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Clyde L. Daellenbach

Lt. Colonel Clyde L. Daellenbach, 55, of Billings, formerly of Malta, died Monday, April 5, 2004, at home.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial will be held at a later date. Cremation or Funeral Gallery is in charge.

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Guy S. Daem

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Guy S. Daem, 43, passed away on Saturday, Sept. 11, 2004, at St. Vincent Hospital in Billings.

Guy was born on April 11, 1961, to Albert and Joy Daem of Custer.

He graduated from Custer High School in 1979. He actively participated in school athletics, especially basketball. Guy loved to play pool and fish.



**GUY
DAEM**

Guy was preceded in death by his father, Albert Daem. He is survived by his mother, Joy Daem of Billings; his son, Steven Daem of Port Clarence, Alaska; his daughter, Chelsea Joy Daem of Kimberly, Idaho; three sisters, Karen (Tom) Grewe of Glasgow, Vicki Skala-Nelson of Minnesota and Alberta Pulse of Red Lodge; a brother, Mitchell (Dawn) Daem of Anaconda; special nephews, Michael and Nathan Daem of Billings and Stacy Kline of Seattle; and numerous other aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Cremation is planned and a private memorial service will be held. Memorial contributions may be made in Guy's name to Big Sky Hospice. Smith Downtown Chapel is assisting with arrangements.

Joy Natalie Clawson Daem, passed away on Saturday, Oct. 16, 2004, at St. Vincent Healthcare in Billings.

Joy was born Aug. 18, 1921, to Harry and Clara Clawson of Hardin.

Joy graduated valedictorian of her graduating class of 200 in 1938 from Hardin High School.

Joy's biggest accomplishment was the love she showed to her family and friends. Everyone was always welcome at Joy's house — meals could be stretched from four to 10 in a heartbeat. The coffee pot was always on. Her grandchildren will remember Joy's sharp wit and her raisin-filled cookies. She also will be remembered for her real love of books and reading.

Joy was devoted to her church and conducted catechism classes and was a member of Alter Society. She was an active member of the Sweet Adeline's and DAR. Joy's latest adventure was as a member of the Red Hat Society.

Joy met Albert Daem at a dance, and they were married Dec. 16, 1939. Joy and Albert celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in 1999. The family has fond memories of Joy and



JOY DAEM

Albert's love of dancing throughout their lives.

Joy was preceded in death by her husband, Albert; her son, Guy; her parents; two brothers; and two sisters.

Joy is survived by her children, Karen Grewe and her husband, Tom of Glasgow, and their children, Vince, Ward and Eric, Nicky E. Skala-Nelson of Minneapolis, and her children Bret Skala and Alicia Forth, Alberta Daem and Tom Spade of Red Lodge, and Alberta's children, Stacy Klein and Rene Driscoll, Mitchell Daem and his wife, Dawn of Anaconda and their children, Michael, Nathan and Trent; grandchildren, Steven and Chelsea Daem; 11 great-grandchildren; and two brothers, Roger and Kenny Clawson.

Funeral services will be conducted on Tuesday, Oct. 19, at 2 p.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Custer. Visitation will be Monday from 2 to 9 p.m. at Smith Downtown Chapel and again at the church. Burial will follow at the Custer Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Custer EMTs, Custer Mont.

Marvin O. Dahl

WIBAUX — Marvin O. Dahl, age 89, of Wibaux, died at the Wibaux County Nursing Home in Wibaux, on Sunday, April 18, 2004.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, April 23, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Wibaux, with Rev. Paul Peterson officiating. Interment will follow at the Wibaux Cemetery.

Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Wibaux is entrusted with arrangements.

Marvin was born April 11, 1915, in Wibaux, the son of Halvor and Katie (Lund) Dahl. He was raised and educated in the rural Wibaux area. Marvin farmed and ranched in Wibaux County all his life. He was married to Hilda



**MARVIN
DAHL**

Schumacher in Las Vegas on July 10, 1967. After their marriage, they made their home on the family farm north of Wibaux.

Marvin was a self-taught welder and rancher. He enjoyed working hard on his place and repairing all his own machinery. Marvin was an accomplished accordion player and played at many country dances. He was a real sportsman enjoying hunting and fishing. He enjoyed traveling and visited many states including Minnesota, Washington, Nevada and Oklahoma.

Marvin was preceded in death by his parents; one son, Gary Merlin Dahl; and one brother, Edward Dahl.

Marvin is survived by his wife Hilda of the family home and numerous cousins.

Remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at www.silvernale-silhafuneralhome.com.

Ronald Lee Dahlquist

ROUNDUP — Ronald Lee Dahlquist, 66, of Roundup, died of respiratory disease Sunday, April 18, 2004, in the Roundup Memorial Hospital.

Ronald, son of Homer and Kathleen Dahlquist was born June 22, 1937, in Harlem. He lived and attend-

ed grade school in Zurich and high school in Chinook. At the age of 17, he joined the Air Force and was stationed mostly in California. After being dis-

charged from the Air Force, he headed for Texas to custom combine. He met his first wife (LaWanda Youts) in Lubbock, Texas. They came back home to Montana. Later he was divorced and married (Wanda Gerke). In 1983, he divorced again and married Darlene Lembcke. They were still married at the time of his death.

Ronald had several jobs in different parts of the country, but always brought his family back to Montana. He worked as a mechanic and trucker driver most of his life. His last job was with Empire Sand and Gravel in Billings.

Ronald enjoyed his family and loved being with them. If he was



**RONALD
DAHLQUIST**

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around, you could always hear 10 jokes in a row and lots of laughter and stories. Someone knew him, no matter where he went. He would walk up to anyone and just start visiting. He was involved in Little League for many years and was his son Clint's biggest fan.

He was very proud of his son Kelly's boxing. He loved taking his boys fishing. His beautiful daughters were the apple of his eye. They could do anything and he would just smile. He always had a special soft spot in his heart for his dear aunt (Caroline Holloway). They visited by phone a lot and she looked forward to him calling.

He is preceded in death by his father Homer Dahlquist and mother Kathleen Dahlquist. Survivors include his wife Darlene of Roundup; son Clint Dahlquist (Leah) of Billings; son Kelly Dahlquist of Billings; daughter Tammy Dahlquist of Roundup, stepdaughter Wendy (Jason) Livingston of Nashville, Tenn.; stepson Willy Hein of Roundup; stepson Randy Holm (Laura) of Billings; stepson Danny Holm of Billings; step-

daughter Marci Holm; brother Dale (Helen) Dahlquist of Stevensville and sister Claudia Nace of Billings. He had three grandchildren, who were the light of his life, Meghan and Madisen Dahlquist and Alex Scheuer. Also surviving are numerous cousins, nieces, nephews and their families.

We will all enfold Ronald in our prayers.

Memorial service will be held at the Cremation or Funeral Gallery, 29 Eighth St. West, Billings, 2 p.m. Friday, April 23.

William Dailey

GILLETTE
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GILLETTE, Wyo. — William "Bill" Dailey, 85, of Gillette, died Sunday, Nov. 21, 2004.

Private family graveside services will be at a later date. Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home of Gillette is in charge.

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Obert P. Dalby

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MALTA — Obert P. Dalby, 71, died Tuesday, Aug. 10, 2004, at the Philips County Hospital.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, Aug. 16, at the Adams Memorial Chapel in Malta. Interment will be in the Malta Cemetery.

MAY 03 2004**Linda Louise Dalrymple**

HARLOWTON — Linda Louise Dalrymple, 58, died Friday, April 30, 2004, at Deaconess Billings Clinic.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Friday, May 7, at Perkins Funeral Home with interment following in Harlowton Cemetery.

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GLENDIVE — Fred P. Dalsasso, age 99, of Glendive, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, Dec. 14, 2004, at the Glendive Medical Center Extended Care Facility in Glendive. He was looking forward to celebrating his 100th birthday on Dec. 21.

A vigil service will be held at 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 20, in the Chapel of the Silvernale-Silha

F u n e r a l
Home in
Glendive.
Mass of
Christian
Burial will be
held at 10 a.m.
Tuesday, Dec.
21, at the
Sacred Heart
Catholic
Church in
Glendive. Rite



**FRED
DALSASSO**

of Committal will be in the Dawson County Cemetery in Glendive. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Glendive is entrusted with arrangements.

Fred was born in 1904 in Genoa, Wis., the son of Joseph and Mary (Zraggen) Dalsasso. He was educated in the Genoa schools and attended barber college in Milwaukee, Wis.

In 1925, Fred moved to Glendive. He was united in marriage to Mildred "Sis" E. Johnson on Jan. 4, 1936. Fred owned and

operated Dalsasso's Barber Shop and Cigar Store. He continued to run the business until his retirement in 1969. Fred was proud of the fact that he would cut Lemar Schock's hair and Lemar would return the favor — an arrangement that went on for 34 years after his retirement.

Fred lived independently in his home until two weeks prior to his passing.

Fred was a member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church and a 70-year member of the Glendive Elks Lodge #1324.

Fred's hobbies included fishing, hunting and gardening. He enjoyed dogsitting Vito.

Fred was preceded in death by his parents, six brothers and six sisters.

Survivors include his wife of 68 years, Mildred "Sis" of Glendive; his daughter, Jean Carney and her husband Dick of Glendive; three grandchildren, Bob and his wife Gabi and their children, Esther, Sylvia, Monica, Natalia and Christopher; Terri and her husband Mark and their children, Leilani, Stephanie, Katrielle, Ethan, and Tiana; and Pat and his wife Heidi; his sister-in-law, Mildred Dalsasso of Minnesota; numerous nieces and

nephews including his special nephew, Bob Stortz of Glendive.

Remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at: www.silvernale-silha-funeralhome.com.

Edith Mildred Damm

THERMOPOLIS, Wyo. — Edith Mildred Damm, 74, died Thursday, Nov. 4, after entering Canyon Hills Manor.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 9, at Mortimore Funeral Home. Burial will follow at Riverside Cemetery.

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Mollie Damm

THE SHERIDAN GAZETTE

NOV 24 2004

PLENTYWOOD — Mollie Damm, 94, formerly of Culbertson, died Monday, Nov. 22, 2004, at Sheridan Memorial Hospital and Nursing Home in Plentywood.

Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 27, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Culbertson, followed by the funeral service at 2 p.m. Burial will follow in Friedens Gemeinde Cemetery in Culbertson. Everson Clayton Stevenson Memorial Chapel of Culbertson is in charge.

Johnny Fred Damon

POPLAR — Johnny Fred Damon, 46, of Poplar, formerly of Wolf Point, died March 19, 2004, in Bismarck, N.D., after a long illness.

A wake will begin at 7 p.m. Sunday, March 28, at the Poplar Cultural Center. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, March 29, at the Poplar Cultural Center. Interment will be in Poplar City Cemetery. Clayton Stevenson Memorial Chapel is in charge.

THE BISMARCK TRIBUNE
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Jancora Dancingspirit

Jancora Dancingspirit, 49, died Oct. 17, 2004, at Valley Health Care Center in Billings.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Dahl Funeral Chapel is in charge.

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Eleanor (Warila) Danichek

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HELENA — Eleanor (Warila) Danichek, 91, of Helena, passed away on Oct. 31, 2004, in Helena.

She was born Nov. 6, 1915, at Red Lodge. She and Frank Danichek, Jr. were married on Dec. 31, 1935, at Red Lodge. He preceded her in death on Jan. 31, 1983. Mrs. Danichek was a hairdresser for 55 years in Red Lodge. Her hobbies included painting, politics and reading.

Survivors include daughter, Diane J. Danichek of Helena; grandson, Frank H. (Kathi) Danichek of Cooke City; and grandson, Daniel Price, serving in the U.S. Navy; and a sister, Ethel J. Renko, formerly of Billings. In addition to her parents and husband, she was also preceded in death by a son, Frank Danichek III.

Mrs. Danichek was cremated, with arrangements being handled by Retz Funeral Home. A memorial service will be held in Red Lodge in the summer of 2005, with the exact time to be announced. Memorials are suggested to the Carbon County Arts Guild.

Georgia N. Daniels

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GILLETTE, Wyo. — Georgia N. Daniels, 93, of Gillette, died Feb. 28, 2004, at the Pioneer Manor Nursing Home in Gillette.

Memorial services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 6, at the First Congregational Church in Casper. Private family burial will be at the Douglas Park Cemetery in Douglas at a later date. Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home of Gillette is in charge.

Edgar W. Dannels

BILLINGS GAZETTE

MAY 5 2004

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Edgar W. Dannels, 78, of Sheridan, died Saturday, May 1, 2004, at Westview Health Care Center.

Graveside funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, May 5, in the Sheridan Municipal Cemetery. Kane Funeral Home of Sheridan is in charge.

Salim B. Dannon

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

JUL 13 2004

Salim Dannon, 45, of Billings, died Monday, July 5, 2004, at Deaconess Billings Clinic.

Graveside services were held Wednesday, July 7, at the House of Mercy All Muslim Cemetery in Kent, Wash. Cremation or Funeral Gallery is in charge.

Ed Dapkiewicz

BAKER — Ed Dapkiewicz, 56, of Baker, died Saturday, Oct. 2, 2004, at his home, of a heart attack.

Funeral services will be at 4 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 6, at Stevenson Funeral Home in. Graveside services will be held in Libby.

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Lily M. Darke

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Lily M. Darke, 97, of Sheridan, died Monday, March 1, 2004, at Memorial Hospital of Sheridan County.

Viewing will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, March 8, at Champion Ferries Funeral Home in Sheridan. Graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Monday, in Sheridan Municipal Cemetery.

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Lawrence Darrah

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LEWISTOWN — Lawrence "Larry" Darrah, 73, of Lewistown, died Friday, Sept. 3, 2004, at his home.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 11, at St. Leo's Catholic Church. Inurnment will follow in Central Montana Memorial Gardens. Cloyd Funeral Home of Lewistown is in charge.

Katherine M. David

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SHERIDAN, Wyo. —
Katherine M. David, 98, of
Sheridan, died Friday, Nov. 5,
2004, at Sheridan Manor.

Funeral service will be at 9
a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 10, at
Immanuel Lutheran Church.
Interment will be in the Mountain
View Cemetery in Livingston.
Champion Ferries Funeral Home
of Sheridan is in charge.

Agnes A. Davidson

SEP 6 2004

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MILES CITY — Agnes A. Davidson, 75, formerly of Powderville, died Friday, Sept. 3, 2004, at Holy Rosary Health Center after a short illness.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday at Stevenson and Sons Funeral Home in Miles City and additional visitation is from 1 to 9 p.m. Tuesday at Stevenson and Sons Funeral Home in Broadus. Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home chapel with burial in the Valley View Cemetery.

Andrew Irvin Davis

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SHELL, Wyo. — Andrew Irvin "Irvie" Davis, 79, of Shell, died Tuesday, March 2, 2004, at the West Park Hospital in Cody.

Viewing will be from 2 to 8 p.m. Friday, March 5, at the Atwood Family Funeral Chapel in Basin. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 6, at the Shell Community Hall in Shell. Cremation will take place following the funeral services.

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BERNICE A. "BERNIE" DAVIS

A beautiful soul soared into heaven Nov. 16, 2004.

Bernice A. "Bernie" Davis was born to Ernest and Kate Alberring Rittman Feb. 27, 1923, in Seymour, Ind.

She graduated from Walnut Grove School in Seymour. While a young girl, she had a dream to become a beautician. She worked at the Woolen Mill in Seymour to earn enough money to attend the Royal Beauty Academy in Indianapolis. She graduated from beauty school in 1945, and started the Nu-Way Beauty Shop in Seymour.

At a dance in Seymour, she met Jeff Davis, and he, like many other people, fell in love with her at first sight. He said they wrote the Fascination Waltz for them. Bernie and Jeff were married Dec. 29, 1957, in Seymour. They welcomed a daughter, Bernie Gail, and later a son, Jeffrey Tim. The Lord called Timmy back to Him shortly after his birth.

Any home Bernie was in was a showplace. She was a marvelous decorator, because she decorated with warmth and love, and it showed. Flowers were another



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specialty, and she could grow anything.

She was a lifelong member of St Paul United Church of Christ in Seymour and a dedicated Sunday School teacher.

In 1999, she made the decision to move to Billings, Mont., to be with her daughter and family. We all treasured our time with Mom, especially her grandson Jess. They were very close in heart.

Mom touched so many lives with her love, kindness and patience. She will never be forgotten at St. John Lutheran Ministries in Billings, where she spent the last months of her life.

She was preceded in death by her parents; four sisters, Leona Pardieck, Harriett Jones, Lois Clevenger, and Erna Ruwe; two brothers, George and Augustus and her husband, Jeff. Three nephews, Harold Pardieck, William Joe Clevenger, and Donald Eugene Toborg, and a niece, Sarah Jeanette Brown also preceded her.

She is survived by her daughter, Bernie Gail (Steve) Mack, her adored grandson Jess Mack, three sisters, Josephine Toborg, Jane Rudd, and Betty Kulich, and many nieces and nephews.

Thank you, Mom, for everything. You were the best Mom and grandma. The love you showed this world will go on and on like ripples in the water. Go, rest awhile, and then dance with Dad.

Services will be Monday, Nov. 22, 2004, at St Paul UCC in Seymour Ind., with interment in Riverview Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to St John's Lutheran Ministries, Big Sky Hospice, or donor's choice.

Bruce A. Davis

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AUG 17 2004

Bruce A. Davis, 79, of Billings, passed away Sunday, Aug. 15, 2004, at Deaconess Medical Center. He was born Feb. 5, 1925, in Missoula, son of Alonzo Davis and Margaret Weiler Davis.

His family moved to Billings when he was 6 months old. He attended school in Billings.

He entered the U.S. Navy at the age of 17 and served four years. He returned to Billings and worked 33 years for Exxon Oil Co., retiring in 1983.

Bruce had many interests and hobbies. He was involved in lapidary (making jewelry). He also started the Aqua Knight Search and Rescue in Billings, and taught many people the art of scuba diving.



**BRUCE
DAVIS**

Survivors include his wife, Evelyn, whom he married March 19, 1949, in Columbus; his daughter, Rhonda (Lee) Anderson of Cave Creek, Ariz.; his son, Neal (Linda) Davis of Colstrip; four grandchildren, Shawn Kiefer, Kim Sire, Randi Davis, Renee Davis; four great-grandchildren, Skyler, Sidney, Seth, Samantha.

Funeral service will be 2 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 18, at Smith West Chapel. Interment will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Cassie Orinda Davis

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE
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Cassie O. Davis, 100, died Friday, Nov. 26, 2004, at the Valley Health Care Center in Billings.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 4, at St. Thomas Moore Catholic Church in Brookings, S.D. Dahl Funeral Chapel is assisting with the arrangements.

Clark Davis

THE HILLINGS GAZETTE

FEB 15 2004

WHITTIER, Calif. — Clark Davis, 89, former Lewistown resident, died Friday, Feb. 13, 2004, at Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital in Whittier.

Funeral services for Clark Davis will be held at the Creel Funeral Chapel in Lewistown on Saturday, Feb. 21, at 11:00 a.m. Burial will be at Lewistown City Cemetery. Creel Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

David Rodney Davis, MD

David Rodney Davis, MD, a respected Montana physician, who served Roundup and the surrounding Musselshell County area for more than 30 years, died peacefully on Tuesday night, Nov. 2, 2004, at his home in Billings. He was 81 years old.

During World War II, Dr. Davis enlisted in the United States Navy and served his country heroically in the South Pacific for four years. He received an honorable discharge in January 1946.



**DAVID
DAVIS**

Shortly afterward, he was accepted at the University of Nebraska Medical School at Omaha and was graduated in June 1954. After his internship, Dr. Davis practiced for a year in Yutan, Neb.

"He loved the West," his widow Betty Jean "Jean" Davis said. "It was always his dream to establish a practice there, and that's what brought us to Roundup. One of the first days he was seeing patients, Dave came home for lunch all excited. He had met his first cowboy, and he was thrilled to the bone. He couldn't wait to become one himself."

Dr. Davis pursued this dream

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with a passion, joining the Roundup Ridge Riders, helping with brandings and rodeos, participating in barrel racing competitions, and, eventually, buying his own ranch land, quarter horses and even a few head of cattle.

"Dave cherished his memories of our Roundup years," Mrs. Davis said. "We raised our two children there, put down roots and made many lifelong friends. It was the Big Sky Country served up with all of the trimmings. If there was ever a dull moment, I completely missed it — I married adventure, in spite of myself."

Active in the American Medical Association, the Yellowstone County Medical Society, Rotary, the Republican Party and many other civic and charitable activities, Dr. Davis contributed generously to the community and often — as the only doctor serving Musselshell County — he worked around the clock to ensure the area had ready access to professional medical care.

"I can remember being awakened in the middle of the night by the telephone ringing," his son David M. Davis II of Dallas, Texas, recalled. "Minutes later, I would look out the window and see my father making his way through the snow to his car. Later, we'd learn that he'd driven out to some isolated ranch to take care of a sick child or an injured ranch hand. He never complained or made a big deal out of it. He was that kind of man. Oble, selfless, with a deep sense of duty."

Dr. Davis was also a sports fan, stemming from his high school football days in Aurora, Neb. A graduate of the University of Nebraska at Lincoln, he followed the Cornhuskers religiously, attending the games whenever he could and keeping track of their plays and statistics on yellow legal pads when he couldn't.

"Anyone who knew my dad well was forewarned that football season wasn't a good time for a visit," his daughter Jan Davis Hoy of Falls City, Neb., laughed. "And when Nebraska was playing, our living room became Cornhusker Central. Later, when VCRs came available, he taped all of the Nebraska games and watched them over again."

On one occasion, in the early 1970s, he flew three players for the Roundup Panthers football team to Lincoln, Neb., to experience firsthand a college game. He

introduced them to the Cornhusker football stars, including Heisman Trophy winner Johnny Rodgers and famed coach Bob Devaney.

A lifelong golfer, Dr. Davis was a member of the Pine Ridge Country Club in Roundup and one of those responsible for rebuilding it in the early 1980s. He used his keen mind to good advantage in cards and board games such as Yahtzee and cribbage. His love of the outdoors included pack trips into the Bob Marshall Wilderness. He worried his wife, but enchanted his children with his tales of adventure — some now permanently embedded in Davis family lore.

"One night a stranger came into Dad's camp," his son related. "The man explained that one of his companions had been treed by a grizzly and his heel had been torn badly by the bear. He asked if anyone had any medical supplies. My dad had brought along his medical bag and immediately volunteered to go back with him, in spite of the fact that Dad himself had been injured in a fall from his horse earlier in the day. On his insistence, his friends saddled his horse and hoisted him up. Then, in the dead of night, with the bear still at large, Dad followed this guy back to his base camp and sewed up the new

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patient. John Wayne, Clint Eastwood had nothing on him — Dad was the genuine article. Totally fearless.”

In the late 1960s, he took up flying, earning his private pilot's license and becoming a member of the Aircraft Owners & Pilots Association (AOPA).

“When he chose a hobby, he gave it his all,” his wife of 58 years explained. “His flying days included a Beechcraft Debonair, a twin-engine Baron, a classic twin Bonanza — and even a DC-3 once owned by Conrad Hilton. We once owned a classic Rolls Royce, a Thunderbird and an Austin Healey, which we found on vacation in California for our son. It wasn't for show or to impress anyone — each just fulfilled one of his many dreams.”

In 1973, he left Roundup to practice in Mesa, Ariz. Three years later, when Roundup was again without a doctor, he returned to his beloved Montana and re-established his practice there. Upon his retirement in 1987, Dr. Davis and his wife spent their winters in Las Vegas (where their grandchildren just happened to live for four of those years) and their summers at the cabin on the Boulder they had renovated in 1968. They often traveled to be with their “Air Force brat” grandchildren.

including visits to Germany and Korea.

They became members of the Big Timber Lutheran Church and, later, King of Glory Lutheran Church in Billings. In Roundup, they were members of the First Congregational Church. His faith and experience guided his career.

“Dad said that he always treated his patients as though they were members of his own family,” his daughter remembered. “Having been hospitalized for a serious bone disease as a child and left with only his own thoughts to keep him company, he knew firsthand the fear and anxiety people have about illness. It instilled in him a deep desire to help others. ‘Great’ is a word used pretty liberally today — but it's a word that describes him as a doctor, parent and friend.”

In addition to his wife and his two children, Dr. Davis is survived by his two college-age grandchildren, David Wayne Hoy and Elizabeth Helen Hoy; his son-in-law, Patrick J. Hoy, younger sister Betty Pallack and her husband Seymour; older sis-

ter Carol Siebler; older brother John Edward Davis; and a sister-in-law La Doris Davis.

A Memorial Service will be held at the King of Glory Lutheran Church in Billings at 11 a.m. Saturday, the 6th of November. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorials be made to King of Glory Lutheran Church, 4125 Grand Ave., Billings, MT 59106 or Big Sky Hospice, PO Box 35033, Billings, MT 59107-5033.

