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## **Arlene C.M. Babcock**

GLENDIVE — Arlene C.M. Babcock, 91, died Thursday, Sept. 30, 2004, at the Glendive Medical Center. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 5, 2004, at Zion Lutheran Church. Interment will follow at Dawson Memorial Cemetery. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home is entrusted with arrangements.

# **Elsie M. Shoop Bachmann**

*THE BILLINGS GAZETTE*  
FEB 16 2004

Elsie M. Shoop Bachmann peacefully passed away on Saturday, Feb. 14, 2004, at St. Johns Lutheran Home where she was a resident for several years.

Elsie was born on a farm near Malvern, Iowa, on Oct. 21, 1900. She was the sixth child in a family of 12, born to Wayne W. and Cora G. (Shay) Shoop. The family moved from Iowa to Nebraska in 1904. In January of 1907, they packed up the family and their belongings and moved to Laurel. Elsie completed her education in Laurel and then came to Billings and attended the Billings Business College where she met her future husband, Edwin Bachmann.

After she finished Business College, she and Ed both worked for Baldwin Lumber Company. Later she went to work for Doctors Bridenbaugh and Movius in the Billings Clinic as a medical secretary. The Clinic was located in the Hart Albin Building and Elsie worked there for 20 years.

In 1945, she and Ed were married in Glendive. From that time on, Elsie traveled all over the



**ELSIE  
BACHMANN**

United States with Ed in his profession as a Master Carpenter. When they retired, they returned to Billings and Elsie once again went to work for the Billings Clinic and the younger Dr. Richard Bridenbaugh.

Elsie was proud to have been a member of First United Methodist Church, DAR, American Legion and Eastern Star.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Ed; and all her siblings. She leaves behind many nephews and nieces who will miss her very much and also her wise counsel.

The family wished to thank the staff at St. Johns for their loving care of Aunt Elsie.

Funeral Services will be 2 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 19, at the Ocee Johnson Chapel at St. Johns Lutheran Home with internment at Mountview Cemetery.

Memorials can be made to St. Johns Lutheran Home or the charity of your choice.

## **Stella Bachmann**

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**JUN 03 2004**

**FORSYTH — Stella Melinda Clements Bowen Valentine Funk Bachmann, 87, died June 1, 2004, at Rosebud Health Care Center in Forsyth.**

**Visitation will be from 1 to 7 p.m. Thursday, June 3, in the Chapel of Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Forsyth, with a vigil service at 7 p.m. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, June 4, at the Chapel of Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Forsyth. Burial will be on Friday, June 11, in the family lot of Oakland Cemetery in Oakland, Ark.**

## **Bradley James Bacon**

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BILLINGS GAZETTE

WIBAUX — Bradley James Bacon, 25, of Wibaux, died Thursday, Oct. 14, 2004, South of Wibaux.

A memory service will be at 7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 17, at the Chapel of the Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home in Wibaux. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, Oct. 18, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Wibaux. Interment will follow at the Wibaux Cemetery.

## **Mildred Bader**

SEP 29 2004  
WILLIAMS GAZETTE

**WORLAND, Wyo. — Mildred Bader, 92, of Hyattville, died Sunday, Sept. 26, 2004, at the Worland Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center.**

**Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 2, at the Hyattville Community Center. A viewing will be from 9 to 10 a.m. Saturday, at the Hyattville Community Center. Burial will follow services in the Hyattville Cemetery. Atwood Family Funeral Directors, Inc. are in charge.**

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**LODGE GRASS** — Emma Bad Horse, 80, of Lodge Grass, Crow elder and matriarch passed away, Wednesday, Nov. 24, 2004, in the Crow-Northern Cheyenne IHS Hospital.

Baaihacheeletash "Friendly to Everyone" was born Sept. 1, 1924, in Lodge Grass, a daughter of Harry Don't Mix and Sarah Grandmother Knife. Her grand-

parents, Pretty At the Back of the Neck and Henry and Lizzie Pretty on Top, Sr., raised her. She grew up and received her education in Lodge Grass. She was employed as head cook for many years at the Big Horn Mountain Youth Camp. She was later hired as head cook at the Lodge Grass Senior Citizens Program. In recent years, she was a consultant to the Lodge Grass schools during Native American Week.



**EMMA  
BAD HORSE**

Emma married Clarence Brien and was later divorced. She married Robert Springfield, Sr. and was later divorced. In 1968, she married Paul Bad Horse, Sr. and the couple made their home in Wyola. Mr. Bad Horse died in 1982.

She was a member of the Catholic Church, Big Lodge Clan,

a child of the Newty Made Lodge and was a Tobacco Society member.

Emma was a traditional Crow woman who was known for her sewing and beading expertise. She enjoyed camping and being surrounded by her large family.

Her parents; daughter, Bonnie White Bear; sisters, Aurelia, Rose and Rita Don't Mix, Ada Rides Horse, Evalyn Covers Up, Susanna One Bear and Frances Gros Ventre; and brothers, William Gros Ventre, Raphael White Hip, Paula Deputee, Sr., Teddy and Albert Don't Mix, Andrew BirdinGround, Lewis Rides Horse, Paul Deputee and Richard Bird; as well as her grandson, Blake White Bear, preceded Emma in death.

Survivors include her daughters, Margaret and Mary Springfield, Ursula Bad Horse, Elizabeth (Earl) Old Chief, Clarise (Robert) Kindness, Fatemia Bad Horse, Gustine Old Bear, Nora Little Light Bird, Maria (Preston) Onion, Penny Powers, Juane Daingkau, Leslie (Paul) Kabotie, Celeste Tobacco, Elizabeth (Merle) Plainfeather, MaeAnn (Cary) Lance, Shirley (Kalye) Howe, Myra Gros Ventre, Lottie (Curtis) Medicine Horse

and Cecelia (Frazier) White Hip; her sons, Robert (Gloria) Brien, Jr., Woodrow (Gladys) Brien, Francis, Robert (Veronica), William (Roanna), Josh, Harry Dean and Wendell Springfield, Paul Bad Horse, Jr., Lansing (Kim) BirdinGround, Danny (Rhonda) and Darwin (Ann) Powers, Preston (Sandra) Grand, James (Carla) Wilson, Bradford (Loretta) Crooked Arm, William Medicine Crow, George Little Light, William (Donna) Falls Down, Ricky Fighter, Paul House, Larry Kobieluz, Robert and Chester (Sharolyn) Nomee; her sisters, Harriett Don't Mix, Mary Helen (Alex) Medicine Horse, Violet Other Medicine, Pauline Small, Winonna Plenty Hoops, Henrietta Pretty on Top, Joy (Paul) Matt, Clara Nomee, Louella (Gary) Johnson, Hannah (Kenneth) Pretty on Top, Vicki (Greg) Hogan, Laura Singer, Luanna (Marvin) Stewart, Nathel Jefferson, Ramona Backbone, Marjorie (Sam) Hoops, Daisy (Henry) Bright Wings, Jr. Josie (Ben) Stands, Veronica (Brewster) Pretty on Top; and Ardith (Lloyd) Hogan; her brothers, Ivan Don't Mix, Russell (Shelia) Wallace, Elmer (Theresa) Gun Shows, George Chandler, John Pretty on Top, Paul (Bertha) Nomee, Jr., Harold (Marina) Stone, William (Pamela) Backbone, Jerome (Lois) and Vincent (Marjorie) White Hip; grandchildren whom

she raised as her own, Myers (Vera) Brien, Loretta (Carlton) Nomee, Avery Springfield, Emma (Randall) Black Eagle, Genevieve and Allen White Bear; her uncles, Phillip (Martha) Beaumont, Sr., Alex (Dena) LaForge, Sr., and Lawrence (Jennifer) Flat Lip; her special little grandfather, Thomas White Hip Bull Tail; her Tobacco Society family, father, Henry "Sarge" Old Horn, Jack (Debbie) and Robert "Corky" (Rachel) Old Horn, Paul Matt, Jr., Martin Old Crow Dora Rides Horse, Julia and Deanne Round Face; 56 grandchildren; 72 great-grandchildren and eight great-great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her extended family, including the Red, Spotted Horse, Lincoln; He Does It, Yarlott, Gun Shows, Dust, Bell Rock, Whiteman Runs High, Bad Bear, Holds the Enemy and Left Hand families.

Our family is extremely large; if we have missed you, please accept our apology.

Rosary will be recited 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 28, in the Bullis Funeral Chapel.

Funeral Mass will be celebrated 10 a.m. Monday, Nov. 29, in the Lodge Grass Our Lady of Loretto Catholic Church. Rite of Committal will follow in the Lodge Grass Cemetery.

Bullis Mortuary of Hardin has been entrusted with the arrangements.



## **Dorothy M. Badura**

On Wednesday, Oct. 27, 2004, Dorothy May Badura, 68, died at Parkview Care Center in Billings. She was born May 20, 1936, in Hardin, Mt. to Dewey Edward and Lela May (Clemmons) Slough. Dorothy was united in marriage to Edward S. Badura.

Dorothy lived in Hardin, moving to Billings after her marriage, and then in Lovell, Wyo., for four years before returning to Billings.

When she was 18 years old, she converted to the Catholic faith and was a member of Little Flower Parish, St. Bernard's and St. Patrick's Co-Cathedral. Dorothy enjoyed rock collecting, crocheting and playing cards. She was a great gardener and loved taking care of her plants. She was devoted to her faith and family.

Mom loved horses, and was runner-up Rodeo Queen of Hardin. But mostly, Mom loved her children. As a child, she wanted 23 children, but God gifted her with seven to raise, a goodly number, she said. But even more than her children, Mom loved God and imparted



**DOROTHY  
BADURA**

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His wisdom to them. Raising seven kids took a lot of strength to work and run a household, inner strength to be our moral guide and strength to smile and bring joy to her children through all her exhaustion and sufferings. Mom was a god-send.

Dorothy is survived by her seven children, Mona Badura of Silverton, Ore., Glenda Banks, Daria (Norm) Thomas, Edward M. Badura, all of Billings, Karla (Rico) Fantigrossi of Georgia, Kirby Badura, John Badura, both of Portland, Ore. For Mom's grandchildren, may they have all the faith Mom gave us: Maria, Carmella, Jon, Aurora, Paul, Eric, Christian, Jordan, Merico, Michael, Mark and Gia. Dorothy is also survived by her brothers, Ted (Harriet) Slough and Bill (Virginia) Slough. She was preceded in death by her parents; her sister, Maybell Baker; and her brother, Dan Slough.

A vigil service for Dorothy will be held Tuesday, Nov. 2, at 7 p.m. at Dahl Funeral Chapel. A Funeral Mass will be Wednesday, Nov. 3, at noon, in

**St. Patrick's Co-Cathedral.**  
Private family interment will be held. There will be a luncheon following the funeral mass at St. Patrick's Co-Cathedral. Memorials may be made to St. Patrick's Co-Cathedral.

## **Christine Baggott**

**THE BILLINGS GAZET**

**DEC 10 2004**

**MILES CITY — Christine Lorraine (Schmidt) Baggott, 95, of Miles City, died Wednesday, Dec. 8, 2004, at the Holy Rosary Extended Care in Miles City.**

**Funeral services will be at 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City. Interment will be held at a later date.**

# Gerhard Bahnsen

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Gerhard "Gary" Bahnsen, 71, of Sheridan, died Wednesday, April 28, 2004, at his home.

Memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Monday, May 3, at the Church of the Nazarene. Champion Ferries Funeral Home of Sheridan is in charge.

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**AUG 27 2004**

Blanche V. Bailey, 90, of Billings, died Aug. 25, 2004, at St. John's Lutheran Nursing Home, in Billings.

Blanche was born and educated in Colorado. Her marriage in 1939 to Earl C. Bailey brought Blanche and her teaching talents to Billings, where she taught at Lincoln and Will James Junior High Schools.

Blanche was preceded in death by her husband; father and mother, William M. and Grace F. Tregonning Buxton; brother and sister, Bill Buxton and Betty (Mux) Richwein.

She is survived by sons, Malcolm Bailey and Harold (Susie) Bailey; daughter, LouAnn (Randall) Baril; and four grandchildren, Mackenzie Bailey of Helena, Megan and Shane Bailey of Billings, and Christy Baril of Butte.

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

Michelotti-Sawyers is in charge of arrangements.

## **Memorial service for Blanche Bailey**

**SEP 3 2004  
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Please feel welcome to join family to celebrate Blanche's life.

The memorial will be held at St. John's Lutheran Home in the Ocee Johnson Chapel at 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 3. The family wishes to extend warm thanks to the wonderful staff at St. John's.



**BLANCHE  
BAILEY**

Special gratitude to Mary Jo Michels for her generous and kind caring. Also many thanks to Blanche's dear friends, especially Gail. Cremation has taken place.

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**BAILEY** — Dorothy A., 74.  
Funeral Services will be 10  
a.m. Friday, at Dahl Funeral  
Chapel. Interment will follow  
at Sunset Hills Cemetery.  
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**BAILEY** — Dorothy A., 74,  
passed away Monday.  
Visitation will be from noon to  
7 p.m. Thursday, at Dahl  
Funeral Chapel. Funeral  
Services will be 10 a.m. Friday,  
at Dahl Funeral Chapel.  
Interment will follow at  
Sunset Hills Cemetery.(11/12)

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## **Gene Clay Bailey**

LIVINGSTON — Gene Clay Bailey, 58, of Livingston, died Sunday, Dec. 19, 2004, at Livingston Memorial Hospital, after a long battle against Multiple Sclerosis.

Cremation has taken place at Franzen-Davis Crematory in Livingston. A private memorial will take place at a later date.

*THE BIRMINGHAM GAZETTE*

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## **James Bailey**

GILLETTE, Wyo. — James "Jim" Bailey, 63, of Gillette, died Tuesday, Oct. 5, 2004, at his home.

A celebration of life and family gathering will be from 3 to 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 8, at the Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home Chapel in Gillette.

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SUN CITY, Ariz. — Margaret W. Bailey, 26-year resident of Sun City, died Dec. 21, 2003, after a prolonged and heart-rending struggle with lymphoma.

She was born on Nov. 14, 1920, in Osborne, Mont., to Christopher and Esther Weathermon. She attended school in Bridger, Mont., and began her working career in Billings. She was employed by Exxon Corp.

She married Bernard Bailey in September, 1947. They were residents in Billings, Spokane, Wash., and St. Paul, Minn., before Bernard retired, and they moved to Sun City.

Marge had a zest for life and lived it to the fullest. She was active in Sun City civic affairs, Eastern Star and the Newcomers Club.

Marge was preceded in death by Bernard in 1997.

She is survived by siblings, Lee Weathermon and Ada Eckerman of Clark, Wyo., Mark and Mary Weathermon of Witten, S.D., Cliff and Jean Leimback of Seattle, and Bruce and Christine Giest of Belfry, Mont. She was aunt and great-aunt to several, particularly Gayle (Dwight) Brunsvold, a niece who provided her with unstinted, continuous loving care during her long illness.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Jan. 15 at Willowbrook Methodist Church, 19390 N. 99 Ave., Sun City, AZ. Memorials can be made to Sezary Syndrome Research, 111 Broadway, 19th floor, New York, NY 10006, Sun Health Hospice, 12740 N. Plaza Del Rio Blvd., Peoria, AZ 95381 or a charity of choice.

## Robert Bailey

BELLINGS GAZETT

JUN 16 2004

**BUSBY** — Ota'eta vastse, translated as "Blue," Robert Bailey, 68, of Busby died suddenly Saturday, June 12, 2004, while gathering firewood for his family.

He was born Jan. 20, 1936 in Busby, a son of Charles "Boss" Yellow Robe and Alice Seminole. He was a fourth generation descendent of Chief Morning Star (Dull Knife). He grew up in the Busby area, attended local school and graduated from Freeman Academy and received his AA degree from Freeman Junior College, Freeman, S.D. He attended University of Minnesota for a brief while, later receiving his BA degree and Masters degree in education from Montana State University-Bozeman.

Mr. Bailey was an educator teaching school for several years and served as Director of Headstart, Supt. of schools for the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Schools and subsequently served as the Director of Project Morningstar at the same school. He also served as the Director Northern Cheyenne Housing Authority and the Director of the Recovery Program under the Board of health, Northern Cheyenne Tribe.

He was a member of the Northern Cheyenne Tribe and

was fluent in the Cheyenne language; he actively participated in the political realm of the Northern Cheyenne Tribe. He was currently serving as the Busby District representative and the Sergeant at Arms on the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council. Having served 16 terms on the Tribal Council, his experience enabled him to serve as the Tribal Chairman for the tribe. He shared his education and political experience with his family and friends at times when it was needed and often spoke up and wrote for the less fortunate and ensuring that their rights were preserved.

Bob enjoyed the outdoors, especially when he was hunting and fishing. He was a caring person, who looked after his family seeing that firewood was available for heating and maintained his son's sweat lodge.

He married Waneeta Schrag and to this union, two children were born; they later divorced. He married Lazona Harris and to this union one child was born; they later divorced. He married Mary Faith Eagle Feathers Bailey

and to this union two children were born.

His parents; sister, Ruth Bad Horse; three brothers, Theodore, Otis and Waldo; and adopted brother, Bob Nelson, preceded Robert in death.

Survivors include his sons Robert "RD" (Gayleen) Bailey of Busby and Keith (Barbara) Bailey of Kansas; his daughters, Kristy (Bill) Barber of South Dakota, Beverly Ruth Bailey of Billings, Ronette Bailey of Washington and Charlyn Bailey of Utah; his sisters, Martha Wolfname of Busby and Bernice Mast of Nebraska; his stepchildren, Ernest Nanez of Billings, Sam Lira of Lane Deer, Frank Two Bulls of Hardin and Mary Wolfblack of Busby; his adopted sons, Humberto (Dondi) Two Bulls and Darryl Foote; nine grandchildren; and his close companion, Esther Little Wolf; and numerous nieces and nephews. Of special consideration are the fourth generation descendants of Chief Morning Star (Dull Knife), Louise Fisher, Maretha Chartette, Carol One Bear, Dolly Hiwalker, Barbara Spang, Bob "Jose" One Bear, Phoebe Spotted Elk, Annie Brady Beatrice Small, Rose Eagle Feathers, Bernard White and Glen Eagle Feathers. Close friends include Bob and Beverly McRae, Richard Morrison, Kenneth Taylor, Fred Whitewolf,

Sr., and Fred Whitewolf, Jr.

R.D. Bailey would like to acknowledge the "Cheyenne 7" for all the support in trying to suppress the oppression that has been and still is conquering our most prized asset, the Cheyenne people. "Carry on the aggression that my dad instilled and inspired in each one of you, the Cheyenne 7 will go down in our history." Ha-Ho Baby R.D. was a vital part of Grandpa Bunny's life ever since baby R.D. came into this world on Dec. 31, 2000. Grandpa Bunny's final wish was to take care of baby R.D. and watch over him. Baby R.D. wants to say, "I love you Dad." Bob's grandsons, Shan Cole Wolfname and Baby R.D. carries on Grandpa Bunny's Cheyenne name, Ota'eta vastse proudly.

Wake services will be held 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 15, at the R.D. Bailey residence east of Busby. Funeral services will be held 2 p.m. Wednesday, June 16, at the R.D. Bailey residence. Interment will follow in the Wolfname Family Cemetery. Bullis Mortuary of Hardin has been entrusted with the arrangements.

## Florine Jane Baird

**THE BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**MAR 10 2004**

FRAZER — Florine J. Baird, 69, died Saturday, March 6, 2004, at St. Peter's Hospital in Helena, of cancer.

Memorial services will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 9, at Blue Sky Baptist Church in Frazer. Bell Mortuary of Glasgow is in charge.

# Patricia Jane Baird

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**THERMOPOLIS, Wyo.** — Patricia Jane (McGarvin) Baird, 59, of Thermopolis, went to be with her Lord, after a long battle with cancer, on June 7, 2004, at Hot Springs Memorial Hospital. She was born in Worland on May 23, 1945, to Virgil and Lola (Hulsizer) McGarvin.

She graduated from Worland High School in 1963. After high school, she attended Acme Beauty College in Billings. Pat married Allan Baird on July 28, 1964, in Golden, Colo. They lived on Gooseberry Creek and then moved to Hyattville in October of 1964. In October of 1965, they moved to Baird & Son's ranch on Cottonwood Creek, where they remained until 2001. During that time, Pat worked for several years at the Valley Co-op, Linton's Big R, Davis Lumber in Worland, and finished her career at the Hot Springs Library in Thermopolis. In 2001, they moved to outside of Thermopolis.

Pat was a Hot Springs County 4-H leader for 23 years, a member of the Hot Springs County Cowbells and worked tirelessly as a Sunday School teacher and volunteer at the First Baptist Church in Thermopolis. She loved reading and studying her Bible, listening to Christian music and being with her grandkids. Her

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hobbies included reading, sewing, crocheting, knitting and stuffed animals. She had a quick wit, dry sense of humor and was always willing to help others.

Pat is survived by her husband, Allan of Thermopolis; daughters Robbie and her husband Mark LeValley of Hotchkiss, Colo., Pam and her husband Marty Reed and Kathy and her husband Rick Groh of Thermopolis, and Amy and her husband Curt Iverson of Billings; and six grandchildren, Taylor, Charles, Christopher, Kaylee, Ross and James. She is also survived by her brother, DeWayne McGarvin of Sturgis, S.D.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one grandson.

Services will be held Friday, June 11, at 10 a.m., at the First Baptist Church in Thermopolis, Pastor Harvey Seidel officiating. Burial will follow at Riverside Cemetery in Thermopolis.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Hot Springs County Library Foundation, 344 Arapahoe, Thermopolis, WY 92443, or to the Big Horn Basin Cancer Center, Radiology/Oncology Dept. Bus, 1025 Ninth St., Cody, WY 92414.

Mortimore Funeral Home is in charge.

# Rea Susanna Baisch

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

AUG 12 2004

Rea Susanna (Baszler) Baisch, 84, Billings, a retired homemaker, died Aug. 10, 2004, of natural causes.

Cremation has taken place. Graveside services will be held 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 21, at Sunset Memorial Gardens, Bismarck, N.D.

Rea was born April 3, 1920, in Hazen, N.D., the second oldest of nine children. She attended rural schools in the Hazen area. She married Eldor Baisch on Nov. 17, 1940. They resided in Hazen and Bismarck, and also Billings.

Her hobbies were cooking and spending time with friends and family.

She is survived by two sons, Jack Baisch and his wife Linda, Rockwall, Texas, and Gary Baisch and his wife Patti, Great Falls; one son-in-law, Arnie Wetsch and his wife Sue, Billings; two sisters, Patsy Fuchs, Wahpeton, N.D., Alice Wegerle, Andover, Minn.; two brothers, Leonard Baszler, Great Falls, Barney Baszler, Beulah, N.D.; seven grandchil-



**REA  
BAISCH**

dren; and nine great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband Eldor; a son, Robert; a daughter Carolynn; her parents; two brothers and two sisters.

Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary, Billings, has charge of arrangements.

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**ABSAROKEE** — Frances Anne West Baken was born in Houston, July 12, 1929. The Lord took her home July 20, 2004, after a very intense struggle with a rare form of Parkinson's (CBGD). The last year has been unbelievable to all those who have known Anne. Such a dread-

ful deterioration of such a wonderful person is so hard to understand. She has been surrounded by her family and friends as she and Al called upon Home Health Care



**FRANCES  
BAKEN**

and then Hospice to keep her comfortable at home. We all thank God for the dedicated care of the nurses, caregivers and volunteers. Though Anne was not able to speak, she knew very well that her loved ones were there. We all are relieved that she has finally received the peace that passeth all understanding.

Anne is survived by her husband of 56 years, Alfred James Baken of Absarokee. Survivors are her children, Jeffrey Frank Baken (Leslie) of Ketchikan, Alaska, James Alfred Baken (Christie) of Billings, John Craig Baken (Mary Beth) of St. Louis, Jill Blythe Baken Adams (Phil) of

Absarokee; sister, Sarah West Johnson (Don) of Absarokee; grandchildren, Jessica and Jacob Baken, both serving in the military in San Diego, Rebecca, Joseph and Jamison Baken of Billings, Gus and Clyde Baken of St. Louis, and Molly and Tanner O'Pelt of Absarokee; nieces and nephews, Majel Dominguez, Carol Trees (Rich), Gary Schroder, Sara Louise West, John A. West (Suzanne), Anne Day Morris (Dennis), Russell West Day (Laurie), Nancy Day Sadvar (Rich). All of the children of these nieces and nephews that knew Anne as Auntie Anne and later as Granny Annie. She was so loved by all. Anne's mother and father, Harriett and Ike West, preceded her in death, as did her brother, William Frank West of Dallas.

Anne grew up in Houston and graduated from Midland High School in 1946. After attending Stephens College, she fell in love with Al Baken, who was her brother's roommate at Stanford University. They were married



after a whirlwind courtship, Dec. 23, 1948. Al was an Absarokee boy and they bought a small ranch between Absarokee and Roscoe and made lifelong friends with the ranchers in that area. Anne, having been a "city girl," thought the idea of living on a ranch was exciting. She could see herself sitting on the fence when they rang the dinner bell. Much to her surprise, she was the one that fixed the dinner and rang the bell. She carried water from the well and washed the separator. She was very young and was spoiled by all of the good people around her and often was simply asked to bring the butter for the picnics.

After three boys were born, Jeff, Jim and John, Al and Anne moved to Red Lodge and bought part ownership in the Ford Garage there. Baken-Judd Motors was their livelihood for about 10 years. During that time, the boys were joined by a baby sister and Dr. Ben Karas called Al with the good news, "Jill is here." Anne joined Shirley Zupan and Gray Mackay in a beginning apree-ski business. The Sitzmark was on the main street and the girls all became skiers. Many lifelong friends were made during those years in Red Lodge. Many are still there and loved greatly. It was the beginning of Anne's bridge dynasty. She and Phil Karas played partners and

Later, when Al sold the dealership to Ray Judd, Bakens came back to Absarokee at the request of the Yellowstone Bank officers for Al to take the Cashier's position in Absarokee. Anne started a Friday afternoon bridge group in Absarokee that continues to this day. Anne personally taught the game to many of the players. She was a wonderful bridge player.

Anne also worked for The Yellowstone Bank in Columbus.

After Al retired from the bank, they bought the Stillwater Lodge in Absarokee and we called it the "No Tell Motel." What fun memories we have of that. Anne was a great joke teller. Some will remember her rendition of "Mary Had a Little Lamb."

Can you tell that Auntie Sarah wrote this? I, too, have loved all of these longtime friends. What a fabulous, fun, meaningful life God has provided for Anne!

To hear from a few of her special friends, you will want to come to the celebration of her life at the Congregational Church in Absarokee on Saturday, July 24, at 1 p.m. The service will be followed by cake and coffee prepared by many more of her friends in Dorcas.

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Frances Anne  
West Baker

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The family wishes to thank all of the caregivers, and all of the friends who so lovingly drove to [illegible] to help with the speech therapy, or came to play bridge at [illegible] when she couldn't [illegible] on some cards, or [illegible] to give her [illegible] for all. Anne [illegible] you again.

Funeral services will be held by the family. [illegible] they be sent with [illegible] Sky Hospice.

**Above Baker**

**ASHLAND** — Aurelia D. Runs Above Baker, 49, of Ashland, passed away early Saturday morning, Dec. 4, 2004, at Valley Health Care Center in Billings.

She was the daughter of Mary J. Yellow Fox and George Runs Above. She was born in Crow Agency on April 11, 1955. She graduated in 1971 from St. Labre Indian School. She loved to be with her family and friends, her dogs, dancing, powwows, hand games, garage sales, movies, care rides, meeting new people and being with her grandchildren.

She is survived by her husband, Scott Baker, of 12 years; her two sons, Reno (Terri) Runs Above and William (Sara) Amende; her sisters, Estelle (Emery) Bear Comes Out, Lori Jo (James) Wick and Roberta and Barb Collins; one brother, Verdell (Shawna) Collins; her nieces, Kathy (Julio) Brady, Kendra (Coty) Prindeoff, Monika (Dennis) Wick and Mary, Brittney, Loretta and Stella; her nephews, Gary (Dona), George (Maggie) Clay and Marley, Cody, Duttonsky, Johnathan, Antonio, TJ, Colten and Dennis, Jr.; her grandchildren, Mary, Rose, Bubba, Coltel, Douglas, Shawntia, Sadie, Myria, Maurice and Elizabeth, and any of the loved ones not mentioned, you know who you are.

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She was preceded in death by her mother and father, Mary and George; five brothers, Gilbert, Anthony, Gordon Graig, Douglas and George, Jr.; stepmother Loretta; a son, Baby Runs Above; one nephew, Maurice; one niece, Chelene; and grandson Julio Jr.

Wake service will be 6 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 7. Mass of Christian Burial, Wednesday, Dec. 8, at 10 a.m., both at St. Labre Catholic Church in Ashland. Burial will be in the St. Labre Cemetery, Ashland. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Bullis Funeral Chapel, Hardin.

## **Dorothy May Baker**

**THE BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**JAN 09 2004**

**WOLF POINT — Dorothy May Baker, 75, died Jan. 7, 2004, in Wolf Point.**

**Visitation is from 1 to 8 p.m. Friday with services at 3 p.m. Saturday, both at Clayton Stevenson Memorial Chapel.**

## **Gladys Baker**

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MANDAN, N.D. — Gladys Marie Baker, 91, of Mandan, formerly of Glendive, died Sunday, Oct. 17, 2004, at Rejoice Eldercare Center in Mandan.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Oct. 22, at the Chapel of the Silvernale Silha Funeral Home in Glendive. Interment will be in the Dawson Memorial Cemetery in Glendive.

## Hugh D. Baker

WHITETAIL — Hugh D. Baker, 87, died Dec. 29, 2003, in Mesa Ariz., of a heart attack.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Zion Lutheran Church in Flaxville with burial in the Whitetail Cemetery. Waller Funeral Home in Scobey is in charge.

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**IRENE BAKER**

## Irene Baker

**HARDIN** — Irene Isabelle Baker, 103, passed away very peacefully with her family at her side on August 6, 2004, at the Big Horn County Memorial Nursing Home.

She was born November 30, 1900, in a sod house built by her dad near Lincoln, Neb., a daughter of Walter and Stella Ellis Standish. She was a direct descendent of Captain Myles Standish of the May Flower. As an infant she traveled with her family in a wagon train to the Billings and Bridger area.

Here she received her education and grew up with her three brothers and sister. While in

Bridger, Irene witnessed the death of many of her family members during the great Influenza epidemic of 1917.

One day when Irene and her brother Dell were riding on the back of their dad's wagon, he stopped to talk to a good-looking young man who was working on a nearby farm. At just 14 years old, it was love at first sight. Irene and E.H. (Ted) Baker were married two years later on February 20, 1917, at the Standish home.

Before moving from Bridger to the Lodge Grass area in 1926, the family was blessed with three beautiful daughters, Pearl, Ruby and Opal. Irene began a sales career, first with the Fuller Brush Company and later became well known throughout Big Horn County and the Crow reservation as the "Avon Lady" or, as many of her Indian friends called her in Crow, Bia ilichitchesh—"lady who smells good." She was able to buy a new car every two years with earnings. The couple retired and moved to Hardin in 1963. Ted and

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Irene were known as good dancers and loved to square dance. In later years, they belonged to square dancing clubs in both Montana and Wyoming.

Affectionately referred to as "Bobo" by family and close friends (a name given to her by her first granddaughter, Linda,) she was dearly loved and cherished by her grandchildren. She was an inspiration and a refuge in times of need and became a strong and positive influence over their lives throughout the years. Irene loved people and came to enjoy living alone in her home with her little dogs, tending her flowers, and continuing to sell Avon after her husband died in 1989. She always counted her blessings first and talked about how happy she was. She was a good person of strong moral fiber and will be dearly missed by all who were fortunate enough to know her.

She was a faithful member of the Church of the Open Bible, Eastern Star, Cowbells, and the Senior Citizens.

She was preceded in death by her husband Ted, and daughter, Ruby.

Survivors include her daughters, Opal (Clark) Stanton and Pearl (John) Kukes; four grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren and 10 great-great grandchildren.

Funeral Services will be held 2 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 10, in the Bullis Funeral Chapel. Interment will follow in the Fairview Cemetery. Bullis Mortuary of Hardin has been entrusted with the arrangements. Memorial contributions can be sent to a charity of your choice.



## **Lucille Baker**

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APACHE JUNCTION, Ariz.

— Lucille Baker, 87, formerly of Richey, Mont., died Sept. 6, 2004, in Apache Junction.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be held at a later date in Harlem, Mont.

**Robert Baker****MAY 17 2004**

GLASGOW — Robert (Bob) Baker, 71, died Monday, May 15, 2004 at Valley View Nursing Home.

Services will be 2 p.m. Wednesday, May 19, at First Lutheran Church. Interment will be at the Highland Cemetery. Bell Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

## **Vernon D. Baker**

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**JUL 6 - 2004**

**WOLF POINT —** Vernon D. Baker, 84, of Wolf Point, died Sunday, July 4, 2004, of respiratory failure.

Viewing for family and friends will be from noon to 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 7, at Clayton-Stevenson Memorial Chapel. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, July 8, at First Lutheran Church. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery.

## **June Balanga**

**THE BILLINGS GAZETTE**  
**NOV 28 2004**

**BUFFALO, Wyo. — June Balanga, 76, died Friday, Nov. 26, 2004, at the Johnson County Health Care Center.**

Visitation will be held from 1 to 9 p.m., Monday, Nov. 29, at the Adams Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral services will be held 10 a.m., Tuesday, Nov. 30, at the LDS Church, with Bishop Sean Durrant officiating. Burial will be in the Willow Grove Cemetery.

## Jon Balasek

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CHICO, Calif. — Memorial services will be held for Jon Michael Balasek, 42, of Chico, at 3 p.m. Saturday, June 5, at Grace Community Church. He died Thursday June 3, 2004, at his home, following a five-year battle with cancer.

Jon was born June 26, 1961, in Chico to Jerome and JoAnn Balasek. He graduated from Paradise High School in 1980 and from Cal State University, Chico, in 1985. Jon trained as a pilot locally and flew commuter air-lines until being hired by Flying Tigers that later became Federal Express. He flew professionally for 11-years and finished his career as a 727 captain.



**JON  
BALASEK**

On July 22, 1995, he married Kathi Ann Gerke of Columbus, Mont. The couple lived in Chico, where Jon enjoyed hunting, fishing, building, flying and being outdoors. His biggest passion was being a father to Michael, Kayla, Camille, Maddy and Jesse. He was known for his kind, gentle spirit and was loved and respected by many.

Survivors include his wife, Kathi; children, Michael, Kayla, Camille, Madison and Jesse, all of Chico; his parents, JoAnn and Jerry Balasek of Paradise; a brother and sister-in-law, Kurt and Connie Balasek of Vacaville; a sister and brother-in-law, Karen and Andy Simonds of Boise, Idaho; nieces, Alexandra and Rebecca Balasek, Kendall, Kathryn and Tessa Simonds; and his loving Montana family. His maternal grandparents, Helen and Otto Oberst, and paternal grandparents, Martha and Jerome Balasek, predeceased him.

Memorial contributions may be made to Butte Home Health Hospice or the American Cancer Society in care of Newton-Bracewell Chico Funeral Home and condolences may be sent online at [nbcfh.com](http://nbcfh.com).

# Alvin J. 'Buck' Baldry

**BALLANTINE** — Buck Baldry died Friday, Oct. 1, 2004 at his home in Ballantine. Buck was born in Opheim on July 23, 1931, to Chester and Lillian Baldry. He attended school in the Richland and Peerless area. Buck entered the U.S. Army in April 1951, serving in the Korean War in '51-'53. In 1955, Buck went to Highway Patrol School and served in the Wolf Point, Bozeman, and Billings divisions. He retired in June 1 981, as Captain in the Billings Division.

Buck was a square dance caller for 20 years in his own Buckaroo Square Dance Club, as well as clubs in the surrounding area. He took a group of square dancers to Norway in 1984 and put on performances for the people they visited.

Buck moved to his farm in Ballantine in 1976. He farmed there after his patrol retirement and drove school bus for Huntley Project Schools.

Buck married Elaine Erickson of Peerless in 1953. Four children were born to this marriage. Elaine passed away in 1996. Buck married Doris Lindsey in 1997.

Buck was preceded in death by his parents; his older brother, Arlee; and his wife, Elaine.

Buck is survived by his wife, Doris of Ballantine; children, Marcae (Garv) Nieskens of

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Scobey, Darrell (Brenda) Baldry of Colorado Springs, Colo., Dan (Tammy) Baldry of Billings, and Carla (Wally) Anguiano of Ballantine; stepchildren, John Lindsey of Huntley, and Leona (Jason) Svancara of Troy, Idaho; grandchildren, Jerod Nieskens of Scobey, Joel Nieskens of Helena, Kelly Nieskens, serving in the National Guard in Fort Polk, La., Kendra Nieskens of Great Falls, Boyd and Rhett Baldry of Colorado Springs, Allie and Jacob Baldry of Billings, Casey Anguiano of Billings, and Britney and Michele Anguiano of Ballantine; step-grandchildren are Josh (Mandy) Degele of Kalispell and Ty Svancara of Troy. Buck is also survived by one great-grandson, Peyton Nieskens of Scobey.

Survivors include brothers and sisters, Rodney (Dolores) Baldry of Billings, Helen (Marvin) Trangsrud of Scobey, Doreen (Vince) Bingham of Adrian, Ore., Joan Lekvold of Scobey, Chetty (Donna) Baldry of Scobey, Betty Baldry of Billings, Vern (Winnie) Baldry of Wolf Point, Shirley (Dallas) Williamson of Scobey, Geri (Ron) Jones of Billings, Ike (Bev) Baldry of Billings, and Brother Bede Baldry of Billings.

A memorial service will be 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 9 at the Bethlehem Congregational UCC in Worden with interment to follow at Pleasantview Cemetery in Ballantine. Cremation has taken place. Smith Downtown Chapel is assisting with arrangements.

## Erastus H. Bales

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

CODY, Wyo. — Erastus "Rass" H. Bales, 79, died Tuesday, April 27, 2004, at the West Park Long Term Care Center.

Memorial services will be 2:30 p.m. Saturday, May 1, at Ballard Funeral Home in Cody.

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**Erastus 'Rass' Bales**

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**CODY, Wyo.** — Erastus "Rass" Bales, lifetime resident of Park County, was born Feb. 15, 1925, in Cody, to James L. and Marjory Dutton Bales. He died April 27, 2004, in West Park Long Term Care Center. When Rass was born, his father was manager of the Cody Canal, later moving his family to the ranch on Carter Creek, where Rass and his brothers grew up. After attending Marquette Schools 1 and 2, he graduated from Cody High School in the class of 1943. World War II was raging and, like most of his classmates, he went to war, serving in the U.S. Navy. After his discharge, he returned to Wyoming and home.

Rass married Patricia Lynn in May 1947, in the little white "Poker" church in Cody, and they spent the next nearly 57 years ranching on the Southfork. Rass was always busy.

He loved his family, raising cattle, irrigating, putting up beautiful hay, building a straight fence, exploring, a good card game, jokes both old and new, and helping anyone in need. He detested weeds, picked many tons of rocks off the fields and never let an animal go uncared

for. Many young people learned the importance of "doing it right" from Rass, as well as an example of determination and perseverance. Rass made a difference in many lives.

Rass is survived by his wife, Pat; children Margie (Art) Thompson, Beth (Rick) Struck, Priscilla (Matt) Bell, Alan (Holly) Gorst; grandchildren Beckie (Eb) Richie, Beth (Augie) Bola, Frank Thompson, Jeremiah (Bambi) Struck, Elizabeth (Dusty) French, Elisha and Shay Bales, Carson, Anna and Grant Gorst; and great-grandsons Jep and Devon Richie; brothers Art (Shirley) and Loren (Marlene) Bales, as well as many relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his children Rebecca and Mike, brother Robert Bales and parents James and Marjory Bales.

The family would like to give special thanks to Dr. Greg McCue for his many years of kindness and care, and to Dr. Jimmie Biles for his compassion and concern.

Memorial services Saturday, May 1, at 2:30 p.m., at Ballard Funeral Home. Memorials to the Park County Humane Society or charity of choice.

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**NASHUA** — Merlin Jae Ball was born May 6, 1932, in Idaho Falls, Idaho, the second of seven children born to Elmer and Lois (Smith) Ball. In 1946, the Ball family moved to Montana, farming south of Nashua. He graduated from high school in 1950. He went to work for the Great Northern Railroad in the signal maintenance department. In 1953, he married Shirley Nybakken. In 1955, Merlin started farming for Elmer and Bernice Nybakken, and for the rest of his life, he was proud to be a food producer and he enjoyed his life as a farmer. He farmed through last year and only gave up the farm operation because of his declining health.

Merlin is survived by his wife Shirley of Nashua, Montana. Merlin and Shirley had four children. Three survive, including Jackie (Steve) Dowell of Nashua, David of Nashua, and Jim (Kerri) of Cass Lake, Minn. Diane passed away as an infant in 1956. Merlin



MERLIN BALL

was proud of his seven grandchildren and enjoyed their company. He took them with him on trips to family reunions in Idaho. He taught the kids and grandkids about farming and hunting. He is also survived by three great-grandchildren, two step-grandchildren and two step-great-grandchildren. Other survivors are three sisters, Sharon (Roy) Christiansen of Idaho Falls, Laura (Fred) Curtis of Brigham City, Utah, and Hermie Pendlbury of Blackfoot, Idaho, and numerous nieces and nephews. He is also survived by his mother-in-law, Bernice Herman, and a brother-in-law, Wayne Nybakken, a sister-in-law, Jean Ball of Boise, Idaho, and an aunt, Hermie Smith of Boise.

Merlin was on the board of directors for the Farmers Union Oil Company for over 25 years. He also served a number of years on the board for the Nashua Community Credit Union. In prior years, he was active in the Nashua Sleighers snowmobile club and the race car association.

In addition to his daughter, he was preceded in death by a granddaughter; a great-granddaughter; three brothers, Dorsel, Larry and Lewis Dean; his par-

ents and his father-in-law, Elmer Nybakken.

Merlin peacefully passed away of cancer on April 29 at the Glasgow hospital.

Services will be at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, May 4, at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Nashua, with the Rev. Marty Mock officiating. Interment will follow in Nashua City Cemetery. Bell Mortuary of Glasgow is in charge of the arrangements.

## **Shirley Ballance**

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LEWISTOWN — Shirley Jane Ballance, 80, died Friday, Oct. 1, 2004, at Central Montana Medical Center.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 3, at the Creel Funeral Home in Lewistown. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday, Oct. 4, at the Zion Lutheran Church. Cremation will follow services. Inurnment will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 5, at the Lewistown City Cemetery.

## **Zeola Banas**

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SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Zeola "Fern" Banas, 76, of Sheridan, died Thursday, Sept. 23, 2004, at her home.

Cremation has taken place in Sheridan. Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, Sept. 27, at Kane Funeral Home in Sheridan. Inurnment will follow in Sheridan Municipal Cemetery.

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## Leon A. Banks

Funeral services were held Thursday, April 22 at Greenlawn Memorial Chapel in Bakersfield, Calif., for former Powell resident, Leon A. Banks, 85, who died April 18 in California.

Mr. Banks was born on March 12, 1919, in Cowley. He worked in the agriculture business in Wyoming for many years.

He had a great passion for music. He played many different stringed instruments, focusing on the stand up base. He also played the piano and organ.

Leon enjoyed woodworking, fishing and traveling. He will be missed greatly by his family and friends and special friend Earl Jones, his partner in music.

Survivors include his wife Radine Banks of Bakersfield; daughter and son-in-law Leona and Bob Hestekind of Frenchtown, Mont.; daughter Sue Watts of Woodland, Calif.; son and daughter-in-law Roger and Carolann Banks of Bakersfield, Patti Ashby-Alexander and Dan Alexander of Bakersfield; Bill and Linda Ashby of Wyoming, Bob and Jane Ashby of Michigan and Gary and Suzanne Ashby of Florida; 14 grandchildren; 12 greatgrandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Laura; and two children, Lanny and Luanna Banks.

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Geringer recognized his many efforts with the declaration of Cal Taggart Day in Wyoming.

Survivors include his wife of 58 years, Irene, of Lovell; his son Todd and his daughter Dana; daughter-in-law Mary and son-in-law Steve; and five grandchildren, Grant, Paige and Ian Taggart, and Meghan and Laura Cranfill.

Burial will be in the Cowley Cemetery, with

arrangements by Haskell Funeral Home.

## **Bernice Muriel Bantolino**

**ROUNDUP** — Bernice Muriel Bantolino, born in Tacoma, Wash. on Oct. 27, 1926, passed away on Friday, Dec. 17, 2004, after losing her battle with cancer.

She is survived by her eight children, 18 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. Services will be held at Weir Funeral Home in Roundup at 1 p.m. Monday, Dec. 20. Donations can be made to the Rocky Mountain Cancer Center in lieu of flowers.

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# Glenn Bantz

*THE BILLINGS GAZETTE*

SUN CITY, Calif. —Glenn Bantz, 84, of Sun City, formerly of Sheridan County, Mont., died Saturday, July 10, 2004, at his home.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, July 15, at Fulkerson Funeral Home Memorial Chapel in Plentywood, Mont., with burial in Outlook Cemetery.

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GILLETTE, Wyo. — Philip Merrill "PJ" Bard, Jr., 26, of Gillette, died Monday, Aug. 9, 2004, at the Wyoming Medical Center in Casper, due to injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 12, at the Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home Chapel in Gillette. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Aug. 13, at the Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home Chapel. Interment will follow at the Mount Pisgah Cemetery in Gillette.

**RED LODGE —** Kate C. Baretta, 95, of Red Lodge, died peacefully on Tuesday, Oct. 19, 2004, at Beartooth Hospital & Health Center in Red Lodge. Born Kate Enrico on Jan. 14, 1909, in Red Lodge, she was the daughter of Isadora and Carolina (Perello) Enrico.

Kate was raised in Red Lodge. She worked as a bookkeeper for Montana Bank from 1961 to 1974.

Her hobbies included baking, cooking, crafts, Festival of Nations and card playing.

Kate is survived by her daughter-in-law Melanee Baretta; two grandchildren, Mark (Susan Harding) Baretta and Steve (Rita) Baretta; and two great-grandchildren, Madeline and Frank Baretta. She is preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Hiram; and two sisters, Dorothy Rockley and Margaret Smith; and her son, Edward.

Funeral Mass for Kate will be Friday, Oct. 22, at St. Agnes Catholic Church. Interment will be in the Red Lodge Cemetery immediately following the service. There will be a luncheon following the service. Arrangements are being handled through Dahl Funeral Chapel.



**KATE  
BARETTA**

## Elsie Mae Barham

Elsie Mae Barham, 72, died Friday, March 26, 2004, at St. Vincent Hospital.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, March 29, 2004, at Valley Baptist Church in Huntley.

Arrangements are by Cremation or Funeral Gallery.

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ALAMOGORDO, N.M. — Denzil Jay Barker, 69, of Alamogordo, died Sunday, April 11, 2004, in Alamogordo.

Mr. Barker was born June 15, 1934 in Bismarck, N.D., the son of John W. and Vivian Barker. The family moved to Montana in 1938 and "Denny" was raised in Glasgow and Havre. He joined the U.S. Air Force in 1952 and served four years in England and Germany. Upon his discharge in 1956, he returned to Havre and became a carpenter. He later moved to California, where he was confined to a wheelchair after being involved in an accident. In spite of his handicap, he traveled extensively throughout the United States, and for over 40 years maintained his independence. In 1974, he married Betty Simms and she preceded him in death.

Denny later moved to Camp Verde, Ariz., and in 2001, moved to Alamogordo. He is remembered for his patriotism, sense of humor and love for his dog, KC.

In addition to his wife, he was preceded in death by his parents and a nephew.

Survivors include his brother, Chris Barker of Wills Point, Texas; two sisters, Yvonne Beck and her husband Orvin of Fort Peck, Mont., and Doreen Miller of Havre; nine nieces and nephews;

and numerous grandnieces and nephews.

Cremation has taken place and no services are scheduled.

Arrangements are under the direction of Hamilton-O'Dell Funeral Home, Alamogordo.

# Joseph M. Barker

Joseph M. Barker, 57, of Billings, peacefully lost his battle with cancer on Aug. 29, 2004. Joe, a gift on his father's birthday, was born at St. Vincent's in Billings on April 7, 1947.

Joe grew up on a farm near Joliet, moved to Morrill, Neb., as a sophomore and graduated from high school in Mitchell, Neb., in 1965. He attended Rocky Mountain College, then graduated from Eastern Montana College in 1972 with a teaching degree in history and communication.

On September 2, 1967, Joe married Kristeen Keup. The couple was blessed by the birth of two treasured daughters, Bridget and Maja.

Joe chose to enlist in the Marine Corps and was called to service in September, 1967, during the Vietnam era. He served as the local Marine recruiter for many years and won many awards as the top regional recruiter. Twenty-four years of military service were devoted to the Marines and to the Army Reserve. Joe was honored to be part of a NATO war exercise at the North Pole, which allowed an opportunity to reconnect with



**JOE  
BARKER**

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family from his Swedish and Norwegian heritage, leading to a subsequent exchange of visits over the years.

Joe enjoyed sales and spent some years working with Crescent Spices out of Seattle, where he won numerous sales awards. He also sold insurance for a time.

Joe loved to fish, to be with friends and to explore the back roads of Montana. He was an avid reader, with a special love of history and geography. His love for traveling took Joe and Kristeen to Greece, Italy and England, where they were teacher-counselors for a six-week educational tour in 1972.

Joe is survived by two daughters, Bridget Barker (Robert Orser) of Tucson, Ariz., and Maja (Brett) Ballew and grandchildren, Asa and Dane, of Elma, Wash.; by his sister, Jean (Charles) Rutter and niece, Regina; and by Kristeen Keup. Surviving aunts and uncles are David (Sherry) Davidson of Joliet, Snookie Mettler of Seattle, Ella Loga of Lavina, Delores Swartz of Broadview, Faye Badgett of Broadview, Phyllis (Don) Wuertz of Lavina; Joan Jackson of Nye, Winnie Barker of Oregon, Norm (Grace) DeVoe of Billings, Faye Story of Colorado; and numerous cousins.

Joe was predeceased by his parents, Ruth and Ellis M. "Bub" Barker, a baby brother, and numerous relatives.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, 550 N. 31st St., Billings, MT, 59101 or to the charity of choice.

Family and friends may call at Michelotti-Sawyers for viewing from 2-5 p.m. on Saturday with cremation to follow.

Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. on Sunday at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary.

Joe, you will be greatly missed.  
Happy Trails.

# Joshua James Barker

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HELENA — Joshua James Barker, 23, of Helena, died Saturday morning, March 27, 2004, from severe head and chest injuries as a result of an automobile accident.

Visitation will begin at 9 a.m. Tuesday, March 30, at the Retz Funeral Home Chapel, with a wake service at 6 p.m. Visitation will begin at 1 p.m. Wednesday, March 31, at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary in Billings, with a vigil service at 7 p.m. Mass of Christian burial will be at 10 a.m. on Thursday, April 1, at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church in Pryor. The burial will follow in the Barker Family Cemetery.

Joshua was born in Billings on Dec. 1, 1980. He was raised on the family ranch just five miles south of Pryor. He attended grade school at St. Charles Catholic School and graduated from Fromberg High School in 1999.

During high school, Josh was a strong athlete, leading both the Varsity basketball team and the Track & Field team all four years. While in high school, he worked for the Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks at Chief Plenty Coups State Park in Pryor. Upon graduating from high school, Josh started working on the petroleum pipeline for Teal Construction. In early 2000, Josh moved to Helena and began working in the telecommunications industry for



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Kocky Mountain Contractors, Inc. He began as a grounds man and with great integrity, worked his way up in the company, becoming an accomplished operator. Josh loved the work that he did and was very well respected in his field and admired by all those he worked with.

Josh was a true outdoorsman and could be found on any given day ready to cast a reel. He loved fishing, hunting, snowmobiling, boating, camping and racing. His true love was fixing up his truck. Whether it was modifying the engine or polish-ing the body, Josh always took great pride in his vehicle.

Josh was at his best when he was spending time with family and friends, whether it was at the ranch, on the lake or fishing the river. He was a true gentleman and loved by everyone he touched. He will be forever missed and never forgotten.

Josh is survived by his parents, Jack and Barbara (Stovall) Barker of Pryor; four brothers, Matthew (Charmaine) Barker of Helena, Adam (Becky) Barker of Pryor, Joe (Vanessa) Barker of Fromberg,

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David Barker of Edgar, and one sister, Anna Marie Barker of Pryor; six nieces and nephews, Cassandra and Alexander Barker of Helena, Mindy and Eugene Barker of Pryor, and Triston and Angel Barker of Fromberg. He is also survived by his grandmother Elizabeth Stovall and numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Josh was preceded in death by his grandparents, Robert T. Barker and Edith E. Barker Scheck and Orville Stovall Jr.

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## **Chas R. Barnes**

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LACEY, Wash. — Chas R. Barnes, 84, of Lacey, formerly of Billings, died Tuesday, Jan. 20, 2004.

Military service by VFW American Legion has been held. Funeral Alternatives of Washington was in charge.

## **Max Barnes**

**THE BILLINGS GAZETTE**

GLASGOW — Max Barnes, 72, died Wednesday, July 14, 2004, at Deaconess Billings Clinic.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, July 17, at First Lutheran Church in Glasgow. Interment will be in Highland Cemetery in Glasgow. Bell Mortuary of Glasgow is in charge.

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**William D. 'Bill' Barnes** *THE BILLINGS GAZETTE*

GREAT FALLS — Lt. Col. Williams D. "Bill" Barnes, 85, died Friday, July 9, 2004, in Billings.

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Memorial services will be held 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, July 13, at Croxford and Sons. Visitation will be 7-8 p.m., Monday, July 12.

## David Barnett

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GILLETTE, Wyo. — David "Buster" Barnett, 78, died Thursday, Oct. 28 2004, at the Campbell County Memorial Hospital of heart complications.

Visitation will be from 1 to 5 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 31, at the Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral services will be 10 a.m., Monday, Nov. 1, with Pastor Steve Carnahan of the United Pentecostal Church officiating. Interment will follow at the Mount Pisgah Cemetery with military honors provided by American Legion Post # 42

# **Nancy M. Barnett**

**THE BILLINGS GAZETTE**

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GLASGOW — Nancy M. Barnett, 46, died Wednesday, Jan. 28, 2004, at the ranch 50 miles southwest of Hinsdale, of accidental carbon monoxide poisoning.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 3, at the Hinsdale Legion Hall in Hinsdale. Burial will be on the family ranch. Bell Mortuary of Glasgow is in charge.

# Brenda Lee (Schmidt) Barney

LEWISTOWN — Brenda Lee (Schmidt) Barney, 43, of Lewistown, passed on to be with her loving heavenly father and Savior Jesus Christ on Monday evening, Aug. 30, 2004, south of Lewistown on Red Hill Road of injuries sustained in a one-vehicle rollover. She was born Oct. 2, 1960, in Lewistown, the daughter of Lavern and Nancy (Halverson) Schmidt.

In 1966 her family, including sisters Patricia Ann and Tracy Lynn, moved to Richland Center, Wis., and resided there on a dairy farm. In her adolescent years Brenda was active in 4-H, speech and drama, and her passion was writing poetry. She attended elementary and high school in Richland Center and one year at Richland Center Community College. She then went on to Whitewater University in Whitewater, Wis.

In 1979 she and her family returned to Lewistown, and she attended Eastern Montana College in Billings in 1980. She lived in Lewistown in 1981 and 1982 where she met and married Jack Barney on Aug. 7, 1982.

Brenda and Jack enjoyed time on their family ranch, hunting, floating the creek and many family get-togethers.

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In December of 1984, Brenda and Jack rejoiced in the birth of their first-born daughter, Laura Lee. Brenda's dedication to her daughter and her commitment to her family resulted in her establishment of a home-based day-care service. In August of 1988 Brenda and Jack were again blessed by God with the birth of their second daughter, Julie Ann. Brenda supported her family by spending the majority of her time at home. She worked at the L & R Closet and home health care. Her desire to care and serve others and her love for the elderly brought her to Central Montana Skilled Nursing Center as a Certified Nursing Assistant. She was attending MSU-Northern in Lewistown, working on her nursing degree at the time of her death.

Brenda loved life, family, home and God. Her sweet spirit attracted many friends. She was happiest baking cookies and painting her kitchen.

Brenda and Jack divorced in 2004.

Brenda is survived by her two daughters, Laura Lee attending MSU in Bozeman and Julie Ann in Lewistown; parents, Lavern and Nancy Schmidt of Lewistown; sister, Patricia Ann



Daughenbaugh of East Helena; sister and brother-in-law, Tracy and David Kilsey of East Helena; maternal grandmother, Mamie Lane of Lewistown; nieces, Jenny and Debbie Daughenbaugh of East Helena; nephews, Ben and Jesse Hoffmann of Helena and numerous uncles, cousins and many friends.

Brenda enjoyed this last summer remodeling her house and spending time outdoors with her good friend Eric Ritter of Winnett.

Memorial services for Brenda L. Barney will be Saturday at 2 p.m. in her back yard at 608 Erie St. in Lewistown. At her request, cremation has taken place. The Cloyd Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Friends are asked to make memorials to the Lewistown Chapter of NAMI or the charity of their choice and they may be left at the Cloyd Funeral Home.

## **Brenda Barney**

LEWISTOWN — Services for Brenda L. (Schmidt) Barney, 43, will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in Frank Day Park. Cloyd Funeral Home is in charge.

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**SEP 4 2004**  
**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

# Shirley Mae (Breitenfeldt) Barrow

SEP 28 2004

BILLINGS GAZETTE

TRAIL, British Columbia, Canada — Shirley Mae (Breitenfeldt) Barrow, retired, died at the Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital in Trail on Sept. 22, 2004, at the age of 74. She was cremated with her cowboy boots and hiking boots, and the ashes will be distributed in Montana and British Columbia.



**SHIRLEY  
BARROW**

Shirley is survived by her sister Beverly (Charles) Deshaw of Billings; her three children, Deyanne (Edward) Davies and granddaughter Mariah of Rossland, BC; Dennis (Joan) Barrow and grandchildren Sean Ryan, Tyra, Michael and Denise of Columbia Falls, Mont.; and Curtis (Leslee) Barrow and granddaughters Kirsten and Caitlin of Great Falls, Mont.; numerous cousins; and many friends from coast to coast in both countries, as well as those trout in Montana and BC she had not yet caught.

Shirley was born May 25, 1930, in Wibaux, Mont. Her parents were Ervin and Miriam Breitenfeldt, deceased. She grew

up on a farm and attended the Baird School and the Wibaux County Grade and High School. She was married in May 1948. She resided in Wibaux, Fromberg, Missoula, Whitefish and Martin City, Mont., before immigrating to Rossland, BC, in 1990. Some of her favorite pastimes, activities and employments were fishing, milking cows, breaking and riding horses, training Hereford bulls for the show ring, buckraking hay, killing rattlesnakes, riding trail bikes, fishing, playing pool and snooker, hunting rabbits, prairie dogs, elk, deer, pheasants and hunting coyotes on land and from a homemade airplane, pumping gas, meat cutting, reading, writing, Cub and Boy Scout and Campfire Girl activities, skiing, winning pool trophies, reservations assistant, marketing director, backpacking outfitter, camping, hiking, fishing, canning fish and cribbage. She was the first licensed backpacking outfitter in the State of Montana. After 1990, she took up snooker, and medaled several times at the BC Senior Games, receiving two Gold Medals for Snooker in the Senior Games for all of Canada. One of the gold medals was won in Regina, Saskatchewan, and the other in Medicine Hat, Alberta. She also enjoyed woodworking,

shuffleboard, bocce, birding and was a discriminating garage saler. In 1998, she went downhill to a new home in Trail due to 24 feet of snowfall that winter. In the next 20 years, she had planned to play golf, curling and more snooker. She left pool cues to each of her eight grandchildren, and told them not to brag to people how good they were, but to show them. She expressed appreciation for all of the many prayers and memories sent to her by her many friends in her last days.

Thank you to Doctors Scully, Scotland O'Flanagan and Dala Lana.

A celebration memorial service will be held at the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch #11, Trail on Saturday, Oct. 2, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the donor's choice and would be appreciated by the family.

Funeral arrangements are under the care of Carberry's Funeral Home (250-364-1211). Anyone wishing to e-mail condolences to the family may do so care of Susan Slocum at carberrys@sci-us.com.



**GENE BARSNESS**

## **Gene Maurice Barsness**

**LAUREL** — Gene Maurice Barsness, 85, of Laurel, passed away Tuesday, Nov. 2, 2004, surrounded by his family.

He was born April 22, 1919, in Homestead, at his grandparents' farm, a son of Maurice and Irene Barsness. He graduated from Medicine Lake High School in 1937 and the University of Montana School of Pharmacy at Missoula in 1943.

Gene and Louise Lepper eloped to the "little white church" in Malta on June 7, 1941, and shared 61 wonderful years together. She preceded him in death March of 2002.

Gene served in the Army during WWII, entering as a buck private, and was honorably discharged as a First Lieutenant in 1946. After the war, he worked as a pharmacist in Choteau and Billings, before purchasing Gardner Drug in Laurel in 1952, renaming it Gene's Pharmacy. He owned and operated the pharmacy until 1982, when it was sold to

John and Sedly Barsness. He received a special recognition for being a registered pharmacist for 50 years in the state of Montana. Prior to becoming a pharmacist, Gene had a variety of jobs. He was a short order cook and a typist of plays for the drama department in Missoula, and a truck driver at Fort Peck Dam.

He was the past president of the Billings Optimist Club, the past president of the Laurel Chamber of Commerce and the past president of the Montana State Pharmaceutical Association. Gene also had a pilot's license and enjoyed flying in his younger years.

He was a very honorable, fair man who had a profound love for his family. He was an avid sports fan, a voracious reader and loved to travel. Gene not only appreciated a good joke, but could tell one as well.

He is survived by his daughters, Nan (George) Rice of Bozeman, Kay (Roger) Deane of Fairfield, Calif.; his sons John (Sedly) Barsness of Laurel, Craig (Lynette) Barsness of Cody, Wyo.; and his brother, Dick (Clarabell)

Barsness, also of Cody. He had eight grandchildren: Kim Hohenstein, Kacia Fredericks (Steve Johnston), Tahnee (Derrek) Hartman, Shauna (Jim) Knutson, Brigg Barsness, Christy (Seth) Henson, Derek Barsness, Katie Barsness; and six great-grandchildren: Bailey, Jordann and Kylee Johnston, Canyon and Kiah Hohenstein, and Burr Hartman.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 6, at Smith Funeral Chapel in Laurel, with inurnment in the Laurel Cemetery following the memorial service.

## **John Henry Bartells**

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NOV 27 2004

**BOZEMAN** — John Henry Bartells, 79, of Bozeman, died Saturday, Nov. 27, 2004, at his home.

A graveside committal will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 2, at Mountain View Cemetery in Livingston. Franzen-Davis Funeral Home of Livingston is in charge.

## William R. Barth, Sr.

William R. Barth, Sr., age 72, formerly of Bismarck, N.D., died Jan. 17, 2004, at Deaconess Billings Clinic. Memorial services will be held Wednesday at St. Patrick's Co-Cathedral at noon. There will be a reception in the church immediately following the service. Burial will be Friday in Mandan, N.D.

Bill was born June 10, 1931 in Solen, N.D., the son of George and Caroline (Wetch) Barth. He attended school in Solen and Williston, N.D. After high school, he served in the Air Force during the Korean War.

He married Pauline Stumpf on Nov. 19, 1955, at Bismarck. After their marriage Bill and Polly lived in Bismarck until 1981, with the exception of several years spent in Great Falls, Mont., and Wisconsin. He received a law degree from LaSalle University. He worked for Chrysler Corporation for many years and later was a land man for North American Coal Corp. In 1981, they moved to Casper, Wyo., and then to Billings in 1982. Throughout the following years he worked in real



**BILL  
BARTH SR.**

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estate in Montana, Utah and Nevada. Although he worked in real estate, he never lost his love for the automobile industry. At the time of his death he was employed at Big Sky Auto Auction.

