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Thomas H. Eads

Thomas H. Eads, 62, of Billings, died peacefully in his sleep on Thursday, Jan. 15, 2004. He was born in Milwaukee, Wis., and moved to this area five years ago from Chicago, Ill. He was an avid lover of history, archeology and the great outdoors. He volunteered at the Moss Mansion, Yellowstone Art Center and Western Heritage Center while also working at Office Max as a sales associate.

A celebration of life will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Moss Mansion. A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Men's Montana Rescue Mission. Donations can be made to the Moss or the Men's Mission.

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STOCKTON, Calif. — Ernestina "Tina" Eagle, 21, of Stockton, died Thursday, Dec. 9, 2004, in Stockton.

Visitation services will be from 3 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 16, with a prayer service at 7 p.m. at Clayton Stevenson Memorial Chapel in Poplar, Mont. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, Dec. 17, at Clayton Stevenson Memorial Chapel in Poplar. Interment will be in Riverside Cemetery in Brockton, Mont.

Mamie Eaglefeathers

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LAME DEER — Mamie Eaglefeathers, 72, of Lame Deer, passed away Friday, Oct. 29, 2004, in Lame Deer.

Nanomone'e "Peace Woman" was born Nov. 10, 1931, in Busby, a daughter of James and Sally Crazy-mule Bites. She received her education in Busby. She married Milton Eaglefeathers and the couple made their early home in Busby, before moving to Lame Deer.



**MAMIE
EAGLE-
FEATHERS**

Mamie was a member of the Native American Church and worked as a cook for the Head Start program.

She was a giving person, whose helping hands were available to anyone in need. She enjoyed attending sporting events, Sun Dances and spending time with her grandchildren. She was an accomplished cook who knew the secrets of preparing dried meat.

Her parents, husband, daughters, Milene, Delpha and Twila Eaglefeathers brother James Bites-Spear Jr. and sister Florence Whiteman preceded Mamie in death.

Survivors include her daughters, Mildred Eaglefeathers of

Lame Deer and Marietha (Bob Holland) Hendrickson of Billings; her son, Melbert (Carol) Eaglefeathers of Butte; a sister Wanda Russell of Busby; adopted sons, Eugene Fisher of Browning, an adopted daughter, Rhoda Glenmore of Busby; 18 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Wake services will be held 7 p.m. Monday at the Mamie Eaglefeathers residence in Lame Deer. Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Tuesday in the Lame Deer Boys and Girls Club. Interment will follow in the Eaglefeathers Family Cemetery. Bullis Mortuary of Hardin has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Theda Smart Enemy Eagleman

Apitbia 'Sand Crane Woman'

Theda Smart Enemy Eagleman left this world to go on to the Other Side Camp, Dec. 1, 2004, at her home in Billings, surrounded by family.

A person many members of the Crow knew as Apitbia, she was the second of three children born to Fred Smart Enemy, Sr. and Elizabeth Hears Every Way.

She was born into the Big Lodge clan and a Child of the Ties the Bundle clan. At an early age, her grandparents, Goes Among the Enemy and Bird Sits Down, legally adopted her. The records office at Crow Agency shows her name as Theda Among Enemy. She received her early education at the Pryor Schools, graduating from Edgar High School in 1957. After this, she went on to attend Billings Business College for two years. Following her school years, she was employed by Real Estate Services as a Realty Clerk in the Billings Area Office. She went on to work in many capacities for several Tribal Administrations, but her desire was to own and build up a home and she did this



**THEDA
EAGLEMAN**

for many years, taking in her grandchildren and adopting newborn relatives as her own. Many of her grandchildren grew up in her home.

Theda was a person who practiced and participated in all religious Crow Ceremonies, including respecting Clan Fathers and Mothers; traditional sweat lodge and the Sacred Tobacco Society. She was adopted into the Tobacco Society by the late Jacob and Cecilia Stands. She also participated in the borrowed religious ceremonies, the Shoshone Sun Dance and the Peyote Religion.

She was kind to many people. She had special lady friends that she treated as sisters; children she took in, sharing the best she had with these persons, in addition to her natural family. One such person is Ruby Reed, who Theda had started the process of adopting in the Sacred Tobacco Society, along with her granddaughter Roses. There were ladies she called the best of friends and these are: Regina Pretty On Top, Geneva Whiteman, Theresa Birdhat Haun, Jeanette Richardson and Darlene Rogers.

She was a person who mastered the Crow art of beadwork and there was no design or many pieces to bead that were too hard for her. She also learned to prepare finely all the Indian dishes that were considered delicacies by the Crow. She traveled the Bowwow circuit several summers going coast to coast and into Canada preparing food for concession stands.