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**HANK AND LINDA DAVIS**

Hank and Linda Davis

COLUMBUS — Hank Davis, 51, and Linda Davis, 50, of Columbus, rode off into the sunset together on July 16, 2004, doing what they loved most.

Hank was born in Belle Fourche, S.D., on May 20, 1953, to Ivan and Delores Davis. He graduated from Darby High School in 1971 and at the age of 18 joined the United States Navy. During his time in the Navy, Hank spent time in Vietnam and stateside. While serving on the USS Tripoli in San Diego, he began a lifetime love for rodeo which carried with him back to Montana. While in the service, his good buddy Jimmy Espeseth introduced him to the love of his life, Linda.

Linda was born in Glasgow on Aug. 9, 1953, to John and Carole Espeseth. During her senior year, Linda traveled around Europe on the trip of a lifetime. She returned and graduated from Havre High School in 1971. After graduation, Linda attended Northern Montana College. On a trip to visit her brother in California, Linda met the love of her life...a rodeo man named Hank.

Although Hank spent the majority of his life as a trucker, he wanted to spend more time at home, so in 2000, he and Linda purchased the NAPA in Columbus. Not a day went by that you wouldn't see the two behind the counter with a smile.

Hank and Linda were wonderful parents and loved nothing more than spending time with their kids. Their biggest passion was taking the family motocross racing. It was here that they taught their children that everything they did in life should be fun. Hank and Linda especially enjoyed spending time together on the Harley and never missed a chance to ride.

They were preceded in death by Linda's father, John Espeseth.

Hank and Linda are survived by their children: son, Dusty (Regan) and their daughter Marley of Bozeman, son Nate of Columbus, daughter Casan of Columbus. Hank's family: parents Ivan and Delores Davis of Hamilton, sister Rosalie Harms (Dan) of Hamilton. Linda's family: mother Carole Espeseth of Havre, sister Janet Nordrum (Keith) of Havre, brother Jimmy Espeseth (Jill) of Valier. They were also survived by numerous nieces and nephews, cousins, aunts, uncles and more good friends than could possibly be counted.

Hank and Linda gave their children every opportunity to succeed in life. They never missed a chance to put a smile on someone else's face or their own. Those of us that knew them were extremely lucky and those that didn't sure don't know what they missed. In their memory, please take every opportunity to get on your bike and ride to help us celebrate their lives...you just might pass them on the road.

Hank and Linda — You will be eternally missed. They always take the good ones.

As a sendoff, please help us escort them by riding your bike to the service.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, July 21, at the Old Columbus High School Gym. Interment will be in Mountainview Cemetery. Memorials are suggested c/o United Bank to benefit education for the Davis children. Smith Funeral Chapel-Columbus was in charge of arrangements.

KENNETH H. DAVIS

Kenneth H. Davis, 94, of Billings, passed away on Saturday, Aug. 21, 2004, at St. John's Lutheran Home.

Ken was born in Whitefish, Mont., on Sept. 16, 1909. He attended the University of Montana, where he belonged to the Kappa Sigma Fraternity and to an honorary business administration fraternity, Alpha Kappa Psi. He graduated in 1932 with a degree in Business Administration.

He married Pearl Moe in Great Falls, Mont., in 1933. They have three children: Gary Davis of Helena, Mrs. Frank Lane (LeAnn) of Anacortes, Wash. and Mrs. Mike Harrington (Marilyn) of Vancouver, Wash. They have nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

His first business venture was to build and operate the first oil refinery in Cut Bank. He operated the refinery for 10 years. In 1943, he sold that business and bought a fleet of trucks that he operated on the Alaskan Highway. He then sold his trucks in Alaska and moved to Cody, Wyo., where he bought an interest in the Husky Oil and Refinery Co., where he became



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general manager. Husky contributed to the war effort by building a refinery in Riverton, Wyo. The refinery produced fuels of special specifications for Navy ships, producing 10,000 barrels a day and received the Navy "E" award.

In 1951, he resigned from Husky Oil and moved to Billings, where he bought half interest in a Caterpillar machinery distributorship, operating this until his retirement in 1965.

Ken continued to live in Billings, where he made real estate investments. He was on the Board of Directors of Security Federal Savings and Loan (now Security Bank) for many years, and he served a term as president of the Yellowstone Country Club. He also organized the first chapter of SCORE (Service Corps Of Retired Executives) for the Small Business Administration in Billings and was its first chairman.

Music was always a major part of his life, starting with a dance band that he organized and managed in the Cut Bank/Shelby area. Over the years, he entertained friends and relatives on the piano and organ, most recently other residents of Mission Ridge where he and Pearl resided. He also spent a lot of time outdoors, enjoying pack trips, fishing and camping. He loved Montana scenery and before his eyesight declined by reason of macular degeneration, delighted in driving Montana's highways and backroads, reveling in the great outdoors.

Ken is survived by his wife Pearl of Billings; his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren; and his sister, Maxine Nelles of Missoula.

Cremation has taken place and a Memorial Service will be held at 1 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 22, at Ocee Johnson Chapel at St. John's Lutheran Home, 3940 Ricmock Road. Memorials may be contributed to St. John's Lutheran Ministries, 3940 Rimrock Road, Billings, MT, 59102, or the charity of one's choice.

Michelotti-Sawyers is in charge of arrangements.

Kittie Davis

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TERRY — Kittie Davis, 62, of Terry, died Friday, July 23, 2004, in Billings.

A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, July 27, at the Stevenson and Sons Funeral Home in Terry. Interment will follow in the Prairie County Cemetery.

Robert 'Bob' Bayard Davis

BIG TIMBER — Robert "Bob" Bayard Davis lived 85 years. He died on Aug. 12, 2004, at the Pioneer Medical Center in Big Timber.

Bob was born in Salesville (Gallatin Gateway), Mont., near Bozeman on April 25, 1919, to Paul Davis and Ethel Todd Davis. He grew up on a farm on Yellow Dog Creek near Bozeman with his parents and three siblings, all still living — William Davis of San Anselmo, Calif., Pauline Swanson, Livermore, Calif., and LaVonne Rush of Port St. Lucie, Fla.

Bob went to grade school at High Line School and later Holy Rosary Grade School. He graduated from high school in Bozeman in 1936. During the Depression, Bob helped his family survive by cutting and selling wood. In 1938, he began work on the Valley Garden Ranch in Ennis. In 1940, he married the love of his life, Elizabeth Martha "Betty" Tuttle. They were married in the Presbyterian Church in Bozeman on Oct. 15, 1940.

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became and continued to be one of Bob's favorite places to visit and hunt elk with good friends. Later, Bob and Betty worked on the Jumping Horse Ranch near Ennis and the Meadowbrook Ranch near Manhattan. They moved to the Buffalo Jump Ranch north of Big Timber in 1947. They left the ranch in 1959 to live in Big Timber. Bob worked with the Preptone Company for a short while, then the U.S. Forest Service in Big Timber, Bozeman and Plains over the next 21 years. From 1981 until the late 1980s, Bob managed the Industry West ranch on the East Boulder for Ken Davenport. These years were happy years for Bob and Betty. In the late 1980s, Bob and Betty moved back to Big Timber. Betty died in 1998. Bob continued to live in Big Timber until his death. Though he was well traveled, he loved Montana and Big Timber.

Bob is survived by his five children and their families: Rolla R. Olsen (husband, David and children Jennifer and Matthew) of Bozeman; Kristi D. Menix

(husband Wilbert and children Sheila, Dwight and Tom) of Billings; Susan Paulson-Davis (husband John and children Jay and Jami) of Helena; Kelly Paul Davis (wife Debbie and children Dan, Craig and Joe) of Missoula; and Tracy D. Bolstad (children Preston and Susan) of Big Timber. Bob loved his nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Great affection and respect were mutually shared between Bob and his former son-in-law, LaVern Bolstad. Bob and Phyllis O'Rourke, a longtime friend of the family, also enjoyed many happy times over the past six years.

Bob had multiple health issues during his life, but had an indomitable, resilient spirit. He was fiercely independent and voiced many times his wish not to be dependent or a burden to others.

Whether he was down with grief or illness, he maintained a cheerful perspective, always making the best of situations. He leaves family and friends, who loved him and are better for having known him.

He was generous with his concern for others and frequently, cooked food, to include a variety of pies, to friends and neighbors who were in difficult times or who had assisted him in some way.

Memorial services for Bob were held at the Buffalo Jump Ranch, north of Big Timber on Aug. 14 at 10 a.m. A lunch and pie reception followed at Dallman Hall, St. Marks Episcopal Church, in Big Timber. Bob's ashes were buried next to his beloved wife of 57 years at the Ennis Cemetery, Ennis, on Aug. 14.

Persons wishing to remember Bob may make donations in his name to Hearts and Hands Hospice of Big Timber, the American Cancer Society, or the American Heart Association.

Rosemarie Yvonne Davis

SHERIDAN, Wyo. —

Rosemarie Yvonne Davis, 89, of Sheridan, died Monday, Dec. 20, 2004, at Westview Health Care Center.

Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 22, and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 23, at Champion Ferries Funeral Home in Sheridan. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, at Champion Ferries Funeral Home. Interment will be in the Elks Section of Sheridan Municipal Cemetery.

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Ruth Davis

HARDIN — Ruth Davis, 89, of Hardin, went home to her Lord, May 22, 2004.

She was born Arminta Ruth Tawzer on April 9, 1915, in Kearney, Neb., to James J. Tawzer and Myrtle A. Tawzer. She attended Hastings Beauty Academy and worked as a cosmetologist for over 40 years. She was a member of the Acacia chapter of Eastern Star #39 for 55 years.



**RUTH
DAVIS**

Ruth married Milton Alexander Davis on June 14, 1936. She lived most of her life in Hastings, Neb., moving to Hardin in 2000.

Her husband and a great-grandchild preceded Ruth in death.

Survivors include her two sons, Thomas and wife Merry, and James and wife Jeanne; her grandchildren, Sierra, Milton, Annette and Andrew Davis, Katherine Brown, Debra Chaves, Wendy Strauch, Larry Moser and Heidi Pond; and 16 great-grandchildren.

Cremation has taken place in the Bullis-Eastern Montana Crematory. A service of remembrance will be held 6 p.m. Thursday, May 27, at the New

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Apostolic Church, 5027 McGirl, Billings. Inurnment will follow at a later date in Hastings.

Should friends desire, memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society or the New Apostolic Church. Bullis Mortuary of Hardin has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Shirley A. Davis

Shirley passed away at her home on April 17, 2004, after a brief illness.

She was born in Helena on March 7, 1937, to Bob and Julia Davis. She was raised and educated in Helena and moved to Billings in 1960. She started her career with Western Airlines at the ticket office in the Northern Hotel and then transferred to the airport in 1975. Shirley was the

first woman to set a precedent at the airport by loading and unloading baggage and working both the gate and counter. Western then became Delta Airlines and Shirley retired from Delta in 1990 after 30 years of service.

In her younger years, she was an avid bowler and softball player.

Shirley enjoyed traveling in her motor home, fishing, reading, cooking, gardening and being outdoors. She had a great love for people and dogs. Shirley had such a big heart and always wanted to do things for others.

Shirley is survived by her special friend, Shirlee Moffet; and four brothers, Dick (Roberta) of



**SHIRLEY
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Lubbock, Texas, Russ (Celia) of Great Falls, C. Bob (Kathy) of Allyn, Wash., and Earl (Linda) of Veradale, Wash.; and numerous nieces and nephews; a special cousin, Bonnie Purcell, of Mission, British Columbia; and many friends. She was preceded in death by her parents and sisters, Sheila Jennings and Maryjo Davis.

Shirley will be greatly missed by all those who knew her.

A gathering of family and friends will be held at a later date. No service is planned. Cremation has taken place.

Memorials may be made to Big Sky Hospice, PO Box 35033, Billings, MT 59107.

Alice Davison

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COLUMBUS — Alice Davison passed away on Sunday, Nov. 14, 2004, at the age of 55, surrounded by her family.

Alice was born on March 12, 1949, the daughter of Allie and Rex Davison. She grew up in Pueblo, Colo.



**ALICE
DAVISON**

Alice moved to Montana and was employed with the Stillwater Convalescent Center in Columbus for 14 years. She then opened her home to many children as a babysitter and enjoyed catering special events.

Alice always took care of others; her home was always open to family and to all of Dustin's friends.

Alice was preceded in death by her father, Rex, and brother, Merle.

Survivors include her son, Dustin of Columbus; her mother, Allie, a resident of Beartooth Manor in Columbus, and a brother, Verle (Cindy) of Columbus. Alice loved her many special nieces and nephews.

Dustin appreciated all the care and compassion given to his mother by the DCI staff and Billings Health and Rehab, along with the doctors and staff at St. Vincent Healthcare.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 18, at the Columbus Evangelical Church in Columbus. Cremation has taken place.

Mildred 'Mickey' E. Dahlstrom-Dawson

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MISSOULA — Mildred "Mickey" E. Dahlstrom-Dawson, 72, passed away peacefully April 29, 2004, at St. Patrick Hospital, from complications of a brain aneurysm.

She was born to Carl V. and Ada E. Dahlstrom in Fromberg, May 11, 1931. She graduated from Fromberg High School as valedictorian in 1949. She continued her education at the Montana State College of Nursing, Billings Deaconess Hospital Division, graduating as a registered nurse in December 1952.

She married Keith Dawson in February of 1953.

She enjoyed nursing and devoted herself to the practice of Dr. M. Calvert and Dr. Lee Richardson at the Laurel Medical Center and tenderly cared for the Laurel Community for over 35 years.

In August 2000, Mildred moved to Missoula and quickly busied herself in a full-time position at the Missoula Children's Theater, part-time at the Dollar Stop and volunteered countless hours at St. Patrick Hospital,

Community Medical Center and Target Range School until the time of her death.

She is preceded in death by her parents; brothers Donald and Vernon Dahlstrom; sister Laurine and grandson Scott Matthew.

She is survived by daughters Carrie and Tim Boe, Missoula, Jamie and Scott Powell, Sedona, Ariz.; grandson Kyle Boe and granddaughter Kendal Boe, both of Missoula; brothers Earl and Theresa Dahlstrom, Columbus, Jim and Idonna Dahlstrom, Toppenish, Wash., Paul and Goldie Dahlstrom, Bridger; sisters Mary Alice and Art DeVries, Roberts, Dona and Howard Ullman, Billings, Carline and Gary Beley, Big Timber, Betty and Harry Wright, Red Lodge, Edith and Don Woodley, Madison, Ala.; and many nieces and nephews.

Cremation has taken place and per her wish, there will be no services. The urn will be placed in Billings at a later date.

The family asks that you find a way to celebrate her life doing

something you know she would enjoy.

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

Montana Cremation, & Memorial Society is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Gladys Deal

LEWISTOWN — Gladys "Babbie" Deal, 88, of Lewistown, died Monday, Nov. 1, 2004, at the Central Montana Medical Center in Lewistown.

Graveside committal services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 5, at the Lewistown City Cemetery. Creel Funeral Home of Lewistown is in charge.

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Berty J. Dean

EUGENE, Ore. — Berty J. Dean, age 102, of Eugene, passed away on March 23, 2004. She was born on Oct. 18, 1901, in Gerber, Okla., to George W. and Maggie (Swearengin) Hoover. The family moved to McPherson, Kan., where she met and married Dr. Chas D. Dean in 1922. They remained together until he passed away in 1977.



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DEAN**

She is survived by a son, Dudley Dean of Helena, Mont.; as well as five grandchildren, David (De) Dean of Lake Tahoe, Calif., Laurie (John Bodine) Dean of Agua Dulce, Calif., and Daniel (Twila) Dean, Michael (Jayne) Leach and Debbie (Nels) Strandberg, all of Helena. She is also survived by 10 great-grandchildren, D.J. and Samantha Dean, Johnathan Fagan, Meghan Olson and J.C. Bodine, Dexter and Margaret Dean, Janina and Falcia Leach and Denise Gibson.

Berty and Chas moved to Billings in 1927, where Chas was a professor at the Eastern Montana College (MSU-Billings) and later was Assistant Superintendent of Schools in

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Billings. In 1954, they moved to Eugene, where Chas was Director of Continuing Education for the University of Oregon.

No matter where they lived, Berty's love of decorating and gardening turned their home into a place of beauty. She also painted many lovely pictures, especially featuring birds of various kinds. She was often called upon for decorations for faculty and civic functions.

Although she was gone for many years, she always considered Billings her home.

She will be sorely missed by her friends and family.

Funeral services will be held at Smith's Downtown Chapel, Billings, on Monday, March 29, at 10 a.m., with interment to follow beside her husband, at Sunset Memorial Gardens.



ESTHER DEAN

Esther Nelstead Dean

In a farmhouse close to Ekalaka, Esther Nelstead Dean was born on Nov. 4, 1918, to Rudolph and Jenny (Everson) Nelstead. She died June 9, 2004, at Rosebud Health Care Center, after a long struggle with emphysema.

Esther grew up in Miles City and graduated from Custer County High School in 1935. She graduated from Carleton College in Northfield, Minn., earning a degree in history and English literature. She was selected as a member of Phi Beta Kappa. In Forsyth, she met and married Walter B. Dean Jr. on Oct. 28, 1940. After the birth of their daughter, Marcyes, in 1941, Walter joined the Navy to serve in World War II. They moved to Florida, where daughter Janice was born. After the war, the family returned to Forsyth, where four sons, Walter, Rudy, Gordon and Peter, were born. Esther stayed at home rais-

ing children until 1966, when she began teaching, and she taught at Ingomar and the Forsyth Catholic School. In 1971, she was selected to serve as the Rosebud County Librarian, a job she loved. Through this job, she assisted many young students with reading and research projects, which was work she truly enjoyed. Her knowledge and love of history and her thirst for learning were contagious to folks around her. Many enjoyed stopping by the library for stimulating conversations and sharing ideas. A great legacy which Esther left to Rosebud County was the compiling of the book "They Came and Stayed," the definitive history of families of Rosebud County. Through the years, she and her husband Walter provided musical entertainment which brought a lively spirit to many local occasions.

After retiring from the library in 1980, she fulfilled a lifetime dream by traveling both around the world and locally to visit family and friends. She spent her time on the organizations in which she

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believed — Eastern Star, Ascension Episcopal Church and its Guild and Forsyth Women's Club. Among the activities that brought great joy to Esther were cooking wonderful meals for friends and family, making candy using her own original recipes, knitting special items for those close to her and sharing her profound knowledge of local history and people with anyone who asked.

Esther was diagnosed with emphysema in 1991, so she traveled with oxygen and enjoyed several winters in Arizona for the warm, dry air. She would often say, "If I had not smoked for 50 years, I would be planning my next cruise!"

She is survived by two daughters, Marcyes Schmaus, Sheridan, Wyo., Janice (Max) Bauer, Forsyth; and four sons, Walter, Ennis, Rudy (Bonnie), Fort Wayne, Ind., Gordon, Forsyth, and Peter (Alta), Huntley. There are 16 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Mother, we love you and miss you. You are so much of who we are!

Funeral service will be held on Monday, June 14, at 2 p.m. in the Chapel of Stevenson & Sons

Funeral Home in Forsyth.

Visitation will be held on Sunday, June 13, from 1 to 7 p.m. in the Chapel of Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Forsyth. A prayer service will be at the Episcopal Church at 7 p.m. Sunday, for Esther's friends and family.

Condolences can be made to the Dean family at www.stevensonandsons.com.

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

Georgia Mae DeBuf

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HARLOWTON — Georgia Mae DeBuf, 85, passed away Friday, Jan. 2, 2004, at Wheatland Memorial Hospital.

Georgia was born Sept. 10, 1918, to Archie and Maude (Marshal) Ginther in Nihill. On May 9, 1944, she married Alfons DeBuf in White Sulphur Springs. They worked on the Foster Ranch for some time and then they bought a ranch north of Hedgesville where they lived until Alfons' death in 1983. Georgia later moved to Harlowton.

Georgia's greatest love was her family. She enjoyed her chickens, sheep, flowers, her garden and embroidering. Georgia was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church.

Her parents; husband; daughter, Maxine Louise DeBuf; and grandson, Joseph Louis Schuchard preceded her in death. She is survived by her daughter, Judy, and her husband, Roy Jamison, of Harlowton; son, Russell, and wife, Jeana DeBuf, of Billings; sisters Bettie, and husband, Mike Teig, of Harlowton, and Marjorie and husband, Quentin Indreland, of Big Timber; eight grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren.

Family requests memorials to Wheatland Memorial Nursing

Home, Harlowton or American Cancer Society, 550 N. 31st, Billings, MT 59101.

Mass of Christian burial will be 1 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 7, 2004, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church with Father Stephen Tallman as the celebrant. Graveside committal will follow in Harlowton Catholic Cemetery. Perkins Funeral Home assisted the family with the services.

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PAT and MARION DeBUSK

Pat and Marion DeBusk

CODY, Wyo. — Pat and Marion DeBusk of Cody passed away within 27 hours of each other after having been married 54 years.

Marion passed away on July 22, 2004, in Billings, Mont., at the age of 71; and Pat passed away in Cody on July 23, 2004, at the age of 72. Their family surrounded both during their final hours.

Marion was born Marion James Theodore DeBusk in Soda Springs, Calif., on Dec. 4, 1932, to Frances Marion and Ada Evelyn DeBusk.

Pat was born Marianne Patricia Boodt in Saint Helens, Calif., on March 17, 1932, to Ernest O. and Myrtle C. Boodt.

Marion was raised in Weimar, Calif., and Pat was raised in Alameda, Calif., until she was 14

at which time her family moved to Weimar where Pat and Marion met and their love story began. They were married on June 7, 1950, in Reno, Nev.

For the next few years, they made their home in Weimar and the Sierras at Lake Tahoe and Truckee where Marion cut Christmas trees for a living. While at Weimar, Marion began a career as a dairyman working for Golden State Creamery and later for Crystal Creamery in Sacramento, Calif.

Pat and Marion had three beautiful children: Patsy, Marion and Kathy. They moved to Sacramento in 1959 where they made their home until 1972, when they moved to Cody.

For the next seven years, they worked for Peg Coe and then Pat worked at the hospital in Dietary as a baker and Marion worked for the Cody School District as head of maintenance until he retired in 1997.

Starting in 1998, Pat and Marion enjoyed the winter months in Yuma, Ariz. They loved going to Mexico while in service will be held on July 28, 2004, at 10 a.m. at Ballard Funeral Home in Cody for Marion DeBusk with burial to follow for Marion and Pat at Riverside Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that donations be made to the American Hospice and to the American Cancer Society.

His mother, father, two sisters and a brother preceded Marion in death. Her mother, father and a sister preceded Pat in death. Both were preceded in death by a grandson, Glenn DeBusk. They are survived by their three children, Patsy (Steve) Carpenter of Cody, Marion O. (Mel) DeBusk of Cody and Katherine (Doug) Brown of Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; six grandchildren, Sarah Munoz, Crystal Brown, Aaron Brown, Steve and Eric Carpenter, Keshia Heinrich, and numerous nieces and nephews. A brother, Frances Lee DeBusk of Alta, Calif.; a sister, Catherine Emily O'Connell of Othello, Wash, and a brother, Norman Earl DeBusk of Billings, Mont, also survive Marion. A brother, Ernest O. Boodt, Jr. of Stockton, Calif, and a sister, Priscilla S. Olson of Gillette also survive Pat.

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**DARYLL L. DECK
and GRANDCHILDREN**

Daryll L. Deck

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Our Grandpa Daryll passed away at his home on July 14, 2004, after fighting cancer for the last two years.

Our Grandpa said he didn't want an obituary or funeral.

He said he wanted his grandchildren and loved ones to be together one more time at his favorite fishing and camping spot on the Madison River near Ennis.

He was so very proud of our dad, Arron; our mom, Rachel; and the three of us, Brayden (5), Andrew (3), and Hannah (1).

When Mom and Dad would ask us, "What's the best part of going over to Grandpa's?" we would yell out GRANDPA!

Grandpa Deck, you are the best Grandpa in the whole wide world, and we will love you forever!

Love, Brady, Drew & Hannah

Elvina Deckert

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RICHEY — Elvina Deckert, age 87 passed away on Thursday, May 20, 2004, at the Glendive Medical Center in Glendive.

Elvina was born on Nov. 15, 1916, on the family farm near Richey, the daughter of Ben and Susie (Baese) Richert. She grew up on the farm and attended Fairview grade school and graduated from Richey High School with the class of 1935.