He is survived by three sons, William Jr. (Kay) of Bismarck, Robert (Jennifer) of Bend, Ore., Jeff (Debbi) of Billings; nine grandchildren, Ryan, Jason, Holly, Travis and Stacy of Bismarck, Eric and Anna of Bend and Chelsey and Bradley of Billings; one sister, Betty Amsbaugh of Rapid City, S.D.; one brother, Ed of Reno, Nev. He was preceded in death by the love of his life, Polly; his parents; one sister, Ruby, and one brother Al.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, 550 N. 31st St., Billings, MT 59101.



# Alice Bartlett

SEE BIRTHDAY

CODY, Wyo. — Alice Bartlett, 84, died Tuesday, March 2, 2004, at the West Park Long Term Care Center in Cody.

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Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 9, at Ballard Funeral Home in Cody.

## **Lloyd E. Bartlett**

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DEC 16 2004

CODY, Wyo. — Lloyd E. Bartlett, 82, died Tuesday, Dec. 14, 2004, at the West Park Long Term Care Center in Cody.

A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 17, at the Ballard Funeral Home in Cody. Interment of cremains will be in Riverside Cemetery.

## Jarl Bartnes

**WESTBY** — Funeral services for Jarl Bartnes will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 4. Pastor Barbara Westhoff will officiate at the service at St. John's Lutheran Church; interment will be in St. John's Cemetery. Jarl, 82, died at Sheridan Memorial Hospital in Plentywood early Sunday morning, Aug. 1, 2004. He had been hospitalized since he suffered a broken hip at his Westby home on Sunday, July 25.

Jarl was born April 4, 1922, to parents Severin and Jordis (Olson) Bartnes.

He attended school at McElroy and was confirmed at St. John's Lutheran church of rural Westby. Jarl farmed his father's homestead all his life. In the early 1940s, Jarl learned to fly an airplane. In 1945, he married Violet Westrup from Comertown. Together, they ran the family farm and from 1969 to 1985, owned the Crystal Bar in Westby. They also managed the Conoco-Gamble store for about six years. He also worked as an independent trucker, hauling cattle all over the country for many years.

Always busy, Jarl was in his element when he was visiting with anyone, whether in the store, in the Crystal, or just on the street — strangers were old friends within minutes — and he loved fishing and gardening. He loved the land, and was happiest when he was

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able to do his own farm work with his Versatile tractor, which he kept ready to go, even after he retired from active farming. For the last 20 years, he and Violet were snow-birds, going to Apache Junction in Arizona. Jarl was always anxious to head south before the cold Montana winter started. His "signature" was his ball cap, turned slightly to the left on his forehead.

Jarl is survived by his wife, Violet; and by four children and their families: sons Normand and Lani, of Westby, Gary and Linda, of Plentywood, and Steve and Jeanne, on the family farm at Westby; and by a daughter, Susan Bowman and her husband Mike, of Plentywood; and by a daughter-in-law, Mary Bartnes, of Williston, N.D. He is also survived by 15 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and a nephew, Stanley Bartnes. He was also preceded in death by his brother, Art, whose ex-wife, Shirlene Butler and daughters, Loretta Krantz and Norma Ann Rogers, all live, in Oregon.

Fulkerson Funeral Home of Plentywood has charge of arrangements.

**Albert Bartow****JUN 22 2004**

**GILLETTE, Wyo.** — Albert Bartow, 76, of Gillette, died June 21, 2004, at the Wyoming Medical Center in Casper.

Visitation will be from 3 to 7 p.m. Thursday, June 24, at the Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home in Gillette. Funeral liturgy will be at 10 a.m. Friday, June 25, at the St. Matthews Catholic Church in Gillette. Interment will follow at the Black Hills National Cemetery in Sturgis, S.D.

MAR 30 2004

Carol J. Bartsch was born Nov. 14, 1919, in Polson, overlooking Flathead Lake, and then spent her last two years in the state she loved. Carol was the daughter of Leonard and Persis Brusletten. As a toddler, she moved to Spring Grove, Minn., where she lived her childhood years before moving to Minneapolis and graduating from the Minnesota School of Business. She then worked at General Mills for the vice-president who developed Cheerios.



**CAROL  
BARTSCH**

Carol married Carl Bartsch on Sept. 4, 1942, in Spring Grove. While he was in the Armed Services during World War II, they moved to several places around the country and Carol was a volunteer for the Red Cross. After moving to the Twin Cities in Minnesota, she stayed home to raise her four children. In 1966, she began work for Minnetoka Public Schools, where she worked as a secretary for the Special Services until her retirement.

During her life in Minnetoka, she was very active in volunteer work for Martin Luther Manor, as well as being involved in many

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hobby groups and church organizations. She and Carl were members of Grace Lutheran Church before later joining Minnetoka Lutheran Church. Carol was a member of the Sons of Norway and loved knitting beautiful Norwegian sweaters. She was an accomplished pianist as well as a competitive bridge and cribbage player. She also loved planting Perkins & Jackson test rose plants as well as family camping with life-long friends, Oog and Gracie Stonewall and Jo and Bob Heistand.

Carol is survived by her sons David (Mary) of Rapid City, S.D., Richard (JoAnn) of Billings, Paul (Kelly) of Milwaukee, and one daughter, Barbara Quest of Half Moon Bay, Calif. She also has eight grandsons, four granddaughters, one great-granddaughter and one great-grandson.

She was preceded in death by her husband Carl, her parents and brothers Orville and Glenn.

A gathering of friends and family will be held from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 30, at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary in Billings. A memorial service will be held in remembrance of Carol at the Westpark Village Senior Residence at 3 p.m. on Thursday, April 1. Memorials can be sent to Big Sky Hospice, PO Box 35033, Billings, MT 59107.

**Bass****NOV 17 2004**

Rose J. Bass, 80, died on Sunday, Nov. 14, 2004, at St. Vincent Healthcare in Billings.

Rose was born the daughter of Ole Julius and Emma (Martinson) Eliason, Feb. 29, 1924, on the family homestead in Coulee, N.D. She was raised on the family farm, graduating from



**ROSE  
BASS**

high school in nearby Kenmare, N.D. Rose went on to graduate from Minot State Teacher's College and taught kindergarten and elementary school throughout her life in North Dakota, Montana, Nevada and California.

On April 29, 1945, Rose was united in marriage to LaVerne Fred Bass at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church near Kenmare. They initially lived in Astoria, Ore., where Vern was a naval aviation instructor and Rose worked as a secretary. After Vern's discharge, they owned and operated their own Coast to Coast store in Kenmare for seven years. Their three sons were born in Kenmare and their daughter was born shortly thereafter in Williston, N.D. While in Williston, Rose worked as a substitute teacher and assisted in her husband's

businesses. In Glasgow, she operated her own kindergarten in the family home. Rose also managed the family's rental properties in Montana and North Dakota.

Vern worked in government service and Rose accompanied him to Europe during that time. The family traveled extensively throughout all of Europe for five years. Following their adventures, Vern retired in Elizabethtown, Ky. During those 22 years Rose purchased and managed many rental properties there. Also during this period, Rose took on the responsibility of raising her grandson, Tony. She continued to be involved in many activities in her church, as a member of the Homemaker's Club and in her sorority.

Rose's life was centered on her faith in Jesus Christ and raising her family in the Lutheran faith and its traditions. Rose loved her four children; seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. She was a beloved wife and mother.

Rose is survived by sons, LaVerne F. (Cheryl) Bass Jr., Thomas P. Bass, both of Billings,

and Bruce J. (Meredith) Bass of Richmond, Va.; daughter Nancy Rosé Eaton of Las Vegas; and two sisters, Eleanor Lehne of Bismarck, N.D., and Fern Hilstad of Circle. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Vern; two brothers; two sisters and three infant brothers.

Funeral services for Rose will be 1 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 18, at Peace Lutheran Church with interment in Mountview Cemetery. Visitation will be from 1 to 5 p.m. at Dahl Funeral Chapel on Wednesday, Nov. 17, and 9 to 11 a.m. Thursday.

Memorials may be made in her name to Peace Lutheran Church for Christian Education, 1301 Ave. D, Billings, MT 59102; or Meals on Wheels, 1309 16th St. West, Billings, MT 59102.



# Ruth Poore Batchen

11.4.1921 — 27.2.2004

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FEB 10 2004

Liverpool, England, native and WWII war bride Ruth Poore Batchen died Saturday, Feb. 7, 2004, at the age of 82.

Born Ruth Monica Boileau, she met Wendell Poore in London while she served in the British Women's Army and he served in the U.S. Army Air Corps. They married in Liverpool in 1945 and Ruth traveled with other war brides by Cunard ocean liner from England to New York City, and by train to Montana in spring 1946.

Ruth and Wendell settled in Cut Bank and lived there until 1949, when they moved to Billings. Over the years, they raised six children, and Ruth worked for many years in the Billings Clinic. Wendell Poore died in 1976. Ruth later married William Batchen, now deceased.

Ruth is survived by all of her children, John, Margaret and Gregory Poore; Pamela Poore Lemelin; Gerard Poore, wife Becky and their children Kelsey and Kyle; and Vincent Poore, wife Jen and their son Cameron. Ruth was a caring mother and grandmother, and will be missed by all of her children and grandchildren.

Ruth is also survived by two sisters and their husbands, Lillian and Harold Hardwick of Billings;

and Catherine and Stan Sharp of the UK.

Ruth was one of many war brides from England, Ireland, France and Australia who settled in Billings. They and their spouses have gathered over the years for many a fine celebration and rollicking party, and they were a loving and supportive circle of friends.

Ruth was an expert knitter, avid gardener and wonderful cook. Roast beef and Yorkshire pudding was a specialty, and her grandkids loved her chocolate chip and gingersnap cookies.

Recently, Ruth took part in an oral history project with the Montana Historical Society about war brides in Montana. Ruth wanted everyone to know how much she appreciated the warm welcome and many kindnesses Montanans extended to her as she learned the language and adjusted to life in America.

Memorials can be made in Ruth's name to St. Vincent De Paul or the Billings Area Catholic Education Trust (BACET.)

# Donald J Batey

OCT 7 2004

WYOMING GAZETTE

**COLSTRIP** — This kind and gentle man passed away Oct. 5, 2004, after suffering from emphysema and other related ailments.

Born to John and Harriet Batey while they lived on their homestead near Angela. He was

born in Miles City on Aug. 3, 1932. When he was 3 years old, his parents bought a ranch on the Rosebud Creek. He grew up on the ranch where, from an early age, his dad had him out



**DONALD BATEY**

on farm equipment, learning the workaday operations of a ranch.

When he and his brother Bobbie were old enough, part of their entertainment was to shoot prairie dogs and they became crack shots. He also was an excellent skater, learning on the ice of the Rosebud Creek.

Upon completion of high school, he attended one year of college at MSU. On Nov. 7, 1950, he joined the U.S. Navy. He had always wanted to be at sea, but the Navy saw otherwise and he spent three years at Moffett Field, Calif., working as an airline mechanic. Here, he began a lifelong love of flying.

On May 29, 1956, he married

Evelyn West in Bowman, N.D. In 1957, they decided to move to the ranch on Rosebud Creek. Here, they began to raise their four children. It was a busy time in their lives. In 1964, they moved to Hathaway. Their children went to the same school that Don attended. The elements caused many disasters, from hail storms to flooding, to the cold, cold winter of '64-'65. In the spring of 1969, Don started working in Colstrip, helping build the railroad from Colstrip to Peabody Coal mine. That fall, he got work at Peabody Coal mine where he worked as a catskinner for the next 30 years, retiring in 1996.

Don took great pride in doing his job to the best of his ability. He had infinite patience for detail. His many interests included woodworking, leather tooling, trap shooting, airplane flying, reading, dancing and visiting with friends and neighbors. He was great for telling stories. His mom said he started telling stories as a little boy. He repeated his Navy stories to anyone who would listen.

He was a generous man. He opened his home to many family members, including Ev's brother, Bruce, who lived with them for 10

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Forsyth; and a sister, Carol (Bud) Breeden of Friday Harbor, Wash. He leaves behind his grandchildren, Adrienne, Natalie and Kristen Rogers, Christopher and Trista Batey, Dan, Matt and Marc Batey, and Day Lynn, Josie and Ryan Batey; and great-grandson Zion Batey.

A Vigil service will be held Friday, Oct. 8, at 7 p.m., and a Funeral Mass will be at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 9, at St. Margaret Mary Church in Colstrip. Interment will be in the Colstrip Cemetery. Services are under the direction of Stevensons Funeral Home, Forsyth. In lieu of flowers memorials may be sent to: The MT Tobacco Youth Prevention Program PO Box 2020951 Helena, MT 59601.

ears. He gave time and money to help fix up a mobile home for Bruce to live in. He and Ev volunteered many hours to St. Margaret Mary church in Colstrip. He was the treasurer of the local trap club for seven years and also worked to improve the site.

He never seemed to miss ranching, but liked the country surroundings. Evelyn and Don were very sad when, due to poor health, they had to give up dancing. They traveled many miles to Polka fests and other dancing events, often taking a grandchild with them.

He loved his family, their spouses and all 11 grandchildren. He and Ev enjoyed attending all the events that his children and eventually the grandchildren were involved in. His home was a haven for the grandchildren. They spent many hours in the company of their grandparents.

After retiring in 1996, he and Ev bought a camper and were going to travel and be full time RVers, but in 1997, his health began to fail. Within six years, that dream ended and they bought a condo in Helena and sold the camper.

He is preceded in death by his parents, John and Harriet Batey. He is survived by his wife of 48 years, children, Donaleen (Jim) Rogers of Colstrip, Bill (Maureen) Batey of Helena, Justin (Amy) Batey of Colstrip and Sheldon (Jan) Batey of Livingston; his brother, Bobbie (Dorle) Batey of

## James Batman

OCT 15 2004

Garrett's GAZETTE

FORT SMITH — James Batman, 55, of Fort Smith, died Tuesday, Oct. 12, 2004, near Fort Smith.

Wake services will be at 7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 17, in the Fort Smith Baptist Church. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, Oct. 18, in the Church. Interment will follow in the Fort Smith Cemetery. Bullis Mortuary of Hardin is in charge.

# James Batman

**FORT SMITH** — James "Lame Elk" Batman died suddenly in an accident Tuesday, Oct. 12, 2004, near Fort Smith, doing what he loved best, helping people.

He was born Dec. 2, 1948, in Australia, a son of James and Jane Potton Batman.

He had a long career in the Australian military and was presently a film and documentary director-producer.

James wanted to show the world the pride and honor of all Indian people. He devoted his last three years to pursuing this dream. Often spending 20 or more hours at his editing. Most all his work was done with utmost perfection, never an empty moment, whether walking his beloved dog, Garryowen "Gaz," or pulling dead animals off the road. He always had a smile and helpful hand.

James loved America and animals and his new wife of three weeks, Vera, often just calling her "V." He loved to cook, clean and fuss over her, wanting only to make her life better.



**JAMES  
BATMAN**

OCT 16 2004

**FORT SMITH GAZETTE**

Survivors include his wife, Vera of Billings; a son, Greg, of Australia; his daughters, Jennifer, Penny and Kim of Australia; stepsons, Blair and Brent Fisher of Billings; stepdaughters, Tawny Jones and Sasha Fisher of Billings; his brothers, Stewart Batman and Alex Alexander of Australia; his sisters, Robin Wirthing and Gloria Bloomfield of Australia; six grandchildren; his adopted parents, Bill and Alma Snell; an adopted sister, Faith Snell and two adopted brothers, Ted Hogan and Bill Snell, Jr.

Wake services will be held 7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 17, in the Fort Smith Baptist Church.

Funeral services will be held 10 a.m. Monday, Oct. 18, in the Church. Interment will follow in the Fort Smith Cemetery.

Bullis Mortuary of Hardin has been entrusted with the arrangements.

## Frances C. Battaglia

Frances C. Battaglia passed away peacefully on Tuesday morning, Feb. 3, 2004, at St. John's Home in Billings. Her son and daughter-in-law were with her at the time of her passing.

Frances was born on Jan. 14, 1917, in Jersey City, N.J. She was one of four children.

Frances attended school in Jersey City and during WWII, worked in the RCA plant, testing radios for the war effort.

In 1946, she married John S. Battaglia and remained happily married to him until his death in 1992. Frances and John had one son, John R. Battaglia, who lives in Billings with his wife, Vickie Christie, and their two children, Claire and Andrew. Vickie's family, Velma, Verna, Arlene and Merle, became important people in her life as she became in theirs.

Frances had a long life and she will be greatly missed by her family and many friends. She was an immensely kind and cheerful person. Although she faced some difficult health problems in her life, she met them with amazing resilience, remaining optimistic and smiling her whole life. Her friends will remember her great sense of humor and the sparkle in



**FRANCES  
BATTAGLIA**

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her eye.

In 1990, Frances and her husband left their lifelong home in New Jersey to live in Billings to be near their son's family. After her husband died in 1992, Frances lived with her son's family, moving with them to Kansas for two years and then returning with them to Billings. In 1998, she began living in the residential section of St. John's Home on Rimrock Road. After two years, she moved to the DCU wing, and just last year moved to a nursing wing. She thrived in the loving environment St. John's provided and has left many friends there.

Frances liked people very much, loved to talk and enjoyed cooking traditional Italian meals. As her family knew, eggplant Parmesan and lasagna were her specialties.

Her parents, two sisters and her infant grandson, Nicholas Battaglia, preceded Frances in death.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial mass will be held at St. Pius X Church at 717 18th St. West, at 11 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 6. Interment will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens, followed by a luncheon at St. Pius X Church.

# Nelson 'Bob' Battenschlag, Sr.

RELIANCE GAZETTE

MAY 12 2004

Nelson "Bob" Battenschlag, Sr., husband, father, grandfather and friend, passed peacefully from this life May 10, 2004.

Bob was son of Nelson Lohn and Gladys Harrison Battenschlag, born April 10, 1918, in Lincoln, Neb. Bob was raised in Casper, Wyo.,

and graduated from Natrona County High School in 1936.

He loved all sports, with golf being his favorite! His greatest times were golfing and caddying for people at the Casper Country Club.



**BOB  
BATTENSCHLAG**

Bob went to the University of Alabama to study pre-medicine to become a dentist. He was drafted into the Army in 1940 for World War II. He served 5-1/2 years for his country as a 1st Sergeant. He spent most of his time in France and Germany. He led troops at the invasion of Omaha Beach in Normandy, France. He received many medals of honor and good conduct medals.

Bob met the love of his life, Norma Cohee, in Casper, Wyo.

They were married Feb. 3, 1950. They lived in Terre Haute, Ind., and Denver, before making Worland, Wyo., their home in July 1954. Bob started working for Pure Oil Company and then Union Oil Company for 28 years. He had many different responsibilities, but mainly Chemical Lab Analysis. Norma transferred into Worland's Mountain Bell telephone company.

Bob will be remembered as a good husband, a supportive father and a true friend devoted to his family. He loved to golf and fish for many years. He was always helping his children Connie and Rob with all of their activities. He supported and loved his wife Norma very much.

His parents, Nelson and Gladys, some aunts and uncles have predeceased him.

Bob is survived by his wife of 54 years, Norma; daughter Connie Phenicie, husband Bill and grandchild Billy; son Rob Battenschlag, wife Lucinda, Bear and Daisy; sisters-in-law, Joan Orr, Veva Lowe and Barbra Gerdorn; brother-in-law Lloyd

Cohee; all the nephews, nieces  
and cousins from the  
Battenschlag, Gerdorn, Cohee,  
Lowe and Orr family.

Bob's wonderful sense of  
humor, generosity, loyalty, words  
of wisdom will be missed by all  
his family and friends.

God made a wonderful Father,  
And He gave that great Father  
to me!

Goodbye, Dad, you are the  
best!

Funeral services will be  
Friday, May 14, at 11 am., at St.  
Alban's Episcopal Church in  
Worland. There will be a lunch  
that follows the service.



JAN 24 2004

Neil Bauer, 49, died Wednesday, Jan. 21, 2004. He was born June 29, 1954, in McLaughlin, S.D., to Alvin and Viola (Link) Bauer. The family moved to Billings in 1964, and Neil graduated from Senior High School in 1972. He worked as a chef in various Billings restaurants.

Neil is survived by brothers, Garry (Karen) Bauer, Wayne (Marilyn) Bauer, Randy Bauer and Kenneth (Linda) Bauer; sisters, Delaine (Erwin) Lang, Kathryn Eastman and Debra Spadt; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Neil is preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Wallace, Vernon and Rory; and one sister, Zelda Boyles.

Memorial services for Neil will be 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Dahl Funeral Chapel. His ashes will be buried in his mother's grave in Mountview Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to the Boys and Girls Club, 505 Orchard Lane, Billings, 59101.

## Clara E. Baum

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

FEB 15 2004

Clara E. (Aukshun) Baum, 89, passed away Friday morning, Feb. 13, 2004, at her home in Billings.

Clara was born in Wentworth, S.D., on March 17, 1914, to Martha (Klostreich) and Frank Aukshun. In 1919, along with her parents and grandparents, they moved to Cleveland, S.D., where she received her education.

In 1928, Clara and her family moved to the Huntley Project and in 1937, she married Jake Baum. Mr. Baum died on Oct. 8, 1945, and Clara moved to Billings. She retired from Deaconess Hospital in 1976. She was a member of the Pilgrim Congregational Church for over 50 years.

Survivors included three children, Don (Janet) Baum, Arlene Kruger and Duane (Pat) Baum; nine grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; a brother, Bob (Eleanor) Aukshun; and a sister-in-law, Eula Aukshun. She was preceded in death by her parents; a brother; a sister; her daughter, Ruth Vaughn and a son-in-law, Bill Kruger.

Visitations will begin at Smith Downtown Chapel on Monday evening. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, February 18, at the Smith Downtown Chapel with interment to follow at the Pleasantview Cemetery in Ballantine. Memorials are suggested to Big Sky Hospice or the Senior Helping Hands.

# Gary Lynn 'Buck' Baumgardner

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COLUMBUS — Gary Lynn "Buck" Baumgardner, 61, of Columbus, left this world on Oct. 6, 2004, while riding his beloved motorcycle.

He was born in Scottsbluff, Neb., on Feb. 9, 1943. He was raised in Torrington, Wyo., and graduated from Torrington High School in 1961. Immediately after graduation, he

went on to proudly serve in the U.S. Marine Corp. until 1966. He lived in various cities across the nation while working for IBM for 30 years.



GARY  
BAUMGARDNER

After retiring from IBM, he fulfilled a childhood dream of being a semi-truck driver for the past several years.

He is survived by his wife, Gayle "BB," of Columbus; his daughter, Cheri Lavoie of Silverton, Ore.; and his sister, Linda Marincic of Cheyenne, Wyo.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Lillian Baumgardner of Cheyenne, Wyo., and his father, Gene Baumgardner of Wausau, Wis.

Memorial services to celebrate his life will be held at the Evangelical Church in Columbus, Saturday, Oct. 9 at 12 noon.

Cremation has taken place. Smith Funeral Chapel-Laurel is in charge of arrangements.

**RUTH I. (BUTLER)  
Baumgartner**

**THE BILLINGS GAZETTE**

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LIVINGSTON — Ruth T. (Butler) Baumgartner, 86, of Livingston, went home to the Lord on Nov. 16, 2004.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 4. It will be located at Grace United Methodist Church, on Ninth and Clark Streets in Livingston, with the Rev. Lyndon Kacick officiating.

Ruth was born May 10, 1918, in Glendive, daughter of Bert and Bertha Butler. She attended Dawson County High School class of 1936. She graduated Normal School in Billings, with a degree in education in 1938. She then taught in a local country school for one semester.

While roller-skating with friends in Billings, she met Matt Baumgartner, manager of the rink. Shortly thereafter, they fell in love and were married on Jan. 8, 1939. Matt began working for Northern Pacific Railroad. They moved to Glendive in 1942, Livingston in 1958, Helena in 1961, and back to Livingston in 1963, where they lived for the next 41 years.

In Livingston, Ruth was a member of the local Methodist church and there presided over the women's groups from 1965 to 1967. From 1967 to 1977, she worked for Lee's Accounting. She was also an active member of the Saddle Club, Friday Night Dance Club, Good Sam's RV Club and Senior

Citizen Center. One of our most cherished memories of our Nana and Papa (Ruth and Matt) is their love for square dancing. From 1955 to 1998, they danced at numerous locations across the U.S. from Alaska to Texas, California to Connecticut. Ruth's most beloved activity was being with her family.

She and Matt had three daughters, Juanita (who passed away in 1967), Nancy (Smith) and Mary Jayne (Brown). After Matt's death in 2000, she enjoyed traveling to her daughters' and grandchildren's homes and doing crafts. One of her last great joys was joining all the family at Mary Jayne's wedding. She spent her final days surrounded by her loved ones at her grandson's home in California.

She is survived by her daughters and sons-in-law, Nancy and Gary Smith and Mary Jayne and Mike Brown; her grandchildren, Derek (Robyn) Smith and Denes (John) Tobie; and her great-grandchildren, Tiffany, Chelsea and Natalie Smith, Maddi Peplinski and Seth Tobie. They all miss her company greatly and await a joyous reunion with Ruth and the family members who preceded her: her parents, sister, husband and daughter.

# James Edward Baustadt

MISSOULA — Jim Baustadt of Missoula passed this world of natural causes on March the 7th, 2004.

He was born to George and Mertle (Proffitt) Baustadt in Livingston on Dec. 12, 1928, and grew up in Clyde Park, where, at an early age, began his career as a cowboy.

He started breaking horses for the Army when he was 12 and shod them for 25 cents a shoe. He joined the Marines in 1945 and was honorably discharged.

Jim then resumed his cowboy career and married Jean McReynolds of Bozeman. They divorced in 1952.

By this time, Jim was quite the bronc rider and won the purse at many Montana rodeos.

Jim married Audrey Berg in 1957 and had three children, Bucko (James), Jeff and Rene'. During this time, he won all three all around cowboy titles in Montana for bareback, saddle bronc and bulls.

Jim also went professional for a short time but said there was "more fun and money in the amateur circuit."

Jim and Audrey divorced in 1970 and later he married Betty Shubert and the two of them lived in Absarokee and had many adventures together.

Jim's parents; brothers, Pete, Tommy and Bobby; sisters, Helen,

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Betty and Annalee all preceded him in death. His sister Joann (Ronnie) Gilman of Garrison survives.

His sons, Bucko (April) Baustadt, Jeff (Kim) Baustadt; and daughter Rene' (Rob) Crisler, loving companion, Donna Putnam; ex-wife Betty and too many special friends to mention, surrounded him in his passing.

Grandchildren include Jordan, Ryan, Tanesha, Tyler and Aubrey (Buck's), Whitney (Jeff's) and Hannah and Madison (Rene's).

Right up until the time of his death, Jim was very active and still had his horses, ring of close friends (especially Marty) that he often met for coffee at the Oxford every morning and family who loved him dearly. His life stories, horse sense and heartwarming smile will be missed by all that knew him. Ride 'em cowboy!

In Jim's memory, memorials may be sent to the Northern Rodeo Association, Larry Jordan Sr. Crisis Fund, PO Box 1122, Billings, MT 59103.

A memorial service will be held on Thursday, March 11, at 2 p.m., at Sunset Memorial Funeral Home. A reception will follow in the funeral home's community room.

# Ralph "Dunk" Bawden

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Ralph "Dunk" Bawden, 76, passed away on Tuesday, Nov. 30, 2004, after a courageous battle with lung cancer.

Dunk was born on Sept. 24, 1928, at his family farm in Nickwall, Mont., the son of Irvin and Mabel Bawden.

He lived many places during his childhood: from Vancouver, Wash. to Alexandria, Va. However, most of his youth was spent around Fort Peck.



**DUNK  
BAWDEN**

He attended Wolf Point High School and later moved to Glendive, where he met and married Alvina Schumacher in 1950. He led an adventurous and eventful lifestyle; from bronc riding in rodeos to stock car racing to auto polo. In 1956, he obtained a private pilot license, purchased an Piper J-3 Cub, and flew for many years. He later took up sky-diving as well.

In Glendive, he worked for the Farmers Union Central Exchange and was a volunteer fireman for seven years. In 1963, he took the District Manager position for Petrolane Gas Service in Salt Lake City. The family lived there for eight years. He was promoted to Regional Sales Manager and

moved to Billings in 1970.

After retirement, he became involved in many business and real estate investments. He enjoyed spending time with his many good friends, especially his lifelong pal Floyd Witt.

Dunk will be remembered most for his generous nature, his passion for history, his willingness to help a friend in need, and his love for a beer and a good joke.

Dunk is survived by his wife of 54 years, Alvina; his three daughters, Patricia (Greg) Zeiler of Red Lodge, Kathie (Doug) Haacke of Billings; Linda (Don) Dahnke of Bothell, Wash.; and six grandchildren, Angela (Joe) Waggener, David Zeiler, Jenna and Owen Haacke and Laura and Matthew Dahnke. He was preceded in death by his granddaughter Amanda Zeiler and his sister, June Robertson.

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Dec. 6, at Cremation or Funeral Gallery. Memorials may be made to the Big Sky Hospice or the American Cancer Society.

## Doris Jean Baxendale

NEWS GAZETTE

LOVELL, Wyo. — Doris Jean Baxendale, 73, died Friday, May 28, at St. Vincent Healthcare in Billings.

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Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Tuesday, June 1, in St. John's Lutheran Church. Interment will be the Lovell Cemetery. Haskell Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.



## **Doris Jean Baxendale**

THE POWELL  
TRIBUNE  
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Funeral services were held Tuesday, June 1 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Lovell for Doris Jean Baxendale, who died peacefully, surrounded by her family on Friday, May 28 after a lengthy battle with respiratory failure. She was 73.

She was born Aug. 28, 1930, to Adolf Doerr and Frieda (Lohrenz) Doerr in Lovell. She was raised on a farm east of Lovell, attended Lovell schools and graduated from Lovell High School in 1948.

She then attended Billings Business College. On Oct. 22, 1950, she married Gerald Dean Baxendale in Lovell.

To this union were born six children. She enjoyed staying home and raising her children. Her interests included decorating her home, creating flower gardens and maintaining family traditions.

She spent many years as a volunteer "Flower Lady," beautifying Lovell's Main Street. She was honored by the chamber of commerce as "Citizen of the Year," and also as Grand Marshall for the Rose Parade in 1999. She was also a volunteer for the Care Center, decorating the dining rooms.

She was a lifelong member of St. John's Episcopal Church.

Survivors include her husband, Gerald of Lovell; sons Scott (Pat) Baxendale, Brad (Tami) Baxendale and children Pete, Kasi and Kade, Neil Baxendale (Jodi) and children Morgan, McKay and Mandi, all of Lovell, and son Todd (Robin) Baxendale and children Kristine and Maddison of Ft. Worth, Texas; daughter Julie (Vance) Fisher and children Spencer (Jana) and Austin of Worden, Mont.; one brother, two sisters and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a son, Donald.

**LOVELL, Wyo.** — Gerald D. Baxendale died peacefully, surrounded by his family, on July 17, 2004, of a heart condition.

Gerald was born Jan. 11, 1930, to Claude W. Baxendale and Blanche E. Theobald in Strang, Neb. In 1944, his family moved to Lovell. In 1947, they purchased a farm out at Kane, which is now the site of the Baroid plant.

On Oct. 22, 1950, he married Doris Jean Doerr in the St. John's Lutheran Church in Lovell. To this union were born six children. Gerald was an electrician for the Great Western Sugar Company.

Gerald was preceded in death by his parents and one son. His wife, Doris, passed away just six short weeks ago.

He is survived by his sons, Scott (Pat), Brad (Tami) and children Pete, Kasi and Kade, Neil (Jodi) and children Morgan, McKay and Mandi, all of Lovell, Todd (Robin) and children Kristin and Maddison of Ft. Worth, Texas; and one daughter, Julie (Vance) Fisher and children Spencer (Jana) and Austin of Worden, Mont. He is also survived by one brother, William (Kathy) Baxendale of Lovell, and many nieces and nephews.

His funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, July 21, at the St. John's Lutheran Church in Lovell. Interment will follow in the Lovell Cemetery. Haskell Funeral Home of Lovell is in charge of the arrangements.

# Bertha C. Baxter

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

MAR 4 2004

FAIRVIEW — Bertha C. Baxter, 90, an educator and pianist, died March 2, 2004, in Williston, N.D., after a heart attack.

Mrs. Baxter was born Bertha Celestia Freeman in Williston, Aug. 8, 1913, to William and Celestia Brown Freeman. She was schooled in Williston, graduating with the class of 1931. Further education was attained at Eastern Oregon College — LaGrand, and Minot Normal School, where she received her Associates' Degree as well as her first teaching certificate. This was in 1933. Mrs. Baxter started her career at Twelve Mile School east of Williston and then moved to Blacktail School to the north of Williston. Her next assignment took her to the Yellowstone Valley and Beiber School. During these years, teachers were paid in script, payable if and when the state treasury had money. At this time, she met her future husband, Cecil Baxter. They were married Aug. 13, 1937. This union lasted for 59 years when Cecil passed away Aug. 26, 1996.



BERTHA C. BAXTER

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Mrs. Baxter's teaching career continued on...East Fairview, Nohly, Gossett and finally Lambert — from which she retired. When not officially working as a teacher, she could be found tutoring students and encouraging them to do their utmost. She would accept nothing less.

Schooling did not end for Mrs. Baxter. She went on to get her Bachelor's Degree at Northern Montana College - Havre in 1956 and then to the University of Montana, where she earned two Masters' Degrees in Elementary Education and Reading Specialist.

Professional and personal pursuits led to membership in several organizations. As a 70-year member of Eastern Star, she held many offices, including past Worthy Grand Matron. A life member of the National Education Association, ongoing membership in the Montana Education Association and many years of affiliation with Delta Kappa Gamma attested to her dedication to education. Also, she thoroughly enjoyed her Mensa companions. Graduations and fulfillment of long-term goals were highlights in her life.

Mrs. Baxter enjoyed travel. Her many trips included several to Alaska as well as journeying to Oregon, New Mexico, Pennsylvania and Georgia. She also visited Ontario and Minnesota. She was always looking to expand her

horizons and continue on her quest for knowledge.

Mrs. Baxter was an accomplished pianist and taught many others the joy of music. She was a devoted daughter, wife, mother and grandmother.

Preceding Mrs. Baxter in death were her parents; husband; three brothers, Elwin, Fay and Ronald; as well as several nieces and nephews.

Survivors include her children, Thelma Young of Shawmut, Colin (Mary Ann) of Anchorage, Alaska, Virginia (Joe) Fink of Fairview and Barbara Hafemann of Crane; 19 grandchildren, numerous great-grandchildren and several great-great-grandchildren. Also surviving are many nieces and nephews.

### A Wonderful Mother

God made a wonderful mother

A mother who never grows old;

He made her smile of the sunshine,

And He molded her heart of pure gold;

In her eyes He placed bright shining stars,

In her cheeks, fair roses you see;

God made a wonderful mother,

And He gave that dear mother to me.

— Pat O'Reilly

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Goodbye, Mom, you are the best.

BERTHA C.  
BAXTER

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**Bertha C. Baxter**

**WILLISTON, N.D.** — Bertha C. Baxter, 90, an educator and pianist, died March 2, 2004, at the Mercy Medical Center in Williston, after a heart attack.

Her funeral will be 11 a.m. Saturday, March 6, at the Faith United Methodist Church of Williston. The Rev. Sheldon Sorenson will officiate and interment will follow in the Riverview Cemetery.

Friends may call at the Everson Funeral Home of Williston, Friday, March 5, from 2 until 7 p.m. (CST) and Saturday at the church for the hour before the service.

# Clara Didier Baxter

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

AUG 3 2004

LEWISTOWN — Clara H. (Thielmann) Didier Baxter, 103, died Sunday, Aug. 1, 2004, at the Central Montana Skilled Nursing Center.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, Aug. 6, at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Entombment will be in Hillcrest Mausoleum in Great Falls. Creel Funeral Home of Lewistown is in charge.

At the age of 67, Shirley (Thiel) Baxter died at home with her daughter and foster granddaughter at her side, on Monday, Aug. 9, 2004. Shirley was born in Sidney on Feb. 14, 1937, the daughter of Lucy and Ray Thiel Sr.

Shirley met Willie Baxter in Sidney and they were married Aug. 3, 1953. They then moved to western Montana, where Willie worked various construction jobs. Shirley enjoyed the various places of western Montana and Idaho. Her first son, Edward, was born in Shelby in 1955. Her second son, Dale, was born in Sandpoint, Idaho, in 1957. They moved to Glasgow in 1960, where in 1962 her daughter, Deelight, was born. They then moved to Billings, where they spent the rest of their lives.

Shirley's love of family was evident throughout her life, from the raising of her three children to the constant contact with her brothers and sisters. She spent hours gazing over her flowers while planning family reunions and organizing as many family members as possible for the annual trek to Vegas.

Shirley leaves behind sons, Edward (Nancy) Baxter of Billings, Dale (JoLee) Baxter of Layton, Utah; and daughter Dee

Harper (Ron Blood) of Billings; grandchildren, Cherie (Jerry) Grow, Sandra Baxter, Bradley, Shanna and Christie Baxter; Brandon (Jamie) Schmidt, Steve Blood; great-grandchildren, Kaylee, Blake and Logan Schmidt; and many foster grandchildren.



**SHIRLEY  
BAXTER**

Shirley is also survived by brothers, Arnold, Ray Jr, and Delmer; sisters, Darlene, Janice and Barbara. Her husband Willie; parents Ray and Lucy Thiel; brothers, Chet, Stan, Gerald, Gordon; and sister Lois preceded her in death.

Visitation will be noon to 8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 12, and starting at 9 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 13. A wake service will be 6:30 p.m. Friday, at the Dahl Chapel. Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 14, at the Dahl Funeral Chapel. Interment will be 10 a.m. Monday, Aug. 16, at Mountview Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Big Sky Hospice, PO Box 35033, Billings, MT 59107 or to the charity of one's choice.



# William J. 'Bill' Baycroft

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**MAY 27 2004**

**WHITEHALL** — William J. "Bill" Baycroft, age 64, of Whitehall, passed away after a valiant battle with cancer on May 25, 2004. His passing leaves his family and friends with a great emptiness in their hearts and lives as he was known to have a great sense of humor and a caring heart.



**BILL  
BAYCROFT**

Bill was born Dec. 1, 1939, in Spokane, Wash., to Albert C. and Cleo G. Krebs Baycroft. He attended schools in Spokane and graduated from West Valley High School in 1958 and went active duty in the Navy.

Bill was a multitalented individual who learned many crafts and skills with great ease, but spent the larger part of his working career as a utility and underground utility lineman. He learned the custom automotive upholstery trade at an early age and in the latter years, relied upon that skill to earn his living and was well respected by his car show buddies. He was a skilled horseman in his younger days, but was widely known as an accomplished mechanic and an avid car/street rod builder. Those

who knew him well thought that he had motor oil in his veins. Bill could conquer any task that he set his mind to and built and remodeled numerous homes that he and his family lived in over the years.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Camilla "Millie" Livingston Baycroft, of 39-plus years. They had four children: Wesley James, who died in infancy in 1964 and became their guardian angel; Sheri Ann (John) Heavrin of Harrison; Camilla "Mari" (Richard) Bone of Spokane; and Matthew J. (Argenis) Baycroft of Stuttgart, Germany. Besides his wife and children, he is survived by his mother, Cleo Baycroft of Spokane; brother Stan (Lynn) Baycroft of Spokane; sister Carol (Jon) Paggett of Spokane; and seven grandchildren, Wes Heavrin, Harrison, Cami Alexander, Cassi Alexander and Talor Alexander-Leggett of Spokane, and Cody, Heather and Garrett Baycroft of Stuttgart; brother-in-law Ed (Faye) Livingston of Cody, Wyo.; sister-in-law Elaine (Harry) Hawley of Jefferson City; and numerous nieces and nephews and cousins.

A celebration of life will be held at Scott Funeral Home in Whitehall on May 28, at 2 p.m. Interment will be at the Calvary Cemetery in Lewistown at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials to the American Cancer Society, Hospice or a charity of your choice.

# Shirley L. Bayers

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Shirley Leone Bayers is now at home in the arms of Jesus after a long battle with Alzheimer's disease.

Shirley was born Nov. 30, 1919, to Cora and John Bayers. She spent her formative years in Lavina and the Huntley Project area. Upon moving to Billings, Shirley was married to Steve Trenka, and raised two beloved daughters. She worked in the family businesses of the City View Drive-In Theatre and the Army Navy store. Shirley continued her career with Gibsons, Job Service and the Boys and Girls Club.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her daughter, Diane Vickman; half-sister Melba Bayers; and her best friend and sister, Marjorie Trenka.

She is survived by daughter Judy Trenka; grandchildren Tracy Crabtree, Jannie Higgins (Jason), Scott Vickman, Kurt Vickman, Shannon Vickman-Hoogsteen (Dave); and two great-grandchildren, Olivia and Joe. Also surviving is sister Babe and brothers Neil and Jack.

Visitation will begin 10 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 11, at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary. Memorial services will be 1 p.m. Friday, Feb. 13, at Wicks Lane Baptist Church.

The family asks for no flowers, but that, if desired, memorials may be sent to Shirley's church, (Bethel Baptist Church, 4119 Clevenger Street, 59101) or Gideon's International (2817 Second Ave. N., 59101).

Peace to you, our sweet little Nannie!

## **Glenn Allen Bayless**

**THE BILLINGS GAZETTE**

JUL 19 2004

POWELL, Wyo. — Glenn Allen Bayless, 71, died Tuesday, July 13, 2004, at North Big Horn Hospital in Lovell.

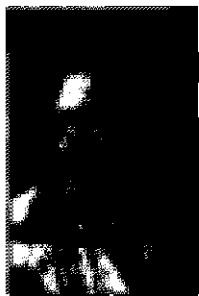
Cremation has taken place. Memorial services will be 10 a.m. Tuesday, July 20, at Haskell Funeral Home in Lovell.

THE POWELL  
 TRIBUNE  
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Glenn Allen Bayless, 72, Powell, died July 13 in North Big Horn Hospital in Lovell.

He was born Aug. 25, 1932, in Minneapolis, Minn., son of Vera Addie Childs Bayless and Clifford Kelso Bayless. He was a Korean War veteran who served in the U.S. Air Force for four years and the U.S. Army for six years. He received a Good Conduct Medal while serving in the Army and was honorably discharged in 1960.

He married Irma Drew Bower in 1962. He worked in the aerospace industry for many years as a flight line electrician, most of those years with Lockheed Advanced Development Corporation. He took part in the development of the L-1011, the SR-71 Blackbird and the F117-A Stealth Fighter, among other projects. He retired from Lockheed in 1993.



**Glenn Bayless**

He was a lifetime member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the National Rifle Association. He was an avid gun enthusiast. He loved all kinds of music and was an accomplished guitarist, playing his favorite style, that of Chet Atkins. He also loved a good cigar.

He was a loving husband, father and grandfather and a loyal veteran. He was a warm, sensitive man, with a good sense of

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humor. He kept his sense of humor even when he was ill and charmed the nurses who cared for him. To know him was to love him.

Survivors include his wife, Irma Drew Bayless of Powell; his two daughters, Cheryl Lynn Zelus of Pasa Robles, Calif., and Rose Marie Bayless of Powell; his three grandchildren, Matthew Ryan Zelus, Andrew Jacob Zelus and Emma Isabel Zelus, all of Pasa Robles; and his younger brother, James Leroy Bayless in Minnesota.

Cremation has taken place, and a private memorial service for his family was held at Haskell Funeral Home in Lovell on July 20.

## **Jenette Baylis**

OCT 20 2004  
MILLINGS GAZETTE

PORTLAND, Ore. — Jennette Baylis, 86, former resident of Big Timber, Mont., died on Oct. 16, 2004.

Born Jennette Viola Duncan (1918), she lived in the Stanford, Mont., area for her first 35 years, including marrying Herbert Baylis in 1940. The next 25 years involved Sweet Grass County ranching followed by a 20 year retirement in Oroville, Calif. The last six years were spent in Portland.

Mrs. Baylis was preceded in passing by all of her siblings and her husband, Herbert (1979). Survivors include her sons, Walter (Diana) Baylis of Beaverton and David Baylis of Las Vegas; grandchildren, Tami (Brian) Davis of Nampa, Idaho, and Brian (Wendy) Baylis of Gresham.

Private services were held.

# Margaret Angeline Bayne

Margaret Angeline Bayne was born in Billings, Mont. on Dec. 14, 1920, to Marcellus and Clara (Zimmerman) Ballard, and passed away peacefully on Nov. 19, 2004, at Saint Vincent's Hospital, with her family at her side, following a short illness.

Margaret was raised on a horse and cattle ranch west of Billings. She attended rural Highland Grade School, Billings High School, and Seattle University.

Margaret married Douglas A. Bayne on Jan. 29, 1943, at the First United Methodist Church. She and Doug lived most of their life in Billings. She resided in Seattle during World War II, to be nearer to Doug who was stationed at Sand Point Naval Station.

Margaret was earlier employed by Standard Oil and Ray Moore Jewelers. For many years she and Doug owned and operated the ABC Kiddie Shops in Billings, Great Falls, and Missoula.

She was a member of Billings Junior Woman's Club, Pink Ladies, Gray Ladies, Order of Eastern Star, Daughters of the Nile, Zonta Club, and was a board



**MARGARET  
BAYNE**

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member of Family Services. She enjoyed sewing, baking, and her numerous bridge and pinochle groups.

Margaret was a devoted wife, sister, aunt, and friend. She greatly enjoyed activities with her family and friends. She and Doug were strong supporters of the Billings American Legion Baseball Program.

Margaret was preceded in death by her parents, brother, Bryan W. Ballard, sister, Dorothy (Ballard) Smith and brother-in-law, Edwin J. Bayne.

She is survived by her husband of 60 years, Douglas Bayne, her sister, Marcella (Ballard) Bayne, nephews, Edwin A. (Diane) Bayne, Jack (Claudia) Bayne, and niece, Marcia (Greg) Pehlke, who were all like her own children. She is also survived by numerous other nephews and nieces.

A memorial service will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 23, 2004, at First United Methodist Church, 2800 Fourth Avenue North, Billings, Mont. Memorials may be made to the Eddie Bayne Memorial Fund for the Betterment of Youth, c/o First Interstate Bank, P.O. Box 30918, Billings, MT, 59116, or to a charity of your choice.



## June Baynham

**THE BILLINGS GAZETTE**

GLASGOW — June Thornton Baynham (Slattum), 90, died Sunday, July 4, 2004, in Glasgow.

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Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, July 10, at Kingdom Hall in Glasgow. Burial will be in Highland Cemetery in Glasgow. Bell Mortuary of Glasgow is in charge.

**MAY 21 2004****Donald N. 'Bud' Beadle**

**ROUNDUP** — Donald "Bud" Beadle, 77, of Roundup, passed away peacefully in his sleep, May 19, 2004.

Bud was born Dec. 9, 1926, at his grandfather Hougardy's ranch to Noel and Dora Hougardy Beadle. He attended Klein schools and served in the U.S. Army from 1945 to 1946 overseas in Japan.

Bud married Mary Lou Adam on June 21, 1953, in Roscoe, S.D. He worked for Musselshell Valley Equipment in Roundup for 32-1/2 years and was a volunteer fireman for 25 years.

Bud was an avid gardener and he raised beautiful roses.

Survivors include his wife of 50 years; his twin sister, Doris Eliasson; nephews Jay (Sharon) Eliasson, Gary (Phyllis) Eliasson of Roundup, Donald (Rhonda) Eliasson of California, Clive (Lynn) Adam, Dale (Kay) Adam and Martin Adam of Washington; and numerous great-nephews and nieces. He was preceded in death by his parents Noel and Dora Beadle; an infant brother, Ralph; a nephew, Dean Adam; and brother-in-law, Harold Eliasson.

Memorial services will be held 11 a.m. Monday, May 24, at the Wier Funeral Chapel. Interment of ashes will follow at the Roundup City Cemetery, with military honors. A luncheon will be served at the ODD Fellows Hall for family and friends. Memorials may be made to a charity of one's choice. Wier Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

## **Denise Virginia Beall**

*THE BILLINGS GAZETTE*

**BUFFALO, Wyo. — Denise Virginia Beall, 56, of Buffalo, died Tuesday, Aug. 10, 2004, in Buffalo.**

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**Private services will be held at a later date. Adams Funeral Home of Buffalo is in charge.**

## Rose Lee Bearchum

**LAME DEER** — Rose Lee Bearchum, 56, of Lame Deer, passed away Sunday, Nov. 21, 2004, in the Billings Deaconess Hospital.

She was born June 29, 1948, in Elbow Woods, N.D., a daughter of Dominic and Gertrude Youngbear Sillitti. She received her early education in North Dakota and Billings Senior High School, before completing her education at Chief Dull Knife Memorial College in Lame Deer.

Rose married Robert Bearchum, Sr. on Aug. 3, 1971, in Sheridan, Wyo., and the couple made their home in Lame Deer. Mr. Bearchum died in 1999.

She was a traditional woman who enjoyed hand games, powwows and assisting her sons with several Sun Dance activities. She loved to play cards and bingo. However, the love of her life was her family. She was a member of the Three Affiliated Tribes, Water Buster Clan and was a child of the Prairie Chicken Clan.

Her father and sister Artist Whitebody preceded Rose in death.

Survivors include her mother, Gertrude Sillitti of North Dakota; two daughters, Christi Bearchum and Nakia (Virgil Weaselbear) Bearchum of Lame Deer; five sons, Mike (Kim) Craig and Frank (Catherine) Sillitti of North Dakota, Tracy Craig of Shelby,

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Ron (Stanna) Craig and Robert (Miriam) Bearchum, Jr. of Lame Deer; two adopted sons, Steve Moosman of Utah and James Walks Along of Lame Deer; four sisters, Katherine (Mark) Lee and Frances (David) Johnson of North Dakota, Katherine (Eddie) Foote, Jr. and June Seminole of Lame Deer; a brother, Dominic Sillitti of North Dakota; 21 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Traditional wake and rosary services will be held 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 25, in at the family home in Lame Deer. Funeral Mass will be celebrated 10 a.m. Friday, Nov. 26, in the Lame Deer Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church. Interment will follow in the Birney Cemetery. Bullis Mortuary of Hardin has been entrusted with the arrangements.

# Mary Bearden

OCT 23 2004  
BULLIS GAZETTE

**HARDIN** — Mary passed away peacefully on Oct. 21, 2004, in her home, following a courageous battle with cancer.

Our mother was born Dec. 12, 1934. She was raised in Alabama, where she met her husband, Donald Bearden. Her husband; her daughter-in-law, Peggy Bearden; and her grandson, Nathan Bearden, preceded Mary in death.

Mom traveled throughout the United States during her life, finally resting in Hardin, surrounded by her family. She was well known within the community for her crocheting abilities. She never missed the yearly craft bazaar, where people sought after her for her fine crocheted doilies and Christmas items. Mom was also an avid sports fan and was very proud to have been a member of a championship dart team Buck's Bullseye's.

Mary is survived by her sons Don of Missoula, Rick (Debra) of Anaconda, Wes (Heather) and Jonathon of Hardin; her daughters, Terri (Gary) Popavich of Missoula, Toni Bearden of North Dakota and a special grandson Joshua of Hardin, whom she raised since birth. She also has 1 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Mary will be greatly missed and thought about often. We love you, Mom!

Cremation has taken place. Private family services will be held. Bullis Mortuary of Hardin has been entrusted with the arrangements.

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

Elsie R. Bearrow, 79, formerly of Judith Gap, passed away Monday, Oct. 25, 2004, at Butterfly Homes, where she had been living the past year and a half. The angels appeared on Oct. 24 to guide Grandma on her journey.



Elsie was born May 8, 1925, in Ballantine, to Martin and Annie Karman. Elsie graduated from Custer High School and the taught school at Weed Creek.

**ELSIE BEARROW**

Elsie married Clyde Nebel and they had two children, Marty and LuAnn. They bought a ranch in Judith Gap, which she worked most of her life. She was a shrewd businesswoman who worked very hard. She loved her antiques and spent a lot of time going to all the antiques sales.

She later divorced Clyde and married Mark Bearrow. Mark had a son from a previous marriage, Mark Bearrow Jr. Later, Mark and Elsie had a son together, Tracy Bearrow.

Through the years, she had purchased several properties and the Bar 100 was one, which she bought and ran on several occa-

sions. She always had some sort of business opportunity brewing.

Elsie was a very intelligent, warm and caring person, always thinking of her family, loving her grandchildren, and she was always eager to cook up a mean meal. She loved her cabin by the creek, her antiques, her two cats, cards and "collecting." If you were to stop by, she would always welcome you and have time to visit.

Elsie was preceded in death by her parents, Martin and Annie Karman; a brother, John Karman; and a son, Marty Nebel.

Elsie is survived by a brother, Robert Karman of Custer; a daughter, LuAnn (Steve) Rohrer of Shepherd; a son, Tracy Bearrow of Billings; a stepson, Mark Bearrow (Sandy) Bearrow and family of Belgrade; three grandchildren, Kristy Brewer of Helena, Kathy (Brett) Peck of Shepherd and Steve Rohrer of Shepherd; and three great-grandchildren.

We will greatly miss you, Grams, and you will always be in our hearts. WE LOVE YOU!!!

Memorial services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 30, at "The Cabin," east of Judith Gap. Cremation has taken place.

Smith Funeral Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

## **DOUGLAS SCOTT BEATTY**

**THE BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**DEC 24 2004**

LIVINGSTON — Douglas Scott Beatty, 46, of Livingston, died Tuesday, Dec. 21, 2004, as the result of injuries he sustained in an automobile accident on East River Road south of Livingston.

Cremation has taken place at Franzen-Davis Crematory in Livingston. Memorial services will be announced at a later date.

# James Wesley Beatty

James Wesley Beatty, 41, left this world to be with his Savior in Heaven. He was born the son of William and Nola Beatty, on Sept. 29, 1962, in Kokomo, Ind.

Jim served in the Navy on nuclear submarines. He worked in various occupations from a truck driver to commercial appliance repairman to the leader of his own country western band and most recently a union iron worker.

He married Leanne Cooke in 1996 and from that union, two beautiful children were born, "Bubba" and his little "goosy goose," Austin James Rowland Beatty and Hannah Marie Beatty. Austin and Hannah were the loves of his life and the most awesome gifts from God he could have ever imagined.

Jim loved to write music and was a diehard golfer. He loved playing computer games, golfing and fishing with his children.

Jim leaves behind his children, Austin and Hannah; his mother, Nola Beatty; three sisters, Vicki Beatty, Kellie May and Mandy Beatty; one brother, William Beatty, Jr.; one stepbrother, Scott Beatty, and many aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

Jim was preceded in death by his father, William Beatty, Sr.

Memorial services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, Sept. 17, at Faith Chapel.

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In lieu of flowers the family would ask that memorials be made to Union Labor FCU, Attn: Austin & Hannah Beatty Memorial, 952 Central Ave., Billings MT 59102.



Glenn passed away peacefully on Feb. 20, 2004.

Glenn was born at Race-track on July 17, 1912. He was the second oldest of six children born to Joseph and Margaret Beck.

**GLEN BECK**

In his youth, he lived on the family ranch near Warm Springs. He attended country school through the eighth grade and then graduated from Anaconda High School in 1931. He continued his education at Butte Business College.

His first job after college was as a clerk with the Butte Water Company. He worked there for about 12 years. During this time, he married Ruthe Perrin in 1942. They lived in Butte, where they had two children, Tom and Dottie. The family moved to Billings in 1950, where Glenn went to work for Carpenter Paper Company as the Regional Credit Manager. He retired after 37 years with Carpenter.

Glenn enjoyed family gatherings, Sunday dinners with the Fells, hopping in the car for a long ride, being proud of his yard and topping it all off with his love for lemon meringue pie. He loved his church and was a dedicated mem-

ber, serving as an Elder in the Community of Christ.

Glenn married Janice Rhode on Nov. 11, 1995, and acquired a second family, daughter Debra Alfred (Ron); son Kevin Rhode; granddaughter Carrie Dalrymple (Nathan); and two great-grandchildren, Emma and Ethan. He is also survived by his wife Janice of Billings; daughter Dottie Beck of Billings; and son Tom Beck of Denver; his sister, Doris Weldon (George); and brother Robert Beck (Pat). He had many adopted grandchildren and great-grandchildren and loved laughing with his nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents, sisters Viola and Laura and brother Larry.

Memorial services will be held at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 25, at the Community of Christ, 332 Griffing Drive in Billings Heights. Take a right off Main St. at Lake Elmo intersection, follow road around and take left onto Griffing Drive. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Outreach International, PO Box 210, Independence, MO 64501.

Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

## **Madge A. Beck**

**THE BELLEVILLE GAZETTE**

FEB 12 2004

BUFFALO, Wyo. — Madge A. Beck, 82, of Buffalo, died Tuesday, Feb. 10, 2004, at her home, northwest of Buffalo.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, Feb. 16, at the Adams Funeral Home Chapel in Buffalo. Burial will be in the Willow Grove Cemetery.

## **Velma Beck**

GILLETTE, Wyo. — Velma Beck, 76, died Thursday, Jan. 8, 2004 at her home of natural causes.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Rozet Cemetery in Rozet. Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home is in charge.

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# Leonard Leobale Becker

OCT 13 2004

## OBITUARY GAZETTE

BURLESON, Texas — Leonard Leobale Becker left this Earth with the angels to be with our Lord on Oct. 10, 2004, after suffering a life ending event.

Leonard was born to Fred and Martha Becker in Terry, Mont., on June 29, 1927, to a family of nine children. He married Karole Dvorak and had four daughters, Lonnie, Vonnie, Bonnie and Sandie. Karole and Bonnie both met him at the pearly gates.

Leonard was very proud to be a Teamster, a member of Local #190 in Billings. He drove truck for Sweetheart Bakery for many years. He was also an avid hunter and loved to tend his garden, loved making homemade beer and his chokecherry wine was to die for! He had a great sense of humor and great chuckle we will forever miss.

In 1997, he moved to Burleson, to live with his daughter, Vonnie, who cared for him. He always said he hated the summers (too hot), but loved the winters there.

Leonard is survived by his daughters, Lonnie Williams and her sons, Anthony and Joe, Vonnie Meisenheimer and her family, husband David, and

daughter Torrey, all of Burleson, Sandie Maurin and her family, daughter Lynette and son Mike of San Diego. He has five grandchildren whom he dearly loved and eight great-grandchildren who called him old Papa. He has numerous family and friends in and around the Blue Creek area and in the Huntley and Worden area in Montana, where he lived for many years.

He was preceded in death by parents; mother of his children, Karole; and one child, Bonnie; and one sister, Norma; and two brothers, Benny and Irving.

He will truly be missed in this life. Daddy, we miss you so very much already!

The family would like to express our warmest and heartfelt gratitude to the doctors and nurses at Huguley Hospital in Fort Worth for all their kindness and to Chaplain Becky and Chaplain Dwayne for the sincere support and kind words.

The Family will receive visitors Oct. 14, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Cleburne Funeral Home, 512 North Ridgeway, Cleburne, TX 76033, telephone (817) 648-0522.

**Laverne Louis Beckers****MAY 20 2004**

**PLENTYWOOD — Laverne Louis Beckers, 75, died Monday, May 17, 2004, at Mercy Medical Center in Williston, N.D.**

**A public vigil will be at 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 21, at Fulkerson's Memorial Chapel in Plentywood. The funeral liturgy will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 22, at St. Joseph Catholic Church. Interment will be in Plentywood Cemetery.**

## Vern Beddes

OCT 21 2004

GAZETTE

LOVELL, Wyo. — Vern Beddes, formerly of Lovell, died Monday, Oct. 18, 2004, at Crestwood Care Center in Ogden, Utah.

Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 22, at Haskell Funeral Home in Lovell. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 23, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Lovell. Burial will be in the Lovell Cemetery.

VERN ELMER BEDDES  
AUG. 18, 1911—OCT. 18, 2004

THE LOVELL  
CHRONICLE

OCT 28 2004

Vern Elmer Beddes, 93, of Lovell, died at the Crestwood Care Center in Ogden, Utah, on Monday, October 18, 2004.

Vern was born August 18, 1911, in Victor, Idaho, the fifth child of Heber Booth and Amanda Jones Beddes. He grew up in Victor, Idaho and Roosevelt, Utah. The family moved to Lovell in 1931 where he resided until his health failed, requiring him to live with his daughter and her family in Ogden, Utah.

He married Golda Blanchard on March 17, 1939, in San Bernadino, Calif. Their marriage was solemnized in the Salt Lake LDS Temple in 1943. Nine children came into this family.

Vern was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and financed five of his sons on missions. Twelve of his grandsons and one granddaughter have also served missions for the LDS church. Three grandsons



**Vern Elmer Beddes**

and one granddaughter have served in the Armed Forces.

Vern was a farmer and electrician in Lovell for many years. He liked to hunt, ride his favorite horse and dance. For many years, he and Golda spent every Friday evening at the dances in Basin and Greybull.

He is survived by nine children, Jerry (Susan) Beddes of West Point,

(Ovies)

Utah, Jim (Nelda) Beddes  
of Layton, Utah, Vern Kay  
(Sharon) Beddes of Lab-  
erty, Utah, Ronald Beddes  
of Lovell, Bonnie (Bruce)  
Anderson of Ogden, Utah,  
David Beddes of Fruit  
Heights, Utah, Arvin (Ber-  
nara) Beddes of Casper,  
Beddes of Lovell and  
(Gordon) Jensen  
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## Lewis Beddow, Jr.

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE  
AUG 10 2004

GLENDIVE — Lewis W. Beddow, Jr., 83, of Glendive, died Saturday, Aug. 7, 2004, at the Glendive Medical Center in Glendive.

A vigil service will be at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 11, at the chapel of the Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home in Glendive. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 12, at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Glendive. Rite of committal will be in the Dawson County Cemetery in Glendive.

## Mary Janich Bedford

SEP 12 2004  
BILLINGS GAZETTE

**ROUNDUP** — Mary Janich Bedford, 86, passed away Friday, Sept. 10, 2004, at Big Sky Hospice House in Billings, Mont. Mary was born on March 16, 1918, to Peter and Helen Janich on their homestead in the Bull Mountains north of Billings. She attended grade school at the Janich Ranch in the Bull Mountains and graduated high school in Billings.

In 1937, she married Gene McLeod. Their son Robert was born on July 18, 1938. Mary lived in California and Washington and moved to Gardiner, in 1945, where she worked as a postal employee for 23-1/2 years. She was married to Herbert Bauer in 1960, until his death in 1974. Following Herb's death, she returned to her home in the Bull Mountains, where she was married to Dan Bedford until approximately 1981.

She enjoyed traveling and visited every state in the union as well as much of Mexico, Canada and Europe. She was an avid amateur geologist and was a member of the Roundup and Billings Gem and Mineral Club. She was also an accomplished artist and was a member of Montana Legion Auxiliary and Order of the Eastern Star. She loved to hunt, fish, hike, dance, play cards and spend time with her family.

Preceding her in death were her parents Peter and Helen

Janich; husband Herbert; her son Robert; brothers Emil, Mike, George, Peter and Steve; and sisters Amelia and Annie.

She is survived by sisters Laura Harris and Helen Clark; brother Nick Janich; daughter-in-law Sharon McLeod; grandchildren Kraig (Lisa) McLeod, Kelly (James) Brewer and Michael Gibbs; great-grandchildren Cameron and Nathan McLeod; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial services will be held at 17 Bedford Road, Roundup, at 12 p.m., on Monday, Sept. 13, 2004. Memorials can be made to the charity of your choice. Smith Downtown Chapel is assisting with the arrangements.

FEB 04 2004

## Lois Marie Beebe

Lois Marie Vasko Baracker Beebe, 75, passed away at her home on Feb. 2, 2004, from cancer.

Lois was born on Aug. 22, 1928, in Poplar.

