he knew he could make it work better sometimes. Ed's love of nature was focused around feeding the birds and taking care in monitoring the yearly return of the robins nesting in the back yard. Ed was a superb chef and no one ever had anything to say about any of his culinary dishes. Ed truly loved his children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren and wished them every happiness.

Ed is survived by his children, Ron Turcotte and his wife Carolyn of Helena, John Turcotte

and his wife Barbara of Billings, Joan Nelson and her husband Fred of Billings, Judy Conlan and her husband John of Butte; his grandchildren, Stephanie Nelson of Anchorage, Alaska, Angela Nelson of Billings, Elise Turcotte of Grand Forks, N.D., Stacy Turcotte Cerise of Portland, Ore., Andrea Turcotte of Billings, O'Ryan Anderson of Denver, Kellee Anderson of Bozeman, Sean and Seth Conlan of Butte, Teresa Vulk of Helena, Holly Quillen of Missoula and David Gordan of Helena; his great-grandchildren are Katie, Jesse, James, Jake, Crystal, Sara and Serena, all of Helena.

Ed was preceded in death by his father Henry and mother Rose; his brother Raymond; his grandson, Wayne Turcotte; and his granddaughter, Michele Hay.

The family wants to thank the staff of Aspen Meadows, where Ed has resided for the last one-and-a-half years, for their caring and true fellowship that they gave to our father.

A vigil service will be held at 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 2, at St. Patrick's Co-Cathedral. A funeral mass will be held at 12 noon, Monday, Feb. 3, at St. Patrick's Co-Cathedral. Rite of Committal in Holy Cross Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the St. Patrick's Building Fund.



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## **Robert F. Turgeon**

CODY, Wyo. — Robert F. (Bob) Turgeon, 74, died Friday Dec. 12, 2003, at the West Park Hospital in Cody.

Services will be held at a later date. Cremation has taken place.

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**Donnie 'Donnie'  
Emmett Turley**

**MELSTONE**  
— Donald "Donnie" Emmett Turley, 44 years, 4 months and 14 days, passed away on May 12, 2003.



**DONNIE  
TURLEY**

Donnie was born on Dec. 28, 1958, to Gerald O. and Phyllis Kay (Wall) Turley. Donnie was the second child of six children. He was raised south of Musselshell on the Turley Ranch. Donnie attended first through sixth grade at Musselshell School and completed his education at Roundup High School, graduating in 1977.

While working in the Custer area, Donnie met his wife-to-be, Deveny Lynn Keller. They were married June 9, 1979, in Custer. He was the proud father of six children: Dawn Fulton and her husband Andy of Billings, Gerald O. Turley II, Patrick, Jenny and Ryan of the family home, and David F. Turley of Roundup.

There was not much Donnie didn't do and nothing he couldn't. He always went back to the life

that he enjoyed: being a cowboy! Donnie has many friends and was known as a great all around guy. He will be sadly missed.

A Memorial Trust Fund has been established at First Security Bank, PO Box 100, Roundup, MT 59702, for his children.

Visitation will be from 5 to 9 p.m. on Friday, May 16, at Wier Funeral Chapel. Mass of the Christian Burial will take place Saturday, May 17, 3 p.m. at St. Benedict's Catholic Church. Interment will follow at the Musselshell Cemetery. Luncheon will follow at Musselshell School. Wier Funeral home is in charge of the arrangements.

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**Emogene Turnell**

MEETEETSE, Wyo. —

Emogene Turnell, 85, died Sunday, Feb. 9, 2003, at the West Park Long Term Care Center.

Funeral services will be at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 15, at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Meeteetse. The casket will be open from 8:30 to 9 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Interment will follow at 2 p.m. in Mountain View Cemetery in Riverton. Ballard Funeral Home of Cody is in charge.

## Anne Turner

BRIDGER — Anne Turner, 98, of Bridger, died Wednesday, Jan. 4, 2003, at Twin Cottages Care Center in Bridger.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, Jan. 6, in Bridger United Methodist Church. Interment will be in the Bridger Cemetery. Visitation will be in the church for only one hour before the service. Smith-Olcott Funeral Chapel of Red Lodge is in charge.

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## Douglas Turner

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JUL 15 2003

DEER LODGE — Douglas  
Turner, 31, of Deer Lodge,  
formerly of Glendive, died  
Tuesday, July 8, 2003, in Deer  
Lodge.

Private family funeral services  
were held on Monday, July 14, at  
the Chapel of the Silvernale-Silha  
Funeral Home in Glendive.