On July 10, 1938, she married Joe Deckert at the



**ELVINA
DECKERT**

Bethlehem Mennonite Church near Bloomfield and although her and Joe never had children, she was like a mother to many of the children and youths of the community. She and Joe spent over 40 years together on their farm near Richey until the time of Joe's death in 1980. Elvina remained on the farm and active in the community. She taught Sunday school classes for many years at the Bethlehem Mennonite Church, becoming a favorite of many children. She was very active with the church Mission Society, serving as president and treasurer and also assisted on

many committees. Elvina was very handy in and around her household and many can attest to her beautiful handiwork and skills as a seamstress. She lived life to the fullest and her kitchen was a place where hot coffee, excellent food and joyful conversation took place. She was an avid gardener up until time of her death and raised beautiful flowers which many have enjoyed.

Elvina was preceded in death by her parents, husband, Joe Deckert, two brothers, Hubert and Andrew Richert, and three sisters, Blanche, Josephine Christiansen, and Lilly Ewert.

She is survived by her brother, Erbin Richert, and wife, Laretta, of Wibaux; Viola Unruh, and husband, Ben, of Wolf Point; Violet Buller, and husband, Vern, of Busby; sister-in-law, Ruby Richert, of Big Timber, and many nephews and nieces.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m., Tuesday, May 25, 2004, at the Bethlehem Mennonite Church north of Bloomfield, with Pastors Darrell Nefzger and

Patrick McFarren officiating. Interment will be in the Bethlehem Mennonite Church Cemetery. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Glendive is entrusted with arrangements.

Memorials may be directed to Eastern Montana Bible Camp, 1862 Road 523, Bloomfield, MT 59315.

Remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at www.silvernale-silhafuneralhome.com.

Madge C. Deems

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SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Madge C. Deems, 93, of Sheridan, died Wednesday, May 19, 2004, at Sheridan Manor.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, May 22, at St. Peter's Episcopal Church. Burial will be in the Masonic #8 Section of the Sheridan Municipal Cemetery. Champion Ferries Funeral Home of Sheridan is in charge.

Agnes Ueertuse

LODGE GRASS — Agnes Deernose, 96, Crow matriarch, passed away Saturday evening, April 3, 2004, in the Deaconess Billings Clinic.

Bia Kaaleeshtaa xxiassaash "Outstanding Young Woman" was born Oct. 27, 1907, on the banks of the Little Big Horn River near Lodge Grass, the youngest daughter of Hawk with a Yellowtail and Lizzy DuChemin. She was a direct descendent of Pierre DuChemin, who was the first interpreter of the Ft. Laramie Treaty of the 1800s. She grew up in the Lodge Grass area attended the Petzoldt Day School, Crow Agency and Lodge Grass schools, before completing her education at the Chemawa Indian School in Oregon. She later attended cooking school in Missoula. She had such a remarkable memory that she could recall traditional songs and landmarks with little effort.

Agnes married Warren Bends in 1924 and they were later divorced. She married Donald Deernose in September of 1931 in Pryor and the couple made their home near Lodge Grass. Mr. Deernose died in 1978.

She was the last charter member of the original Baptist Mission, where she was a choir and Women's Club member, a member of the Tobacco Society

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Ree Society, Crazy Bunch, Red Flower Sewing Club, Whistling Water Clan and was a child of the Big Lodge Clan. She was known for her energy as movie extra, taking part in several movies including Big Sky, War Party, Little Big Man and Walks Far Women. Her life history was documented in a book entitled "They Call Me Agnes," written by Fred and Mary Kay Voget.

Agnes was selected with her husband in the 1950s to serve as ambassadors for the Crow Tribe. Their travels took them throughout Europe and the United States. She once stayed in Europe with a dance troupe for over six months. She, her husband and Neck Yoke Jones were co-founders of the Sheridan, Wyo., All American Indian Days. She chaperoned the young Indian ladies who were competing for the title of Miss Indian America from 1952 to 1970.

She was a "Kala" to many children.



**AGNES
DEERNOISE**

Agnes was a cook for the Crow Agency and Lodge Grass schools and was house-mother for the St. Labre Indian Mission in Ashland. Her

faith enabled her to become a Deaconess in the Baptist Church. She enjoyed traditional activities, especially beading and dancing. However, she will be remembered most fondly as a loving mother, grandmother and friend, who loved to keep her home open to anyone and everyone. She was a dedicated quilter and basketball fan.

Her son, Robert Bends, preceded Agnes in death.

Survivors include her daughter, Ferole (Bill) Pease of Benteen and a son Duane (Donna) Bends of Lodge Grass; her sisters, Ataloo Harris of Lame Deer and Diane (Dave) Reynolds of Three Forks; her adopted sons, Tom Yellowtail and Len Harris; her adopted daughters, Regina Falls Down and Georgiann (Clayton) Old Elk; seven nieces; a nephew and numerous grandchildren. She is also survived by her extended family, including the Moccasin, Takes Gun, Hogan, One Goose, Mountain Pocket, Bear Don't Walk, Washakie, Left Hands of

Canada, Old Bear, Plays, Carpenter, Scott, Fredericks and Frank LaForge families.

Wake services will be held 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 6, in Lodge Grass First Crow Indian Baptist Mission Chapel. Funeral services will be held 1 p.m. Wednesday, April 7, in the Chapel. Interment will follow in the Lodge Grass Cemetery. Bullis Mortuary of Hardin has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Should friends desire, memorial contributions may be made to the First Crow Indian Baptist Church, Box 507, Lodge Grass, MT 59050.

Sister Mary Pauline Degan

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LEAVENWORTH, Kan. — Sister Mary Pauline Degan (Mary Cresence Degan), 87, a Sister of Charity of Leavenworth, formerly of Billings, Butte and Helena, Mont., died Monday, April 12, 2004, at Ross Hall, Mother House, Leavenworth.

A vigil will be at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 15, at 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. Friday, April 16, in Ross Chapel. Interment will follow in Mount Olivet Cemetery on the Mother House Grounds. Belden-Sexton-Sumpter Chapels are in charge.

ABSAROKEE — Duncan MacDonald DeGroot was born on Feb. 5, 1914, in Bozeman, the son of Arie W. "Van" DeGroot and Lillian Jacobs DeGroot. When he was 3 years of age, the family moved to Absarokee, where Duncan grew to appreciate the beauty of the mountains, the fishing streams and all aspects of nature. Duncan graduated from Absarokee High School in 1932, and due to his mother's illness, the family moved to Billings later that year. His first employment was with the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York. He later accepted an appointment as an agent for the company, an association that continued throughout his career.

Duncan married Ruth Ahlquist on Aug. 20, 1942. He enlisted in the army in 1942 and was honorably discharged in 1946. In 1951, the mountains beckoned his return, and the family moved to Absarokee, where he established a general insurance agency, and where they have made their home since that time. He died in the Stillwater Community Hospital on July 14, 2004.

He was an active member of the Community Congregational Church in Absarokee, Stillwater Senior Citizens, VFW Post #7311, Cobblestone Preservation

Committee, and a former member of Absarokee Lions Club. He aided in the development of Hawkins Park in Absarokee and was a true, loyal and supportive citizen of his home town.



**DUNCAN
DeGROOT**

He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Ruth, who was at his side when he died; his sons, Richard of Missoula and William (Necia) of

Batavia, Ill.; three grandchildren, Jacob of Whitefish, Jeremy and Gretchen of Batavia, Ill.; and sisters-in-law, Vesta Lockrem of Sidney and Barbara DeGroot of Cut Bank. He is also survived by many nephews, nieces and cousins, who will always cherish fond memories of their "family years."

Duncan was preceded in death by his parents; sister Frances DeGroot Lierow; and brother William "Willie" DeGroot.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be held on Friday, July 23, at 10:30 a.m., at Community Congregational Church, Absarokee. Memorials may be sent to the Community Congregational Church or to a charity of choice.

Jerry Deibele

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

APR 14 2004

Jerry Deibele, 54, of Billings, died Sunday, April 11, 2004, at his home, of natural causes.

Visitations may be made from noon to 9 p.m. Thursday, April 15, at Smith Downtown Chapel. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, April 16, at Riverside Cemetery.

Florence Redman Deitz, 87, of Billings, passed away at St. Vincent Healthcare, Nov. 26, 2004, following a long illness

he was born Jan. 23, 1917, in Belfield, N.D., to Albert and Agnes Redman. She married Roger D. Deitz on June 9, 1940.



**FLORENCE
DEITZ**

Florence worked at the Yellowstone County Courthouse for nearly 20 years, where she was the switch board operator. Upon her retirement, she joined the Foster Grandparents Program through Cuddles and Care at St. Vincent Healthcare. This was a program very dear to her heart.

Being a compassionate person, Florence collected many friends were over the years. She especially enjoyed meeting new young people, who were always invited to her house for tea and conversation. Her many friends will not forget this truly remarkable Irish woman.

Florence is survived by her daughter-in-law, Judith Deitz of Billings; grandson, Mark Lacy and family of Los Angeles; granddaughter, Lisa Ollila and family of Blaine, Minn.; as well as many dear friends.

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She was preceded in death by her parents; brother; husband, Roger in 1970; and her son Roger on April 30, 2004.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 2, at First Presbyterian Church. Interment will follow at Terrace Gardens Cemetery. Visitation will begin at Michelotti-Sawyers on Tuesday, Nov 30.

Memorials may be given in lieu of flowers to Cuddles and Care Day Care at St. Vincent Healthcare Foundation, 1106 N. 30th, Billings, MT 59101.

Michelotti-Sawyers is in charge of arrangements.

MAY 01 2004**Roger D. Deitz**

After a short illness, Roger D. Deitz died early Friday morning, April 30, 2004.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. today, May 1, at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary. A gathering will be held at 1112 Princeton Ave., following the service. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the American Lung Association of the Northern Rockies (for asthma research).

Helen Swaby Delcamp

BILLINGS GAZETTE

JUN 17 2004

Helen Pearl Swaby Delcamp, 91, of Billings, formerly of Hardin, passed away June 15, 2004, in Billings.

She was born Oct. 13, 1912, at the Weldon Clark farm south of Hardin, a daughter of Charles and Mary Hazzard Corkins. She attended the Nine-Mile School north of Hardin, before graduating from Hardin High School in 1930.

Helen Married Gordon H. Swaby in 1931 in Hardin. They were the first couple to be married in the Hardin First Baptist Church. The couple resided in Lodge Grass, before returning to Hardin in 1934. Mr. Swaby died in 1975.

In May of 1980, she married John Delcamp at Mitchell, Neb., and the couple made their home in Billings. He died in 2004.

She was a talented piano and organ musician, often playing for church services, choirs, weddings and funerals in the Hardin area. She was an active member of the Hardin Rebekah Lodge # 96.

Two infant sons; her parents; a brother, Bill Corkins; her son-in-

law, Charles Cossitt; and two nephews preceded her in death.

Survivors include her daughter, Mary Helen Cossitt of Shepherd; grandchildren and families, Julie (Pat) Vaughn of Shepherd, Claudia (Bill) Dodson, Tara and Carter of Virginia, Gordon (Brenda) Cossitt, Ryan, Stephanie and Monica of Wyoming and Jerry (Deb) Cossitt, Mindy, Austin and Anthony of Shepherd; two nephews, as well as members of the Delcamp family.

"Mom, I do so miss especially your tiny, beautifully formed hands and the music you could create with them. May you play for the angels and those who have gone before you."

Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Friday, June 18, in the Bullis Funeral Chapel. Interment with Rebekah graveside rites will follow in the Hardin Fairview Cemetery. Bullis Mortuary of Hardin has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Should friends desire, memorial donations may be made to the Hardin First Baptist Church or charity of one's choice.



HELEN
DEL CAMP

Lulu M. (Lane) Delcrew

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

FEB 06 2004

SANTA CLARA, Calif. — Born to I.C. "Pony" and Ella (Chestnut) Lane, Jan. 9, 1915, passed away Jan. 6, 2004, in Santa Clara, with her husband at her side.

Lulu was raised on the family homestead north of Molt, Mont., and attended schools in Molt and Roberts, Mont. Lulu loved to bowl and was on many women's bowling teams in Montana and California, going to nationals three times. She worked at Vaughn Ragsdale several years when she lived in Billings.

In 1948, she moved to San Jose where she met Primo Delcrew. They were married Sept. 25, 1950.

She worked for See's Candy for 15 years. She was an accomplished seamstress and arts and crafts person. She enjoyed camping with Primo and "her" ~~Bob~~. Lulu and Primo gave several young kids a stable home life.

She is survived by her husband Primo of Santa Clara; two stepchildren, Barbara Jasper (Bob) of Prunedale, Wayne Delcrew (Suzie) of Morgan Hills; two grandchildren, Tiffany of Morgan Hills, Jason of San Diego; two nephews, James Lane of Applegate and Lee Lane of Molt; and two great-nieces and two great-nephews.

She will be greatly missed and remembered for her love and kindness to everyone.

Her parents; three brothers, Orville, Russell and Irvin, preceded her in death.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial services were held Jan. 12, in Sunnyvale.

Tomasa De Leon

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

DEC 05 2004

POWELL, Wyo. — Tomasa De Leon, 82, of Powell, Wyo. passed away on Dec. 2, 2004.

The oldest of seven sisters, Tomasa was born in Cameron, Texas to Estevan and Luz Arriaga on Dec. 29, 1921. Tomasa married Ventura (Ben) De Leon, and together they made their home in Garland, where they both enjoyed working the soil of their flower beds and garden. Passersby would often stop and reflect, while sitting in the cool of the trees that rimmed the flower garden. Tomasa enjoyed sewing and quilting as well as cooking for other people, nobody left her home hungry. Tomasa's gift of hospitality included her annual involvement making food baskets and providing clothing for anyone in need.

Tomasa was blessed with four children, three daughters, Pilar (deceased), Julie (Mark) Meis, Rachel (Vern) Stiller and one son, Estevan (Mary Davey) De Leon, seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Tomasa was preceded in death by her husband Ventura.

Funeral services will be held on Dec. 7, at 1 p.m., at Miratsky Funeral Home, interment at Crown Hill Cemetery in Powell.

DEC 07 2004

Tomasa De Leon

Funeral services are scheduled today (Tuesday) at 1 p.m. at Miratsky-Easton Funeral Home in Powell for Tomasa De Leon, 82, who died Thursday, Dec. 2 in Great Falls, Mont.

She was born in Cameron, Texas, on Dec. 29, 1921, the daughter of Estevan and Luz Arriaga. She was the oldest of seven sisters.

She married Ventura (Ben) De Leon, and together they made their home in Garland where they both enjoyed working the soil of their flower beds and garden. Passers-by would often stop to enjoy the cool of the trees that rimmed the flower garden.

She enjoyed sewing and quilting, as well as cooking for other people. Her family recalls that no one left her home hungry.

Her gift of hospitality included her annual involvement making food baskets and providing clothing for anyone in need.

She was blessed with four children, three daughters, Pilar (deceased), Julie (Mark) Meis and Rachel (Vern) Stiller; one son, Estevan (Mary Davey) De Leon; seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ventura.

Burial will be in Crown Hill Cemetery under the direction of Miratsky-Easton Funeral Home.

Lena N. Dellos

WORLAND, Wyo. — Lena Nevada Dellos, 83, of Worland, died Tuesday, Oct. 5, 2004, at Worland Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Monday, Oct. 11, at the First Baptist Church. Burial of cremains will be in the Riverview Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Worland. Bryant Funeral Home of Worland is in charge.

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Gladys DeLong

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

HAVRE — Gladys DeLong, 88, died Thursday, Dec. 9, 2004, at the Northern Montana Care Center in Havre.

DEC 15 2004

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 18, at the Northern Montana Care Center Chapel. Burial of the cremated remains will be in Highland Cemetery in Havre. Edwards Funeral Home of Chinook is in charge.

Hubert Delp

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

FAIRVIEW — Hubert Delp, 87, of Fairview, died Sunday, April 18, 2004, at the Sidney Health Center-Extended Care Facility.

APR 20 2004

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, April 22, at the Zion Lutheran Church. Interment will be in the Fairview Cemetery. Fulkerson Funeral Home of Sidney is in charge.

FEB 08 2004

Edward Demarais

MALTA — Edward Demarais, 62, died Friday, Feb. 6, 2004, at the Phillips County Hospital.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 10, at the Adams

Memorial Chapel.

Interment of his ashes will be at a later date.

Adams Funeral Home and Crematory are in charge of arrangements.

Frances (Kelly) Demaray 'Sis'

GLENDIVE — Frances (Kelly) Demaray "Sis," age 100, of Glendive, died on Monday, April 12, 2004, at the Eastern Montana Veterans Home in Glendive.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, April 14, in the Chapel of the Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home in Glendive, with Reverend Denis Fournier officiating. Interment with military honors will be in the Dawson County Cemetery in Glendive. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Glendive is entrusted with arrangements.

Frances was born on March 11, 1904, in Glendive, to Irish parents, Margaret (Peoples) Kelly and John A. Kelly. She married Mert Demaray in 1935 and they were later divorced. She was the only girl in her family of five protective brothers.

After graduating from Dawson County High School, she worked for the County Agent in Glendive for 10 years. She joined the U.S. Air Force in October 1943 and served for two years in England, France and the United States. After her discharge from the service, she was employed by the Alaskan Railroad as a stenographer for 20 years. In 1996, she retired

and spent the next 10 years just enjoying Seattle. In 1976, she moved back to Montana to be closer to her siblings and their families, settling in Billings. She lived independently and maintained her own home in Billings



**FRANCES
DEMARAY**

until the age of 92, when she moved into an assisted living apartment at St. Johns Lutheran Home. She went full circle when she moved back to her birthplace, Glendive, and entered the

Eastern Montana Veterans Home in November 1999.

Frances was preceded in death by her parents; her brothers, Francis (Peggy), William "Bill," Robert "Rob," John "Jake" and James "Jim" and several nieces and nephews.

One sister-in-law, Patricia Kelly of Billings and 12 nieces and nephews survive her.

Remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at: www.silvernale-silhafuneralhome.com.

Fay E. DeMonney

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

BUFFALO — Fay E. DeMonney, 80, died, in Casper, Wyo.

Graveside funeral services will be 10 a.m., Friday, July 9, in Willow Grove Cemetery with Father George Greer officiating. Adams Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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Howard 'Bill' W. Deppe

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

JUL 2 - 2004

TUCSON, Ariz. — Howard W. "Bill" Deppe, 68, passed away June 21, 2004, at TMC Hospice in Tucson, in the arms of his loving wife Elma, after a two-year battle with cancer.



**BILL
DEPPE**

Born in Shreveport, La., he is survived by wife Elma and children Donnetta Armstead, Wendell Armstead and Eunice (Larry) Armstrong of Billings, and Wesley Armstead of Gillette, Wyo., and Sandy (Matt) Armstead of Kansas City, Mo.; also five grandchildren, Tara, Jayci, Aric Armstead and Michael and Chrissy Armstrong. He is also survived by his brothers, Randy (Janet) of Phoenix, Robert of Seattle and Richard (Peggy) of San Francisco; a nephew, Ryan Deppe; a niece, Robin Richardson; and two great-nieces.

After a short tour with Montana Air Guards and attending college in Madison, Wis., and Bozeman, Mont., in engineering, he went to work for 35 years as a dedicated railroad engineer for Great Northern R.R., which later merged to Burlington Northern in Seattle and Billings region.

Retired in 1986, he and his wife moved to Tucson, where they have made their home since.

Memorial services will be held in Billings at 2 p.m., July 6, at Mayflower Congregational Church, 2940 Poly Drive. A reception will follow.

His memory will be loved and cherished always.

Nancy Jane Taylor DePriest

COEUR D'ALENE, Idaho — Nancy Jane Taylor DePriest, 90, passed away Thursday, Oct. 14, 2004, in Coeur d'Alene, with her family by her side.

Nancy was born Dec. 30, 1913, at the Taylor Ranch west of Cleveland, Mont. She was the first of two children born to Frank and Warne Taylor. She was especially proud of her beloved childhood home in the Bear Paws and was an expert on the history of the ranch and the surrounding area. She shared her experiences of growing up on the ranch with anyone interested in hearing about early ranch life.

Nancy attended grade school at Peoples Creek School near the ranch where the teacher often boarded with the family. She attended high school at the Ursuline Academy in Great Falls, graduating in 1932. She then attended Northern Montana College to become a teacher. She taught at Ada, Lloyd and Cleveland — all one-room country schools.

Nancy was teaching at the

Cleveland School when she met Jack DePriest. They were married at the ranch, Aug. 25, 1940. Born to this union were four children. Nancy was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and daughter. Time spent with her grandchildren was cherished by Nancy and she lovingly cared for her own mother for many years.

In 1943, Jack and Nancy started the DePriest Trucking business in Chinook — still in operation today by their son Frank and his sons. Nancy kept her eye on the business from her east window, where she had a good view of the shop and the Sugar Factory.

Nancy loved her home where she lived for 63 years. Anyone who knew Nancy knows she was a caretaker, not just to her family, but to all her neighbors and friends that meant so much to her. She wasn't one to be out and about, but looked forward to "company" at her house for a meal, a cup of tea, a cinnamon roll, a piece of pie and most importantly, some good conversation. Her recipes and cooking tips were highly regarded!

Nancy loved to spend time in the Bear Paws — particularly at "the cabin," cooking on her wood stove, fishing at #2, playing cards and entertaining droppers by



**NANCY
DEPRIEST**

Many a day one would see the old gray suburban heading south.

Nancy was proud of her big garden and enjoyed sharing produce with others. She was an accomplished seamstress, an avid reader, a competitive card player and an excellent writer. She enjoyed watching many sporting events — and was particularly animated if one of her children or grandchildren was participating. She loved the outdoors and all God's creatures and could spot a deer a half-mile away from a moving vehicle!

Nancy would want you to remember her in her kitchen, or better yet, cooking on the little stove in her camp wagon.

Nancy was preceded in death by Jack in 1994, her husband of 54 years; her parents; and her brother, Warner.

Survivors include her son, Frank of Chinook; daughters Moselle DePriest of Kalispell, Anita DePriest Magnuson and Jacki DePriest of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; grandchildren Todd and Scott DePriest, Kristin Nordberg, Anne Binger, Jimmy and Nancy (Clancy) Magnuson, and Elli Taylor Tindall; two great-grandchildren, Holden Binger and Ansley Nordberg; sister-in-law Emma Taylor; and her nieces, the Taylor girls.

Services for Nancy will be Saturday, Oct. 23, at 2 p.m., in the Chinook High School Auditorium. In lieu of flowers,

memorials may be made to the United Methodist Church, P.A.W.S., the Blaine County Museum, Hospice or the charity of one's choice.

As a tribute to Nancy, do something nice for someone else today.

Inez Marie Daede Derksen**JUN 22 2004**

Inez Marie Daede Derksen, age 76, of Billings, went home to the Heavenly Father on June 18, 2004, at the Deaconess Billings Clinic.



**INEZ
DERKSEN**

Inez was born Sept. 29, 1927, at the family home. Homer Township, Stutsman County, N.D.

She was the youngest child of Theodore and Emilie "Millie" (Redcher) Daede, Sr. Her parents; two sisters, Esther and Ruth; three brothers, Ted, Wally and Louis, precede her in death.

On Sept. 21, 1957, she married Frank J. Derksen at the American Lutheran Church, Billings.

Inez enjoyed doing crafts, sewing, cooking, caring for her children, and was a passionate reader.

She is survived by Frank Derksen; two daughters, Deb and Kathryn of Minnesota; two sons, Jerry of Billings and Barney of Washington; seven grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

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

Memorials may be made in her name to a charity of your choice.

Charles A. Descheemaeker

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

EB 07 2004

COLUMBUS — Charles A. Descheemaeker, 86, passed away Feb. 7, 2004, from heart failure. He was born Dec. 31, 1917, in Golden, Mont., the son of August and Alice (DeSutter) Descheemaeker. He graduated from Fromberg High School in 1936 and attended the Polytechnic School of Engineering in Oakland, Calif.



**CHARLES
DESCHEE-
MAEKER**

In June of 1936, he was united in marriage to Anna Hoefert. It was a loving marriage that was to last 68 years until his passing.

Charlie was a legendary cattleman known for his honesty and integrity. He also had strong convictions and a vision for the type of type cattle the industry needed. Charlie was a pioneer in the Montana Beef Performance Assn. and performance testing was a foundation for his breeding program. He didn't let fads deter him from his quest to develop his line of RC Mischief Hereford cattle. His bull, RC Mischief D4, was as well known worldwide as Charlie himself.

Charlie received a number of

awards and distinctions during his lifetime. He was recognized for excellence as a seedstock breeder by the Beef Improvement Federation in 1974. In 1976, he received the Record Stockman's "Man of the Year" presented at the National Western Livestock Show in Denver, Colo. He was inducted into the Hereford Heritage Hall in 1979. In 1985, he was the honoree at the Hereford ROM Show in Billings. Charlie was a NILE 200 Club member for more than 30 years and served as President of NILE for two years.