Lois enjoyed doing crossword puzzles, jigsaw puzzles, watching westerns on television and visiting with her friends.

Lois was preceded in death by her husband, Fred C. Beebe, and her brother, Duane Baracker.

She is survived by her brother, Jerry (Sharon) Baracker of Whitefish; her sister-in-law, Dolly Baracker of Billings; two sons, Clifford (Judy) Beebe, Steven (Lynn) Beebe of Reno, Nev.; and daughter Vickie Noble of Billings. Lois is also survived by nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Lois will be greatly missed by her family and



**LOIS BEEBE**

friends.

Cremation has taken place and a memorial service will be held 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 7, at the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd.

Private inurnment will take place in the Absaroka Beartooth Columbarium.

Memorials may be made to Big Sky Hospice. Arrangements are by Cremation or Funeral Gallery.

**Sandra E. Beebe****JUN 05 2004**

**WEST VALLEY CITY, Utah**  
— Sandra E. "Sandy" Beebe, 63, of West Valley City, formerly of Billings, Livingston and Bozeman Mont., died Wednesday, June 2, 2004, at Pioneer Valley Hospital in West Valley City.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, June 8, at Franzen-Davis Funeral Home in Livingston. Graveside committal and burial will follow in Mountain View Cemetery.

## Steven Beehler

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

DEC ~~15~~ 27 2004

HUNTLEY — Steven R. Beehler, 46, passed away on Thursday, Dec. 23, 2004, from cancer. Born on Jan. 15, 1958, to Beverly (Beehler) Flowers and Adam Beehler, he was raised in Billings, served in the Marines and was a professional truck driver until the time of his illness.



**STEVE  
BEEHLER**

Steve's hobbies included pool and golf. He was also an avid NASCAR and Green Bay Packers fan.

Steve is survived by his mother, Beverly Flowers; wife, Becki; six children, Heather (Jack) Welch of Roundup, Shane of Huntley, Tiffany of Missoula, Skyleur Weber of Billings, Cale of Missoula and Dusty of Huntley; three grandchildren, Colter, Jordan and BrookeLynn; and two sisters, Linda (Rick) Rogers of Huntley and Pam (Raul) Sanchez of Billings. His nieces, nephews, family and friends loved his sense of humor.

Steve was preceded in death by his brother, Arnie Borner; father, Adam, and stepfather, Vernon Flowers.

A special thank you to all of the wonderful Hospice staff and volunteers.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 30, at Homesteader Hall on Highway 312 toward Worden with a potluck luncheon to follow. Cremation has taken place.

## **Flora M. Beehner**

**THE BILLINGS GAZET.**

**JUL 21 2004**

**LAUREL —** Flora M. Beehner, born May 13, 1920, at Lacombe, Alberta, Canada, to Stephan and Hazel Ormord, fell asleep in death July 16, 2004, with the hope of a resurrection to life on a paradise earth under Jehovah God's kingdom in the hands of His son Jesus Christ.

Flora is survived by her husband of 62 years, Pete J. Beehner; her children, Linda Noel of Marshal, Wis., Michael Beehner of Palm Harbor, Fla., Jim Beehner of Laurel, Martha Kennedy of Laurel, Nancy Juve of Tucson, Ariz.; her sister, Edith Feucht of Pulaski, Tenn.; her grandchildren, Brandy Sanchez, Kenan Beehner, Jadon Beehner, Savannah Ross, Jessie Bonello and Matthew Noel; plus numerous great-grandchildren, nephews and nieces.

Memorial services will be July 24, at 3 p.m. at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 1007 E. Fourth St, Laurel.

## **Pete Beehner**

**THE BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**NOV 21 2004**

**LAUREL —** Pete Beehner, 85, fell asleep in death on Nov. 17, 2004, at his home in Laurel.

Pete was a long-time servant of Jehovah God, centering his life on telling others about his hope of the paradise earth in perfect health that Jehovah God has promised in the Bible.

A memorial service will be Nov. 26 at 1 p.m. at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 1007 Fourth St., Laurel.

# Frances Beery

**THE BILLINGS GAZETTE**

AUG 29 2004

RICHEY — Frances Beery, 83, died Saturday, Aug. 28, 2004, at the McCone County Nursing Home in Circle.



**FEB 07 2004**

Dorothy Begger, age 76, of Billings, passed away Saturday, Feb. 7, at Billings Health and Rehab.

Dorothy was born in Carlyle, Mont., south of Wibaux, to W.L. and Pearl Hammond. She started school in Carlyle, where her father owned the local grocery store. She also attended school in Ollie, Mont., and in 1945 the family moved to Wibaux, where she finished high school. Dorothy went on to attend two years of college at Eastern in Billings before marrying Frank Begger on Oct. 9, 1948.

Frank and Dorothy moved to Billings in 1955 where they managed a Union 76 Station on 24th Street. However, in 1958 they decided to move back to their home town of Wibaux, where Dorothy went to work as a bookkeeper for her father's farm equipment business, Hammond Implement. She served as the bookkeeper there for nearly 37 years. Frank and Dorothy purchased the business from her father in 1975, but sold it six years later and moved to Mesa, Ariz. They resided there for 22 years until moving back to Montana in 2002.

Over the years, Parkinson's disease and bladder cancer took its toll on Dorothy. Frank cared for her in their home for seven years, until her move into Billings Health and Rehab in June 2003.

While in Billings, Dorothy was a member of St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

Dorothy is survived by her husband of over 55 years, Frank Begger of Billings; her sister, Faye Pierce of Billings; sister-in-law, Verna Bakken of Billings; and brother-in-law, Albin Begger of Wibaux, along with many nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Grace Anderson.

Vigil Services will be 7 p.m. Tuesday evening, Feb. 10, at St. Thomas the Apostle Church. Funeral Mass will take place at 10 a.m., Wednesday, Feb. 11, at St. Thomas, with interment to follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens. Visitation will begin at 2 p.m. Monday at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary.

Memorials may be made to Big Sky Hospice, P.O. Box 35033, Billings, MT 59017-5033, or the charity of one's choice.

Michelotti-Sawyers is in charge of arrangements.

## **Bernard William Behnke**

**THE BURLINGTON GAZETTE**  
**APR 22 2004**

**COLUMBUS —** Bernard William Behnke, 94, of Columbus, passed away Monday, April 19, 2004, at Beartooth Manor, Columbus.

He was born April 9, 1910, at Kensington, Kan., a son of John and Augusta Behnke. He married Leitha Thompson, Jan. 19, 1936, at Smith Center, Kan.

The couple had moved to Columbus in 1980 to be close to family.

Survivors include his wife of 67 years, and three nieces and one nephew.

As requested by Bernard, no memorial services will be held. Cremation has taken place at Smith Crematory.

Memorials are suggested to the Columbus Senior Citizens or charity of choice.

**NOV 17 2004**

**LIVINGSTON** — Laura Marie Bekemans, 42, of Livingston, died early Saturday morning, Nov. 13, 2004, at Billings Deaconess Hospital, following a short illness.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be held 11 a.m. Friday, Nov. 19, at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 511 S. F St. in Livingston, with the Rev. John Ward officiating. He will be assisted by Pastoral Minister Joannie Lee. Arrangements are under the direction of Franzen-Davis Funeral Home and Crematory in Livingston.

Laura was born May 7, 1962, in San Francisco, the daughter of Martin J. and Joyce E. (Shippee) Etcheverry. She spent her early life and attended schools in the Bay area before the family settled in South Lake Tahoe, Calif., in the mid-1970s. In 1980, she graduated from South Lake Tahoe High School. Laura worked for a time as a legal secretary, while taking additional courses to further her education to become a paralegal. On Oct. 5, 1989, she married Kurt R. Bekemans in Sacramento. They moved to Livingston in 1993.

Laura worked as a bookkeeper for her husband's business before going to work at St. Mary's School as a Co-coordinator for the Hot Lunch Program, Co-Athletic Director and Assistant Girls Basketball Coach.

There her gifts were too numerous to list — her generous spirit and infectious humor permeated every corner of the school, every child, every member of the St. Mary's community. She was also a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church and was active in all facets of school activities, where her commitment to the children was evident in raising funds through a variety of venues to ensure that every child could experience the St. Mary's School family. She was dearly loved by all the students, always concerned with each child's welfare.

Survivors include her husband, Kurt; and two daughters, Jessica and Brenna Bekemans, all of Livingston; her parents, Martin and Joyce Etcheverry of South Lake Tahoe; two brothers, Michael (Karina) Etcheverry of Foster City, Calif., and Matthew Etcheverry of South Lake Tahoe; a sister, Debbie (Joe) Zapotoczny of Huntington Beach, Calif.; her grandmother, Felicie Perego of San Mateo, Calif.; one niece and three nephews.

Through Laura, grace has entered the lives of all those who knew her. A devoted wife and mother who was always there for her family, she possessed an amazing energy and most joyous spirit. Her kindness and love will endure in the lives of those who knew and loved her.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to St. Mary's School Scholarship Fund, PO Box 646, Livingston, MT 59047.

## **Bryce William Bell**

*THE BILLINGS GAZETTE*

BASIN, Wyo. — Bryce William Bell, 50, died Saturday, April 24, 2004, in Basin, of a terminal illness.

Graveside memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Monday, May 3, at Riverside Cemetery. Ballard Funeral Home of Cody is in charge.

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## Clarence Ray Bell

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

MAR 11 2004

GILLETTE, Wyo. — Ray Bell, 69, of Kingman, Ariz., formerly of Gillette, died on Thursday, March 4, 2004, at his home.

Visitation will be from 3 to 7 p.m. Thursday, March 11, at the Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home in Gillette. The services and celebration of his life will be at 2 p.m. Friday, March 12, at the New Life Wesleyan Church in Gillette. Interment will follow at the Mount Pisgah Cemetery in Gillette. Following the interment, there will be a reception in the basement of the New Life Wesleyan Church in Gillette. The family invites everyone to write a special memory of Ray and bring it to the service.

**AUG 24 2004**

**PLENTYWOOD** — Funeral services for Doraine Bell will be held at 3 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 25. Pastors David C. Curtright and Bob Walker will officiate at the service at Plentywood Lutheran Church; interment will be in Plentywood Cemetery. Doraine, 77, died at Sheridan Memorial Nursing Home in Plentywood, Sunday evening, Aug. 22, 2004.



**DORAINÉ  
BELL**

Doraine and her twin, Doris, were born April 20, 1927, at Outlook, the firstborn children of Clarence "Tiny" and Hazel (Eckstad) Torgrimson. She grew up and attended schools at Dooley; and in the mid-1940s married Malvin McLinden. She worked as a waitress at Deck's Café and the Dairy Lunch and as a clerk in the Red Owl Store and at Jerry's Market, all in Plentywood. She married Murray Bell, Dec. 3, 1955; they farmed southwest of Plentywood, and made their home in town. Always focused on her family and on her work, Doraine worked hard at everything she did. She brought her own sense of humor wherever she went: in her conversation she referred to herself as the "old battleaxe," and her

index finger directed attention to whichever "bucko" got her direct, undivided and outspoken attention at the moment! Although she wanted people to see her as "rough and tough," her gentle nature and caring heart always shown clearly to everyone she cared about ... which was most everyone she knew! Doraine loved people, loved to visit and never knew a stranger. She was very active in the Golden Years' Club and Senior Citizen's Center, and never shied away from a card game!

Doraine is survived by her three sons, Pat McLinden of Richey, Mike McLinden of Cape Girardeau, Mo., and Russell Bell and his wife Jodi of LaBelle, Fla. Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Murray Bell, on Aug. 22, 1996; and by her daughter, Sandra Walker, in August 2002; and by her twin sister, Doris, in infancy. She is also survived by Sandra's husband, Bob Walker, of Richey; by 14 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren; as well as by a sister, Patsy Waters, of Richey, and three brothers, Tom Torgrimson of Richey, Alden Torgrimson of Lewistown and Donald Torgrimson, who lives in Idaho.

Fulkerson Funeral Home of Plentywood has charge of arrangements.

## **Glen Bell**

**THE BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**FEB 10 2004**

GILLETTE, Wyo. — Glen Bell, 60, of Gillette, died Thursday, Feb. 5, 2004, at Campbell County Memorial Hospital, of natural causes.

Visitation will be from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 10, at the Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home Chapel in Gillette. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 11, at St. Matthew's Catholic Church. Interment will follow at Gillette's Mt. Pisgah Cemetery.



# Jeannette Bell

**THE BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**JAN 24 2004**

SHERIDAN, Wyo. —  
Jeannette Bell, 57, died Thursday,  
Jan. 22, 2004, at Memorial  
Hospital of Sheridan County.

Memorial services will be at 2  
p.m. Tuesday at Kane Funeral  
Home.

**Joanne P. Bell**

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Joanne P. Bell, 73, of Sheridan, died Thursday, March 25, 2004, at her home.

At her request, cremation has taken place and there will be a memorial service at a later date. Champion Ferries Funeral Home of Sheridan is in charge.

MAR 30 2004

## Mavis Bell

GILLETTE, Wyo. — Mavis Bell, 74, of Gillette, died Sunday, March 28, 2004, at Campbell County Memorial Hospital in Gillette.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, April 2, at the Family Life Church in Gillette. Burial will follow at Gillette's Mt. Pisgah Cemetery. Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home of Gillette is in charge.

~~FRIDAY, MARCH 29, 2004~~  
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# Charlotte DeVries Bellem

MAY 04 2004

**SPOKANE, Wash.** — Charlotte Bellem, 81, passed away April 24, 2004. She was born Dec. 14, 1922, at the DeVries family home on Clearcreek near Roberts, Mont., to Charles and Margaret DeVries.

She attended grade and high school at Roberts, graduating in 1940. Graduating Eastern Montana Normal School, Billings in 1942, and CSCE Greeley, Colo. (BA), in 1947. Her first year teaching in 1942 at a one-room school

on upper Clearcreek near Red Lodge, Mont. Her second year she taught at Moore, Mont., as a band teacher. The next two years, teaching in White Sulphur Springs, Mont.

She taught one year in Colorado and over 20 years in Washington at Yakima, Whidbey Island and Ephrata, retiring in 1982 with over 40 years worth of classroom experiences and educational challenges enriching her life. In retirement she substitute taught in Metaline.



**CHARLOTTE  
BELLEM**

Married to Albert Bellem on Whidbey Island in 1953. Husband Al retired as a carpenter in 1966 and started farming near Ephrata. They moved to Metaline in 1978 and to Spokane in 1996. She was in a car accident in 1999 near Spokane and resided at Royal Park Care Center.

She was a member of WA Retired Teachers, United Methodist Church of Ephrata, Block 71 Women's Club, Sinto Sr. Center, Rebekahs, Eagles, VFW, DAV.

Survived by two daughters Carolyn Lum-Bellem, in Hilo, Hawaii, Sue Lecoe (Brad) in Colbert; and three grandchildren, Deanna Carroll in Colbert, Nicholas and Christa Lum of Hilo; brothers Ernest, Arthur and David DeVries of Roberts; and sister Grace Jarvi of Billings. Preceded in death by husband Al in July 2002 at age 87; and son Robert in 1978 at age 22.

Memorial services will be held Saturday, May 8, at Roberts United Methodist Church in Roberts.

# Lorraine Bellew

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

AUG 17 2004

**ROUNDUP** — Lorraine Bellew went to be with the Lord on Aug. 16, 2004, after an extended illness due to diabetes.

She was born Feb. 14, 1923, in Centralia, Ill., to Roy and Gladys (Edmondson) Roper. She was married to Charles Bellew and settled in Roundup in 1954, where she raised her five children.

Lorraine worked as a caregiver at Vicars' Nursing Home for many years. She baked and cooked at the local restaurants, where she was well known for her pies and breads.

During her retirement years, she enjoyed her grandchildren, her many friends, the Rebekahs, the Foster Grandparent Program and the Cross Country Piecemakers Quilt Club, for which she received a lifetime membership award.

Lorraine was preceded in death by her parents; her brothers, Leroy and Gene Roper; and her husband. She is survived by a sister, Louise (Jim) Kleb of Lakeland, Fla.; her brother, Ron Ford of Centralia; children and families, Ron (Ann) and their sons, Josh and Tyler of Gillette, Wyo., Larry (Carol) and their children, Larry Jr., Lisa, Erin and Michael of Minot, N.D.; Roy (Rita) and his children, Virginia and Sam of Gillette; Vicki of Billings; and Kenny (Coleen) and

their sons, Garrison and Spencer of Billings; one great-grandchild, Gabrielle; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Services will be held at the Zion Lutheran Church in Roundup on Thursday, Aug. 19, at 11 a.m. Luncheon to follow. Memorials may be made to the Central School Foster Grandparent Program of Roundup or the American Diabetes Association.

Wier Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

## **Lawerance Belter**

*THE BILLINGS GAZETTE*

APR 14 2004

**LAUREL** — Lawerance Belter, of Laurel, passed away at Deaconess Billings Clinic, on Easter Sunday, April 11, 2004. To greet him were his daughter Carol Heaton, parents, Henry and Katie Belter and brother Henry, Jr.

Lawerance was born Sept. 26, 1920, in Muscatine County, Iowa. He married Ima Wendel on Oct. 3, 1941. They farmed in Iowa for 40 years. Upon retirement, they moved to Laurel to be near family.

He is survived by his wife Ima; daughters, Marlene (Gary) Pfaff of Laurel, Jan Cramer of Texas, Marsha (Randy) Burns of Laurel; eight grandchildren and six great-granddaughters.

A memorial service will be held 2 p.m. Friday, April 23, at Laurel United Methodist Church. Memorials may be given to the Heart Association or Laurel United Methodist Church. Smith Funeral Chapel-Laurel was in charge of arrangements.

## DARA LEIGH BELUE

**HARDIN** — Dara Leigh Belue, 28, of Hardin, died Saturday, Nov. 20, 2004, of injuries sustained in a pickup rollover west of Hardin.

She was born May 11, 1976, in Worland, Wyo., a daughter of

Darrell and Bonnie Chenoweth. She was a bright and beautiful person who was loved by all who knew her.

Dara was a lifelong member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. She was a born leader, an optimist, a peace-maker and a class act in every way! She graduated with honors from Shepherd High School in 1994.

She continued her education at Ricks College in Rexburg, Idaho, where she received an Associates Degree in Interior Design in 1997. She was employed by Davidson Designs in Billings and loved her work.

She married Matthew T. Belue on May 9, 1998, in Cardston, Alberta, Canada and together they owned and operated the Baachachik Fireworks in Hardin. Their time together was never wasted, they traveled, worked, played and prayed together, as they shared their hopes and lived their dreams. Her favorite job was the sacred work of being a wife and mother.



**DARA  
BELUE**

## THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

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Her son John Darrell preceded Dara in death.

Survivors include her husband, Matt Belue, son, Tristan Matthew and daughter, Rachel Leigh of Hardin; her parents, Darrell and Bonnie Chenoweth of Shepherd; her sisters, Janae and her husband Pedro Salazar of Billings, BethAnn and her husband Ed Sherod of Shepherd; a brother, Jared and his wife Michelle Chenoweth of Great Falls; her grandparents, Eunice Chenoweth of Wyoming, George and Beth Foggin of Canada; as well as numerous aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Friday, Nov. 26, in the Hardin Middle School Auditorium. She will be laid to rest in the Hardin Fairview Cemetery.

Bullis Mortuary of Hardin has been entrusted with the arrangements. Should friends desire, memorial contributions may be made to the Dara Belue Memorial Educational Fund, First Interstate Bank, Hardin, MT 59034.

## Ervin J. Bender

SEP 2 2004  
DUNELING GAZETTE

THE DALLES, Ore. Ervin J. Bender, 71, passed away Aug. 30, 2004, after a short battle with cancer.

Dad enjoyed boating, fishing and Louis L'Amour novels.

He is survived by his wife, Neva of The Dalles, Ore.; two sisters and a brother; Neva's daughter and son-in-law; his children, Tim, Russ, Leanna, Rena and Bradley; 11 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Dad is to be put to rest with our mother at Fort Snelling in Minnesota. There will be a small memorial service at noon Saturday at St. Pius Catholic Church.



# Ramona Bender

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

FEB 28 2004

Ramona Mae (Hendershot) Bender was born on Dec. 25, 1932, to James Abram Hendershot and Alberta Idel (Pike) Hendershot in Valentine, Neb. She was married to Charles Richard Bender on Sept. 9, 1949. From this union was born James Michal Bender.

Ramona enjoyed rock hunting with her family and friends. She also spent countless hours keeping her flower and vegetable gardens. She had a great love for watching and identifying the different species of birds that came to her many birdfeeders daily.

Ramona passed from this world on Feb. 24, 2004.

Her mother and father preceded her in death. She is survived by her husband, Charles "Dick" Bender; a son and daughter-in-law, James and Julie Bender; and a granddaughter and her husband, Jamie (Bender) and Steven Louis Schmieding, Jr. She loved and was greatly loved by everyone and will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

Cremation is planned and a memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 28, at the Smith Downtown Chapel. Smith Downtown Chapel is assisting with arrangements.

# Robert Duane Bends

**LODGE GRASS** — Robert Duane "Chairman" Bends, 58, of Lodge Grass, left this world to be with his Lord and Savior on May 31, 2004. He fought his illness with vigor; however, he was practical about his future with his illness.

Daxxapchiilapish (Buffalo Bull Calf) was born April 17, 1946, in Billings, a son of Robert and Clara Hill Bends. He attended Lodge Grass schools, where he actively participated in football, basketball and the rodeo team. He later attended Miles City Community College, Dawson Community College and the College of Great Falls.

He worked in California training horses and was later employed with various ranches in the Lodge Grass area. He enjoyed roping, riding and rodeos. He was an avid sports fan who loved to watch his grandchildren, nieces and nephews take part in competitions.

Duane belonged to the Whistling Water Clan and was a child of the Big Lodge Clan. He was a member of the Ree Society, First Crow Indian Baptist



**DUANE  
BENDS**

## BILLINGS GAZETTE

**JUN 03 2004**

Church, Crow Indian Cowboys for Christ, Our Lady of Loretto Catholic Church and was a charter member of the Big Sky Singers.

He was known for his traditional singing, starting at any early age with coaching from his adopted father, Donald Deernose. He traveled to Powwows across the country, honing his skills. He possessed a unique talent for recalling all types of songs, whether they were Spiritual, Sun Dance, Powwow, Doorway or 49 songs.

Duane was active in Crow Tribal politics, serving as Executive Secretary during the Real Bird Administration, HIPP director, and was a Director of the Crow Detox Program as a certified counselor. He also worked as a counselor for the Thunder Child Treatment Center in Sheridan, Wyo., and often substituted in the Lodge Grass School system.

His parents; adopted parents, Donald and Agnes Deernose; and sister, Ann Friday, preceded Duane in death.

He leaves behind his loving  
 wife, Donna; stepsons, Ryan and  
 Forest (Cherish) Plympton; step-  
 daughter, Tonia (David) Bjelland;  
 traditional adopted daughters,  
 Shonna (Conklin) Big Lake and  
 Adree Shields; adopted sons,  
 Cameron Three Irons, Mike  
 (Lottie) Not Atrid, Ambrose Big  
 Lake and Mj Shields; his brothers,  
 Larry (Patsy) Yellowtail, Arnie  
 (Debbie), Leonard (Regina),  
 Daryl (Carletta) and Byron  
 (Rosie) Bends; his sisters, Diane  
 (Dave) Reynolds, Carol (Edward)  
 Whiteman, Ada and Budine  
 Bends and Nancy (Ben) Gros  
 Venter; his traditional adopted  
 brothers, Cardy Goes Ahead,  
 Mike and Clemet Friday, Truman  
 Jefferson, Louie Walks, Tilton  
 Old Bull, Art Alden, Archie Big  
 Lake, Henry Pretty on Top, Tom  
 (Amy) Yellowtail, Frank  
 Dunning, Harry (Magdalene) and  
 Wayne (Jane) Moccasin; his tra-  
 ditional adopted sisters, Ferole  
 (Bill) Pease, Budine Fredricks,  
 Cora Bends, Regina Big Hair,  
 Sarah Little Shield, Nellie, Veda,  
 Lana, Helen, Joyce and Connie  
 Moccasin; his adopted mothers,  
 Julia Not Atrid, Pauline Small,  
 Henrietta Pretty on Top and  
 Clara Nomez; traditional adopted  
 father, Pius Real Bird; his tradi-  
 tional aunts, Louella (Gary)  
 Johnson, Aialoa (Gus) Harris,  
 Connie Jackson, Caroline  
 Houston, Virginia Wyles, Winona  
 Plenty Hoops, Anita Morin,  
 Lorena (Cedric) Walks, Christine

Yellowtail and Rosebud  
 Whiteman; his uncles, Joe  
 Medicine Crow, John Pretty on  
 Top, John (Eva) Hill, Sr., Clifford  
 (Ardith) Bird in Ground, Sr.,  
 Frank Back Bone, Sr., Perry Huff,  
 Glenn Fritzier, Tommy (Lois)  
 Whiteman, Tom (Judy), Pete and  
 Buzz (Judy) Fredricks; his adopt-  
 ed uncle, Francis (Bertha) Bear  
 Claw; his grandchildren, Aleigha  
 Big Lake, Brett and Mark  
 Bjelland, Dylan and Daniel  
 Plympton and his special kids,  
 Jonnie and Tammie Takes  
 Enemy. He is also survived by his  
 extended family, including the  
 Yellowtail, Turns Plenty, Lion  
 Shows, Hill, Moccasin,  
 Carpenter, Bear Dont Walk, One  
 Goose, Fredricks, Left Hand of  
 Canada, Hogan, Washakies of  
 Wyoming, Mountain Pocket,  
 Takes the Gun, Old Bear, Plays,  
 Scott, Dunning and Frank  
 LaForge families.  
 Rosary will be recited 3 p.m.  
 Friday, June 4, in the Bulls  
 Funeral Chapel. Wake services  
 will be held 7 p.m. Friday evening  
 in the Lodge Grass First Crow  
 Indian Baptist Church. Funeral  
 services will be held 1 p.m.  
 Saturday, June 5, in the church.  
 Interment will follow in the  
 Lodge Grass Cemetery. Bulls  
 Mortuary of Hardin has been  
 entrusted with the arrangements.

# Lavorna Benedict

THE B... GAZETTE

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Lavorna Benedict, 89, of Sheridan, died Sunday, April 11, 2004, at Sheridan Manor, of cancer.

APR 14 2004

Cremation has taken place. Memorial services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday, April 15, at Kane Funeral Home in Sheridan.

## BILLINGS GAZETTE

**LAUREL** — Henry was born in Worland, Wyo., to John and Catherine Benner on Dec. 13, 1916, the sixth of 11 children. The family moved several times before settling in Forsyth in 1927. He attended local schools

through eighth grade, at which time he went to work on the family farm. In December of 1937, he enlisted in the U.S. Army, serving in the field artillery and playing for the army foot-

ball team while serving in Hawaii. He was honorably discharged on Jan. 11, 1939. In September of 1941, he re-enlisted with the Air Corp., taking the place of his brother who was married with children. He served at Chanute, Ill., as an airplane mechanic-instrument specialist-instructor. He was married to Ann Alexander and fathered a daughter, Shiela May Benner, on Aug. 15, 1945. He was transferred to the Pacific Theater and participated in the battle of Iwo Jima. He was again honorably discharged on Dec. 6, 1945. Prior to returning home, he was divorced.

Hank went back to Forsyth and worked several jobs before making the Railroad his career. He married Lois Gresson on June



**HANK  
BENNER**

17, 1956, in Whitehall. They had two children: Helene, born 1959, and Ronald, born 1962. The family made Forsyth their home. Lois's early death in 1970 left Hank raising two children by himself which he gave nearly all his time except for an occasional round of golf. He retired from the BN in August 1979. He then spent his days on the Forsyth golf course, where he volunteered his help maintaining, helping family at their ranch and providing a second home to several nieces and a nephew while they were in town going to school. In June of 1989, he moved to Laurel to be closer to his children where he has lived until his death on Sept 22, 2004.

After moving to Laurel, he was an active supporter of high school athletics. Besides attending sporting events (boys and girls basketball, football, volleyball, and girls softball and legion baseball — always speaking politely to the umpires...), he could be found around town working as the "go-for" for his son or hanging out at one his coffee stops. When found, he usually had a pocketful of candy ready to be handed out to any kids who looked in need. Often during games, you'd see several high

schooners cornering him in the stands or the hallway looking for their share of the handout. Even when around town, he always made it a point to stop and give the kids a little teasing and encouragement when he saw them, in addition to a treat.

Several teams had adopted him and his friend Dick Loughney. They were expected to be at all their games providing support and encouragement as well as cookies and treats for their bus trips, (candy, chips, snack mix and pop for tournament time — all the basics that keep teenagers on the go). He and Dick even made sure the softball and girls basketball teams were provided with that other staple of teenage nutrition: pizza, taking the entire team out for pizza at the end of the season.

Hank enjoyed attending high school events and games. More importantly, he enjoyed watching the kids have fun during their games and events. Win or lose, he was always there to support the kids (and occasionally question the calls of the refs). In 1997, he was given the Phil Fox Laurel High School Activities Supporter Award.

Hank was also an urban farmer during his time in Laurel. He loved working in the garden and his yard. He could always find someone who needed vegetables or strawberries.

Hank is survived by his daughter and son-in-law Helene

and Bill Dietenthaler of Laurel; a son, Ron Benner, also of Laurel; his brothers and sisters, Peggy Daylong (Laurel), Helen Dumbler (Laurel), Harry Benner (Laurel), Lester Benner (Snowflake, Ariz.), Clara Lee (Three Forks), Willy Benner (Bozeman) and Vernie Johnson (Mile City); and numerous nephews and nieces and countless adopted grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife Lois; parents John and Catherine; brothers Adam, Roy and George.

He will be missed by all who loved his smile, jokes, pestering, candy, treats and friendship.

Services will be 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 25, at the United Methodist Church of Laurel, with graveside interment at Forsyth Cemetery at 2:30 p.m.

Memorials may be made to Laurel High School Activities Department or the charity of your choice.

## **H. Douglas Bennett**

THERMOPOLIS, Wyo. — H. Douglas Bennett, 85, died Saturday, Feb. 14, 2004.

Rosary will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 18, at Mortimore Funeral Home in Thermopolis. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 19, at St. Francis Catholic Church. Burial will follow in Monument Hill Cemetery.

**THE BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**FEB 17 2004**

**Sam D. Bennett****MAY 29 2004**

**GILLETTE, Wyo. — Sam Bennett, 95, of Gillette, died Friday, May 28, 2004, at the Pioneer Manor Nursing Home in Gillette.**

**Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, June 1, at the Blanche Beck Memorial Chapel in the Pioneer Manor Nursing Home in Gillette. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at 9 a.m., at the Blanche Beck Memorial Chapel in Gillette. A graveside service will also be held 2 p.m. Tuesday, at the Sheridan Elks Lodge #520 Memorial Cemetery in Sheridan. Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home of Gillette is in charge.**



## **Jeanette Fay Bennion**

**THE BILLINGS GAZETTE**

Dec ~~25~~ 27 2004

LOVELL, Wyo. — Jeanette Fay Lindsay Bennion, 47, died Saturday, Dec. 25, 2004, at her home in Lovell of an accidental drowning.

Visitation is from 6 to 8 p.m. at Haskell Funeral Home. Services are at 2 p.m. Tuesday in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

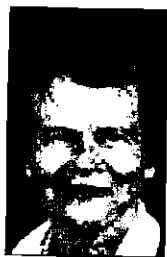
Viewing will be held one hour prior to the services in the church's Relief Society Room. Burial will be in the Lovell Cemetery.

## Reva Baird Bennion

POWELL, Wyo. — Reva Baird Bennion passed away in Powell on Wednesday, Nov. 24, 2004.

Reva was born in Cowley on March 25, 1920, to Daniel Cumming Baird and Ona Lucinda Nebel Baird, the third of eight children. After graduating from Cowley High School, she attended the University of Wyoming, where she majored in elementary education. Upon completing her education, she served as a missionary for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Northeastern States Mission and then returned to Cowley to teach elementary school.

In 1945, while spending the summer with her sister in Georgia, Reva met Wayne Harvey Bennion, who was serving in the Army and was stationed at Robbins Field. They were married in the Salt Lake Temple on Sept. 10, 1945. Following their marriage, they lived in Bennion, Utah, for a short time and then moved to Cowley, where they resided until they moved to Powell in 1995. During this time, six children were born to the Bennions. Reva, who quit teach-



**REVA  
BENNION**

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ing school to raise her children, enjoyed using her talent for teaching in her family and was very committed to teaching her children at an early age. She and Wayne provided a loving and happy environment for their children. Reva always loved being with her family and took personal interest in each child and grandchild as her family grew. Her family was her greatest work and her greatest hobby. She also enjoyed doing beautiful embroidery work, reading and cooking. She was especially known for her excellent homemade bread.

Reva was a devoted wife and mother, a faithful friend and a diligent church member. She has always been an active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints and has served willingly in many callings, including ward Young Women President and Relief Society President in both the ward and stake. In 1988, she was again called to serve a mission for the Church, in Bacolad, Philippines, for 18 months. This time she and Wayne served together. They found much joy in their service and came to love the people they served.

Reva is preceded in death by her husband, Wayne; two brothers, Floyd and Melvin; and by two sisters, Toynette and Marguerite; and by a baby daughter. She is survived by a daughter, Linda and Robert Andros, Sterling, Va., and four sons, John and Margaret Bennion, Billings, Dan and Lynn Bennion, Powell, Doug and Cindy Bennion, Billings, and Mike and Sarah Bennion, Oxford, Mich.; 36 grandchildren; 44 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Wilma and Dave Fisher, Pocatello, Idaho, Laura Mae and Gwynn Dickson, Edgewood, Wash.; and one brother, Robert and Ann Baird, Lovell.

Friends and family are invited to attend the funeral on Saturday, Nov. 27, at 11 a.m. in the Cowley LDS chapel. Interment will be at the Cowley Cemetery.

## **Ellis Bennor**

GILLETTE, Wyo. — Donald Ellis Bennor, 81, of Gillette, died Saturday, Oct. 30, 2004, in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Visitation will be from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 5, at the Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home Chapel in Gillette. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 6, at the Vineyard Christian Fellowship Church in Gillette. Interment will follow at the Mount Pisgah Cemetery in Gillette.

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**NOV 05 2004**

## **Emil 'Bud' Benth Sr.**

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Emil Ellsworth "Bud" Benth Sr., 82, died Friday, Jan. 2, 2004, in Memorial Hospital of Sheridan County.

Viewing is from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday at Champion Ferries Funeral Home. Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Trinity Lutheran Church with interment in Sheridan Elks Cemetery.

*THE BILLINGS GAZETTE.*

JAN 07 2004

# Richard Mark Bentham

SEP 9 2004  
BILLINGS GAZETTE

LAUREL — Richard Mark Bentham, 38, went to be with his maker Monday, Sept. 6, 2004.

Rick was a loving son, husband and father. He was an avid outdoorsman, enjoying boating, fishing, camping, hiking and snowmobiling. He was happiest when he could be with family and friends enjoying the outdoors.

He loved to watch Justin play soccer and some of the happiest family time was spent traveling to and from soccer tournaments. He loved to spend time with Brittany and watch her grow into a beautiful young woman.

Rick was always first to offer help when a friend was in need. His quick wit and infectious smile would light up a whole room. Rick worked hard and played harder. Everyone loved him.

Rick is survived by his wife Christi; children, Justin and Brittany; parents, Jack and Jean; grandmother, Jennie; brother, Randy (Renee); sister, Debi (Marty); brother-in-law Brian (Britta); in-laws, Bruce and Annette; nieces, Madison, Hannah, Latahni; and nephews,



**RICK  
BENTHAM**

Paul and Brian. Rick is also survived by many more friends and family.

Rick was preceded in death by maternal grandparents, Harl and Alice Bruner and his beloved grandpa, Mark Bentham.

Rick, we will miss and love you forever.

Memorial services will be held 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 11, at Smith Funeral Chapel-Laurel. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be made to the Laurel Youth Soccer Club.

## **William J. Bercier**

*THE BILLINGS GAZETTE*

JAN 12 2004

After battling cancer for several years, and with his family by his side, William went home to the Lord on Jan. 10, 2004.

William was born April 17, 1937, in Belcourt, N.D. He moved to Anaconda, where he worked for the Anaconda Smelter and retired after 20 years. He then moved back to Billings to be close to his children.

William leaves behind his ex-wife, Alice Hill; four daughters, Virginia (John) Vauthier, MaryAnn (Mark) Patterson and Audra Gairrett, all of Billings, and Brenda (Heinz) Klein of Alabama; two sons, Bill (Jean) Bercier and Larry Bercier, both of Anchorage, Alaska; two sisters, Olive Smith and Vicki Pelliter, both of Butte; 13 grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, five sisters and two brothers.

Cremation has taken place and a private family ceremony will be held at a later date.

He will be greatly missed...

Memorials in William's name may be made to Big Sky Hospice, PO Box 35033, Billings, MT 59107. Arrangements are by Cremation or Funeral Gallery.

## **Francis Leon Berg**

MALTA — Francis Leon Berg, 65, died Saturday, Sept. 4, 2004, at a hospital in Glasgow from cancer.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Friday, Sept. 10, at the Elim Lutheran Brethren Church in Malta. Interment will be in the Malta Cemetery. Adams Funeral Home in Malta is in charge.

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SEP 8 2004  
MILLINGS GAZETTE



**Kevin Berg**

JUN 17 2004

LEWISTOWN — Kevin Berg, 43, of Lewistown, died June 13, 2004, in his sleep.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, June 19, at the Cloyd Funeral Home Chapel in Lewistown. Interment will follow in the Beaver Creek Cemetery.

## Neil Herman Berg

*THE BILLINGS GAZETTE*

WOLF POINT — Neil Herman Berg, 84, died Friday, July 9, 2004, at Northeast Montana Health Services Trinity Hospital in Wolf Point.

JUL 13 2004

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, July 13, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Wolf Point. Interment will be in Greenwood Cemetery. Clayton Stevenson Memorial Chapel is in charge.

# Dr. Perry M. Berg

SEP 30 2004

## BILLINGS GAZETTE

Dr. Perry M. Berg gently died Monday, Sept. 27, 2004, from age and dementia at "The Memory Cottage" of Highgate Senior Living.

He was born Feb. 27, 1922, in Hawarden, Iowa, and grew up in

Mitchell, S.D., graduating high school in 1940. He attended the Universities of South Dakota and Tennessee, graduating from the University of Tennessee, College of Medicine, June



PERRY  
BERG

1946. He served a one year internship in Gorgas Hospital, Panama Canal Zone, followed by two years active duty in the U.S. Navy Medical Corps.

In June 1947, he met Karen, newly arrived nurse at Gorgas Hospital. They were married Nov. 8, 1947. After completion of active naval duty, he commenced his residency in orthopedic surgery in Cleveland, Ohio, and in 1954, upon completion of the residency program, they moved to Billings, where he established his orthopedic practice.

For 25 years, he was consultant to the Miles City VA Hospital and held monthly clinics both there and with the Miles City and Garberson Clinics. He also held

clinics in Lewistown for a number of years,

He was Diplomat of the Board of Orthopedic Surgeons, a member of the Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons, the Clinical Orthopedic Society, the American College of Surgeons, the American Society for the Surgery of Trauma, the Montana Medical Society, the Yellowstone Valley Medical Society and the AMA. He was Past President of the St. Vincent Hospital and the Yellowstone Valley Medical Society and Past Chief of Surgery of St. Vincent's Hospital.

In the early 1960s, a group of American Orthopedic Surgeons formed "Orthopedics Overseas" with the purpose of establishing orthopedic teaching programs in select third world countries with each member surgeon donating a month to the program. In 1963, he and Karen served in the Nigerian program and subsequently the Afghanistan, 1967; Dominican Republic, 1976; Nepal, 1987; and Peshawar, Pakistan, 1990.

He had a passion for the outdoors and was never happier than when fishing, hunting, skiing or backpacking and climbing in the mountains and sharing these moments with a variety of friends.

In 1967, Dr. Peter V. Teal joined him in practice. They formed Orthopedic Surgeons and were in turn joined by other new partners. He retired from this practice in 1987. This group, his wife and children, his patients, his many friends were the joys, the purpose and the rewards of his life.

He was preceded in death by son Jonathan. He is survived by his devoted wife and partner of 57 years, Karen; son Bruce of Seattle; daughter Randi of San Francisco; grandson Jeben Berg and family of Vancouver, Wash.

At Perry's request, he will be cremated and a private burial at Beth Aaron Cemetery will be held at a later date.

Please no flowers or plants. Karen and family thank the caregivers at the Highgate Cottage for their watchfulness and constant kind care for "Doc." We also thank Dr. Neal Sorenson for years of thoughtful attention and friendship. Our deepest appreciation to the staff of Big Sky Hospice who helped make the last months bearable and ask that memorials for Perry be donated to them at Big Sky Hospice, Box 3000, Billings, MT 59107.

Funeral Home Mortuary  
has charge of arrangements.

## Robert J. Berg

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

Bob passed away on July 8, 2004, after a short illness from cancer and heart failure.

Bob was born in Tacoma, Wash., to Arby and Alice Berg in 1928. He was raised in Minnesota by his grandparents. He moved to Laurel in 1960, where he met and married Roberta Bungard Bongiani in 1962.

He was the best father he could be to Roberta's daughter, Tracy and to his son, Greg.

In 1964, he was baptized as one of Jehovah's Witnesses and cherished his years as a worshipper of Jehovah.

Bob was best known as a good mechanic. He worked at various jobs until he began his job at the City of Billings Motor Pool, retiring in 1991. He still worked at home until his death. He could always find the mechanical problem when no one else could. He gave of himself to help people no matter where or when.

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He is survived by his wife of 42 years; his daughter, Tracy Tiller and husband, Wayne and his son, Greg and wife, Jennifer of Greensboro, N.C. He has five grandchildren, four step-grandchildren and six great-grandchildren and many relatives and friends.

A memorial will be held on Saturday, July 17, 2004, at 2 p.m., at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses on 36th St. West and Monad.

**MAY 19 2004****Adam 'Red' Berger**

**HUNTLEY** — Adam "Red" Berger, age 78, passed away May 17, 2004, at his home in Huntley, with his family at his side, following a short battle with cancer.

Red was born Jan. 15, 1926, in Belfry, to William and Adeline Berger. Red was one of 11 children. He attended school and graduated from Charlo High School in 1946. Red was fortunate enough to attend his 57th high school reunion in July 2003. Red



**RED  
BERGER**

served in the Air Force from May 1946 through May 1949. Red married Marjorie Michaelis of Huntley on July 7, 1956. Out of this union were born two children, Michael and Wendy. Red was employed at Archie Cochrane Ford for 38 years until retirement in 1987. His career started as a carhop, working his way up to service manager, and then spent many years in sales. His family's car of choice is still Ford's.

Red had a stock-car racing career from 1951 to 1954, starting at Wonderland Speedway of Billings. Red's love of racing continued up to a few days before his

death, with him asking "who won the race?" His hobbies were reading, gardening, hunting and fishing. Some of his most memorable hunting and fishing trips were with family and friends. Fishing trips usually ended up empty-handed with the excuse "the fish weren't biting." Red was an avid pet lover. He expressed his love for his pets through the flower garden he planted in memory of them every summer.

Red is survived by his wife Marjorie; daughter Wendy Lackman (Greg Job), Billings; son Michael (Debbie) Berger, Enumclaw, Wash.; and granddaughter Heather Berger, Enumclaw. He is also survived by two brothers and two sisters, Jerry, Bob, Judy and Virginia.

Red was well known for his teasing and ornery sense of humor. He will be missed by everyone who knew him.

Visitations may be made at Smith West Chapel beginning

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Thursday morning, May 20. The funeral service will be at 2 p.m. on Friday, May 21, at the Smith West Chapel, 304 34th St. West, followed by military rites and cremation. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Big Sky Hospice or the Billings Animal Shelter.

# Katie Mae Bergland

BILLINGS GAZETTE

JUN 25 2004

**CIRCLE** — The presence of God's loving hand led Katie Mae Bergland, age 84, to rest on Tuesday, June 22, 2004. Katie died at the Glendive Medical Center after struggling with several medical conditions being treated by a loving staff at the McCone County Nursing Home in Circle.



**KATIE MAE  
BERGLAND**

Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, June 28, at the First Lutheran Church in Circle, with Pastor David Aaseng officiating. Interment will be in the Riverview Cemetery in Circle. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Glendive is entrusted with arrangements.

Katie Mae was born on Aug. 1, 1919, in Circle, the daughter of Jay and MaryAnn (Eastrom) Elverud. She graduated from Circle High School, and married her high school sweetheart, Alden Bergland, on Sept. 12, 1942, in Tacoma, Wash., during World War II. Katie Mae worked for Boeing Aircraft in Seattle for two years, and was known as "Rosie the Riveter," working on the wings of the B-17s. Katie Mae and Alden purchased Chavin Drug in

Circle in 1946. They shared a life together, operating a true, old-fashioned soda fountain, coffee shop, drug store and gift shop seven days a week, for 49 years before retiring. They always welcomed the Circle customers, and appreciated their support. The Billings Gazette featured pictures and an interview with the Berglands at their 49-year establishment. The soda fountain is still operating today.

Katie Mae and Alden shared a personally rich and rewarding life together for 62 years.

Katie Mae was preceded in death by her parents; a sister, Gladys Schillinger; and a brother, Edward Elverud.

She is survived by her husband Alden Bergland, of Circle; a son, Rocky Bergland and his wife Debbie of Portland, Ore.; her daughter, Sheryn Gackle and her husband Del of Brockway; two grandchildren, Robin Gackle and Darrell Gackle; numerous nieces and nephews.

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



# Ethel Sarah Bergstrom BILLINGS GAZETTE

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**GREAT FALLS** — Ethel Sarah (McEwen) Bergstrom, 90, of Opheim, passed away Saturday, May 8, 2004, of natural causes, at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Bob and Marlene Dillard in Great Falls.



**ETHEL  
BERGSTROM**

Cremation will take place under the direction of **Schneider Funeral Home** and a Memorial service will be 2 p.m. Tuesday, May 11, at the Opheim United Methodist Church with burial of ashes in Opheim beside her husband Leroy. Opheim arrangements are under the care of Bell Mortuary in Glasgow. A Memorial service will also be held in Great Falls at the Christ United Methodist Church at a later date.

Ethel is survived by her daughters, Marlene Gail (Bob) Dillard of Great Falls, and Janet (Jim) Bailey of Opheim; sons, Robert Leroy Bergstrom of Billings, and Larry Duane (Jeannie) Bergstrom of Nashua; daughter-in-law, Deanna

Bergstrom of Harlem; as well as numerous nieces and nephews. The joys of her life were her 10 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren; Marlene's children, Bob and Lori Vinson, Bobby, Ty, and Shayna, of Great Falls, Jim and Barb Vinson, Courtney, Caitlin, and Kylee of Zurich; Janet's children, Donnie Bailey, Dave and Cathy Bailey, Stephanie and Kieren, Debbie Bailey and JD, Doug Bailey all of Opheim; Bob's daughter, Susan and Rick Anderson, Taylor and Tiegen of Billings; Larry's children, Dawn and Corey Gilman, Ashley and Tyler of Billings, Shawn Bergstrom of Dickenson, N. D., and Becky Bergstrom of Billings.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Leroy; her parents; brothers, Ray, Jim, and Ewen McEwen; sisters, Minnie Allen, and Nellie Omvig Vaughn; two great-grandsons, Zachary Vinson and PJ Anderson; and son-in-law, Earl "Vince" Vinson.

Ethel was born on July 29, 1913, in Lonesome Butte, Saskatchewan, Canada and was raised in the Killdeer and Wood Mountain Saskatchewan area. On June 29, 1935, she married

**Leroy Kenneth Bergstrom in Glasgow. He passed away on Oct. 4, 1986.**

She attended grade school in Macworth and Wood Mountain, Saskatchewan and High School in Lafleche, Sask. When she was approaching her 18th birthday, she chose to come to the United States to live as her father was an American citizen. Her father died when she was five years old in the 1918 flu epidemic.

She and Roy farmed and ranched in the Opheim area and operated the Roy-El Café. Ethel worked at the Opheim Drugstore, and at the Opheim Radar Base as a mess attendant and a cook. They always gardened and canned together. Ethel lived in her home and took care of her yard, garden, and flower beds until recently.

Ethel was a member of Sunset Chapter, Order of Eastern Star for many years, serving as secretary for 25 years. She is a "card carrying" member of the Opheim United Methodist Church, where she taught Sunday school and held many offices in the church and Women's Society. She enjoyed reading, crocheting, embroidering, playing cards, and Bingo, reading her bible and attending church and senior citizens. She was the Opheim Senior Citizen

of the year in 1997. She also enjoyed her hobby of scrapbooking that she started more than 60 years ago.

She has articles on nearly everyone in the Opheim area who served in the military in WWII, Korea, and Vietnam. Weddings, new babies, graduations, obituaries, anniversaries, or sports events, she has it all in one of her many scrapbooks.

Ethel spent three months every winter in Great Falls with Marlene and her family where she was active in church and volunteered at the nursing home helping the "old people." Ethel celebrated her 90th birthday in July 2003 with her children, their spouses and nearly all of her 10 grandchildren and 13 grandchildren present.

She was very proud of her American Citizenship and always flew the flag on a flagpole in her yard, and wore a flag pin on her lapel.

Memorials may be given to the Opheim United Methodist Church or to the Great Falls Peace Hospice, 2600 15th Ave. S., Great Falls, MT 59405.

## **ELSIE PAULINE BERNACK**

**THE BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**JAN 13 2004**

Elsie Pauline Bernack went home to be with her Heavenly Father Jan. 11, 2004, following a lengthy illness.

Mrs. Bernack was born Oct. 2, 1919, in Grant County, N.D., to Gottfried and Pauline Swoboda Baesler. She lived and received her early education in North Dakota, later attending school in the Chicago area.



**ELSIE  
BERNACK**

Elsie married Frank Bernack at Glendive on Jan. 20, 1942. He preceeded her in death in 1962. After the military and living in different locations, they made their home in Montana around the Park City area.

Mrs. Bernack was a long time member of St. Anthony's Church in Laurel. She had many interests in life including reading and writing poetry. She had a life long desire to be a judge, but her ambitions were fulfilled with her marriage and family. She worked as a telephone personnel and tax preparer but most importantly as a homemaker.

Mrs. Bernack is survived by her two children, daughter Janet Wimsett-Schock (Fred) and son James Bernack (Judy). One son Frank Bernack preceded her in

death in infancy. One grandson, Jesse Wimsett; two granddaughters, Faedra Grubbs, Deidra Robbins; a grandson, Frank Wimset, also preceded her in death. Two brothers survive, Rueben Baesler (Ruby) and Erland Baesler (Juanita) of Ville Platte, Ga., and one sister, Bertha Bozic of San Leandro, Calif. Also surviving are numerous step-children, step-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Elsie touched many lives and will be missed by all.

Mom you were courageous to the end! I will always love and miss you.

Vigil services will be 7 p.m. Tuesday at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary. The Funeral Mass will be 10 a.m. Wednesday at St. Anthony Catholic Church, Laurel. Rite of Committal will be in the Laurel Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to St. Anthony Catholic Church.

## **Edna MacMillan Bernard**

HOLY HILL, Fla. — Edna MacMillan Bernard, 81, of Holly Hill, formerly of Forsyth, Mont., died Saturday, June 19, 2004, at the Horizon Health Care in Daytona Beach. Cemetery graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, July 1, at the family lot in Forsyth. Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home of Forsyth is in charge.

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**JUN 29 2004**

**MAY 09 2004****Donald Wayne Bernhardt**

Donald Wayne Bernhardt, 68, of Billings, passed away from cancer at home on Thursday, May 6, 2004.

Donald was born at home to

George and Lydia Bernhardt on July 16, 1935, west of Billings and spent his entire life in this community. He graduated in 1953 from Billings Senior High.



**DONALD  
BERNHARDT**

While Don was growing up he was very active in 4-H and FFA later becoming a 4-H leader for the youth in his neighborhood. On Feb. 12, 1961, he married Donna Miller and they farmed together and raised two daughters. Don and Donna had a loving marriage for 43 years and maintained a very close family. Don spent the majority of his working life in Agriculture. He farmed the land for most of his life and worked the campaigns at Western Sugar. His last years were spent at Simplot Soilbuilders retiring in 2002.

Don's ingenuity benefited many from the sugar beet industry to his many friends and neighbors. As a young man he invented the

beet cleaner for the beet harvester that is still used today. He was a good mechanic and a good welder, and his skills benefited all who knew him. The community and neighbors meant a great deal to Don, and he enjoyed helping and sharing his talents with all of them. In his retirement, Don took great pleasure in establishing a new home and building a shop as well as gardening, landscaping, and helping all his neighbors get settled. Those neighbors as well as all the friends gave back to Don and Donna during his months of illness.

Survivors include his wife, Donna; two daughters, Natalie Dragoo of Billings, and Tracy (Mike) Linder of Molt; mother, Lydia; and brother, Gerald, of Billings as well as many aunts and uncles, nieces and nephews and cousins. He was preceded in death by his father, George, and twin infant brothers.

Don's wonderful sense of humor, generosity, and creativity will be missed by all his family and friends as well as anyone who crossed his path.

Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. on Monday, July 21, at the Pilgrim Congregational Church, 409 S. 36th St. Private interment services will be held at a later date. Memorials to Big Sky Hospice or Pilgrim Congregational Church.

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## A. Isabell 'Jo' Bernier

A. Isabell "Jo" Bernier, of Billings, a daughter of Orion E. and Mary Louise (Smith) Jones, early-day settlers of Molt, passed away Saturday, March 13, 2004, at the age of 87, to be with her Lord.

Isabell met and married John S. Bernier of Helena. They were blessed with two children by adoption: one son, Robert Bernier, was living in California at the time of his death in 1999; one daughter, Mary Joe Sanchez, now lives in Maxwell, N.M., with her husband Joseph Sanchez and they are the parents of three children, Melissa (Justin) Cruz, Patricia M (Timothy) Salazar and John D. (Vanessa) Sanchez. The great-grandchildren are Leiandra, Adrian, Aaron and Islaya, all of Maxwell.

Jo spent several years in Denver to live near her daughter, as she was alone here in Billings, her husband John having been killed in a car accident in 1959 on his way to work at the Carter Oil Refinery, where he was a chemist. Jo returned to Billings to make this her home, doing craftwork, which kept her busy and was the envy of her work by all those who saw her work. She was also kept busy at several



ISABELL BERNIER

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JOYCE IN BILLINGS in their craft depts.: The McCoy Craft Shop, D J Coles and Hart Albin Co. She was never too busy to help someone who needed help with their craft projects. Jo had the misfortune of having her home burn and losing most of her beautiful things that she had made.

Isabell, seeking a new home, settled in the Central Court Village, where a host of friends were made, but her health became a problem, but her craft-work did not go undone. She often spoke of the good times she was having at the home.

She is survived by one brother, Maynard Jones (Lowene), Billings; sisters, Dorothy Arnold of New Bedford, Mass., Mrs. Jack (Punkie) Lang of Central Court Village, Billings. Sister Susie M Barnett, Garrison, Iowa, preceded her in death in August 2000.

The nieces and nephews are Everett (Carol) Jones, Billings, Shirley (Wendell) Ellenberger, Denver, Delores (Glen) Brant, Ray (Glenda) Lang, Billings, Kay (William) O'Donnell, Aberdeen, Wash., Carol (Steven) Zentmire, Havre, Diane (Wayne) Shepard, Massachusetts, James Thomas, Wisconsin, Linda Woods, California, Janet (Paul) Nadeau, Massachusetts, Mary Bearse (Mike), Massachusetts; and a cousin, Jean Burnett of Oroville, Calif.; and numerous great-nieces and nephews.



H. Isabell "JO" BERNIER ~~THE BILLING CENTER~~

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We wish to thank the Central Court Village for the many friends our sister met and enjoyed. She loved you all.

Smith Funeral Chapels in charge of arrangements and cremation. A memorial service will be announced at a later date.

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## **Billie Berry**

**OCT 21 2004  
BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**BUFFALO, Wyo.** — Billie Rodin Berry, 84, of Buffalo, died Tuesday, Oct. 19, 2004, at the Johnson County Health Care Center.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 26, at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Buffalo. Services and interment will be at 10 a.m. Monday, Oct. 25, at the All Saints Episcopal Church in Torrington. Interment will be in the Valley View Cemetery in Torrington.

## Lena Berry

**THE BELLINGHAM GAZETTE**

**MILES CITY —** Lena (Leo) Berry, 91, of Miles City, died Friday, Aug. 14, 2004, at the Holy Rosary Extended Care Facility in Miles City.

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Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Aug. 20, at the Holy Rosary Chapel. A funeral mass will be at a later date at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Miles City. Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home of Miles City is in charge.

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# Opal Berry

**FAIRVIEW** — Opal Berry, 88, of Fairview, died Monday, April 5, 2004, at her home.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 10, at the Community Presbyterian Church in Fairview. Cremation has taken place. Interment of cremains will be in the Nohly Cemetery. Fullerson Funeral Home of Sidney is in charge.

## **Ivan Berryman**

**POWELL, Wyo.** — Ivan Walter Berryman, 83, died Sunday, Aug. 8, 2004, at Powell Valley Health Care Center.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 12, at the Union Presbyterian Church in Powell. A viewing will be from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, at Miratsky-Easton Funeral Home in Powell. Burial will be in the Crown Hill Cemetery.

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THURS., AUGUST 12, 2004

## Ivan W. Berryman

A celebration of the life of Ivan W. Berryman, who died Sunday, Aug. 8 at Powell Valley Hospital, will be held today (Thursday) at 2 p.m. at Union Presbyterian Church. He was 83.

He was born June 14, 1921, on a Deaver homestead, son of Walther and Lena E. (Durland) Berryman. He attended school in Deaver and spent three years at the University of Wyoming before joining the army infantry during World War II.

He met and married Faith Elizabeth Ames on Dec. 12, 1942, at Salt Lake City, Utah. After a medical discharge, he worked in the civil service, repairing 50-caliber machine guns for the Air Force until the war ended.

He worked for the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad for 41 years in Powell and Cody.

He was a 61-year member of the American Legion. He was also a member of VFW and a member of the Rod and Gun Club where he was a riflery instructor for 25 years.

He was a craftsman who created handmade knives, black powder rifles and powderhorns. He won numerous shooting competitions with his own handmade rifles. He was well known as a horseman and roped calves in 20 to 25 rodeos a year until the age of 62.

He raised two daughters alone after the death of his first wife in 1953. In 1966, he married Betty Norskog Rice. She brought five children to the union.

Survivors include seven children, Rita Blackwood of Denver, Sheri Simpson of Pow-

ell, Allen Rice of Casper, Nancy Barnett of Carlsbad, N.M., Bernie Rice and Mike Rice of Rangely, Colo., and Marie Holdsworth of Powell; a sister, Velta Ellis of Lovell; and numerous grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife Betty and sister Velma Kessel.

## Betty Berta

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

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SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Irma "Betty" Berta, 81, of Sheridan, died Tuesday, July 6, 2004, at Sheridan Manor.

A rosary will be at 6 p.m. Sunday, July 11, at Kane Funeral Home in Sheridan. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 2 p.m. Monday, July 12, at Holy Name Catholic Church. Interment will follow in the Sheridan Municipal Cemetery.

# Palma Evelyn Bertelson

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

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Palma Evelyn Bertelson, 85, of Billings, passed away Saturday, Feb. 7, 2004, at St. Vincent Healthcare. She was surrounded by her loved ones.



**PALMA  
BERTELSON**

She was born the daughter of Edward and Anne Odegard on March 15, 1918 in Minneapolis, Minn., the third of four children. She married Donald M. Bertelson on July 12, 1941, in San Diego, Calif. After his discharge from the Navy in October 1945, they moved to Billings. Don formed Yellowstone Paper Co. Palma was a dedicated mother and homemaker. After the children went through grade school, she began working for Yellowstone Paper as the bookkeeping/secretary until her retirement in 1984.

Palma enjoyed many different activities during her lifetime. She was active in Junior Women's Club, Opti-Mrs., Elks Club, bowling and golf leagues. She was a member and volunteer at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. In her youth, Palma was an excellent ice skater. In the springtime she loved working in her yard and had a green thumb for plants. Mom loved going out dancing,

going to ball games to watch her son and grandchildren play, and watching all sports on TV.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Don, in 1976; daughter, Lynda A. Jensen, in 1999; and her two brothers, Albert and Maurice Odegard.

She is survived by two daughters, Donna (Curt) Farrier, Kalispell, and Judy (John) Tripp, Billings; and one son, Jerry (Linda) Bertelson, Billings. She leaves behind seven loving grandchildren, Britta (Billy) Conrad, Klamath Falls, Ore., Kirk (Keri) Jensen, Vancouver, Wash., Ryan Tripp, Bozeman, Allison Tripp, Billings, Brooke Bertelson, Seattle, Wash., Brock Bertelson, Chandler, Ariz., and Becca Bertelson, Grand Junction, Colo. Palma has two great-grandchildren, Jessica and Will Conrad, Oregon that provided many moments of joy. Palma will miss all her friends that have been so kind and thoughtful and they will miss her also.

Mom, we will always love you and will miss you terribly. Keep that wonderful smile.



A memorial service will be 1 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 10, at Dahl Funeral and Cremation Service at 10 Yellowstone Ave., Billings. Interment will be at a later date.

Memorials may be made to the National Kidney Foundation, 3545 So. Tamarac Drive, Suite 200, Denver, CO 80237-1428, or to the charity of your choice.

# Joan H. Bertholf

Jan. 24, 1928 — March 7, 2004

PFLUGERVILLE, Texas — Joan Harriet Lovell Bertholf was born Jan. 24, 1928, in Wolf Point, Mont., to Vincent A. and Winifred E. Lovell. She

was valedictorian of Lewistown High School and attended the University of Minnesota. In 1948, she married Russell W. "Bert" Bertholf, Jr., a U.S. Army captain. She described herself as



**JOAN  
BERTHOLF**

a "Full-time wife to a globetrotting military officer, mother, and homemaker." She traveled the world for the next 30 years, living life to its fullest, raising her children, providing encouragement to military families, and participating in local government.

Growing up in small Montana towns, she enthusiastically appreciated every exotic place she lived — the Japanese island of Kyushu; the Mediterranean seacoast of Naples, Italy; the Bavarian Alps of Oberammergau, Germany; and the painted deserts of New Mexico. Kansas, Georgia, and Virginia were in there too — but she always wanted to return to her

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beloved Texas. In 1971, Bert and Joan retired to Westlake Hills, where she tended her wildflowers, served on the Election Commission and the Architectural Review Committee. In 1973, Joan earned her bachelor of arts in French and Literature from the University of Texas.

Joan was an accomplished pianist, enjoyed singing in her chapel choir, and loved downhill skiing. A horse owner, she was very much at home on horseback. She was proud of her work with the Center for Disease Control, where she was a researcher and speech writer in the Diabetes and Arthritis Control Program. She was a lifetime member of Alpha Delta Pi, the Austin Aggie Mom's Club, and a benefactor of numerous service organizations and charities.

She was devoted to her children and is survived by sons, Jan C. Berthoff, Fort Collins, Colo., Philip G. Berthoff, Tom Bean, Texas; daughter Emily L. Berthoff, Pflugerville; brother John (Jack) Vincent Lovell, Scottsdale, Ariz.; sister Janet C. Watts, Missoula, Mont. She is also survived by her grandchildren, John, Scott, Kyle, Kay, Devon, Terrin and Amaris.

A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. on Friday, March 12, at Cook-Walden/Capital Parks Funeral Home, 14501 N I-35, Pflugerville.

The family requests memorial contributions to be made to the Alzheimer's Association, PO Box 4829, Austin, TX 78765.