In addition to her practice of Crow and Native American Religions, she was also a member of the Catholic Church.

Her father, daughter Patricia and grandson Robert preceded her in death.

Survivors include her son, Patrick Stands, Jr.; adopted daughters Jashaun, Trista and Lucia Eagleman; granddaughters Carrie (Pierce), Patalene (Noel), Shana Lecompte; grandsons Patrick (Tryale), Isaiah, Holly and Solomon Stands, Chad (Charlene) Bad Bear, Augustine John (Selena) and Delton Hill; 14 great-grandchildren; her sister, Clara Big Lake, brothers, Fred (Eleanor) Smart Enemy, Jr. and Corky Old Horn; adopted brothers and sisters of Oklahoma, the Kaulitys, namely Tommy; aunt Amy Chief Stick of Rocky Boy Tobacco Society adopted daughter, Laura Pickett.

Extended families are: Old Coyote, Big Hair, Fighter, Half, Three Irons, Morning, Hawk, Rides the Horse, Knows the Gun,

Lena Bell Rock and Paul Hill families; numerous blood relatives of the Rocky Boy Reservation. The best effort was put forth to remember all names of relatives, but not able to think clearly, if some were not mentioned, please accept our apology, for we know you also hurt with us.

Funeral Mass will be celebrated 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 4, at the Pryor St. Charles Catholic Mission Church. Interment will follow in the Smart Enemy Family Cemetery. Bullis Mortuary of Hardin has been entrusted with arrangements.

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Theda Eagleman

Theda Eagleman, 66, of Billings, died Wednesday, Dec. 1, 2004, at her home.

Rosary will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 3, at the Bullis Funeral Chapel of Hardin. Mass will be celebrated 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 4, at the Pryor Catholic Church. Interment will follow in the Smart Enemy Family Cemetery in Pryor.

Christopher Eason

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GILLETTE, Wyo. — Christopher Eason, 24, of Gillette, died Tuesday, Sept. 14, 2004, from injuries sustained in an ATV accident.

Visitation will be from 3 to 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 19, at the Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home Chapel in Gillette. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, Sept. 20, at the Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home Chapel. Interment will follow in the Mount Pisgah Cemetery in Gillette.

MAY 09 2004**Wilbert Dell Eastman**

Wilbert Dell Eastman, 69, of Billings, formerly of Lodge Grass, passed away Thursday, May 6, 2004, at his residence in Lockwood, following an extended illness.

He was born Aug. 16, 1934, in Crow Agency, a son of Charles and Estella Howe Eastman.

He was raised and received his education in Lodge Grass.

Wilbert attended auto mechanic school in Chicago, Illinois, before returning to Hardin, where he worked for Graham Staunton Chevrolet. He later moved to Lodge Grass and operated his own repair shop. He was known as a talented mechanic.

He was a member of the Whistling Water Clan and the Baptist Church. In his spare time, he enjoyed woodcarving and making furniture and pull toys for area children.

His parents; sister, Velma Bird in Ground and brother, Irvin Eastman, preceded Wilbert in death.

**WILBERT
EASTMAN**

Survivors include his brothers Marvin Eastman of Billings, Garland Howe of Wyola, Alfred and Sidney Eastman of Lodge Grass; his sister, Mina Jefferson of Lodge Grass and two adopted grandchildren, Sammars and Sarah Williams of Lame Deer.

Cremation has taken place in the Bullis-Eastern Montana Crematory. A Celebration of Life of Wilbert will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, May 11, in the Lodge Grass First Crow Indian Baptist Church. Inurnment will follow in the Lodge Grass Cemetery. Bullis Mortuary of Hardin has been entrusted with the arrangements.

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Doug Easton

Dec. 3, 1948 — March 17, 2004

LAUREL — Doug Easton was born Dec. 3, 1948, in Billings, and lost his courageous battle with cancer on Wednesday, March 17, 2004, with his devoted father by his side.

Doug graduated from Laurel High School, Eastern Montana College and served in the Peace Corps in Barbados for several years. He worked for the past few years for the legal department of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees in Washington, D.C., where he gained a whole new family of friends. Doug was also very well thought of by the people who worked at Union Station, where he spent much of his time. He was very active in his church, serving as a volunteer for the homeless and various charitable organizations in the D.C. area.

Doug is survived by his father, Gay; his sister, Sue (Randy) Fox, all of Laurel; and many aunts, uncles and cousins. Preceding him in death were his mother, Lenore, and his niece, Stacey Owens.

A memorial service held on March 22 at the Church of the Epiphany in Washington, D.C., was led by Dr. Curtly Yearwood, minister and special friend, and was attended by many of Doug's beloved friends.

A memorial service for family and Montana friends will be held on Saturday, March 27, at 10 a.m., at the Laurel United Methodist Church, 307 W. Fourth St.