He was instrumental in founding the Carbon County Soil Conservation District and served 17 years as a Supervisor. He was a 4-H leader, school board member and contributed to the FFA program.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing, rock hounding, and in his retirement years he developed a love for golf where more than once his golf score equaled his age. Charlie shot two "Holes in One" — the last one occurring last summer at the age of 85. He traveled extensively and visited every continent except Antarctica.

His parents; his sister, Margaret Jones; his daughter,

Helen Akos Patten; and his godfather and mentor, Alfonse Croes preceded him in death.

He is survived by his wife of 68 years, Anna; son, Larry and daughter-in-law, Molly of Lewistown; granddaughters, Julie (Akos) and husband John Joseph of New Braunfels, Texas and Helen Jean (Akos) and husband Chad Nosker of Houston, Texas; grandsons, Bill Akos and wife Wendy of North Dallas, Texas, John Akos and wife Victoria of North Dallas, Texas, Dennis Descheemaeker and wife Kris of Lewistown, Scott Descheemaeker and wife Nancy of Davis, Calif., Paul Descheemaeker of Lewistown, Patrick Descheemaeker and wife Melissa of Lewistown and Gregg Descheemaeker and wife Lynda of Rocklin, Calif. Twenty-six great-grandchildren also survive him.

A vigil service will be 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 10, at Smith Funeral Chapel, 35 N. Diamond in Columbus. Funeral Mass will be celebrated 10 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 11, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Columbus. Internment will follow at the Joliet Cemetery. Following the graveside service there will be a reception at the St. John's Parish Hall in Joliet.

Memorials may be made to the Special K Ranch or a charity of your choice.

MAY 13 2004**Ronald Gene Desjarlais,
Sr.**

WOLF POINT — Ronald Gene "Ronnie" Desjarlais, Sr., 56, of Wolf Point, died Sunday, May 9, 2004, from a myocardial infarction.

Viewing will be from 2 to 8 p.m. Thursday, May 13, at Clayton Stevenson Memorial Chapel in Wolf Point, with a sharing service at 7 p.m. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Friday, May 14, at Clayton Stevenson Memorial Chapel in Wolf Point. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in Wolf Point. Luncheon will be at Wolf Point Community Hall after burial.

Leonard Bernard Desmul

MAY 22 2004

PUYALLUP, Wash. — Leonard Bernard Desmul, husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather and friend, passed peacefully from this life, surrounded by his family, on Friday, April 30, 2004, in Puyallup.



**LEONARD
DESMUL**

Len was the first son of Henry and Agnes (Suchanek) Desmul, born in a small bedroom of their farm home west of Ord, Geranium Township, Neb., on Oct. 23, 1914. While an infant, his mother would often wrap him in blankets and place him next to her on the seats of horse-drawn farm implements as she helped her husband farm their land.

Through the good and not-so-good years, Dad farmed with his parents and two younger brothers, Ray and Gerald. Following his graduation from Ord High School, he continued to farm during the years of economic depression and the Dust Bowl days.

After several years of crop failures, Dad finally had "one good crop." Deciding "farming just

wasn't for me," he took the money from that final crop and enrolled in law school at the University of Nebraska at Omaha. Those were tough, economic times for our country. Dad recalled, as a student, how he once received a penny pocket knife and a single dime as a birthday gift from his parents; a modest gift that was all the more significant to him because he knew how much his parents had sacrificed to give it to him.

While working his way through law school in the school cafeteria, he met and fell in love with a fellow employee, Velda Christensen. On Oct. 17, 1941, he and Velda were married. Dad graduated from law school and was admitted to the Nebraska State Bar just as the military draft had begun. He chose to enlist and was inducted as a private on June 12, 1941, at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. In March 1943, following completion of Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning, Ga., he was commissioned as a 2nd lieutenant and assigned to a unit at Camp Wolters, Texas. In April 1943, he was assigned to his unit at Camp Shelby, Miss. As a captain

and company commander of an "anti-tank" unit in the 273rd Regiment of the "Fighting" 69th Infantry Division, he accompanied his men to Europe in 1944. Dad was awarded the Combat Infantryman's Badge and the Bronze Star for Valor for his combat service in Belgium, France and Germany. He loved his country.

After Victory in Europe (VE Day), he was assigned as a legal officer/judge advocate presiding over Military Government Courts in occupied Germany. He returned to the United States in November of 1945 and was honorably discharged in December.

Shortly thereafter, he was finally able to return home to his wife and young family. In 1946, he accepted a position as an attorney for the United States Bureau of Reclamation and moved to Billings. He retired in 1976. He was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus.

Len will be remembered as a good husband, a supportive father and a true friend devoted to his family. He was a man of keen intellect and many interests. He particularly enjoyed learning and reading, his automobiles, electronics, music, photography, guns and his dogs. Family get-togethers, whether in Montana, Nebraska or Washington, were

always a source of great joy and pleasure to him.

In 2001, he and Velda relocated to Buckley to be closer to the children, grandchildren and the great-grandchildren who live in the area.

His parents Henry and Agnes; brothers Ray and Gerald; son Gerald; daughter Kristine; and grandson, James and great-granddaughter Jessica, predecease him. He and his brothers Ray and Gerald (who was killed in combat in the Korean War) will be numbered among those who served their country with Honor and Valor.

Len is survived by his wife of 62 years, Velda; sons David and wife Bernie, Bill and wife Naomi, of Buckley, Dr. Leonard "Bud" Desmul and wife Jennifer of Kalispell, Mont.; his daughters, Jennifer Desmul-Normile of Kirkland, Diane and husband Ron Hunter of Billings, Karen and husband Guy Miller of Rapid City, S.D., Dr. Mary Randall of Columbia, Mo. Nineteen grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren also survive him.

The family is particularly grateful to Jerry Whitmer of Billings for his compassion and comforting friendship to our father during his last years in Billings.

Leonard Bernard
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A family celebration of his life was held in Buckley, May 2. Cremation has taken place. He will be interred at Holy Cross Cemetery, located in Billings. Those services are pending. Remembrances may be made in his memory to the charity of choice.

How can one say goodbye to such a mentor and friend. Dad, we will miss your counsel, your company, your laugh. We hope to live up to your example. Thank you for always being there.. you always were.

Jeanne F. Desson

CODY, Wyo. — Jeanne F. Desson, 83, died Wednesday, Oct. 20, 2004, at West Park Long Term Care Center in Cody.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, Oct. 25, at West Park Long Term Care Center. Cremation has taken place. Ballard Funeral Home of Cody is in charge.

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Robert DeTienne

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE
APR 22 2004

TOWNSEND — Robert "Bob" DeTienne, 75, of Townsend, died Monday, April 19, 2004, at his home.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Friday, April 23, at United Methodist Church of Townsend. Graveside committal will follow at Montana State Veterans Cemetery. Connors Funeral Home is in charge.

Justin Edward Deutscher

THE BILLINGS "GAZETTE"

AUG 13 2004

Justin E. Deutscher, much-loved son, brother and friend, died suddenly in the early hours of Aug. 11, 2004, at the age of 23.

Justin, the son of Terry D. and Cindy S. (Pape) Deutscher, was

born in Billings on Jan. 21, 1981. Being born and raised in Billings, Justin was a true "Montana Star." Justin graduated with high honors from Billings Senior High in 1999. After graduation,



**JUSTIN
DEUTSCHER**

Justin moved to Beaverton, Ore., for a year before returning to enroll at MSU-B. Justin was a gifted athlete, enjoyed many years playing football, basketball, and baseball. He was a member of the Billings Royals American Legion baseball team for several years. He twice represented Billings in the Hershey Track and Field competition and at 14 years old brought home a national championship. Most recently, Justin was testing his skills as an actor with Venture Theatre and as a poet. Justin had 1,000 friends and truly loved to

spend time with them, bringing laughter and quick wit to any gathering.

Justin is survived by his parents; his brother Matthew; uncles Gary (Lloyd Ann), Gerald (Sonok), Allan (Marijke), and Rich (Kathy) Deutscher, Tim (Lynn) Hankel, Guy Worthington, Pat Worthington, Gail Pape; aunts, Jan, Nancy and Beckie Cariveau, and Valerie Wilson; grandparents, Hertha Deutscher and John and Pat Richard. Also many, many cousins throughout the world.

Preceding Justin in death was his grandfather, Gerhardt Deutscher and his aunt Arlene Deutscher Hankel.

May God hold you in his loving embrace until we meet again.

Funeral service will be 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 14, at the Smith West Chapel, 304 34th St. West. Visitation will be at Smith Downtown Chapel, 120 N. 26th, until noon Saturday. Cremation will follow.

Lavina A. Deveny

Lavina A. Deveny died Nov. 20, 2004, of natural causes in Billings.

Lavina was born on Sept. 29, 1911, to Henry and Mary Schrandt on their farm east of Plainville, Kan. She spent her youth in Plainville and then attended Beauty School in Hayes, Kan. She worked as a beautician in Hayes and Kansas City,



**LAVINA
DEVENY**

Mo., before moving to work in Los Angeles in 1936. In 1943, she bought and operated the Mayfair Beauty Salon in San Francisco. Lavina was fond of her adopted state, California. She enjoyed dancing to the music of the Big Band Era, spending time at the beach, competing in archery, attending operas and riding horses.

Lavina met Dan Deveny from Sanders while he was stationed in San Francisco during WWII. They were married in 1946. Following a month-long honeymoon in Mexico, they settled on the Deveny family homestead near Sanders where they farmed, ranched and raised five children. Lavina was an accomplished homemaker and gardener. She also enjoyed bowling, playing the

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piano, card games and daily walks. She was a member of the Saint Joseph's Catholic Church and Altar Society in Hysham and the American Legion Auxiliary.

Dan died in 1994 and in 1996, Lavina moved to the Aspen View Retirement Community in Billings. Since 1998, she was a resident of the Rim Shadows Personal Care Home where she was appreciated for her piano playing, upbeat attitude and sense of humor.

Lavina is survived by daughters Patricia Deveny of Billings and Christine Deveny and her husband Ken Knudson of Helena; sons Dan R. and Sandy Deveny of Winnemucca, Nev., Frank and Peggy Deveny of Sanders, and Tom Deveny and his friend Kathy Knudsen of Missoula; a grandson, Bill Deveny of Bozeman; granddaughters Jackie Deveny of Missoula, Laura Murray of Austin, Texas, and Adele Swaim of Helena; and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband Dan and nine brothers and sisters.

A funeral mass will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 23, at 3 p.m., at the Saint Joseph's Catholic Church

in Hysham. The Rosary will precede the mass at 2 p.m. Interment will follow immediately at the Hysham Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Sanders Community Hall Foundation, 388 Old Highway 10, Sanders, MT 59076.

Condolences can be sent to the Deveny family at www.stevensonandsons.com.

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

James V. DeVerniero

James V. DeVerniero, born Vincenzo DeVerniero, 82, passed away peacefully Nov. 18, 2004, at Valley Health Care Center in Billings, Mont. Jim was born Oct. 16, 1922, in New Haven, Conn., the son of Pasquale and Serafina (Corvino) DeVerniero.

He was born into a family of nine children and grew up working in the family restaurant business and barber shop.



**JAMES
DEVERNIERO**

He joined the Army and was stationed in Europe during World War II.

He fought in the Battle of the Bulge. Jim was a Forward Observer and was struck by lightning three times; on a pole, a bridge and in a fox hole. He was a boxer in the Army.

Following his discharge, Jim worked at Western Electric as a cabinet builder and also worked part time at their family business, 'Mrs. Dee's Ristorante' in New York.

On Jan. 12, 1947, Jim was united in marriage to Margaret 'Mickey' McKenna in Middle Village, N.Y. After visiting Montana, Jim and his family moved to Billings and started a restaurant, Casa Dee's in 1959. In 1960, the restaurant was

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moved to the Circle Inn in the Heights. In 1962, Jimmy moved his business to Grand Avenue and opened Jimmy's Pizzeria on Fifth and Grand Avenue, home of the world famous steak sandwich. Jimmy continued to feed the masses when he moved to the West End and hosted his world-famous Christmas Eve parties. Jimmy remained active in the Chef and Cooks Association of Montana. He was an avid chef and a charter member of the Chefs and Cooks Association. The club honored him by starting the Jimmy DeVerniero Scholarship Fund in 2002. In 1986, he continued his involvement in the restaurant business when he began working with his son Paul at DeVerniero's Ristorante.

In between his restaurant duties, Jim found the time to play the role of an Italian immigrant in the movie "Far and Away."

James was preceded in death by his parents; his wife of 58 years, Mickey, who died Oct. 4, 2004; brothers Angelo "Hank" DeVerniero, Alfredo "Fat Freddy" DeVerniero, Frederico "Skinny Freddy" DeVerniero; and sister Mary DeVerniero Santoro.

He is survived by his daughter, Linda DeVerniero, granddaughter Jody (Mark) Sulser; great-grandchildren Ben Morgan and Gabe Sulser, all of Billings; granddaughter Amy Hendrickson of Seattle, Wash.; son Jim (Robin) DeVerniero of Billings; grandchildren Chris DeVerniero, Kasie DeVerniero both of Helena, Jason (Angie) Ostermiller; great-grandchildren Tegan and Austin Ostermiller, Justin Ostermiller, Michael DeVerniero, all of Billings; son Paul (Jean) DeVerniero, granddaughter Pam (Shawn) Westberg; great-grandchildren Darion and Tyler Westberg all of Billings; granddaughter Angie DeVerniero of Seattle, Wash. He is also survived by brothers "Amerigo" Joseph DeVerniero, Emanuel "Dee" DeVerniero, Victor Santoro and Nick Pepe; sisters Edith Aponte and Eleanor McLaughlin; and sister-in-law Joan (Harry) Pelzar.

"A la famiglia. A salute per cento d'anni". (To the family, your health for 100 years.)

Vigil will be 7 p.m., Monday, Nov. 22, at Dahl Funeral Chapel. Memorial Mass will be at 12 Noon, Tuesday, at St. Patrick's Co-Cathedral.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Jimmy DeVerniero Scholarship Fund, c/o Chefs and Cooks of Montana, PO Box 226, Billings, MT 59103.

Mickey DeVerniero

Feb. 24, 1927 — Oct. 4, 2004

Mickey DeVerniero, 77, passed away peacefully on Oct. 4, 2004. Mickey was born Margaret Alice McKenna in Brooklyn, N.Y., to Margaret and Charles McKenna.

On Jan. 12, 1947, Mickey was united in marriage to James DeVerniero, in Middle Village, N.Y. She worked as a telephone operator in New York City and later became part of the family business of "Mrs. Dee's Restaurant" in New York.

After the birth of her three children, Mickey moved with her family to Billings to continue in the restaurant business with her husband. Mickey and Jim worked side by side, first at Casa Dee's in the Heights and then introduced Italian food to Billings at the Circle Inn, where they met and made many lifelong friends. Their loyal customers followed them to Jimmy's Pizzeria on Fifth and Grand Avenue, where they continued to work until they retired in 1973.

After retirement, Mickey spent every day of her life with her husband of 57 years. She enjoyed taking small trips with



**MICKEY
DEVERNIERO**

family and friends, as well. Through the years, Mickey enjoyed hosting the World Famous DeVerniero Italian Christmas Eve parties. This became an annual event for many Billings residents, past and present.

Although Mickey lived in Montana for 45 years, she remained a true New Yorker, accent and all. Visits to and from relatives back East brought her much joy and happiness through the years. Toward the end of her life, Mickey received much of her joy and happiness being entertained by her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Mickey was preceded in death by her parents, Charles and Margaret McKenna. She is survived by her loving and loyal husband, Jim DeVerniero of Billings; her sister, Joan (Harry) Pelzar of Connecticut; daughter Linda DeVerniero of Billings; granddaughter Jody (Mark) Sulser of Billings; great-grandchildren Ben Morgan and Gabe Sulser, all of Billings; granddaughter Amy Hendrickson of Seattle; son Jim (Robin) DeVerniero of Billings; grandchildren Chris DeVerniero of Helena, Kasie DeVerniero of Helena, Jason (Angie) Ostermiller of Billings; great-

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grandchildren Tegan and Austin Ostermiller, Justin Ostermiller of Billings, Michael DeVerniero of Billings; son Paul (Jean) DeVerniero; granddaughter Pam (Shawn) Westberg, great-grandchildren Darion and Tyler Westberg, all of Billings; granddaughter Angie DeVerniero of Seattle.

When Irish eyes are smiling,
we'll know Mickey is with us.

Vigil will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 7, at Dahl Funeral Chapel. Memorial Mass at 12 noon, Friday, Oct. 8, at St. Patrick's Co-Cathedral.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Big Sky Hospice, 123 S. 27th St., PO Box 35033, Billings, MT 59107-5033.

Helen Louise Devine

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LIVINGSTON — Helen Louise Devine, 77, of Livingston, died Tuesday, Oct. 26, 2004, as the result of injuries she sustained in an automobile accident north of Livingston.

Vigil will be at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 28, at Franzen-Davis Funeral Home in Livingston. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. Friday, Oct. 29, at St. Mary's Catholic Church. Graveside committal and burial will follow in Calvary Cemetery.

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Ann Marie DeVoir

On March 3, 2004, Ann Marie DeVoir, 91, of Billings, was called home to be with the Lord. Her family was by her side.

She was born on Aug. 30, 1912, in Roundup, to Fred and Ada Jatzeck. Ann went to school and graduated in Roundup. Following graduation, she went to work in Yellowstone National Park. It's there she met Patrick DeVoir. The two were married in Little Flower Catholic Church in Billings, on July 1, 1939.

Ann and Patrick made their home in Bridger for two years, Hardin for two years, and eventually settled in Sidney, where they resided for the next 23 years. In 1965, Patrick's job as manager of Peavey-Montana Feedlots brought the family to Billings, where they resided for the remainder of their time.

Ann was a loving mother and friend to many. All those who knew Ann remember her as an excellent cook and seamstress. She had a passion for fishing and truly enjoyed bowling and playing Bridge with friends and family. Ann and Patrick were members of St. Thomas the Apostle Church since its construction.



ANN DeVoir

Survivors include son, PATRICK J. DeVoir of Billings; her daughters, Michel and her husband John

DeGroat of Estacada, Ore., Sharon and her husband Everett Williams of Lambert and Jean Smith of Billings; eight grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews, three of whom were a special part of the family: Pat Johnson, Kathy Chism and Linda Grimshaw.

She was preceded in death by her husband Patrick in 1997; her parents, two brothers, one sister and a son-in-law, Ivan Smith.

Vigil services were held at 6 p.m. Friday, March 5, at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary. Funeral Mass will be celebrated 10 a.m. Saturday, March 6, at St. Thomas the Apostle Church with Rite of Committal in Terrace Gardens Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Big Sky Hospice, PO Box 35033, Billings, MT 59107, or the charity of one's choice.

Michelotti-Sawyers is in charge of arrangements.

Derek Bruce DeWitt

Derek Bruce DeWitt, 24, was called Home by his Savior, Jesus Christ, Feb. 22, 2004, in a motorcycle accident.

Born Dec. 7, 1979, in Billings, Derek's family moved to Midwest, Wyo., when he was a year old. He



**DEREK
DeWITT**

was home schooled through high school until his 1998 graduation, and was active in the local emergency services. Derek moved to Boyd that spring to work in his grandfather's masonry busi-

ness. He graduated from the Montana Police Academy in Helena in 2000, and was employed by the Joliet Police Department. He also worked part time for the Carbon County Sheriff's Office and Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks. He was a volunteer on the Joliet Ambulance and Fire Department.

Derek relocated to Billings, where he was employed by the Billings Police Department - Airport Division until his death.

He lived each day a little more fully than most of the rest of us. He brought a high level of energy into the room with him, and was quick to laugh or tell a story. His life was a shooting star — bright and brief.

Derek was a devoted outdoors-

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man who enjoyed hunting, fly fishing and motorcycles. He was an avid photographer and won several awards for his photos. He explored hundreds of miles around as he made many road trips on his BMW. He invested a lot of energy in his wide circle of friends, his family and his dog, Flash.

He is survived by his parents, Everett and Deb DeWitt; brothers Riley and Morgan; and a sister, Casey Layne, in Midwest, Wyo. He is also survived by his maternal grandfather, Preston Sweeney, and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins. He was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Boyd and Lois DeWitt; his uncle Greg DeWitt; and his maternal grandmother, Betty Sweeney.

Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 25, at West Side Baptist Church. A private family interment will take place in Rockvale Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Montana Police Protective Association, 615 S. 16th Ave., Bozeman, MT 59715.

Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

Dorothy M. Deyo

Dorothy M. Deyo, 83, of Billings, died Tuesday, May 18, 2004, at Azalea Place Home Care.

Cremation has been held and private memorial will be held at a later date in Minnesota. Cremation or Funeral Gallery is in charge.

William "Bill" Diamond

LAVINA — William "Bill" Diamond, 73, of Lavina, went home to be with his Lord on Nov. 30, 2004, at his home, of natural causes.

Bill was born on Feb. 6, 1931, to Leroy and Bertha Howard Diamond in West Palm Beach, Fla., the sixth child of seven children.

He joined the U.S. Marines in 1948 at the age of 17, being honorably discharged in 1957. Bill then joined the U.S. Air Force, retiring in 1969 after 20 years of combined honorary service.

In 1950, he married Harriet J. Schouw. To this union came four beautiful girls: Malinda, Rene', Diana, Gail.

Bill also worked for the U.S. Post Office and Billings Deaconess Hospital as maintenance painter.

In 1984, he married Betty D. Furrow.

With the union, five more children were an addition to his family. In 1990, they made their home in Lavina.

Bill enjoyed fishing, gardening and spending time with his children, grandchildren and



**BILL
DIAMOND**

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extended family. He was an active member and a lay minister at the Trinity Lutheran Church, and was also an American Legion member.

Bill instilled in his children a sense of patriotism, duty and love of his country.

He is preceded in death by his parents; his brothers, LeRoy, Stanley and Edgar.

He is survived by his wife Betty of Lavina; his daughters and their families, Malinda Diamond/Patrick Klinepeter, their daughter Jourdain of Helena; Rene' (Darcy) Rehkoph, their children, Tracy, Lori, Danielle, Billy of N. Anchorage, Alaska; Diana Diamond, her children, Romulus, Chris, Charity and Mitchell of Billings and Gail Diamond of Seattle; also extended family and grandchildren and great-grandchildren; his brothers, Perry (Helen), Charles (Toby) Diamond; and his sister Betsy Fagen, all of Florida.

Funeral services will be 1:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 6, at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Billings. Cremation will follow the service. Memorials may be made to the Trinity Lutheran

Church, the American Legion in
Livina or the charity of one's
choice.

¹¹² Bill read his Bible every day
and loved and cherished all of
his family.

Wier Funeral Home is in
charge of the arrangements.

Colleen Susanne Dick

Colleen S. Dick, 52, went to be with her Lord on Sunday Nov. 14, 2004.

Colleen was the daughter of Leonard and Dorothy Dick. She was born in Langdon, N.D. on July 12, 1952.

Colleen was raised in Richey, Mont., where she graduated from Richey High School in 1970. Colleen then went on to nursing school graduating from Mounds-Midway School of Nursing in 1973. After becoming a registered nurse, Colleen was employed at St. Vincent's Hospital here in Billings and also at Western Manor Nursing Home. She enjoyed decorating her home and doing crafts.

Colleen is survived by her two children, Olivia and Kristopher Mitchell both of Billings; her mother, Dorothy Dick of Richey, Mont.; her two brothers; Lenny Dick of Richey, Mont. Darrell (Dawn) Dick of Harlowton; and her sister Claudia (Paul) Blight of South Lake, Texas. She is also survived by her one on- the-way grandchild and numerous aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews. She

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was preceded in death by her father Leonard Dick, who passed away Nov. 5, 2004.

Inurnment will be held at the Richey Cemetery at a later date. Memorial services will be held 10:30 a.m., Tuesday Nov. 23, 2004, at Cremation or Funeral Gallery.

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RICHEY — Leonard "Bud" Dick, 81, died Friday, Nov. 5, 2004, at the McCone County Nursing Home in Circle, Mont.

Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 9, at 10 a.m. in the Christian and Missionary Alliance Church in Richey, with Pastor Vaughn White officiating. Interment will be in the Richey Cemetery with the Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Richey entrusted with the arrangements.



**LEONARD
DICK**

Leonard was born on Sept. 19, 1923, in Munich, N.D., the son of Deitrich and Anna (Hoffman) Dick. He was raised and educated in Munich, graduating from Munich High School with the class of 1942. Following his graduation, Bud enlisted in the U.S. Navy Air Corps, serving during World War II until his honorable discharge in 1946. Following his discharge from the military, Bud returned to Munich, N.D., where he farmed. He met Dorothy Unger and they were married on Oct. 11, 1949, in Munich. He and his wife moved to Montana in 1956 to the Richey area, where they continued farming. Leonard's life was centered

around farming and he continued that occupation until the time of his death. He was responsible for having drawn the design plans for the Christian and Missionary Alliance Church of Richey and had served as construction foreman for the church building project. He had also served as an elder and trustee for the church. He enjoyed watching high school sporting events and socializing with his farming friends in the coffee shop.