**Clara E. Bessler****MAY 18 2004**

**POWELL, Wyo.** — Clara E. Bessler, 96, of Powell, died Sunday, May 16, 2004, at the Powell Valley Care Center.

Rosary will be at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 20, at St. Barbara's Catholic Church in Powell. Funeral Mass will be 10 a.m. Friday, May 21, at St. Barbara's Catholic Church. Visitation will begin one hour before each service. Christian burial will be in Crow's Hill Cemetery in Powell. Miratsky-Easton Funeral Home of Powell is in charge.

## Wife of CLARA BESSLER

Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Friday, May 21 at St. Barbara's Catholic Church for Clara Elizabeth (Gregory) Bessler, 96, who died Sunday, May 16 in Powell.

She was born April 12, 1908, in Bay City, Mich., to Simon (Gregoire) Gregory and Louise Hebert Gregory. She entered a convent at age 16, but returned to her family when she became homesick.

She worked for a while as a telephone operator, but her father had other plans. The family's landlord, Joseph John (J.J.) Bessler and Clara's father conspired to introduce their adult children by sending Clara to pay the rent. Bessler's son, Leo, thereafter always wore a sprig of lily of the valley in his hatband when he courted Clara. It must have charmed her. They were married on April 12, 1928, in Chicago.

By 1931, Leo's parents and brothers had homesteaded in Powell. Leo and Clara packed themselves, everything they had and their first child, Dorothy, into a Model T Ford and traveled to Powell to join the family on the East Willwood. J.J. Bessler died in 1933 and in 1941, Clara and Leo purchased the farm from Grandma Bessler. They worked the farm, raising crops and kids, until Leo's tragic death in 1966.

Clara is survived by two daughters and five sons: Rita Peterson (Pete) of Laurel, Mont.; Helen Brandes (John) of Moses Lake, Wash.; Leo E. (Nick) Bessler of Powell; Paul Bessler (Barbara) of Clancy, Mont.; Denis Bessler (Pat) of Helena, Mont.; Francis Bessler of Laramie; and Bob Bessler (Linda) of Powell; 22 grandchildren; at last count, 35 great-grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; three brothers and four sisters; her husband,

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(Signature)

Leo P. Bessler; her daughter, Dorothy Chapman; and her great-granddaughter, Teri Jo Bradish.

Clara is remembered by her family as a faithful member of St. Barbara's Catholic Church and a woman of great faith. She served as a founding board member of Powell's Senior Citizens Center and was active in the Willwood Women's Club and VFW Auxiliary for many years. She loved reading and participated in the Library Club, loved music and supported the Wyoming Fiddlers Association and loved to dance and did so beautifully and at every opportunity.

As the mother of eight children and a farmer's wife, Clara was a mom who accepted teasing and was known to dish it out as well. Her first language was French; for years she referred to the "little house out back" as "ma petit maison." She gardened and always had a row of flowers amongst the vegetables. She canned cupboards full of food every fall and was an excellent cook. She baked mountains of bread and patched a sea of blue jeans. She enjoyed sewing, hooking rugs, embroidery and ceramics. Well into her 80s, Clara committed herself to visiting "the old people" at the nursing home. She carried funny stories, cartoons, prayers and words of encouragement around in her purse (it was a really big purse!), just to share with her family and friends, all of whom will miss her loving presence very much.

Rosary will be at 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 20, at St. Barbara's Catholic Church. Visitation will be one hour before the Thursday rosary and one hour before the Friday Mass. Christian burial will be in Crown Hill Cemetery. Memorials may be made to St. Barbara's Catholic Church or the Powell Senior Citizen's Center. Arrangements are by Miratsky-Easton Funeral Home of Powell

SIDNEY — Memorial services for Eugene V. Best, 91, of Sidney, will be 11 a.m. Saturday, April 24, at the Fulkerson Memorial Chapel, Sidney, with Pastor Alton Hillesland officiating. Cremation has taken place under the direction of Fulkerson Funeral Home of Sidney. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to the Sidney Health Center Hospice Department.



**EUGENE  
BEST**

Eugene "Chickie" was born in Canton, Ohio, Nov. 12, 1912, to parents LaVerne and Lydia (Smith) Best. He attended schools in Canton and at Mooseheart Academy in Aurora, Ill.

In 1929, he and his parents moved to Reed Point. There, he married Lucile Guthrie on Jan. 14, 1933. They have a son, Jacque, of Sidney.

Chickie worked for the Bureau of Public Roads in Yellowstone Park.

In 1934, he moved to Fort Peck, where he went to work for the Corps of Engineers in the construction of the Fort Peck Dam. He also worked there 35 years. He

was a licensed surveyor and was in charge of surveys on the dam and was Assistant Administrator of the Fort Peck Office of the Corps of Engineers.

He retired from the Corps in 1969. In 1972, he was employed as Administrator of Buildings and Grounds for Mountain Plains School at Glasgow Air Force Base. He later formed an engineering and survey company, B.B.H. He enjoyed his work and the challenge of engineering. He and Lucile moved to Sidney in 2001.

He was a charter member of the Essayon Garden Club. He was a Boy Scout leader, a member of the Glasgow Congregational United Church of Christ, a 35-year volunteer fireman and an instructor in Red Cross life-saving. He also worked as janitor at the Fort Peck School for many years.

He loved doing things for his neighbors — painting their houses inside and out, washing their cars, mowing their lawns and shoveling their sidewalks. His greatest joy was his family; his wife, Lucile; his son; grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Eugene V. "Chickie" Best passed away in the Sidney Health Center-Extended Care Facility on Friday, April 16, 2004, surrounded by family.

Chickie is survived by his wife, Lucile Best, Sidney; son, Jacque (Connie) Best, Sidney; grandson, Marc (Suzanne) Best, Helena; granddaughter, Jodi (Mark) Anderson, Rapid City, S.D.; four great-grandchildren, Brooke and Logan Anderson, Mallory Best and Kelsey Verbanac; sisters, Janice Atkinson, Cleveland, Ohio, and Shirley Vermes, Laurel.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers.



## Malka Bestel

MOORCROFT, Wyo. — Malka Bestel, 95, of Moorcroft, died Tuesday, March 16, 2004, at the Campbell County Memorial Hospital.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. Friday, March 19, at the St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Moorcroft. Interment will be in the Moorcroft Cemetery at a later date. Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home of Gillette is in charge.

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

MAR 19 2004

## Roberta Bettinger

OCT 26 2004  
BILLINGS GAZETTE

BUFFALO, Wyo. — Roberta "Bert" Bettinger, 73, of Buffalo, died Saturday, Oct. 23, 2004, at the Johnson County Health Care Center.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 27, at the Adams Funeral Home Chapel in Buffalo. Visitation will be from 1 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 26, and from 8 to 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, at the funeral home. Burial will be in Willow Grove Cemetery, with graveside services to follow the funeral ceremony.

## **Dorothy E. Beutler**

BUFFALO, Wyo. — Dot Beutler, 83, died early Saturday morning, Nov. 13, 2004, at the Johnson County Health Care Center.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m., Wednesday, Nov. 17, at the Adams Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Nancy Brooks officiating. Visitation will be held from the funeral home chapel on Tuesday from 1-9 p.m. and on Wednesday from 8-9:30 a.m. Private family interment will be in Willow Grove Cemetery.

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**NOV 14 2004**

## Joseph H. Bevis

BILLINGS GAZETTE

MAY 05 2004

BOWMAN, N.D. — Joseph H. Bevis, 75, of Bowman, died Monday, May 3, 2004, at Southwest Healthcare Services Hospital in Bowman.

A family and friends service will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 5, at Bowman Lutheran Church in Bowman. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, May 6, at Bowman Lutheran Church. Burial will be at 2 p.m. Friday, May 7, in the Winnett Cemetery, Winnett, Mont. Krebsbach Funeral Service of Bowman is in charge.

**Wade Beyers**

JUN 15 2004

**BAKER** — Wade Beyers, 40, of Baker, died Sunday, June 13, 2004, at Fallon Medical Complex in Baker.

Visitation will be 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday, June 16, with a prayer service at 7 p.m., in the Chapel of Stevenson Funeral Home. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, June 17, at the American Lutheran Church in Baker.

JUNE 16, 2004

**BAKER** — Wade passed away on Sunday, June 13, 2004 at the Fallon Medical Complex in Baker of a sudden heart attack.

Wade Beyers was born on June 18, 1963, the son of Harold "Buzz" and Bonnie (Anderson) Beyers in Baker. He grew up and attended schools and graduated in Baker. In 1980, he began his career working in the oilfield around the Baker area. Wade was working for Mitchell's Oilfield Service as a roustabout in the Cabin Creek & Pine



**WADE  
BEYERS**

Unit area for the last nine years. Wade married Lori Haga on May 19, 1990, in Baker. His greatest love was for Lori and his sons Teryn and Chaz. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, camping, training his dogs to hunt and using them in the field. Wade was loved by his nieces and nephews and enjoyed being called "Uncle Wade" as well as getting together with his entire family. He was a Dallas Cowboy fan through and through and considered it a great Sunday when the Cowboys came away with a win. Wade was looked up to by his fellow workers and respected by all.

Survivors include his wife,

Lori, Baker; two sons, Teryn and Chaz, of the family home; his parents, Buzz and Bonnie Beyers, Baker; his mother-in-law Florence Haga, Baker; his father-in-law, Buford (Patsy) Haga, Marion, Va.; two sisters, Rosalyn (Darc) Duprel, Vale, SD and Cindy (Vern) Roberts, Fruitland, Utah; two brothers, Brad (Karen) Beyers and Ryan (Sonja) Beyers, both of Baker; and numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and great-nieces and nephews; brother-in-law Bill (Angela) Haga, Dickinson; sister-in-law Louella (Joe) Halmans.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents.

Remembrances and condolences can be shared with the family at [stevensonfuneralhome.com](http://stevensonfuneralhome.com).

# Douglas Lee Bidlake

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

JUL 4 - 2004

Douglas Lee Bidlake, 42, of Billings, died, at his home. He was born in Billings, May 14, 1962, the son of Jack and Rita (Stewart) Bidlake. He was raised in Billings and attended Billings schools and graduated from Billings West High.

He then attended Montana State University in Bozeman and graduated in 1984 with a degree in political science. He returned to Billings where he was engaged in the insurance business for a number of years.

He was a long time member of the Independent Insurance Agents Association and the local chapter in Billings. He was a certified insurance counselor.

Doug was preceded in death by his father, Jack Bidlake; his infant nephew, Zachary John Bidlake; his paternal grandparents, Morgan and Geraldine Bidlake; and maternal grandparents, Colin and Peg Stewart.

He is survived by his mother and stepfather, Rita and Jerome Anderson, of Helena; his brother and sister-in-law, John and Rhonda Bidlake; a niece and nephew, Morgan and Cole Bidlake, of Billings; his stepsister and stepbrother, Chris Anderson, of Billings, Patricia Halder (Dennis), of Portland, Ore., and John A. Anderson, of Colorado; step-niece, Chrisen Kimpton, of

Minneapolis, Minn.; Whitney Kimpton, of Billings and Troy Kimpton of Missoula.

Doug was an avid golfer, played rugby, enjoyed traveling (especially to Mexico) and was an avid sportsman. He will be remembered by his many friends for his jovial attitude and congeniality.

There will be a private memorial service for members of his immediate family.

## **Betty Bieber**

**BIG TIMBER** — Betty Bieber, age 77, of Big Timber, passed away on Jan. 20, 2004, at Deaconess Billings Clinic.

Betty was born June 4, 1926, in Augusta. She graduated from Thompson Falls High School and then Montana State University in Bozeman. She was a laboratory technologist in Sweetgrass County Hospital in Big Timber.

She married Ray Bieber of Big Timber Nov. 7, 1948. She was very active with the American Legion Auxiliary, bridge with her friends and was well thought of by the community.

She is survived by her brothers, Dr. William Fry and his wife Peg of Billings, Harry Fry and his wife Donna of Kalispell; her sister Carolyn Severson of Boulder City, Nev., and numerous nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her parents, William and Naida Fry and her husband Ray.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the Lowry Mortuary in Big Timber. Memorials are suggested for the Big Timber Hospice or charity of your choice.

**THE BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**JAN 22 2004**



**Edwin Bieber**

APR 02 2004

SIDNEY — Edwin "Eddie" Bieber, 81, of Sidney, died Thursday, April 1, 2004, at the Sidney Health Center - Extended Care Facility.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday, April 5, at the Assembly of God Church. Cremation will follow services. Interment will be at a later date in the Sidney Cemetery. Fulkerson Funeral Home of Sidney is in charge.

## **Madonne Biegalko**

*THE BILLINGS GAZETTE*

APR 14 2004

**MILES CITY —** Madeline (Wanner) Biegalko, 84, of Miles City, died Sunday, April 11, 2004, at New Horizons Care Center in Lewistown.

Visitation will be Thursday, April 15, in the chapel of Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City. Family will receive friends from 4 to 6 p.m. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, April 16, in the chapel of Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City. Interment will follow in the family lot of the Custer County Cemetery.

## **JOYCE ERNST BIEGEL**

Joyce Ernst Biegel, 74, of Billings, went to be with the Lord on Dec. 10, 2004, in Minneapolis, where she had spent her most recent months following surgery at the Mayo Clinic.

Joyce was born April 9, 1930, in Minneapolis. She spent her childhood in Minneapolis, and graduated from The University of Minnesota with a degree in Dental Hygiene.



**JOYCE  
BIEGEL**

Her new career took her to Sioux Falls, S.D., and then later to Billings, where she made her home. In 1953, she married Frank Biegel of Billings, and together, they had three children. Joyce continued to work as a dental hygienist part time for 25 years. Following her retirement, she devoted 20 years to teaching Sunday School at Faith Chapel. She will long be remembered for her love of children.

Joyce was preceded in death by her parents, Viola and Hans Ernst. She is survived by her husband of 52 years, Frank; her daughter, Barb Berg and husband Sture of Minneapolis; her son Bob and wife Deb of Clancy; her son Dave and wife Teri of Billings; and 10 grandchildren.

*THE BILLINGS GAZETTE*  
DEC 15 2004

A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Dec 18, at Faith Chapel. Friends may greet the family one hour prior to services. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to "Kids Camp" in care of Faith Chapel, 517 Shiloh Road, Billings, MT 59106.

**JUN 23 2004****Christine Bigback**

Christine Bigback, 53, of Busby was called home by Maheo on Friday, June 25, 2004, in the St. Vincent Healthcare in Billings.

Soo'naha'ne'he'e (Kills through the Enemy Woman) was born

Dec. 3, 1950, in Crow Agency, a daughter of Robert Bigback Sr. and Gladys Mae Hadley. She was a direct descendent the Cheyenne warrior Rising Sun and the Apache Chief Geronimo. She



**CHRISTINE  
BIGBACK**

grew up in the Busby area and graduated from Busby High School. She later attended the S.L.P.L. Technical School in New Mexico, studying secretarial skills.

Following her education, she returned to the Busby-Lame Deer area, where she worked in the clerical field.

Christine married Maynard LaRance and he preceded her in death. She married Mathias Michel Jr. and the couple lived in the Flathead-Big Arm area for several years before divorcing. She then married Clyde Red Woman and the couple later divorced.

During her younger years, she traveled the powwow circuit with her parents, participating in dance contests, often winning. She also played softball for the Busby Women's League.

Christine was a proud member of the Northern Cheyenne Tribe, the Tis'Tista and Suhtiaio Bands and the White River Cheyenne Mennonite Church in Busby.

She was an outgoing, friendly person, who enjoyed caring for and cooking for her family and friends.

Her parents; two brothers, Michael Bigback and Robert Kingfisher; and four sisters, Geraldine, Charlotte Ann and baby twin sisters preceded Christine in death.

Survivors include her daughter, Bethany Redwoman of Lame Deer; her sons, Mathias Michel III of Billings, Caleb Bigback and Clyde Redwoman Jr. of Lame Deer; her sisters, Marie (Calvin) Brady, Roberta, Gail and Jennifer Bigback; her brothers, Larry (Rowena) Bigback, Sr., Ron (Cyndi) Bigback, Sr., Robert (Michelle) Bigback, Jr., Gordon

(Ruth) Bigback, Leslie Bigback, Sr. and James Bigback; a grandson, Colton; her stepmother, Frances Swallow; aunts, Marie Littlewolf and Madeline Yellowrobe; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Wake services will be 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Busby White River Cheyenne Mennonite Church. Funeral services will be 1 p.m. Wednesday in the church. Interment will follow in the Busby Cemetery.

Bulls Mortuary of Hardin has been entrusted with the arrangements.

**MAR 9 2004****Lara Hisbadhorse Big Back**

**BUSBY** — Lara Hisbadhorse Big Back, 23, of Busby died tragically March 6, 2004, of injuries sustained in an automobile accident east of Crow Agency.

She was born Sept. 25, 1980, in Busby, a daughter of Farrell Evans and Larry Big Back. She was a direct descendent of the Cheyenne Chief Dull Knife. She grew up and received her education in Busby, while living with her mother. She later worked for the Chief Dull Knife College in Lame Deer.

Lara was small in stature; however, she enjoyed all sports, especially basketball and softball.

A special person in her life was Jane Glick, who filled in as her stepmother. Her brother, Larry Big

Back, Jr. and grandparents, Ernest Hisbadhorse, Ruth Yellowrobe Robert and Gladys Big Back preceded Lara in death.



**LARA  
BIG BACK**

Survivors include her sons, Cedar Hisbadhorse, Frank, Oc-iola and Ethan Big Back of Busby; her mother, Farrell Evans of Busby; her father and wife, Larry and Rowena Big Back of Busby; her stepmother, Jane Glick of Colorado; her sisters, Sheri (Jim) Bement and Tiesha Big Back of Busby, Emily

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Evans of California, Miranda Torres of Oregon, Kimberly Big Back and Amberly Blaine of Billings; her brothers, Hadley (Larna) Big Back of Missoula, Kyle Big Back and Zach Stotler of Busby, Edward and Ernest Gets Down of Lodge Grass; and her grandmothers, Martha Wolfname and Marie Little Wolf of Busby.

Wake services will be held 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 10, in the Busby White River Cheyenne Mennonite Church. Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Thursday, March 11, in the church. Interment will follow in the Wolfname Family Cemetery near Busby. Bullis Mortuary has been entrusted with the arrangements.

## Jean Bigelow

OCT 6 2004

BILLINGS GAZETTE

ENNIS — Jean (Bennetts) Bigelow, 89, of Ennis, died Monday, Oct. 4, 2004, at the Madison Valley Manor in Ennis.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 6, at the Madison Valley Presbyterian Church in Ennis. Interment will follow in the Madison Valley Cemetery. K&L Mortuaries of Ennis is in charge.



## JACOB BIG HAIR, Sr.

**GARRYOWEN** — Jacob Michael Big Hair, Sr., 59, of Garryowen, also known as Jacob Holds, passed away Thursday, April 7, 2004, in Hardin.

He was born Sept. 18, 1944, in Crow Agency, a son of Aloysius Big Hair, Sr., and Agnes Schaffer Holds. He was raised by John and Agnes Holds. He received his early education in Crow Agency and Pierre Indian School before attending Flandreau Indian School, graduating in 1964. He later attended the Haskell Institute in Lawrence, Kan., where he excelled in basketball and cross-country. He was a member of the 1965-'66 Haskell National Cross Country team. During his younger days, he participated in bull riding. As he grew older, he became a team roper.

Jacob was a member of the Catholic Church, Native American Church, Greasy Mouth Clan and a child of the Piegan and Bad War Deeds Clan. He was an original member of the Big Sky Singers Drum Group, who represented the Crow Reservation in their travels throughout the United States. He loved horse races and owned and trained racehorses.

He was a natural carpenter who assisted in the building of the first Crow housing project on the Crow hill and later constructed the Crow Fair arbor.

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APR 10 2004

His parents, sister Joanie Champ and nephew Myron Jefferson preceded Jacob in death.

Survivors include his wife, Noreen Big Hair; his daughters, Allena (Lenny) Wallabee, Trudy (Jonathon) Takes Enemy and Jaylene Big Hair of Washington, Jaychelle (Terrance) Ten Bear of Crow Agency, Lynn (Emmett, Jr.) Old Bull of Billings, Tysha (Jason) Hutchinson of Nebraska, Agnes (Moses) Yellowrobe, III of Lame Deer and Kim (Mike) He Crow of Hardin; his sons, Jacob (Thora) Big Hair, Jr. of Garryowen, Aljay Big Hair of Lame Deer and Peter Jefferson of Lodge Grass; his sisters, Velma Fitzpatrick and Sarah (Henry) Small of Billings, Doris Hill, Sylvia (Hartford) Stops and Gladys Jefferson of Crow Agency, Denise Goes Ahead of Lodge Grass, Nathelle Jefferson and Julia Wolfe of Hardin; his brothers, Carl Leider, John (Laurena) Holds, Jr., Henry (LaBerta) and Tim (Tela) Rondeau, Sr. of Crow Agency, Trunson (LaVern) Big Hair of Lodge Grass, Melvin Champ of Billings, Dennis (Nora) Big Hair, Sr. and Aloysius (Ruby) Big Hair, Jr. of Garryowen; his adopted sis-

ter, Diane Hoffman of Munnings, his adopted brothers, Fred (Francine) Oybei and Frank Caplett of Crow Agency, Ivan Morning of Box Elder, Perry Brady of North Dakota, Frank (Joyce) Hutchinson and Bobby (Ruth) Goggles of Wyoming, an adopted daughter, Lorrie (Darcy Diaz) Alden of Hardin; his adopted sons, Isaac Big in Ground, Jr., of Garryowen and Lonnie Manzanares of Crow Agency; his paternal aunt, Marietta Deputee; and 32 grandchildren. He is also survived by his extended family, including the Big Hair, Old Horn, Old Coyote, Hill, Bird in Ground, Rondeau, Smart Enemy, Leiker, Old Elk, Deputee, Holds and Native American Church members, as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Rosary will be recited at 4 p.m. Saturday, April 10, in the Bullis Funeral Chapel. Funeral mass will be celebrated 10 a.m. Monday, April 12, in the Crow Agency St. Dennis Catholic Church. Interment will follow in the Garryowen Cemetery. Bullis Mortuary of Hardin is entrusted with the arrangements.

ASHTON, APRIL 10, 1964

# Ione J. Bighorn

BILLINGS GAZETTE

MAY 01 2004

**BROCKTON** — Ione J. Bighorn (No Waste Win - Good Voice Woman), 70, formerly of Brockton, died April 27, 2004, in Arizona.

Wake services will be at 7 p.m. Sunday, May 2. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, May 3. Both wake and funeral services will be at the Brockton Culture Center in Brockton. Interment will be at the Red Eagle Memorial Cemetery in Fort Kipp. Clayton Swanson Memorial Chapel is in charge.

# **Eric Levi Big Leggins** *THE BILLINGS GAZETTE*

AUG 12 2004

**FRAZER** — Eric Levi Big Leggins, 18, of Frazer, died Wednesday, Aug. 11, 2004, near Poplar.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, Aug. 13, at Clayton Stevenson Memorial Chapel in Wolf Point, with interment in St. Joseph Cemetery in Frazer.

## John Big Leggins

— LEGGINS GAZETT  
NOV 09 2004

**FRAZER** — John Big Leggins, 40, of Frazer, died Saturday, Nov. 6, 2004, at NMHS-Trinity Hospital in Wolf Point, of natural causes.

Visitation will be from 1 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 9, with a prayer service beginning at 7 p.m., at Clayton Stevenson Memorial Chapel. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 10, at Clayton Stevenson Memorial Chapel in Wolf Point. Interment will follow services in St. Josephs Cemetery in Frazer.

# Lynwood Dale Big Leggins

FRAZER — Lynwood Dale Big Leggins, 35, passed away Sunday, Sept. 26, 2004, in Frazer. He was born Oct. 12, 1968, in Lakewood, Calif., to Edith and Garrett Big Leggins, Sr.

He attended schools in Frazer. He was firefighter until he was injured. He enjoyed fishing, playing basketball and even chasing girls.



**WOODY  
BIG LEGGINS**

Lynwood was better known to his family and friends as "Woody." Woody liked to play bingo and poker at the casino and liked to be around people. He especially liked to be with his nephew, Raymond Johnston. He enjoyed cooking for all of his nephews and nieces. Woody was well liked by everybody and had many, many friends.

Woody is survived by his son Jerome of Wolf Point; daughter Jacinta of Frazer and Kimberly of Wolf Point; his parents, Garrett and Edith Big Leggins of Frazer; brothers and sisters, Garret (Margret) Big Leggins of Poplar, Roger Dean and daughter of Arizona, Sarah (Wilbur) Keiser of Billings, Garrett (Wanda) Big Leggins, Jr. of Frazer, Juanita

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(Maynard) Jones of Poplar, John Big Leggins of Frazer, Lor (Marion) Ackerman of Billings Robert (Rose) Big Leggins Shanon (Lynette) Big Leggins, all of Frazer, Tanya Big Leggins and Vickie Big Leggins, both of Billings, Georgia Lynstrin of Dallas, Johnny Kay of Las Vegas and Dorothy of New York City. He is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, aunts and uncles. He was preceded in death by his grandparents and twin sisters.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 28, from 2 to 8 p.m., with a prayer service at 7 p.m. at Clayton Stevenson Memorial Chapel in Wolf Point. Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 29, at 10 a.m., at Clayton Stevenson Memorial Chapel. Interment will be in St. Joseph Cemetery in Frazer. There will be a feed following the interment. Condolences may be sent to the family at [csmc@nemon-tel.net](mailto:csmc@nemon-tel.net) or [www.stevensonand-sons.com](http://www.stevensonand-sons.com). Clayton Stevenson Memorial Chapel has been entrusted with arrangements.

JUN 22 2004

**CROW AGENCY — Peggy Little Light Big Man, 56, of Crow Agency, went to be with the Lord following a short illness.**

Awaaxaammialtche "Beautiful Woman among the Mountains" was born to Theresa Reed Little Light and Richard Little Light, Sr. on Dec. 20, 1947, in Crow Agency. After her father's death in 1955, her mother



**PEGGY  
BIG MAN**

married Ernest Hold the Enemy Sr., who began raising Peggy in the St. Xavier and Crow Agency areas. She attended junior high school in Pierre, S.D., and eventually completed her high school education in Chilocco, Okla. She returned to Montana and began working for the St. Labre Indian High School for one year. She married Alden Big Man Sr. in June of 1970 and remained by his side for the next 34 years. Together, they attended United Tribes Technical College in Bismarck, N.D., and eventually returned to settle on the Crow reservation, where she lived out her life enjoying each day as it came.

Peggy was a person that loved

to help others, especially children, which was evident throughout her life. For several years in the late '70s, she volunteered at the Crow Head Start Center. She enjoyed helping the children and was constantly thinking about them, making sure that they were being taken care of. She also worked at the Crow CHR as well as the Senior Citizens Center in Crow Agency, where she made many friends.

Her other passion in life was her beadwork, which she was very good at. Oftentimes, even up to her last days, people would ask her to do beadwork. She enjoyed this craft very much, especially outfitting her grandchildren, who took her work on the Powwow circuit, where people would comment the quality of the work. Peggy would often sit and bead for up to 16 hours a days or until the work was completed, never failing to complete a job.

Many of her nieces and close friends would come to her home to visit and bead with her. She also enjoyed driving through the countryside with her husband, enjoying the scenery.

Peggy loved animals and the

joy that they would bring to her. Even in hard times, she would insist that the animals be taken care of, especially her cats. Horses were another love of hers and as a young lady, she would often ride horses and helped her father with his racehorses. Recently, she enjoyed sitting at the Crow Race Track watching her husband, children and grandchildren tending to their horses constantly reminding them to take good care of them.

She was a member of the Catholic Church, a firm believer in the Traditional Crow Culture and religion; a member of the Big Lodge Clan and a child of the Ties the Bundle Clan. Peggy always had an open door for family and friends and this will surely be missed. We will always love you Peggy.

Her mother, Theresa; fathers Richard and Ernest; brothers Artie and Vincent and close and dear friend, Carol Bad Bear, preceded Peggy in death.

Survivors include her husband, Alden (Poncho) Sr.; three sons, Gary Dale, Travis and Alden, Jr.; and one daughter Nina; her special daughter-in-law, Luzenia. Peggy's nine grandchildren, whom she adored, include Acacia, Alyssa, Chantina, Chelsey, Tenaya, Nyia, Caitlin, Devin and Kylee. Her siblings, whom she loved, include her brothers, Gerald, Henry (Mary) Ernie (Jane) Richard (Wyma), Al

(Dawn) and her sisters, Joan, Shirley (Thomas), Una (Gene), Vina (Richard), Rosella, Vicki (Teresa) and Victoria (Charles).

Peggy was constantly talking about her only remaining aunt, Rose Reed Chaves of Missouri, whom she greatly loved. Her special friends include Delores Takes Enemy, Fanny Plenty and Denise Peliter. She had several men that she took as her sons, including Garlon Williamson, Jr., Alex Birdinground, Jr., Solomon Little Owl, Jacob Big Hair, Jr., Mike Takes Enemy, Thomas Spint and Freddy Killnight. She is also survived by several numerous nieces, nephews and in-laws, whom she loved and cared about dearly.

Rosary will be recited 4 p.m. Tuesday, June 22, in the Bullis Funeral Chapel. Funeral mass will be celebrated 10 a.m. Wednesday, June 23, in the Crow Agency S. Dennis Catholic Church. Interment will follow in the Crow Agency Cemetery.

Bullis Mortuary of Hardin has been entrusted with the arrangements.



## Robert L. Bilant

**THE BILLINGS GAZETTE**

MAR 4 2004

Bob Bilant, 73, passed away March 2, 2004.

Bob spent many years employed by MDU as a sales rep. He loved to hunt and fish. Bob was a past member of the Billings Jaycees, Elks, American Legion and VFW. Bob was also very active in home builders association.

Bob is survived by a son, Rob Bilant of Roundup; and a sister, Jean Hofferber of Billings. Preceding him in death were his father, Tom Bilant; mother Anne Radford; daughter Tracy Bilant; and grandparents.

At his request, there will be no services. Cremation or Funeral Gallery is in charge of arrangements.

**JUN 10 2004****Mamie L. Billadeau**

LURAY, Va. — Mamie L. Billadeau, 96, of Luray, formerly of Coffee Creek, died Tuesday, June 8, 2004, at MontVue Nursing Home.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Monday, June 14, in the Central Montana Memorial Gardens in Lewistown. Cloyd Funeral Home of Lewistown is in charge.

# Harriett M. Billings

THE BILLINGS GAZET

CODY, Wyo. — Harriett M. Billings, 87, died Thursday, July 15, 2004, at West Park Hospital.

JUL 16 2004

Memorial graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, July 23, at the Valley Cemetery. Ballard Funeral Home of Cody is in charge.

# John G. Billings

BILLINGS GAZETTE

MAY 18 2004

John G. Billings died Saturday, May 15, 2004, in Billings.

He was born in Conrad, May 12, 1918, the son of Jennie and Judson (Shell) L. Billings. He grew up with older sister Nolan in Browning and Choteau, where Shell became a prominent law enforcement officer in the state. John received a bachelor of music degree in education from the University of Montana, Missoula. In 1940, he met and was engaged to Ruth Remington in Belt, where he secured his first teaching job.

During World War II, John led an assault company in the first wave of the attack on Saipan, June 1944, assisting in the 27-day capture and expulsion of the Japanese forces. His battalion constituted a portion of the first wave led by the Second Marine Division. He received the Purple Heart and Infantry Assault Medals for this action.

After a long recuperation in Hawaii from war wounds, he and Ruth were married in Belt on Dec. 31, 1945.

The young couple moved to Billings in 1947, where John started a music retail business with his brother-in-law, Melvin F. Hansen. During this time, he became active in the drum and bugle corps and in the Shrine. He played trumpet in the Shrine German Band and was conductor of the concert band, a group for

which he served as trumpeter for many years. Following 16 years in the music retail business, he devoted the remainder of his career to teaching music in the Bridgeton Public Schools. He shared his talent, enthusiasm and musical enjoyment as a high school band director, earning top ratings for that organization at district music festivals.

Throughout their later years, John and Ruth traveled and spent much time at their cabin near Red Lodge, where he worked on various projects and went fishing.

John is survived by his loving wife, Ruth; sons John R. and Judson M.; daughter-in-law Jeanette; grandchildren, Natasha (Steven Stillman) and Oscar; also sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Daphne and Melvin S. Hansen.

Funeral services will be held 2:30 p.m. Thursday, May 20, at Smith's West Chapel. Interment with military rites will follow at Mountview Cemetery.

**LAWRENCE LARRY W.  
Binfet**

**THE BILLINGS GAZETTE**

APRIL FEB 28 2004

**WEST YELLOWSTONE —**

Lawrence "Larry" W. Binfet, of West Yellowstone, passed away on April 22, 2004, at St. Patrick's Hospital in Missoula, following a short illness.

Larry was born on Aug. 26, 1946, in Lead, S.D., to Walter and Wallie Binfet. Larry graduated from Lead High School in 1964. He served his country as a soldier in the Army in Vietnam. Upon return from Vietnam, he married Sandra K. Calvert and they lived in Lead. They had three sons. Larry worked for Homestake Mining Company. They later moved to Minneapolis, and Larry attended Brown Institute of Broadcasting.

Larry and his family moved to West Yellowstone in 1971. He spent many years as the station manager of KWYS 920 AM and served as the Mayor of West Yellowstone for 10 years. After his terms as Mayor, Larry chose to continue to serve the residents of West Yellowstone for the next 14 years as Deputy Town Clerk. Larry's influence in West Yellowstone was far-reaching. He was a great listener and always had the time to sit and visit and give advice to everyone around him. After retiring, he moved to East Helena, where he lived with his son Roger and became "best buddies" with his grandson, Caleb.

He was preceded in death by his loving wife Sandra K. and his father Walter. Larry was from a large family and is survived by his mother and 11 brothers and sisters. Larry is also survived by three sons, Willie (Debra) Binfet of San Marcos, Calif., Ronald (Spring) Binfet of West Yellowstone and Roger (Amy) Binfet of East Helena. He is also survived by eight grandchildren.

Memorial services for Larry will be held at the Community Protestant Church in West Yellowstone on Thursday, April 29, at 3 p.m. Memorial contributions can be made to the Larry Binfet Memorial Fund, c/o Yellowstone Basin Bank, PO Box 1810, West Yellowstone, MT 59758.

## **Jeanne M. Bing**

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**JUN 24 2004**

GILLETTE, Wyo. — Jeanne M. Bing, 61, of Gillette, died Monday, June 21, 2004, at her home.

A Celebration of life for Jeanne Bing will be 2 p.m. Friday, June 25, at the St. Matthews Church in Gillette. Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home of Gillette is in charge.

# Diana K. Birgenheier

Diana Katherine Birgenheier, beloved, sister, aunt and friend, went home to her heavenly father on Oct. 12, 2004. Diana had been in ill health for many years and is now well, happy and with her Lord Jesus Christ.



**DIANA  
BIRGENHEIER**

Diana was born Feb. 26, 1937, in Gladstone, N.D., to Adam and Anna Birgenheier. As a young child, the family moved to the Huntley Project in 1947 and in 1949, they moved to Two Dot, from there to Harlowton, where she attended school. Diana moved to Billings in 1965.

Diana was a very hard worker, and loved to help family and friends. She was a dedicated daughter, aunt and sister; she loved to spend time with her family.

Survivors include her five brothers, George (Delores), Eugene (Donna) and Glenn, all of Billings, Alvin (Fonda) of Sterling, Colo., and Pat (Patricia) of Greeley, Colo.; and her sister-in-law, Rosie Birgenheier of Billings. Diana is also survived by 20 nieces and nephews; and several great-nieces and nephews.

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Diana is preceded in death by her parents; two brothers: Richard and Archie Birgenheier and one niece, Linda.

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

You may sign the guest book for Diana at her niece Sherri's e-mail, [Scumminghams@bresnan.net](mailto:Scumminghams@bresnan.net) or [rosie@bresnan.net](mailto:rosie@bresnan.net).

Cremation was by Cremation or Funeral Gallery.

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## Raymond H. 'Ray' Bishop

LIVINGSTON — Raymond H. "Ray" Bishop, 94, died Sunday, Aug. 29, 2004, at the Livingston Memorial Hospital.

Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday at Franzen-Davis Funeral Home, followed by cremation at Franzen-Davis Crematory. Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Grace United Methodist Church. Graveside committal and burial of the remains will follow at <sup>St. John's</sup> ~~St. John's~~ Cemetery.



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Evelyn Clara Bittner, 88, passed away peacefully Monday, Nov. 22, 2004, at Billings Health & Rehab in Billings. She was born Aug. 5, 1916, in Billings, the daughter of Fredrick and Mary (Hallek) Seiffert. Evelyn graduated from Billings High School in 1933.

On Aug. 26, 1939, Evelyn was united in marriage to Earl C. Bittner in Billings. They lived in Lovell, Wyoming and Mitchell, Neb., before returning to Billings in 1955 with Great Western Sugar Company. Evelyn was a member of GWSCO, a Great Western Sugar women's group.

Evelyn was a great support to her family and always gave of her time to her grandchildren's activities and special baking and cooking requests. Evelyn also enjoyed knitting and crocheting. She was a member of St. Pius X Catholic Church.

Evelyn was preceded in death by her parents; her husband Earl; her brothers, George, Joe and Fred Seiffert; and a sister Marie Seiffert.

Evelyn is survived by her son, Gerald (Lana) Bittner of Billings; grandchildren, Bryan (Amy)



**EVELYN  
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Bittner of Chicago and Danelle (Troy) Hiatt of Aurora, Colo.; two great-grandchildren, Alyx Lyna Hiatt and Gabriel Bryan Bittner; two sisters, Rose Vescovi of Billings and Fern (Cecil) Wells of Bozeman.

A private family service for Evelyn will take place on Friday, Nov. 26, at the Dahl Funeral Chapel. Interment will be in Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Memorials may go to Alzheimer Association of Montana, 3010 11th Ave. N., Billings, MT 59101 or the charity of one's choice.

## James M. Bjelland

CONRAD — James M. Bjelland, 79, a Navy veteran and farmer, died Friday Oct. 8, 2004, at the Pondera Medical Center from myelofibrosis.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Pondera Valley Lutheran Church in Conrad followed by burial with military honors at Hillside Cemetery. Pondera Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Survivors include his wife of 56 years, Helen Bjelland of Conrad; a daughter, Liann (David) Russell of Centennial, Colo., sons, Robert (Annette) Bjelland of Lewistown, Gary (Kay) Bjelland of Great Falls and James (Christine) Bjelland Jr. of Conrad; mother, Alice Bjelland of Billings; brother, Richard (Janet) Bjelland of Billings; eight grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

James was born Oct. 18, 1924, in Bismarck, N.D. He graduated from Dawson County High School in 1942. He joined the US Navy in May 1942 and served during World War II in the South Pacific. Following his discharge in 1946, he attended Dawson Community College and University of Montana. Helen Offerdal and James were united in marriage Aug. 29, 1948. They moved east of Conrad and began operating the family farm. He was active on the farm until his passing.

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He enjoyed golf, and skiing with his many friends and neighbors, and especially his family. James was a member of Golden West Lutheran Church, Masonic Lodge and Algeria Shrine. He served as a director of the Pondera Bank for 29 years.



**HARVEY BJERKE**

## Harvey Bjerke

Harvey Bjerke passed peacefully in his home on Sept. 18, 2004. He was born to Helmer and Gladyce Bjerke on Jan. 18, 1933, in Twin Valley, Minn., the fourth of five brothers.

Harvey served four years in the Navy and went to work for Swift and Company in Portland, Ore., as a salesman. He later moved to Anchorage, Alaska, to work on the Alaska pipeline. After opening the Alaska Flower Shop, he moved to Kauai, Hawaii, and pursued a sales career at the Kauai Stores Ltd. Harvey retired as a debt collector for Montana Dakota Utilities in 1995. He enjoyed fishing, golfing and camping with family and friends. He was a member of the Billings Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6774.

Harvey was preceded in death by brothers Laurin Bjerke (1976), Gerald Bjerke (1994), Douglas Bjerke (1999), and daughter, Jill Hanson (1999).

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He is survived by one brother Lee Bjerke of Greenwood, Ind. daughter Melissa Walton and her husband Jim of Broomfield, Colo. daughter Jaynie Uffen and her husband Tom of Springfield, Va. son Tony Bjerke and his wife Anna of Portland; son Larry Bjerke of Vancouver, Wash.; Juli and Ken Cramer, II grandchildren, two great grandchildren; ex-wife Beverly Bjerke of Billings; and best friend Robert "Bubba" Rehm.

The family would like thank Heartland Hospice for their support, care and service. The family asks that any donations be made to Heartland Hospice.

Dad, we'll miss the laughter and good times. Goodbye, Herbie, we love you.

## Harvey Bjerke

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A Memorial and a Celebration of Life for Harvey Bjerke will be held Sept. 29, at 1 p.m., at the Veterans of Foreign Wars at 637 Anchor, Billings. Please come for a light lunch and shared memories.

# Ruby Mae Smith Bjorndal

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**BIG TIMBER** — Ruby Mae Smith Bjorndal “Mae” was born May 17, 1915, at the family home on Huntley Creek near Columbus, to George and Agnes James Smith. She grew up and attended school at the Huntley Creek School. Mae was the “Mom” to her younger brothers and sisters. She often helped out in families with new babies, taking care of the children and cooking. Mae was working as a cook on the Parker Ranch near Absarokee when she met Bjarne, who also worked there. Bjarne and Mae were married Oct. 3, 1938, in Billings. They lived near Absarokee until 1946, when they moved to their ranch on Ten Mile Creek north of Big Timber. They lived there until retiring to Big Timber in 1975 on the former George Lovald place on the banks of the Boulder River.

Mae was well known for her cooking, gardening and flowers. She truly had the proverbial green thumb. Mae was happiest when cooking, caring for children and having friends and family visiting. She looked forward to summer when she could garden, tend her flower beds and have the kids — first she and Bjarne’s younger brothers and sisters, then the nieces and nephews, the neighbor kids and then all the grandkids come for the summer, bringing

with them their friends. Her children were blessed that they had a mother who opened her heart and home, not only to them, but also to many, many other young people who became part of their extended family.

After retiring, Bjarne and Mae traveled the western United States, visiting friends and family. They made several trips to Norway, where they visited Bjarne’s aunts, uncles and cousins. Mae was treated like royalty when she celebrated her birthday, May 17, Norwegian Independence Day, in Norway.

After Bjarne’s death, Mae made her home with her son Dave and his wife Sherry of Big Timber. She entered the Pioneer Home in June of 1995. Mae passed away on Sept. 30, 2004.

Mae is survived by her son, David and his wife, Sherry of Big Timber; her daughter, Linda and husband Walt of Opheim; and grandchildren Curtis and Stacy Bjorndal and children of Columbus, Mitzi and Scott Robbie and sons of Park City, Melissa and Jeff Gavne and children of Livingston, Joy and David Watson and daughter of Glasgow, Bob Lewis of Craig, Colo., Joanne and Frantz Noel and daughter of Urbana, Ill.; and extended family

members, Frankie Olson and her daughters Peggy and Hank Trenk and family of Helena and Paul and Dan Fields and family of Big Timber. Mae is survived by two sisters, Maxine Lindgren of Missoula and Lucy Abrahamson of Seattle. Mae was preceded in death by her husband of 49 years, Bjarne; her son, George; her parents; three sisters and three brothers.

A celebration of Mae's life will be held 2 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 5, at the Congregational Church in Big Timber. Memorials may go to the Pioneer Medical Center of Big Timber or the charity of your choice. Lowry Funeral Home assisted the family with the services.

## ELSIE PAULINE BJORNSON

BASIN, Wyo. — Elsie Pauline Bjornson, 92, of Basin, and formerly of Billings, died Saturday, April 3, 2004, at the Wyoming Retirement Center at Basin, where she had resided since September 1998.

She was born May 3, 1911, in Toledo, Ore., to Robert Edward and Josie (Landess) Bateman. She married Leslie M. Bjornson on Nov. 9, 1935, in Billings. He died on Feb. 8, 1997.

Elsie moved to Billings when she was 5 years old. She attended schools in Billings and graduated from Billings High School in 1929. She then worked for several years before her marriage. During World War II, Elsie worked for Ryan Grocery as a secretary. She then worked in a candy store for several years. The couple moved to Ten Sleep in 1975, where they helped their daughter and son-in-law at Deer Haven Lodge in the Big Horn Mountains until 1985. They moved back to Billings for nine years and returned to Ten Sleep in 1994 to be near their daughter and her family.

Elsie was a believer in Jesus and was a devout Christian. She was a member of the First Congregational Church in Billings and also was a member of the Order of Eastern Star in Billings.

She liked to work in her garden, crochet, knit and do crossword puzzles. She especially loved being with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She is survived by son, David

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(Linda) Bjornson of Vaughn Mont.; daughter Sonja (Doug Smith of Ten Sleep; seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; a brother, Robert A. Bateman; and a sister, Vivian Jackson; and by two baby brothers.

Her funeral will be held on Thursday, April 8, at 2 p.m., at the First Congregational Church in Billings. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens in Billings. Visitation will be held on Wednesday, April 7, at 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., at the Veile Mortuary in Worland.

Memorials may be made to the Ten Sleep Volunteer Fire Dept. at PO Box 5, Ten Sleep, WY 82442, or to the Mountain View Assembly of God Church at PO Box 73, Ten Sleep, WY 82442. Veile Mortuary is handling the funeral arrangements.

## **DOROTHY M. BLACK**

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Dorothy M. Black, 84, of Billings, passed away Tuesday Feb. 3, 2004, at St. Vincent Hospital.

She was born Aug. 1, 1919, in Casper, Wyo., the daughter of Edward and Elsie Colwell Trollope. She was schooled in Casper where she married Richard T. Black on Sept. 24, 1938. They lived in Casper until 1944 when they moved to Billings. She cooked at the Yellowstone Country Club and she operated her own Ceramic Shop, giving lessons and making ceramics.

She loved her family and cared for them, providing anything and everything that she possibly could to assist them or anyone in her life. One of Dorothy's fondest memories was roaming the hills and working on the Goose Egg Ranch near Casper. Her husband died April 10, 1998, and others who preceded her in death were two sisters, a son and a daughter.

Survivors include one son, James Black of Billings; seven grandchildren, Kim, Eileen, Tammy, Stacy, Scott, David and Christy; 11 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Cremation has taken place and a private inurnment will be held at a later date at Mountview Cemetery. Arrangements were by Cremation or Funeral Gallery.



## Dustin R. Black

LAUREL — Dustin Robert Black, 27, of Laurel, formerly of Belfry, went to be with the Lord early Saturday morning, Oct. 9, 2004 at St. Vincent Healthcare in Billings.

Dustin was born on Sept. 19, 1977, in Powell, Wyo., a son of Randy and Cindy Black. He was raised in Belfry and attended Red Lodge schools, graduating from Red Lodge High School in 1997. Dustin received all-conference and all-state honors as a running back and linebacker, was active in band and in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA), and after completing EMT training as a senior served with the Red Lodge Ambulance Service.

Dustin graduated with honors from the Prince Georges County, Maryland Police Academy, and served as a police officer in Taneytown, Md., for two years. He enjoyed working in the K-9 unit with his faithful partner, Boris. Dustin returned to Montana, where he has served as an officer with the Laurel Police Department for the past three years.



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Dustin was an avid Denver Broncos and Nebraska Cornhuskers fan, and he enjoyed hunting and fishing. He was a dedicated law-enforcement officer who loved his work, and was particularly enthusiastic about teaching child safety seat clinics.

Survivors include his wife Jennifer Black and his daughter and son, Makayla and Connor Black, all of Laurel; his parents, Randy and Cindy Black, of Belfry; two sisters, Jolene (John) Collins of Red Lodge and Naomi (Raymond) Sibbett of Belfry; one brother, Tom (Heidi) Black of Bridger; grandparents, Earl and Louise Black of Belfry, Robert Borgialli of Buffalo, Wyo., and June and Dave Gorsuch of Rapid City, S.D.; great-grandparents, Loreen Schwarze and Ruth and John C. Borgialli, all of Newcastle, Wyo.; five nieces, Ashley, Lindsay, Kourtney, Alexis and Della; two nephews, Johnny and Hunter; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Funeral services will be 1 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 13, at the Veterans Memorial Civic Center in Red Lodge, 215 W. 14th St. Interment will be in the Belfry Cemetery. Smith-Olcott Funeral Chapel of Red Lodge is in charge of arrangements.

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Memorials to benefit his children may be given to the Dustin Black Memorial Fund, c/o Avanta Federal Credit Union, Box 1188, Red Lodge MT 59068.

**CAMP VERDE, Ariz. —** Lloyd A. Black, formerly of Livingston, Mont., passed away peacefully on Feb. 9, 2004, at his home in Camp Verde, after 75 years of perpetual motion.



**LLOYD BLACK**

Lloyd was born in Wilsall, Mont., one of 11 children born to Ester and Lewis Donner Black of Wilsall. Lloyd was a direct descendant of the Donner Party and spent his early life in the Shields Valley, attending school in Wilsall and working on the family dairy.

He enlisted in the Air Force during the Korean War and was stationed in Tucson. He returned to Wilsall in 1955 and married Gloria Keefe. They had two sons, Scott and Mark, and settled in Livingston. During the 1960s, Lloyd was head sawyer at the Burkland Studs Lumber Company. In the 1970s, he branched out into insurance and real estate sales.

He married Carol Stone in 1984. The couple moved in 1994 to Camp Verde, where they operated The Western Microscope Co. in numerous states throughout the West until 2000.

Lloyd was a true entrepreneur

and a natural salesman. He had a great love of family and was loved and respected by his many clients, associates and friends. Lloyd never met a stranger, was blessed with boundless energy and vowed to "never retire." He spent recent years starting yet other businesses, restoring antique tractors and working around his home on the beautiful Verde River in Arizona.

Lloyd is survived by his loving wife and partner, Carol; sons Scott Black and his wife Cindy of Livingston, Mark Black of Livingston and Jeff Stone of New York City; and his daughter Chris Broell of Wilsall. He is also survived by his grandchildren, Reggie and Sylvia Black and Gregg and Karli Broell; and two sisters, Francis Overfelt of Arizona, formerly of Livingston, and Elsie Lee Hagood of Ontario, Ore.

Cremation has taken place. Westcott Funeral Home of Cottonwood was in charge of arrangements.

A memorial service will be held this summer in Wilsall.

## Lora Lea Orrison Black

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, May 15 in Caldwell, Idaho, for Lora Lea Orrison Black, 36, who died May 10.

Early Monday morning, May 10, 2004, a beautiful spirit left her earthly body and entered into the presence of her Heavenly Father.

She was born on March 5, 1968, in Tacoma, Wash., to Rodney and Nancy Orrison. In January 1976, the family moved to Caldwell, and Lora began developing the relationships which have sustained her throughout her lifetime.

After graduating from Caldwell High School in 1986, Lora attended Pacific University in Forest Grove, Ore. She majored in elementary education and began her lifelong love of interacting with children. She received the Most Promising Educator Award from the education department upon her graduation in the spring of 1990. For the next two years, Lora taught fifth grade at Sherwood Elementary School in Sherwood, Ore.

While attending Pacific University, Lora met and fell in love with Will Black, an optometry student from Powell. They were married on July 10, 1993, at Boone Memorial Presbyterian Church in Caldwell.

Lora and Will moved back to Caldwell where Dr. Black began practicing optometry and Lora began teaching at Van Buren Elementary School. Lora's dream of becoming a mother came true in September 1996, when she and Will traveled to China to receive their first daughter, Juliet Rose. In October 2000, they returned to

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Thina for their second daughter, Annalee Jane. Juliet and Annalee were the focus of Lora's life. Her greatest desire was to raise her girls. In her short years with them, she taught them the values she wanted them to live by: politeness, love for family and friends, love for God and living with a happy heart.

Lora is survived by her husband, Dr. William T. Black, her daughters, Juliet, age 8, and Annalee, age 4; her grandfather, Ralph Drew and his wife, Alice; her parents; her brother and sister-in-law, John and Anna Orrison, and their sons, John and Joseph; her husband's parents, Mac and Debbie Black, and Sara Lee; her sister-in-law and her husband, Mary Jane and Lyle Muncy, and their children, Megan, Nick and Monica; sister-in-law, and her husband, Trese and Don Treprow, and their children, Jake, Genevieve and Chase; and her husband's grandfather, Crafts Black. She is also survived by numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Lora's deep and abiding faith sustained her and allowed her to deal with her health problems with a sense of humor and without complaining. She loved each day with Will and the girls, and she brought joy and hope to everyone she met.

Memorials in Lora's name may be directed to Boone Memorial Presbyterian Church to be used for children's educational programs, 14th Ave. & Dearborn, Caldwell, Idaho 83605. Expressions of sympathy may be sent to Dr. Black, 2605 Willowbrook Place, Caldwell, Idaho, 83605.

## **Donna Black Eagle**

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**DEC 19 2004**

NASHUA — Donna Jane Hopkins Black Eagle "Broken Robe," 71, died Friday, Dec. 17, 2004, at her sister's home in Glasgow, Mont. of natural causes.

A Wake Service will be held Sunday, Dec. 19, at 7 p.m., at Red Whip Center in Fort Belnap, with Rev. Bruce Plummer officiating. Interment will be at Pony Hill Cemetery. Bell Mortuary in charge of arrangements.

# Holly Sue (Lambert) Black Eagle

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WOLF POINT — Holly Sue

Lambert Black Eagle, 38, died in Wolf Point on Feb. 5, 2004, at Faith Lutheran Home.



**HOLLY BLACK  
EAGLE**

She was born Dec. 22, 1965, in Wolf Point, to James and Martha Lambert. She attended school in Wolf Point and earned a GED while attending Job Corps in Clearfield, Utah. She was active in ROTC while attending school, where she earned the rank of captain. She also attended Ft. Peck Community College until her eyesight prevented her from continuing.

Holly was a family-oriented woman who took pride in what her family did. She liked taking long drives in the country, visiting family and friends, especially her dog Puppie. She was a strong-willed lady who found humor in everything. Holly was notorious for making people laugh and kept doing so up to the moment of her passing away. Holly was a sweet, loving individual who broke the mold and will be severely missed by one and all.

Her beloved father, James

Lambert Sr.; and her sisters Marnita Terry Lambert and Mary Martha Lambert, preceded Holly in death.

Her three children, James Black Eagle, Morgan Black Eagle and Josh Grimms survive her. She is also survived by her caring mother, Martha Lambert of Wolf Point; her sister, Nora Williamson of Billings; and brothers James Lambert, Jr., Daniel Lambert and Mike Lambert, all of Wolf Point, and Ronnie Lambert of Poplar. Numerous nephews, nieces, cousins and uncles also survive her.

Visitation will be held on Sunday, Feb. 8, from 1 to 7 p.m., with a prayer service at 7 p.m. at Clayton Stevenson Memorial Chapel in Wolf Point. Funeral services will be held on Monday, Feb. 9, at 10 a.m. at Clayton Memorial Chapel in Wolf Point, with interment at St. Ann's Cemetery in Poplar. Condolences may be sent to the family at Box 333, Wolf Point, MT 59201 or [csmc@nemontel.net](mailto:csmc@nemontel.net) or [www.stevensonandsons.com](http://www.stevensonandsons.com).

# **Thomas Malcolm Black Eagle**

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**WOLF POINT —** Thomas Malcolm Black Eagle, 74, of Wolf Point, died Monday, Oct. 11, 2004, at Faith Home, of natural causes.

Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 13, at Clayton Stevenson Memorial Chapel in Wolf Point, with a vigil service at 7 p.m. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 14, at Clayton Stevenson Memorial Chapel. Interment will take place at the farm north of Nashua.



## **Robert Blackrose**

GILLETTE, Wyo. — Robert Blackrose, 51, died Nov. 5, 2004, at the Campbell County Memorial Hospital of complications of a brief illness.

Services will be 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 11, at the Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home Chapel, with Pastor Orvil Holden of the First Assembly of God Church officiating.

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## **Don Blair**

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**PLENTYWOOD** — Don Blair, 80, died Thursday evening, Feb. 12, 2004, at Sheridan Memorial Nursing Home.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 17, at the service at Plentywood Lutheran Church. Interment will be in Plentywood Memorial Cemetery. Fulkerson Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

**MAY 02 2004****Louise Elizabeth Blair**

Louise Elizabeth Blair, 70, formerly of Wolf Point, died Friday, April 30, 2004, at Deaconess Billings Clinic.

Arrangements are pending. Smith's Downtown Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

**MAY 06 2004****Louise Elizabeth Sansaver-Blair**

Louise Elizabeth Sansaver-Blair took the Lord's hand on April 30, 2004. Louise was born Oct. 28, 1933, in Poplar, to William Saul Sansaver and Audrey Knorr-Sansaver.



**LOUISE  
SANSAVER-  
BLAIR**

Her father's career as a Civil Engineer moved to the family to many places, including Spokane, Wash., where Louise graduated from Lewis and Clark High School. Upon graduating, she enlisted in the U.S. Air Force and served her country during the Korean War. Upon honorable discharge, Louise returned home to Washington state and received her degree from Kinman College. Thereafter, she worked in various government agencies until her retirement in 1997.

Louise loved spending time with her children and grandchildren. She loved life and had many interests, including reading and writing poetry. She also enjoyed many types of music and

she herself had a beautiful voice. Her song will be forever heard through the memories she left behind to those she loved the most. Her beautiful smile and laughter always touched those lives that crossed her path as she never knew a stranger. She had a wonderful sense of humor and a special knack for making others laugh. She will be remembered for her kindness, compassion and the joy she brought to so many lives. Louise left an indelible mark on our souls and our hearts will never be the same.

Louise is preceded in death by her parents; a sister, Phoebe Stephens; and her second husband, the love of her life, Bill Blair.

She is survived by her children, daughter Amy Melton and son Jamie Melton, both of Billings, daughter Melissa (Dana) Buckles of Wolf Point, son Patrick (Elizabeth) Temple of Oahu, Hawaii; her grandchildren, Lani Melton, Wendy Melton, Tristan Randall, Daniel Schauer and Molly Buckles; step-grandchildren Tanya and Michelle;

step-great-grandchildren, Noan, Tais and Elizabeth and godchild Erin Eddy.

Other survivors include her only brother, Bill (Wilma) Samsaver of Wolf Point; sister Norma (Al) Allen of Port Orchard, Wash.; and her many nieces, nephews and friends.

Arrangements are pending for a private family service in Billings, with Smith's Downtown Chapel in charge of those arrangements. The family plans a memorial service to be held in Wolf Point at a later date and notice to be published.

"Death is nothing at all"

I have only slipped away into the next room.

I am I, and you are you,

Whatever we were to each other, that we are still.

Call me by the old familiar name.

Speak of me in the easy way which you always used.

Put no difference into your tone.

Wear no forced air of solemnity or sorrow.

## **Orvie Walter Blake**

**GILLETTE, Wyo.** — Orvie Walter Blake, 72, died Thursday, Jan. 8, 2004, at his residence after a long battle with cancer.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, Jan. 12, 2004, at the Mount Pisgah Cemetery Shelter. Interment with military honors provided by the American Legion Post #42 will follow in the Mount Pisgah Cemetery. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. until the time of service on Monday at the cemetery shelter. Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home of Gillette is in charge of the arrangements.

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## **Verda Blankenship**

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Verda Blankenship, age 90, passed away of natural causes on Nov. 18, 2004, in Billings.

Verda was born March 23, 1914, in Huntington, W.Va. to Leonard and Rose Blankenship. She married Matthew Schafnitz on June 22, 1935.

Verda was a member of Eastern Star in Billings. She enjoyed taking care of her family and home. Her hobbies included gardening and tending to her beautiful roses. She was also a tremendous cook.

Verda is survived by her son, Sherman (LaVerne) Schafnitz; daughter, Darlene (Steve) Pekovich; son, Matt (Tina) Schafnitz of Newport Coast, Calif.; son, Ted (Debbie) Schafnitz, of Murrietta, Calif.; brother, Don (Vi) Blankenship, of Salem, Ore.; and sister, Connie (Wayne) Jerke of Del Rapids, S.D. She is preceded in death by her sons, Louie Schafnitz and Toby Schafnitz; daughter, Charlotte Flohr; brothers, Lawrence Blankenship, Al Blankenship, and Bill Blankenship; and sisters, Kathryn Jansma, Charlotte Luper, and Mary Jane Roe.

Graveside services will take place on Monday, Nov. 22, at 3 p.m. at Sunset Memorial Gardens. Family and friends will gather at the cemetery.

## Hayes Edward Blanton

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Hayes Edward Blanton, 65, passed away Friday, Feb. 13, 2004, in Billings.

He was born July 16, 1938, in Coldiron, Ky., the son of Arnold and Irene (Saylor) Blanton.

Hayes loved spending time with his family and especially his grandchildren. He enjoyed being outdoors and cutting firewood. He was a very loving father and grandfather.

Hayes was preceded in death by his parents and his wife, Peggy (McKenner) Blanton, who passed away June 1, 2002. He is survived by his four children, Robert (Jane) Blanton, Windy (Mike) Heiser, Scott Blanton, all of Billings, and Michael (Angie) Blanton of Bridger. He is also survived by his nine grandchildren, Melissa, Robert, Brandon, Tyson, Ashlee, Austin, Mykayla, Shelby and Levi.

Cremation has taken place. No services are planned.

Cremation or Funeral Galley is in charge of arrangements.



# Margaret Blocker

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PAHRUMP, Nev. — Margaret Blocker, 79, of Pahrump, formerly of Miles City, Mont., died June 27, 2004, at the Nathan Adelson Hospice Center in Las Vegas.

A memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, July 9, at the Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City.

FORT COLLINS, Colo. — Robert Blomeyer, 83, of Fort Collins, passed away on Tuesday, Sept. 14, 2004, in Fort Collins.

A funeral service will be held on Monday, Sept. 20, at 10 a.m. at Allnut Funeral Service, 650 W. Drake Road, in Fort Collins. The Reverend Don Bird will officiate. Visitation will be on Sunday, Sept. 19, from noon to 4 p.m. at the Drake Road Chapel. Interment will be in Grandview Cemetery.

Robert Bates Blomeyer was born on Nov. 4, 1920, in Bloomfield, Mo., the son of Koss William and Nell (Bates) Blomeyer. He was raised in Bloomfield and later resided in Billings, moving to Fort Collins in 1985. He graduated from high school in Bloomfield. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in Chemical Engineering from the University of Missouri. Mr. Blomeyer served his country in the United States Army during World War II, stationed in Oakridge, Tenn., from 1944 to 1946, obtaining the rank of Tech 4.

Mr. Blomeyer married Phyllis C. Gross on Sept. 6, 1965, in Las Vegas. He was previously married to Olive Ray in 1939 in Missouri. They later divorced. He worked for Conoco as a Refinery Manager in Denver and

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Billings. He retired from Conoco in 1985, after 36 years of employment. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church and the Masonic Lodge. His hobbies included model trains, gardening, reading and working in his shop. He especially enjoyed taking round-the-world cruises, traveling, and dancing with his wife.

He is survived by his wife Phyllis C. Blomeyer of Fort Collins; sons Robert Blomeyer I and his wife Anne of Dallas Charles Blomeyer of Billings and stepson Terrence H. Gross and his wife Donna of Seattle and his daughter, Rosalind Cruzan of Kingwood, Texas. Also surviving are his brothers, Kenneth Blomeyer and his wife Louise of Mission Hills, Kan., and Keith Blomeyer and his wife Caroline of Hiwassie, Ark., and his sister Nancy Brady and her husband Louis of Sandwich, Ill. Eight grandchildren also survive. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of your choice in care of Allnut Funeral Service. Please view online obituary and sign family guest book at [www.allnut.com](http://www.allnut.com).

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LOVELL, Wyo. — Elna Blood was born Elna Tilda Wasden, third daughter of James and Tilda Christina Wasden, in the Penrose community. She was educated there and in Cowley to be a teacher. Soon after graduation, she met and married Oscar W. House, a homesteader from Nebraska, in November 1928. They lived at the Ralston Ditch Camp until they started the Ralston Lumber Company in 1940. Elna had her hands full by then with five children: Margaret Jean "Peggy," Walter Stanley, Dean, Verne and Neal — but when WWII made labor scarce, she worked alongside Oscar. Sometimes, she drove the truck to Billings to get building materials.