Memorials may be made to the LHS Class of '67 Reunion, c/o Teresa Gremmer, 1030 11th Ave., Laurel, MT 59044, or to the charity of one's choice.

Jonathan Ray Eaton

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BUFFALO, Wyo. — Jonathan Ray Eaton, 58, of Buffalo, died Tuesday, April 27, 2004, at the Purdy Ranch south of Buffalo.

APRIL 30 2004

Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday, April 30, and 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, May 1, at the Adams Funeral Home in Buffalo. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, May 1, at the Adams Funeral Home Chapel. Inurnment will be at 1 p.m. Monday, May 3, in Custer County Cemetery in Miles City.

George Allen Eblen

BELGRADE — Early Sunday morning, March 14, 2004, Jesus welcomed George Allen Eblen home.

George was born Aug. 7, 1922, to Leonard and Eula (Waller) Eblen in an old log house about 17 miles north of Belgrade, with a neighbor lady assisting.

Young George attended the Mountain View country school, fondly remembered as the Cracker Box, through the eighth grade. Following graduation from Belgrade High School, George took a job at the International Harvester plant in East Moline, Ill.

In 1942, George enlisted in the United States Marine Corps with boot camp in California. After extended training at Camp Pendleton, the Private, along with the 2nd Marine Division, was sent to the Pacific, where he spent 37 months. George was very proud to fight for the freedom of our country. Upon returning to the States, he spent a month in the hospital with malaria. He was honorably discharged and has been a lifetime member of the Disabled American Veterans.

On Sept. 12, 1946, George married Evelyn Hoffman. They, along with their two children, enjoyed a life of ranching. In 1953, they moved to a ranch north of Belgrade, with a small herd of registered Angus cows. The fam-

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ily later became breeders of quality Registered Angus cattle on the Snowball Angus Ranch.

In 1963, George received the gift of life from his Savior and Lord and served the Lord helping to teach children's church. George also took time to serve as chairman of the Belgrade School Board.

After open-heart surgery and bone cancer, George retired in 1979 on the advice of his doctor.



**GEORGE
EBLEN**

They moved to a smaller ranch they bought with the proceeds of a dispersal sale. They enjoyed spending several winters in Arizona. George remained on the ranch following the "home-going" of his dear wife, Evelyn. Golfing with his buddies at Cottonwood Hills became a favorite pastime.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; brothers, Bill, Paul, Winfield and Louis; and a sister, Mary McGuire.

George is survived by his daughter, Kerry Eblen of Sheridan, Wyo.; his son, George "Sonny" (Julie) Eblen, Jr. of Belgrade; grandson, George "G.A." Eblen, III, a freshman at LeTourneau University in Longview, Texas; sister, Libby Roth of Billings; and numerous nieces and nephews.

George Henry EBLEN

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Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, March 20, at the Evangelical Free Church, 1701 S. 19th, Bozeman. Interment will follow at Sunset Hills Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the George Eblen III College Scholarship Fund at any First Security Bank location.

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ALICE N. ECKER**THE BILLINGS GAZETTE****JUL 10 2004**

LEWISTOWN — Alice N. Ecker, 91, of Lewistown, formerly of Coffee Creek, died Friday, July 9, 2004, at the Central Montana Skilled Center in Lewistown.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, July 12, in the Coffee Creek Cemetery. Cloyd Funeral Home of Lewistown is in charge.

Craig Louis Eckerman

STORY, Wyo. — Craig Louis Eckerman, 47, of Story, died Saturday, June 19, 2004, at his home.

At his request, cremation has taken place and private family memorial services will be held at a later date. Champion Ferries Funeral Home of Sheridan is in charge.

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Helen Nybo Eckert

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LAUREL —

Helen Nybo Eckert, 83, made her final quilting journey in the early morning hours of Feb. 4, 2004. She passed away in her home in Laurel, where she resided with her daughter and son-in-law.



**HELEN
ECKERT**

Helen was born on Feb. 11, 1920, in South St. Paul, Minn., the oldest of three children born to William Lyle Devine and Ethel J. Lysne. The family moved frequently and Helen often remarked that she went to three different high schools in three years, graduating from Great Falls High in 1937.

She married Stanley Nybo in Billings and four children were born of this marriage. They later divorced and Helen married Matthew G. Eckert in 1971. Matt passed away in March of 1997 after they moved to Red Lodge, where they spent two glorious years living on Rock Creek (home of her daughter and son-in-law). Helen continued to reside in the peaceful mountains and enjoyed all of the wildlife here. She was "mother" to many outdoor and indoor kitties until the family moved to Laurel in July 2002.