Bud was preceded in death by his parents, one brother, Lewis Dick, and one grandson, Isaac Dick.

Survivors include his wife Dorothy of Richey; two sons; Lenny Dick of Richey and Darrel Dick and his wife Dawn of Harlowton; two daughters Colleen Dick of Billings, and Claudia Blight and her husband Paul of South Lake, Texas; nine grandchildren; two sisters Lilah Dick and Wynona Unruh, both of Munich, N.D.; one brother, Newton Dick and his wife Eunice of Del Rio, Texas.

Remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at www.silvernale-silhafuneralhome.com.

Shirley Ruth Dickerson

ROUNDUP — Shirley Ruth Dickerson, 75, of Sheridan, Wyo., formerly of Roundup, passed away on Saturday, Oct. 30, 2004, at the Sheridan County Hospital.

Shirley was born on Feb. 19, 1929, to Martin and Ruth Walker Savidge in Hardin.

Shirley graduated from Joliet High School in 1948. She then, with her sister Pat, attended Carroll College in Helena, and earned an LPN degree. During this time, she met and married Cecil Dickerson. With this union came four children.

In 1965, Cecil and Shirley moved to Roundup and Shirley worked at the Roundup Memorial Nursing Home, retiring in 1989.

In 1994, Shirley moved to Sheridan to be closer to her daughter Beverly.

Shirley was preceded in death by her parents; her husband Cecil in 1989.

She is survived by her three sons, Gilbert of Sheridan, Wyo., Martin of Noxon, Scott of Billings; her daughter, Beverly (Fritz) Bates of Clearmont, Wyo.; her brother, Bob (Helen) Savidge of Oregon; her sisters, Pat (Mack) McRae of Billings and Marilyn Hertz of Livingston; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 4, at the Wier Funeral Chapel. Interment to follow at the Musselshell Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Roundup Memorial Extended Care Unit or charity of one's choice. Wier Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Ida Dickman

MILES CITY — Ida Dickman, 87, passed away Monday, Jan. 12, 2004, at the Holy Rosary Health Center.

A vigil service is at 6 p.m. Wednesday at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home. Mass of Christian Burial is at 10 a.m. Thursday at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church with the Rite of Committal in the family lot of the Custer County Cemetery.

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Darwin Duane Diede

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GLENDIVE — Darwin Duane Diede, age 71, of Glendive, passed away on Sunday, April 25, 2004, at the Glendive Medical Center in Glendive.



**DARWIN
DIEDE**

A vigil service will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 28, at the Chapel of the Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home in Glendive. Mass of

Christian Burial will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, April 29, at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Glendive, with Reverend Denis Fournier officiating. Rite of Committal with military honors will be in the Dawson County Cemetery in Glendive. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Glendive is entrusted with arrangements.

Darwin was born on May 31, 1932 in Richardton, N.D., the son of Adolph and Matilda (Neher) Diede. He received his early education in Richardton and attended high school in Hebron, N.D. Darwin served in the U.S. Army from June of 1956 until his discharge in June of 1958. He was united in marriage to Elizabeth "Betty" Hauser on May 14, 1957, in Haymarsh, N.D. In 1959, Darwin and his wife moved to Glendive,

where he drove truck for Babcock & Lee and Houck Transport before being employed in the maintenance department of the Montana Department of Transportation where he worked for over 25 years, retiring in 1993. Following his retirement, Darwin drove the activity bus for Dawson County High School and Dawson Community College.

Darwin loved visiting with friends, being near his grandchildren and following their sporting events. He enjoyed woodworking, camping and enjoyed being around livestock and caring for animals.

Darwin was a member of the Moose Lodge, Little League Baseball, Good Sam Club and Red Devil Booster Club.

Survivors include his wife, Betty of Glendive; four sons, Dale Diede and his wife Jennifer, Dean Diede, all of Ekalaka, Dustan Diede and his wife Stephanie of Livingston, and Ross Diede and his wife Chastity of Scottsdale, Ariz.; one daughter, Rita McPherson and her husband Scott of Glendive; one brother, Wallace Diede of Grand Junction,

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Betty M. Diegel

GLENDIVE — Betty M. Diegel, 75, of Glendive, died Sunday, July 4, 2004, at the Glendive Medical Center Extended Care Facility.

A prayer service will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 7, at the chapel of the Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home in Glendive. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, July 8, at Our Savior Lutheran Church of Glendive. Interment will follow in Dawson Memorial Cemetery.

Marie Dierks

MILES CITY — Marie Dierks, 86, died Wednesday, Dec. 31, 2003, at Holy Rosary Health Center after a short illness.

Visitation is on Sunday with services at 2 p.m. Monday, all at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home. Interment will follow in the Eastern Montana State Veteran's Cemetery.

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Luigi DiGiuseppe died suddenly Saturday evening, Dec. 11, 2004.

Luigi was born in Royersford, Pa., on May 15, 1937, the oldest child of Luigi and Mary DiGiuseppe. He spent his early

years back east and moved to Montana in 1979. He met his future wife, Lynda, in 1987, and they were married in 1991. Luigi worked in sales throughout his lifetime retiring in 2000 from Connect Group.



**LUIGI
DIGUISEPPE**

Since retirement, Luigi and Lynda — "Lyn&Lou" — traveled throughout the U.S. and in June took a pilgrimage to Rome. They were privileged to be included in a private audience with Pope John Paul. It was the thrill of a lifetime for both. They enjoyed biking, golfing and spending time together and with their many friends on both coasts.

Luigi loved his large Italian family and cherished trips back to Pennsylvania to visit. He also had a special place in his heart for his grandchildren. Yazmin and Sky will sure miss their Pop-Pop.

Luigi's outgoing nature, sense of humor and warm smile won the hearts of many people

throughout his lifetime. He will be greatly missed.

Luigi was a member of St. Bernard's Parish. He always carried his "ticket to Heaven" in his wallet.

Survivors include his wife, Lynda; son Louis of Spring City, Pa.; stepsons Rob Gallaway of Las Vegas, Mark and Steve Gallaway of Billings; sisters Mary and Connie of Spring City, Pa.; sister Delores (Karl) of Birdsboro, Pa.; and brother Theodore (Karin) of Auburn Hills, Mich. He is also survived by three grandchildren, Chase, Yazmin and Sky Gallaway.

A celebration of his life will be held at St. Bernard's, Thursday, Dec. 16, at 11 a.m. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to Valley Federal Credit Union, 3025 King Ave. W., Billings, MT 59102 to an educational fund for Yazmin and Sky Gallaway.

George Lyle Dill

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BASIN, Wyo. — George Lyle Dill, 75, died Jan. 17, 2004, at the South Big Horn County Hospital.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 20, at the United Methodist Church. Burial will follow at the Mount View Cemetery. Atwood Family Funeral Directors are in charge of arrangements.

WOLF POINT — Dean Clark Dillon, age 56, longtime farmer and businessman of Wolf Point and Colstrip, passed away along with his son Dennis in a parachute plane crash on Monday, June 28, 2004, at the family farm in McCone County. He was born May 3, 1948, to Clarence and Beatrice Gagne Dillon in Wolf Point.



**DEAN
DILLON**

Dean attended Sunnyside Grade School and graduated from Wolf Point High School. He then attended Wahpeton School of Science, studying diesel mechanics. He enjoyed the sport of boxing, becoming a Golden Glove Boxer. After graduating, he worked in Minneapolis working for Zeigler Caterpillar until the illness of his father brought him back to the family farm.

In 1976, he married Mary Prevost from Lambert. They had two children, Dennis Dean born in 1982 and Mary Jolyn, born in 1990. In 1986, he purchased the Jintown Bar in Lame Deer. He was also the owner of D&J's Trading Post in Wolf Point.

Dean loved music and especially loved to dance and taught dancing lessons for many years.

He was never too tired to dance. He enjoyed going on many hunting trips to such places as Canada, Alaska and Africa.

He was planning to take his family back to Africa in July for another hunting trip. He loved his family and was so proud of his children and their accomplishments.

Dean loved to work; in fact, he was considered a workaholic. Whatever he put his mind to, he would accomplish. Dean was a successful elk, buffalo, and dry-land grain farmer and businessman. He was a member of the MT. Elk Breeders Assoc., MT Bison Assoc., Elks Lodge, Moose Lodge, and served on the Farmers Union board. He was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church.

He is survived by his wife Mary and daughter Jolyn of Wolf Point and Colstrip; his sisters, Wilma Davis and Eileen (Ralph) Rigsby, both of Wolf Point; nieces and nephews, Kent Rigsby, Karleen Wiens, Ellen Kant, Dave Davis, Bryan Prevost, Leah Cross,

Michelle Fisher and Shawna Martin. His son, Dennis, who was also killed in this accident and his parents and brother preceded him in death.

The family will receive friends on Thursday, July 1, from 4 to 7 p.m., with a vigil service at 7 p.m. at Clayton Stevenson Memorial Chapel in Wolf Point. Funeral services will be held on Friday, July 2 at 10 am at the Wolf Point High School Gymnasium. Interment will be in Greenwood Cemetery. Condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.stevensonandsons.com or csmc@nemonte.net. Clayton Stevenson Memorial Chapel has been entrusted with arrangements.

Dennis Dean Dillon

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WOLF POINT — Dennis Dean Dillon, 21, of Wolf Point and Colstrip, died Monday, June 28, 2004, in a parachute plane accident at the family farm in McCone County.

The family will receive friends from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday, July 1, with a vigil service at 7 p.m. at Clayton Stevenson Memorial Chapel. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, July 2, at the Wolf Point High School Gymnasium. Interment will be in Greenwood Cemetery.

Dennis Dean Dillon

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WOLF POINT — Dennis Dillon, age 21, of Wolf Point and Colstrip, passed away in a parachute plane accident on Monday, June 28, 2004, at the family farm in McCone County. He was born Oct. 29, 1982, to Dean and Mary Dillon in Wolf Point.

Dennis attended grade school in Colstrip. He graduated as valedictorian of Colstrip High School in 2001. He was honored by being accepted into MIT (Massachusetts Institute of Technology) in Cambridge, Mass. He was in his senior year majoring in mechanical engineering. He excelled in all he did and was loved by all.



**DENNIS
DILLON**

He loved to hunt, scuba dive, his 1970 Challenger, and work with his dad on the family farm. He enjoyed being with his family and spending time with his special friend Grace. Dennis was looking forward to his hunting trip to Africa with his family in July 2004.

Dennis is survived by his mother Mary and sister Jolyn Dillon, of the family home; his maternal grandmother, Frances Prevost of Lambert; and aunts,

uncles, cousins. His father preceded him in death in the same accident. He was also preceded in death by an uncle Dennis and his grandparents.

The family will receive friends on Thursday, July 1 from 4 to 7 p.m., with a vigil service at 7 p.m. at Clayton Stevenson Memorial Chapel. Funeral services will be held on Friday, July 2, at 10 a.m., at the Wolf Point High School Gymnasium. Interment will be in Greenwood Cemetery. Condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.stevensonandsons.com or csmc@nemon-tel.net. Clayton Stevenson Memorial Chapel has been entrusted with arrangements.

Loren Ray Dingis

Loren Ray Dingis, 49, of Billings, formerly of Sheridan, Wyo., died Monday, Aug. 2, 2004, at Westview Health Care Center.

At his request, cremation has taken place. A celebration of life will be held at a later date. Champion Ferries Funeral Home of Sheridan is in charge.

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Jeanne G. Dingman

Jeanne Dingman, 81, passed away as beautifully as she lived, on Feb. 20, 2004, at St. Vincent's Healthcare in Billings.

Jeanne's maverick spirit and generous heart touched and delighted countless lives. A keen sense of humor was her trademark, and her life was one of impeccable integrity, devoted to service in every endeavor she pursued. Her daughters are so grateful to have been blessed with a mother who continually expanded her heart in unconditional love, grew younger each day and lived to her final hour with grace and laughter. Truly, her spirit had outgrown her body.

Jeanne was born on the prairie of Warner, S.D., on Sept. 6, 1922, to Guy and Millie (Erickson) Gunderson, and grew up in Aberdeen. She was a lover of life even through the hardships of the Depression, and treasured the bonds of a close-knit family. The lessons learned during that time added richness to the rest of her life. She graduated from Northern State College with a degree in English, and taught in Mobridge and Hot Springs, S.D., and then moved to Laurel, where she married Rev. Gerald J. Dingman on Dec. 27, 1955. For the next 27 years, she was a Methodist minister's wife, and in that role she ministered to many, becoming the heart of the churches they served. During their time in

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Huntley, their first daughter, Mary Jeanne, was born. Shortly thereafter, they moved to Platteville, Colo., where a second daughter, Martha Elaine, graced their lives, and their third daughter, Elizabeth Ann, was born in Denver. From 1965 to 1969, they served in Holyoke, Colo., and in 1969, they moved to Worland, Wyo., where Jeanne resumed her teaching career as an English teacher at Worland Senior High School.

In 1977, they took an appointment at Grace United Methodist Church in Billings, and in Grace Church, Jeanne found an amazing family of faith that would become central to her active life. She continued teaching English in the Billings School District, first at Will James Junior High, then at West High and the Career Center. Following her retirement from teaching, she became the secretary of Grace United Methodist Church, serving for 13 years in that position. Her involvement in the life of the church fed her soul in many ways, particularly through the church choir, the School of Christian Ministries and United Methodist Women, which

were a huge part of her life's work. She dedicated herself to UMW at both the district and conference levels, and it provided her rich opportunities to express herself through world service, social concern, spiritual community, and satisfied her deep desire to learn and grow as an individual. For many years, she was an active member of Montana's Committee for Children, Youth, and Families, and participated in the activities of many charitable organizations.



**JEANNE
DINGMAN**

She retired from her position at Grace in 2002, when health concerns began to curtail her independence. Even in retirement she stayed active in church activities and PEO, loved playing bridge, and continued her friendships with fellow teachers during Thursday morning breakfasts. Her daughters and grandchildren were her heart's delight, and she was the light and love of theirs, truly a compass by which they navigated the waters of life. She endowed them with a great love and appreciation for music, literature, and the natural world, particularly her beloved mountains. Without a doubt, her presence and guidance will be felt as they continue this Earth walk without her.

She was preceded in death by her father Guy and beloved mother, Millie; sisters Bea and Gloria; and brother Russell. She is survived by daughters Mary Erickson Downs of Billings, Martha Stemmerman of Lawrence, Kan., and Elizabeth Miller of Mesa, Ariz.; grandchildren Luke Stemmerman, Daniel Stemmerman, Brittany Miller and Anna Downs; sisters Elaine Roth, Ruth Casanova of Aberdeen and Clarice Geerson of Gordon, Neb.; and brother Stanley Gunderson of Aberdeen, as well as numerous cherished nieces and nephews. Her friendships were many and deep, and her love for her friends was beyond words.

A celebration of Jeanne's life will be held at Grace United Methodist Church at 4 p.m. Friday, Feb. 27, followed by a potluck and reception in the Fellowship Hall. Memorials may be made to Grace United Methodist Church or Habitat for Humanity.

Jeanne lived fully and gave much, and those gifts will be treasured for generations.

Raymond T. Dirkson

HOBSON — Raymond T. Dirkson, 96, of Hobson, died Tuesday, Sept. 14, 2004, at the Central Montana Skilled Nursing Center.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 18, at the Creel Funeral Chapel in Lewistown. Burial will be in Philbrook Cemetery.

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Irene A. Dissel

VANCOUVER, Wash. — Irene A. Dissel, died June 27, 2004, in Vancouver.

Irene was born in Calgary, Alberta, on May 16, 1923, the only child of Irish and Scottish parents. She moved to Seattle as a young girl where she attended the Cathedral Grade School. In 1940, Irene graduated from Holy Names Academy in Seattle. Irene treasured her education from Holy Names and frequently traveled to reunion luncheons with her fellow alumnae and dear friend, Rosemarie Dunton. Irene married J. Kelton Dissel of Seattle in 1945. They had six children in Seattle before moving to Billings, Mont., in 1963. Irene loved the wide-open spaces of Montana and returned to it throughout her life. Her husband of 59 years, J.K. Dissel of Vancouver and six children, Claudia Dissel of Portland, Ore., Lance Dissel of Richland, Eric Dissel of Wilsall, Mont., Steve and Scott Dissel of Denver, Colo., and Bruce Dissel of Moab, Utah, survive Irene. Irene had five grandchildren.

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On Aug. 6, 2004, the Dissel family will inter Irene at Holy Cross Cemetery in Billings. The cemetery chapel will open at 5 p.m. for private prayer. At 5:30 p.m. a graveside service will occur. At Irene's request, she will be buried with her mother Josephine Wilkinson Anderson Burns (1901-1965).

In honor of Irene, gifts in lieu of flowers can be sent to Holy Names Academy Scholarship Endowment Fund, 728 21st Ave. E., Seattle, WA, 98112.

Edith Distad

LEWISTOWN — Edith Grace Distad, 97, died Saturday, Dec. 25, 2004, at Valle Vista Manor.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 29, at the Creel Funeral Home in Lewistown. Interment will be in Central Montana Memorial Gardens.

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DONNA MAUREEN DIXON

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Funeral services for former Powell resident Donna Maureen Dixon, 50, of Reston, Va., were conducted Sept. 6, 2004, at the Northern Virginia Hebrew Congregation by Rabbi Robert Nosanchuk.

She died Sept. 4, 2004, of complications from surgery following a fall.

Born July 19, 1954, she was the third child of the Hon. John T. and Dorothy (Chapin) Dixon; was raised and educated in Powell; and graduated from Powell High School.



Donna Dixon

She studied briefly at the University of

Wyoming; earned a bachelor degree from Arizona State University; and received a master's degree in cartography from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1980.

On Oct. 3, 1981, she married David Selden.

After working a short time for the state of New York in Albany, she and her husband settled in Reston, Va., where she was employed by the U.S. Geological Survey until her death.

In addition to her career and family, to which she was devoted, she pursued many interests throughout her life. Each of these added to her large, eclectic circle of friends. She was gifted at home improvement projects, from electrical wiring to furniture restoration and handcrafting draperies; and was known for her direct manner and sharp wit.

Survivors include her husband of almost 23 years and son, Sam Selden, both of Reston; brother Patrick Dixon of Campbell; four sisters

Janet Flynn of Broomfield, Colo., Shawn Sims of Powell; Terry Harley of Spokane, Wash., and Margaret Sato of Boise, Idaho; and 14 beloved nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to the Steve Sims Memorial Scholarship Fund, in care of Northwest College Foundation, 231 W. Sixth St., Powell, Wyo. 82435; or a charity of the donor's choice.

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Dorothy M. Dixon

Dorothy M. (Chapin) Dixon, 77, died Monday, April 5 at Life Care Center in Casper.

She had been a resident in Casper for almost four years, having moved from Powell in 2000.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, April 7 at 3 p.m. at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Casper. Rosary will be said at 7 p.m. Tuesday.

Newcomer Family Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Burial will be in Casper.

APR 08 2004

Dorothy M. (Chapin) Dixon

Funeral services for Dorothy M. (Chapin) Dixon, 77, were conducted Wednesday, April 7 at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Casper.

She died at Life Care Center in Casper on Monday, April 5 after a long struggle with Alzheimers disease. The Rev. Michael Carr presided at services.

She was born at Casper on May 2, 1926, to Charles S. and Margaret (Glossen) Chapin. Following graduation from Natrona County High School, she attended Mills College in Oakland, Calif., and earned her B.A. degree from the University of



Dorothy Dixon

Nebraska.

She married the late Hon. John T. Dixon in 1948 and was the mother of six children, making her home for most of her adult life at Powell. In addition to being a mother and homemaker, she was actively involved in community affairs, including scouting, St. Barbara's Catholic Church, the Elks Club and Powell Country Club. She was a charter member of the Powell Ripple Wine Bridge Club.

In spite of her illness, she played piano and read avidly almost until the end of her life. She was a dedicated bridge player and golfer, enjoyed gardening and all things Wyoming. She was a serious sports fan, with a special love for the Wyoming Cowboys.

Survivors include her son Patrick Dixon of Casper; her daughters, Janet Flynn of Broomfield, Colo., Donna Dixon of Reston, Va., Shawn Sims of Powell, Terry Harley of Spokane, Wash., and Margaret Sato of Boise, Idaho; two brothers, Donald E. Chapin and James H. Chapin; 11 grandchildren and her granddog, Ben.

The family would appreciate memorials to the Wyoming Alzheimers Affiliation, or the Steve Sims Memorial Scholarship Fund in care of Northwest College Foundation, 231 W. 6th St., Powell, WY 82435.

Joanna Mae Dixon

MAY 26 2004

WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS

— Joanna Mae Dixon, 59, of White Sulphur Springs, passed away suddenly in her home, on May 23, 2004. (Clark) Dyess of Pinedale, Wyo.; seven grandchildren (her pride and joy), Levi, Cody, Mariah, Hannah, Haylee, Taylor and Kara.

Joanna was born April 13, 1945, in Billings, the daughter of Joe and Casey Walsh. She grew up and attended school in White Sulphur Springs and moved away only for a short time after marrying her first husband, Ken Ballantyne. They had three children: Dustin, Heidi and Holly. After returning to White Sulphur Springs, Joanna met and married Howard Dixon. Together, they built their home and family business there.

Services will be held 1 p.m. Friday, May 28, at the Yoked Parish Presbyterian and American Lutheran Church, White Sulphur Springs, with Rev. John Rohwer officiating. A coffee hour will follow at the Meagher County Senior Center. Twichel Funeral Home assisted the family with the services.

Joanna enjoyed gardening and collecting rocks for her garden. She had a great enthusiasm for the local community and participated in many organizations. Joanna was a devoted wife, daughter, sister, mother, grandma, and friend and everyone will dearly miss her.

Her father, Joe Walsh, precedes her in death. Joanna is survived by her husband of 23 years, Howard Dixon; her mother, Casey Walsh of White Sulphur Springs; her brother, Steve Walsh of Portland, Ore.; son Dustin (Sharon) Ballantyne of Big Sky; her twin daughters, Holly (Gary) Adams of Billings and Heidi

Beulah Irene Doane

JUN 13 2004

HARDIN — Beulah Irene Doane, 79, passed away Friday June 11, 2004, in the Deaconess Billings Clinic Hospital. She was born June 9, 1925, in Virgil City, Mo., a daughter of Aubrey and Nettie Walker Dunn. She received her early education in Missouri, before moving at the age of 16 to Montana.



**BEULAH
DOANE**

Beulah married Lloyd Faw and they later were divorced. She married Albert Doane on Aug. 17, 1946, in Hysham and the couple made their home in Hardin.

Mr. Doane died in 1991.

She loved to bowl and tend to her yard and flower garden. In her later years, she took great pride in her children and grandchildren. Her faithful dog, Mat, was always at her side.

Her parents, three sisters and four brothers preceded Beulah in death.

Survivors include her daughters, Donna (Bob) Dewald of

Billings, and Frances Nicholas of Kalispell; her sons, Lloyd Turner of Kalispell and Kenneth (Diane) Doane of California; her sister, Betty Davis of Missouri; 10 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held 2 p.m. Tuesday, June 15, in the Bullis Funeral Chapel. Interment will follow in the Fairview Cemetery. Bullis Mortuary of Hardin has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Should friends desire, memorial contributions may be made to the Big Horn County Heart Memorial, 922 N. Custer, Hardin, MT 59034. We would like to extend a special thank you to Carole Fox and the Fourth Floor staff from Deaconess Hospital for all of their special care.

Francis Duane 'Spike' Doane

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BALLANTINE — Francis Duane "Spike" Doane, 77, a longtime cattle buyer and livestock auction owner, passed away on Thursday, Feb. 19, 2004, due to natural causes at the Deaconess Billings Clinic.



SPIKE DOANE

Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Monday, Feb. 23, at St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Shelby. Burial with military honors will follow in Mountain View Cemetery. Whitted Funeral Chapel of Shelby is in charge of arrangements.

Survivors include his wife Sharon Doane of Ballantine; sons, Dale Doane and wife Cindy and Darrell "Short" Doane and wife Linnet, all of Shelby; daughters, Marsha Gomke and Donna Bell and husband Gary all of Rogers, Ark.; step-daughter-in-law, Kim Espy and husband Jim of Billings; brother, Bill Doane and wife Daphne of Davis Junction, Ill.; brothers-in-law, Dr. Don Westlake and wife Helen of Wheaton, Ill., and Vern Westlake and wife Jackie of Deland, Fla.; as well as 14 grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and numer-

ous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 47 years, Marjorie Doane; sisters, Fay Doane and Phillis Stowe; his parents, Francis and Olive Doane; stepmother, Edna Doane and son-in-law, Wayne Gomke.