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Oscar and Elna built a house in Ralston and helped WWII veterans who homesteaded nearby. A sixth child, Linda, was born in 1949, but lived only a few weeks.

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Oscar built houses for a few friends and kitchen cabinets for homesteaders. Elna often helped. After Oscar died in 1952, she finished at least one set of cabinets by herself. They were commended in the Billings Gazette for volunteerism.

Elna held many jobs: sales clerk and orange roll baker at Ralston Lumber, dispatcher at Cody Police Department and bookkeeper at Hoodoo Ranch. The Hoodoo was her favorite, but she left to marry Russell Blood

and move to Tumwater, Wash. Russell had been husband to Elna's sister, Minnie, who died several years before. By this happy marriage, she gained a great companion. One of her sons joked that his former cousins were now his "Blood brothers." Alas, she was widowed again: Russell died in December 1981.

Elna was a woman of faith and hope. She relished the past but always looked ahead. She suffered from macular degeneration, yet tried diligently to learn to use a

computer for e-mail and to write stories about her family. She went to the summer camps for the blind at Casper Mountain and benefited from the services for the visually impaired.

Her life included many setbacks, but she adjusted and went on. Children Linda, Peggy and Stanley all preceded her in death. At 95, she had outlived her six brothers and sisters. She joked that there was no one who could contradict her version of history. She enjoyed all her children, including the Bloods, and their children. She was able to live independently in her home because so many volunteers helped her in so many ways.

Rina is survived by Dean House, Powell, Verne House, Bozeman, Mont., Neal House, Chino, Ariz., Louise Blood, Salt Lake City, Dwight Blood, Orem, Utah, Elizabeth Gage, Preston, Idaho, Judy Peterson, Olympia, Wash., Stephen Blood, Boston, N.Y., and Ann Tanner, Salt Lake City.

The funeral service will begin at 10 a.m. Monday, July 19, in the LDS church, 1500 Heart Mountain Drive, Cody, with interment at the Powell cemetery.

The family suggests memorials be given to Services for the Visually Impaired or the charity of your choice.

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Funeral services for Elna Tilda Wasden Blood, 95, who died Wednesday, July 14 at West Park Long Term Care Center in Cody, were held Monday, July 19 in the Cody LDS Church, with burial in Crown Hill Cemetery in Powell.

She was born Elna Tilda Wasden, third daughter of James and Tilda Christina Wasden, on Sept. 15, 1908, in the Penrose community south and east of Powell. She was educated there and in Cowley to be a teacher.

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Patricia "Pat" Bloom, formerly of Red Lodge, passed away Thursday, Oct. 21, 2004, at Valley Health Care Center.

Pat was born March 17, 1916, in Red Lodge, the daughter of William and Mary Jones. At the age of 7, her family moved to Detroit. Pat moved back to Red Lodge to reside with her sister, "Babe" Lantz, and graduated from Carbon County High School in 1934. On Oct. 20, 1936, she and Walter Bloom were married in Red Lodge.

Pat worked alongside Walter in Bloom and Co. until 1966, when the store was closed due to Walter's ill health. Pat then went to work for the Carbon County News until her retirement.

Pat was a member of the Eagles Auxiliary and loved to bowl, becoming a member of the Red Lodge Ladies Bowling League. She always enjoyed socializing with family and friends and especially looked forward to celebrating her birthday on St. Patty's Day.

After the death of Walter on Feb. 5, 1981, Pat moved to Billings to be closer to her family. She became a volunteer at St. Vincent's Hospital, putting in many dedicated hours. Due to failing health, she moved to Valley Health Care Center in 1999.

Pat is survived by her sister, Shirley Heffner of Billings; a son,

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Bill Bloom and his wife Kris o Worden; a daughter, Shirley Hammeral of Nashville, Tenn. grandchildren, Jeff (Kori) Bloom and Joe (Sherry) Bloom, all o Worden, Linda (Tim) Morgan o Billings, John Yzaguirre, Ton Yzaguirre and Sara Clemens, al of Nashville; five great-grandchildren; several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Pat was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; and two sisters, Leola Kerrigan and "Babe" Lantz.

Services will be held at St. Agnes Catholic Church on Tuesday, Oct. 26, with a Memorial Mass at 10 a.m. Arrangements are by Smith Downtown Chapel of Billings and Olcott Chapel in Red Lodge.

Memorials may be made to Valley Healthcare Center, Billings Catholic Schools or the Carbon County Historical Society in Red Lodge.

Pat's family would like to thank the wonderful staff at Valley Healthcare for being an extended family to Pat, and for all the care and love they showed her.

**Virgil Boardman****MAY 19 2004**

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Virgil Boardman, 81, of Sheridan, died Monday, May 17, 2004, at Memorial Hospital of Sheridan County.

Cremation has taken place in Sheridan. Memorial services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, May 21, at Kane Funeral Home in Sheridan.



**Darrel Bock**

GILLETTE, Wyo. — Darrel Bock, 55, of Gillette, died May 18, 2004, at the Campbell County Memorial Hospital in Gillette, of a longtime illness. ❀

A celebration of life will be at 3 p.m. Saturday, May 22, at the West Side Baptist Church. Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home of Gillette is in charge.

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Esther Algard Boe passed away at Eagle Cliff Manor in Billings, July 9, 2004. Esther was born in Stavanger, Norway, on April 8, 1921, to Albert and Gemalia Algard. She moved to Big Timber at the age of 3. She attended Big Timber schools. While attending high school, she worked at Almeda's Restaurant. She spoke of this often throughout her life.

Esther married Miller Boe, March 3, 1939, and they lived on the family ranch until they purchased a ranch in the Snowy Mountains in 1941. In 1952, they sold the ranch and moved to Lavina and purchased the service station. They later owned and operated the Lavina Bar and the Cozy Corner Bar until they retired.

Esther is survived by her children: daughter Myrna Anderson; sons Sid (Lois) and Terry Boe; 11 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, three brothers, four sisters and a great-granddaughter.

Cremation has taken place. Graveside services will be held at the Lavina Cemetery, Thursday, July 15, at 2 p.m.

Memorials: Lavina QRU or the charity of one's choice.

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**HUNTLEY** — Inez Florence Boeckel, 68, of Huntley, passed away Jan. 12, 2004, in the Billings St. Vincent Healthcare.

She was born Nov. 19, 1935, in Bismarck, N.D., a daughter of Albert and Doris Adams Shrum. She grew up and received her education in the Fryburg, N.D., area. Inez moved with her family to the Livingston area in 1942 and later to the Billings-Huntley area in 1947.

She married Alvin J. Boeckel on Nov. 6, 1953, in Billings, and the couple made their home in Lockwood before moving to Huntley in 1973, where they owned and operated a grocery store.

Inez was a member of the Our Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church in Huntley. She enjoyed camping, crocheting, knitting and traveling. However, the focus of her life was her children and grandchildren.

Her husband and two infant sons preceded Inez in death.

Survivors include her son, Albert Boeckel of Huntley; her daughter, Ella Jay (Bruce) Hamby of South Dakota; two brothers, Darryl (Karen) Shrum of Billings and Arlyn (Donelle) Shrum of Washington; her sister, Alta Mae Bullock of Minnesota; six grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held 1 p.m. Friday in the Hardin Redeemer Lutheran Church. Interment will follow in the Fairview Cemetery.

Bullis Mortuary of Hardin has been entrusted with the arrangements.

## **Arthur Henry Boehm**

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**HARDIN** — Arthur Henry Boehm, 90, of Hardin, died Friday, March 26, 2004, at the Heritage Acres in Hardin.

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Visitation will be Sunday, March 28, at the Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Forsyth. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, March 29, at the St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Hysham.

**Martha L.  
Haveman-Boehm**

HYSHAM — Martha L. Haveman-Boehm, 93, died June 12, 2004 at the Hardin Hospital.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Wednesday, June 16, in the St. Josephs Catholic Church in Hysham. Burial will be in the Rancher Cemetery west of Hysham.

Visitation will be on Tuesday, June 15, from 1 to 7 p.m. in the Chapel of Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Forsyth.

## **MEMOIR - TEDDY BOELEN**

Teddy Boelen passed away at home on Sunday, Dec. 5, 2004.

She was born Aug. 5, 1918, in Worland, Wyo., to Frederick and Emilie "Roth" Miller. Teddy was the fourth of nine children.

Teddy was married to Stephen Boelen. To this union, two children were born. The couple later divorced. She lived in Laurel and has been a resident of Billings since 1958.



**TEDDY  
BOELEN**

Teddy is survived by her two children, Dan Boelen and Pat (Vaughn) Randall; one brother, John F. (Rosalie) Miller; grandchildren Troy (Lisa) Rech, Vali Bauer, Travis Rech and Darren (Kelly) Boelen. She is also survived by her three great-grandchildren, Jordan Bauer, Daniel and Alyssa Boelen; and many nieces and nephews. Teddy was preceded in death by her parents, brothers and sisters, Emil Marcus, Katherine Palin, William Miller, Hermina Miller, Emily Carpenter, Selma Miller and Betty DuPuy.

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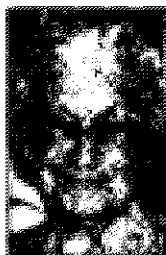
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Suggested memorials can be made to the American Cancer Society or a charity of choice.

A memorial service will be held 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 10, a Cremation or Funeral Gallery. Private inurnment will follow at the Laurel Cemetery.

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The parents of Veronica, George Sr. and Marianna (Dinius) Wanner, moved from Germany to the USA in 1907 and homesteaded 15 miles northeast of Richardton, N.D. On Sept. 20, 1908, Veronica was born. She was the fourth youngest of nine siblings and the first of her family to be born in the United States.



**VERONICA  
BOESPFLUG**

On Nov. 26, 1934, she married Ray Boespflug and raised three sons. They lived in different areas of North Dakota, then on to Washington, Oregon, California and then back to North Dakota. 1956 brought the family to Billings, where they have resided since.

Veronica was an excellent person who not only believed in hard work and caring for her family, but also did a great deal for others and was a very active part of her church. A book could be written on all of her talents, from mouth-watering recipes, marvelous crocheting, knitting and sewing, to gardening. She was always there to help others and could never say "no."

Veronica was quite healthy to

the very end and passed on peacefully with no suffering on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 25, 2004. She chose this day to give thanks to God for her life.

Waiting to see her again is her son, Raphael (1963); husband Ray (1965); parents; and all of her brothers and sisters. Veronica is survived by her sons, Don (Gina), Gerald (Yvonne) and grandchildren Rochelle, Melissa and Jacob.

Veronica was not famous or even wealthy, she was a real MOM. THANKS MOM!

Vigil services will be held 7:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 29, at Dahl Funeral Chapel and Funeral Mass will be 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 30, at Little Flower Parish. Committal will be in Holy Cross Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Big Sky Hospice, PO Box 35033, Billings, 59107 or Little Flower Church, 209 S. 35th St., Billings, 59101.

**JUL 25 2004**

Velva "Martha" Boggess, 79, Billings formerly of Hardin, left this earth very peacefully on July 22, 2004.

She was born Oct. 2, 1924, in Rival, N.D., to Leon and Vela Norris Fowler, the second of nine children. She married Ernest Boggess, Jr. on Dec. 20, 1942, and lived in Hardin until moving to Billings in 2000.



**MARtha  
BOGGESS**

Martha is survived by daughter, Betty Ann (Jim) Roan and son Ernest Boggess III of Billings and daughter Starla Rose (Jay) Johnston and son Virgil (Deb) Boggess of Colorado.

Her husband Ernest (1982) and twin sons, Jerry (2000) and Terry (2004) and sister Marjorie Buckingham (2001) preceded Martha in death.

She leaves behind 11 beloved grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her sisters, Mary (Allen) Miller Chaffin, Violet Morris, Jessie Hastings, Viola Esther and Veta (Rick) Taylor; her brothers, Virgil (Della) and Lawrence (Karla) Fowler; her sister-in-law, Florence (Ivory) Robinson; brothers-in-law, Art (Alice) Poor,

Sam (Shirley), Howard and Robert (Wanda) Boggess; the Mullenberg family; as well as numerous nieces and nephews whom she loved very much.

Martha always used to say "I'm 100% Mother." She devoted her life to her family and Church work. She was always very musical and loved to sing with her family and play the piano and guitar. She leaves behind many descendants who have special musical talents.

"The beat goes on, Grandma, someday we'll sing three part harmony again in heaven."

Funeral services will be held 3 p.m. Monday, July 26, in the Bullis Funeral Chapel. Interment will be in the Fairview Cemetery beside her husband, who was a veteran. Bullis Mortuary of Hardin has been entrusted with the arrangements.



## Terry Lee Boggess

Terry Lee Boggess, 56, died peacefully at his home, Jan. 24, 2004, from a long-standing illness.

He was born Nov. 13, 1947, in Hardin, to Ernest E. and Velva M. (Fowler) Boggess, Jr. He went to school in Hardin, but finished the last two years of his high school in Olympia, Wash.

Terry married Kerry McCracken in 1971 and although this marriage ended in divorce, they had one son, Tony Lee Boggess. Terry ran a successful body and fender business in Olympia, until he was struck by a very serious illness and forced to retire. He returned to Montana in 1984 and lived in Hardin until 1996, at which time he moved to Billings.

He was a serious sports car enthusiast and also was an accomplished guitar player. Many members of his family have been inspired to play and sing by him. He will always be remembered for his gentle caring spirit.

A twin brother, Jerry Dee Boggess in 1998, and his father, Ernest Boggess in 1984, preceded Terry in death.

He is survived by his sons, Tony (Lilly) Boggess of Chicago, who will graduate from medical school in June, and Robert Eschenbacher of Hamilton.

He is also survived by Veronika Boggess of Billings; his mother, Martha Boggess of Billings; his sisters, Betty Ann



**TERRY  
BOGCESS**

(Jim) Roan of Billings and Starla Rose (Jay) Johnston of Grand Junction, Colo.; his brothers, Ernest of Billings and Virgil (Debra) Boggess of Grand Junction.

He is also survived by a huge family of aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews who will miss him very much.

"Earth has no sorrow that Heaven cannot heal."

A special thanks goes to Dr. Carlson for all his efforts to treat the porphyria. Terry's life has been better because of him.

Funeral services will be held 2 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 29, in the Bullis Funeral Chapel. Interment will follow in the Hardin Fairview Cemetery next to his twin brother.

Bullis Mortuary of Hardin has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Donation can be sent to the National Porphyria Foundation, PO Box 22721, Houston, TX 77227

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**BUD  
BOGGIO**

## **Henry A. 'Bud' Boggio**

**LUTHER** — Henry A. "Bud" Boggio, 83, was born on Dec. 14, 1920, and passed away on Sunday, July 11, 2004, at his family home, surrounded by many of his immediate family.

He was the son and one of nine children of Alex and Theresa Boggio. Born in Red Lodge, Bud spent only a limited amount of time away from the country he enjoyed immensely.

In 1942, he married his neighboring sweetheart of many years, Wilma H. "Pat" Burnett.

He spent his entire adult working life on a ranch. His first years were spent working for his father-in-law, James M. Burnett, on Pat's home ranch at Luther. In 1950, they decided to get out on

their own and purchased the Louie Hyem ranch, three miles away on Red Lodge Creek. In their 62 years of marriage, they raised five children.

Bud is survived by his wife Pat; one daughter, Judy (Richard) Curley of Bend, Ore.; four sons, Phil (Linda) of Billings, Jim (Ruth) of Helena, Scott (Beth) of Luther, and Gene (Kimberly) of Renton, Wash.; 11 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; one brother, Louie Boggio of Roscoe; and one sister, Betty Burnett of Luther.

Bud enjoyed playing cards, pitching horseshoes, fishing with family and friends, hunting, music and dancing, and sharing his country life with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, July 15 and 16, at Smith-Olcott Funeral Chapel in Red Lodge. Cremation will follow, and a public memorial service will be held at a later date. Memorials may be given to Beartooth Hospital & Health Center, P.O. Box 590, Red Lodge, MT 59068.

## WIFE N. 'PAT' BOGGIO

LUTHER — Pat Boggio died peacefully in her home near Luther on Oct. 27, 2004, at the age of 85.

The sole surviving offspring of James M. and Eda Burnett, Pat and her siblings, Leota, Lucille and James H., shared in work and play. They grew up on the ranch their father had homesteaded 17 miles northwest of Red Lodge. Pat's schooldays were spent in Red Lodge and Billings, culminating with a degree in nursing.

On Feb. 14, 1942, Pat married Henry "Bud" Boggio, son of neighboring homesteaders, Alex and Theresa Boggio. Bud and Pat showed the meaning of love and marriage throughout their loyal companionship of 62 years.

Our mother's life was patiently devoted to our dad and our growing family. In the community, she volunteered with the Red Cross and assisted with Sunday School and Vacation Bible School. At home, she helped us all through her gardening and canning, cooking, baking and steady presence. She gave herself generously in the care of her parents after their retirement to Red Lodge and eventual illnesses.



PAT  
BOGGIO

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This same spirit of great strength and courage has seen her through the death of our father this past July and her own continual decline in health.

Her ready willingness to help, her sense of humor and patient determination are some traits our memories will embrace. Her singing of hymns without the aid of a hymnal, the extent of vitality she gained from living in the country, growing plants indoors and out, ranching as an occupation, reciprocal honor and dignity were at work in this life. She weathered well the battle with the bulls and deer for her yard and trees. She defied the irrigation irritabilities to grow vegetables, flowers and trees.

Pat is survived by five children, Judy (Richard) Curley of Bellevue, Wash., Phil (Linda) of Billings, Jim (Ruth) of Helena, Scott (Beth) of Luther, Gene (Kimberly) of Renton, Wash.; 11 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Brothers-in-law Louis Boggio, John Rozman and Martin Stohr, sister-in-law Betty Burnett; and many nieces and nephews also survive her.

We have deep gratitude for all our extended family, friends in the community, special caregivers, Dr. Bill George, Beartooth

Hospital Home Health and Hospice staff, and the staff of Cedar Wood Villa. Thank you for your support and care of our parents during this past year.

Visitation will be held at Smith-Olcott Funeral Chapel on Thursday, Nov. 4, from 5 to 8 p.m. A memorial service for Pat and Bud is scheduled on Saturday, Nov. 6, at 2 p.m. at the Luther Hall, followed by a pie social. Memorials may be given to the Luther Community Church, HC 50 Box 4371, Red Lodge, MT 59068, or the charity of one's choice.

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**BOGGIO** — Wilma H.  
"Pat," 85, of Luther Memorial  
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**BELLINGS GAZETTE**

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Margaret Bohl passed away Jan. 29, 2004, at the Horizon Hospice House in Billings. She was born June 11, 1915, in Burt, N.D., to Magdalena and Vincent Pfaff. She moved to Billings with her family in the early '30s. She married Carl Bohl in Billings in 1935 and four children were born to that union.

Margaret was employed by Vaughn Ragsdale for a few years and then by J.C. Penney Co. for 26 years, retiring in 1976. She worked very hard all of her life and maintained her own home until 1997 when she moved to Prairie Towers. She was very proud of her apartment there and so relieved that she didn't have to worry about the lawn or snow anymore. She was a longtime member of Holy Rosary Church.

She is survived by her daughters, Marjorie (Pat) Kelly, Marlene (Morgan) Wheeler, Geraldine (Roger) Olmstead; her grandchildren, Vicki Eliason, Coleen (Ted) Andrus, John (Lisa) Kelly, Lori (Don) Ritz and Mark Olmstead; her great-grandchildren, Sydney, Riley, Cade and Reid Eliason, Ashley and Brett Andrus, Michael and Kendall Kelly and Kailey and Kevin Ritz; sister Madge Frasch and sister-in-law Irene Pfaff and many nieces and nephews.

Her husband Carl and son Jim preceded her in death, as well as grandsons Kevin Kelly and Cory Wheeler, parents, brothers John Pfaff and Jake Pfaff, sisters Ann Hofferber and Mary Jantzer.

Cremation has taken place and private services are planned with interment in Holy Cross Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Horizon Hospice House or the charity of one's choice.

Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary has charge of arrangements.

## Calvin R. Bohleen

**WILSALL** — Calvin R. Bohleen, 57, of Wilsall died at Livingston Memorial Hospital late Thursday evening, Oct. 7, 2004. Visitation will be from 1-5 p.m. Monday, Oct. 11 and from 8:30-11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 12, at Franzen-Davis Funeral Home, 118 No. 3rd St. in Livingston. Funeral services will be 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, at Holbrook United Methodist Church, corner of 5th and Lewis Streets in Livingston, with Rev. Lyndon Kacick of Shields Valley United Methodist officiating. Grave side committal and burial will follow in Wilsall Cemetery.

Calvin was born Jan. 17, 1947, in Livingston, the son of Roger W. and Nova A. (Jones) Bohleen. He spent his early life in the Wilsall area and attended elementary school at Porcupine School on Elk Creek. He graduated from Wilsall High School in 1965. He attended Cal Poly S.L.O. in California and graduated with a bachelors degree in Animal Husbandry. On Nov. 29, 1968, he married Suzanne E. Edsall in Sonoma, Calif. Calvin went to work as a cattle buyer for Hormel Meat Packing Co. in Austin, Minn. and was later transferred to Huron, S.D.

Calvin was a professional rodeo cowboy, a career, which began at age 14, when he rode in his first event. Primarily a bull rider and bull-dogger, he competed at the college level in the mid

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1960's, while attending school in California. He participated in rodeo until suffering a severe neck injury in 1972, when he was stepped on by a bull at a rodeo in Prairie du Chien, Wisc. The injury left him paralyzed from the neck down, and he spent several months in rehabilitation at the Craig Center in Denver, Colo. He and Suze returned to Wilsall in September of 1973 and went to work for Cattle-Fax for a short time. In 1974, he started his own cattle buying business. With the help of his wife, he excelled in this career until the time of his death. As a respected cattle buyer in Montana and nationally, he went from initially selling 300 head of cattle to tens of thousands over the years.

From the time of his accident to the present, Calvin developed an already existent competitive drive and desire to win. He became an accomplished artist, drawing and painting while holding a pencil or brush in his teeth. He rendered detailed artwork that depicted the way of life he loved. The art work has been displayed in galleries throughout the west.

Calvin was a member of Shields Valley United Methodist Church, a charter member of Crazy Mountain Jaycees, the Professional Rodeo Cowboy Art

Association, Montana and Park County Stock Growers Association, R-Calf, and National Cattleman's Association. His courage, spirit and self-determination contributed to him being named as Montana's only member of the Ten Outstanding Young Men In America for the United States Jaycees in 1979, the same year as John Denver. As such, he also joined the ranks of such men as John Kennedy, Nelson Rockefeller, Walt Disney, Charles Lindberg, Bill Clinton, Rocky Blier and Muhammad Ali. Calvin always considered himself "a lucky man." Rather than being a reason to quit, his accident provided him with the opportunity to succeed and excel. He once said, "You can't expect a lot until you can see yourself doing a lot. And you can't see yourself doing a lot until you see yourself doing a little."

Survivors include his wife, Suzanne Bohleen of Wilsall, Mont.; his sister Susan Bohleen-Crowell of Laurel, Mont.; two uncles - Bud (Lorraine) Bohleen of Livingston and J. Glenn Jones of Puyallup, Wash.; two aunts - Helen (Bert) Streblov and Doris Ann Bohleen, both of Livingston, and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, five aunts and five uncles.

If so desired, memorials may be made to The Miami Project To Cure Paralysis, P. O. Box 016960

(R-48), Miami, FL 33101-6960, or to Shields Valley United Methodist Church, Clyde Park, MT 59018 or to the charity of the donor's choice.



## **Clifford H. Bohm**

CODY, Wyo. — Clifford H. Bohm, 71, died Friday, Sept. 10, 2004, at his home.

Mass of the Christian Burial will be 10 a.m., Tuesday, Sept. 14, at St. Anthony's Catholic Church. Cremation will follow.

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**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

OAKLAND, Calif. — Bill died unexpectedly at his home in Oakland, on Thursday, April 8, 2004, in the company of his sister.

He was born Jan. 11, 1945, in Billings, to Donald W. and Dorothy L. Bolenske. Bill's early life was spent on his parents' farms in Edgar and Laurel, Mont. He graduated from Laurel High School in 1963 as class salutatorian and from the University of Montana in 1967. Upon graduation from college, Bill volunteered for service in the U.S. Army and served as an officer in Vietnam. He was discharged in 1972, having obtained the rank of captain.

Most of Bill's career was spent with the Traveler's Insurance Company in North Carolina and California as a claims adjuster and risk manager. His home in Oakland was a testament to his love of gardening and his passion for collecting Mission furniture, California pottery and landscape prints.

Bill is survived by two brothers, Donald W. (Barbara) Bolenske Jr., of Goochland, Va., and Frederick C. (Sharon) Bolenske, of Laurel; and a sister, Jeanne A. (Gary) Wolf of Helena, Mont.; as well as several nephews and nieces. His parents preceded him in death.

Cremation has taken place and a memorial service was held in his home on Monday, April 12, with Carmel Street neighbors, friends and family in attendance.

# Jack Bollinger

Jack Bollinger passed away May 28, 2004. He was the son of Donald and Mary Ann Bollinger.

He was born March 21, 1944 in Billings. Jack spent the first 12 years of his life in Pompeys Pillar, then moved to Billings. He graduated from Billings Senior High School and the University of Montana.



**JACK  
BOLLINGER**

Following his graduation, Jack was commissioned as an officer in the U.S. Marine Corps, and he served his country in Vietnam. After the war, Jack return to Billings and worked at Service Candy Co., eventually taking over its operations. He married his college sweetheart, Kay Juedeman, in 1968 in Great Falls.

Jack was an avid reader, music lover and art collector. He especially appreciated the original works by local artists. Jack's friends and neighbors knew him as a perfectionist when it came to his cars and yard. He will be remembered as an intelligent man of few words, a passionate supporter of our military troops, and a good father and husband.

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He is preceded in death by his parents, Don and Mary Ann Bollinger. He is survived by his wife, Kay; daughter and son-in-law, Wendy and Craig Skalicky; son and daughter-in-law, Brett and Shannon Bollinger; sister and brother-in-law, Jill and Terry Bentz; three grandsons, Andrew and Luke Bollinger and Tyler Skalicky and one nephew Trenton Bentz.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial services will be held at 3 p.m. Wednesday, June 2, at Atonement Lutheran Church, 40 Wicks Lane.

In lieu of flowers, memorial may be made to Big Sky Hospice or the charity of your choice.

Michelotti-Sawyers is in charge of arrangements.

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**BOZEMAN** — Florence E. Bollman, 82, passed away early Saturday morning, March 6, 2004. She was born Feb. 6, 1922, in Terry to Omar and Leonora Harlan. She was raised in Montana and graduated from Billings Senior High in the class of 1940.



**FLORENCE  
BOLLMAN**

On Feb. 6, 1941, she was married to Col. William J. Bollman in Billings. Florence and her family lived in Florida, Colorado, Germany, Hawaii, and many other places in their military life.

She spent most of her life as a homemaker and mother. Florence was also active in her community. She was a member of The Daughters of the American Revolution, Eastern Star, the PTA, and was Cub Scout and Brownie leader. She also had a love of music and played the violin, clarinet, and piano.

Florence is survived by her daughter, Nina Johnson; her son William H. Bollman; and her son-in-law, Bevin Johnson. She also is survived by her grandchildren, Bevin and Mark Johnson, Laura Holder and Michelle Mc Dade.

*Chad Bollman and Jeanette Leach,  
plus eight great-grandchildren. All  
of whom will miss her greatly.*

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She was preceded in death by her husband Col. William J. Bollman; daughter, Leonora A. Hutchinson; and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Omar Harlan.

A reception to celebrate the life of Florence will be held at 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, March 7, 2004, at Spring Meadows, 3175 Graf in Bozeman. A graveside service will be held 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 10, 2004, at Mountview Cemetery in Billings.

Memorials may be made in her name to: Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch, 1732 S. 72nd St. West, Billings, MT 59106.

# Louise Bolson

**ASHLAND** — Louise Bolson, 91, of the Living Heritage Center in Ashland, Mont. crossed over to the other side on Wednesday, Oct. 7, 2004. Without a doubt, Papa Roy came to get her. We hope they went dancing, but a fishing trip is just as likely. She was born Oct. 4, 1913, in Medicine Lake, Mont. to Mary Lucier-Azure and Frederick Azure. Louise was a member of the Turtle Mountain Chippewa of North Dakota.



**LOUISE  
BOLSON**

Louise attended the Chemewa Indian Boarding school in Ore., with her youngest brother Leo. Her school years were made remarkable because of her opportunity to become a ballerina. She was fluent in French, while her parents were alive, then English became her preferred language. Louise married Roy Guy Bolson in Hardin, Mont., in 1937. She made it her life's career to be a housewife. When grandchildren came into her life, she made it her mission to cross the nation or the reservation to be at every birth. She continued this tradition for as many of her great-grandchildren as she could manage. Although

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confined to a wheel chair Grandma Louise left her nursing home in the middle of the night to make a six hour road trip to attend the birth of her first great-great-grandchild and be the first to hold him. She enjoyed a variety of hobbies throughout her life time including visiting friends, crossword puzzles, cards, reading, sewing, gardening, canning, camping and fishing trips, but nothing pleased her more than watching Indian boys from the Northern Cheyenne Reservation playing basketball. While she lived on Kirby Creek, she was an avid fan of the Busby Eagles and later followed the St. Labre Braves. She believed that if she didn't attend the St. Labre home games, the boys wouldn't win their games. Even in her 90's, she followed the team to their tournaments across the state. The St. Labre team honored her for being a super fan. Their acknowledgement touched her heart deeply.

Louise was preceded in death by her parents; her husband Roy; and all her siblings. She is survived by her son Frederick, also known as Jiggs, and daughter-in-law, Bernadette Charette; her six grandchildren, Reno, Roy, Charles (Melanie), Damian (Dina), Frederick A. (Donna), and Rochelle; 14 great-grandchildren,

Wayne/Quiggly (Jessie) Smith, Wisper Wynter Charette, Rayne Forrest Charette, Hunter Rose Loparco, Elena Rene' Charette, Kara Lynnette Charette, Breanna Louise Charette, Erin Mariah Charette, Zachary Allen Charette, Holly Dawn Charette, Kirby Lynn Charette, Nichol Chevon King, Catrina Seanin King, and Stephen Joe King; four great-great-grandchildren, Catlin Jasper Smith, Sitsakoom Allen Smith, Wyatt Allen Charette, and Leiaya Louise King; her very special nieces and constant companions, Mary Jane Spang and her daughter Lyndsev Parrish; the Azure, Brin and LaFranier families, and numerous nieces and nephews she held dear.

A rosary will be held at the Blessed Sacrament Church in Lame Deer, Mont., at 7 p.m., on Monday, Oct. 11 and the funeral mass will be held at the same church on Tuesday, Oct. 12, at 10 a.m. Burial will be at the home

place in Busby following the mass. Dahl Funeral Chapel of Hardin and Fred Rausch are in charge of the arrangements.

The family invites all St. Labre Basketball players who knew Grandma Louise to be part of the rosary and funeral services by serving as honorary pall bearers. The family requests they wear a school jacket, colors, or other St. Labre memorabilia to reveal to everyone the stars that lit up grandma's eyes.

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**WORLAND, Wyo.** — John Edward Boltz was born in Worland on Oct. 17, 1973, the youngest child of C. Boltz and Caroline P. Boltz.

John died in a construction accident between Worland and Ten Sleep on Monday, Aug. 30, 2004. He worked for WYDOT as a project engineer in Worland. Previous to that he had worked in Cheyenne, Basin and Laramie for DOT. In June this year John had just passed his Professional Engineering Exam. He received his early education in Ten Sleep, and then graduated from the University of Wyoming with a degree in civil engineering.

John excelled in sports through his life with scholarships in football and track to Jamestown, N.D. His Ten Sleep softball team had just won the Worland City Tournament. He was an avid hunter and loved the outdoors.

John's most proud accomplishment was his family, whom he loved and admired dearly. In 1998 he married his best friend, Brandi R. Eggleston. He leaves behind three beautiful daughters: Madisyn Ray, age 5, Lexie Renae, age 3, and Ella Rose, age 1, who were the center of his life. He was a wonderful father and husband.

John was preceded in death by all of his grandparents and one nephew.

John is survived by his wife and three daughters all of Worland; his father, Bob Boltz of Ten Sleep, his mother, Caroline of Lovell; sister, Sandra L. Armstrong of Lovell; sister, Roberta L. Boltz of Laramie; brother, Randal C. Boltz of Cheyenne and by two nieces and one nephew. He also leaves mother and father-in-law, Trish and Dana Place of Nashville, Tenn.; sister-in-law Krista Eggleston of Laramie; grandparents, by marriage, Gary and Cloma Donner of Upton.

A Mass of the Christian Burial will be held 10 a.m. Thursday at St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church with Father Sam Hayes officiating. A Rosary will be held 7 p.m. Wednesday at St. Mary Magdalen's. Cremation will take place following the services and interment of the cremains will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Ten Sleep Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the John Boltz Memorial to be placed in a trust for his daughters. Donations can be sent in care of Bryant Funeral Home, PO Box 524, Worland, WY 28401. Bryant Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.



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## Somkid 'Kitty' Bomar



**SOMKID  
BOMAR**

Early Saturday morning, March 27, 2004, Somkid Bomar passed away.

Kitty was born in Thailand on Oct. 11, 1932. She and her young son came to the United States in June 1959, looking for a better life and opportunities she felt could only be found here. In 1962, after visiting Billings on vacation, she decided this would be home. On July 31, 1976, she married Lewis L. Bomar at their home on Lincoln Lane.

Kitty loved her friends, family and pets. She enjoyed watching her grandchildren's sporting events, school plays, and concerts. She was quick to lend a hand to someone in need. Kitty was active in the LDS church with the Mormon missionary

program. She loved to cook and cooking for a crowd gave her the most pleasure. The only thing she may have enjoyed more was fishing. Kitty's favorite fishing spot could be found at Cooney Dam Reservoir.

Kitty was preceded in death by her parents and her husband Lewis L. Bomar. She is survived by her children, Thomas (Carolyn) Yampradit, Rosalind (Crystal) Bomar, Cindy (Tom) Javier, Polly Sampson, and her grandchildren, as well as many others that called her "Mom," "Sister," "Aunt," or "Grandma." We couldn't possibly name them all.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, March 31 at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter — Day Saints at 1000 Wicks Lane in Billings.

In lieu of flowers, please send memorials to Help for Homeless Pets, PO Box 1282, Billings, MT 59103.

# Earl E. (Butch) Bonawitz

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JAN 04 2004

SANTA ROSA DE COPAN, Honduras — Earl E. Bonawitz, formerly of Hardin and Billings, died in an auto accident Dec. 31, 2003, near Santa Rosa De Copan, Honduras.

Earl was born Nov. 16, 1947, in Billings, the son of Earl E. and Donna Bonawitz. Earl attended schools in Oral, S.D., and Hardin. He then served in the Army. After being discharged he returned to Hardin and worked various construction jobs and drove OTR trucks for several years. He then moved to Winnemucca, Nev., where he worked in the mines. In 1998, Earl took a job at a mine in Honduras.

Earl had a lifelong love for airplanes and a great enthusiasm for new endeavors. He was a very generous man, which lead him to help in the Santa Rosa orphanage.

Earl is survived by his son, Trent (Kris) Nielsen; three grandchildren, Teresa, Tara, Trinity; parents, Donna and Sterling Shock; brother, Dennis (Gail) Bonawitz; aunts, uncles and cousins.

Earl was preceded in death by sister, Gracia Mae, and father, Earl Bonawitz.

Burial has taken place in Honduras, as were his wishes. A memorial is planned at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 6 at the Chapel of Hope, 24 Nightingale, Lockwood.

# Thelma Bondy

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

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FORT PECK — Thelma Irene (Stearns) Bondy, 90, died Wednesday, Dec. 8, 2004, at Valley View Nursing Home in Glasgow.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Nashua. Interment will be in Nashua Cemetery in Nashua. Bell Mortuary of Glasgow is in charge.

## GRACE E. BONEBRIGHT

THE BILLINGS GAZETT

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HAMILTON — Grace E. Bonebright, 94, of Hamilton, passed away Tuesday, Feb. 17, 2004, at the Marcus Daly Hospice Center, of natural causes. She was born one of 12 children on April 11, 1909, in Rosebud, to Albert and Katherine (Barley) Lloyd.

Grace was raised and educated in Rosebud and graduated from high school at the age of 16. She immediately started teaching school in a country school near Miles City. Grace married Dave Hammond and together they had one daughter, Joyce, in 1927.

Dave passed away in an accident a short time later. Grace continued to teach in rural schools until she enrolled into the Montana State Normal College in Dillon. She earned her teaching certificate in March of 1939 and continued to teach in many country schools.

Grace married Everett E. "Shine" Bonebright on July 20, 1942, in Culbertson, and together they had two children, Sharon and Gary.

She taught in Culbertson for many years and was principal of the elementary school for a while. Everett passed away in 1959. She went back to school at the University of Montana and earned her BA degree in education in August 1964.

Grace moved to Clear Lake Oaks, Calif., in 1965 and taught school in several communities in Lake County in California for the next 10 years. She moved to Hamilton in 1975 with the intent to retire.

Grace spent time in Sidney with her daughter and grandchildren and while there, learned of a teaching job in a small country school in North Dakota, southeast of Sidney. She taught and lived there for four years until finally retiring in 1983 at the age of 74.

She then moved back to Hamilton and eventually into the Sapphire Lutheran Home. Grace remained there until

October of 2003.

Grace was a member of the Methodist Church in Culbertson, the Women's Club in Culbertson and the Bridge Club in Culbertson for



**GRACE  
BONEBRIGHT**

many years.

She loved to do ceramics and crochet, and especially enjoyed

hosting dinner parties, playing cards and playing board games, especially Scrabble. She devoted her life to teaching. Grace will be remembered fondly by all her students, whom she cared for so much.

Grace was preceded in death by her parents; two husbands, Dave Hammond and Everett Bonebrigt; daughter Joyce Person; four brothers, Albert, Jack, Henry and Homer; and four sisters, Margaret, Alma, Mabel and Gloria. She is survived by two children, Sharon Rau and husband Douglas of Sidney and Gary Bonebrigt of Corvallis; one sister, Hazel Walsh of Troy; one brother, Bill Lloyd of Rosebud; five grandchildren, Barry Person of Hamilton, Terry Symmes and husband Weymouth of Bullhead City, Ariz., Seana Rau of Billings, Rheta Rau-Conyers and husband Bob of Billings and Justin Rau and wife Tressa of Sidney; eight great-grandchildren and numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives.

No services will be held at Grace's request. Arrangements are under the care of the Daily Leach Chapel.

## Tony Victor Bongiani

## THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

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Tony Victor Bongiani, 79, passed away Wednesday, Feb. 4, 2004, at St. Vincent Healthcare in Billings.

He was born Jan. 17, 1925, on the family farm two miles southwest of Laurel. He went to grade school at Trewin School, which was located halfway between Park City and Laurel, and Tony attended high school in Laurel. He entered in to the U.S. Army in 1944, with the 38th Infantry Division in the Philippine Islands. He served his country with honor. Tony received a number of ribbons and medals which were Asiatic Pacific Theater Service Medal with one bronze battle star; Philippine Liberation Medal with one bronze battle star; Victory Medal; Good Conduct Medal and the Combat Infantryman Badge. After the war was over he started working for the Northern Pacific and later the Burlington Northern in December 1947 to 1983, when he retired. He retired as a Car Inspector at the Laurel train yard. In September 1958, he married Roberta (Bungard) and they had a daughter, Tracy. They were later divorced. In August 1976, Tony married Mary F. Kilwein who was a widow with several children. She passed away Jan. 9, 1997. He lived alone for many years until he had a

stroke and moved in with his daughter in August 2000. He was an honorary member of the Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officers Assoc. for many years. Tony was a member of the Laurel VFW for 47 years and a member of the Eagles Club in Laurel for over 25 years, and also a faithful member of Holy Rosary Catholic Church.

Tony was preceded in death by his parents, Primo and Lucia Bongiani; his wife, Mary; two sisters, Prina Carlson and Irma Boyce; one brother, Leo Bongiani; and step-granddaughter, Gloria Leal. He is survived by daughter, Tracy (Wayne) Tiller; granddaughter, Naomi (Jermy) Zier and family; grandsons Beau (Dawn) Munguia and family, and Jeremy Munguia; step-grandsons, Matthew and Justin Tiller; step son, Tom Kilwein and family; stepdaughters, Tillie Martinez, Doreen Farnes, and Patricia Leal and their families. He is also survived by three sisters, Jean Watson, Mary Mogan, and Alma Hedges; and two brothers, Paul Bongiani, John Bongiani and their families.

Cremation has taken place and a memorial will be held Friday, Feb. 13, 2004, at Cremation or Funeral Galley. Cremation or Funeral Gallery is in charge of arrangements.

## Albert L. Bonine

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Albert L. Bonine, 81, of Sheridan, died Thursday, March 18, 2004, at Sheridan Manor.

Cremation has taken place in Sheridan. At his request, his remains will be scattered in Brawley, Calif., with those of his wife, Nellie, at their favorite place. Kane Funeral Home of Sheridan is in charge.

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## **RENE JOHNSON BONK**

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

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CANTON, Texas — Private services for Linnie Orene "Rene" Bonk, 89, have been held in Myrtle Springs.

Mrs. Bonk died Oct. 20, 2004, in Canton.

Burial was held at Mountview Cemetery in Billings on Oct. 29.

She was born March 1, 1915, in Saskatchewan, to the late Ora Alden and Grace Ethel Steele Stone.



**RENE  
BONK**

Rene came to the United States as a child and was a lifelong resident of Billings.

After a series of strokes, she moved to Myrtle Springs eight and a half years ago to be with her son, Jim.

She was preceded in death by husbands, Burger Saul "Johnny" Johnson and Henry "Hank" Bonk; four sisters, Ruth, Josie, Louella and Violet; along with a brother, Alden "Stoney" Stone, another longtime Billings resident.

Survivors include son and daughter-in-law, Jim and Mary Johnson of Myrtle Springs; grandchildren, Jill Raye Johnson of Bellingham, Wash., James A. Johnson of Freeport, Maine; and sister, Alice Anita Glatz of Denver, and other relatives.



## **Eletha Sessions Bookout**

LOVELL, Wyo. — Eletha Sessions Bookout, 99, died Thursday, March 4, 2004, at North Big Horn Hospital in Lovell.

Visitation will be from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Sunday, March 7, at Haskell Funeral Home in Lovell. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, March 8, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Lovell. Burial will be in the Lovell Cemetery.

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**MALTA —** Anna L. (Young) Boos, 97 years, went to be with our Lord on Feb. 16, 2004. She died peacefully at Phillips County Hospital.

Anna was born on March 19, 1906, in Wales, N.D., to George and Barbara (Schneider) Young. In March of 1917, her parents moved to Montana, where they homestead 17 miles north of Wagner. Anna was 11 years at the time and had nine brothers and sisters.

Anna married August Boos, Dec. 27, 1922, at her parents' home. To this union, 10 children were born, six who survive. They spent 60 years living on their farm north of Wagner. They also had a home in Dodson from 1941 to 1956 so the children could attend grade and high school. In 1982, they retired and moved to Malta.

Anna was a wonderful cook and homemaker. She always had meals on the table for family and friends. Everyone was welcomed to her home to enjoy her many goodies. She loved to sew and crochet. She made beautiful quilts for all her children and afghans for the grandchildren. She loved to play cards, sing and play the piano. She and August played for many a country dance in the early years. Anna loved to gar-

den and grow beautiful flower — her home was always full of plants and colorful flowers. She was a member of the Dodson and Malta Catholic Altar Society. She also belonged to the VFW Aux. in Malta.

Survivors include Lila (Dwayne) Raymond, Evelyn (Bill) Starkey, Lewellyn (Dick) McNamara and Thomas (Karen) Boos of Malta, Leonard (Lil) Boos of Glasgow and Mary Lou (Gene) Lavey of Scobey; plus 22 grandchildren, 39 great-grandchildren and nine great-great-grandchildren. Anna was preceded in death by her husband August; four sons; three grandchildren; her parents; and nine brothers and sisters.

Anna was a true pioneer of the homestead era. In her lifetime, she experienced many changes and weathered many hardships. Her life was dedicated to raising her children and maintaining their home. She will always be remembered for her love, strength and generosity. She will be greatly missed by all her family and friends.

Rest in Peace, Mom.

Funeral services and rosary will be held at St. Mary's Church in Malta. Rosary at 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 22, and funeral mass will be Monday, Feb. 23, at 11 a.m.

Adams Funeral Home of Malta is in charge of the arrangements.

## David L. Borberg

David L. Borberg, 21, of Billings, died Monday, March 29, 2004, at St. Vincent Healthcare in Billings. He was born in Billings, June 21, 1982, a son of Robert Borberg and Lisa Von Laven.

David was raised in Billings and attended Elysian Elementary, Billings West and Billings Senior High Schools. David enjoyed playing soccer, basketball, baseball, video games and his three cats.

Borberg is survived by his father, Robert Burt Borberg; his mother, Lisa Kay Von Laven and stepfather, Oscar L. Heinrich, Jr., all of Billings; and brother Peter Borberg, stationed at Fort Drum, N.Y.; grandparents, Jody and Willard Tieszen of Billings; aunts and uncles, Chuck and Joan Borberg of Portland, Ore., Roy Stewart of Memphis, Tenn., Scott and Grettel Von Laven of Madison, Ala., Julie and James Canan of Portland, John and Linda Von Laven of Chandler, Ariz., Delores and Larry Tanglen of Park City, Lowell and Nita Tieszen of Raymond, Minn., and Audrey and Don Ruth of Lakewood, Colo.; 17 cousins; and a special friend, Sehna Park of Billings. David was preceded in death by his grandparents, Charles and Mildred Borberg; and his aunt, Barbara Stewart.

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A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, March 31, at Smith Funeral Chapel-West, located at 304 34th St. West, in Billings. Interment will be at Yellowstone Valley Memorial Park in Billings.

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

## Frank Bordeaux

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Frank Bordeaux, 89, died Thursday, Jan. 8, 2004, in Sheridan Manor.

Cremation has taken place. Private family committal services will be held at a later date. Champion Ferries Funeral Home was in charge.

THE SHERIDAN GAZETTE

JAN 13 2004

Bette Marie Borgan, 80, of Billings, formerly of Hardin, passed away Monday evening Aug. 30, 2004 in the Billings Deaconess Clinic.

She was born May 23, 1924, in Butte, a daughter of Ferdinand and Myrtle Melbraaton Henry. She grew up and attended schools in Butte, graduating from Butte Senior High School.

Bette worked at the Hennessey Department Store in Butte, before marrying Horst F. Burgman on Sept. 4, 1942, in Portland, Ore. She was later divorced. She married David Borgan on Dec. 15, 1962, in Idaho Falls, Idaho, and the couple

made their home in Hardin. Mr. Borgan died in 1984. Bette worked as a bookkeeper for the Valley Implement Company and later as a legal secretary for Legal Services of Montana. She took great pride in training new lawyers "in the ways of the practical legal world."

She was a member of the Lutheran Church and the Jasmine Chapter Order of Eastern Star.

Bette enjoyed needlepoint, cross-stitch, creating afghans and reading.



**BETTE  
BORGAN**

However, she most enjoyed the time she and her husband Dave would spend camping and fishing. Socializing with her friends and family was always a priority, especially recreational gambling with her daughter, Bez. She was a "mother" to many of her children's friends.

Her parents and daughter Kimmie Lou Burgman, preceded Bette in death.

Survivors include her son, Mill Burgman of Billings; her daughters, Marta Burgman of Hardin and Betty Ann "Bez" and her husband Don Malli of Arvada, Wyo.; four grandchildren, Jamie, Neale, Sada and Nathan and her six great-grandchildren, Taylor, Kennedy, Reagan, Jeremiah, Zach and Mariah. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday in the Bullis Funeral Chapel.

Interment will follow in the Hardin Fairview Cemetery. Bullis Mortuary of Hardin has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the MD Anderson Cancer Center, Dept. of Leukemia, Attn: Linda Korb, Development Office # 541, Houston, TX 77030.

## Sheila K. Boroszuk

Sheila K. Boroszuk, 61, of Billings passed away Saturday, June 19, 2004, at her home of cancer.

Sheila Kaye (Holm) Boroszuk was born on Oct. 20, 1942, at home on a small farm near Fort Ransom, N.D., to Alfred and Helga (Hegvick) Holm.

Sheila married Ernie Boroszuk on Aug. 13, 1960, and began the adventure of moving across the western United States with road construction.



**SHEILA  
BOROSZUK**

Sheila dedicated her life to taking care of her family, her daughters, Sally and Penny and her sons, Danny and Darin. She was preceded in death by her children, Danny and Penny.

Sheila is survived by her much loved husband, Ernie; her children, Sally (Phil) Hageman and Darin (Rea) Boroszuk; her beloved grandchildren, Stephanie and Daniel Hageman, Zackory, Donovan and littlest but not least, Jacy. Sheila is also survived by her siblings, Dennis (Florence) Holm, Sharon (Harvey) Haasager, Shirley (David) Roach, DuWayne (Phyllis) Holm and Jo Ann Holm.

Sheila was a strong woman

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who knew her mind. If she called you friend, she was loyal and then for you. If she called you foe, you knew where you stood. If you had four legs, you best stay away.

Memorial services will be 4 p.m., Wednesday at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary. Cremation has taken place. Inurnment will be at the Standing Rock Cemetery in Fort Ransom, N.D., at a later date.

*A Yoruba proverb says "If we stand tall it is because we stand on the backs of those who came before us." Thanks Mom for making us become the people we are today. Love ya!*



# **Kristina Michelle Borrego**

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GILLETTE, Wyo. — Kristin: Michelle Borrego, 24, of Gillette died Tuesday, Oct. 19, 2004, at her home, of undetermined causes.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 23, at the Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home Chapel in Gillette. Interment will follow at the Mount Pisgah Cemetery in Gillette.

**RICHARD R. "DICK"  
BORSHEIM**

**THE BILLINGS GAZETT**

JUL 13 2004

Richard R. "Dick" Borsheim, age 73, of Billings, passed away Sunday, July 11, 2004, at St. Vincent Hospital and Healthcare in Billings.

Dick was born March 6, 1931, to Ralph and Jeanette Borsheim in Great Falls. He graduated from high school in Great Falls. He attended MSU-Bozeman and graduated with an electrical engineering degree. He served in the United States Army overseas for two years before graduating from college.

Dick married Rita Pursley on Dec. 27, 1954. After his graduation from college, he worked for Martin Marieta U.S. Defense Program. He moved to Billings and began working for Montana Power Company. In 1971, he and his family moved to Butte and worked for MPC until retiring in 1989 and then returned to Billings.



**DICK  
BORSHEIM**

Dick was active in Kiwanis Toastmasters and was a member of Pryor Mountain Lodge #151, AF & AM, Scottish Rite Bodies and Al Bedoo Shrine, all of Billings. He enjoyed outdoor activities, including camping, hunting and fishing.

Dick is survived by his wife, Rita; three children, Rick (Seana) Borsheim of Colstrip, Jan (Tim) O'Leary of Glendora, Calif., and Karlyn (William) Weaver of Great Falls and five grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Gene Borsheim.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Wednesday, July 14, at Smith's West Chapel, 304 34th St. West in Billings. Interment will be in Terrace Gardens Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to your favorite charity.

**MAY 29 2004****Alma Jean Bosch**

**LAUREL** — Alma Jean Bosch, 73, of Laurel, passed on to be with the Lord, May 27, 2004.

She was born to John and Elizabeth Fox Jr., May 27, 1930, at Laurel.

At a young age, she had worked for Mountain Bell.

She married Fred Bosch in 1947 and to this union, a son, David, was born.

Alma was a member of the First Congregational Church in Laurel, Dorcas Society, Red Hat Club and Big Sky Rails.

She is survived by her son Dave of Laurel; one brother, Bill Fox of Laurel; and three sisters,

Mary Anderson of Laurel, Lorraine Ronan and Shirley Carmony of Billings; and a host of nieces and nephews and many friends.

Alma was preceded in death by two sisters, Martha Palm and Ruth Britton.

Services will be held 10 a.m. Tuesday, June 1, at First Congregational Church, Laurel. Interment will be in the Laurel Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to First Congregational Church, Laurel.

Her son Dave would like to express his gratitude to family and friends for all the help given to his mother during her 17-year battle with cancer.

Smith Funeral Chapel-Laurel was in charge of arrangements.



**ALMA  
BOSCH**

# Thomas K. Bosch

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

WORLAND, Wyo. — Thomas K. Bosch, 73, of Worland, died Monday, April 19, 2004, at Washakie Medical Center.

Visitation for family and friends will be 7 to 8 p.m. Friday, April 23, at the Bryant Funeral Home Chapel in Worland. Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 24, at Sanders Park.

APR 23 2004

**George W. Sekulich  
Lucille Sekulich Bosone**

SEP 24 2004  
BILLINGS GAZETTE

RED LODGE — George W. Sekulich, 69, formerly of Red Lodge, of Kaysville, Utah, died Sept. 19, 2004, in Kaysville. His sister, Lucille Sekulich Bosone, 76, of Billings, formerly of Red Lodge, died May 1, 2002, in Billings.

Graveside services for their cremated remains will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 25, in the Red Lodge Cemetery. Smith-Olcott Funeral Chapel is in charge.

OCT 16 2004

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

Baby, we all love you and miss you very much. Go with God.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Monday, Oct. 11, at Cremation or Funeral Gallery.



**TONYA BOSSERT**

**Tonya Maree Bossert  
(Spaulding)**

Tonya Maree Bossert (Spaulding), born Aug. 6, 1971, in Billings, at St. Vincent Hospital. She went home to be with God Oct. 6, 2004.

She is survived by her mother and father, Dale and Ann Spaulding; and sisters, Connie Burt, Tammy Toppoll and Rose Spaulding.

She is also survived by her boyfriend, Earl, whom she loved so very much.

She loved every animal ever made. Now she can run with them all freely, the way she wanted.

## Isadora 'Dora' Bostyan

SEP 5 2004  
BILLINGS GAZETTE

GOLVA, N.D. — Isadora "Dora" Bostyan, 83, died at the Wibaux County Nursing Home on Saturday, Sept. 4, 2004.

A vigil will be held at 7 p.m., Monday, Sept. 6, at the Chapel of Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home in Beach, N.D. Funeral services will be held at 2:30 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 7, at St. Mary's Catholic Church with Rev. Fr. David Richter officiating.



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**BOYSCH** — Frances, B.,  
66, formerly of Shepherd.  
Graveside services, Mon. 10  
a.m., Mountview Cemetery  
(12/20)

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

DEC 20 2004



## Claire H. Bouchard

LOVELL, Wyo. — Claire H. Bouchard, 90, of Lovell, died Monday, Dec. 20, 2004, at New Horizon's Care Center in Lovell.

Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 22, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Lovell. Burial will be in the Lovell Cemetery. Haskell Funeral Home of Lovell is in charge.

DEC 22 2004

## **Arthur J. Bougie Jr.**

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Arthur J. Bougie, Jr., 51, died Tuesday, June 29, 2004, in Rapid City, S.D.

Memorial services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at the Big Horn Mountain Eagles Club. Champion Ferries Funeral Home is in charge.

**THE BILLINGS GAZETTE**

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## **Eloise Bourke**

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Eloise Bourke, 82, died Sunday, Dec. 28, 2003, at the VA Medical Center.

Viewing is from 11 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Monday at Champion Ferries Funeral Home. Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at First Christian Church. Cremation follows the service with burial of cremains in Little Big Horn National Cemetery in Crow Agency, Mont.

**THE RIVINGTON GAZETTE**

**JAN 03 2004**

## **Claude Bourn**

**SEP 18 2004**  
**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

MILES CITY — Claude David "Bud" Bourn, 84, of Miles City, died Wednesday, Sept. 15, 2004, at the Friendship Villa in Miles City.

Visitation will begin at 1 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 19, at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City, with family receiving friends from 4 to 7 p.m. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, Sept. 20, at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home. Interment will follow in the Custer County Cemetery in Miles City.

## **Kenneth Bowar**

**THE BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**APR 08 2004**

**MILES CITY —** Kenneth Bowar, 72, of Miles City, died Tuesday, April 6, 2004, at his home.

Visitation will be Sunday, April 11, in the chapel of Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City.

A vigil service will be at 9:30 a.m. Monday, April 12, at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Miles City.

Mass of Christian Burial will follow at 11 a.m. Monday, at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Interment will follow in the family lot in the Calvary Cemetery.

**VERA MAE BOWER****THE BILLINGS GAZETTE**

AUG 25 2004

**JORDAN —** Vera Mae Bower, 86, of Jordan, died Friday, Aug. 20, 2004, at the Garfield County Health Center in Jordan.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, Aug. 30, at the VFW Hall in Jordan. Interment will follow in the Pioneer Cemetery in Jordan. Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home of Jordan is in charge.

# Jerry Bowman

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Jerry Bowman, age 69, died in his home on Aug. 20, 2004. He was born on Feb. 23, 1935, in Big Timber, the son of William and Edith Bowman. He was raised on a ranch near McLeod. They moved to Big Timber, where he finished his schooling, graduating in 1953. He went to Rocky Mountain College for two years. Then he joined the U.S. Navy and was honorably discharged in 1959.



**JERRY  
BOWMAN**

In 1960, he married Bev Rezendes, moved to Billings and out of this union, three sons were born. Jerry and Bev were later divorced.

He began his career as a cabinet maker in Rhode Island. After moving to Billings, he worked for Millwork Supply. He then met and married Betty Mobley on March, 13, 1971, "the love of his life" and wife of 33 years. He then went on to Bumgartner's and then finally retiring from Dovetail Design in 1996. Throughout his career, one of the greatest honors bestowed upon him was when he was asked to design and build the trophy case for the Scarlets and Royals baseball teams at Cobb Field.

He loved being in the moun-

tains and spent as much time as he possibly could fishing and hunting. He was a fanatic sports fan, keeping up on any and all games. He was on a bowling league and traveled to many tournaments. His passion was his yard and caring for all of his strategically planted flowers. His love was his family, for he truly was a family man.

Jerry is survived by his wife, Betty; his sons, Dave (Rose), Mike (Cyndi) and Thomas Bowman; his children by heart, Cami Buckman, Joe Buckman, Billy Berko, Kurt Nelson, Tracy Allen and Deb Headworth; his sister, Arlene Pine and her two children of Oregon; his eight grandchildren; a great-granddaughter; and two very dear and special friends, Butch Schultz and Al Reichert. He was preceded in death by his parents and grandparents, and has gone to join his children, Dana and Gordon Mobley, which, toward the end of his life, was his desire.

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Cobb

It is our wish that any contributions to be made on Jerry's behalf, be made to Hospice, PO Box 35033, Billings, MT 59107, who made his last few months comfortable and pleasant, with the many different services that they provided. We will be forever grateful.

Memorial services will be 2 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 24, at Smith's West Chapel. Interment of ashes will be at Sunset Memorial Gardens. A gathering will be downstairs at Sunset Bowl. Please use the back entrance.



## **Roscoe E. Bowman**

**THE BILLINGS GAZETTE.**  
APR 22 2004

Roscoe E. Bowman, age 103, of Billings, died Sunday, April 18, 2004, at Aspen Meadows in Billings.

He was born on April 1, 1901, in Delhi, Iowa, the son of Ralph and Annie (Fraser) Bowman. In his earlier years, Ross traveled all over the United States as a linotype operator.

In 1928, Ross came to Billings. He worked for the Billings Gazette as a linotype operator, retiring after 40 years of service. He served in the U.S. Army 12th Armored Division during WWII and was honorably discharged.

Ross married Kathleen Mary Andrews on Sept. 7, 1958. She died Oct. 1, 1975.

Ross was a Mason for 75 years and was a member of Billings Lodge #113, AF & AM, and a life member of the Billings Elks Lodge. He was an avid bowler in leagues for years and had been part owner of the Babcock Lanes in Billings in the 1930s. He was a passionate gardener and loved roses and was very proud of his yard and home.

Survivors include one sister, Mildred Thomas, of Billings; and



**ROSS  
BOWMAN**

several nieces and nephews. Ross was preceded in death by a sister, Margaret Cook; and two brothers, Don and Cliff Bowman.

A graveside memorial service with Masonic rites and military honors will be 2 p.m. Friday, April 23, at Mountview Cemetery. Cremation has taken place. Smith's Downtown Chapel in charge of arrangements.

Memorials may be made to the charity of choice.

# M. Lavinnie Bowser

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE  
DEC 14 2004

ROY — M. Lavinnie Bowser, 79, of Roy, went home to the Lord, Sunday morning, Dec. 12, 2004, at Central Montana Medical Center, of respiratory failure.

She was born Nov. 19, 1925, at Armells Creek, the daughter of Porter and Ruth (Potterf) Strausburg. She received her education in the Roy area schools and then helped at home raising her younger brothers and sisters.



**M. LAVINNIE  
BOWSER**

In 1943, the family moved to Van Port, Wash., and she worked with Boeing as a riveter's helper in the shipyards during the war. In 1945, they returned to Lewistown and she worked at the Coca Cola Bottling Plant.

On May 2, 1946, she was united in marriage to James R. Bowser in Lewistown. They lived and farmed near Valentine (Sage Creek) until 1954, when they moved into Lewistown. They continued to farm near Roy and live in Lewistown while the children were in school.

In 1964, they purchased the home ranch 6-1/2 miles northeast of Roy from his mother, and in 1969 they sold their home in Lewistown and moved to the

ranch at Roy. They continued living there until his death in 2002. She moved into her new home in Roy in 2003, where she lived until the time of her death.

She is survived by sons, Larry and Kenny of Lewistown, Jerry (Pat) of Helena, and Richard (Deb) of Winifred; one daughter Rhea (Jim) Hughes of Grass Range; grandchildren, Nicole Williamson of Louisville, Ky., Mindy Cochran of Kalispell, Melissa Albrecht of Helena, Lance Bowser of Helena, Loren Bowser of Billings, Adam Bowser of Lewistown, Evan Bowser of Winifred, Jillian Hughes of Missoula and Jeffrey Hughes of Grass Range; two great-grandchildren; two brothers, Curt (Marie) Strausburg of Lewistown and Bill (Karilynn) Volk of Billings; one sister, Martha (Addis) Avitt of Lodi, Calif.; a sister-in-law, Lorainne Strausburg of Lewistown; a brother-in-law, Fred Youderian of Stanford; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; two brothers, Porter and Vernon, and two sisters, Evelyn and Ramona.

Funeral liturgy will be Friday, Dec. 17, at 11 a.m. in St. Leo's Catholic Church. Committal will follow in the Roy Cemetery.

Cloyd Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Friends are asked to make memorials to the Roy Cemetery, Roy street lights or the charity of their choice and they may be left at the funeral home.

# Lawrence 'Chiefy' Boxer

*THE BILLINGS GAZETTE*

POPLAR — Lawrence "Chiefy" Boxer, 65, died Jan. 26, 2004.

JAN 29 2004

A wake service will be at 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 30, at the Poplar Cultural Center. Funeral services will be at 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 31 at the Poplar Cultural Center. Interment will be in the Chelsea Cemetery. Clayton Stevenson Memorial Chapel is in charge.

## **Cecelia Mae Boyce**

**THE BILLINGS GAZET**

**AUG 15 2004**

VANCOUVER, Wash. —  
Cecelia Mae Boyce, 80, died  
Thursday, Aug. 12, 2004.

A funeral mass will be held at  
10 a.m., Wednesday, Aug. 18, at St.  
Pius X Catholic Church. Davies  
Cremation and Burial Service is  
in charge of arrangements.

## **Lillie Faye Boyce**

LOVELL, Wyo. — Lillie Faye Boyce, 70 died Saturday, Oct. 15, 2004, at North Big Horn Hospital.

Visitation will be held from 6-8 p.m., Monday, Oct. 18, at Haskell Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m., Tuesday, Oct. 19, in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Interment will be in the Byron Cemetery.