Helen was a homemaker for many years until she went to work in the County Treasurer's office. She was elected treasurer of the City of Billings until the city changed this from an elected position. She then worked at Security Bank, Sample Shack and Monkey Bars before going to work at the Quilting Bug in 1987. This changed the direction of the rest of her life. Quilting, shopping and going to quilt workshops and other related activities allowed her creative spirit to flow. All of her family members and many, many friends, as well as the community, benefited by her involvement. She left a wonderful legacy for her children, grandchildren and everyone she knew.

Helen was a member of Quilt by Association and Yellowstone Valley Quilt Guilds.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Matt Eckert, and former husband Stanley Nybo.

She is survived by her three sons and one daughter, L.D. Nybo (Margaret) of Great Falls, David Nybo of Butte, Kent Nybo (Lee

ann) of Las Vegas and Marjorie Kim) Nash of Laurel; her adoptive mother, Jean M. Devine, Miles City; one sister, Marjorie Taylor of Billings; one brother, James Devine of Huntley; six grandchildren, Stacey Nybo Black (Ron), Heidi Johnson (Josh), Steven Nybo, Turi Nybo, LaRell Carter (Jason) and Craig Nash (Kim); as well as seven great-grandchildren. She is also survived by numerous special nieces and nephews, as well as special friends Cruiser, Gus, Silver, Sadie and Beaudene who all made pilgrimages to her room the morning she passed away, and warmed her lap and heart on many occasions.

A memorial service will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 7, at Faith Chapel, corner of Broadwater and Shiloh. Cremation has taken place. In lieu of flowers, memorial or donations may be made to the Jeremiah House or Big Sky Hospice. Smith Downtown Chapel is assisting with arrangements.

Helen and her family wish to thank Big Sky Hospice, Dr. Neal Sorenson, Dr. Cobb, Ben, Diane and all the nurses and staff at the Hematology Oncology center for their care and concern during her illness. Additionally the many nurses, CNAs and staff of third floor Fortin at St. V's extended excellent care and generous spir-

it and hearts during the many transfusions she experienced. A special thank you also is extended to all who donated the blood and platelets which allowed us to have six more months with Mom.

Phyllis LaVere Eckert

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CODY, Wyo. — Phyllis LaVere Eckert, 82, of Cody, died Tuesday, Dec. 14, 2004, at the Deaconess Hospital in Billings.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 17, at the Ballard Funeral Home in Cody. Interment will follow at the Riverside Cemetery.

Carl Eckhardt

APACHE JUNCTION, Ariz. — Carl Eckhardt, 85, of Apache Junction, died Sept. 6, 2004, at Springdale Care Facility in Mesa.

He was born June 21, 1919, to Conrad E. and Elizabeth (Gutmann) Eckhardt.

He married Olinda Hilderman on April 22, 1941, in Billings. Mr. Eckhardt was born in Windsor, Colo., where his parents settled after traveling to the United States from Russia. His family later homesteaded west of Billings. He served his country with the U.S. Army in the Asiatic Pacific Theater during World War II. He was a resident of Billings for many years, where he worked as a refrigeration and farm implement mechanic until his retirement. He was an avid hunter and fisherman until his health prevented such activities.

He was a longtime member of the Elks.

He is survived by his son Ronald and daughter-in-law InSuk Eckhardt of Junction City Kan.; his daughter, Diane Tatro of Phoenix; his brothers, William Eckhardt of Billings, Sam and Wanda Eckhardt of Salt Lake City and Daniel and Helen Eckhardt of Townsend, Mont.; grandchildren Lance, Erin, Kevin and Erika; two great-grandchildren; and friend Marge Coleman.

He was preceded in death by his wife; brothers Conrad, Robert and Benjamin; and sisters Elizabeth Roth, Maria Fuchs, Margarete, Amelia Hahn, and Margaretha.

Cremation was at Mesa. The family requests that all memorials be presented to the American Cancer Society.

Frances I. Eckles

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PORTLAND, Ore. — Frances T. Darrington Eckles, 76, of Portland, formerly of Harlowton, Mont., died July 30, 2004.

No services were held. Wilhelm Funeral Home was in charge.

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James Arthur Edeburn died on Feb. 21, 2004, at age 91. He was born on Jan. 17, 1913, in Mason City, Iowa, to James W. and Rosina E. Edeburn.



**JAMES
EDEBURN**

At age 4, his family moved to Montana to Homestead at Elmdale. James attended Armstrong and Timmons Country School through the fifth grade. He later worked on the construction of the Fort Peck Dam.

On April 24, 1942, he married Fredda M. Eldridge. His wife and daughter helped him farm at Andes until they moved to Wellington, Colo., to care for Fredda's parents, Susie and Fred Eldridge. While living in Colorado, he drove truck for Larimer County and later was a janitor at Colorado State University and First Christian Church in Fort Collins.