# Lila M. Turner

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**GLENDIVA**  
— Lila M. Turner, age 97, longtime resident of Glendive, passed away on Saturday Aug. 23, 2003, at the Glendive Medical Center.



**LILA TURNER**

Funeral services will be held 2 p.m. Friday, Aug. 29, at the United Methodist Church, with Pastor Joel Arndt officiating. Interment will be in the Dawson Memorial Cemetery. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Glendive is entrusted with arrangements.

Lila was born on Feb. 8, 1906, in Donnybrook, N.D., the daughter of August and Mary Barke. She was one of eight children and all have preceded her in death.

Lila was married to Charles E. Turner on Sept. 15, 1924, at Minot, N.D. They had three children, Helen Ann (Mason), Gordon and Robert. The family lived in Sidney before moving to Glendive. In 1949, Charles ran the Glendive Livestock Sales Yard, and Lila operated the lunch counter, where she became famous for her pies. In 1955, Charles became associated with the Gate City Dairy, Inc. Charles preceded Lila in death in 1957.

In 1958, Lila became the first

head cook at the new Jefferson Elementary School. She retired in 1971. Lila was a longtime member of the Methodist Church and worked in the Hospital Auxiliary for many years. She loved to play cards, work in her yard and was a wonderful cook.

Lila was preceded in death by her parents; her husband Charles; her daughter, Helen Ann; six sisters, one brother and one great-grandchild.

Survivors include her sons, Gordon Turner and his wife Arlene and Robert Turner and his wife Carol, all of Glendive; 10 grandchildren, Rick Mason of Chandler, Ariz., Terry Mason and his wife Kathy of Ogden, Utah, Kelly Mason of Butte, Sherri Beeler and her husband Dan of Hamilton, Kyle Turner and his wife Ella of Hamilton, Jodi Dobson and her husband Robert of Glendive, Michael Olson Sr. of Glendive, Vicki Turtle and her husband Joe of Wasilla, Alaska, Dave Turner and his wife Liz of

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Glendive and Lona Wagonberg  
and her husband Steve of Billings;  
18 great-grandchildren and 15  
great-great-grandchildren.

Memorials are suggested to  
the United Methodist Church,  
206 W. Towne Street, Glendive,  
MT 59330.

Remembrances and condo-  
lences may be shared with the  
family at: [www.silverdale-silva-  
funeralhome.com](http://www.silverdale-silva-<br/>funeralhome.com).



# Emogene Turness

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**FEB 12 2003**

MEETEETSE, Wyo. —  
Emogene Turness, 85, died  
Sunday, Feb. 9, 2003, at the West  
Park Long Term Care Center.

Funeral services will be at 9:30  
a.m. Saturday, Feb. 15, at St.  
Andrew's Episcopal Church in  
Meeteetse. The casket will be  
open from 9:30 to 9 a.m. in the  
Fellowship Hall. Interment will  
follow at 2 p.m. in Mountain  
View Cemetery in Riverton.  
Ballard Funeral Home of Cody is  
in charge.

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## John Tuss, Jr.

**LEWISTOWN** — John Tuss, Jr., 85, of Lewistown, formerly of Winifred, passed away at the Central Montana Skilled Nursing Center on Thursday, May 22, 2003.



**JOHN TUSS**

John was born on the homestead north of Winifred, on Oct. 24, 1917, to John and Johanna Tuss. He left home at age 16 and worked in the CCC Camps in Idaho. He then moved to Great Falls and worked at the Anaconda smelter. He was united in marriage to Mary Ann Vukasin of Great Falls in November of 1937. They lived there until 1943, when they purchased a farm and ranch near his parents in Winifred. She preceded him in death in 1972. In 1973, he married Ann Challans. They continued to live at the ranch until December 2002, when they moved to Lewistown.

He enjoyed playing cards and was an avid pool player. He also enjoyed hunting, fishing and camping. He always was there to lend a hand to friends, neighbors

and family. He was a lifetime member of the Eagles Club.

He is survived by his wife, Ann E. Tuss of Lewistown; daughter, JoAnn (Boyd) Bergum of Winifred; sons, Joey (Lynda) Tuss of Lewistown, Howard Tuss (Susan Plovanic) of Grass Range, and a stepson, John Challans of Minnesota. In addition, he is survived by five sisters, Margaret Pipinich of Lewistown, Kay Heller of Missoula, Rosie Triepke of Kalispell, Francis Losier of Washington state, Ann Bossel of Helena; two brothers, Joe Tuss of Helena and Frank Tuss of Lewistown; 15 grandchildren; seven step-grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; 11 step-great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by two grandchildren; one step-grandson; his parents and two sisters.