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MILLINGS GAZETTE

## Merle J. Boyce

SEP 23 2004

BRUNSWICK GAZETTE

WINIFRED — Merle J. Boyce, 73, of Winifred, died Tuesday, Sept. 21, 2004, at his home.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Monday, Sept. 27, at the Winifred Community Cemetery. Cremation will follow the services. Cloyd Funeral Home of Lewistown is in charge.

## James S. Boyd

**BUFFALO, Wyo.** — Jim Boyd, 87, of Buffalo, died Wednesday, June 23, 2004, at the Wyoming Medical Center in Casper.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, June 29, at the St. John the Baptist Catholic Church. A vigil of the deceased will be held and a rosary will be at 7 p.m. Monday, June 28, at the church. Adams Funeral Home in Buffalo is in charge. A private family interment will follow the Mass from the church.

JUN 26 2004



# Dorothy Boyle

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

MILES CITY — Dorothy Boyle, 72, of Miles City, died Wednesday, Jan. 28, 2004, at the Deaconess Billings Clinic.

JAN 30 2004

Visitation will be Friday, Jan. 30, in the chapel of Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 31, in the Stevenson & Sons chapel.

## **Joseph Boyle**

*THE BILLINGS GAZETTE*  
**DEC 09 2004**

**MILES CITY —** Joseph Boyle, 57, of Miles City, died Dec. 4, 2004.

Cremation has taken place in the Bullis-Graves Eastern Montana Crematory. Inurnment will be in Bayonne, N.J.

## Edna Mae Boysun

**THE BILLINGS GAZETTE**  
FEB 22 2004

GLASGOW — Edna Mae Boysun, 82, died on Feb. 19, 2004, after a 14 year battle with Alzheimer's disease.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 24, at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Vida. Visitation will be from 5 - 8:30 p.m. with a Vigil Service at 7 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 23, at Clayton Stevenson Memorial Chapel of Wolf Point.

AUG 24 2004

**WORDEN** — Vigil services will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 24, and Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 25, at St. Barbara's Catholic Church for Viola O. Brabec, 88, former Deaver, Wyo., resident. She died Saturday, Aug. 21, 2004, of leukemia, at her home in Worden, surrounded by her family.

She was born July 5, 1916 in Cuba, Kan., to Joe and Emma Baxa. She graduated from Cuba High School, obtained her teaching certificate and taught in the Cuba rural school system until 1942.

She married Glenard A. Brabec in Los Angeles on Aug. 30, 1942. They moved to Bridger in 1946 and to Deaver in 1950, where they farmed for 50 years. In 2000, they moved to Worden to be near their daughter, Barbara.

Viola was a member of the Frannie American Legion

Auxiliary and was active in the Shoshone Rock Club.

Survivors include sons, Michael and wife Kaye (Beaver) of Ann Arbor, Mich., Dennis and wife Lynn (Kleinschmidt) of Casper, Wyo., and David and wife Evelyn (Stowe) of Brainerd, Minn.; two daughters, Patricia Martinez (husband John deceased) of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Barbara Reichert and husband Donald of Worden; brothers-in-law, Hubert Brabec of Bridger; sisters-in-law, Kathryn Wilson of Billings, Lillian Baxa of Hebron, Neb., LeaBeth Brabec of Bencia, Calif., and Catherine Brabec Rangitsch of Billings; eight grandchildren, Laura, Domonic, Sean, Eva, David, Jason, Michael and Renae; four great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband Glenard; infant daughter Linda Kay; son-in-law Sergeants Major John Martinez, retired; and brothers, Elmer and Edd Baxa.

Burial will be at Crown Hill Cemetery, Powell.



**VIOLA  
BRABEC**

**Calvin E. Brackley****JUN 30 2004**

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Calvin E. Brackley, 79, of Sheridan, died Monday, June 28, 2004, at his home.

Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, July 1, at Champion Ferris Funeral Home in Sheridan. Interment will be in Sheridan Municipal Cemetery.

**Verne Bradbury****JUN 04 2004**

**BUFFALO, Wyo. — Verne Bradbury, 70, of Buffalo, died Tuesday, June 1, 2004, at the Johnson County Health Care Center.**

**Private family services will be held at a later time. Adams Funeral Home of Buffalo is in charge.**

# James A. Bradley

HELENA — James A. Bradley, age 87, of Helena, passed away peacefully at St. Peter's Hospital on Sept. 25, 2004.

Jim was born Oct. 20, 1916, in Rhame, N.D., to Wallace and Nancy Bradley. He graduated from Rhame High School and joined the CCCs in 1935. He worked in the park areas around Watford City, N.D., and Medora, N.D. Jim helped restore the Chateau De More's at Medora.

On May 10, 1939, he married Marie Alley at Watford City, to the union they brought one son and two daughters.

Jim joined the Northern Pacific Railroad in 1942. They moved to Columbus in 1946 and lived there for 20 years before moving to Helena, where he was a signal supervisor with Burlington Northern. Jim retired on October of 1976 after 35 years of service.

He loved his family, grandchildren, bowling. In 1983, Jim won the State Senior's Bowling Tournament and won a free trip to Niagara Falls for the Senior Nationals. He continued to bowl into his 80s. He also enjoyed fish-



**JIM  
BRADLEY**

SEP 29 2004

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ing, pitching horse shoes, RVing his greenhouse, gardening, playing cards, his model railroad layout and especially his dog, Bitsy B.

Jim was a member of the Treasure States Wheelers, Gooch Sam Club, Helena Senior Citizens, NACCA, BN Veterans Association, AARP and the National Association of Retired & Veteran Railways Employees Inc.

Jim is survived by his loving wife of 65 years, Marie of Helena his children, Curtis and his wife Bonnie of Laurel, Darlene and her husband Max McManus of Lakeville, Minn., and Roxy and her husband Doug Kasman of Spokane, Wash.; his grandchildren, Chris and his wife Janene Bradley, Steven Bradley, Tonya Bradley, Kelly McManus and her husband Mike Smith, Bradley and his wife Khem McManus, Kyle Kasman and Emily Kasman; and one great-grandchild, Max Henry McManus. He is also survived by one sister, Shirley Johnson of Spokane, Wash.

A memorial service in celebration of his life will be 2 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 30, at the Retz Funeral Home Chapel. Memorials may be made to Evergreen Nursing Home; 474 Highway 282; Clancy, MT 59634; Alzheimer's Association

## Rose A. Bradley

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

JUL 19 2004

**GRASS RANGE** — Rose A. Bradley, 62, of Grass Range died Friday evening in the Central Montana Medical Center of an apparent stroke. She was born June 25, 1942 in Anaconda, the daughter of Joseph and Mary (Frankovich) Cristie. She received her schooling in Anaconda and then worked at Warm Springs State Hospital and then for the Anaconda Company. In 1972, she moved to Grass Range and worked at Clarks Store. On Dec. 17, 1976, she was united in marriage to Stanley Bradley in Grass Range. She then worked at the Little Montana Truck Stop until they opened the Little Montana Rock Shop, which they operated until her death.

Rose enjoyed fishing, animals, birds, working with jewelry and rocks and talking with family and friends.

She is survived by her hus-

band, Stanley of Grass Range; daughters, Christine Crisler and husband, Jeff of Anaconda, and Cheri Rangetsch of Three Forks; brother, Henning-Halmlund and wife, Billie; and sister, Mary Helen Rangitsel and husband, Donald, all of Anaconda; two grandsons, David and Nathan; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one brother, Joseph.

Memorial services for Rose A. Bradley will be 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 20 in the Cloyd Chapel. At her request, cremation has taken place. The Cloyd Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Friends are asked to make memorials to the Shrine Crippled Children's Hospital Transportation Trust, the Grass Range Ambulance or the charity of their choice and they may be left at the Cloyd Funeral Home.



DEC ~~19~~ 27 2004

**DRUMMOND** — Afton Lorraine Bradshaw passed on Dec. 24, 2004, in Missoula, following a very brief but hard-fought battle against cancer. She touched so many people with her gentle, thoughtful and caring nature, always placing others' needs and concerns in front of her own.

She was born on April 3, 1936, to Herbert and Florence Liedle, one of their three children. She attended public schools in Helena, graduating from Helena High in May, 1954. In July, 1954, she married Lowell Parker Bradshaw, and they made their home in Drummond. Afton and Lowell started their family soon thereafter, being blessed with three wonderful sons and a daughter. In 1968, Afton started a lengthy career taking the Drummond weather, retiring after 30 years. Afton and Lowell enjoyed their retirement years, living in Drummond and attending the many sporting events of their sons and grandchildren. Afton was a longstanding member of Easter Star in Drummond.

Afton was preceded in death by her parents and husband. She is survived by a brother, Albert Liedle; a sister, Diane Laible; a son, Mike, his wife Char and children Ryan, Shawna and Ashley; a daughter, Diana Skinner, her husband Terry and children Christina and Danielle; a son, Dave, his wife

Eileen and children Shea, Shanda and Riley; and son, Mitchell, his wife Scharri and children Shawn and Tasha.

A funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday at the Hall Methodist Church, followed by gravesite services at the Drummond Lower-Valley Cemetery. Services have been entrusted to Jewell Funeral Home.

The family requests that memorials be made on behalf of the Afton Bradshaw Memorial Scholarship at Drummond High School.

## Genevieve Brady

LEWISTOWN — Genevieve Brady, 92, died Wednesday, March 10, 2004, at the Central Montana Skilled Nursing Center.

Gen was born in Anaconda on Jan. 19, 1912, the daughter of James J. Hamill and Catherine "Kate" (Gortland) Hamill. She graduated from Anaconda High School in 1930 and attended college at the Dillon Normal School in Dillon. Upon receiving her teacher's certification in 1932, Gen moved to the Winnett area, and between 1932 and 1944, she taught at local country schools: Warren Brady School, Brown School (east of Cat Creek), Brady School, Welter School, Marty School and the Long School. While teaching, Gen met and married Rondall Brady on March 23, 1935.

They lived and ranched north of Winnett on the Brady homestead for 45 years. After selling their ranch in 1980, Gen and Rondall retired to Lewistown. Rondall preceded her in death in 1981.

Gen was very active in the lives of her nieces, nephews and community children. She was also active in the Catholic Church and

in community activities in Winnett and in Lewistown. Her kind, loving and generous ways touched the lives of many people of all ages. She will be missed by her family and by her many life-long friends.

She is survived by her sister, Margaret Herbolich of Missoula; her devoted friends, John Dickson, Gunda and Dave Lewis, and Marvin Stephens; and a great many nieces, nephews and friends.

Gen was preceded in death by her husband, Rondall; her sister, Ann White; her brother, Eugene Hamill; and her parents.

Funeral services for Genevieve Brady will be held at St. Leo's Catholic Church in Lewistown on Monday, March 15, at 1 p.m. Burial will be at Lewistown City Cemetery.

Visitation will be at the Creel Funeral Home on Monday morning, from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Memorials are suggested to St. Leo's Catholic Church in Lewistown or to the Petroleum County Library in Winnett.

Creel Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

## John Brady

BILLINGS GAZETTE

JUN 23 2004

John Robert Brady died in Billings on June 21, 2004, following a stroke.

He was born on July 8, 1934, in the rural community of Dorsey, Neb., to Lloyd Brady and Iva Butterfield Brady. He graduated with a bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Nebraska, and he served in the United States Air Force.

John is survived by his wife, Sharon, of Billings; a daughter, Sara Meeker, her husband, Curtis, and their children, Erik, Jacob and Jessica of Billings; a son, Matthew Brady, his wife, Kelly and their children, Brenna and Erynn of Lewiston, Idaho; a daughter, Lisa Brady and her husband, David Walker of Boise, Idaho. He is also survived by his sisters, Betty Richter of O'Neill, Neb., and Joan Stanley of Shenandoah, Iowa; and a brother, William Brady of Alcester, S.D. He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Ivalyn Van Every.

Memorial services will be 3 p.m. Thursday, June 24, at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary.

Those who wish may make memorial contributions to the First Presbyterian Church in Billings.

## Clara Ingeborg Brakke

Clara L. Brakke, 96, of Billings, passed away at Westchester in St. Louis, Mo., on Tuesday, Dec. 30, 2003.

Clara was born in Hodges, Mont. She received her primary education at Heckman School in the Hodges area. In 1920, she moved with her parents to Glendive and graduated from Dawson County High School in 1924. She went to work for a local newspaper as secretary.

In 1929, Clara moved to Billings. She attended Johnson Business College, then did secretarial work for Charbonneau Motor Co. which later became MacIntyre Motor Co., for Goan Motor Co., for Mr. Hart and Mr. Albin, for Brakke Music Co. and First English Lutheran Church. She married in 1935 and raised her family.

Clara is survived by her son, David L. of Billings; and her daughter, Judith of St. Louis. Also surviving are six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Cremation has taken place at Smith's Crematory in St. Louis. She will be interred at Sunset Memorial Gardens in Billings. There will be no memorial service. Flowers for her memorial may be given to First English Lutheran Church in Billings for Sunday Service.

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JAN 06 2004

# Harold Jonas 'Red,' 'Harry' Brambo

MISSOULA — Harold Jonas Brambo ("Red," "Harry"), 66, of Missoula, died Tuesday, Jan. 13, 2004, at St. Patrick Hospital of cancer, surrounded by his loving family.



**HAROLD  
BRAMBO**

He was born March 7, 1937, in Billings to Carl and Agnes Brambo. He was raised on the Olsen family ranch between Winnett and Grass Range. The ranch was always home no matter where he was. He graduated from high school in Sandpoint, Idaho, in 1956, where he lettered in football, basketball and track. He loved to say how he and Jerry Kramer (of the Green Bay Packers) played on the same high school football team.

After high school, he returned to the ranch until the beginning of his blacksmith apprenticeship in Missoula.

He met and married Ann M. Kolppa in 1959, and they made their home in Missoula. They would have celebrated 45 years of marriage on Jan. 23, 2004.

He began his blacksmith trade as an apprentice, which evolved into a partnership with Culbertsons, Inc. In 1970, he joined

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with his longtime friend Leon Copenhaver in a tire business that eventually became known as L&F Tire. In 1995, health complications forced his early retirement. As health permitted, he enjoyed sharing his creative iron artwork with friends and family.

He was an avid Griz fan and original member of the "Boor Crew." He was a member of the Westside Lions Club and Hellgate Elks Lodge.

He is preceded in death by his father, Carl Brambo, and mother and stepfather Agnes and L.W. Brewington. His family includes his wife, Ann of Missoula; daughter, Shelley Gellrich and her husband Reiner and their daughter Abigail of Rogers, Minn.; son, Russell Brambo, his wife Mary and their daughters McKenzie, Madison and Blakeley of Missoula; son, Tim Brambo, his wife Linda and their son Taylor of Missoula; sister, Beverly Cone and her husband Clancy, of Missoula; sister-in-law Karen Burk of Helena, and several cousins, nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be held Friday at 3 p.m. at the Missoula Alliance Church at 100 Foss Ct., with Pastor Jeff Valentine, Dr.

Andy Cross and Dr. Scott Bovaro officiating. A reception will follow at church. A burial service for the urn will take place at a later date. The family suggests that memorials in Red's name be made to the Ronald McDonald House, P.O. Box 119, Missoula, MT 59806. A very special thanks to Dr. Nichols and the Oncology staff.

Harold was a loving husband, father, grandfather and brother and so, Red, as you cross the great divide, may the trail always be downhill and the wind at your back.

**JUN 03 2004**

**POWELL, Wyo.** — Clint, age 67, left this world peacefully, Tuesday, June 1, 2004, after a courageous battle with stomach cancer.

He was a devoted husband, loving father and tender grandfather. He was born on March 13, 1937, to Robert and Regarda Brandon in Rugby, N.D. He grew up on a ranch/dairy in Towner, N.D. He graduated from Towner High School in 1956. He married Donna Davidson on July 26, 1958, in Bottineau, N.D. Clint spent his working years welding and pipelining in Wyoming and Montana. He built a pipeline construction company from scratch that he worked and developed through the years into a thriving business, which he shared and passed on to his son and grandchildren.

Clint was a member of Hope Lutheran Church, American Petroleum Institute, Eagles Lodge and Elks Lodge. He enjoyed cooking many meals for friends and family, hunting, fishing, traveling in his RV, four-wheeling, spending time at the cabin, building and remodeling.

He enjoyed spending time with his family and especially the time spent with his grandchildren. Through his kind and gen-

erous ways, he made his family very proud to call him "Dad" and "Grandpa."

Clint was a generous and talented man who was loved and befriended by many who knew him. We know that God has prepared a very special place in Heaven for him and we are thankful for the time we were blessed to have him in our lives.

Clint is survived by his wife of 46 years, Donna Brandon of Powell; his mother, Regarda Brandon, Towner; a daughter, Kristy (Frederico) Lamus, Kansas City, Mo.; a son, Kerby (Kimberly) Brandon of Powell; and a daughter, Klinette Brandon of Newcastle; four grandchildren, Tyler Brandon, Trevor and Hayden Brandon and Kalin Lamus; one sister, Shirley (Ray) Erhardt of Mandan, N.D. He is also survived by several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father, Robert Brandon.

Visitation will be held on Friday, June 4, at Miratsky-Easton

Funeral Home from 6 to 8 p.m. Funeral services will be held at Hope Lutheran Church, with Pastor Clyde Seifert officiating, at 10 a.m. on Saturday, June 5. Burial will be in the Crown Hill Cemetery following services.

The family has suggested memorials to Hope Lutheran Church, Valley Home Care, Meadowlark House at Northern Rockies Cancer Center, Miratsky-Easton Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.



## Clinton Robert Brandon

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Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, June 5 at 10 a.m. at Hope Lutheran Church in Powell for Clinton Robert Brandon, 67, who died peacefully Tuesday, June 1 after a courageous battle with stomach cancer.

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He was a generous and talented man, who was loved and befriended by many who knew him. The family is secure in the knowledge that God has prepared a very special place in Heaven for him, and family members are thankful for the time they were blessed to have had him in their lives.

Survivors include his wife of 46 years, Donna Brandon of Powell; his mother, Regarda Brandon of Towner, N.D.; a daughter, Kristy (Federico) Larnus of Kansas City, Mo.; a son, Kerby (Kimberly) Brandon of Powell; and a daughter, Klinette Brandon of Newcastle; four grandchildren, Tyler Brandon, Trevor and Hayden Brandon, and Kalin Larnus; and one sister, Shirley (Ray) Erhardt of Mandan, N.D. He is also survived by several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Robert Brandon.

The family has suggested memorials to Hope Lutheran Church, Valley Home Care or Meadowlark House at Northern Rockies Cancer

Center.

# **Effie Marie Brandt**

*THE BILLINGS GAZETTE.*

GLASGOW — Effie Marie Brandt, 103, died Monday, Aug. 2, 2004, at Valley View Nursing Home in Glasgow.

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Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 5, at Bell Mortuary Chapel in Glasgow. Interment will be in Nashua Cemetery in Nashua.

## Phyllis Brandt

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GILLETTE, Wyo. — Phyllis Faye Brandt, 67, of Rozet, died Monday, Aug. 23, 2004, at the Campbell County Memorial Hospital in Gillette.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 26, at the Vineyard Christian Fellowship Church in Gillette. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service from 10 to 11 a.m., at the Vineyard Christian Fellowship Church. Interment will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 26, at the Black Hills National Cemetery in Sturgis, S.D. Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home of Gillette is in charge.

## Dustin J. Branscom

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

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BUFFALO, Wyo. — Dustin J. Branscom, 35, of Buffalo, died Monday, April 26, 2004, at his home.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, April 30, at the Adams Funeral Home in Buffalo. A private family interment will follow the services.

## Martha L. Brandes

Martha L. Brandes died Tuesday, March 30, in Bothell, Wash. She was 94.

Born in Lamona, Wash., on Nov. 1, 1909, she is survived by her son, John Brandes and his wife, Helen, of Powell; her daughter, Martha Ellsworth and her husband, Ray, of Tacoma, Wash.; her granddaughter, Leona Brandes Smith and her husband Garry Smith of Bothell; one sister, Ruth Koss of Everett, Wash., and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, the Rev. Conrad Hereth and Mrs. Martha Senne Hereth Luiten and four of her five sisters, Lydia Hereth, Esther Simpson, Lois Wisman and Marie Schatz, and two granddaughters, Donna ~~John and Lynn Marie~~ Franks.

She had wonderful memories of the years her family spent in Corvallis, Ore., while her father served Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church and attended Oregon State University (1910 to 1918). She cherished her time traipsing across the campus through the fall leaves with her father while he practiced his sermons.

She became a nurse, graduating from the School of Nursing, General Hospital of Everett in 1931. Her nursing assignments included several years at the Josephine Sunset Home in Stanwood and at Ballard Hospital in Seattle, from which

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he retired in 1971.

She loved her family, baking pies, church activities and traveling. In 1974, he traveled to Scotland to visit her niece and in 1983, to Okinawa, Japan, to visit her granddaughter. She dearly loved flowers and was fascinated by botany and the miracle of God's creation.

Martha was a resident of the Rocky Mountain Manor and member of Immanuel Lutheran Church here in Powell from 1997-2002. During her time in Wyoming, she grew to love the fiery sunsets she could see outside her window and became a beloved part of the Bessler family through her daughter-in-law, Helen Bessler Brandes.

She gardened well past her 90th year and could still play songs she learned on the piano when she was a young girl, completed crossword puzzles up until recently, and loved to laugh. She was a lifelong Christian who worshipped in the Lutheran Church and everywhere she went.

A memorial service will be held on Thursday, April 8 at 4 p.m., Zion Lutheran Church Snohomish, Wash.

## **Ruth G. Wright Branstetter**

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

DEC 07 2004

**POWELL, Wyo.** — Ruth Branstetter passed away Dec. 3, 2004, at the Powell Hospital, at the age of 89.

Visitation will be held Tuesday, Dec. 7, from 6 to 7:30 p.m., at Miratsky-Easton Funeral Home in Powell. Funeral services will be conducted by Pastor Jesse Sauskojus at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 8, at the First Baptist Church in Powell. Interment will follow at Crown Hill Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Barry Schwab, Stuart Schwab, Ray Branstetter, Nick Blank, Wilbur Mathews and Chris Pavloski.

Honorary pallbearers are Bret Hatch and David Hatch.

Ruth was born Nov. 6, 1915, in Powell, to Asa Gulla Wright and Gladys G. Logan Wright. Ruth lived in Emblem, Greybull and Powell. She attended school in Powell, where she graduated in 1933. On Dec. 21, 1935, she married Leo Branstetter in Basin. They moved to Martinsdale, Mont., where she cooked for the hired hands and Leo worked on the ranch.

Ruth also worked as a baker at the Powell hospital for many years. She was a member of the Rebekahs and North End Club. She enjoyed knitting, crocheting, fishing and being with her family.

Survivors include her sons, Gary Branstetter, Donald (Diane) Branstetter; daughters Mary Hatch, Gladys (Arnie) Schwab, all of Powell; and daughter Carol Mathews of Cody; brother Jack (Glenda) Wright of Billings; 17 grandchildren; 35 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Ruth was preceded in death by her husband, Leo Branstetter; her mother and father; four brothers and two sisters; sons-in-law, John Mathews and Marlin Hatch; and two grandchildren.

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## **Ruth Genevieve Branstetter**

**POWELL, Wyo.** — Ruth Genevieve Branstetter, 89, died Dec. 3, 2004, at the Powell Valley Care Center.

Funeral Services will be 10 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 8, at the First Baptist Church. Viewing will be Tuesday from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at Miratsky-Easton Funeral Home, and one hour prior to services at the Church. Burial will be in the Crown Hill Cemetery.



## **Ruth G. Branstetter**

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, Dec. 8 at 10 a.m. at First Baptist Church in Powell for Ruth G. (Wright) Branstetter, who died Friday, Dec. 3 at the Powell Hospital. She was 89.

Pastor Jesse Sauskojus will officiate at services and burial in Crown Hill Cemetery.

She was born Nov. 6, 1915, in Powell to Asa Gulla Wright and Gladys G. Logan Wright. She lived in Emblem, Greybull and Powell and attended school in Powell, where she graduated in 1933.

She married Leo Branstetter in Basin on Dec. 21, 1935. They moved to Martinsdale, Mont., where she cooked for the hired hands and he worked on the ranch.

After returning to Powell she worked as a baker at the Powell Hospital for many years. She was a member of the Rebekahs and the North End Club. She enjoyed knitting, crocheting, fishing and being with her family.

Survivors include her sons, Gary Branstetter and Donald (Diane) Branstetter, both of Powell; her daughters, Mary Hatch and Gladys (Arnie) Schwab, both of Powell, and Carol Mathews of Cody; brother Jack (Glenda) Wright of Billings, Mont.; 17 grandchildren, 35 great-grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Leo; her parents; four brothers and two sisters; sons-in law, John Mathews and Marlin Hatch; and two grandchildren.

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Pallbearers at the funeral will be Barry Schwab, Stuart Schwab, Ray Branstetter, Nick Blank, Wilbur Mathews and Chris Pavloski. Honorary pallbearers are Bret Hatch and David Hatch.

Miratsky-Easton Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

## **Doris Brassey**

*THE BILLINGS GAZETTE*

DEC 01 2004

LEWISTOWN — Doris Brassey, 82, died Monday, Nov. 29, 2004, at St. Vincent Healthcare in Billings.

A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4, at the First Christian Church. Cremation has taken place. Inurnment will be in the Lewistown City Cemetery. Creel Funeral Home of Lewistown is in charge.

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**BRIDGER** — Louise J. Bratsky, 79, of Bridger, peacefully passed away early Monday morning, Dec. 13, 2004, with her loving family by her side.

Louise was born on June 27, 1925, at Belfry, a daughter of Birt and Mary DeWitt Brown. She was raised on the family farm near Belfry, and graduated from Belfry High School in 1943.



**LOUISE  
BRATSKY**

Louise married Leo C. Bratsky on Nov. 1, 1944, at Camp Swift, Texas, where Leo was stationed with the U.S. Army. Following World War II, Leo and Louise settled on their farm north of Bridger, and in 1988 they moved into town. Mr. Bratsky died on Jan. 28, 2000.

She enjoyed gardening, growing flowers, collecting angels and spending time with her grandchildren. Louise was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Parish, the VFW and American Legion Auxiliaries, Bridger Senior Citizens and the Red Hat Society. She was also an avid supporter of Disabled American Veterans (DAV) and 10th Mountain Division activities.

Survivors include her four children, Jim (Suzanne) Bratsky

of Bozeman, Pat (Don) Strachan of Calgary, Alberta, Canada, Ralph (Donna) Bratsky of Bridger and Linda (Lyle) Lacock of Hinsdale; eight grandchildren, Don Strachan, Darryl Strachan, Kevin (Sharon) Bratsky, David Bratsky, Jay Bratsky, Dana Bratsky, LeAnn Lacock and Levi Lacock; three brothers, Melvin, Gilbert and Howard Brown; four sisters, Elsie Schultz, Minnie Young, Josephine Obert and Florence Krum; and many extended family members and friends.

In addition to her husband, Louise was preceded in death by her parents, Birt and Mary Brown; brothers Abby and Bill Brown; and sisters Julia Walters, Rosie Nott, Mary Ann Gregor and Viola Wolfe.

"Mom and grandma, we'll always feel the comfort of your wings."

Funeral mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 16, in Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Bridger. A vigil service will be held at 5 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 15, in the church. Interment will be in the Bridger Cemetery, with Smith-Olcott Funeral Chapel of Red Lodge in charge of arrangements.

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Memorials may be given to the  
VFW Post 1543 Scholarship Fund,  
Bridger MT 59014, or to  
Beartooth Hospice, PO Box 590,  
Red Lodge, MT 59068.

# Richard Bratton

GILLETTE, Wyo. — Richard Bratton, 71, of Gillette, died Thursday, Oct. 14, 2004, at the Campbell County Memorial Hospital in Gillette.

Memorial services will be at 1:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 18, at the Cam-Plex Heritage Center in Gillette. The family requests that attire be red, white and blue. Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home of Gillette is in charge.

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WILSONS GAZETTE

# Richard Waldo Bratton

OCT 17 2004

GILLETTE, Wyo. — Memorial services for Richard Waldo Bratton, known to his family and friends as "Dick," age 71, of Gillette, Wyo., will be at 1:30 p.m., Monday, Oct. 18, 2004, at the Complex Heritage Center with the Rev. Jim McConnell of the Holy Trinity Episcopal Church of Gillette and The Very Reverend Marilyn Engstrom of the St. Matthew's Episcopal Church of Laramie, Wyo., officiating. Military honors are provided by the U.S. Marine Honor Guard. As Dick requested, inurnment will take place at a later date in the Black Hills National Cemetery in Sturgis, S.D. It is requested by Dick's family that the attire be that of the Red, White, and Blue. Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home of Gillette, Wyo., is entrusted with the arrangements.

Mr. Bratton died Thursday, Oct. 14, 2004, at Campbell County Memorial Hospital in Gillette of pancreatic cancer.

Richard Waldo Bratton, Dick, was born Feb. 28, 1933, the son of Ralph Waldo and Madeleine Edna (Baker) Bratton in Basin, Wyo. He attended rural school and graduated from Basin High School in



**RICHARD  
BRATTON**

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1951. Dick served in the U.S. Marine Corps from January 1956 to January 1959. He received many honors while serving his country, including Battalion Honor Man in boot camp and good conduct medals. He was grateful to be a part of the flag raising honor guard on the opening of the Greater New Orleans Bridge over the Mississippi River in 1958. After receiving an honorable discharge from the Marine Corps, Dick continued his education and played for the Montana State College Basketball Team in Bozeman, Mont. On Feb. 8, 1959, he married his devoted wife, Alice Walk Peckham at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Billings, Mont. Together they raised three children, Richard, Randall and Beth, while living in the communities of Custer, Lead and Newcastle, Wyo.

Dick's employment with Black Hills Power and Light spanned 44 years, moving him to Lead, Custer, Newcastle and Gillette. During his employment, he was district manager and Wyoming area manager in charge of public relations. He was dedicated to improving and expanding the economic development of mineral and natural resources.

Dick's desire to serve and help develop each community in

of all Americans, but especially in honor of the men and women fighting to protect the United States of America.

Dick has touched many people's hearts through his kindness, integrity and patriotism. His major priorities during his lifetime were his wife, Alice, their three children and eight grandchildren. Dick is survived by his wife, Alice Bratton of Gillette; his three children and families, Dick (Lisa) Bratton of Casper, Wyo., Randy (Nicky) Bratton of Gillette, Wyo. and Beth (Larry) Tocci of Billings, Mont.; his eight grandchildren, Richie Bratton, Jessica Bratton, Mackenzie Bartsch, Shea Bartsch, Sierra Bartsch, Caitlin Tocci, Jake Bratton and Rhet Bratton; his sister Carolyn Finley of Rapid City, S.D., and numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

Dick was preceded in death by his parents, grandparents and his sister Imogene McClain. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the R.W. Bratton Memorial Fund to benefit local charities in care of Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home, 210 W. 5th, Gillette, WY 82716. Condolences may be sent via the Internet at [www.stevensonwilson.com](http://www.stevensonwilson.com).

Dick truly lived his life to the fullest, enjoying his travels with family and friends across the United States and abroad. He enjoyed watching his children and grandchildren participate in sporting events and monitoring their academics. Dick was a wonderful storyteller and enjoyed laughter with his friends. He loved singing in the church choir and leading everyone in "God Bless America." Also, Dick

which he lived was apparent by the multitude of committees, boards, campaigns and charities on which he served. He enjoyed his involvement in Jayces, Rotary, Lions, Chamber of Commerce and Kiwanis Club. He was active in economic development, higher educational opportunities and the Episcopal Church. He served on the State of Wyoming's Department of Education Goals Committee, Wyoming Coal Information Committee, Campbell County Land Board, Military Services Academies Appointment Screen Committee, Campbell County Health Care Foundation, Senator Mike Enzi's State Campaign Chairman, Campbell County Economic Development Board and the Campbell County Optional Sales Tax Committee. Recently, Dick served on the Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee to advise the U.S. Secretary of Treasury on theme and design issues for the Lewis and Clark nickel.

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## **Jeremy James Braun**

MINOT, N.D. — Jeremy James Braun, 22, 811 5th St. SW, Minot, died Sunday, Sept. 26, 2004, in a Minot hospital.

Jeremy was born June 25, 1982, in Billings, to Sidney and Theresa Braun. Jeremy left this world to begin his eternal life on Sept. 26, 2004. He graduated from West High School in 2000, and directly entered the United States Air Force, where he was served as a Staff Sergeant in



**JEREMY  
BRAUN.**

Conventional Munitions Maintenance "AMMO." His military career included two overseas deployments in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM and IRAQI FREEDOM. Jeremy loved being with his wife, Letricha; daughter Leah; sister Jessica; and parents Sidney and Theresa. Jeremy lived for his family, racing and the Air Force. He will be greatly missed. There is a great void in our world without Jeremy here.

A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. on Oct. 6, at Garfield School, 3212 First Ave. S., Billings.

In memory of Jeremy Braun, memorials are preferred for Leah Braun in c/o Letricha Braun at the Wells Fargo Bank.

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JUL 30 2004

Mary L. Christmann Braun died of complication of diabetes July 25, 2004, at the Valley Health Care Center. Our beloved mom, grandma and great grandma ended her journey through life and was called home to that mansion awaiting her in heaven.

Mom was born May 31, 1928, in Beulah, N.D., to John and Mathilda (Hintz) Christmann.

In 1947, mom traveled to Billings. On Jan. 14, 1948, mom and dad, Walter W. Braun, were united in marriage at the Church of the Air. They celebrated 53 years together. On Jan. 29, 2001, her husband was called home. Dad walked slowly down the road of Heaven, till he heard mom call his name. Now they walk together, talking with Jesus, safe and secure in his love.

Mom loved her children, grandchildren and great-grand-

children. Mom enjoyed reading her Bible, embroidering, tending her flowers and her morning cup of java with her wonderful friend of many years, Mary Garcia.

Mom is survived by: three children, daughter, Dorothy (Wayne) Lewis and two sons, Steven D. Braun and Sidney (Theresa) Braun; eight grandchildren, Mary Ann Ferguson, Dickinson, N.D., Monte Braun, Alliance, Neb., Wayne (Denise) Lewis Jr., Tobin Lewis, Justin Lewis, Amanda Lewis, Jaremy (Latrisha) Braun of Minot, N.D., and Jessica Braun; seven great-grandchildren, David Braun, Chelsea Ferguson, Jasmine Braun, Trey Braun, Kiara Lewis, Thadius Lewis and Leah Lynn Braun.

Beside her husband Walt, she was preceded in death by her parents, siblings, son, Leq. L. Braun, grandson Leo B. Braun.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Friday, July 30, at Smith Downtown Chapel, 120 N. 26th St. Interment will be at Mountview Cemetery.



**MARY  
BRAUN**

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**AUG 12 2004**

**BAKER** — Funeral Services for Mildred Mae Braun, 92, of Baker are 11 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 13, at the American Lutheran Church, Baker. Interment will follow in the Bonnievale Cemetery.

Visitation is Thursday, Aug. 12, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. at Stevenson Funeral Home. Visitation will continue on Friday at the American Lutheran Church from 9 a.m. to service time.

Mildred passed away on Sunday, Aug. 8, 2004, at Fallon Medical Complex, Baker.

Mildred was born Aug. 19, 1911, at Willard, to Joe and Anna Clara Votruba. Mildred attended Fertile Prairie Country School, Baker High School and Eastern Montana College, Billings, where she received her teaching certificate. She returned to the Baker area, where she taught at many rural country schools. She was married to Victor Harold Braun. They began farming in the Fertile Prairie area, where they lived and raised



**MILDRED  
BRAUN**

their daughter, Linda. Mildred enjoyed gardening, sewing, reading and living on the farm. She continued to live there after Victor passed away in 1962. Due to failing health, she moved to the Fallon Medical Complex in 2001 and had her home there since.

Survivors include her daughter, Linda Braun Smith of Idaho Falls, Idaho; two granddaughters, Monica Smith, Helena, and Lisa Smith and her husband Dean Addiego, Idaho Falls; a great-grandson, Nicholas Addiego; a brother, Frederick Votruba, Baker; two sisters, Eleanor Votruba Halmans, Baker, and Helen Votruba Loutzenheiser, Seaside, Ore.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Victor; and a brother, Joe Votruba.

Remembrances and condolences can be shared with the family at [stevensonfuneral-home.com](http://stevensonfuneral-home.com).

# Juanita R. Bravo

**KLAMATH FALLS, Ore.** — A memorial service for longtime Klamath Falls area resident, Juanita R. Bravo, will be held Friday, Oct. 8, at 1 p.m. at the Williamson River Indian Mission on Agency Lake near Chiloquin. Private inurnment will be held at the Hillside Cemetery near Chiloquin. Private cremation has been held. Following the inurnment, a traditional feed will be held back at the Williamson River Indian Mission.



**JUANITA  
BRAVO**

Juanita was born July 9, 1964, in Crow Agency, Mont., the daughter of Larson Lee Bravo, Sr. and Barbara J. Kirk. She died Oct. 1, 2004, in Portland, at the age of 40.

She was raised and educated in Crow Agency and attended high school in Klamath Falls. Following high school, she began working in the Klamath Falls area. She married Ruben Idrogo shortly after high school and they later divorced. Later, she and her longtime companion Larry Witcraft, of Chiloquin, had four beautiful children together. She remained at home as a homemaker which

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she enjoyed very much and also enjoyed spending time traveling to attend tribal powwows, spending time with her children and her many friends and family.

She was a member of the Crow and Klamath/Modoc Tribes. She is a member of the Ties the Bundle Clan and a child of the Whistling Water Clan. Her Indian name, given to her by her grandmother, Jaunita Big Shoulder, is Itashtah-asitchah which means: Likes her dress. She was also a member of the Williamson River Indian Mission, in Chiloquin.

Juanita is survived by her daughters, Barbara Idrogo of Klamath Falls, Destiny, Taron and Alexandria Witcraft all of Chiloquin; son Patrick Witcraft, also of Chiloquin; her mother, Barbara Kirk of Chiloquin; brothers, Larson L. Bravo Jr., of Oregon, Arthur Bravo of Montana and Robert Bravo of Chiloquin; sister Ruth Anne Bravo of Klamath Falls.

She was preceded in death by her father in 1972; and her grandparents, Francis Kirk and Rebecca Russell, Mabel and Art Bravo, and Julia and Henry Rondeau.

# Donald Bray

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

FEB 29 2004

LAUREL — Donald E. Bray, 57, of Laurel, passed away, Feb. 25, 2004, at his home after battling with leukemia.

Don was born Feb. 11, 1947, in Billings, the son of Bill and Alta Bray.

He graduated from Laurel High School and Northern Montana Technical College in diesel mechanics.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing, playing cards and doing all types of mechanical and agricultural work.

He was preceded in death by his father, Bill, and brother, Billy.

Don is survived by a son, Jonathan; his mother, Alta Shay; and step-father, Loyd Shay; brothers, Ron (Jackie), Bernie (Marcia) and numerous uncles, aunts, cousins, nephews and nieces.

Cremation has taken place and memorial services will be held 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 2, 2004, at Smith Funeral Chapel-Laurel. Inurnment will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens in Billings.

Memorials in Don's memory may be made to Northern Rockies Radiation Oncology Center of Billings.

# Ralph Edwin Bray

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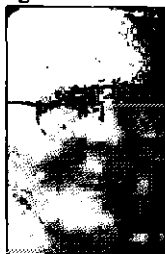
**BOZEMAN** — Ralph Edwin Bray, 84, passed away at his home in Bozeman on Sept. 21, 2004.

Ralph was born in Miles City on Jan. 15, 1920, to Ralph H. and Alpha Bray. He graduated from Custer County High School in 1938 and then attended the University of Washington in Seattle until he enlisted in the army in January 1942. Ralph

served his country in England and France during World War II until his honorable discharge as a 2nd Lieutenant in December 1945. He married Joan Holland in Ham, Surrey, England, on June 3, 1944. They recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with all 29 family members present.

Ralph returned to the University of Washington in 1946 to complete his education and then attended the San Francisco College of Mortuary Science. Along with his father, he built and operated Bray's Mortuary in Miles City for 12 years. During this time their four children were born.

The family bought a ranch and moved to Terry in 1958, where they also continued to operate the



**RALPH  
BRAY**

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Terry Mortuary. They have resided in Bozeman since 1970.

Ralph is survived by the beloved members of his family: his wife Joan; sons Ken (Vonnice) Bray, Ed (K) Bray, and Stuart (Paddy) Bray and daughter, Janet (Dan) Ladig; grandchildren Matthew (Liz) Bray, Brian (Leslie) Bray, Angella Bray, Elizabeth (John) Teini, Leslie (Chris) Dahl, Traci (Bill) Veteto, Kimberly (Cory) Green, Christopher (Amber) Bray and Marie Bray; great-grandchildren, Haley and Cameron Green and step-great-granddaughter, Valerie Veteto.

Ralph was especially proud of being an Eagle Scout, captain of the Custer County football team and All-State center in 1937 and 1938, a member of the Presbyterian Church, BPOE and Jaycees. His lifelong hobbies were fly fishing and woodworking. Throughout his life, there was nothing more important to Ralph than God, family and friends. The love of his family and friends will go with him. He will be missed by all.

Private family interment will take place at Sunset Hills Cemetery. Memorial services will follow at 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 25, at First Presbyterian Church in

# Donald Brayko

"Don't grieve for me, for now  
I'm free  
I'm following the path God  
laid for me."

Donald Brayko, 74, of 1907

Patricia Lane, Billings, passed away unexpectedly at his home on Sunday, Dec. 26, 2004.

He was born in Chicago on Oct. 28, 1930, the only son of John and Helen Brayko. He was raised in Chicago until his high school years, when the family moved back to Scobey. Donald graduated from Scobey High School in 1948 and was drafted in 1952 during the Korean Conflict. He served as a U.S. Army corporal in the European Theater from 1952 to 1954.

Upon his return, he met and courted the new Home Economics teacher at Scobey High School, Marlene Wanner. They were married on June 28, 1955.

He started out farming with his father. He then took jobs as a bus driver and policeman in Scobey prior to beginning his career in the lumber business. He became yard manager and



**DONALD  
BRAYKO**

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was transferred several times: Plentywood, Miles City, Great Falls, Butte, Bozeman and finally Billings. Donald retired in Billings after 35 years of service with United Building Centers.

Poor health did not allow him to spend his retirement years golfing and fishing as he had originally planned. Instead, he continued his lifelong pursuits of woodworking and being a loving and devoted husband, father and grandfather. Donald was a member of St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church, the Holy Name Society and Kiwanis International.

Family left to cherish his memory include his wife of 49 years, Marlene; and the two children he was so proud of, Beata and Damian. Beata is married to Ray Hart, Jr. of Colorado Springs, Colo. Damian is married to Yvonne Brayko of Portland, Ore. Damian and Yvonne supplied three grandchildren for his spoiling: Matthew, Andrea and Christopher. Matthew and his wife Jennifer also reside in Portland.

## Tami Melinda Brech

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Funeral services for Tami Melinda (Fischer) Brech, 30, who died Tuesday, May 18 at her home in Tucson, Ariz., will be conducted Wednesday, May 26 at 4 p.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Powell.

Visitation will be today (Tuesday) from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Miratsky-Easton Funeral Home. Burial will be in Crown Hill Cemetery following Wednesday services.



Tami Brech

She was born to Alan and Linda (Mathey) Fischer on Feb. 22, 1974, in Martin, S.D. She became a child of God through baptism on March 24, 1974.

She was energized in life, serving in the roles of youth group president at Immanuel Lutheran, cheerleading and vice president of her junior class, all while graduating from high school with honors. She received her associate's degree in elementary education from Northwest College. She moved to Rapid City, S.D., in 1994, where she was thrilled to be a teacher's aide at Zion Lutheran School.

She met her husband, Dale, while at Zion, where they married on May 9, 1998. In May of 1999, they moved to Tucson, Ariz., where she finished her bachelor's degree in elementary educa-

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tion. She graduated with highest honors and a 4.0 grade point average from the College of Education, University of Arizona, in December 2002. She was diagnosed with ovarian cancer in 2000, yet still excelled in her education while undergoing chemotherapy and several surgeries. She always enjoyed taking a break from her active life to visit and volunteer at nursing homes.

She walked every day of her life praising God for all of the blessings He had bestowed upon her. She served the Lord in many ways because of what He has done for her and the world by sending His Son Jesus to die for our sins (John 3:16). Her daily walk with Christ set an example for all of us.

She is survived by her husband, Dale of Tucson, Ariz.; parents, Alan and Linda Fischer of Powell; brother, Troy Fischer of Powell; grandparents, Lyle and Fran Fischer, and Lawrence and Jesse Backes, all of Rapid City, S.D.; and countless friends and relatives.

Since her heart was always in Christian education, she requested that flowers not be sent, but rather contributions be made to Immanuel Lutheran Preschool, 223 E 5th St., Powell.



# Marlene 'Betty' Brecht

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**FAIRVIEW** -- Betty went to be with her Lord and Savior, Thursday evening, May 13, 2004, of a heart attack while recovering from surgery.

She was born in Laurel, on July 17, 1938, to George and Emma Wombolt. She married T.J. Herman when she was 20 years old and had four children. After their marriage ended, she worked as a nurse's aide for several years while raising her children.

She enjoyed playing cards with close family members and friends, crocheting and cooking. She also fostered several children for a while.

In the last few years, she made her home in Fairview with her friend and companion, Dennis St. Vincent.

She is survived by Dennis and her four children, Bob (Kristin) Herman of Shepherd, René (Jay) Johnson and Gary Herman of Lockwood and Kim Herman of Billings; eight grandchildren, Jarred and Kaleb, Drew, Heather



**MARLENE  
BRECHT**

and Jennifer, Bradley, Tyra and Brittney; four great-grandchildren, K.J., Cheyenne, Gabrielle and Danny; three sisters, Arlene Ariespe, JoAnn Wilson and Pearl (Rich) Unterseher; two brothers, Ed Wombolt and Bob Wombolt; and many nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her beloved mother and father.

Her children would like to thank family and friends that treated her with kindness and leant so much help over the course of her lifetime.

Cremation has taken place. All friends and family are invited to graveside services scheduled for 1 p.m. on May 20, at Laurel Cemetery. A luncheon will follow at the Laurel Assembly of God Church. In lieu of flowers, donations my be made to Big Sky Hospice.

## **Arlaine LeClaire Bredy**

Arlaine LeClaire Bredy, 61, of Billings, died Sunday morning, Sept. 19, 2004, at her home.

The daughter of Fritz and Emma Albrecht, Arlaine was born May 23, 1943. At an early age, the family moved to Billings. Following graduation from Senior High School, Arlaine attended Montana State University in Bozeman. She has operated Lady Suzanne Clothing Store for the past several years.

Arlaine enjoyed playing the piano, gardening, reading, crafts, making stained glass and needle-point. She was a member of First United Methodist Church.

She married David Bredy in Billings on March 16, 1990.

Survivors include her husband David of Billings; daughter Suzie Hoerner and her husband Percy of Post Falls, Idaho; a brother, Elmer Albrecht and his wife Edna of Billings; and her sister, Ruby Krumheuer and her husband Tony of Billings.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial services will be 3 p.m. Friday, Sept. 24, at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary.

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

# Joan Iris Brenner

**GLENDIVE** — Joan Iris Brenner, 56, of Glendive, passed away on Sunday, Feb. 1, 2004, in Glendive.

Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 6, at the United Methodist Church with Pastor T.C. Chatman officiating. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of



**JOAN  
BRENNER**

Glendive is entrusted with arrangements. Joan was born in Glendive on Oct. 6, 1947, to Hilda and John Mooer, and spent virtually her entire life in Glendive. She graduated from Dawson County High School in 1965, received an associate's degree from Dawson College in 1967, and a bachelor's degree in education from Eastern Montana College in Billings in 1970. While working toward her degree, Joan began teaching school near Bloomfield in 1968 and continued teaching for many years in Deer Creek, Lindsay, and at Lincoln School in Glendive.

Joan met Bob Brenner while both worked at the Rose Theatre in 1968 and they were married in 1970. Later that year, their daughter Brenda was born. The couple later divorced.

In 1980, Joan joined the Dawson County Department of

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Public Welfare. After working at there for 10 years, she became the county director. In an interview, she stated, "I like working with people, feeling that I can be of help." While working as the Dawson County director for public assistance for the past 13 1/2 years, Joan was assigned additional responsibility for four additional counties (Wibaux, McCone, Prairie and Richland) and served as the director of two work programs in five counties.

Joan demonstrated her desire to give back to the community by either serving on or leading numerous committees: Eastern Plains Jobline Workforce System Community Management Team, County Directors Association (secretary-treasurer), Community Advisory Council, Community GATE (spearheading the car and recycling programs), Dawson County Transportation Board, Salvation Army board, Glendive Noon Lions (past president), Montana Early Childhood Advisory Council, and involved with Fair For All and 100 Club.

In addition to the many hours spent serving the community,

Joan still found time for crafts, gardening, baking, sewing, crocheting, reading, putting together care packages for her daughter and son-in-law, and spending time with her fiancé and companion of 16 years, Tom Wynne.

Joan is survived by her daughter, Brenda Wolfe and her husband Brad of Cary, N.C.; her mother, Hilda Vanaraki of Glendive, her brothers, Charlie Moore and his wife Deb and Alan Moore and his wife Mary, all of Glendive; her sister, Pat Hawk and her husband David of Reddick, Fla.; and by her fiancé, Tom Wynne, of Glendive.

She will be dearly missed.

Memorial gifts in Joan's name will be used for a memorial scholarship.

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

# Myrna Lucietia Brennan *THE BILLINGS GAZETTE*

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**SHEPHERD** — Myrna Lucietia Caulfield Brennan, of Shepherd (our loving wife, mother and grandmother), went to be with our Heavenly Father on July 4, 2004, after a short battle with cancer.



She was born in Billings, Jan. 15, 1936, to George A. and Mary L. (Raines) Caulfield. She grew up on Pryor Creek at a ranch with her grandparents, and attended Pryor schools.

**MYRNA  
BRENNAN**

She married Ralph Brennan, Aug. 22, 1959. She went on to have five children: Lawrence (Pinky), Curtis, Cindy, Linda and Shelly; daughters-in-law, Lorna, Candyace; and son-in-law Steve; 14 grandchildren, Amber, Cheryl, Misty, Lacy, Megan, Ross, Jeremy, Cassandra, Zachary, Melissa, Jazmin, Justus, Page and Warren; five great-grandchildren, Taylor, Angel, Damien, Quintrell, Tristen.

She spent the rest of her days in the Shepherd area, where she loved life, cooking for her family and caring for her flowers. She worked for 38 years as a banquet waitress at the Northern Hotel.

Myrna was active in the LDS Church for many years. She believed in the love of Jesus.

She had a special relationship with each and every member of her family and always made time for each of them. She was loved by all who knew her warm spirit and her wonderful personality.

She was preceded in death by her granddaughter Feather; and her parents, George and Mary; and brother Gee.

The family would like to thank all the people at Hospice and nurses at the Billings Deaconess Medical Center.

Funeral services will be 1 p.m. Thursday, July 8, at the East Stake Center, 1640 Broadmoor Drive. Interment will follow in Mountview Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Big Sky Hospice, PO Box 35033, Billings, MT 59107.

Mom, we love you so much and we're so grateful for the time we had with you. Go in peace, our dear mother. You will be in our hearts forever and forever we will miss you. Until we see you again.

## Lloyd Henry Brester

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PLAINS — Lloyd was born on Aug. 9, 1940, in Bellingham, Wash. He served in the Air Force and as a union iron worker before retiring in Port Townsend, Wash., and Plains. He was an avid fisherman, hunter, Harley rider, loved working in his garden, loved his horse Katie and four-wheeling.

He passed away peacefully in his sleep from a longtime illness on Dec. 6, 2004, with his loved ones at his side.



**LLOYD  
BRESTER**

Lloyd is survived by his wife, Kitty Kay Brester; daughter Kelly Brester of Bellingham; brother Warren Brester of Billings; numerous nieces and nephews; and many, many friends.

He is preceded in death by his father, William Brester; mother Mina Wagner; and sister Barbara Barker.

Donations can be sent to Clark Fork Valley Hospice of Plains.

Lloyd will be cremated and his ashes will be spread into the waterway near Port Townsend.

## Beverly H. "Sue" Brewer

Beverly "Sue" Brewer passed peacefully from this life with her family by her side on Jan. 5, 2004, at her home in Billings. A memorial service was held at Cremation or Funeral Gallery in Billings on Wednesday.

Sue was born on Jan. 6, 1936, to Roy J. Leith and Majel Cuney at the old Cheyenne Agency, S.D. She was preceded in death by her father and mother; her first husband, Emmitt "Bud" Lamb; three of her infant children who died at birth, and her grandson, Michael, who died at birth.

Sue is survived by her husband, Delbert Brewer of Billings; her sisters, Iyla Mae Rodriguez of San Bruno, Calif., and Ursula Mitchell-Webb of Oakland, Calif.; her brother, Roy "Jasper" Leith and his wife Jo Anne of Nespelen, Wash.; her sons, Richard Lamb-Brewer of Billings, Craig Lamb-Brewer of Portland, Ore., Michael Brewer and his wife Angela of Fountain Hills, Ariz.; her daughter, Lynnell Gannon and her husband Peter and her grandchildren Peter and Jessica of Billings, and her adopted daughter, Angela Shepherd and husband Paul and children Austin, Dakota and Jacob of Billings.

Sue and Delbert raised their family near Portland, Ore., after leaving South Dakota in the mid 1960s.

There she became an active member of the Jehovah's

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Witnesses, living a life of service as a witness to Jehovah. She spent several years working as a secretary for the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. After her family had grown, she left the Portland area and relocated to Washington, D.C., Colorado, Montana, South Dakota and Nebraska with her husband who was working for the U.S. government.

She eventually settled in Billings so she could be close to her grandchildren. She was extremely close to her grandchildren and enjoyed traveling with them and having them around her as often as she could. There was an incredible bond made as she was a major part of their lives from the time they were born.

Throughout her life Sue helped many people who found themselves in need.

There was rarely a time when her home was not occupied by someone to whom she and her husband were providing a helping hand. She and her husband helped raise several children other than their own and adopted one.

Sue loved to travel. She made trips to places like Hawaii.

Mexico, Europe, the Caribbean and many places across the United States. She traveled extensively in the last five years with her husband who works for the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

More than anything, she ~~liked~~ to laugh. A more sincere and robust laugh could not be heard. Sue found joy in living and in most everything she did. It is this sense of joy and getting the most out of life that she leaves with all of us. Simply to remember her laugh will bring a smile to all of us who knew her.



## Eugene Brewer

POWELL, Wyo. — Eugene Brewer, 79, died Saturday, Dec. 18, 2004, at the Powell Hospital of natural causes.

A memorial service will be held 1 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 22, at the V.F.W. in Powell. Private inurnment will be held at Sunset Memorial Gardens at a later date. Arrangements are by Cremation or Funeral Gallery.

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## **Euretta Brewer**

*THE BILLINGS GAZETTE*

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BASIN, Wyo. — Euretta Irene (Perkins) Brewer, 75, of Basin, died Wednesday, Feb. 11, 2004, at the Bonnie Bluejacket Memorial Nursing Home between Basin and Greybull.

Graveside funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, Feb. 13, at the Mount View Cemetery in Basin. Burial will follow. Atwood Family Funeral Directors, Inc., of Basin, are in charge.

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## Eugene Brewer

Memorial services were held Dec. 22 for Eugene Brewer, 79, of Powell, who died Saturday, Dec. 18, 2004, at the Powell Hospital.



**Eugene Brewer**

He was born April 10, 1925, to Homer and Ida Brewer of Bellflower, Calif. He attended school in Bellflower and enlisted in the Navy in 1941.

He married Mary Moore in July of 1948. He was active in the

VFW organization.

Preceding him in death were his brother, Bob, and his parents. Survivors include two sisters, Peggy and Alene.

Memorial services took place at the VFW Club and private interment will be held at Sunset Memorial Gardens at a later date.

# Severo 'Sal' Briceno

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Our father, grandfather and papa Sal, whom we loved and adored, passed away peacefully while he slept, on Saturday, Aug. 14, 2004. He went to be with our Nana Lilly and our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Sal was born on Feb. 21, 1921, to Jose and Rosa Briceno in Berlino, N.M. As a child, he lived in Montrose, Colo., until moving to Montana in 1926. His family lived and worked the farms from Hysham to Park City.



**SAL  
BRICENO**

In 1942, he was drafted into the U.S. Army. He landed on the beaches of Normandy on D-Day. He also fought in The Battle of The Bulge in Central Europe, where he was seriously wounded. He received three Bronze Stars and a Purple Heart for the battles he served in. He was honorably discharged in 1946.

In 1947, at a Mexican dance, he would meet and win the heart of his one true love, Lilly Ortiz. They were married Aug. 22, 1947. Together, they would share 54 years of marriage and build a strong family full of love and faith. They had four children, six

grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Sal worked as a Yellow cab driver and manager for 30 years. Until the time of his death, he worked for his good friend Dave Sanchez as a foreman. He enjoyed bowling and was the Montana State President of the Bowling Association for a short time. He was in league bowling until his death. He enjoyed fishing and hunting with his two sons. He spent his spare time fixing lawnmowers and taking care of his yard. His greatest joy was watching his grandsons and great-grandsons play football, baseball and especially basketball. He was a strong man and instilled hard work, love and faith into his family. He was always more than willing to give a helping hand to those in need, expecting nothing in return. He had a beautiful singing voice and a deep love for Mexican music, especially when it came to dancing. He will be greatly missed at mass each Sunday and by all who had the opportunity to

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know him. We couldn't wait to see what color suit Grandpa Sal would buy next. As he was well known for his flashy suits and colorful shoes.

Sal is preceded in death by his loving wife, Lilly; his youngest son, Robert; his parents; his brothers, Jose and Willy Briceno; and sister Patsy Briceno. Sal is survived by his sisters, Vera Armendarez, Pauline (Val) Deavila, Dora Castro; his brother, Vincent Briceno, all of Billings; his sister Julia Guerrero of Crystal City, Texas; brother-in-law Raymond (Sydia) Ortiz of Billings; his son, Jesse Briceno and his daughter Shirlee Briceno of Billings; and his daughter Barbie (Gene) Lewis of Charleston, S.C.; daughter Marie Gandara of Billings; his grandchildren, Jason (Chesna) Briceno, Vinnie (Jesse) Sanchez, Patrick Castro, Angie Castro, all of Billings; Brandy Sanchez and Brandon Sanchez of James Island, S.C.; his great-grandchildren, Beau, Quinn, Jett, Nick, Brice, Sebastian, and a new baby due in October; many special nieces and nephews, cousins, and lifelong loved friends, Pita Alva and family.

God Bless You, Papa Sal. We love you.

Rosary will be held Thursday, Aug. 19, at 7 p.m., at Smith's Downtown Chapel. Funeral Mass will be Friday, Aug. 20, at 10 a.m., at Our Lady of Guadalupe. Burial to follow at Holy Cross Cemetery. Gathering to follow at Our Lady of Guadalupe.

## **Charles D. Bricker**

**MOORE — Charles D. Bricker, 61, died Tuesday, Aug. 31, 2004, at St. Vincent Healthcare in Billings.**

**Visitation is from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the Creel Funeral Home. Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the funeral home with burial in the Moore Cemetery.**

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## **Leita G. Brickman**

**LAUREL** — Leita G. Brickman died peacefully at the home of her daughter on March 29, 2004.

She was born in Jefferson Island, to Arthur and Minnie Shaw on Nov. 19, 1911. She attended school in the area and graduated there. She married Charles French Brickman on June 30, 1944.

After World War II ended, the couple settled in Laurel, where they started a family. In July of 1949, they moved to a ranch outside of Roberts, where they lived until 1979, when they retired to Laurel.

Her husband died in December of 2003. Her brothers and sisters preceded her in death.

She is survived by her three daughters, Carol Stahl of Albany, Ore., Judy Montgomery of Monmouth, Ore., and Charlene Kaplan of Corpus Christi, Texas; five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services will be held at Smith's Funeral Chapel in Laurel on Saturday, April 3, at 2 p.m., with interment at the Laurel Cemetery.

The family requests memorials be made to the American Cancer Society and Samaritan Evergreen Hospice, Albany, Ore., in care of Smith Funeral Chapel, Laurel.

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# Joy Bell Brien

**CROW AGENCY** — Joy Bell Birdinground Brien, 71, of Crow Agency, died Sunday, July 25, 2004, at the Crow/Northern Cheyenne Hospital surrounded by family and friends.

Ishbaalooxiasse, "Beautiful Beads," was born on May 13, 1933, in Crow Agency to Sam and Annette Blaine Birdinground.

Joy, a member of the Big Lodge clan and a child of the Greasy Mouth clan, attended schools in Lodge Grass and Hardin, she received her



**JOY BELL  
BRIEN**

General Education Diploma in the early '60s and attended Eastern Montana College in Billings and The University of Montana in Missoula.

She married Kenneth P. Brien, Sr. in August, 1953. They made their home in Wyola, Crow Agency and Missoula.

Joy held several jobs throughout the years. She worked as a Head Start social worker, Adult Education/GED coordinator, librarian and historian. She also spent time as an advisor to the Chairman of the Crow Tribe. Her most recent job was archivist and genealogist with the Crow Tribe.

She was a member of the

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Crow Tribe enrollment committee, the Veteran's Ladies Auxiliary, the Little Big Horn College founding committee, the LBHC College Board, the Crow Gospel Hymn Project, the Board of Trustees at Deaconess Hospital, the Pulpit Committee at the Crow Community Baptist Church, and the Crow Tribe Education Committee.

Joy enjoyed beading and teaching her children and grandchild the importance of Crow culture and traditions. She was an excellent seamstress and made many wedding and prom dresses for her family.

Joy, a devoted Christian, enjoyed sharing and teaching her faith. She stressed the importance of education to her grandchildren and supported their academic endeavors.

Her parents; her husband; two sons, Timothy and David; a daughter, Beverly; two adopted sons Phillip and Ronnie Brien; five brothers, Adam Birdinground Sr., Andrew Birdinground, Gilbert

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Birdinground Sr., Glenn Birdinground Sr., Chester Deputy Sr.; seven sisters, Samona Martin, Rosebud Birdinground, Agnes Holds, Josephine Beck, Clara Bends, Mary Birdinground, and Constance Birdinground; and other members of her extended family preceded Joy in death.

Joy is survived by her children, Kenneth (Deanna) Brien Jr. of Hardin, Curtis (Colleen) Brien of Lodge Grass, Eric (Laurie) Brien of Crow Agency, Daniel (Donna) Brien and Lennis (Debra) Bull Tall both of Crow Agency, Rena Frank of Billings, Sherri (Ivan) Don't Mix, Barbara Brien, and Linda Blaine, all of Crow Agency; five adopted sons, Robert Brien III of Lama Deer, Rob Marks of Boston, Mass., Dr. David Marks of Hardin, Lowell Medkus of Hardin and Marvin Dawes of Crow Agency; three brothers, Simeon Birdinground Jr. of Garryowen, Clifford Birdinground Sr. of Lodge Grass, Alex Birdinground, Sr. of Lodge Grass; four sisters, Evelyn Old Elk of Crow Agency, Louise Costa of Dunsmuir, Edna Etheridge of Bellingham, Wash., and Verna Pease of Billings; five adopted sisters, Brenda Bull Shows of Two Leglins, Dorothy (Melton) Yellow Mule of Wyola, Romana Real Bird of Garryowen, Dorothy Huff of Wyola, and Frances LaRance of Billings; and one adopted brother James LaRance of Sheridan.

She is also survived by numerous adopted children and siblings and 40 grandchildren, 50 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

Wake services were at the St. Dennis Hall in Crow Agency at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, July 27. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. at the Crow Multi-Purpose Building on Wednesday July 28.

Dahl Funeral Chapel has been entrusted with the arrangements.