James and his wife moved to Billings 24 years ago, where they loved caring for their grandsons as needed. He liked gardening and latch hooking rugs. He truly loved his wife, family, life, people and animals.

He is preceded in death by his wife; parents; three brothers,

Denis, Guy and Dale; and one sister, Thelma Och. Survivors include his daughter, Iris Tyre of Billings; and two grandsons: Matthew (Heather) Tyre of Gilbert, Ariz., and Fred (April Tyre of Orange City, Iowa. He is also survived by three great grandchildren, Morgan and Sheridan of Arizona and Kate Tyre of Iowa.

Yesterday is history Tomorrow is a mystery, Today is a gift, and that is why it's called a present. Amazing Grace... "And God raised us up with Christ...in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace..." Ephesians 2:6, 7.

Graveside services will be held at 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 25, at Mountview Cemetery in Billings. Visitation will take place on Wednesday, from 8 to 11 a.m. at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary.

Michelotti-Sawyers is in charge of arrangements.

Alta L. Edes

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ROUNDUP — Alta Loretta Edes, 89, died June 28, 2004, in Billings, of natural causes.

Alta was born on April 16, 1915, to Hannah and Samuel Beaman of Deer Creek, Minn. She was the ninth of 10 children. She married William Ralph Edes on July 15, 1934, in Bertha, Minn. They moved to Montana in 1963, first to Sidney, and later retiring in Roundup.

Her husband and son David preceded Alta in death. She is survived by her daughter, Loretta Rorvig of San Diego; son Arvid and daughter-in-law Margaret of Williamsburg, Kan.; daughter-in-law Jean Edes of Fairview; sisters Mae Hanebuth of Deer Creek, Bertha Westad of Wadena, Minn., and Blanche Embertson of St. Francis, Wis. Ten grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren and five great-great grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews also survive her.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, July 1, at the United Methodist Church in Roundup. Memorials may be made to the United Methodist Church, 319 First West, of Roundup.

Wier Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Sally Lee Edgbert

Sally Lee Edgbert, 43, passed away at her home in Lockwood on Dec. 31, 2003. Sally was born on May 17, 1960 in Leavenworth, Kan., to Andrew and Sandra (Farris) Anderson. Throughout her life she made many friends. Sally will be missed by all who knew her.



**SALLY LEE
EDGBERT**

Sally is survived by her son, Matthew; daughter Harmony (Colin) Mangus; granddaughter, Adrianna; sisters, Joni (Dale) Heppner and family, Cindy Berry and family; her grandmother, Estella (Tom) Hanrahan; nephew John (Charlie) Watters and family, and her stepfather, John Watters Sr.

Dahl Funeral Chapel is making arrangements.

THE LEAVENWORTH GAZETTE

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Lek Edgmond

BRIDGER — Thongleung "Lek" Thieng-Thae Edgmond, mother and homemaker, died from colon cancer Saturday, June 12, 2004, at Horizon Hospice Home in Billings, at the age of 61.

Lek was born Aug. 12, 1942, in Udorn Thani, Thailand, the second youngest sibling in a family of over 10. She was married for a short time to a Thai man during her 20s; Lek gave birth to two sons and a daughter from that early union.



**LEK
EDGMOND**

Lek was married to William "Jay" Edgmond of Bridger, July 3, 1974 in Udorn Thani. After relocating to the United States that year, she lived in and traveled to many different states. Lek acquired her American citizenship in 1985 in Tucson, Ariz. After her husband's death in 1990, Lek attended to the family real estate and rental business.

She enjoyed cards, word puzzles, gardening, spicy food, Monopoly, gambling and James

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Lek is preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Jay, and her father-in-law, William Edgmond.

Survivors include a son, William Adam Edgmond; multiple brothers and sisters; her three Thai children; her mother-in-law, Charlene Edgmond-Brinkel, and her brother-in-law, James Gerald Edgmond.

Funeral services are scheduled for 2 p.m. Thursday, June 17, at Bridger United Methodist Church, with interment at Bridger Cemetery. Smith Funeral Chapel of Laurel will oversee ceremonies.

Memorials: Horizon Hospice Home, Billings, MT or American Cancer Society.

Clarabelle E. Ediger

OCT 6 2004

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Clarabelle E. Ediger was born July 2, 1920, and passed away Oct. 4, 2004.

Clarabelle was born in Oswego to parents Peter and Katherina Funk. She grew up in Wolf Point and graduated from Wolf Point High School with high honors.

She married John A. Ediger on Sept. 14, 1941. They farmed and ranched north of Wolf Point in the Cottonwood Valley until 1989, when they retired and moved to Billings.