Spike was born Oct. 21, 1926, in DeKalb, Ill., to Francis and Olive Doane. He attended schools in Maple Park and Elburn, Ill., before joining the Navy in 1943, where he served overseas on an LSM. After returning to Elburn, he married Marjorie Westlake on April 14, 1947. He worked for Elburn Packing Co. before moving to Wichita, Kan., in 1955, where he was a cattle buyer for Excel Packing Co. In 1959, Spike and his family moved to Plainville, Kan., where Spike ran Gasaway Sales Co., a Livestock Auction Co. In 1962, they moved to Billings, where he was a cattle buyer for Needham Packing Co. A year later, he was transferred to Great Falls, where he later became the head cattle buyer for Great Falls Meat Company after Needham Packing Co. closed down. In 1969, he purchased the Shelby Stockyards Co. and moved to Shelby. In 1975, he sold the Shelby Stockyards and

Robert (Bob) Dobson

Former Powell resident, Robert (Bob) Dobson, 57, died suddenly Sunday, Sept. 5 in Citrus Springs, Fla.

He had moved from Powell to Florida in May of 2003 to be near a daughter.

He was born July 20, 1947.

Survivors include his wife of 32 years, Sue Dobson, in Citrus Springs; a daughter, Anne Marie Berry (Stephen) of Florida; a son, Scott Dobson (Tawnie) of Sheridan; and four grandbuddies, Brady Berry, 7, Mikel Dobson, 4, Kole Dobson, 2, and Trace Dobson, 1.

Funeral services in Dunnellon, Fla., are pending.

The family can be contacted at 10180 Majorca Way, Citrus Springs, FL 34434.

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Frances F. Dodd

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Frances F. Dodd, 86, of Sheridan, died Tuesday, March 2, 2004, at Sheridan Manor.

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

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Wilma Dodge

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MILES CITY — Wilma Bernice Dodge, 63, of Miles City, died Monday, Feb. 23, 2004, at the Holy Rosary Extended Care.

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Cremation has taken place and the family will hold a private inurnment at a later date. Bullis-Graves Memorial Chapel and Eastern Montana Crematory of Miles City is in charge.

Thomas Emil Doerr

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Thomas Emil Doerr passed away Nov. 7, 2004, at his home in Billings. He was 73 years old.

Tom was born in Lovell, Wyo., Sept. 8, 1931, to Emil and Rosie Doerr. Tom left Lovell in 1951 to join the Navy. He later moved to Billings with his family and worked various jobs and finally became a union painter. He



**TOM
DOERR**

loved fishing, hunting, and the outdoors. He was especially fond of the Big Horn Mountains.

Tom is survived by his sister, Vera Sims of Billings; and his three children, Denille Swanz-Baker of Billings, Rochelle R. Tuggle of LaQuinta, Calif., and Mitchell Doerr of Palmer, Alaska; along with his seven grandchildren.

Due to Tom's wishes, no service will be held. Smith Downtown Chapel assisted with arrangements.

Volga Doig

WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS
— Volga Thomina (Arthun) Doig, 95, of White Sulphur Springs, formerly of Livingston, died Thursday, Oct. 28, 2004, at Mountainview Nursing Home in White Sulphur Springs.

Cremation has taken place and services will be held at a later date. Twichel Funeral Home is in charge.

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Marion Dokken

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NOV 19 2004

GLASGOW — Marion Lucille (Reece) Dokken, 90, died Wednesday, Nov/ 17, 2004, at Frances Mahon Deaconess Hospital in Glasgow.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 20, at First Lutheran Church in Glasgow. Burial will be in Highland Cemetery in Glasgow. Bell Mortuary of Glasgow is in charge.

Marlene Donoho

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Marlene Donoho, 64, of Sheridan, died Sunday, Oct. 17, 2004, at her home.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 21, at Kane Funeral Home in Sheridan.

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KALISPELL — John "Tom" Donovan, age 54, passed away at his Kalispell home on Thursday, Aug. 12, 2004.

Tom was born in Missoula, on Nov. 26, 1949, to John and Mary (Nommensen) Donovan. Raised and schooled in Belt, he attended Belt Valley School and then went on to Western Montana in Dillon. Tom married Kathy Phillips in Williston, N.D., in 1981.

Tom was respected by his co-workers on any job he ever had and always doing his best.

Tom never met a stranger and knew no enemies. He was always ready and willing to lend a hand to anyone in need. He gave great hugs and had compassion for all.

He will be greatly missed and always loved. His favorite pastime was spoiling his kids and grandkids.

Tom is preceded in death by his father, John P. Donovan; grandparents, Carl and Nora Nommensen and John J. and Anna Donovan.

Tom is survived by his wife of 22 years, Kathy Phillip Donovan of Kalispell; Mother Mary Nommensen Donovan of Billings; children Justin and Melissa Donovan of St. Mary's Ga.; Kevin Donovan of Panama City, Fla.; Jacque and Bob Lund of Kalispell; Karen and Mike Deardurff of Missoula; Steve and Cyndi Tanska of Belle Fourche S.D.; Tammy and Dear Anderson of Provo, Utah; 14 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; aunts Jennie Meyers of Kalispell and Helen Donovan of Billings; numerous nieces, nephews, great nieces, nephews, cousins and lots of friends.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 17, at Calvary Lutheran Church with burial to follow at Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls. The family invites everyone to a wake at the VFW Club in Kalispell from 3 to 6 p.m., Monday, Aug. 16.

The family requests memorial contributions be made to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 1002, Kalispell, MT 59901. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home caring for the family.

KALISPELL — John "Tom" Donovan, age 54, passed away at his Kalispell home on Thursday, Aug. 12, 2004.

Tom was born in Missoula on Nov. 26, 1949, to John and Mary (Nommensen) Donovan. Raised and schooled in Belt, Tom attended Belt Valley School and then went on to Western Montana in Dillon. Tom married Kathy Phillips in Williston, N.D. in 1981. Tom worked for Equity Supply in Kalispell from 1970 to 1998; then he worked for Harvest States in Great Falls and finally ended up working for the Flathead County Weed Department. Tom was respected by his co-workers on any job he ever had and always did his best on the job. Tom never met a stranger and knew no enemies. He was always ready and willing to lend a hand to anyone in need. He gave great hugs and had compassion for all. He will be greatly missed and always loved. Tom held memberships in the Loyal Order of Moose, the Marine Corp League, and had been a former member of the West Valley Fire Department. He was a great barbecue chef, loved gourmet cooking and eating, woodworking, hunting, condo camping and motorcycle riding. His favorite pastime was spoiling his kids and grandkids.

Tom is preceded in death by his father, John P. Donovan; grandpar-

ents, Carl and Nora Nommensen and John J. and Anna Donovan.

Tom is survived by his wife of 22 years, Kathy Phillips Donovan of Kalispell; mother, Mary Nommensen Donovan of Billings; children, Justin and Melissa Donovan of St. Mary's, Ga., Kevin Donovan of Panama City, Fla., Jacque and Bob Lund of Kalispell, Karen and Mike Deardurff of Missoula, Steve and Cyndi Tanska of Belle Fourche, S.D., Tammy and Dean Anderson of Provo, Utah; brothers, Tim Donovan of Billings, Tracy and Pati Donovan of Billings, and John A. Phillips of Florence; grandchildren, Katelynn and Scan Donovan, Patrick Lund, Rebekah Biggs, Daniel and Lauren Biggs, Chad and Jeremy Deardurff, Bob, Leah, and Lilly Tanska, Craig, Levi, and Myalisa Anderson; great-grandchildren, Shyann and

Jeremiah Biggs; aunts, Jennie Meyers of Kalispell and Helen Donovan of Billings; numerous nieces and nephews and great-nieces and nephews and cousins and lots and lots of friends.

Funeral services for Tom will be 2 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 17, at Calvary Lutheran Church with burial to follow at Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls. The family invites everyone to a wake at the VFW Club in Kalispell from 3-6 p.m., Monday, Aug. 16.

The family requests memorial contributions be made to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 1002, Kalispell, MT 59901. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home caring for the family.

Michael Gene Donsbach

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ROY — Michael Gene Donsbach, 54, died Thursday, April 22, 2004, at his home, due to cancer.

Mike was born Jan. 21, 1950, in Kewanee, Ill., to Alfred and Betty (Klephfer) Donsbach. He graduated from Princeville High School in Princeville, Ill.

On Dec. 29, 1973, he was united in marriage to Bobbe White.

During the Vietnam War, he enlisted in the Navy, receiving an honorable discharge in 1974. After his discharge, he worked for the Vale Creek Ranch in Billings. In 1978, he and his family moved to Winifred, where he worked for the Bold Feedlots before leasing the Ruby Olson Ranch. His longtime dream of owning his own ranch came true in 2000 when they purchased their current ranch in Roy.

He was a member of the Winifred Rural Fire Department; American Legion of Winifred and Roy; Winifred Lutheran Church, and served as a church board member; member of the Winifred School Board for nine years; Roy Rodeo Club; and was



**MICHAEL
DONSBACH**

an East Indian Butte Grazing District Board member.

Ranching was his passion with the help of "man's best friend" — his dog Mabel. He also enjoyed hunting and loved to work along and socialize with his friends and neighbors.

He is survived by his wife, Bobbe Donsbach of Roy; a son, Kirk (Ragan) Donsbach of Roy; two daughters, Shawna (John) Angelo of Lewistown and Sheila Donsbach of Roy; one grandson, Blake Donsbach; his parents, Al and Betty Donsbach of Princeville; a sister, Connie (Larry) Shane of Wyoming, Ill.; a brother, Brian (Ellen) Donsbach of Edelstein, Ill.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by triplet grandsons, Angel, Parker and Chance Donsbach.

A memorial service for Michael Donsbach will be held at the Roy High School Gymnasium on Tuesday, April 27, at 2 p.m. Inurnment with military honors by Roy American Legion Post #96 will be at the Roy Cemetery.

Cremation has taken place.

Memorials may be made to the Winifred or Roy charity of choice, or to Central Montana Hospice, 629 N.E. Main, Lewistown, MT 59457.

Creel Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Lillian Winter Don't Mix

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CROW AGENCY — Lillian Winter Don't Mix, infant daughter of Michael and Tanya Stewart Don't Mix Sr., died Tuesday, Dec. 30, 2003, in the Crow Agency IHS Hospital.

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Private family graveside funeral services were held in the Crow Agency Cemetery. Bullis Mortuary of Hardin has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Georgia Dooley

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JUN 11 2004

BUFFALO, Wyo. — Georgia Ann Dooley, 85, of Buffalo, died Saturday, June 5, 2004, at the Mountain View Nursing Home in Sylmar, Calif.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, June 14, at the Adams Funeral Home Chapel in Buffalo. Burial will be in the Willow Grove Cemetery. Visitation will be from 1 to 9 p.m. Sunday, June 13, at the Adams Funeral Home Chapel, and from 8 to 9:30 a.m. Monday.

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BILLINGHAM GAZETTE

August Dooper

GLASGOW — August Hylka Dooper, 85, died Wednesday, Sept. 22, 2004, at Frances Mahon Deaconess Hospital in Glasgow.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, Sept. 27, at St. Raphael's

Catholic Church in Glasgow. Interment will be in Highland Cemetery in Glasgow. Bell Mortuary of Glasgow is in charge.

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Rudolph Dore

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MILLERS GAZETTE

SIDNEY — Rudolph "Rudy" Dore, 90, of Sidney, died Wednesday, Sept. 8, 2004, at the Sidney Health Center.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 12, at the Pella Lutheran Church in Sidney. Interment will be in the Sidney Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 11, and one hour before service at the church.

Fulkerson Funeral Home of Sidney is in charge.

Florence Dorothy

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Florence Dorothy, 89, of Sheridan, died Wednesday, Dec. 22, 2004, at her daughter Jean's residence in

Sheridan.

At her request, no services are planned. Kane Funeral Home of Sheridan is in charge.

George Garrison Dotson

SEP 24 2004
BILLINGS GAZETTE

GREAT FALLS — George Garrison Dotson, 61, of Great Falls, died Wednesday, Sept. 22, 2004, of complications of cancer, at Peace Hospice.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, Sept. 27, at Christian Missionary Alliance, Lambert, with burial in the Lambert Cemetery. A memorial service will be held in Great Falls at a later date. O'Connor Funeral Home is in charge.

Gertrude Dotson

HARLOWTON — Gertrude Dotson, 97, of Harlowton, died Monday, June 21, 2004, at the Wheatland County Hospital and Nursing Home in Harlowton.

Cremation has taken place and graveside services will be held at the Lambert Cemetery at a later date. Cremation or Funeral Gallery is in charge.

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LEIGH R. DOTSON

Leigh R. Dotson, a local CPA, died suddenly Saturday, July 24, 2004, of an apparent heart attack while doing some painting in his back yard.

Leigh was born Nov. 9, 1947 in Billings to Mabel "Babe" Engle and the late Roy Dotson. Leigh attended Highland Elementary, Lincoln Jr. High School and graduated from Billings Senior High School in 1966. He went to Eastern Montana College for two years before transferring to the University of Montana in Missoula where he graduated. He was a member of the Sigma Nu fraternity.

After his graduation, he went to Greenville, S.C. where his sister lived and worked two years for Daniel Construction as an auditor. While there, he attended Clemson Furman University where he graduated with a MBA in 1976. Leigh returned to Montana where he worked for the Montana Power Co. for two years before returning to Billings. In Billings, he worked for MT States Petroleum while pursuing his CPA. Leigh became a CPA in 1979 and started his own practice at 1505 Ave. D, which he still was



**LEIGH
DOTSON**

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involved in at the time of his death.

Leigh was a member of the DeMolay during his teens, a member of the Elks for 29 years and a member of the American Institute of Certified Accountants and the Montana Society of Certified Public Accountants.

Leigh will be greatly missed by his family, friends and his clients.

Leigh is survived by his mother, Mabel "Babe" Engle; his sister, Janne Hayden; and his brother-in-law, Bill Hayden, all of Billings. He is also survived by his two nephews, Jason (Leigh) Watson of Seattle and Brian Watson and his children, Cameron, and Grace of Billings; his step-grandma, Lillian Overend of Roundup, and two cousins, Douglas and Paul Spranger. Leigh also is survived by his four precious Bulldogs, Jake, Jasmine, Toby and Taffee; and his mother's Pug, Alfe.

Funeral Services will be 10 a.m. Friday, July 30 at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary. Interment will follow at Yellowstone Valley Memorial Park.

Memorials may be made to Scottish Rite Childhood Language Disorders Clinic, 514 14th St. W., Billings, MT, 59102, or the Yellowstone County Humane Society, 4902 Helfrick Rd., Billings, MT 59101.

Michelotti-Sawyers is in charge of arrangements.

Gertrude Helen Douglas

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Trudy was born in Minneapolis on April 20, 1907, to Gottfried and Emma Seiffert. She had six brothers and five sisters. Trudy grew up in Minneapolis until she was 11 and then moved to Remer, Minn. She went to St. Paul Bible School, where she met John Harry Agnew Douglas. They fell in love and were married in Remer. They had five children.

Trudy was preceded in death by her husband John and sons Richard and Tom; brothers Walter G., Arthur, Herbert, Walter F. and Henry; sisters Elsie, Martha (her twin) and Helen.

Left to mourn her are sons, David (Helen), Merle (Elsie Mae); daughter Carol (Ulrich) Schoen, husband Dulane, all of Billings; brother Ernie (Lorraine) Seiffert of Litchfield, Minn.; sisters Margaret Anderson of Kenmore, Wash., Louise (Raymond) Larson of Brownsfeld, Texas; 10 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; many nieces, nephews and friends.

John and Trudy pastored congregations in Mattoon, Ill.; Greengrove, Wis.; Amsterdam, Reed Point, Plentywood, Fallon, Circle, Rapelje and Billings for a total of 42 years. They also helped many churches needing interim pastors.

Funeral service will be 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 14, at the First Alliance Church, 1835 Central Ave. Billings with luncheon to follow. The casket will be closed. Private burial will be at a later date in Ryegate.

Donations may be made to St. John's Lutheran Home, the Rescue Mission, or a charity of one's choice. Arrangements are by Cremation or Funeral Gallery.

Stella Dow

OCT 17 2004
BILLINGS GAZETTE

BIG HORN, Wyo. — Stella Dow, 83, died Thursday, Aug. 14, 2004, at Memorial Hospital of Sheridan County.

A rosary will be held at Kane Funeral Home at 7 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 17, with the Rev. Ron Stolcis officiating, with cremation to follow. Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, Oct. 18, at the Sheridan Municipal Cemetery with military honors.

ROBINS

Elisabeth "Robins" Dowd, born Oct. 3, 1961, passed away at age 42 on Jan. 18, 2004, after a long battle with cancer.

Robin is survived by her daughter Elisabeth "Beepers" Dowd Froman, age 15; mother

Victoria Brockman of Portland, Ore.;

father Berkeley Dowd of Nye; grandmother Helen

Thompson of Portland; sisters

Mebane Elduen of Seattle and Helen Dowd of

Spokane; brothers

Berkeley Dowd Jr. of Sacramento, Calif., and Stephen

Brockman of Portland.

Born in Portland, Robin grew up in Portland, Charlotte, N.C., and Sisters, Ore. She moved to

Billings in 1977 to be with her father and stepmother, Cynthia

Dowd Neath. She graduated from Billings Senior in 1979 and then

attended St. Mary's College in Raleigh, N.C. After several youthful moves, Robin moved back to

Billings with her daughter in 1998 and started working for the

Montana Brewing Co. in early 2000. Those who were fortunate enough to have known Robin will remember her kind heart, generous personality and warm smile. The world will be a less bright community without Robin.



**ROBIN
DOWD**

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Memorials can be sent to 2/10 Highwood in Billings, care of her daughter, Elisabeth Dowd Froman.

The family is having a private memorial service for Robin in May of 2004.

William A. Dowdle

William A. Dowdle, 82, of Billings, passed away Thursday evening, Nov. 18, 2004, at the Deaconess Billings Clinic.

The son of Art and Hilma Dowdle, he was born June 22, 1922. He graduated from Bridger High School and on June 8, 1942, married Francis Miller in Billings. They farmed near Bridger until 1965. After moving to Billings, Bill drove truck for Northern Tank Lines, retiring in 1982.

He loved little kids, car rides in the country side and having family around him.

He was preceded in death by his wife Francis, on Jan. 13, 1999; a granddaughter Kendall Francis; nephew Jerry Spath; and son-in-law Jim Stiert.

Survivors include his four daughters, Tanya Dee (Robert), Willie Marie, Delona Lee Bailey (Ted), and Kimberly Ann; three grandchildren, Cressa (Dallas), Benjamin and Sasha; and four great-grandchildren, Tennessee, Jordan, Willow and Bella.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m., Tuesday, at Faith Chapel with interment in Mountview Cemetery.



**WILLIAM
DOWDLE**

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

Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary has charge of arrangements.

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Harold F. Downer

Harold F. Downer was born in Billings on Nov. 22, 1919, to Andrew and Blanche Baird Downer of Molt, where he was raised. He attended primary school at Two Pine School near Molt via horseback with his three siblings. For secondary school, he attended Broadview High School, from which he graduated in 1938.



**HAROLD
DOWNER**

After high school, Harold worked at the Molt Ranch, Boeing Aircraft Plant in San Diego, then for the Molt Ranch again. In 1946 to 1948, he took pre-med at Walla Walla College, Wash., then took a year off to earn some money by custom combining. In 1949, he went back to Walla Walla College, this time majoring in religion with a minor in secondary education. He graduated from WWC in 1952.

Harold married Marjorie J. Krieger from Billings on June 24, 1951, in Billings. After graduating, they moved to Billings for the summer; then in the fall, they moved Glendive, where Harold taught grades one through eight at the church school for one year. From there, they moved to Missoula, where he taught grades five through eight at the church

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school for five years. Then they moved back to Billings, where he taught church school for several years along with farming, both a Rapelje and Molt, where they settled for the rest of Harold's years.

For the last several years Harold worked at the YMCA. He was always interested in and cared about people. He enjoyed his work and the socialization he found there.

His hobbies included reading, visiting with people, softball, volleyball and asking questions!

Harold was a longtime member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, where he taught Bible classes and preached many sermons.

Survivors include: wife, Marjorie; sons, Jerry Downer, Roger (Vicki) Downer; daughter, Sonia (Ron) Birnel; grandchildren, Joshua, Jeremy, Heidi Downer, Kacie (Ben) Reese, Cristina Downer, Amber, Krystal and Shellie Birnel; brother, Glenn Downer; sister, Grace Fischer; half-sister, Rita Cline.

Preceding in death were parents, Andrew and Blanche Downer; sister, Evelyn Downer; granddaughter, Bethany Downer.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 2, at the Seventh-Day Adventist Church, 3200 Broadwater Ave. Visitation

for friends will be held prior to the service at the church. Private interment will follow services in Mountview Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the YMCA, 402 N. 32nd St., Billings, MT 59101.

Robert D. Doyle, Sr.

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CROW AGENCY — Robert Doyle, Sr., 68, of Crow Agency, died Wednesday, May 19, 2004, in the Crow Agency IHS Hospital.

He was born May 5, 1936, in Crow Agency, a son of John T. and Florence Yarlott Doyle. He grew up in the Crow Agency area

and attended schools in Crow Agency, Billings and Hardin. While in school, he actively participated in basketball, football and track.

Following his education, he enlisted in the U.S. Army and later received his Honorable Discharge.

Robert was an accomplished artist who attended the Academy of Art in San Francisco. Many of his paintings are displayed throughout galleries in the western United States, as well as the local Crow Hospital.

He was a member of the Big Lodge Clan and was a child of the Ties the Bundle Clan. He had a unique ability to give nicknames that lasted forever. In his spare time, he enjoyed fishing and all sports. However, he was best known for his knowledge of history, both past and present.



**ROBERT
DOYLE**

His parents; brother, Patrick; and granddaughter, Chasity, preceded Robert in death.

Survivors include his son Patrick and Marietta House Doyle of Hardin and Robert (Pauline) Doyle, Jr. of Billings; his daughters, Sherri (Chauncey Whitright III) Doyle of Billings and Dawn Doyle of Denver; his sisters, Deanna Dreamer, Michaelene (Arlen) Whiteman, Lillian (Lindsey Bad Bear) Doyle and Louise (Richard Real Bird) Doyle; his brothers, John (Agnes), Thurlow (Rosie), Charles Doyle and Mervin (Arlene) Haven; 13 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held 1 p.m. Saturday, May 22, in the Bullis Funeral Chapel. Interment with military honors will follow in the Crow Agency Cemetery. Bullis Mortuary of Hardin has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Robert E. 'Bob' Drake

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

AUG 3 - 2004

PARK CITY — Robert E. "Bob" Drake, longtime area farm and ranch realtor, passed away suddenly from heart failure at his Park City home on Friday, July 30, 2004. He had enjoyed life for 73 years.

Bob was born in Mt. Ayr, Iowa, on Sept. 18, 1930, a son of Raymond and Leah Drake. He was raised and educated there, graduating from Mt. Ayr High School in 1949.



**BOB
DRAKE**

On Sept. 16, 1950, he married his high school sweetheart, Perry Ann Beasley. He attended Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa, for a short time before enlisting in the United States Navy on Jan. 15, 1951. He was active during the Korean Conflict and honorably discharged on Oct. 14, 1954.

Following his discharge, Bob returned to Mt. Ayr, his wife and two daughters. He and Perry were also blessed with three more children and Bob continued his career as an independent livestock buyer in the mid-western states. In 1977, the Drakes and their youngest daughter, Kim, relocated to Billings, where Bob began a new career and soon became a leader in farm and

ranch real estate. At the time of his death, Bob was affiliated with Montana Real Estate Brokers.

Recently, Bob enjoyed traveling in his new RV with his wife and two dogs. Every trip was an adventure. He also enjoyed making a home out of their newly acquired property in Park City. His happiest times were spent enjoying his children and grandchildren.

He is survived and loved by his wife, Perry Ann at the family home; his daughter, Caprice Acton and husband Greg of Whitefish, and their two children, Nicole of San Francisco, and Ryan, also of Whitefish; his son, Robert E. Drake and wife Patti of Seattle; his daughter, Shelley Andersen and husband Jay of Wisconsin Rapids, Wis., and their three children, Lindsay of Madison, Wis., Carly and Sydney of Wisconsin Rapids; and his daughter, Kim Burrage and husband Kevin of Minneapolis, and their son, Jarret, also of Minneapolis. He also leaves three sisters and two brothers. His daughter, Deborah; his parents; and a brother, Raymond Jr. preceded him in death.