A rosary for John Tuss, Jr. will be held at the Creel Funeral Chapel on Tuesday, May 27, at 7 p.m. Funeral liturgy will be at the Creel Funeral Chapel on Wednesday, May 28, at 2 p.m.

Interment will be at Mount  
Calvary Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to  
the Winifred Community Center  
and may be sent to: Betty  
Wickens, 90 Echo Drive, Hilger,  
MT 59451, or may be left at the  
Creel Funeral Home.

Creel Funeral Home is in  
charge of arrangements.

**ABSAROOKIE** — Esther H. Tuttle was born on Feb. 16, 1908, in Sterling Town, Iowa, to Thomas A. Perry and Jessie A. Hazel. Esther grew up in Iowa, graduating from high school in 1926 and receiving her Iowa teaching certificate in 1931.

Esther married Burrell Hazel in 1935; Mr. Hazel preceded her in death in 1965. Esther married Harmon Tuttle in 1965; Mr. Tuttle preceded her in death in 1970.

During Esther's teaching career, she taught in several Stillwater County rural schools. Esther chose Absarokee as her retirement community.

Esther has lived in St. Johns Lutheran Nursing Home in Billings for the last several years.

Esther was active in the Congregational Church of Absarokee, as well as Eastern Star Rock Rose Chapter #63.

Esther is survived by many friends and a cousin, Mary Jane Russell, in Aurora, Colo.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Monday, Sept. 29, at the Absarokee Congregational Church. Interment will follow at the Rosebud Cemetery in Absarokee. Smith Downtown Chapel in charge of arrangements.

Memorials may be made to the Absarokee Congregational Church, Nye Community Church, Special K Ranch in Columbus or the Absarokee High School Vocational Advisory Council.

# Wayne D. Tuttle

BILLINGS GAZETTE  
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ROUNDUP — Wayne D. Tuttle, 52, of Roundup, died Tuesday, April 15, 2003, at the Roundup Memorial Hospital.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, April 17, at the Wier Funeral Chapel.

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# Knut Twedt

# BILLINGS GAZETTE

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**PLENTYWOOD** — Funeral services for Knut Twedt will be held at 2 p.m.

Thursday, May 1. Johnette Grefe will officiate at the service at the Reserve Lutheran Church; interment will be in Eden Valley Cemetery, east of Reserve. Knut, 91, died of natural causes Sunday afternoon, April 27, 2003, at Sheridan Memorial Nursing Home in Plentywood.



**KNUT  
TWEDET**

Knut was born in St. Paul, Minn., to Carl and Kristine Twedt on Dec. 6, 1911. When he was 7 years old, his family moved to Kirtson County in northern Minnesota, where they homesteaded. In 1925, his family moved to the Reserve community, where they eventually purchased their farm and built a home in 1931. Knut lived there for 66 years until his health began to decline, and he moved to Plentywood. He was at the Montana Pioneer Manor for a while, then at LaCasa Personal Care Home, and for the last several years has been resident at Sheridan Memorial Nursing Home.

Knut was an avid hunter and fisherman. One of his favorite trips was in 1961 to Alaska, where he

shot a caribou that he nicknamed "Ole"! Over the years, he made a number of trips to the Bob Marshall Wilderness Area, where he shot 17 elk and a mountain goat.

Knut farmed with his brother, Henry, and was a member of the Reserve Lutheran Church. Always a quiet man, Knut's kindness and concern was reflected in his donations to many groups and organizations throughout the community. Even though his philanthropy was deeply appreciated, his reticence often made it difficult to recognize his generosity.

Knut is survived by his sister-in-law, Olive Twedt, of Portland, Ore.; and brother-in-law Robert Markle, of Great Falls; and by a nephew and three nieces and their families. Ronnie and David Engstrom and their family, although not related, have been a close part of Knut's family for many years. Knut was preceded in death by his parents, by two brothers, Henry and Thor, and by a sister, Marian.

Fulkerson Funeral Home of Plentywood has charge of arrangements.

**Harvey Tyler**

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**MILES CITY** — Harvey Tyler, 58, of Miles City, died Sunday, May 25, 2003, at his home, of cancer.

Visitation will be from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday, May 28, in the Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home chapel in Miles City, with a prayer service at 6 p.m. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, May 29, in the VA Chapel in Miles City. Interment will follow in the Eastern Montana State Veteran Cemetery in Miles City.