Clarabelle was an excellent cook and the smell of her home-made, whole wheat bread welcomed you into her home many a day. She helped make their farm a haven of refuge for many relatives who wanted to leave city life behind for a few days. Her five sisters and brother made special trips to get together at "The Ranch."

Clarabelle's musical talents on the piano were known far and wide. She and John sang at many weddings, funerals and church events. She raised her children to sing and play instruments around the piano. They especially enjoyed playing hymns and



**CLARABELLE
EDIGER**

gospel music.

Clarabelle had many hobbies some of which were bowling with the Northern Lights Team, playing Scrabble, gardening, sewing and quilting. She made over 50 quilts, most of which she gave to children, grandchildren and friends.

Clarabelle loved the Lord and going to church every Sunday was a privilege.

She was preceded in death by one brother and four sisters, and two sons, Willis and Raymond Ediger.

Survivors include her husband John; children, Gary Ediger and Barb (Bobbie) Sansaver of Wolf Point, Bonnie Forsberg of Minot, N.D., and Jeanie Hathaway and Jo Harris of Billings; 22 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren; and many friends and loved ones.

An open house will be held at the John Ediger home, 2013 Ronda Circle, Billings, from 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Oct 9.

A memorial service will be held Monday, Oct. 11, at 2 p.m., at the Gospel Fellowship Church in Wolf Point, with reception following.

IAN JAMES EDMISTEN

Ian James Edmisten, the son of JB and Laura Selvig Edmisten, was born June 10, 2002. He spent much of his time in the hospital until on his first birthday he received a much-needed multiple organ transplant. He spent the next year learning to walk, going to the beach, playing with his sister, watching Disney movies, and at times being a typical 2-year-old. Ian was always ready with a happy smile.

Ian died July 6, 2004 (in his father's arms), in Miami, from an infection. Even though his life was short, it was one every child should have — he was loved very well.

Ian is survived by his parents; sister Abigail; grandparents Dean and DeeAnna Edmisten; grandparents John Selvig and Debbie Marshall; seven aunts, Alena, Kim, Kate, Jenny, Emily, Sarah, Maria; two great-grandmothers, Betty Marshal and Esther Meyers; and many other family members. A special

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thanks to all the medical staffs from Tacoma to Miami who loved him when we weren't at his side.

*"Jesus, Shepherd, in your arms,
You have held this child once
weeping.*

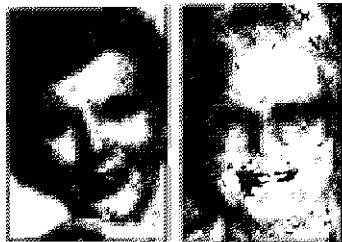
*Willed it should be free from
harm
and the moaning end in sleep-
ing.*

*Carried it then through the
door
to where crying is no more."
LW hymn 269 v1*

Visitations may be made on Thursday, July 15, at the Smith Downtown Chapel. Funeral services will be at Hope Lutheran Church in Lockwood, Friday July 16, at 11 a.m. Interment will be at Mountview Cemetery following the service.

Memorials can be sent to: Ian Edmisten Memorial Fund, U.S. Bank, 303 N. Broadway, Billings, MT 59101.

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ETHEL ANN EDWARDS

Ethel Ann Edwards

LEWISTOWN — Monday, July 5, 2004, Ethel Ann Edwards, age 82, passed surrounded by her family. Those that knew her agree that with her passing goes one of the true beauties of this world. Her smile had a way of capturing all who came in contact with her.

Born in central Montana in 1921 and raised on the family homestead in Straw with her parents, John and Ada Warren, and three brothers, Tom Holdsworth, John Warren and Bob Warren.

In 1941, she attended college in Bozeman at MSC for only a year before the war.

During WWII she did her part by becoming one of the many "Rosie the Riveters," at Douglas Aircraft in Long Beach, Calif.

By 1945, she found that the airlines now wanted to hire tall women for their larger aircraft and she moved to Minneapolis to train and then work for Northwest Airlines as a stewardess.

In 1947, Bob and Ethel Ann were married in the Methodist Church in Lewistown and then moved back to Bozeman where she was now "allowed" to take all the art classes she wished.

She had a special heart for the special needs children of our community. In the '50s there was no special education in public schools, and parents felt particularly isolated being in such a large state with so little to offer.

She was a leader in all she did.

In the '50s, she was the den mother for special needs boys.

In the '60s, she had a 4-H club for our young retarded children.

It was around this time that she finally managed to take another trip. She went to Mexico with MSU's Architecture department and decided that traveling was the one thing that could renew her. She would say, "It's cheaper than a shrink," and every couple of years she would find a way to travel somewhere, usually alone; armed with nothing more than that beautiful smile that brought people in.