Our husband, our dad, our friend, you will be missed, loved, and in our hearts forever.

Visitations began Monday evening at the Smith Downtown Chapel, 120 N. 26th St. in Billings. The funeral service will be 10 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 4, at the Smith West Chapel, 304 34th St. W. with military honors to follow. Memorials are suggested to Camp Mak-A-Dream, Box 1450, Missoula, MT 59806. Smith Chapels are assisting with arrangements.

Vernon Leslie Drake

Vernon Leslie Drake, 81, passed from this life at his home Friday, Jan. 16, 2004, to be with his Lord. He was a cancer patient under Hospice care for the last few months.

A native son of Billings, he was born May 13, 1922, to George W. and Verna (Williams) Drake, the middle of the five boys who survived out of the six sons and two daughters born during the Great Depression. Childhood was spent on the homestead ranch on Duck Creek where he attended the Pleasant View one-room Schoolhouse. Later he attended school in Laurel and graduated from high school in Billings in 1940. He was active in the 4-H Club and beginning at age 14 was employed at jobs as store clerk, ranch hand, truck and tractor driver, construction laborer, carpenter and more.

In September 1940, he left Billings, hitchhiking on the back of a fruit truck with his brother Ray to enroll at Northwestern Nazarene College in Nampa, Idaho. He enlisted in the Army Air Corps in March, 1942, and attended the Billings Polytechnic Institute, worked at the sugar factory, was grocery produce manager or sold Fuller Brushes from door to door while awaiting active duty. He and Bettie Ross, whom he'd met four months after high school graduation, were married on the only day he had

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off which was Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, 1942.

Soon Bettie was following him from air base to air base as he took pilots training. Daughter Lana was born in November, 1943. Vernon received his wings and commission in June, 1944, and was assigned as a pilot instructor at Frederick, Okla., and then to combat duty as a B-24 Liberator pilot in India and China. His missions included Azon Bombing and flying fuel over the famous "Hump" between Burma, India and China. In November, 1945, he flew a bomber back to Florida.

After WWII, Vernon was hired as a draftsman in the office of Chandler C. Cohagen, FAIA who encouraged him to enroll in the School of Architecture at Montana State College (now Montana State University, Bozeman). Vernon graduated at the top of his class in 1948.

Son Larry was added to the family July, 1947. In December, 1949, and November, 1950, Dorothy and George Dennis were born. Vernon set up the office of Vernon L. Drake,

Architect after previously working with Fred Ripley Associates and in 1955 accepted a partnership with Ed Osness.

In 1956, Vernon and his college friend, F. Wayne Gustafson, formed the architectural partnership of Drake and Gustafson. The Drake, Gustafson & Associates Architects firm went on to become one of the leading firms in the Montana and Wyoming area with many schools, churches, banks and commercial buildings to their credit. Their efforts left a significant mark on the look and feel of Billings and other communities across Montana and adjoining states. The Drake, Gustafson partnership came to an end in 1988 after 32 years when Vernon was forced to retire due to health problems.

The partners remained close friends. Daughter Christine was born in 1959 and foster daughter Jacci Adami also joined the family about this time.

Being a committed Christian, he was very active in his church and to the collective spiritual community. He and Bettie attended Faith Chapel for the last several years. He was a loving care giver to Bettie for over six years of her illness until her passing Dec. 1, 2002.

Words can't express the love and respect Vernon's family has for him. An extraordinary man among men, Vernon was a gentleman, a man of integrity, hon-

esty, generosity, high standards and honor. He was an exceptional father, husband, friend and relation. He labored for excellence and in all that he did and at his core sought truth and served Christ and people. His and Bettie's home was open to many besides their own family, and they selflessly offered support and assistance continually to others. They in turn received great blessing from many dear and wonderful friends, who can't be mentioned here for lack of space, but know their deeds are recorded.

Highlights of Vernon's life were trips to the Holy Land and twice to the Philippines where his son Dennis founded schools for deaf children. Vernon made a return trip to China in 1983 with a group of consultants where he lectured on architecture in Beijing and Tanjin. His interests



**VERNON
DRAKE**

included assembling the family genealogy, air-plane piloting, horses, western history, water-color painting, International Christian Leadership and tutoring in the schools. He was

associated with several community organizations and initiated

Billings Library building and was very active in the preservation of the Moss Mansion and other historic structures. In 2003, he was responsible for saving and restoration of the "Twin Monuments" in the South Hills.

Vernon was preceded in death by his wife Bettie, his parents, brothers Norman and Glen and daughter Dorothy Ann "Dottie." Surviving are his children, Lana (Gary) Rogers of Juliette, Ga., Lawrence (Teresa) of Loveland, Colo., Dennis (Marilou) of Tagbilaran, Bohol, Philippines, Christine (Cary) Stice of Elkhart, Ind., and foster daughter Jacqueline Doles of Las Vegas, Nev., as well as grandchildren Alan Rogers and Lindsay Rogers Archer, Rachel (Marty) Bertolette, Elicia (Jacob) Fellure and Noelle Drake, Aaron and Andrew Drake, Tristan and Ariel Stice, Jacci's daughters Terra Koenig and Chellie Kunkle and great-grandchildren Braxton and Landyn Bertolette and Malachi Fellure as well as brothers Raymond (Harriet) and David (Joyce) Drake, sister-in-law Jo Mae (Glen) Drake and numerous nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at Faith Chapel at 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 23. Should friends desire, memorials may be made to Vernon's special interests which include i.D.E.A.

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(International Deaf Education Association) P. O. Box 2715, Billings MT 59104, Hospice, Faith Chapel or The Montana Rescue Mission.

Michelotti-Sawyers has charge of arrangements

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WIFE — Joyce, 57.
Memorial service 2:30 p.m.
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Erin Marie Catherine Draszt

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POPLAR — Erin Marie Catherine Draszt passed away April 2, 2004. She was born to Marie Draszt on April 2, 2004.

She is survived by her mother, Marie Draszt of Poplar; grandfather, Maurice Draszt Sr. of Poplar; uncle Jr. Draszt of Everett, Wash.; aunt and uncle, Brad and Maureen Gray Hawk of Poplar; aunts, Mavis Draszt and Elisha Gray Hawk of Poplar, Alice Long Hair and Lynette Longtree of Fort Kipp; uncles Justin and Jason Gray Hawk; cousins Bradley Jr., Windy, Jared and Tracey Gray Hawk of Poplar; grandmothers, Odessa Fourstar of Poplar, Catherine Spotted Bird of Poplar, Carole Spotted Bird of Brockton, Josephine Black Dog of Brockton; grandfathers, Douglas Archambeault of McLaughlin, S.D., Rev. Roger Hunt of Poplar; grandparents, Leland and Doris Spotted Bird of Brockton; great-grandmother Marie Cantrell of Poplar.

Graveside service will be Wednesday, April 7, at 2 p.m. at the Poplar City Cemetery with Rev. Roger Hunt officiating. Condolences may be sent to the family at csmc@nemontel.net or www.stevensonandsons.com.

APR 29 2004

A lifelong Wyoming resident, Wilbur W. (Whimpy) Drennen, 85, died Monday, April 26 at the Powell Valley Healthcare Center.

He had been a resident of the nursing home for the past year.

He was born April 23, 1919, in Lingle to Lloyd and Mary (West) Drennen. He graduated from Lingle High School in 1938. From 1940 to 1945, he served with the U.S. Army in the 41st Infantry Division, seeing action in New Guinea and the Philippines.

He married A. Lorraine Turner in Douglas in 1945. She preceded him in death. He married Genevieve Newell in Worland in 1967. She also preceded him in death.

He joined Mountain Bell Telephone Co. in Douglas in 1952, serving as a lineman on a roving construction crew. In 1954, he became a combination man in Douglas, a service technician with responsibility for home telephone installation and repair. He transferred to Worland in 1967. He retired from Mountain Bell with 25 years of service.

He was active in the Elks, American Legion and the Masons. He belonged to Telephone Pioneers of America.

He enjoyed playing golf, fishing, spending time with his friends and family and played and coached American Legion Baseball.

Survivors include his daughters, Carol Richendifer and husband Zern of Powell, and Phyllis Johnson and husband Jake of Douglas; stepson, John (Bob) Newell of Renton, Wash.; sisters, Jean Ellsworth of Sun City, Ariz., and Elaine King and husband Jack of Broomfield, Colo.; brother, Albert Drennen and wife Darlin of Denver; six grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two wives; a brother, Vergil; and a great-grandson, Ryan Turner Jacobs.

By his wish, cremation has taken place and burial will be held in the Lingle Cemetery.

Should friends desire, memorials to a charity of choice would be appreciated by the family.

Vivian Lulu Drew

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LAUREL — Vivian Lulu Drew, 98, of Laurel, died Wednesday, Aug. 4, 2004, in Laurel.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 7, at the Custer County Cemetery in Miles City. Friends and family will meet at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home on Saturday at 10:30 a.m. to proceed to the cemetery together.

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**Margaret Lamach
Drivdahl**

BIG TIMBER — Margaret Lamach Drivdahl of Big Timber died May 1, 2004, at the Pioneer Medical Center in Big Timber. She was 99.

She enjoyed time spent with family and friends, collecting rocks, reading, solving puzzles and observing nature. She will be remembered as a remarkably dedicated, self-sacrificing provider and supporter of both her parents' family and her own family throughout her life.

Born Dec. 15, 1904, in Medina, N.D., to John and Mary Lamach, she was the third-born in a very large family. After living at various locations in North Dakota and Minnesota, the family moved to Montana in 1913. In 1917, her Dad took up a homestead on Wild Cat Creek. Margaret graduated from S.G.H.S. in 1928, then she entered two-year normal school training in Billings. She taught school in the county for four years. She married Emil Drivdahl Feb. 10, 1934. The couple began ranching and together raised a family of five on ranches in Sweet Grass County. She lived on the ranches for more than 60 years before entering the Pioneer Home several years ago.

Margaret is survived by her sister, Laura Steele of Corvallis, Mont.; five children, David Drivdahl (Marcella) of Walla Walla, Wash., Teresa Ridgeway (Hallas) of Chaplin, Conn., Emil Drivdahl Jr. (Sharon) of Kent, Wash., John Drivdahl (Sylvia) of Big Timber, and Martin Drivdahl (Suzanne) of Helena; 13 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Emil (in 1983); 12 brothers and one sister.

Funeral services will be 1 p.m. Thursday, May 6, at the First Congregational Church in Big Timber. Interment will follow in Mountain View Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Pioneer Medical Center, Crazy Mountain Museum, or charity of your choice. Lowry Funeral Home assisted the family with the services.

Felix Driver

Felix Driver, 85, of Billings, died Tuesday, Dec. 21, 2004, at Parkview Care Center.

A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 27, at the LDS Chapel on Sixth Street and Avenue D. Cremation or Funeral Gallery is in charge.

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Leonard P. Driver, Sr. *THE BILLINGS GAZETTE*

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TUCSON, Ariz. — Leonard P. Driver, Sr., 56, formerly of the Fort Peck Indian Reservation in Montana, died Friday, July 23, 2004, of cancer.

Visitation at the Desert Sunset Funeral Home is from 10 a.m. to noon Friday. Cremation will follow.

MAY 20 2004**DICK
DUBRAY****F.F. 'Dick' DuBray****Aug. 15, 1912 — May 18, 2004**

F.F. "Dick" DuBray, 91, died Tuesday, May 18, 2004, in Billings.

He was born Felician Fallis DuBray, Aug. 15, 1912, on the Rosebud Sioux Indian Reservation to Mary Flood and James Antoine DuBray. He was nicknamed "Dick" by his father and the name stuck throughout his life.

He spent his early school years at the Catholic Indian Mission at St. Francis, S.D., and received an academic scholarship to attend St. Mary's Academy at O'Neill, Neb., graduating in 1932.

At the age of 30, after a period of working as a Tribal policeman and as a clerk in the U.S. Civil Service, Dick DuBray enlisted in the United States Navy at the height of the Second World War. Having developed sharp typing

and stenography skills, he was assigned to the Navy Department in Washington, D.C., from December of 1942 until June 4, 1944, when he began an overseas journey that would change the course of his life.

Dick DuBray was assigned to London, England, to serve with the U.S. Navy's attachment to the United States Embassy. In London, he met the English woman who would be his bride, Mary Elizabeth Sommerville. After the conclusion of the war, Dick was honorably discharged from the Navy. His "war bride to be" soon emigrated from London to America. Dick and Mary DuBray were wed in Sioux City, Iowa, on March 16, 1946.

After their marriage, Dick continued his Federal career with the Bureau of Indian Affairs. The new couple's first assignment was the BIA's Northern Cheyenne Agency at Lame Deer. Through the years, the couple and their growing family would take assignments at various Indian agency offices in Montana, North and South Dakota, and

Washington state, finally settling in Billings in 1960. Dick retired from the BIA as Area Realty Officer after 38 years of Federal service on Feb. 12, 1971.

After retirement, Dick began a new career as a consulting right-of-way agent, negotiating easements for utilities and pipelines across Indian lands. He formed a family business, DuBray Land Services, Inc.

A devoted husband, father and grandparent, a hardworking and dedicated public servant, a good-natured and trusted friend, Dick DuBray will be missed by all those who were touched by his love, his kindness and his wonderful sense of humor.

Dick is preceded in death by his son, Patrick DuBray; his daughter, Jeanne Marie DuBray White; and his sisters, Olive Gordon and Corrine Dillon.

He is survived by his loving wife, Mary Elizabeth DuBray; his son, Jim DuBray of Billings; his son Dan DuBray of McLean, Va.; 10 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandchild and various nieces and nephews.

Services will be held at noon, Friday, May 21, at St. Patrick's Cathedral in Billings. Cremation and inurnment will be held later.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the St. Patrick's Building Fund, 215 N. 11st St., Billings. MT 59101

Marvin Dufloth

MILES CITY — Marvin Dufloth, 66, of Miles City, died Saturday, May 29, 2004, as the result of an automobile accident.

Visitation will be from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Thursday, June 3, at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City. Funeral services will be at 4 p.m. Friday, June 4, at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home. Interment will follow in the Eastern Montana Veteran's Cemetery.

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John 'Jack' Dugan

John "Jack" Anthony Dugan, 79, passed away June 14, 2004, at his home in Billings.

He was born Aug. 18, 1924, the son of Frederick and Isabelle (Longnecker) Dugan in Billings. Jack attended Billings Senior High School and graduated in 1943. He then enlisted in the U.S. Navy in June of 1943 and was honorably discharged April 20, 1946. Jack attended the University of Montana and earned a BA in Business Administration.

Jack was married to Caryl LaGaly April 11, 1953. On Sept. 12, 1985, he was united in marriage to Mary Ann Bertolino.

Jack worked in the insurance industry for many years. He was a Certified Life Underwriter and worked at Penn Mutual as well as Principle Financial. Jack was involved in several organizations which included the Knights of Columbus, the American Legion and the Elks. He was also affiliated with St. Pius X Catholic Church. Jack enjoyed golf, square dancing, hiking, fishing, was



**JACK
DUGAN**

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active in the Boy Scouts and was awarded the Silver Beaver Award for his service to youth.

Jack was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his wife of 18 years, Mary Ann; children, Peggy (Joe) Rossmiller of Shreveport, La., Diane (Doug) Schaller of Eugene, Ore., Bill (Holly) Dugan of Billings, Linda (Don) Asbridge of Bakersfield, Calif.; his stepchildren, Bryce (Debbie) Bertolino of Livermore, Calif., Stuart (Janet) Bertolino of Roberts, Mark Bertolino of Billings, Shelly (Tony) Loreti of Boston and Melissa (Brian) Minihan of San Francisco. He has nine grandchildren, and 11 step-grandchildren.

Our dad gave all his children and the children of many others as well, a deep appreciation for the beauty of the natural world. He passed on from his own childhood the love of the good kind of tired at the end of a long hard hike, the beauty of the stillness of early morning in the woods and the pure joy of a fish on the end of your line. Happy Father's Day, Dad.

A vigil service will be held at Dahl Funeral Home 7 p.m. Thursday, June 17, and a Memorial

Mass will be celebrated at St. Pius X Catholic Church, 11 a.m. Friday, June 18. Burial of ashes will be in Calvary Columbarium.

Memorials may be made to the Boy Scouts of America, 1015 Broadwater Ave., Billings, MT 59102 or Big Sky Hospice, PO Box 35033, Billings, MT 59107.

Mary Q Vawter Duggleby

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CODY, Wyo. — Mary Q Vawter Duggleby, also known as Qy, Mom, "the hat lady," and Sparkle, began a new adventure when she departed this earth on Aug. 6, 2004, after a brief illness. Short in stature, she was very tall in spirit. Family and friends were her bedrock. Throughout her life, she believed in making a positive difference through action, and did so as an educator without a degree and as an energetic, fun-loving mentor.

Mary was born Sept. 6, 1917, on the family homestead in the Sunshine Creek area near Meeteetse, Wyo., the seventh of eight children of Edith (Potts) and Arlen Vawter. The family later moved to Powell.

As a young woman, she worked at Fort Washakie in Lander Wyo., where she met Stephen John (Jack) Duggleby. They were married June 22, 1940. Jack, a pilot, took her off to explore California, Idaho, Washington and Texas before settling in Cody in the early 1950s, where she was active in PTA, Campfire Girls, Girl Scouts and Cub Scouts. She was a driving force in the formation of the Grey Ladies, a volunteer organization at the local hospital. While working for the Cody Chamber of Commerce, she enjoyed summers in the Chamber's sheep wagon booth in city park, providing assistance to tourists.

Having grown up in Meeteetse and Powell, Mary put her knowledge and love of this country to good use. She served on the Park County Museum Board and was a long-time member of the County Historical Society.

Her interest in art led her to a long association with and support of the Cody Country Art League. Her basement was often a busy workshop for Daughters of the Nile, whose sewing projects improved the lives of hospitalized children in Wyoming. Many of her best friends were also her bridge partners over the decades.

A long-time volunteer and docent at the Buffalo Bill Historical Center, she was a core member of the education committee, donating family artifacts to a hands-on collection, devoting untold hours working with school children, and conducting tours. She was especially proud that her mother's photographs helped provide a basis for an exhibit replicating the stage stop between Cody and Meeteetse.

She is survived by son, Gary of Denver; and daughters, Dorothy Snyder of Black Diamond, Wash. and Dianne Nickman of Helena; as well as grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She is also survived by sisters, Ruth Moore of Powell, Wyo. and Dorothy Reed of Bellingham, Wash.

A memorial service will be 11 a.m. Aug. 10, at the First Presbyterian Church in Cody. Mary will join her beloved Jack, who died in October 1991, when her ashes are scattered in Sunlight Basin at the cabin they built, a favorite gathering place for family and friends. Memorials can be sent to the Cody Country Art League, the Park County Historical Society, or the charity of donor's choice.

Mary believed that no one is really gone as long as someone remembers them, and Mary will be remembered by many.

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TUES., AUGUST 10, 2004

Mary Q Vawter Duggleby

A memorial service for Mary Q Vawter Duggleby, 86, Cody, will be held at the First Presbyterian Church in Cody today (Tuesday) at 11 a.m. She died Friday, Aug. 6 after a brief illness.

She was born Sept. 6, 1917, on the family homestead in the Sunshine Creek area near Meeteetse, the seventh of eight children of Edith (Potts) and Arlen Vawter. The family later moved to Powell.

As a young woman, she worked at Fort Washakie north of Lander, where she met Stephen John (Jack) Duggleby. They were married June 22, 1940. Her husband was a pilot, and he took her to explore California, Idaho, Washington and Texas before settling in Cody in the early 1950s. She was active in PTA, Campfire Girls, Girl Scouts and Cub Scouts. She was a driving force in the formation of the Grey Ladies, a volunteer organization at the hospital. While working for the Cody Chamber of Commerce, she enjoyed summers in the chamber's sheepwagon in the city park, priving assistance to tourists.

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Her interest in art led her to a long association with the Cody Country Art League. Her basement was often a busy workshop for Daughters of the Nile, whose sewing projects improved the lives of hospitalized children in Wyoming. Many of her best friends were also her bridge partners over the decades.

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A long-time volunteer and docent at the Buffalo Bill Historical Center, she was a core member of the education committee, donating family artifacts to a hands-on collection, devoting hours to working with school children and conducting tours. She was especially proud that her mother's photographs helped provide a basis for an exhibit replicating the stage stop between Cody and Meeteetse.

She was known as "the hat lady" and "Sparkle." Short in stature, she was tall in spirit. Family and friends were her bedrock.

Survivors include her son, Gary, of Denver; daughters Dorothy Snyder of Black Diamond, Wash., and Dianne Nickman of Helena, Mont.; as well as grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She is also survived by sisters Ruth Moore of Powell and Dorothy Reed of Bellingham, Wash.

Mary will join her beloved Jack, who died in October of 1991, when her ashes are scattered in Sunlight Basin at the cabin they built, a favorite gathering place for family and friends. Memorials can be sent to the Cody Country Art League, the Park County Historical Society or a charity of choice.

Manuel Dukart

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

JUL 4 - 2004

TERRY — Manuel Dukart, 85, died July 1, 2004, at the Holy Rosary Health Care Center in Miles City.

Visitation will be Tuesday, July 6, at the chapel of Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home, Terry. A vigil service will be 7 p.m., July 6. Mass of Christian Burial will be 11 a.m., Wednesday, July 7, at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

Byron Louis Duke**1943 - - 2004****Gone, but not forgotten****MAY 21 2004**

Byron Duke passed away Wednesday morning, May 19, 2004, after a long and courageous battle with cancer.

He was born and raised in Barnesboro, a small coal-mining town in western Pennsylvania. After completing high school, Byron joined the Army, where he served three years. He returned to Pennsylvania and attended Penn State University, where he earned his associate's and later his bachelor's degree in mechanical and electrical engineering.

**BYRON
DUKE**

He married Janet Long of Hastings, Pa., in 1967, and later moved to Portland, Ore., after taking a job with the Army Corps of Engineers. In 1969, his first son, Eric, was born. Janet later gave birth to Jason in 1973. Janet died in 1979, and Byron remarried two years later to Vera Roderick. Vera had a son, Robert, from a previous marriage, and Byron took him in as his own. Betsy was born to the couple in 1982.

In 1990, the Duke family relo-

cated to Billings looking to take advantage of the great hunting and fishing the area has to offer. Byron and Vera divorced in 1995, and Byron retired from the Bureau of Reclamation shortly after. Byron and Cynthia Humphrey married in 2000, and she inspired him to continue to live his life to the fullest, despite his ailment.

Although Dad had cancer the last 10 years of his life, he seldom complained of the pain and discomfort caused by chemotherapy and the disease itself. He led a simple existence, pouring money into his children's college funds rather than splurging on new cars, expensive home theater equipment or Tupperware. He was not only a great father and role model to his children, but also to those who were not lucky enough to have supportive parents. Several young people acquainted with Byron's children looked to him for support and guidance, both of which he was happy to give.

Byron is survived by wife Cynthia; stepchildren Josh and Danyelle Humphrey; daughter Betsy; sons Eric and wife Christal,

Jason and Robert; and brother
Thomas and wife Linda of
Portland.

In lieu of flowers, please
donate to the charity of your
choice or to Big Sky Hospice.

Cremation has already taken
place, and a memorial service will
be held at a date to be determined
later.

"And some folks say he's up
there still."

Charlotte Dumler

Charlotte Dumler, 95, of Billings, formerly of Hardin, passed away Friday, Feb. 6, 2004, at the St. Johns Nursing Home in Billings.

She was born May 21, 1908, in Brush, Colo., a daughter of Conrad and Katherine Daum Roh. She grew up and attended school in Colorado until the age of 14, when she moved to Huntley.

Charlotte married Theodore Dumler on Nov. 22, 1926, in Billings. The couple moved north of Hardin, where they farmed for many years. Mr. Dumlar passed away in 1958.

Charlotte was an active member of the Sunshine Club, E&R Church and Guild. She enjoyed sewing, crocheting, arts and crafts, but most of all she enjoyed spending time with her family and grandchildren. She was an avid traveler and she had worked retail in Billings since 1959, retiring at the age of 75.

Her husband Ted; son, Les Dumler; granddaughter, Sharon; and brother, Pete Roh, preceded her in death.

She is survived by her daughters, Sally (Don) Garves and Carolyn Stiles of Spokane, Wash.,

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and Darlene Heyn of Littleton, Colo.; her brothers, John and Bill Roh of Billings and Herman Roh of San Lorenzo, Calif.; her sister, Emma Kerrick of Billings; eight grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandson.

Funeral services will be held 10 a.m. Monday, Feb. 9, at the Bullis Funeral Chapel. Interment will follow in the Fairview Cemetery. Bullis Mortuary of Hardin has been entrusted with the arrangements. Memorials may be made to the Billings St. Johns Lutheran Nursing Home.