# Myron F. Brien

Myron F. Brien, 74, passed away Thursday, May 27, 2004, at his home in Billings. He was born Oct. 12, 1929, to Frederick A. Brien and Margaret Eastman in Lame Deer.

Myron was raised and educated in Busby. Myron's passion for running heavy equipment led to his lifelong profession as a heavy equipment operator for more than 30 years.

Myron's other great passion was fishing along the banks of the Big Horn River. It didn't matter to him whether he caught any fish or not, he was happy just to be on the river.

In his younger days, Myron was a bull rider, steer wrestler and team roper at rodeos across Montana, South Dakota and Wyoming.

Myron was a law enforcement officer in Montana, North and South Dakota. He took pride in being a Northern Cheyenne Gourd Dancer.

Myron married Prairie Rose DuBray from Allen, S.D., and they had five children. She preceded him in death.

He married Joyce Peterson from Ashland and they had two children.

Myron married Carla Colliflower Brien on Nov. 8, 1980, in Big Timber.

Myron is survived by his wife,

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**MYRON  
BRIEN**

Carla; sister Lorraine Robinson, Ashland; his brother, Leonard Brien, Lame Deer; his children, Kitte Rill Coffin, Ashland, Fred M. Brien, Colstrip, Elwood C. Brien, Otter Creek, Patty Kay Bianas, Ashland, Randy Brien, Snohomish, Wash., Angie Wiley, Graham, Wash., Klover Potter, Sturgis, S.D., Robin Turnsplenty, Billings, John David Just, Kirby, Kim Kay Just, Vancouver, Wash.; 24 grandchil-

does; 12 great-grandchildren; many relatives and friends across the country.

Myron was preceded in death by his parents.

Wake services will be Sunday, May 30, at 7 p.m., at the Lane Deer Catholic Church.

Services will be Monday, May 31, at 10 a.m. at the Lane Deer Catholic Church, in the basement.

Arrangements are by Cremation or Funeral Gallery of Billings. Scattering of ashes will be at a future date.

## Charles O. Brillhart

**MUSSELHELL** — Charles O. Brillhart, 66, died May 31, 2004, at the family ranch in Musselshell.

Charles was born Nov. 22, 1937, the oldest of six children, to Ross and Irene Clapper Brillhart in Orrville, Ohio.

Dairy farmers in Ohio, his parents bought a ranch at Three Mile in the Bitterroot Valley in March 1946. A year later, they moved to a ranch at Lolo, where they began raising Hereford cattle.

Charles graduated from Missoula County High in 1955 and from Montana State University in 1959 with a degree in Animal Science.

He served with the United States Army from 1961 to 1963 in Germany.

In 1968, Charles moved with his parents and brother Wayne to their present ranch at Musselshell, forming the Brillhart Ranch Co., and continued raising Herefords. He was a member of Zion Lutheran Church in Roundup. He had served on the Church Council and as a board member of St. John's Lutheran Home in Billings. He had also served on the Musselshell County FSA board and was a lifetime member of the American Hereford Assoc.

Survivors include his mother, Irene; brother Wayne (Shirlee)

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Brillhart, and nephew Ben Brillhart, all of the family ranch; sisters and brothers-in-law, Luella (John) Lokemoen of Jamestown, N.D., Maxine (Corrie) Vink of Polson, Thelma (Jerrome) Cole of Musselshell; nephews and niece, Matthew Lokemoen of Chippewa Falls, Wis., Anne Gebhardt of Aurora, Colo., Daniel Lokemoen of Seattle, Winston Brillhart of Luxembourg, Ross Johnson, Rock Johnson of Missoula, Rodney Johnson of Spokane, Wash., and Randall Johnson of Hall; and numerous cousins.

He was preceded in death by his father Ross in 2000; and sister Rita Brillhart in 1992.

Charles loved big game hunting, the fellowship of the church, his family and raising Hereford cattle.

Memorials may be made to St. John's Lutheran Home, Zion Lutheran Church or the charity of one's choice.

Visitation will be from 5 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, June 2, at the Wier Funeral Chapel. Funeral services will be 1 p.m. Thursday, June 3, at the Zion Lutheran Church. Interment with military honors will follow at the Roundup City Cemetery. Wier Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

**Geraldine M. (Verhelst)  
Brinkman**

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SPOKANE, Wash. — Geraldine M. (Verhelst) Brinkman went to be with her Lord on March 14, 2004.

Jerry was born Oct. 21, 1938, in Billings, and was a longtime resident of Spokane.

She worked for Truesoil, Diamond Fuel, an insurance company, Les Puck CPA and Stevens County PUD #1 for 16 years as senior accountant.

Jerry was a lifetime member of the American Society of Women Accountants. She was also a volunteer at St. Mary's Catholic Church, the Deer Park Senior Center and many other organizations in the Deer Lake and Loon Lake areas.

She is survived by her husband, Kenneth; son, Richard; daughter, Bonnie; grandsons, Jim and Sean.

She was loved and will be dearly missed.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, March 27, at 11 a.m. at St. Mary's Parish in Deer Park. Memorial contributions can be made to the Loon Lake Historical Society or St. Margaret's Shelter, 101 E. Hartson.

Spokane Cremation & Burial Service, Spokane, in charge of cremation.

# Myrle Edna (Van Hyning) Brinley

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**LEWISTOWN** — Myrle Edna (Van Hyning) Brinley, 98, of Lewistown, formerly of Denton, died Friday night, April 30, 2004, at Central Montana Skilled Nursing Center, of natural causes.

She was born May 11, 1905, in Lewistown, the youngest daughter of Simon and Nellie (Johnson) Van Hyning. She received her education in Lewistown, graduating from Fergus High School in 1923. She taught elementary school in the Denton area, where she met her one true love, Winter Carl Brinley. They married on Oct. 10, 1925. Immediately following their marriage, they drove to Billings to purchase the land where they made their first home in Denton. Through the years, Myrle and her husband continued to purchase other pieces of land to farm. After several years of living on the farm, they moved into the town of Denton. They adopted their only child, Mary Kathleen, in December of 1944. In the late '40s, Myrle and Carl designed and built their home in Lewistown. In 1951, her husband passed away. Myrle continued to raise her daughter with the help of her three sisters and her brother and their families.

During her life, Myrle put her family above all else, but also participated in duplicate bridge, flowering and gardening and many a social gathering. She was a very devout religious woman. Myrle's home was always receiving company to catch up on current happenings, but mostly to enjoy her fresh made from scratch baked goods and her robust coffee.

Myrle continued to live in her home until October 2002, the moved into Central Montana Skilled Nursing Home.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brother William "Bill" Van Hyning; and three sisters, Lydia Van Hyning, Elanor Reichmuth and Hazel Noble; her only child, Mary Brinley; and great-granddaughter Melanie Brinley.

She is survived by her grandson David, wife Ida and great-granddaughter Jasmine Brinley; her granddaughter Marissa Brinley and great-grandchildren Vonda and Nathaniel Jensen; and several nephews and nieces.

Myrtle will be missed by all who knew and loved her.

Funeral services will be at the First Presbyterian Church in Lewistown on Friday, May 7, at 2 p.m., with interment to follow at Lewistown City Cemetery.

Cloyd Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Friends are asked to make memorials to American Cancer Society, American Diabetes Association, American Heart Association, First Presbyterian Church of Lewistown or the charity of their choice.

## **Carmen C. Briones**

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**JUN 09 2004**

HEREFORD, Texas — Carmen C. Briones, 90, of Hereford, died Monday, June 7, 2004, at her home.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, June 11, at Central Church of Christ. Interment will be in West Park Cemetery. Rix Funeral Home of Hereford is in charge.



## Margaret Briscoe

OCT 10 2004

WORLAND, Wyo. — Margaret Lorain Briscoe, 93, died Oct. 8, 2004, at the Worland Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 12, at the First Southern Baptist Church. Burial will follow in the Riverview Memorial Gardens Cemetery. Bryant Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

## **Rusty Ray Briscoe**

SHELL, Wyo. — Rusty Ray Briscoe, 54, of Shell, died Wednesday, Dec. 1, 2004, at his home.

Cremation has taken place. No services are planned at this time. Atwood Family Funeral Directors, Inc. are in charge.

DEC 02 2004

THE POWELL TRIBUNE  
TUES., AUGUST 10, 2004

## **Zoe (Susie) Bristor**

Zoe K. (Susie) Bristor, 83, died Monday morning, Aug. 9 at The Heartland assisted living facility in Powell.

She was born March 2, 1921 in Powell, daughter of Earl and Barbara (Fisher) Kysar. She attended school in Powell through the 11th grade.

On May 5, 1938, she married Harold (Dutch) Bristor in Red Lodge, Mont. He died May 2, 1980.

She was a homemaker, a part-time rural mail carrier and drove beet truck. She was a member of the Methodist Church and the Eagles Auxiliary. She loved fishing, playing bridge and traveling.

Survivors include her daughter, Sandra Gay (George) of Powell; three granddaughters, Tammy Gay of Kansas City, Mo., Christie Gay Chavez of Albuquerque, N.M., and Traci Ann Gay Akqul (Jeff) of Plano, Texas; and three great-grandchildren, Kayla Akqul, Jessica Akqul and Christian Chavez.

She was preceded in death by her husband; her parents; three brothers, her twin, Joe Kysar, and John and Bill Kysar; and five sisters, Mildred McMillin, Georgia McNiel, Mary Ellen Pearson, Jean Quinn and Ruth Lightfoot.

Cremation has taken place, and no services are planned.

For those who wish, the family would appreciate memorials to the Heartland or to a charity of choice.

## **Christopher Britz**

HELENA — Christopher Britz, 37, of Helena, died Sunday, March 28, 2004, at his home.

Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 3, at the St. Labre Catholic Church. Burial will be in the family lot of the St. Labre Cemetery. Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home of Forsyth is in charge.

*THE BILLINGS GAZETTE*

APR 02 2004

# Margaret 'Marti' Britzius

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

APR 03 2004

**GREAT FALLS** — Margaret "Marti" (Ontiveros) Britzius, 63, a former real estate agent, died of lung cancer Wednesday, March 31, 2004, at her home in Sun Prairie.

A vigil is 5 p.m. Sunday, April 4, at Croxford's Funeral Home and Crematory. Funeral Mass is 10:30 a.m. Monday, April 5, at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, followed by a reception at 11:30 a.m. at Eagles Manor.

A second vigil will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 6, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, 523 S. 29th St., Billings. Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, April 7, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church. A reception at the church will follow burial in Holy Cross Cemetery in Billings.

Survivors include her husband, William G. Britzius of Sun Prairie; daughters Patricia (Steve) Deavila, Terry Martinez and Christina Rembiszewski, all of Billings, and Lisa (Danny) Bresnehan of Great Falls; sons Robert Martinez of Billings and Christopher Martinez of Phoenix; sisters Phyllis Sanchez and Josie Moncada of Billings; brothers Tomas Ontiveros and Paul Ontiveros of Billings; 14 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Marti was born Dec. 2, 1940, in Billings, and was raised there. She married William Britzius in 1970.

She was a real estate agent for Tom Mather and Associates for several years, and was employed by Great Falls Public Schools at the time of her death. She was also very active in her church and in the community.

Marti loved her family and friends. Her favorite time of year was Christmas, and she would go "all out" with decorations.

She was preceded in death by her parents; sisters Norma and Dorothy, and a brother, Felix.

## James Kermit Brock, Sr.

BILLINGS GAZETTE

NOV 10 2004

WOLF POINT — James Kermit Brock, Sr., "Frank," 42, died Saturday, Nov. 6, 2004, in Wolf Point.

Visitation will be begin at 3:30

p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 10, with a prayer service at 7 p.m., at the Wolf Point Community Hall. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 11, at Dakota Presbyterian Church in Wolf Point, with interment in the Chelsea Cemetery.

Clayton Stevenson Memorial Chapel of Wolf Point is in charge.

## **Iola D. Carr Broderson**

**RYEGATE —** Iola D. Carr Broderson, 90, died Friday, Dec. 17, 2004, at St. Vincent's Healthcare Center.

A memorial service will be held 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 20, at Cremation or Funeral Gallery. Inurnment will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

**WYOMING GAZETTE**  
**DEC 19 2004**

## **Donald P. Brogan**

**WILSALL** — Donald P. "Pat" Brogan, 80, longtime Wilsall resident, died Thursday, Jan. 15, 2004, at the Las Vegas home of his niece, Cynde Swandal.

Cremation has taken place in Las Vegas. Memorial services will be held 1 p.m. Friday, Feb. 6, in the chapel of Franzen-Davis Funeral Home in Livingston. Burial of the cremated remains will be in Wilsall Cemetery, followed by a time of fellowship at the Shields Valley Senior Center in Wilsall.

*THE BILLINGS GAZETTE*

**FEB 04 2004**



## Francis Leon Brokaw

**THE BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**MAR 26 2004**

**ROUNDUP** — In loving memory of Francis Leon Brokaw, born in Fullerton, N.D., April 18, 1933, died March 23, 2004.

He is survived by his family, four sons and four daughters, Francis Daniel Brokaw of Wills Point, Texas, David Brokaw of Dallas, Patrick Brokaw of Juneau, Alaska, Michael Brokaw of Wills Point, Theresa Smith of Plano, Texas, Jennifer Henley of Dallas, Mary Helen Casey of Benton, Ark., and Elizabeth Bartel of Varna, Ill.; seven grandsons, seven granddaughters and four great-grandchildren; three brothers and three sisters, James Russell Brokaw of Wisconsin, David Brokaw of Indiana, Robert Brokaw of Colorado, Margaret Rall of Nevada, Ruth Brokaw of Indiana and Gertrude Brokaw of South Dakota.

A private memorial service will be held on Friday, March 26.

He will be greatly missed.

## **Donna C. Brolin**

**THE BILLINGS GAZETTE**  
**APR 22 2004**

CODY, Wyo. — Donna C. Brolin, 83, died Tuesday, April 20, 2004, at her home.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Monday, April 26, at Riverside Cemetery. Ballard Funeral Home of Cody is in charge.

# Elizabeth Norma 'Bee' Bromenshenk

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

FEB 22 2004

Elizabeth Norma "Bee" Bromenshenk, 89, of Billings, passed away Feb. 16, 2004, after suffering from emphysema and congestive heart failure for the past year.

She was born Dec. 6, 1914, to William V. and Elizabeth Montee of Pittsburg, Kan. Her family moved to Montana in 1929. She graduated from Billings Senior High in 1932. In later years, she continued her education in accounting, graduating from Billings Business College.

Elizabeth married LeRoy Joseph "Roy" Bromenshenk, Oct. 10, 1935. She and LeRoy worked for Paul Hedrick (owner of the Willow Grove Dairy). Elizabeth and LeRoy helped Paul raise his three small children after his wife died suddenly when the children were very small, along with their own son Larry. Elizabeth and LeRoy left the dairy in 1951. At that time, she gained employment with Alleen's dress shop in Billings and remained with them until her retirement.



ELIZABETH  
BROMEN-  
SHENK

Elizabeth's hobbies were cooking and sewing, both of which she loved very much. She was known by all for her awesome German chocolate cakes and other baked goods. She was also a master seamstress with the ability to make elaborate clothes.

Elizabeth was preceded in death by her parents; her first son, Garry Allen, her husband, LeRoy; and all of her siblings. She is survived by her second son, Larry and his wife Virginia; the three Hedrick children she loved as her own, Corky Hedrick (Clarice), Shirley Blakeley and Phyllis Shaver; three grandchildren, Gary Bromenshenk, Kathy Rogers (Bruce) their children Karoly and John Rogers, Kelly Sampson (Bill), their children, Rachell, Rebecca, Meagan, Alex and Anthony and two Sampson great-great-grandchildren, Gabriell and Gaven; a loving dear friend, Margaret Rogers; step-brother-in-law Ed Fisher, and many nieces and nephews. Elizabeth was a loving wife, mother and grandmother who will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 25, at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Corner of Second Avenue N. and 33rd St. Internment will be at Sunset Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be Monday and Tuesday, the 23rd and 24th (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.), at Smith's Funeral Home, downtown location.

# Sharron Reid Bromley

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

FORSYTH — Sharron Reid Bromley, 60, of Niter, Idaho, died Thursday, Nov. 27, 2003, at her sister's home in Soda Springs, Idaho, of cancer.

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Graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 1, in the Rosebud Cemetery. Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home is in charge.

## BILLINGS GAZETTE

**PONY, Mont.** — Alyce Brooke, 80, passed away in the early morning hours of Sept. 15, 2004, at the home of her son, Dr. Paul Brooke, in Idaho Falls following a brief illness.



**ALYCE  
BROOKE**

Alyce was the youngest of 10 children born to William and Margaret (Kelm) O'Connor on Jan. 6, 1924, in Curlew, Iowa. Her parents moved back to Wibaux in 1930 where they endured the hardships of Eastern Montana homesteaders. Alyce boarded in Wibaux and graduated from high school in 1943. She fulfilled her ambition to become a registered nurse by graduating from Presentation School of Nursing in Miles City in 1946. Her first job was at the hospital in Whitehall working nights. During this time, she met Cornelius Brooke and they were married on June 1, 1949. Together they celebrated 55 years in the Pony area where they operated the family ranch and raised six children.

Alyce worked until 1990 as a nurse in the Pony area where she provided geriatric and hospice care with a commitment to helping her neighbors remain in their own homes.

In 1989, the Montana Mothers Association elected her Mother of the Year. She treasured the accomplishments of her children and grandchildren.

She was proud to be a ranch wife and loved making a home for her family and being a welcoming host to family and friends. She was instrumental in establishing Girl and Boys State for the area and the Harrison Clinic. She was a member of the hobby club, continental club, home demonstration, PTA, pinochle, quilting and was the 4-H sewing leader for over a decade. She was a charter member of the Hollowtop Senior Center. Alyce was preceded in death by her parents; all of her siblings; granddaughter, Jacqueline Brooke and son-in-law, Monte Ballou.

She is survived by her husband; a daughter, Mary Margaret Brooke of Helena; her sons, Dr. Paul Brooke of Idaho Falls, Dr. Daniel Brooke (Theresa) of Miles City, Lawrence Brooke (Joan) of Pony, William Brooke (Susan) of Bozeman, Shawn Brooke of Pony and 12 grandchildren.

Wake/visitation for Alyce Brooke will be Thursday from 1 to 8 p.m. at the Brooke family residence in Pony. Visitation/wake will continue 5

p.m. Friday at St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Church in Whitehall with the Rosary at 7 p.m. The Funeral Mass will be celebrated 11 a.m. Saturday morning, Sept. 25 at the Church with the Rev. Dan Driscoll as celebrant. Interment will follow at the Pony Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Harrison Clinic, the Hollow Top Senior Center or to a charity of one's choice.

Services have been entrusted to KT Riddle Funeral Home, Anaconda, Mont.

# Mary 'Kitty' Brooks

*THE BILLINGS GAZETTE*

DAYTON, Wyo. — Mary Catherine "Kitty" Brooks, 80, died Thursday, July 22, 2004, in Westview Health Care Center of cancer.

JUL 27 2004

Graveside services were held Monday in the Dayton Municipal Cemetery. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Champion Ferries Funeral Home is in charge.



## **David R. Brophy**

**MOUNTAIN HOME, Idaho** — David R. Brophy, 62, of Mountain Home, died Monday, Jan. 19, 2004, at his residence. Per his request no services will be held. Cremation is under the direction of Summers Funeral Homes, McMurtrey Chapel in Mountain Home.

David was born Aug. 8, 1941, in Washington D.C., the son of Robert and Dorothy (Maring) Brophy. He grew up in Billings, graduating from Billings High School before joining the Air Force. David retired from the Air Force in 1979 at Mountain Home Air Force Base.

David enjoyed working on electronic countermeasures. He loved working on his home computer, listening to his music and watching sports.

He enjoyed owning and operating Brophy's Pub in Mountain Home. David was a proud member to the Mountain Home Elk's Lodge and the American Legion. David succumbed to complications of diabetes.

David is survived by his wife, Pamela Brophy of Mountain Home; daughter, Karen Rau of Boise; son, Michael of Mountain Home; brothers, Tom Brophy (Virginia Beebe) of Fresno, Calif., and Mike (Kathy) Brophy of Billings, Mont.; sisters, Judy (Harley) Rimer and Beverly (Dan) Watts, both of Missoula, Mont.; three grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

## **Gloria A. Brosious**

... BUSINESS GAZETTE

APR 20 2004

CODY, Wyo. — Gloria A. Brosious, 79, died Sunday, April 18, 2004, at the West Park Hospital in Cody.

Memorial services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 24, at the United Methodist Church in Cody. Ballard Funeral Home of Cody is in charge.

# Herman Boyd Brost

OCT 12 2004

## BILLINGS GAZETTE

**FT. MEADE, S.D. — Herman Boyd Brost, 70, of Ridge, Mont., died Wednesday, Oct. 6, 2004, at Ft. Meade.**

Herman was born Dec. 7, 1933, in Alliance, Neb., to Christy and Elizabeth Ruth Hutchinson Brost. He grew up in Alliance, where he graduated from high school. On Oct. 23, 1952, he joined the U.S. Navy, serving until Oct. 12, 1956, after which he returned to Alliance, where he ranched with his father. In 1957, he married Kay Stenberg in Alliance. The couple moved to Ridge in 1964, where he continued to ranch ever since.

He loved to breed and race horses. He also liked to hunt coyotes with greyhounds that he raised. Herman enjoyed people and loved his family. His greatest joy was his grandchildren.

Herman is survived by his wife, Kay Brost of Ridge; two sons, Jess (Linda) Brost, Upton, Wyo., and Jake (Denise) Brost, Ridge; three daughters, Johana (Ross) Wills, Alliance, Suze (Mike) Bayne, Spearfish, and Sally (Brad) Sawyer, Thedford, Neb.; his brothers, Christy (Marty) Brost, Alliance, Bryan (Kate) Brost, Lusk, Wyo., Ed (Carolyn) Brost, Sturgis, and James (Sheryl) Brost, Hot Springs, S.D.; two sisters, Betty (Bernie) Girard, Alliance, and Rebecca Girty, Alliance; and 13 grandchildren.

Herman was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Fred and Bruce Brost; and an infant son, Morgan Bruce Brost.

Friends and family are welcome to attend a Celebration of Life for Herman to be held at the Holiday Inn in Spearfish, Monday, Oct. 18, at 4 p.m. A memorial has been established to the Henry Malley Memorial Library in Broadus, Mont.

Herman deeply appreciated all of the visits by family and friends during his long illness. His family is grateful for the support he received from the dialysis staff at Rapid City Regional Hospital and the compassionate care given during his stays at the Ft. Meade VA Hospital.

The Carlsen & Aldinger Funeral Home of Spearfish has been entrusted with the arrangements. You may sign the guest book for Herman at [www.carlsenaldinger.com](http://www.carlsenaldinger.com).

**JUN 25 2004****Irvin Edmund Brost**

**BELLE FOURCHE, S.D. —** Irvin Edmund Brost, 78, of Billings and a former Butte County resident for many years, died June 19, 2004, at Horizon Hospice Home in Billings.

He was born Nov. 25, 1925, to Otto E. and Pauline M. Brost at their Crystal Springs, N.D., home.

He married Dorothy M. Gillam on March 21, 1971.

Irvin is survived by one brother, Harold Brost, Belle Fourche; four sisters, Edna (John) Hergenrider, Spearfish, Betty (Forrest) O'Brien, Custer, Donna (Jack) Cooper, Belle Fourche, and Yvonne (Bernie) Spencer, Prineville, Ore. Also surviving are a host of cousins, nieces, nephews and step-grandchildren.

Irvin served in the U.S. Army in Europe during World War II, as a member of the Second Armored Division, and was a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States.

Irvin was preceded in death by his parents; his wife Dorothy; four sisters, Viola, Ida, Irene and Delores; and one brother, Darrell.

Services will be held at St. James Lutheran Church in Belle Fourche on Friday, July 2, at 10 a.m., and a memorial service of

remembrance and interment will follow at Pineslope Cemetery in Belle Fourche.

Memorials received will be presented in his memory to the Horizon Hospice Home, where he received such loving care during his final days.

# Mary Jo Broste

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

JUL 28 2004

Mary Jo Broste, born Mary Jo Baker May 16th 1963, has left to join the angels. Mary Jo, JoJo to her family and friends, left us very suddenly, but she will always be with us in our hearts and memories. JoJo was that special

person everyone needs to have touch their lives. She was always there for love, support and a warm smile when you would least expect it. Her laughter



**JOJO  
BROSTE**

was so contagious that you would laugh with her and not know what you were laughing at. Besides her family, JoJo's greatest joy was her Mickey collection.

JoJo is survived by her loving husband Glenn; her beautiful boys, Dustin and Ryan, who live in their Shepherd home that JoJo helped to create for them; three step-children, Brian and wife Isausa, Sherie and husband Brian and Jodi and husband Jason and six step-grandchildren, all living in Kansas; sisters and brothers, Helen and Rick Wanke, Scott Baker, Chuck Baker, Janet Williamson, David Hartman, Michael and Anita Hartman, Harley and Laura Hartman and

Cindy and Erik Hall; her nieces and nephews, Laura, Jessica, Stephanie, Kristina, Erika, Michaela, Destiny, Christopher and wife Kendra, Travis, Davey, Brendan, Cody and Brendon; great-nephews Kendric and Zane; great-niece Jordan and her many friends.

JoJo is preceded in death by her son Timmy, her father Walter, step-father Harley, mother Martina, brother Billy and sister-in-law Kim.

Cremation has taken place. Graveside services are pending at Shepherd Cemetery.

Michelotti-Sawyers has charge of arrangements.

## **Lehman Brothers**

**SEP 22 2004**

**BUFFALO, Wyo. — Lehman J. Brothers, 82, of Buffalo, died Monday, Sept. 20, 2004, at the VA Medical Center in Sheridan.**

**Visitation will be from 1 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 23, at the Adams Funeral Home in Buffalo. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, Sept. 24, at the Big Horn Baptist Church. Burial will be in Willow Grove Cemetery.**

**WILLINGS GAZETTE**

# Roberta Brothers

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

JAN 25 2004

Roberta Sidney Ferguson Baker Brothers passed away quietly on Jan. 14, 2004, at St. John's Lutheran Home in Billings, with her children, several grandchildren and one great-grandchild by her side. She was 87.

Roberta was born on March 4, 1916, on the family homestead eight miles east of Baker. She was the second of six children born to William Thomas and Mary Frances (Golden) Ferguson.



**ROBERTA  
BROTHERS**

She went to Fallon County schools and graduated from Baker High School in 1935. She attended Intermountain Union College in Helena before returning to Baker to work. She married Clinton Claud Baker in 1938. They farmed outside Ollie, where the Baker family owned the Ollie Mercantile. They farmed for 12 years before moving to Billings.

Roberta and Clint had three children, Patricia Rae, Frances Mary and Claud Clinton. Clinton died in 1957. In 1960, Roberta married Arnie Brothers and was delighted to get not only a wonderful husband but also another son, Norman. Roberta worked as a bookkeeper for Carpenter

Paper Company for many years. Roberta and Arnie spent most weekends either beside a Montana trout stream or at their cabin in the mountains above the Stillwater River. Arnie passed away in 1999.

Roberta was a voracious reader, amateur writer and creative quilter and gardener. She was a member of the Navy Mothers organization and the Moose Lodge. True to her Scottish heritage, she could stretch a dollar farther and manage money better than anyone around. Roberta was devoted to her family and delighted in her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She is survived by her children, Patricia (Bob) Janz, of Billings, Francie (Jim) McLean, of Bozeman, Norman (Sharon) Brothers, of Billings; daughter-in-law, Carol Stoltz, of Miles City; sister, Lois Murphy, of Baker; ten grandchildren, eight (soon to be 10) great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Roberta was preceded in death by her parents, her husbands, Clint and Arnie; sisters, Verna O'Donnell and Eleva Siring; brothers, Raymond and

William Ferguson; son, Claud Baker and grandson, Tom Baker.

Cremation has taken place, and a memorial service will be held in early spring in Baker. The family wishes to thank the staff at St. Johns Lutheran Home in Billings for the wonderful care they gave Roberta and Annie. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Johns Lutheran Home in Billings or the charity of the donor's choice.



## Alexander Thomas Brown

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

JUL 20 2004

Alexander Thomas Brown passed away on July 17, 2004, at the age of 14, in Billings.

Alex attended school at Alkali Creek, Eagle Cliffs and Castle Rock. He was always an excellent student and well liked by his teachers and classmates. His hobbies included playing little league baseball, basketball, and he currently belonged to the Junior Golf and First Tee programs. He had a passion for reading, computers, movies, and loved to play badminton with his family. He also spent many memorable times at Red Lodge, skiing, hiking and fishing. One of his greatest loves of his life was his two Westies, Simba and Cisco, and his new puppy, Nemo. He was a very kind and loving young man and he will be greatly missed by all who knew him.



**ALEX BROWN**

Born May 8, 1990, in Billings, Alex was the son of Audre Thom and Thomas Nelson Brown. Alex's father also passed away on July 17, 2004.

Survivors include his mother and stepfather, Ron and Audre Thom; sister, Ashley Brown; grandmother Dee Dee Stanich; great-grandmother Sanna Hovland, all of Billings; grandparents Art and Edith Hagenston of Glendive, and grandmother Sue Brown of California; aunts and uncles, Dennis and Kit Hagenston of Billings, Greg and Evelyn Hagenston of Glendive, Doug and Mary Ann Thom of Butte, Sheree and Dave Johansen of Washington, Dana Franklin of Colorado, Paul Brown of Florida, Tina and Tim Sennrud of Pennsylvania, Diane and Pat Longo, Susie and Winston Philbrick, Doug and Norah Brown, all of California; and many cousins.

Services for Alex will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, July 21, at Dahl Funeral Chapel. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to the Billings Animal Shelter, PO Box 1178, Billings, MT 59103 or the Jr. Golf Program, 1236 N. 26th St., Billings, MT 59101.

Enjoy the tacos and dirt cake in heaven — we love you!

## Alice Mae Brown

SEP 4 2004  
WILLISTON, N.D.

**SIDNEY** — Alice Mae Brown, 88, of Sidney, formerly of Poplar, died Thursday, Sept. 2, 2004, at Mercy Medical Center in Williston, N.D.

Visitation is from 6 to 9 p.m. Monday at Clayton Stevenson Memorial Chapel in Poplar. Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at St. John's Lutheran Church with burial in the Poplar City Cemetery.

## **Barbara Jean Brown**

**THE BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**JAN 23 2004**

**DENVER, Colo. —** Barbara Jean Brown, daughter of Julie Coleman and Mel Brown, and sister of Rick Brown, died in Denver after a short illness.

She was a graduate of Billings West High School in 1964 and the University of Colorado in 1968.

Cremation has taken place. Private memorial services were held.

## Charles Brown, Jr.

Charles Brown, Jr., 82, Crow elder, moved to the other camp, July 7, 2004, in the Billings St. Vincent Hospital.

"Medicine Arrow" Alu'ute ixpaa'lia was born June 14, 1922, in St. Xavier, a son of Charles Brown, Sr. and Aurelia White Antelope. Bird Horse raised him in the St. Xavier and Fort Smith areas. He received his education in St. Xavier. Charles enlisted in the U.S. Army, served in the Pacific theater, seeing extensive combat, once counting "coup" on the enemy. He was awarded the Purple Heart by General Douglas Macarthur and received his Honorable Discharge at the end of World War II.

Charles married Rose Little Light in 1957 and the couple made their home in the Crow Agency area. Mrs. Brown died in 1980. He worked on the construction of the Yellowtail Dam and later as a custodian for the Edison Real Bird Administration.

He loved horse racing and would travel with his family to enjoy the races.

He was often called upon to advise people on how to pick the best horse in a race. He was a kind, humble and gentle man who was a member of the United Pentecostal Church of Hardin, the Native American Church, the Bundle Clan and was a child of the Piegan Clan.

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Charles was a traditional Crow man who enjoyed the sweat lodge. He was a founding member in 1966 of the hand games event on the Crow Reservation. He sang traditional songs with a single drum at powwows, Hand games and Push dances. Because of his elder status within the Tribe, he was often called upon to give Indian names to children.

His parents; brothers, Leo Davies Bad Boy, Jim and George Brown, Sr.; sister Blanche Brown; and grandchildren Alan Medicine Top and Berna Grey Boy, preceded Charles in death.

Survivors include his daughters, Charlene (Robert) Old Coyote, Lois Crooked Arm, Otelia (Raymond) White, Margaret (Clinton) Stops, Aretha Brown, Lelah (Richard) Chalepah, Doretha Adams, Lena Brown, Corlis (Clinton) Iron and Sophia Left Hand of Crow Agency, Gladiolus (James) Hill of Dunmore, Twila (George) Grant of Hardin, Terra (Wallace) Old Dwarf and Aurelia (Melvin) Stops of Lodge Grass; his sons, Alan (Faye) Little Light, Charles

ictoria) Brown II, Vincent  
oren) Spint, Kenneth (Diane)  
int, Dan Brown, Sr., George  
own, Jr. and Benito (Marsha)  
own of Crow Agency, Willie  
own of South Dakota and  
orris Davies of Wyola; his  
lopted daughters, Patsy Little  
ght, Lena Little Light, Linda  
irdinground and Rosella  
ewart; his adopted son, Clyde  
Jellie) Little Light; adopted  
other, Ed Little Light, Jr.; his  
pecial great-grandchildren,  
ergundy and Meadow; his  
eloved grandchildren, Albert  
ivers, Karri Medicine Top,  
usena Howe, Mikal DeCrane,  
obert and Evander Old Coyote,  
arae White, PJ Archilta,  
Whisper Wilkinson, Otto and  
ngeline White, Shawna, Marilyn  
alway, Michelle and Melville  
tops, John Wilson, Manford,  
Susan and Donald Gardner, Jr.,  
Leonard Gary Gardner, Valencia,  
Brad (Loretta), Myron (Lorene),  
Carla, Rebecca (Mervin) and  
Loretta Crooked Arm, Pamela  
(Billy) Backbone and Edwina  
(Carl) Venne; his great-grand-  
children, Alan, Camille, Keyan,  
Scooter, Ieshia, Julia, Cooper,  
Chalan, Alan Don, Kevyana,  
Leonarda, Bucking Horse, Talena,  
Jadence, Hilary, Rayna, Johann,  
Paige and Landon. He is also sur-  
vived by his extended family  
including the Brown, Crooked  
Arm, Little Light, Plain Feather,  
Stewart, Bullinsight, Mountain  
Pocket, Coversup and Rides  
families.

Funeral services will be held 2  
p.m. Saturday, July 10, in the Crow  
Agency Multi-Purpose Building.  
Interment with military honors  
will follow in the Crow Agency  
Cemetery. Bullis Mortuary of  
Hawaii has been entrusted with  
the arrangements.

# Charline M. Brown

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

POWELL, Wyo. — Charline M. Brown, 85, died Saturday, July 3, 2004, at the Powell Valley Healthcare.

Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, July 6, at Ballard Funeral Home in Cody. Funeral services will be 3 p.m. Wednesday, July 7, at the First Southern Baptist Church in Powell. Interment will follow in Crown Hill Cemetery.

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## CHARLINE MARY BROWN

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, July 7 at First Southern Baptist Church in Powell for Charline Mary (Stingley) Brown, who died Saturday, July 3 at Powell Valley Hospital. She was 85.

She was born July 15, 1918, in Haxton, Phillips County, Colo., the eldest of six children of Andrew and Martha Loretta (Curtis) (Edgar) Stingley. She joined an older half-brother, Joe Edgar, and sister, Barbara (Edgar) Clark.

Siblings who followed were Barnard, James Oral, Charley, Audry and Paul. She moved with her family to the Powell area in 1934.

She attended Powell High School in 1934 and 1935 and married Virgil Elmer Brown on March 18, 1936. During the war years, they lived in Long Beach, Calif.

They were owners of a sand and gravel trucking business, a concrete block manufacturing plant and the "Brownie's Trailer Court," where she worked as a dispatcher and book-keeper for all of the businesses. In 1956, they moved the trucking business back to Long Beach and returned to Powell in 1957.

She also worked as a private duty nurse for the Powell Hospital. She was associated with the American Red Cross, as a Gray Lady, and was a life-long member of the Riverside Homemakers Club.

A devoted mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, she loved her family and was always there for them in a time of need. She loved cooking and baking and was a blue-ribbon seamstress.

Survivors include her children and spouses, Maynard and Evelyn Brown of Powell, Joan and Robert Rom of Big Timber, Mont., Ronie and Connie Brown of Lincoln, Neb., Janie and

John Bramhall of Santa Fe, N.M., and Keith and Nancy Brown of Hamilton, Mont.; brothers Joe Edgar of Powell, and James Oral of Worland; sister Audry Willock of Renton, Wash.; 13 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren; and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

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# EMMA V. BROWN

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LOVELL, Wyo. — Emma Vontelle Smith Brown, 81, died Wednesday, Sept. 1, 2004, at her daughter's home in Westland.

Visitation is from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday at Haskell Funeral Home in Lovell. Services are at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints with burial in the Lovell Cemetery.



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## Emma Brown

Emma Vontella (Smith) Brown, 81, formerly of Lovell, of Worland, died September 1, 2004, peacefully at her home after telling bedtime stories to her grandkids.

Vontella was born August 27, 1928, to Albert William and Mary Elizabeth Smith in Thomas, Idaho. She was their oldest child and had two brothers and four sisters. She grew up in rural Idaho.

She attended Ricks College in Idaho and graduated in 1942. She taught school for 49 years, 26 of those in Lovell. Vontella

also served a mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Canada.

On February 1, 1968, Vontella married Alma Taylor Brown in Idaho Falls, Idaho.

Vontella's hobbies were researching family history, telling stories, and spending time with her children and grandchildren. She taught nursery in church for more than 35 years.

She is survived by her son, Alma Brown Jr. (Kris) of Logan, Utah; daughter, Emma (Curt) Christoffersen of Worland; stepsons, Gurn (Paula) Brown of Af-ton, Winn (Genielle) Brown of Lovell, and Val (Sonja) Brown of South Jordan, Utah; stepdaughter, Persis Skinner of Salt Lake City, Utah; brother, Craig (Pam) Smith of Rexburg, Idaho; sisters, Barbara Fullmer of Idaho Falls, Betty (Ken) Carlson of Hillsboro, Ore., and Donna (Marlyn) Mick-

elison of Weston, Idaho; 35  
plus grandchildren and  
87plus great-grandchild-  
dren.

Funeral services were  
held Saturday, September  
4, 2004, at the Church of  
Jesus Christ of Latter-day  
Saints in Lovell. Bishop  
David Winterholler officiated.

Hickell Funeral Home  
in Lovell was in charge of  
arrangements.

## **Hilda M. Brown**

MALTA — Hilda M. Brown, 98, died Tuesday, Feb. 17, 2004, at a local nursing home.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 21, at the Adams Memorial Chapel in Malta. Interment will be in the Malta Cemetery.

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**Inness E. Brown**

**ROUNDUP** — Inness E. Brown, 73, died Sunday, Aug. 29, 2004, at the Roundup Memorial Health Care Center of natural causes.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at the Wier Funeral Chapel.

## **Irma Tressman Daniel Brown**

Irma Daniel Brown, a long-time Billings resident, former teacher and 10-year tenant of West Park Village, passed away on March 30, 2004, at the age of 93.

Irma was born Jan. 27, 1911, on the family farm in Mayer, Minn., to parents Arthur F. and Martha Petrick Tressman. However, following the unexpected death of her mother, as an infant, Irma was raised primarily by her grandmother, Florentine Tressman. Irma, her father and grandmother moved to Billings in 1913 to join Aunt Melinda Tressman, who was in business on North Broadway at Tressman Millinery. They left Billings to homestead on Edwards Creek near Pease Bottom during World War I. With the passing of her father in 1922, due to appendicitis, Irma and Grandmother Tressman moved back to Billings, where Irma graduated from Billings High in 1929.

Pursuit of an education degree took her to Montana State in Bozeman, and she graduated in 1933 from the University of Montana in Missoula. She also attended the U. of Hawaii in 1937 as part of a summer enrichment experience. With her education degree, Irma taught elementary school in Shawmut and Billings for over 22 years.

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In 1939, Irma married Levi D. "Bus" Daniel. Many friends were made through Mr. Daniel's association with Northwest Airlines.

Mr. Daniel passed away in 1982, after a long illness.

In 1990, Irma found another companion in Maurice M. Brown. They were married for five years before Mr. Brown died in 1995.

Irma was a member of Kappa Delta sorority, the Friendship Chapter of Eastern Star and the First United Methodist Church. She was also an avid card player who played bridge with a small group of close friends until 1998.



**IRMA DANIEL  
BROWN**

Irma is survived and will be missed by her sons, Arthur D. Daniel (Bonnie) of Fishtail and Gary L. Daniel (Carol) of Billings; her grandchildren, Drew Daniel, Ann (Ryan) Zimmerman, Laura (Daniel) Arthun, Brett (Sarah) Daniel, Roger Daniel and Meredith Daniel; and great-grandchildren, Kate, Jess and Alexa.

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Visitations will begin Thursday evening, April 1, at Smith Downtown Chapel. The funeral service will be at 10 a.m. on Friday, April 2, at Smith Downtown Chapel, with interment to follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Memorials may be made to Yellowstone County on Aging, Rocky Mountain College or Billings Senior High Band.

# Karmen Rae 'Gooners' Brown

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

FEB 04 2004

**POPULAR** — Karmen Rae Brown, "Gooners," age 29, passed away in Poplar, on Feb. 1, 2004.

Karmen was born Dec. 9, 1974, to Gordon L. Brown and Lyda Bighorn Red Dog. Karmen earned her GED and continued her education at Fort Peck Community College, where she took bookkeeping and accounting



**KARMEN  
BROWN**

tech. She worked for housing (summer program), Buttreys, CNA at Faith Lutheran Home, Sunrise Lumber, as a teacher assistant, and at Tribal Express. Karmen enjoyed listening to music, visiting with friends, cooking and helping others when needed.

Karmen is preceded in death by both her maternal and paternal grandparents; her father, Gordon L. Brown; and an uncle, Ritchie Brown.

She is survived by her mother, Lyda Bighorn Red Dog; step-father Lonnie Red Dog; two daughters, Rikki Brown and Stevie McClammy of Poplar; brother Billy (Theresa) Brown of Poplar; sisters Kimberly (Clay) of Billings, Kaycee

(Robert) Low Dog of Billings, Loralee Red Dog of Poplar; nieces Telsa, Charley, Heavynn, Teresia, LaVanchie and LaRae; and nephews Brenden, Larin and RJ; grandmothers Rita Brown of Wolf Point, Dora Higgins of Williston, N.D., Marie (Bud) Anderson of Williston and Joyce (Lyle) Good of Wolf Point; aunts Caroline Baker of Poplar, Angie Brown of Poplar, April (Danny) Lindsay of Wolf Point, Irene Bighorn of Wolf Point and Yvonne (Ernie) Flynn of Billings; and uncles Leonard (Amanda) Crow Belt of Brockton, Dr. Robin Bighorn of Poplar, Fred (Helen) Bighorn of Brockton, Greg Bighorn of Poplar, Dennis Bighorn of Billings, Morris Brown of Wolf Point, Mike Brown of Poplar and Bruce Bauer.

Karmen's prayer service will be held Feb. 5, at 7 p.m., at the Poplar Cultural Center. Funeral services will be held on Friday, Feb. 6, at 10 a.m., with Rev. Enright Big Horn and Pastor Dwight Swanson officiating. Interment will be in the Poplar City Cemetery. Condolences

may be sent to the family at  
[cmms@mcmentel.net](mailto:cmms@mcmentel.net) or  
[www.stevensonandsons.com](http://www.stevensonandsons.com).  
Clayton Stevenson Memorial  
Chapel is in charge of arrange-  
ments.



## Leon Brown

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NOV 17 2004

BIG HORN, Wyo. — Leon "Beach" Brown, 68, of Big Horn, died Sunday, Nov. 14, 2004, at the VA Medical Center in Sheridan.

Viewing will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 17, at Champion Ferries Funeral Home. A private funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 18, in Mount Hope Cemetery in Big Horn.

## **Lenora Brown**

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**POPLAR** — Lenora Brown, 61, of Poplar, died Monday, Dec. 20, 2004, at her home.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 29, at the Pella Lutheran Church in Sidney. Interment will be in the Brown Cemetery in Poplar. Fulkerson Funeral Home of Sidney is in charge.

## Margaret E. Brown

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FEB 20 2004

Margaret E. Brown, 79, of Billings, died Wednesday, Feb. 18, 2004, at Aspen Meadows Retirement Community.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be at 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 22, at Aspen Meadows in the assisted living dining room. Cremation or Funeral Gallery is in charge.

**Marjory L. Brown**

WOLF POINT — Marjory L. Brown, 74, of Wolf Point, died Wednesday, May 26, 2004.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, June 1, at Clayton Stevenson Memorial Chapel in Wolf Point. Viewing will be before services on Tuesday.

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## **Martha Brown**

GILLETTE, Wyo. — Martha Lee Jean Brown, 78, of Gillette, died Wednesday, Nov. 3, 2004, at her home in Gillette.

Memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 6, at the Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home Chapel in Gillette.

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# Mary Ellen Brown

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**YAKIMA,**  
Wash. — Mary  
Ellen (Hackley)  
Brown was born  
on Dec. 13, 1941,  
to Leo and Helen  
Hackley, at  
Sioux Pass,  
Mont. She  
attended the  
Sioux Pass  
country school  
through grade



**MARY ELLEN  
BROWN**

school and later attend high school  
at Sidney, Mont., and Billings  
Business College. On Jan. 3, 1964,  
she was united in marriage to John  
"Bud" Brown.

After six months in Rochester,  
N.Y., they moved to Baker, Mont.,  
where Bud Brown served as pas-  
tor of the Assembly of God  
Church. In 1968, they made their  
move to Indonesia where they  
remained for the next 35-plus  
years, serving as missionary-evan-  
gelists. Mary Ellen had an excel-  
lent singing voice and also served  
for many years as pianist and  
organist.

Mary died Wednesday, Jan. 21,  
2004, in Yakima.

Mary was preceded in death by  
a sister, Charlotte Ann who died as  
a young girl, and by her father, Leo  
Hackley.

Mary is survived by her hus-  
band, John "Bud" Brown; one

daughter, Francine Marie  
Ingraham of Federal Way; a son,  
Jason Brown of Bellevue; two  
grandchildren, Michael and Patti  
Ingraham of Federal Way; her  
mother, Helen Hackley of Sidney;  
one brother, Bill Hackley of  
Sidney, and two sisters, Kathryn  
Watts and Rose Thiel of Sidney.

A memorial service is sched-  
uled at the Stone Church of  
Yakima on Saturday at 1:30 p.m.  
with Rev. John Oletzke presiding.  
A service of memory will be held  
in Sidney on Monday at 10 a.m.  
with Rev. Ron Masters officiating.  
The family extends their deepest  
thanks to the members and staff of  
the Yakima Memorial Hospice  
group; the wonderful love and  
care shown by the entire staff of  
the Good Samaritan Convalescent  
Center and from the Stone Church  
support group. Yakima viewing  
will begin on Thursday afternoon.  
Fulkerson Funeral Home will be in  
charge of the arrangements in  
Sidney.

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## **Monte Dean Brown**

**MILES CITY —** Monte Dean Brown, 42, of Miles City, died Saturday, March 20, 2004, at his home, of cancer.

The family will receive friends for visitation from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday, March 26, in the chapel of Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City. A Memorial Mass will be at 10 a.m. Monday, March 29, at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Miles City.

**Nina Lois Brown****MAY 03 2004**

**SACRAMENTO, Calif. —**  
Nina Lois Brown, 89, formerly of  
the Lewistown area, died Sunday,  
Feb. 15, 2004.

Graveside services will be 11  
a.m. Friday, May 7, in the  
Lewistown City Cemetery. The  
Cloyd Funeral Home of  
Lewistown is in charge of  
arrangements.



# Shelby S. Brown

THREE FORKS — Shelby S. Brown went home to be with our mother and their Lord on Sunday afternoon, Feb. 29, 2004, at Bozeman Deaconess Hospital, where he was surrounded by five generations of loved ones.

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He was born in Moundville, Mo., Oct. 1, 1919, to Mable and Auston Brown. His father was a Confederate Veteran of the Civil War, and Mable was the last surviving Civil War widow receiving a pension in Montana.

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He is survived by four daughters, Lavetta (Max) Belzer of Musselshell, Virginia (Ike Isaacson) Bridgewater of Safford, Ariz., Sheila (Gary) Nelson of Moore, Catherine (Richard) Owen of Three Forks; 12 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren! Two sisters, Bea McLaughlin of Bozeman, Nita Brusio of Greenfield, Wis.; two sisters-in-law, Zella Ridgway of Three Forks and Cora Headley of Fort Scott, Kan.; many nieces and nephews, including Tom, Jim and Jerry McLaughlin and families, David and Dean Ridgway and families, Bill and Don Ridgway and families, Murline Arnold, Walter "Popeye" Bates and families; and the "Kansas Kids."

Shelby was preceded in death by wife Rhoda; son Kevin; grandson Wade Becker; and granddaughter Amy Nelson; two broth-

ers, Gerald and Owen of Bozeman; and sister Ellen Freeland of Clancy; and many, many lifelong friends.

Shelby came to Montana in 1936 to work on road construction in Yellowstone Park, falling in love with the mountains and rivers. He returned to Missouri, married Rhoda, and they traveled back to Bozeman to begin their lives together, bringing other family members with them.

Shelby played semi-pro baseball as a young man. He drove a truck full of cows out of Kansas City, Mo., to Moundville for a friend who was too tired to drive when he was only 12! This was the beginning of his love for trucks! He was very musical and played the guitar at lots of dances. At those dances, he noticed a beautiful young woman named Rhoda Ellen Ridgway. She became his bride on April 3, 1937. To this union were born a big, loving family. Rhoda preceded him into heaven on July 16, 2000.

Shelby had a lifelong love of hunting and fishing, which he shared with all his family. He loved going to the ocean for many years to fish with his nephew Tom McLaughlin and their friends.

Shelby worked at the Pea Cannery, then for the City of Bozeman at the parks and the skating rinks and continues to be recognized by a generation of young people as the "skating rink guy!" He was an excellent carpenter and worked many years for Gallatin Lumber Company. He then moved on to Gallatin County Road Crew, plowing snow and repairing roads, where he made many more friends. Shelby retired in 1977, and, in 1998, he and Rhoda moved from their longtime home on Cottonwood Road to Three Forks. He recently moved to "Our Home" assisted living in Three Forks.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, March 4, at 11 a.m., in the Three Forks United Methodist Church, with Reverend Linda Fritz officiating. Interment will follow in the Sunset Gardens Cemetery in Belgrade. A time for fellowship will follow the interment in the United Methodist Annex in Three Forks. K & L Mortuary Chapel in Three Forks is handling arrangements.

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**Thomas Brown****MAY 28 2004**

**POLSON — Thomas Brown, 92, of Polson, died May 26, 2004, at St. Joseph Hospital.**

**Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, May 28, at the Grogan Funeral Home in Polson. Masonic Rites Services will be at 7 p.m. Saturday, May 29, at the Mission Valley Masonic Lodge, Polson. Interment will follow services at the Lakeview Cemetery.**

## THOMAS NELSON BROWN

On Saturday morning, July 17, 2004, Nelson and Alex Brown of Billings, beloved father and son, were brought home to rest with their Heavenly Father. Both succumbed to smoke inhalation as they slept, due to a tragic house fire.

Nelson was born Oct. 27, 1955, in Billings, to Thomas Paul and Virginia Sue Brown.

Nelson's love for his children was unlimited and all-encompassing. Family was always his top priority and his first love. The Brown house was a happy and loving home that was always open and welcoming to family and friends. Nelson especially delighted in "taco night," a Wednesday night family tradition. He would happily bend tacos over a hot stove for family and friends with a smile on his face, serving the youngest first and himself last.

Nelson had an incredible sense of humor, and his wit was ever-present whether in person, on the phone or online. He could overcome adversity with a smile and a chuckle, and laugh at his own mistakes. He also had an insatiable thirst for knowledge. He was continuously updating his technical skills and working to provide for



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his children. He had great family values and truly enjoyed family vacations. This was especially noticeable each summer when he packed the "Runner" and the kids for a hair-raising trip to Disneyland and his beloved Southern California.

Alex and Nelson both had a true zest for life. They both loved a good movie (or laughing about a lousy one) and just spending time together. Nelson was known to all for his passion — a passion for all he did. It didn't matter whether he was at church, golfing, hunting, skiing, building a server or sleuthing through a computer program to find the culprit virus — he did it all with intensity. His love for life and his family was instilling and infectious.

Nelson is survived by his daughter, Ashley Brown (Kyle Schneider, fiancé); his mother, Sue Brown-Johnson of California; grandmother, Sanna Howland of Billings; sisters, Tina (Tim) Senud of Pennsylvania, Susan (Winston) Philbrick of California, Diane (Pat) Longo of California; brothers, David (Nora) Brown of California, Paul Brown of Florida and Dane Brown of Colorado.

He was preceded in death by his father, Thomas Paul Brown.

Nelson leaves a significant legacy as father, son, sibling and friend. He will be greatly missed and we will always carry with us his love and memories. We will remember him, and in our minds eye, we see him and Alex skiing that "perfect snow" on the tallest mountain, playing their best round of golf, putting on the best greens; and Nelson, as always, continuing to crush his "woods."

A memorial service will be at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 21, at Faith Chapel. Dahl Funeral Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

## William D. Brown

SEATTLE — William D. Brown, born Sept. 1, 1915, in Columbus, Mont., passed away Dec. 30, 2003, in Seattle. He leaves his wife, Helen J. of 63 years; son, William R. Brown (Vicki), Billings; and six grandchildren.

He belonged to Queen Anne Masonic Lodge #242 for 48 years, PM of Dillon Lodge #16 of Dillon, and PP Mizpah Chapter #13 OES in Dillon. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Shriners Children's Hospital - Spokane.

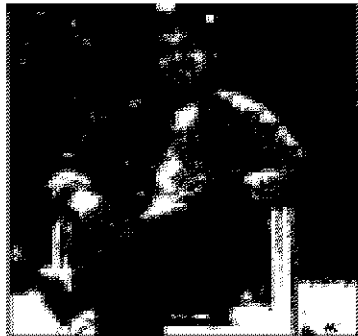
Memorial service to be held 2 p.m. Jan. 15 at the Masonic Retirement Center in Des Moines, Wash.

**William Glen Brown****JUN 04 2004**

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — William Glen Brown, 76, of Sheridan, died Wednesday, June 2, 2004, at the Sheridan VA Medical Center.

At his request, cremation has taken place and no services are planned. Champion Ferries Funeral Home of Sheridan is in charge.



**NOV 16 2004****JAY BROWNELL**

## **Jay Brownell**

**KENNEWICK, Wash.** — Jay Brownell, 50, of Billings, formerly of Kennewick, passed away suddenly on Nov. 10, 2004, in Billings.

Jay was born in Kennewick on Dec. 10, 1953, to Gordon and Dorothy Brownell. He is survived by his brother Frank (Ellie) Brownell of Kennewick; sisters, Carol (Mike) Vertner of New Castle, Wyo., and Patricia Rogers of Laconia, N.H.; several nieces and nephews, cousins and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother Kenneth Brownell.

Cremation has taken place and no local services are planned.

Memorials donations may be made in lieu of flowers to St. Vincent DePaul Charity Office, 2610 Montana Ave., Billings, MT 59101. Michelotti-Sawyers is in charge of arrangements.

## Roy J Browning

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Roy J Browning, 76, was born Sept. 11, 1928, in Dermott, Scurry County, Texas, the son of Johnny and Evelyn Elkins Browning. He served during the Korean War in the U.S. Army. After returning home, he lived his life as a cowboy until a horse accident June 26, 1979. Roy continued with the heart of a cowboy until his death.

He was a big supporter of horse racing, an avid team roper and had a special way with training young horses.

Survivors include his children, Roy Lynn Browning, Charlotte Ann Browning, Crystal "Punkin" Browning and Mitchell Jay Browning. Also surviving are sisters, Dorrene Acker and Daphene Campbell; brothers, Mark Browning and Bryce Browning; and numerous grandchildren and many friends. He was preceded in death by his parents; and the mothers of his children; as well as one grandson, T J Browning.

Graveside services will be held 1 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 4, at the Pryor Cemetery. Viewing will be 5 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 3, at Smith's Downtown Chapel.

# Ann Brubaker

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DEC 15 2004

Ann Brubaker, 65, of Billings, passed away on Saturday, Dec. 11, 2004, at the Mercy Regional Hospital in Manhattan, Kan., after a sudden illness.

Ann was born Oct. 27, 1939, in San Jose, Calif., the first child of Clovie and Irene Cook Whitehead. She spent her childhood years in Hart, Mo., and attended high school in Hugoton and Garden City, Kan., graduating in 1957. On June 1, 1957, in Garden City, she wed Ray Brubaker, who was the



**ANN  
BRUBAKER**

fortunate recipient of her love and companionship for over 47 years. Two sons, Matt and Craig, were born to this union. She encouraged and assisted Ray through college from 1957 to 1960. Following college, she joined Ray over a 34-year career with the Bureau of Land Management, a career that led them to Oregon, California, Nevada, Alaska, Washington, D.C., Montana and Wyoming, where they retired in 1994.

Following retirement, Ann and Ray moved back to Billings, where she became the mother figure for their grandson Brett, son of single father Matt.

Watching Brett grow and mature into the happy 16-year-old young man he has become was her crowning glory. Brett was truly the light of her life.

Ann's spiritual and religious life began in the Hart Baptist Church. She believed in God and the resurrection of Jesus and always followed his teaching of love your neighbor as you love yourself. In Billings, she was a member of Hope United Methodist Church, where she was chairman of the Memorial Fund, and president of the Susanna Circle of the United Methodist Women.

In addition to her husband, Ann is survived by two sons, Matt of Billings and Craig of Cheyenne, Wyo.; her beloved grandson, Brett of Billings; three sisters, Barbara Smith of Charlottesville, N.C., Sharon (Jim) McClafferty of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Rhonda (Lonnie) Brown of Seneca, Mo.; numerous nieces and nephews who considered her to be their favorite aunt.

She gave her unconditional love to all of her family. Ann will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

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Memorials in Ann's name may be made to the American Cancer Society or the building fund of Hope United Methodist Church in Billings.

Funeral services will be held 1 p.m. Friday, Dec. 17, at Hope United Methodist Church, 244 Wicks Lane, with interment to follow at Yellowstone Valley Memorial Park.

Arrangements by Smith's Downtown Chapel.

# Mary Brubaker

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TERRY — Mary Virginia Brubaker, 81, of Terry, died Monday, April 26, 2004, at the Prairie County Nursing Home, of lung cancer.

Visitation will be Friday, April 30, in the chapel of Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Terry. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, May 1, at the Community Presbyterian Church in Terry. Interment will follow in the family lot of the Prairie County Cemetery in Terry.

## **EDNA BRUCE**

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APR 18 2004

**BROADUS** — Edna Bruce, 97, formerly of Boyes, passed away April 16, 2004, at the Powder River Manor in Broadus.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, April 20, 2004, from 2 to 6 p.m. at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Broadus.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, April 21, 2004, at the Boyes Hall in Boyes. Interment will follow in the Boyes cemetery with a luncheon following at the Boyes Hall. Condolences may be made to the family by visiting [www.stevensonsonsandsons.com](http://www.stevensonsonsandsons.com).

## **LaVoris Bruce**

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — LaVoris Earleen (Roberts) Bruce, 79, of Sheridan, died Saturday, May 1, 2004, at Sheridan Manor.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, May 11, at Champion Ferries Funeral Home in Sheridan. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery in Big Horn.

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# Alta Belle Brulotte

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NOV 24 2004

NACHES, Wash. — Alta Belle Brulotte, age 71, of Naches, passed away on Nov. 16, 2004, peacefully at home. She was born Alta Belle Price on Oct. 27, 1933, in Billings.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Daniel and Bernice Price; and two brothers, Tom and Harold Price.

Alta raised six children with a steady hand and loving commitment. She was their cheerleader and confidante, and supported their myriad activities from high school sports to 4-H. She taught her children a strong work ethic early on as part of life on a hop ranch. After they were grown, she volunteered her time and worked at jobs outside the home.

She was a member of St. Peter Claver Catholic Church during the years her family was young and saw to it her children received a good religious education. She gave many years to the church's Religious Education program with other mothers.

Alta enjoyed travel. She visited her children around the country, kept in touch with family and friends in Montana and South Dakota, and loved her trips to Reno and Las Vegas with her friends Patty and John Phelps. Favorite pastimes included reading and taking long walks.

She is survived by four daughters, Janet Gonzalez, Traci (Mel) Harlow, Linda (Dale) Baumgarten, Connie (Eric) Little; and two sons, Daniel Brulotte and Tom (Deanna) Brulotte; and 11 grandchildren.

A memorial service was held Nov. 21, in Yakima.



## **Eileen Brus**

SEP 4 2004  
GAZETTE

**BUFFALO, Wyo. — Eileen Brus, 77, died Friday, Sept. 3, 2004, at her home.**

**Memorial services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the Adams Funeral Home in Buffalo. Another service will begin at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the First Presbyterian Church in Casper with burial in the Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Casper.**

## **Della Noggle Brush**

OCT 26 2004  
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**MILES CITY —** Della "Jane" Noggle Brush, 62, of Miles City, died Friday, Oct. 22, 2004, at the Deaconess Billings Clinic.

Visitation will be Tuesday, Oct. 26, at the Chapel of Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home, with the family receiving friends from 5 to 7 p.m. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 27, at the chapel of Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City. Interment will follow in the Custer County Cemetery in Miles City.

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**DICKINSON, N.D.** — Verna Bruski, 88, Dickinson, died Friday, Aug. 27, 2004, at St. Luke's Home, Dickinson. Mass of Christian Burial will be 11 a.m., Tuesday, Aug. 31, 2004, at St. Phillip's Catholic Church, St. Phillip's, Montana, with Fr. David Morman celebrating and Fr. Jim Braaten concelebrating. Interment will be in St. Phillip's Cemetery, St. Phillip's, Montana. Visitation will be Monday from 2 -3 p.m. at St. Luke's Home with a rosary and vigil service at 3 p.m. at St. Luke's Home, led by Deacon Ray Jilek. Visitation will continue on Monday at Price-Murphy Funeral Home from 4-9 p.m., with a rosary and vigil service at 7 p.m. led by Fr. Basil Atwell, OSB. Visitation will continue Tuesday at the church in St. Phillip's one hour prior to the service.



**VERNA  
BRUSKI**

Veronica Frances Watembach was born October 11, 1915, in Wibaux County, Montana to Leon and Josephine (Pellowski) Watembach. She lived on the family farm near St. Phillip's. Verna attended rural school to the 8th grade. She helped around the home and the homes of her

family. On Oct. 8, 1940, she married Magnus Francis Bruski at St. Phillip's Catholic Church, St. Phillip's. They farmed in Wibaux County until August of 1957, when they moved to Beach, N.D. She was a housewife until she moved to St. Luke's Home in October of 1986. Magnus died on Sept. 15, 1986.

Verna Bruski is survived by two daughters, Marilyn (Eugene) Morman, of Dickinson, and Laverne (Kirk) Krein, of Hebron, N.D.; two sisters-in-law, Florence Watembach, and Cecelia Watembach, both of Wibaux, Mont.; brother-in-law, John Dobrowski, Mesa, Ariz.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Magnus; son, Adrian; daughter, Sharon; four brothers, John, Frank, Harry and Joe Watembach; six sisters, Gertrude Ponke, Helen Begger, Frances Dobrowski, Victoria Zabrocki, Catherine Bruski and Josephine Zinda.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to: St. Luke's Home, Dickinson or St. Phillip's Catholic Church.

View the obituary, folder, and flowers and sign the guestbook online at [www.pricemurphy.com](http://www.pricemurphy.com).

**MAY 19 2004**

**Gerald Dean Bryant**

Gerald D. Bryant, 60, of Billings, died Tuesday, May 18, 2004, at the St. Vincent Healthcare, after a long illness.