In the '70s, she started the LARC Recreation Center to entertain the same children she had helped raise and also to give their parents a small break each day.

Also, with the help of other artists in the community she was key in what today we know as The Lewistown Art Center.

Then, in the mid-'70s, her staunch spirit helped her even survive cancer.

The old saying, "If you want something done, you ask a busy person," seemed to be written about her. To her nothing was more important than helping children get a good start in life.

She was most accomplished in every community task she took on, but her family honors her most for how she completed the job she originally accepted as wife and mother.

She is survived by her husband, Robert; sons, Ken and Dennis; and daughter, Nickie Lynn, all of Lewistown.

The cards and memorials may be mailed to 112 10th Ave. S. in Lewistown.

Memorials will be donated in her name to The Lewistown Art Center. Should anyone that she has touched through the years wish, they may leave a voice message for her family to treasure for all time. Please call (406) 538-3826 to the voice mail that has been set up for her memory.

There will be a memorial service July 17 at 2 p.m. at the United Methodist Church in Lewistown. Cloyd Funeral Home is in charge.

Harry E. Edwards

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

LEWISTOWN — Harry E. Edwards, 88, died Monday, Feb. 16, 2004, at the Central Montana Skilled Nursing Care Center.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. Cremation has taken place. Inurnment will be in Moore Cemetery. Creel Funeral Home of Lewistown is in charge.

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Marla Egan

Marla Egan, 45, of Billings, passed away on Monday, May 3, 2004 at Deaconess Billings Clinic.

Marla was born on March 24, 1959, in Casper, Wyo., to (father) Bertram Chambers and (mother) Faye Bartschi Senn. She was the third of four children.

At the age of 5, she was one of the first open heart surgery patients in America. Shortly after, the family moved to Billings in 1965. Marla graduated from Billings Senior High



**MARLA
EGAN**

School in 1977. She went on to attend Eastern Montana College, earning her degree in Mathematics. She graduated Summa Cum Laude with high honors in 1981.

Marla met and fell in love with Louis Benjamin Egan of Bozeman. They were married on April 23, 1983. Marla gave birth to a daughter, Alice Marie Egan, on Sept. 24, 1984. She was their only child. Her husband, Lou, passed away shortly after Alice was born on July 25, 1985.

Marla served many positions and callings in the LDS church and also did Temple work. She loved arts and crafts and always looked forward to the annual gathering of the Long Distance Quilters. Marla was an excellent pianist and enriched the lives of many with her musical talent.

She is preceded in death by her husband Lou, father Bert and stepfather Steve Senn.

She is survived by her daughter Alice; mother Faye; sister Shellie Wood (Ron) of Eagle Mountain, Utah; brothers Cameron Chambers (Cindy) of Redmond, Ore., Duey Chambers (Cassandra) of Butte; and mother-in-law Mary Katherine Egan of Bozeman; as well as many stepbrothers/sisters, brothers/sisters-in-law, aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

Marla deeply touched the lives of all her friends and family. She always seemed to give much more than she ever asked for in return.

Marla — We are grateful for all of your love — Goodbye Sweet Angel.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial fund has been set up for Alice in Marla's name. The address is: Marla Egan Memorial Fund, c/o First Interstate Bank, PO Box 30918, Billings, MT 59116, ATTN: Cathy Dunaway.

Visitations will begin Friday evening, May 7, at the Smith Downtown Chapel.

The funeral service will be at 2 p.m. on Monday, May 10, at the LDS Stake Center, 2929 Belvedere Drive, with interment to follow at Terrace Gardens Cemetery. Smith Downtown Chapel is assisting with arrangements.

Larry A. Egbert

MAR 3 2004

WORLAND, Wyo. — Larry A. Egbert, 71, of Worland, died Sunday, Feb. 29, 2004, at Washakie Medical Center, of cancer.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, March 4, at Bryant Funeral Home Chapel in Worland. Burial of the cremains will be held at a later date in the Ten Sleep Cemetery.

Florence Winifred Egebakken

SEP 16 2004

BULLHORN HAVEN

HARLOWTON — Florence Winifred Egebakken, 83, of Harlowton, passed away Sunday, Sept. 12, 2004, at Wheatland Memorial Nursing Home.

Florrie was born in Naseby, England, on March 28, 1921, to William and Alice (Ringrose) Toseland.

She married Yngvar Egebakken in England during WWII, where Yngvar was stationed with the U.S. Army Air Corp. Yngvar came back to the U.S. after the war and returned to his job on a ranch south of Big Timber. Florrie followed with their three young sons in tow in January of 1947.