Helen Dumler

OCT 15 2004

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LAUREL — Helen Dumler, 90, of Laurel, passed away Wednesday, Oct. 13, 2004, at St. Vincent Healthcare in Billings.

She was a daughter of John and Katherine Benner, born July 17, 1914, at Carlton, Ore. The family moved to the Northern Wyoming/Southern Montana area in 1915. Helen attended schools in Worland, Wyo., and Forsyth.

She married Rhine Dumler, Oct. 5, 1935, at Hardin, and the couple made their home in Billings and then moved back to Forsyth in 1944, until 1971, moving to the Livingston/Clyde Park area, and then to Oregon in 1981, until August of 2004, when she came back home to Montana.

Helen was preceded in death by her husband in 1988; and a daughter, Lisa Gaye, in 1956; and her parents, John Benner in 1953, and Katherine Benner in 1970; brothers, Roy, Adam, George and Henry.

Survivors include her son, Terry (Emily) Dumler and their daughter Bobbie Jo of Sheridan, Wyo.; and a daughter, Debbie Dumler of Laurel; and her children, Lisa Warwick and her son Gage of Gresham, Ore.; son Lee Warwick of Corvallis, Ore.; sisters, Katie Daylong of Laurel, Clare Lee of Three Forks, Vernie Johnson of Miles City; brothers, Harry Benner of Laurel, Lester

Benner of Snowflake, Ariz., Willie Benner of Bozeman.

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

There will be a gathering of family and friends at Helen's home, in her memory, Saturday, Oct. 16, at 1 p.m.

John G. Dunbar

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AUG 3 - 2004

THERMOPOLIS, Wyo. — John G. Dunbar, 62, died Tuesday, July 27, 2004, at St. Vincent Healthcare in Billings, following a sudden illness.

A celebration of life will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 7, at Mortimore Funeral Home in Thermopolis.

Clara Louise Duncan

MINING GAZETTE
FEB 17 2004

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Clara Louise (Hayman) Duncan, 93, of Sheridan, died Saturday, Feb. 14, 2004, in Harrisburg, Pa.

Memorial services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 21, at St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Sheridan. There will be a receiving line at the back of the church for guests to greet family members. Interment will be in the Sheridan Elks Cemetery following the service. Kane Funeral Home of Sheridan is in charge.

Lena Duncan

BILLINGS GAZETTE

MAY 05 2004

BIG TIMBER — Lena Duncan, 96, of Big Timber, died Tuesday, May 4, 2004, at the Pioneer Medical Center in Big Timber.

Viewing will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, May 7, at the Big Timber Lutheran Church, with funeral services following. Interment will be at Mountain View Cemetery. Cremation or Funeral Gallery is in charge.

Nova Lee Duncan

MARCH 4, 2004

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Nova Lee Duncan, 80, of Sheridan, formerly of Longmont and Loveland, Colo., died Sunday, Feb. 29, 2004, at Memorial Hospital of Sheridan County.

Visitation and graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, March 4, at Resthaven Memory Gardens, Ft. Collins, Colo. Champion Ferries Funeral Home of Sheridan is in charge of local arrangements.

MAY 26 2004**Perry William Duncan**

Perry William Duncan, 75, of Billings, passed away at his home Monday, May 24, 2004.

He was born on May 7, 1929, in Sheldon, N.D., to William C. Duncan and Austa E. (Iverson) Duncan. He was raised and attended schools in the Lisbon, N.D., area. Perry was a member of the United States Air Force, 1948 to 1952. On March 7, 1954,

Perry married Mary Jean Haas at Carrington, N.D. They were blessed with four children: Karen Lee, Nancy Marie, Mary Jane and Jerome Alan.



**PERRY
DUNCAN**

Perry and Jean owned and operated grocery stores in Carrington and Rugby, N.D. They moved to Montana in 1967, where Perry was a sales representative for Groves-Kelco, Ryans and SuperValu, servicing numerous stores in the Montana and Wyoming area.

Perry loved to spend time with his family in the mountains, enjoying the wonders of nature. Many camping trips took place. Following retirement, Perry and Jean enjoyed traveling in their motor home and took an extend-

ed trip to Alaska, following the Alaskan Highway. This fulfilled one of his many dreams. He spent many hours doing woodworking and made numerous gifts for family and friends. All of his accomplishments remain as precious reminders of Perry.

Survivors include his wife of 50 years; his daughters, Karen (Todd) Benner, Mary Jane (Gary) Hogan, Billings, Nancy (Mike) Liskh, Bend, Ore.; and son Jerome, Vancouver, Wash.; five precious grandchildren, Hailey, BreeAnn, Cameron, Mayalee and Benjamin; one great-grandchild, Wyatt, and one expected in September. He is also survived by his brother, Lester Duncan, Missoula, and leaves many nieces, nephews and aunts and uncles.

A service of remembrance will be held at the Smith's West Funeral Chapel at 2 p.m. Thursday, May 27. Interment will follow at the Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Memorials may be made to the Big Sky Hospice, PO Box 35033, Billings, MT 59107.

Luke Dunkerley

SEP 9 2004

WILLINGS GAZETTE

SEATTLE — Luke Thomas Dunkerley, 85, died Thursday, Aug. 5, 2004, at Highline Hospital in Seattle.

A public memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 11, at the Dawson County Cemetery in Glendive. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Glendive is in charge.

Bonnie J. Dunn

BILLINGS GAZETTE

JUN 06 2004

LOVELL, Wyo. — Bonnie J. Dunn, 72, of Lovell, died June 4, 2004, at her home after a lengthy illness.

Memorial services will be held at a later date. Haskell Funeral Home is in charge.

Juanita M. Dunn

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JUL 29 2004

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Juanita M. Dunn, 94, died Saturday, July 24, 2004, in Memorial Hospital of Sheridan County.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Friday in the Sheridan County Cemetery. Champion Ferries Funeral Home is in charge.

Matthew Balcom Dunn

DEC 15 2004

Matthew Balcom Dunn, 57, passed away in his sleep, at his home in Billings, early Sunday morning, the 12th of December, 2004. He was born March 30, 1947, in Pasadena, Calif. Matt moved from Colorado to Montana and lived in Billings since 1984, and was a local business owner with Allstate Insurance Company.



**MATT
DUNN**

He is survived by his wife of 20 years, Sonjah; his daughters, Amanda Balcom Leisher (Scott) of Denver and Samantha Lynn Dunn of Chicago; brother, Peter G. Dunn (Sherry) of Reno, Nev.; sister, Elisabeth D. Morton (Duane) of Meeker, Colo.; as well as numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. Matt is preceded in death by his parents, Cecil and Elisabeth.

Matt loved his family, friends, fly fishing, guitars, and his dogs. Those who knew him will miss his charm, his humor, and his exuberance.

A Celebration of Matt's Life will be held at the family home, 1090 Kootenai Ave., in Billings Heights, on Friday,

Dec. 17. Friends are invited to the house anytime from 2 to 8 p.m. to share stories and memories of this wonderful man.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be given to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society (Montana Chapter), 1242 N. 28th St., Suite 1003, Billings, MT, 59101.

Michelotti-Sawyers is in charge of arrangements.

Minnie Dunn

NOV 05 2004

GILLETTE, Wyo. — Minnie Jo Dunn, 65, of Gillette, died Tuesday, Nov. 2, 2004, at the Campbell County Memorial Hospital in Gillette, of natural causes.

Visitation will be from 1 to 4 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 7, at the Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home in Gillette. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, Nov. 8, at the Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home Chapel in Gillette. Interment will follow at the Mount Pisgah Cemetery in Gillette.

Robert J. Dunne

BILLINGS GAZETTE

MAY 29 2004

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Robert J. Dunne, 47, of Sheridan, died Tuesday, May 25, 2004, at his home.

Funeral liturgy will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 29, at Holy Name Catholic Church. Interment will be in Sheridan Municipal Cemetery. Champion Ferries Funeral Home of Sheridan is in charge.

Peter Anthony Duran

LAS VEGAS — Peter Anthony Duran, Sr., 63, formerly of Billings, died Feb. 24, 2004, of natural causes.

Peter, the son of Fernando Duran and Mary Ontiveros Duran, was born and raised in Billings. He served three years in the U.S. Marine Corps, then re-enlisted in the U.S. Army for three years. He was a steel worker in the construction industry until his retirement.

Peter was very proud of his service to his country. He was a devoted family man and will be missed. The family thanks the staff at the VA Hospital at Nellis AFB in Las Vegas for their excellent care during his illness.

Peter is survived by his wife, Karen Kay; daughter Mary K., Peter Jr., of the family home; and sons Joseph of Sierra Vista, Ariz., and Robert of Spokane, Wash. He is also survived by sisters Esther Rivera and, Jessie Downey of Billings.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Fred, Louis, Richard; sisters, Phyllis and Elizabeth; and daughter Laura.

Services were held Feb. 28, in Las Vegas.

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MAR 6 2004

Velda Durfee

DEAVER, Wyo. — Velda Durfee, 83, died Monday, Jan. 12, 2004, at New Horizon's Care Center in Lovell.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Cowley with burial in the Deaver Cemetery. Haskell Funeral Home in Lovell is in charge.

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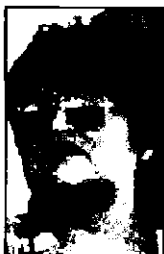
Cordelia Mae Necklace Dust

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DAKOTA GAZETTE

Cordelia Mae Necklace Dust, age 53, of Billings, formerly of Brockton, went home to be with the Lord on Sept. 5, 2004, of natural causes.

Cordelia was born on Dec. 1, 1949, to Felix and Christine Necklace. Her grandparents, John and Elsie Necklace, raised Cordelia. Cordelia married Isaac Dust and they were married for 33 years. Cordelia and her husband traveled in the USA and Canada, evangelizing the word of God. We all know her by Ma Ma Mae.



**CORDELIA
DUST**

Cordelia was a mother to everyone who knew her. She was a loving and kind woman. She raised numerous children. She loved all her grandchildren. Cordelia lived in Brockton till 1990. Brockton is where Cordelia did her education. In 1996, her niece she took as her daughter donated her kidney to Cordelia. They were close. Cordelia spent most her life in Billings due to renal failure

Cordelia is preceded in death by her parents; grandparents; her daughter, Elsie; her brothers, Harold, Michael and Philmore Necklace; her grandsons, Quannah M. and Michael N.; and

her niece, Alphine.

Cordelia is survived by her husband, Isaac Dust of Billings; her sons, Thomas Necklace of Ft. Kipp and Dean Necklace of Billings; her daughters, Florence Necklace of Billings, Rochelle and Deana Necklace of FT. Totten, N.D.; adopted sons, Gary North Piegan of Hardin and Allen Follows The Road of Poplar; her sister, Ruth Necklace (Terry); her brothers, Russell

Necklace and William Necklace of Brockton; adopted sisters Joanne, Sherri, Ivy, Lucillia, Kim and Louise Black Plume of Cardston, Alberta; her grandchildren, Marquel North Piegan of Hardin, Chastity Black Dog of Poplar, Miccah Dust, Michael Bauer, Charmayne Necklace, Jamison Miller, Alex Necklace, Morgan Necklace, all of Billings, Robert Ferguson of Devils Lake, N.D., Dylan Little Wind, Lavern Little Wind, Kaleigh Littleghost and Kayden Littleghost all of Ft. Totten, Isiah Drags Wolf, Dlane Drags Wolf and Christian Clincher all of Poplar, Alysia Necklace, Sierra Necklace, and Angelina Necklace, all of Brockton; her aunts, Coretta (Jim) Yankton of Poplar, Carol and Catherine of Brockton,

Serena (Ambrose) Good Soldier of Ft. Kipp, Josephine Black Dog of Brockton, Vicki Martin of Mandan, N.D., Rita Long Chase and Florence Eagleman of Poplar, Fay Peterson and Myrna Charboneau of Poplar; her uncles Bill and Mike Youngman of Poplar, Leland Spotted Bird of Brockton, and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews in North Dakota, Georgia and Montana; extended families, Spotted Bird and Youngmans.

Visitation will be Friday, Sept. 10, at Poplar Cultural Center in Poplar, with a prayer service beginning at 7 p.m. Funeral service will be Saturday, Sept. 11, at 11 a.m., at the Poplar Cultural Center. Interment will be in the Ft. Kipp Cemetery. Condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.stevensonandsons.com or by e-mail at csmc@nemontel.net. Clayton Stevenson Memorial Chapel of Wolf Point has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Elsie Lenora Dust

DENVER — Elsie Lenora Dust, 34, of Denver, formerly of Brockton, Mont., passed away on Jan. 22, 2004, of medical complications in Colorado.

Elsie was born in Poplar, Mont., on Aug. 2, 1969, to Isaac and Cordelia (Necklace) Dust.

Elsie was also known as (Crow Women) "Kang Win" (Sioux) and ApsaalokBia (Crow); the late John Necklace gave the name to her. In her formative years, Martha Dust, who



**ELSIE
DUST**

adored her very much, raised her. Elsie received her education in Lodge Grass, Hardin, St. Xavier and Brockton. She spent time with the Black Plume and Three Persons family of Cardston, Alberta, Canada. In her younger years, she traveled with her parents throughout the U.S. and Canada, spreading the gospel, making many longtime friends, whom are cherished.

Elsie was a member of the Full Gospel Church and the Piegan Clan.

Her children also knew her to cook excellent meals and always just to be there for them. No matter the situations, her children were always in her heart. Elsie had a very special nephew

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Jamison.

Her employment included A & S Tribal Industries and various others around the Denver area.

Her son, Q'Uannah James; a cousin, Alphine Necklace; her grandparents, Martha Dust, Henry Bright Wings, Sr., Felix and Christine Necklace; her great-grandparents, John and Elsie Necklace and Goldie Dust Stands preceded Elsie in death.

Elsie leaves behind many friends and family, including her daughter, Chastity of Poplar; her sons, Robert of Minnesota, Miccah and Michael of Billings; her parents, Issac and Cordelia (Necklace) Dust of Billings; her brothers, Thomas and Dean Necklace of Billings, Kalijah Goodsoldier of Poplar; her sisters, Florence Necklace of Billings, Rochelle (Lavern) Littlewind and Deane Necklace of North Dakota; her adopted sisters, Joanne Storm, Sherri Chief Moon, Lucellia, Louise, Kim, Ivy Black Plume of Canada, Jolene Chopper of Colorado and Wendy Chopper of North Dakota; adopted brothers, Dean Bird of Lodge Grass, Dana Bird and John Dust of Billings; her aunts, Ruth Necklace, Cordell Four Bear, Nancy and Lorna Martin, Charlotte (Sam)

Goodsoldier, Lois Medicine Cloud, Eloise and Deloris Youngman and Roberto Patino of Poplar, Vernelle Four Bear of Georgia, Arden (Arnold) Red Dog of Billings, Lorene (Doug) Michels of North Dakota, Priscilla Carpenter and Althea Chopper, Violet (Henry) Buck Elk of Ft. Kipp, Gary and Dorothy North Piegan of Hardin, Aldeen, Vicki, Claudine and Tonya Dust, Justine (Kenneth) Deputee, Darlene (Harry) Wallace, James (Henrietta) Takes the Horse of Lodge Grass and Shirleen Glen of Pryor; her uncles, Victor (Dorthea) Dust, Clive (Maudine) Dust, Henry (Daisy) Bright Wings, Jr. and Darrell (Barbara) Bright Wings of Lodge Grass, Russell (Judy) Necklace), Charles (Evelyn) Goodsoldier, Clifford Jerome, Melvin Goodsoldier of Poplar, William (Arletta) Necklace of Brockton; her grandparents, Edna Dust-Bad Boy of Crow Agency, Coretta (Jim) Yankton of Poplar, Serena (Ambrose) Goodsoldier of Ft. Kipp, Leland (Doris) Spotted Bird, Catherine and Carol Spotted Bird, Josephine Black Dog of Brockton, Victoria Joshua of North Dakota, Mary Bright Wings and Bill Gros Ventre of Lodge Grass, Amy Red Star and Tex Good Luck of Pryor and her extended family, including the Spotted Bird, Necklaces, Goodsoldiers, Youngmans, Dust, Red Star and Bright Wings.

"What a Day — There is coming a day when no heartache shall come, no more tears to dim the eyes, no more burdens to bare, there will be peace for ever more on that happy golden shore, what a day a glorious day that will be."

Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 30, in the Bullis Funeral Chapel.

Wake services will be held at a later date in Poplar. Interment will follow in the Fort Kipp Cemetery. Bullis Mortuary of Hardin has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Ramul Dvarishkis

THERMOPOLIS, Wyo. — Ramul Dvarishkis, 94, of Thermopolis, died Tuesday, March 2, 2004, at his home, after a long illness.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, March 6, at the First Baptist Church in Thermopolis. Burial will follow in Monument Hill Cemetery in Thermopolis. Mortimore Funeral Home is in charge.

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Cristene E. Dwinell

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AUG 24 2004

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Cristene E. Dwinell, 56, of Sheridan, died Friday, Aug. 20, 2004, at Memorial Hospital of Sheridan County.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 25, at the Sheridan Church of Christ. Champion Ferries Funeral Home of Sheridan is in charge.

Agatha M. Dwyer

WOLF POINT — Agatha M. Dwyer, age 97, a resident of Wolf Point since 1944, passed away on Sept. 29, 2004, at Faith Lutheran Home, where she had resided since September 1997.



**AGATHA
DWYER**

Agatha was born June 30, 1907, in Ellsworth, Minn., to John and Margaret (Klinkhammer) Schweitzer. She graduated from St. Mary's Grade and High School in Ellsworth. She received a BA from St. Teresa's College, Winona, with majors in Latin and English Literature. Later she studied toward an MA at the University of Minnesota.

Agatha retired in 1971 after 38 years teaching Latin, English, History and Drama at high schools in Irene, S.D., Kalispell, Circle and Wolf Point. She was active in Delta Kappa Gamma, a national honor society for women teachers since her election to membership in 1953.

She was a member of the Immaculate Conception Church in Wolf Point and an active member of the parish Altar Society.

Agatha married T.S. "Sy" Dwyer in Circle in 1942.

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Her husband; her parents; four brothers, Al, Leo, Werner and Norbert Schweitzer; five sisters, Christina Schweitzer, Antoinette Burke, Julia Sieve, Esther Koch, Edna Reiter and Mildred Sieve; and two stepchildren, James T. Dwyer and Helen Dillon, preceded her in death. She is survived by four stepchildren, Veronica A. Thorpe, Denver, Harriet M. Eastman, Great Falls, Paul E. Verdon, Helena, Joseph E. Brennan, Olympia, Wash., and numerous nieces, nephews and step-grandchildren.

Visitation will be held from 3 to 7 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 3, with rosary at 7 p.m. at Clayton Stevenson Memorial Chapel. Funeral services will be held on Monday, Oct. 4, at 10 a.m. at the Immaculate Conception Church in Wolf Point, with Father Steve Zabrocki officiating. Interment will be in Greenwood Cemetery. There will be a reception following in the parish hall. Memorials in "Aggie's" name may be made to Immaculate Conception Church, Faith Lutheran Home, or your favorite charity. Condolences to the family may be sent to csmc@nemontel.net or www.stevensonandsons.com. Clayton Stevenson Memorial Chapel has been entrusted with arrangements.

Helen M. Dye

GLENDIVE — Helen M. Dye, 81, of Seymour, Tenn., formerly of Glendive, died Tuesday, Feb. 17, 2004, at the East Tennessee Baptist Hospital in Knoxville, Tenn.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 21, at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Glendive. Rite of committal will be in the Dawson Memorial Cemetery in Glendive. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Glendive is in charge.

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Jolene Joy (Pitsch) Dyess

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BROADVIEW — Jolene Joy (Pitsch) Dyess was born in Billings on Dec. 7, 1965, to Gerald and Dorothy Glass. On July 30, 2004, she was taken from us in a tragic plane crash near Anchorage, Alaska.

She attended Broadview Public School kindergarten through her senior year in 1984. She loved playing basketball and competing in track. Her desire to win was infectious and she carried that desire throughout her life.



**JOLENE
DYESS**

Jolene married RJ Pitsch in May 1985 and of that marriage, Taryn Marie and Tori Dawn were born. Their girls above all things were the love of her life. She was passionate in her support of everything in their lives, including school, sports and friends. Her home was open to all.

She married William "Chris" Dyess, March 23, 2002, who shared in her love for the outdoors and the love of her daughters.

She worked as an appraiser for the Dept. of Revenue in Billings. She was with the DOR nine years.

Wherever she went, she brought contagious laughter and genuine love for people and life. Jolene enjoyed the outdoors, hunting, fishing, horses, sports, exercising and music.

She leaves behind a very special young lady, Tori, who resides with her dad in Ryegate. Other survivors include her mother, Dorothy (Gary) Zander; father Gerald Glass; sister Jeralee (Tim), niece Karly Wangler; brother Charles and nephew Kyle Glass; uncle Don Glass; aunt Lucile Townsend; uncle Joe Lowelin and numerous cousins; and many, many friends. Preceding her in death are aunt Jean Glass, uncle Kenny Glass, Grandma and Grandpa Glass, and Grandma and Grandpa Lowelin.

A trust fund for Tori has been set up at First National Bank, PO Box E, Alliance, NE 69301.

A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 7, at the Lavina High School Gym, with interment to follow at the Ryegate Cemetery. A reception will be held at the Ryegate Gym following the burial.

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CHRIS DYESS

William Christopher 'Chris' Dyess

June 16, 1975 — July 30, 2004

BROADVIEW — While on a fishing trip doing what he loved, Chris Dyess, beloved son, brother, husband, stepfather and uncle, passed away Friday, July 30, 2004, in Kenai, Alaska, as a result of a plane accident. Chris was born June 16, 1975, in Anchorage, Alaska, to William "Clark" Dyess, Jr. and Shelby Dyess. Chris spent his early childhood and elementary school years in Anchorage; Dubois, Wyo., and Zanie, Okla. In June 1986, the family moved to Ryegate. Chris graduated from

Ryegate High School in May 1993. Following graduation, Chris lived in Ryegate and Billings, where he worked as a ranch hand and carpenter. Chris eventually formed his own company, "Dyess Construction."

Chris was dearly loved by all his family. On March 23, 2002, Chris married Jolene Pitsch in Broadview, where they made their home with Jolene's two girls, Chris's stepdaughters, Taryn and Tori Pitsch. He shared his life with and blessed the lives of Jolene, Taryn and Tori, his mother and father, three brothers and two sisters, his grandparents, numerous uncles, aunts and cousins, and had a very special love and place in his heart for his nephews and nieces.

Even as a very young child, Chris loved the outdoors and hunting and fishing. In any season, Chris could be found with a tag, a gun and a dog, especially with the one who taught him and took him on hunts from the time he was a tiny boy, his father. In later years, the roles were reversed and the son took his

father. Chris was always willing to take anyone on a fishing or hunting trip. He was particularly proud when he was accompanied by his stepdaughters. Chris also served as a mentor to young hunters for many years as a hunter's safety instructor. Chris aspired to be a hunting/fishing guide, a dream that he was living at the time of his death as a guide with W. W. Outfitters.

Chris was so full of life that he made you feel good by just walking into the room. By looking into Chris's eyes, you could see his heart. Chris made friends wherever he went. He was known for his spontaneous humor, forthright attitude and soft heart. Chris unselfishly gave of his love, talents and time to help others. Chris never knew a stranger.

Chris's life will forever be celebrated. He will be deeply missed by all those who knew and loved him.

Tragically, his wife, Jolene, and his stepdaughter, Taryn, perished with him in the accident. He was preceded in death by his maternal grandfather, Algie Stoker.

Survivors include his mother and father, William "Clark" Dyess, Jr. and Shelby Dyess of Pinedale, Wyo.; three brothers, William "Corey" (Kim) Dyess of Laramie, Wyo., William "Clark" (Heidi) Dyess, III of Pinedale and Waylon Dyess of Prescott, Ariz.; two sisters, Amy (Phil) Belveal of Pinedale and Wynette (Chris)

Howard of Nampa, Idaho; one stepdaughter, Tori Pitsch; his paternal grandparents, William "Clark" Dyess, Sr. and Ruth Dyess of Jackson, Wyo.; his maternal grandmother, Inez Stoker of Black River Falls, Wis.; and numerous uncles, aunts, cousins, nephews and nieces.

Smith Funeral Chapel in Billings is in charge of arrangements. Services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 7, in Lavina, at the Lavina School Gymnasium. Graveside services will follow at Ryegate Cemetery in Ryegate. A luncheon will be held at Ryegate School Gymnasium.

Memorials in Chris's honor may be made to Continental National Bank in Ryegate in Chris's name to defray the cost of funeral expenses.