Cremation has taken place. Private memorial and scattering of the cremated remains will be at a later date. Cremation or Funeral Gallery is in charge.

## **Evan Ty Bryson**

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APR 10 2004

LOVELL, Wyo. — Evan Ty Bryson, newborn infant son of Chris and Kirsten Smith Bryson, died Monday, April 5, 2004, at University of Colorado Hospital in Denver.

Graveside services will be held at 1 p.m. Monday, April 12, in the Cowley Cemetery, Cowley. Haskell Funeral Home of Lovell is in charge of arrangements.

# Eve Denise (Dereschuk) Bryson

**BOZEMAN** — Eve Denise (Dereschuk) Bryson, 49, passed away Saturday, Feb. 14, 2004, in Bozeman, from complications of a pulmonary embolism.

Eve was born March 23, 1954, in Wolf Point, to Mitch and Donna (Kauffman) Dereschuk. She grew up north of Wolf Point and attended Wolf Point schools, graduating in 1972. She attended the University of Montana for three years.

After living in Missoula and Casper, Wyo., she came to the Gallatin Valley in 1985. She worked at various cafes and restaurants in the area. For the past three years, she had been employed as a baker at the Fat Kat Bakery at MSU. Working with the public as she did, she acquired a vast wealth of near and dear friends. She never knew a stranger.

In addition to enjoying her friends and family, Eve was an avid gardener. She had the ability to grow plants and flowers just about anywhere. This is in evidence by the landscape showplace that she grew in the rocky soil at her home. She worked very hard at this and was very proud of her home.

Eve also enjoyed her animals, collecting antiques, art and traveling. The biggest thrill of Eve's life was her grandson, Colton

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Balke; between the two it seemed to be a question of who was the most mischievous.

She was preceded in death by her mother-in-law, Bette Bryson; father-in-law, Norman Bryson; brother-in-law, David Hereim; aunts, Betty Harbison and Mary Ann Conway; uncles, Nick Dereschuk, Del Avie and Jack Conway; and grandniece, Kaitlyn Bryson.

Eve is survived by her husband of 14 years, Jim Bryson; her mother, Donna Dereschuk;



**EVE  
BRYSON**

father, Mitch Dereschuk; Jim's children, whom she loved as her own, Cody (Rob) Balke and J.D. Bryson; grandson Colton Balke; sister, Nora Johnson and her children, Nicole (Steven) Henderson, and Nathan Johnson; Nicole's son, Thomas, and sister, Kyleen Dereschuk; and her special uncle, Gary Jeide. She is also survived by sisters-in-law, Pat Hereim, Linda Bryson, and Susan Case; broth-

ers-in-law, Chuck Bryson and Charlie Case; special aunt Naida Ivie and special uncle Jack Harbison, and numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins, as well as her many dear friends.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial services will be held at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 18, at Dokken-Nelson Sunset Chapel in Bozeman. A reception will follow at the Dokken-Nelson Belgrade Tribute Center, 94 W. Northern Pacific Ave., in Belgrade.

Memorials may be sent to the Mountain View Care Center, Bozeman Deaconess Hospice, Bozeman Deaconess Hospital Chapel Healing Garden, or to a charity of choice.

## **Robert G. Buchheit**

**THE BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**JUL 7 - 2004**

**FORT PECK —** Robert George Buchheit, 80, of Fort Peck, died Thursday, July 1, 2004, at Glasgow Hospital.

At his request, cremation has taken place and no formal services are planned. Bell Mortuary of Glasgow is in charge.



## **Kenneth H. Bucholz**

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**NOV 18 2004**

**WOLF POINT —** Kenneth H. Bucholz, 85, died Monday, Nov. 15, 2004, at Faith Lutheran Home in Wolf Point.

A memorial service will be at 1 p.m. Monday, Nov. 22, at Clayton Stevenson Memorial Chapel. His ashes will be placed in the Veteran's Circle in Greenwood Cemetery.

## **Brian E. Buckler**

**THE BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**JUL 14 2004**

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Brian E. Buckler, 33, of Sheridan, died Saturday, July 10, 2004, at his home.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, July 15, at Trinity Lutheran Church. Interment will be in Sheridan Municipal Cemetery. Champion Ferries Funeral Home of Sheridan is in charge.

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**POPLAR — Duane Lynn Buckles, 53, of Wolf Point, died Thursday, Aug. 12, 2004, in Billings.**

**A funeral mass will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 19 at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in Poplar. Inurnment will be in Poplar City Cemetery following the service. Clayton Stevenson Memorial Chapel is in charge.**

# Barbara Bucklin

# THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

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**OUTLOOK** — Everyone who knew Barbara Yvonne West Bucklin of Outlook, was inspired by her strong spirit and her courage. When she was diagnosed with plasma leukemia in November of 2002, she viewed her disease as one more thing she had to conquer. She underwent chemotherapy and a stem cell transplant in April which was considered as success. However, in December 2003, she was diagnosed as having cutaneous T-cell lymphoma. She gave everyone hope that she would win this battle, too. But God had other plans for her. She passed away at Sheridan Memorial Hospital in Plentywood on Friday, Jan. 16, 2004, five days after her 47th birthday.

Barbara was born to Dick and Jean Wilson West on Jan. 11, 1957. She attended Outlook Public Schools and graduated in 1975. She married John Frank Bucklin of Outlook on Sept. 27, 1975. She graduated from MSU Northern with an associate degree in nursing in May 2001 and worked as a registered nurse at Sheridan Memorial Hospital until she was diagnosed with cancer.

Barbara is survived by her husband, John; her four sons: John Tyler and his wife, Vanessa, of Conrad; Ben and Rachel and their son, Elijah Wells, of Spokane, Wash.; and Matthew Alan and

Andrew Eugene of Missoula; her mother, Jean West of Plentywood; her sisters, Kathy West Carry, Beverly (Wayne) Johnson, Sheila (Mike) Dinkelman, Maureen (Dave) Godec, Carolyn West, and her brother, Doug (Jackie) West; her brother-in-law, Ed (Dawn) Haskin and many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

Barbara was preceded in death by her father, Dick West; her sister, Peggy Haskin; her brother, John West; her paternal grandparents, Robert and Grace Fitzgerald West and her maternal grandparents, Roland and Gertrude Wilson.

A vigil will be held at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Plentywood at 7 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 18, 2004. Funeral services for Barbara will be held on Monday, Jan. 19, 2004 at 11 a.m. at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Plentywood. Father Bob Sewvello will be officiating. A luncheon will follow the service and interment will be on the Bucklin Family Ranch.

## Henry D. 'Hank' Buelow

BILLINGS GAZETTE

ST. CLOUD, Minn. — Henry D. Buelow, 72, of St. Cloud, formerly of Miles City, Mont., died Saturday, Nov. 27, 2004, at St. Benedict's Senior Community in St. Cloud.

Funeral services have been held.

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## **Mable Buer**

*THE BILLINGS GAZETTE*

DEC 29 2004

**SCOBEEY** — Mable Helen Buer died Monday, Dec. 27, 2004, at the Valley View Home in Glasgow.

A vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 30, at the Waller Funeral Home in Scobey. Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, Dec. 31, at St. Philips Catholic Church in Scobey. Burial will be in the Scobey Cemetery.

## **Lorene Buerkle**

PLEVNA — Lorene Buerkle, 79, of Plevna, died Sunday, Dec. 19, 2004, in the Wibaux County Nursing Home

Prayer service will be at 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 23, in the Chapel of Stevenson Funeral Home in Baker. Funeral Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, Dec. 24, at the First Baptist Church in Plevna. Burial will be in the Plevna Community Cemetery.

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# Virgil Ronald Buffalo

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## BILLINGS GAZETTE

### PRYOR

Iichililishshitaakinneesh (Rides the Wild Horse), Virgil Ronald Buffalo, 51, husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle and friend, left this world to be with the Great Spirit on Oct. 3, 2004.

Virgil was tragically killed in a one vehicle accident north of Pryor.

Funeral Mass will be held on Oct. 6, 10 a.m., at St. Charles Mission in Pryor, with burial at the Pryor cemetery.



**VIRGIL  
BUFFALO**

Virgil was born to Edward Buffalo, Sr. and Margaret Rides the Horse on Sept. 21, 1953, in Crow Agency. He was a member of the Ties The Bundle Clan and a Child of the Big Lodge Clan. Virgil was raised by his grandparents, James Jr. and Sarah Buffalo.

Virgil attended school in St. Xavier and Edgar High School. He received his GED in Colorado. He attended Southwestern Poly Technical Institute in Albuquerque, N.M., where he met his wife, Iris (Denny) Buffalo. After returning from SIPI, Virgil and Iris made their home in Rocky Boy, and he attended Stone Child College, receiving his

Associate of Science degree in Administration. Virgil was employed by the college before returning to Pryor. Virgil was then employed by the Crow Tribal Housing Authority, and most recently with the BIA Forestry.

He actively participated in the Crow traditional ceremonies, Native American Church, Sundance and Sweat Lodge. He was well known for his beautiful peyote stitch beadwork and coup sticks. He was also known for his horsemanship. Virgil was an avid hunter, spending many days in the Pryor Mountains, which he loved and called "God's Country." He was generous with his humor and laughter, always putting a smile on those who were sad.

He is survived by both parents, Edward Buffalo, Sr. of Pryor, and Margaret Rides the Horse; stepfather, Maynard Wolf Black of Lame Deer; great-grandmother, Elizabeth Smart Enemy of Pryor; his wife of many years, Iris (Denny) Buffalo of the family home; sons, Joseph and Dani Lee Sr. Buffalo of Billings, Virgil "Slim" Buffalo of Denver. Also surviving are his grandchildren whom he raised from infancy, Sharetha Rae and Laura Leah Buffalo of the family home;

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grandsons, Dani Jr. and Xavier Buffalo of the family home, Dominic Buffalo of Rocky Boy; granddaughters, Dana Rose and Aleshia Buffalo of the family home, Brandi Lynn, Erin Nikole and Samantha Buffalo of Rocky Boy; adopted mother, Leona Rides the Horse of Pryor. Virgil is also survived by brothers, Curtis (Lottie) Medicine Horse of Lodge Grass, Joseph Buffalo Sr. of Billings; sisters, Ethel (Chester) Bird Hat of Pryor, Theresa (Kenneth) Haun of Pryor, Thelma Doney of Lewiston, Theda (John Whiteman) Medicine Horse of Lane Deer and Faye Medicine Horse of Billings; adopted brothers, Alfred Walks of Billings, Garland (Berylene) Not Afraid, Fred (Elinor) Smart Enemy of Pryor, Leroy Not Afraid of Lodge Grass, Ceivert (Jennifer) Laforge of Billings, Jonathan (Lana) Stands of Pryor; adopted sisters, Mary Crooked Arm of Crow Agency, Barbara (Not Afraid) Bacon of Rocky Boy, Theda Smart Enemy of Billings, Clara Big Lake of Pryor. Extended family includes the Smart Enemy, Medicine Horse, Buffalo, Old Horn, Rides the Horse, Plain Bull, Not Afraid, Stands, Buck, Yellowtail, Spotted Horse and Denny Whiteman family and the Pryor Forestry, Haun and Monroy families, and extended family and friends too numerous to mention.

Virgil was preceded in death by his brothers, Edward Buffalo,

Jr., Mike Laforge, Sr.; and sister Mercilene Medicine Horse.

Virgil, we will miss you dearly. You have a journey ahead of you, don't wait for me, those of who have gone before you are waiting at The Other Side Camp.

# Robert Landis Buffington, Jr.

BILLINGS GAZETTE  
MAY 11 2004

HOLLYWOOD, Fla. — Robert Buffington, born June 20, 1926, in Crosby, Wyo., and died Dec. 7, 2003, in Hollywood, after a long illness. He was the son of Robert and Vane Buffington of Bridger, Mont., who both preceded him in death.

Roger attended Bridger High School, then joined the army. He served with the 41st Inf. Division and was stationed in the Philippines and occupied Japan during World War II. After being released from the Army, he worked in the oil fields in South Dakota and Wyoming, and retired from the City Parks Division in Mirmar in 1987. He loved playing the lottery daily and coached a woman's semi-pro baseball team and was a Little League coach for nearly 50 years.

Robert married Virginia Kehlstrom, Jan. 11, 1957, in Hollywood, where they made their home for 46 years. Together, they had five children: Vincent of St. George, Ga., Tommy of Hollywood, Maryann Duchene of Chesapeake, Va., Robert II of Hollywood and Geraldine of Hollywood, who has preceded him in death.

He is survived by his wife, Virginia; four children and a grandson, Tim; two sisters,

Wilma Aye of Springfield, Mo., and Ella Morrison of Upland, Calif.; and several nieces and nephews.

He has been preceded in death not only by his parents Robert and Vane Buffington, and daughter Geraldine, but by three brothers, Gerald, killed in World War II in North Africa, Garland of Powell, Wyo., and James of Worland, Wyo.; two sisters, Marion and Carol of Bridger, and a granddaughter, Shaina, of St. George.

Cremation was handled at Boyd's Funeral Home of Pembroke Pines. Graveside services will be at the Bridger Cemetery in the Veterans section on May 13, at 10:30 a.m., with full military honors by VFW Post 1543. Donations may be made to the VFW Post 1543.

# Rose Mary Hotomani Bull Chief

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WOLF POINT — Rose Mary Hotomani Bull Chief, 57, of Wolf Point, died Tuesday, Feb. 10, 2004.

There were services and wake on Wednesday, Feb. 11, on Carry The Kettle Reserve for her extended family and friends that reside there. A wake was held Friday, Feb. 13, at the Oswego Community Hall. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 14, at the Oswego Community Hall. Interment will be at the Oswego Presbyterian Cemetery. Clayton Stevenson Memorial Chapel is in charge.

**Lena May Bullock****JUN 23 2004**

GLASGOW — Lena May Bullock, 57, died Thursday, June 17, 2004, in Klamath Falls, Ore. from complications of pneumonia.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday, June 24, at Fort Peck Community Church in Fort Peck. Burial will be in Fort Peck Cemetery. Bell Mortuary of Glasgow is in charge.

# **Hilda Bumbaca**

*THE BILLINGS GAZETTE*

DEC 23 2004

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Hilda Bumbaca, 81, of Sheridan, died Monday, Dec. 20, 2004, at St. Vincent Healthcare in Billings.

A viewing will be from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 26, at Kane Funeral Home in Sheridan. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 27, at Kane Funeral Home. Interment will follow in the Sheridan Elks Cemetery.

## James Dwight Bunch

POWELL, Wyo. — James Dwight Bunch, 79, died Nov. 13, 2004, at his home.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Wednesday at Miratsky-Easton Funeral Home. Visitation will be held at the funeral home chapel one hour prior to services. A viewing will be from 1 to 5 p.m. Tuesday. Burial will be in the Crown Hill Cemetery.

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## James Dwight 'Bud' Bunch

POWELL, Wyo. — James Dwight "Bud" Bunch passed away Nov. 13, 2004, at his home, surrounded by his children. He was 79.

Bud was born in Duncan, Okla., on July 25, 1925, the son of Luther and Mary (Hauber) Bunch. He was raised in Duncan and graduated from Duncan High School in 1943.



**BUD  
BUNCH**

He had one brother, Billy.

Immediately after graduation, in June 1943, Bud joined the Navy and was stationed on the USS Hopewell DD681 Destroyer. He served in WWII in the South

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Pacific. He was discharged with honors in 1946.

He then married Marie Hefflin in August 1950 in Reno, Nev. They then moved to Powell to make their home. Bud and Marie were blessed with two sons, James "Jimmy" and William "Bill," and daughter, Shelby Jean.

On Aug. 30, 1970, he married Cheryl Burch in Las Vegas. They also made their home in Powell, with a daughter, Sherina.

He worked at the Amoco Elk Basin Plant for 30 years and retired in 1980. He was also a member of the American Legion, VFW, Elks and Disabled American Veterans. His name is part of the World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C.

He enjoyed his time on the North Fork in his motor home every summer with his little dog, Missy. He met many of his best friends camping in the mountains. He loved to hunt, fish and spend his time outdoors, camping and gardening. He built a special room in his home to display his trophies and photos.

He is survived by his three children, Bill (Debbie) Bunch of

Jackson, Jim Bunch of Jackson and Sherina (Shawn) Eissler of Billings. He has five grandchildren: Brandi (Matthew) Dombrovski, Tyson (Sarah) Bunch, Levi and Casey Coffey and Garrett Eissler. He also has four beautiful great-granddaughters: Kaitlyn, Grace, Abigail and Sophia.

He was preceded in death by both his parents; his brother, Billy; spouses, Marie and Cheryl; and daughter Shelby Jean.

Funeral services will be conducted on Wednesday, Nov. 17, at 11 a.m., at the Miratsky-Easton Funeral Home. Burial will follow at the Crown Hill Cemetery. Viewing will be from 1 to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 16, and one hour prior to services.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Powell Valley Hospice, 777 Ave. H, Powell, WY 92435.

We will miss and love you, Dad, Grandpa and Great-Grandpa.

## **Stanford Dewitt Buntin**

THE POWELL  
TRIBUNE

MAY 06 2004

Word has been received of the March 26 death in Schell City, Mo., of former Powell resident Stanford Dewitt Buntin, 74.

He was the oldest son of Jerome and Enolia A. (Reinbold) Buntin, born Jan. 21, 1930, in Palestine, Ill.

Early in his life, he moved with his family to the Schell City area and attended Flat Rock School. Later the family relocated to Powell where he graduated from high school in 1948.

He worked in the family's business, Buntin's Recreation Parlor, on Powell's Bent Street. In 1999, he sold the business and moved back to Schell City to enjoy retirement. He served as secretary of Community Betterment there.

Graveside services were held March 29 at the Green Lawn Cemetery, Schell City.



## Louise H. Buntjer

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Louise H. Buntjer, 89, of Sheridan, died Tuesday, March 2, 2004, at Memorial Hospital of Sheridan County.

Viewing will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, March 5, at Champion Ferries Funeral Home. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 6, at Immanuel Lutheran Church. Interment will be in Sheridan Municipal Cemetery.

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MAR 5 2004

## Katherine Burch

KALISPELL — Katherine Genevieve Brevig Burch, 83, of Kalispell, formerly of Lewistown, died Saturday, March 6, 2004, at Heritage Place in Kalispell.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, March 11, at Central Montana Memorial Gardens. Cloyd Funeral Home of Lewistown is in charge.

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# Oren C. Burd

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DEC 18 2004

**HARDIN** — Oren C. Burd, 86, of Hardin, passed away Friday, Dec. 17, 2004, in the big Horn County Memorial Nursing Home.

He was born Aug. 1, 1918, in El Dorado, Kan., a son of Ernest A. and Ruth Walker Burd. He began his education in Ulysses, Kan., and completed his schooling in Campo, Colo. Following his education, he worked in the trucking business.

Oren enlisted in the U.S. Army, served in the Quartermaster Corps during WWII in the Pacific Theater and later served as a guard of German POWs at the Big Horn County Fairgrounds in Hardin, before receiving his honorable discharge.



**OREN  
BURD**

He married Martha Frickle on Nov. 4, 1945, in Hardin and the couple has made their home in Hardin. While living in Hardin, Oren worked at the Holly Sugar Factory, Kray's Dairy, Fox Service Center, Ludrick's and from 1961 until his retirement in 1983, he was a salesman for the Federated Clothing Store in Hardin.

Oren was a life member and past commander of the Hardin VFW Post, Past Esquire and Chaplin of the Hardin Elks Lodge;

a member of the Big Horn County Historical Society, Big Horn County Senior citizens and the Big Horn County Red Cross representative for many years.

His parents, a sister and three brothers preceded Oren in death.

Survivors include his wife, Martha of Hardin; a brother, Rev. Adrian Burd of Idaho; two sisters, Edna and her husband Rev. Bob Foster of Wisconsin and Wanda and her husband, Stanley McNair of North Carolina; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 21, in the Bullis Funeral Chapel. Interment with military honors will follow in the Hardin Fairview Cemetery. Bullis Mortuary of Hardin has been entrusted with the arrangements.

# Raymond E. Burd

SHERIDAN, Wyo. —

Raymond E. Burd, 98, died March 16, 2004, at Sheridan Hospital.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 27, at Champion Ferries Funeral Home in Sheridan. Interment of remains will be in the Masonic No. 8 section of Sheridan Municipal Cemetery.

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# Charles H. Burdett

GAZETTE

DEC 21 2004

**MILES CITY** — Charles H. Burdett, known as Charlie or Chuck to his friends and family, left his wheelchair behind on Friday, Dec. 17, 2004, and walked tall and proud into the arms of Christ to have a joyous reunion with his parents and loved ones who had gone on before.

Charlie was born March 23, 1932, in Burns, Ore., to Horace and Ruth Burdett. His early childhood was spent in



**CHARLES  
BURDETT**

Catlow Valley near Burns. He attended school there and graduated from Burns High School, where he played varsity basketball. His father raised cattle, and Charlie loved helping him and riding his horse through the hills and sagebrush. He attended Eastern Oregon University in La Grande for one year before going to work for Boeing in Seattle. Later, he attended Washington State University in Pullman, graduating in 1961 and beginning his career with the Federal Land Bank as a land appraiser. His first full assignment was in Lewistown in 1962, where he met and married Shirley Apple in June 1964. He worked in the Lewistown office until 1970, then transferred

to Miles City, where he later served as Branch Manager until his medical retirement in 1987. His honesty, dependability, absolute integrity and uncanny ability to judge character made him very popular among the ranchers and others in the community.

Charlie loved sports and was a great supporter of the Custer County Cowboys in Miles City. He could usually be seen on the sidelines at the football games and court-side at the basketball games. He loved to play bridge with the local bridge club, and was a member of Lion's Club and Toastmasters.

His wife Shirley preceded him in death in August 1999, shortly after their move to Billings. In 2001 he met Jean Hoiland, moved to Mesquite, Nev., where they were married in January 2002. Charlie was a member of Mesquite United Methodist, where he made many new friends and served on the Church Council.

Charlie never met a stranger; he genuinely enjoyed visiting with everyone and had an incredible memory for names and family connections. He had a great sense of humor and always had a

funny story to tell. He loved to travel and added to his expansive memory by stopping to read every historical marker along the way, usually to the dismay of his passengers! To him, his physical disability was not a handicap, and those who met him quickly understood why. His positive outlook on life and cheerful demeanor made him an inspiration to all.

His survivors include his wife Jean; his daughter, Debra Charles of Harlowton; his son, Tim (Carmen) Burdett of Worden; four grandchildren, Larry Charles, Brandon Sheets, Beau Burdett and Danielle Burdett; three stepchildren and six step-grandchildren; a sister, Lora (Kjell) Holmes, San Diego; nephew Eric Holmes; and niece Julie (Charlie) Capps; three great-nephews; and a special cousin, Sammy Smith, Grand Junction, Colo.

Visitation will be held Tuesday, Dec. 21, from 5 to 8 p.m. at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City. Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 22, at 11 a.m., at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City. Interment will follow in the Custer County Cemetery. A memorial service is also being planned in Mesquite, to be held at a later date. Memorials may be

made to Mesquite United Methodist, in care of Jean Burdett, 1254 Augusta Hills Street, Mesquite, NV 89027 or to a favorite charity.

**Dorothy Jean Waldron Burgener**  
**(1935 — 2004)**

Our loving mother, grandmother and friend went into the arms of her angels on Tuesday, May 11, 2004. She was born in Portland, Ore., on July 25, 1935, to Earl and Helen Waldron.

She grew up in the Portland area and graduated from Park Rose High School in 1953. Following graduation from high school, she met a handsome young sailor. On Dec. 12, 1953, she married Alfred Clarence Burgener of Powell, Wyo., in Portland. She made her first home and had her first child in Astoria, Ore. In 1955, the young couple moved to Billings, where they raised seven children. Her life was dedicated to her husband and family. All activities revolved around providing the best for them and encouraging them to be their best. She was very proud of her children's accomplishments.



**DOROTHY BURGNER**

Dorothy worked various jobs during her lifetime. She proudly worked in a clerical position during her high school years. After moving to Astoria, she continued to work until her first child was born. After moving to Billings, she

remained a stay-at-home mom, but always found ways to contribute to the family income. When her younger children were all in school, she began working again, first for Sears, Roebuck, and Co. and then for the Billings Gazette Circulation Department. She officially retired in 1981.

For many years, Dorothy enjoyed her home, her yard full of beautiful flowers, and her enormous vegetable garden. Her gardening skills were passed along to her daughters. She was also an avid bowler — a hobby some of her daughters now enjoy. Time with her family was the most important, so family fishing and camping trips were the norm. In recent years, she enjoyed traveling to visit her daughters and grandchildren in Colorado and Washington. She was very pleased that her oldest granddaughter is going to college in the neighborhood where she grew up. Other favorite pastimes include reading, letter-writing, and working crossword and jigsaw puzzles.

For several years, Al and Dorothy also spent time raising puppies (first Chihuahuas and then Boston Terriers). Dorothy loved her dogs. In her final days,

her dog, Toby, was her loyal protector and companion.

After moving to Billings, Dorothy and Al became members of St. Patrick's Church. Her daughters remember years of dressing up to attend morning Mass on Sundays with their parents. In recent years, Dorothy was a member of St. Bernard's Parish and attended Sunday Mass whenever her health permitted.

Dorothy is preceded in death by her husband, Al Burgener; her only beloved son, Kirk James Burgener; her parents, Earl Waldron and Helen Waldron Luck; her sister, Anna Mae Hohman; and her two brothers, Edward Waldron and Leon Waldron.

She is survived by her six daughters and their families, Paula M. (Fred) Batson and their children, Lisa and Jessica of Lakewood, Colo.; Susan K. Hiller and her son Tyler Hirschi of Billings; Sandra J. (Rick) Simon and their children Matthew, Kelly, Amanda and William of Lynnwood, Wash.; Lori A. Burgener and her son Austin Tuss of Billings; Gail L. (Scott) Turner and their children Michael, Maclean and Payton of Billings; and Mary J. (John) Hunt and their children Jared, Hillary and Karis of Billings.

Special thanks from Dorothy's daughters to all the healthcare workers who helped care for our mother during the past year.

Vigil services will be held at 7 p.m. Friday, May 14, at St. Bernard's Parish. Funeral Mass will be at 9 a.m. on Saturday, May 15, at St. Bernard's Parish, with Rite of Committal at Mountview Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to St. Bernard's Parish, 226 Wicks Lane, Billings, MT, 59105 or Big Sky Hospice, PO Box 35033, Billings, MT, 59017-5033, or Northern Rockies Cancer Center, 1041 N. 29th St., Billings, MT, 59101.

Michelotti-Sawyers is in charge of arrangements.



# Mary Ellen Burgener

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

POWELL, Wyo. — Mary Ellen Burgener, 89, died Sunday, Dec. 19, 2004, at the Powell Valley Care Center.

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Memorial services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, Dec. 31, at Miratsky Funeral Home Chapel in Powell. Burial will be in the Crown Hill Cemetery.

## Mary Ellen Burgener

Mary Ellen Coorough Burgener, 89, died Dec. 19, 2004.

She was born April 2, 1915, in Powell to Boston Ora and Blanche Logan Wright. She attended Powell schools and spent most of her life here.

On Feb. 7, 1934, she married Delbert Coorough in Billings. Dell died April 20, 1966.

She married Ferdinand Burgener on May 25, 1969, in Powell. Ferd died Aug. 19, 1969.

Mary Ellen was a wonderful cook, and she spent most of her working life in that area. She was employed as department head of Powell Hospital's food service for many years and later at the Greybull-Basin hospital.

Family was always important in her life. She positively influenced many lives.

Throughout her life, she enjoyed knitting, crocheting, fishing, playing cards, music and dancing. She spent many enjoyable hours at the Senior Center.

Survivors include children Bob (Bonnie) Coorough and Blanche (Jim) Stebner; grandchildren Ned Coorough, Victor, Mont.; Cindy (Cliff) Collings, Cheyenne; Daleen (Barclay) Berry, Camano Island, Wash.; Curt (Connie) Stebner, Lance Dey Lynn) Stebner and Todd (Michelle) Stebner, Greybull; great-grandchildren Talston, Kathleen, Saxton and Tyler Coorough, David and Tucker Collins, Declan Berry, Cory, Chancey, Mason, Aegan and Landen Stebner; brothers

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Wayne (Clem) Wright, Tucson, Ariz., Raymond (Dorathy) Wright, Huntington Beach, Calif.; and special friend Duard Farmer of Powell.

She was preceded in death by husband Dell Coorough and husband Ferd Burgener; parents Ora and Blanche Wright; brother Wilbur Wright; and a sister, Virginia Schock Nelson.

Her loved ones will always love and remember her for her independent and "Let's get it done" attitude.

Memorial services are scheduled for Dec. 31 at 10 a.m. at Miratsky Funeral Home in Powell. Interment will follow at 11 a.m. at the Crown Hill Cemetery.

## ROBERT E. BURGESS

THE NEWELL

TRIBUNE

JUL 13 2004

Memorial services for Robert E. Burgess, 77, of Estes Park, Colo., were held Thursday, July 8 at Estes Valley Memorial Gardens. He died Saturday, July 3 at the Estes Park Medical Center after a three-year battle with cancer.

He was born Nov. 12, 1926, in Dallas, Texas. His parents were William Ewell and Thelma (Porter) Burgess. His father died of pneumonia March 25, 1931 when Bob was 5 years old. His mother moved to Colorado to be closer to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Curran Porter, who lived in Estes Park. She opened The Old Plantation restaurant in December 1931 and married C. Warren Chapman in December 1932.

Bob began working at the restaurant at an early age pitting cherries for the homemade cherry pies. He worked as a bus boy and later as a host. In 1962, he assumed the position of chef. Bob and his brother, Bill, were co-owners of the restaurant for 22 years. Bob and his wife Janet owned the restaurant from 1979 until their retirement in October 1992.

Mr. Burgess attended grade school in Greeley through the fourth grade. From fifth grade through high school he attended Estes Park schools. In May 1945, his mother received his high school diploma as Bob had entered the U.S. Navy in November, 1944 as soon as he was 18. The school board considered his boot training to be equivalent to his senior year of high school. He served proudly aboard the U.S.S. Galinin Bay, a small carrier, as a radar man until the ship was decommissioned at the end of World War II.

He used the G.I. Bill to further his education. He graduated from Denver University in 1950 with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration majoring in Hotel/Restaurant Management. He was in the first graduating

class of the H/R Management School at DU. Besides working summers at his parent's restaurant in Estes Park, he worked winters at country clubs in Phoenix, was manager of the coffee shop at the Cosmopolitan Hotel in Denver, which no longer exists, and was manager of the Greeley County Club.

On July 26, 1956 he married Janet Rae Boye of Powell, in his mother's home. Two daughters were born to this union: Elizabeth Diane and Nancy Jayne.

Mr. Burgess was a workaholic. For many years he closed the door of the Plantation at the end of the season one day and started working for the Graves Gas Company the next day. He was appreciative that Clarence "Pop" Graves gave him a job every winter.

Bob loved Estes Park and never wanted to live anywhere else. He served as treasurer for the chamber of commerce. He was a deputy sheriff for Larimer County, a volunteer job. He was elected to the Town Council three times and served 10 years as a trustee from 1972 to 1982. He was appointed to serve on the Draft Board (Selective Service System) Local Board No. 4, Colorado and fulfilled this duty for numerous years. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge for almost 50 years. He was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star serving as Worthy Patron from 1968-1969. He was a Grand Escort for his wife while she was Grand Chaplain for the Grand Chapter of Colorado, OES, 1969-1970.

He loved to read — many subjects — and acquired a sizable library, including a large number of books on World War II. He had a life membership in the National Rifle Association of America. He belonged to the Classic Car Club of America for many years.

After retirement, traveling became a new

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obby, with visits to England, Ireland, Scot-  
and, Wales, Australia, New Zealand, Bang-  
tok, Hong Kong, Singapore, Egypt, Mexico,  
Canada, Alaska and Hawaii.

Bob enjoyed attending his U.S.S. Kalinin  
Bay reunions. He attended nine reunions start-  
ing in 1991 in San Antonio and to the most  
recent one in Las Vegas in May 2004.

Mr. Burgess was preceded in death by his  
parents and his stepfather.

He is survived by his wife Janet of Estes  
Park, his daughters, Elizabeth Eggert (Bill)  
of Centennial, Colo., and Nancy Burgess of  
West Hollywood, Calif.; three grandchildren,  
Robert Burgess Normali (14) of West Hol-  
lywood, Calif., Endsley Kells Eggert (12) and  
Andrew Chapman Eggert (10) of Centennial,  
Colo. Also surviving is his brother, William E.  
Burgess (Harriet) of Estes Park; sister-in-law  
Dolores Bleekman (George) of Granite Bay,  
Calif., three nieces and three nephews: Deborah  
Burgess Richardson of Estes Park, Virginia L.  
Burgess of Casa Grande, Ariz., Kirstin Bleek-  
man Wallingford of Roseville, Calif., William  
Burgess, III (Renee) of Durango, Colo., Dell  
Bleekman (Susan) of New York, New York.;  
and nine great nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to  
Cancer, Diabetes or Arthritis Foundations in  
care of Allnutt Funeral Service, 1302 Graves  
Avenue, Estes Park, Colo. 80517.

# Shawn Jason Burghduff

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CAMP CROOK, S.D. —

Funeral services for Shawn Jason Burghduff, 28, of Camp Crook S.D., are 11 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 3, at the Harding County High School Gymnasium in Buffalo, S.D., with Pastor Art Weitschat officiating. Interment will follow in the Fairview Cemetery at Camp Crook.



**SHAWN  
BURGHDIFF**

Visitation is Monday from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Grand River Lutheran Church in Buffalo with a Prayer Service at 7 p.m.

Shawn passed away Saturday, July 31, 2004, at his home on the ranch.

He was born on New Year's Day 1976 in Spearfish, S.D., the son of Gerald and Rebecca (Tetrault) Burghduff. He attended school in Camp Crook and graduated from Harding County High School in 1994. Shawn was proud to have played on a state championship football team in 1993 and runner-up in 1992. Shawn attended Dickinson State University in Dickinson, N.D., on a football scholarship. He was grateful and proud to have been chosen to play in the Down Under Bowl in Australia.

On Aug. 10, 1996, Shawn married his high school sweetheart,

Alicia Elma Clarkson at Buffalo, S.D. They lived on the ranch in Camp Crook all of their married life. On May 12, 2002, their son, Dane Merton Burghduff, was born. Shawn said that was the best day of his life.

Shawn lived life to the fullest. He enjoyed living on the ranch and working with his family north of Camp Crook. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, riding his dirt bike, water sports, playing cards, especially when he could beat Alicia at cribbage. He worked so hard at everything he did. Whether it was ranching, dirt work, mechanizing, welding or completing their house, Shawn took much pride in all of it.

Shawn was an active member and director of the Harding County Stockgrowers and the Camp Crook Roping Club as he was just getting started roping. He was a member of the Grand River Lutheran Church and the Camp Crook Volunteer Fire Department. He was very proud of the local veterans and very thankful for their service to our

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# Lester V. Burke

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

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LAUREL — Lester V. Burke, 82, of Laurel, passed away at his home on Sunday, July 11, 2004.

Lester was born Nov. 1, 1921, in Bercail, Mont., the son of Carl and Thelma Burke. He married Marji Kucera in 1948 and remained with her until she died in 1987. He graduated from Laurel High School and joined the Navy, where he served for six years during WWII. He then became the assistant postmaster at the post office in Laurel until his retirement.

He was preceded in death by his wife Marji, son Clifford and brother Ed. He is survived by a daughter, Cynthia Capps of Belton, Texas; son Gary and wife Susan and children Lindsay and Alexandra of Watertown, Minn.; grandchildren Lisa and Kevin Burke; sister Norma Whitson and daughter-in-law Barb Burke.

Funeral services will be held 10 a.m. Thursday, July 15, at St. Anthony Catholic Church, with interment to follow in St. Anthony Cemetery. Smith Funeral Chapel-Laurel is in charge of arrangements.

# Irene Burkhardt

JUL 31 2004

Irene A. Burkhardt, 67, of Billings, passed away Sunday, July 25, 2004, at St. Vincent Healthcare in Billings after a long illness.

Irene was born in Billings and had lived in Red Lodge, Billings and Forest Grove, Ore. Irene worked for many years at the courthouse in Billings and in Hillsboro, Ore., at the police station as a secretary in both positions.

Irene enjoyed swimming, dancing, music, playing cards, writing, traveling and bargain hunting. She loved being with her family and friends. Irene was a faithful believer in the Lord.

In 1955, she married Chris Burkhardt in Billings.

Survivors include two sons, David (wife Lena) Burkhardt of Forest Grove and Chris A. Burkhardt of Hillsboro; a daughter, Debra Abel of Aloha, Ore.; two sisters, Carmen (husband Keith) Riddle of Laurel and Jean Keele of Billings, and four grandchildren.

Irene has been preceded in death by her parents, two brothers and a son, Kevin, who died in 1989.

A private memorial will be held in Oregon after a private inurnment at the Red Lodge Cemetery. Remembrances may be made to the Diabetic Education Fund at St. Vincent Healthcare in Billings.

# Jack Lee Burkland

— THE GREAT FALLS GAZETTE

MAR 17 2004

GREAT FALLS — Jack Lee Burkland, 64, of 821 47th St. S., Great Falls, a retired construction worker, died of heart failure Feb. 25, 2004, in Goodyear, Ariz.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service is 1 p.m. Sunday, March 21, at the Moose Lodge in Black Eagle, followed by a potluck dinner celebration in honor of his life.

Jack was born Nov. 28, 1939, to Carl and Phyllis Burkland. The Burkland family also included Jack's brother, Gene, of Great Falls, and a sister, Bonnie, of Missoula.

Jack graduated from Great Falls High School in 1957. Being talented with his hands, he worked for Burkland Builders, Boeing, Hilde Construction and the Montana Power Company, which he retired from in 1988 because of a heart condition.

In 1960, Jack married DeEtte Simon and together they had two children, Tammy and Rich, both of whom live in Washington state. Jack and DeEtte later divorced. In 1972, he married Janet Nahrgang Hunt and at this time he proudly took on three more children: Ron of Reno, Chuck of Helena and Lynn of Great Falls.

With their five children, they lived in many different places and under many different circumstances while Jack worked construction. Jack's five chil-

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dren honored him with eight beautiful grandchildren, which was something he cherished very much.

Jack's hobbies included cars

and more cars. Jack loved racing in his younger years and the last few years NASCAR filled in for the car bug. Jack and Janet watched the races every weekend on

### JACK BURKLAND

television and attended as many as they could. Recently, Jack's brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Pat and Kathie Diechler of Lexington, S.C., had given Jack and Janet a vacation as a gift. This trip was to Charlotte, N.C., Motor Speedway and NASCAR country. This was a big thrill for Jack and Janet.

Jack and Janet spent the last six years traveling between Arizona and Montana where they met and made many good friends.

Jack was a good son, brother, husband, father, grandpa, uncle and friend. In all of these roles during his lifetime, he did his job well. We will remember his incredible patience and great words of wisdom he had for us all.



# **Gail Ward Burleigh**

*THE BILLINGS GAZETTE*

**FEB 14 2004**

LEWISTOWN — Gail Ward Burleigh, 93, died Friday, Feb. 13, 2004, at the Central Montana Skilled Nursing Center.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 17, at the First Presbyterian Church. Burial will be in the Lewistown City Cemetery. Creel Funeral Home of Lewistown is in charge.

# Emily Burleson

THE SUNDAY GAZETTE

BUFFALO, Wyo. — Emily Burleson, 84, of Buffalo, died Friday, Nov. 26, 2004, at her home.

Graveside funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 2, in Willow Grove Cemetery. Visitation will be from 1 to 10 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 1, and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, at Adams Funeral Home Chapel in Buffalo.

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## **Bernice Burley**

*THE BILLINGS GAZETTE*

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Bernice Burley, 93, of Billings, passed away early Thursday, Dec. 6, 2004, following a sudden stroke.

Bernice was born on Sept. 7, 1911, in Summer, Ill., a daughter of George and Carrie (Taylor) Piper. She was raised and educated in Summer and moved to Billings in 1953.

In 1958, Bernice moved to Everett, Wash., where she met, and later married, Kenneth Burley. Together, they owned and operated a neighborhood business. Following Kenneth's death, Bernice returned to Billings in 1993.

She is survived by three sons, Jim Shannon and wife Edelle, and Jack Shannon and wife Donna, of Billings, and Jerry Shannon and wife Judy of La Jolla, California; five grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; and a sister, Alberta Hart of Olney, Ill. Bernice was preceded in death by her husband and a granddaughter.

Cremation is planned and a memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 21, at the Smith West Chapel, 304 34th St. West. Memorials are suggested to a charity of choice. Smith West Chapel is assisting with arrangements.

**Elizabeth "Liz" Hunter Burns**

Elizabeth "Liz" Hunter Burns passed away on Oct. 30, 2004, at Valley Health Care Center in Billings.

She was born in Klein on Feb. 27, 1920. Her formative school years were spent in Klein, and she received her teaching certificate from Billings Normal School. She spent many years working in the Billings school system as a special education teacher.

She married Dale Burns on June 14, 1941. The two were married for 54 years. She was preceded in death by her son, James Lynn Burns, who died in Vietnam; and her husband, Dale Burns.

Liz will always be remembered in our hearts for the kindness she gave to all who

knew her. She truly enjoyed her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Survivors include her sons and daughters-in-law, Robert and Cassandra of Chandler, Ariz., Randy and Marsha of Laurel, Don and Bonnie of Casper, Wyo.; and daughter Tammi and son-in-law Layne Berg of Billings. She is also survived by 12 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Survivors also include sisters Jeanie Malcolm of Klamath Falls, Ore., and Jay Gunn of Phoenix; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 5, at Smith's West Chapel. Interment will follow at Mountview Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Community Family Readiness Group — 190th Field Artillery, 2915 Gabel Road, Billings, MT 59202.



**LIZ  
BURNS**



JUN 30 2004

# Kathryn Ella Smith Burns

Kathryn Ella Smith Burns, age 89, of Billings, died Monday, June 28, 2004, at the Billings Health & Rehabilitation Community.

Kathryn was born May 20, 1915, at Chillicothe, Mo., the daughter of Andrew L. and Anna (Stith) Smith. She moved to Billings with her parents, where she was raised. She graduated from Billings High School in 1935.



**KATHRYN  
BURNS**

Kathryn married Robert R. Burns on Aug. 19, 1938, in Billings. They lived in Billings and she helped her husband with his business, The Top Shop. In later years, Kathryn worked at the Yellowstone Boys Ranch.

Kathryn enjoyed bowling, ceramics and doing fancy work. Kathryn was a lifetime member of the Evangelical United Methodist Church and earlier called the EUB Church. She was active in the Ladies Aid and Friendship Circle of the church and also had been a member of the Poly Rock Home Extension Club.

Kathryn is survived by a daughter, Peggy Ann (Edward) Partridge of Billings; three brothers, Harry S. Smith of Seattle, Gene R. Smith of Eugene, Ore., and William J. Smith of Missouri; two grandchildren, Shannon (Richard) Grimm of Billings and Franklin Harrington of Las Vegas; and three great-grandchildren, Vincent and Robert Harrington and Olivetta Grimm. Kathryn is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews and their children.

Kathryn was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Bob, in 1996; brothers, Leland and Harold; and two sisters, Mildred and Grace.

A memorial service will be held 10 a.m. Saturday, July 3, at The Evangelical United Methodist Church, 345 Broadwater Ave. Visitation will be 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, July 1, at Smith's West Chapel, 304 34th St. West. Cremation will follow.

Memorials may be made to the charity of choice.

Smith West Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

MAY 29 2004

**Sister Madelon Burns**

LEAVENWORTH, Kan. — Sister Madelon Burns, formerly Mary Clarence, 83, a Sister of Charity of Leavenworth, formerly of Butte and Billings, died Thursday, May 27, 2004, at Providence Medical Center, Kansas City.

A vigil will be at 7 p.m. Monday, May 31, in Ross Chapel of the Sisters of Charity Mother House in Leavenworth, where friends may call after 4 p.m. The Mass of Resurrection will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, June 1, in Ross Chapel. Interment will follow in Mount Olivet Cemetery on the Mother House grounds. Belden-Sexton-Sumpter Chapels are in charge.

FEB 13 2004

COOKE CITY — William Burns, 57, died on Jan. 23, 2004, at his residence in Cooke City.

Cremation has taken place at Franzen-Davis Crematory.

The family will hold a memorial service in Cooke City in the summer.

Mr. Burns was born on Oct. 14, 1946, in Billings, to James Lars Burns and Clydine Allen Burns. He grew up in Billings and later moved to Washington state, where he worked as a heavy equipment operator, heavy equipment mechanic and welder. Mr. Burns returned to Montana after his military service with the United States Navy aboard the U.S.S. Kitty Hawk during Vietnam.

Survivors include three sons, William Kirk Burns of Everett, Wash., James Lee Burns of Missoula and Michael Scott Burns, also of Missoula; one brother, Mark Burns of Amarillo, Texas; one sister, Terri Cox of Amarillo; and eight grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his parents, one brother and one sister.

## **Mona V. Burtch**

**OCT 17 2004**

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

Fort Benton — Mona V. Burtch, 83, died of natural causes Saturday, Oct. 16, 2004, at Peace Hospice in Great Falls.

Services will be held 2 p.m. Monday, Oct. 18, at Franzen-Davis Funeral Home, 118 N. 3rd Street, Livingston, graveside committal and burial will follow at Shorthill Cemetery, south of Livingston.

Memorials may be directed to the Missouri River Medical Center Memorial Fund, 1501 Saint Charles, Ft. Benton, MT 59442 or Peace Hospice of Montana, 1101 26th Street South, Great Falls, MT 59405.

# Larry Gordon Burton

AUG 18 2004

MISSOULA — Larry Gordon Burton, of Missoula, passed away from cancer on Saturday, Aug. 14, 2004.

Larry attended the University of Arizona, received a BS in Physics/Electrical Engineering and earned an MS in Pure Mathematics. He pursued post-graduate work in mathematics at NAU and UM.



LARRY  
BURTON

For 20 years, Larry was a member of the Prof. Ski Instructors of America. He skied and climbed extensively in the West, Canada and in Europe. A lifelong fly fisherman, Larry loved the high alpine lakes of the Beartooths, and Glacier and Yellowstone Parks.

Raised in a home filled with art and music, Larry explored and expanded on this love throughout his life. He worked with the Nat. Park Service and hotel concessions in Glacier and Yellowstone. In 1989, Larry and business partner, Sylvia Geshell, formed Creative Arts Publishing Company. This enabled him to publish the scenic western images captured with his 4x5 camera. Larry achieved his goal of sharing with others the exquisite beauty of what he saw by distributing

worldwide his calendars, note cards and posters.

He was born in Billings, July 23, 1939, to Richard and Genevieve Burton. He was preceded in death by his father and his brother, Richard Patrick. Survivors include his mother, Genevieve; his sisters, Jean M. Jones of Bozeman, Gloria Kealy of Spokane, Wash., Bonnie Sutton of Missoula; nieces and nephews, Debbie Jones-Caudill-Story, Jay Jones, Thereasa Jones Wirth, Michael Jones, Jack Sutton, Jr., Pam Sutton Stubbs, Robert Sutton, and Bonni Kealy; grandnieces and nephews, Tara Jean Caudill, Brent Caudill, Brittany Wirth, Sean Wirth, Steven Jones, Natawsha Jones, Robert Slubbs, Randi Stubbs; and former wife, Sylvia Geshell. He is also survived by his very dear friend and companion, Diana Vanek and her daughter, Sonia.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, Aug. 20, in the chapel at Christian Life Center in Missoula. Public visitation will be held on Thursday, Aug. 19, from 1 to 6 p.m. at Garden City Funeral Home in Missoula. Burial will be at Mountview Cemetery in Billings on Monday, Aug. 23, at 1 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be directed to The Burton Art for Healing Fund, Dept. of Radiation Oncology, St. Patrick Hospital, or the Glacier Foundation. GNP, West Glacier.

# Alvah Kenneth Busby

OCT 25 2004

## BILLINGS GAZETTE

Alvah Kenneth Busby, 82, of Billings passed away Friday morning, Oct. 22, 2004, in Billings.

He was born Jan. 26, 1922, to Gertrude and Sidney Busby, and was raised in the Paradise Valley south of Livingston.



**ALVAH BUSBY**

Alvah graduated from Park County High School and worked for Gamble Robinson in Livingston for seven years. He then lived in Billings, where he worked for the Keil Company (now Sysco Food Services) as a salesman for over 30 years. He was the president of Busby Corp, which owned Gary's Champion Auto Store from 1984 to 1999.

Alvah married Mary Hoiland of McLeod, Mont., on March 25, 1950. They had two sons, Kenneth and Gary. His happiest times were playing the fiddle or guitar for dances, his family, the District 4 Fiddlers, the Senior Center and accordion jams.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Ernie and Vernon. Alvah is survived by his wife, Mary; sons, Gary (Jeannette) of Billings and Kenneth of Dayton, Ohio; four

sisters, Annie Larkin of Livingston, Wanda Melin of Paradise Valley, Norma (Wendell) Lovely of Wilsall and Genevieve Dorvall of Whitehall; three brothers, Harold of Livingston, Willard (Norma) of Big Timber and Buck of Lexington, Ky.; numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, Oct 27, at Smith's West Funeral Chapel in Billings. A service will also be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Franzen-Davis Funeral Home in Livingston. Interment will follow at the Shorthill Cemetery south of Livingston.

Memorials may be made to the charity of choice.

## **Richard Dean Bushey**

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TRIBUNE  
OCT 14 2004

Richard Dean Bushey, 48, Las Vegas, Nev., died Sunday, Oct. 10.

He was born in Powell and was a resident of Las Vegas for 43 years. He attended Clark High School, graduating in 1974. He then attended UNLV and was an active member of the Sigma Chi Fraternity.

He was ~~the~~ owner and designer of the Dancing Machine Van in the '70s in Las Vegas. He was an engineer for 14 years at the Golden Nugget Casino.

He married Laura Batista in April of 1983. To this union were born two sons, Tyler and Brian Bushey. He was a devoted father and loved spending time with his children.

Survivors include his wife, Laura; his sons, Tyler and Brian, all of Las Vegas; his parents, Tom and Elaine Bushey of Powell and Boulder City, Nev.; and his brother, Steve Bushey of Las Vegas. He was preceded in death by his sister, Julie Lynn Bushey.

A memorial service is scheduled Friday, Oct. 15 at 3:30 p.m. at Palm Mortuary, 7600 S. Eastern Ave., Las Vegas. Memorial contributions to a special trust for the Bushey Family at Bank of America, account # 004967714590, would be appreciated by the family.

## **Lynn D. Bushman**

**THE BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**WOLF POINT —** Lynn D. Bushman, 33, of Wolf Point, died Thursday, Aug. 5, 2004, at Billings Deaconess Clinic.

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Visitation will be from 2 to 7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 8, with a vigil service at 7 p.m. at Clayton Stevenson Memorial Chapel. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, Aug. 9, at the Clayton Stevenson Memorial Chapel. Interment will be in Greenwood Cemetery.



# Richard C. Bushman

**THE BATTLE GAZETTE**

**JAN 25 2004**

**WIBAUX** — Richard C. Bushman, age 80, died at his home on Saturday, Jan. 24, 2004.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 27, 2004, at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Wibaux with Rev. Fr. Denis Fournier OSB officiating. A Rite of Committal with military graveside rites will follow services at the Wibaux Cemetery. A Vigil will be held at 7:00 p.m. Monday in the Chapel of the Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home in Wibaux. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Wibaux is entrusted with arrangements.

Richard was born Feb. 15, 1923, in the old Wibaux Hospital, the son of Marvin and Phylis (Erickson) Bushman. He attended country schools through the eighth grade and Wibaux High School graduating in 1941. Richard was married to Dorothy Morgen in Wibaux, on March 6, 1945. Richard served in the U.S. Army in the 168 Infantry in the European theater of war for three years. After the war ended in Europe, he trained on the Flame Thrower for the war in



**RICHARD  
BUSHMAN**

the Pacific. Before he went to the Pacific the war there ended also and he was discharged.

Richard owned and operated the Super Valu Store in Wibaux from 1946 to 1978. He sold the store in 1978, and worked for Rahr's Meat Packing in Glendive for one and a half years. He went back to work for Eernest Super Valu in Wibaux for four years before retiring.

Richard was a member of St. Peter's Catholic Church in Wibaux, a lifetime member of Knights of Columbus, lifetime member of the VFW where he was post commander, and a member of the American Legion. He was chairman for the Red Cross for four years, served on the City Council for 16 years, and was a lifetime member of the Saddle Club. Richard was a very devoted husband, father and grandfather. He enjoyed hunting and was a big fan at the Wibaux football and basketball games.

Richard was preceded in death by his parents; one infant son, Richard, and one brother, Bill.

Richard is survived by his wife Dorothy of Wibaux, two daughters, Linda Gaal and her husband Larry of Billings, and Kathryn and her husband Lew of Billings, one son, Robert Bushman and his wife, Mary, of Wibaux, one brother, Paul Bushman, and his wife, Elaine, of Park City, 13 grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services and condolences may be shared with the family at [www.silverdale-sil-bafuneralhome.com](http://www.silverdale-sil-bafuneralhome.com).

## **George J. Buszkewic**

ASH CREEK, Wyo. — George J. Buszkewic, 80, died Friday, April 9, 2004, at his residence after a long battle with cancer with his family at his side.

Viewing will be all day with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 13, at Kane Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, April 14, at Kane Funeral Home. Interment will follow in the Sheridan Municipal Cemetery.

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## **Rose Buszkewic**

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SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Rose Buszkewic, 79, of Sheridan, died Tuesday, Dec. 21, 2004, at Memorial Hospital of Sheridan County.

Rosary will be at 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 26, at Kane Funeral Home in Sheridan. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, Dec. 27, at Kane Funeral Home. Interment will follow in the Sheridan Municipal Cemetery.

# Tim Butcher

SEP 24 2004  
GILLETTE, WYOMING

GILLETTE, Wyo. — Timothy James Butcher, 25, of Campbell County, died Tuesday, Sept. 21, 2004, in Gillette.

Memorial services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 25, at the Family Life Church. Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home of Gillette is in charge.

# Craig Bruce 'CB' Butler

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Craig Bruce "CB" Butler, 55, died Oct. 26, 2004, at Sage Towers.

He was born in Minneapolis, Minn., on July 30, 1949, the son of Richard and Alice Butler, and moved to Billings in 1956. Craig graduated from Billings Senior High School in 1967 and attended Eastern Montana



**'CB' BUTLER**

College and Rocky Mountain College. He and his sister, Bonnie, drove the Alaskan Highway in 1975, and both worked on the Alaska pipeline when it was first being built. Craig returned to Montana and lived in Bridger from 1988-1995, where his daughter Jillyan was born. He was a Teamster truck driver until he sustained injuries.

Craig loved the outdoors, hunting, fishing and his dogs. He was an avid reader of books, especially history and autobiographies.

Survivors include his daughter, Jillyan Robin Butler of Bridger; his mother of Billings; his sister, Bonnie Butler Novaky, his nephew, Kyle, of Cave Creek, Ariz.; his sister, Jane Alice (Bob) von Birgelen, his niece, Janelle, and his nephew, Keenan, all of Anchorage, Alaska.

If desired, memorials to an educational fund for Craig's daughter, Jillyan, may be sent to Valley Federal Credit Union, P.O. Box 20417, Billings, MT 59104-0417, Attn. Kindra.

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**MARY BUTLER**

## Mary Pauline Olsen Butler

Mary Pauline Olsen Butler suffered a stroke and died, surrounded by family, on Monday, July 19, 2004.

Mary was born to Arthur R. Olsen and Josephine Locher Olsen on Thanksgiving Day, November 28, 1918, on a cattle ranch 16 miles from Burns, Ore.. Mary had two younger brothers, Arthur (Buck) and Bernard (Barney). The family moved to Los Banos, Calif. when Mary was seven years old. Mary's family moved to Redwood City, Calif., where she graduated from Sequoia High School, June 1937.

Mary attended Dominican College in San Rafael, Calif. for two years and graduated from U. C., Berkeley with a degree in musical performance. Mary was affiliated with the Mu Chapter of Chi Omega Sorority. She continued her education at San Jose State University obtaining her teaching certificate in education

and music. During World War II, Mary taught elementary school in the Bay Area. On June 7, 1947, in Redwood City, she married John Richard Butler of Menomonie, Wis. Mary and John had known each other since childhood due to the lifelong friendship of each of their mothers who were classmates at Oshkosh Teachers College in Wisconsin. Mary and John lived in Texas and Tulsa, Okla.; their two sons, James Francis and Steven Arthur were born in Tulsa. In 1955, the young family moved to Billings where John co-founded Montana Sulfur and Chem., Co.

Mary's life revolved around her family and music. She started teaching private piano lessons in 1958 and retired this past May, 46 years of hundreds of memorable piano students. To her, each student was a treasure and a joy. Mary was a member of the Music Teachers Association on the national, state and local level. Mary enjoyed attending the Billings Symphony Orchestra and, especially, the opera. Mary and John made many annual trips to Minneapolis to see the "Met"

each spring. She supported the newly formed Rimrock Opera in Billings. Mary was a member of St. Patrick's choir. She was one of the founders of the St. Patrick's funeral choir which volunteered their time and voices for funeral services.

Mary had numerous friends in Billings. She enjoyed playing cards, especially with her two table bridge club, meeting regularly for more than 40 years. She loved to travel. Favorite trips included two visits to Europe, Canada, Mexico and recent trips to Australia and New Zealand with her son, Jim. Just eight weeks ago, she visited her birthplace in Oregon and, also, her friends in San Francisco.

Mary was a member of St. Patrick's Church and active in many religious organizations. She volunteered at St. Vincent's Hospital and was an Associate of the Sisters of Charity. Mary was a woman with a smile, a laugh and a gentle personality. Everyone loved her.

Mary is survived by her brother, Bernard; son, James; son, Steven and wife, Lucinda, and their seven children (Erin, Sarah, and Kevin Butler and Shannon, Brian, Megan and Colleen Powers); and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by husband, John Butler, and brother, Arthur Olsen.

The memorial service will be held at St. Patrick's Co-Cathedral on Friday, August 20 at noon. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be sent to one of Mary's favorite organizations, Rimrock Opera at P.O. Box 11, Billings, MT 59103.

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### Mary Butler

Mary Pauline Olsen Butler suffered a stroke and died, surrounded by family, on Monday, July 19, 2004.

Mary's full obituary was published in the Billings Gazette on July 25, 2004. The memorial service will be held at St. Patrick's Co-Cathedral on Friday, Aug. 20, at noon.



**Elizabeth (Betty)**

**Mack Butsch**

**1924-2004**

Our sweet wonderful mother passed away surrounded by her family on Oct. 7, 2004.

Born on June 3, 1924, in Dickinson, N.D., she was Jacob and Margaret Mack's sixth child. They all preceded her in death, except for an older sister, Regina, who lives in Dickinson, N.D.



**ELIZABETH  
BUTSCH**

Feb. 9, 1947, she married John Butsch in Dickinson. This union produced 12 children; six sons and six daughters.

Surviving daughters are: Donna Saffo, Doryne Nelson, Deanne O'Donnell, Denise Buffington, Debbie Payne, and Lisa Fuus; and sons, Jim, Jack John, Jeff, Jerry, and Mike. She also leaves behind many grandchildren and great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

A vigil service will be held at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary at 7 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 10.

A catholic mass will be held at St. Thomas Catholic Church at 1 p.m. Monday, Oct. 11. Casket will be closed at church.

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Our family wishes to thank the ladies at Hospice for their care and support, especially Heather Senger. We also wish to thank Dr. Gregory Mock and his nurse, Carol, for their caring of our mom in her illness. We love you so much Mom, no more will you suffer.

**Martha Catherine** *THE BILLINGS GAZETTE*  
**Button**

JUL 30 2004

**GREAT FALLS —** Martha Catherine (Fleck) Button, 73, died Wednesday, July 28, 2004, at her home of cancer.

Services are 10 a.m. Saturday at O'Connor Memorial Chapel, with burial in Mount Olivet Cemetery.

## **Viola Rosetta Buxbaum**

**GLENDIVE —** Viola Rosetta Buxbaum, 89, of Glendive, died Tuesday, Sept. 21, 2004, at the Glendive Medical Center.

A memory service for family and friends will be at 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 26, at the Chapel of the Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home in Glendive. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, Sept. 27, at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Glendive. Interment will be in the Dawson Memorial Cemetery in Glendive.

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GLANDIVE TRIBUNE

## Gordon Ray Byerly

**BOZEMAN** — Gordon Ray Byerly, 63, died June 20, 2004, of diabetes complications. He was born on May 26, 1941, in Forsyth, son of Ray Byerly and Helen Ennis.

He married Roma Lusk on Aug. 20, 1960. He was an honest man, with high integrity with a wonderful work ethic. He worked many years as a diesel mechanic.

He grew up with the Milwaukee railroad literally in his backyard. His love of railroading remained throughout his life.

He loved his family. His grandchildren were all very special to their Papa.

He is preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Larry Morrison; and great-grandson, Gage Gates.

Gordon is survived by his wife, Roma, Bozeman; children, J.A. Byerly, Garden Grove, Calif., Sindi (Wade) Hasler, Ogden, Utah, Mitch (Kathy), Rapid City, S.D.; sister, Linda (Allen) Himsl, Kalispell. He is also survived by grandchildren, Sari Byerly, Elizabeth Gates, Jessica and Ashley Hasler, Casey, Stacy,



**GORDON  
BYERLY**

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Stephanie and Tristan Byerly, and great-granddaughters, Abigail and Megan Gates.

Special thanks to the staff of McKay Dee Hospital.

Memorial services will be held on July 5, at 2 p.m. at the Senior Center, 807 N. Tracy, Bozeman.

Send condolences to the family at [www.levittsmortuary.com](http://www.levittsmortuary.com).

# Lucille Byers

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FEB 24 2004

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Lucille Replogle Byers, 80, of Sheridan, died Thursday, Feb. 19, 2004, at Sheridan Manor.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 25, at Trinity Lutheran Church. Burial will be in Sheridan Municipal Cemetery. Champion Ferries Funeral Home of Sheridan is in charge.

## Merle Byers

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CODY, Wyo. — Merle Byers, 72, of Cody, died Tuesday, March 2, 2004, at his home.

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Visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, March 4, at Ballard Funeral Home in Cody. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, March 5, at the Riverside Cemetery in Cody.

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**Neillie Byers**  
GILLETTE, Wyo. — Neillie Byers, 60, died June 17, 2004.

Visitation will be from 4 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 23, at the Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home in Gillette. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, June 24, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter day Saints in Gillette. The grave site service will be at 2 p.m. Friday, June 25, in the Monument Hill Cemetery in Thermopolis. A brief viewing at 1:40 p.m. will take place at the grave site.

## **Nelda J. Byrne**

**EKALAKA** — Nelda J. Byrne, 77, died Saturday, April 17, 2004, at the Fallon Medical Complex in Ekalaka.

Visitation is Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. at Stevenson Funeral Home, Ekalaka followed by a 7 a.m. Prayer service. Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Thursday, April 22, at the Carter County High School Gymnasium. Interment will be at a later date in the Beaver Lodge Cemetery in Ekalaka.

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# James F. Byrum, Jr.

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FEB 26 2004

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — James F. Jeff' Byrum, Jr., 56, of Sheridan, died Tuesday, Feb. 24, 2004, at Memorial Hospital of Sheridan County.

At his request, cremation has taken place and a memorial service will be held at a later date. Champion Ferries Funeral Home of Sheridan is in charge.

## John L. Byrtus

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — John L. Byrtus, 86, of Sheridan, died Wednesday, Aug. 18, 2004, at the VA Medical Center in Sheridan.

Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 22, at Champion Ferries Funeral Home in Sheridan. Funeral liturgy will be at 10 a.m. Monday, Aug. 23, at Holy Name Catholic Church. Interment will be in the Sheridan Elks Cemetery.

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