In 1950, the family moved to the Two Dot area, where they made their home until Yngvar's death in 1984, and Florrie moved into Harlowton.

Florrie worked as a cook and janitor at the Two Dot School for over 20 years and many a Two Dot alumnus remember her scrumptious meals.

As a schoolgirl, she had the opportunity to serve at a function at Westminster Abby and had the

fortune of personally meeting the Queen Mother. She is remembered for her moving stories and experiences during the Battle of Britain and the rest of WWI during which time she was "Rosie the Riveter."

Preceding her in death was son Karl in 1971; husband Yngvar in 1984 from Two Dot; and brother Alf and sister Evie from England. She is survived by sons Colin (Virginia) Egebakken and Richard (Julie) Egebakken grandchildren, Dean (Joanna) Faron (Lori), Wendy, Quintin (Debbie) and Tricia; step-grandchildren, Shawn (Jenny), Valley and Cody Peters and Sharor Mattheis. Great-grandchildren include Brittany, Brianne, Dante' Jack, Ryann, Gavin and Darcy and step-great grandson, Ben Mattheis. Stepsister Daisy from England; sister-in-law and special friend Donna Haarr; and special friend and family member, Rose Marie Steele. Other local survivors include nieces, Elaine (Arville) Lammers and Margaret (Leon) Lammers; nephews, Loren and Dale Haarr, along with their children and many family members who reside in England, Denmark and Norway. She also leaves many longtime neighbors and friends.



**FLORRIE
EGEBAKKEN**

She will be greatly missed by her family and many friends she had, especially the kind and considerate staff at the Wheatland Hospital and Nursing Home.

Memorials suggested to the American Lutheran Church in Harlowton or the Wheatland Memorial Hospital Guild.

Cremation has taken place and a graveside service will be held, Wednesday, Sept. 22, at the Harlowton Cemetery at 2 p.m. A reception will follow at the American Lutheran Faith Center. Perkins Funeral Home assisted the family with the services.

Warren F. Eggar**MAY 20 2004**

LIVINGSTON — Warren F. Eggar, 82, of Livingston, died Friday, May 14, 2004, at his home.

Cremation has taken place at Franzen-Davis Crematory in Livingston. A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, May 20, at Franzen-Davis Funeral Home in Livingston. Graveside committal and burial will follow at Park View Gardens, south of Livingston.

JUN 08 2004**Russell Egosque**

ANCHORAGE, Alaska —
Russell Egosque, 80, formerly of
Billings, died June 5, 2004, at
Providence Extended Care in
Anchorage.

Cremation services are
planned.

Bonnie Jean Ehli

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DEC 16 2004

Bonnie Jean Ehli, beloved wife of Pius "Ole" Ehli and mother and grandmother to many, died Tuesday, Dec. 14, 2004, in Billings.

Bonnie was born Feb. 15, 1927, to parents Grace and Claude Moore. Growing up in Bozeman, she enjoyed a big family in a small home and inherited her mother's amazing sense of humor that served her well throughout her life.



**BONNIE
EHLI**

After graduating from Bozeman High in 1945, Bonnie worked with World War II veterans at Fort Harrison near Helena, where she met Pius. They married on Aug. 3, 1946, and last summer, celebrated their 58th anniversary.

Living in Helena and then in Billings, together they raised seven children.

Bonnie was an incredible seamstress and crafted thousands of items — from tents to wedding dresses — for the family she loved so much. She enjoyed reading, crossword puzzles, a good joke and summer nights cheering on her Mustangs at Cobb Field. She

was a Jeopardy whiz and was happy when beating her husband at cards. Bonnie was also instrumental in developing Big B Bingo, her family's business.

Bonnie was a steady, guiding force for her family and possessed a wealth of information about all things great and small, from how to make great gravy to life's many lessons.

She traveled some and, in later years, she and Ole wintered in Arizona. Her heart, though, was always in Montana.

Bonnie will be missed by the many people whose lives she touched, especially her children: Sharon Thompson and her husband, Loren, Patty Bradshaw and her husband, Gary, Claudia Ehli and her partner, Rose Beck, D'Arlyne "Dee" Dorman and her husband, Jim, Mark Ehli and his wife, Val, Nicholas Ehli and his wife, Crystal, and stepson Ron and his wife, Norma. Her Christmas baby, Mary Carole, died in 1986,

She had 17 grandchildren, Greg Thompson, Kim Sorenson, Carrie Molitor, Codi Martin, Kaycee Booth, Scott Bradshaw, Erin Bateman, Laura

Bradshaw, Sarah Dorman, Ben Dorman, Mandy Ehli, Zach Ehli, Bridger Ehli, Mackenzie Ehli, Daniell Ehli, Mike Ehli and Joe Ehli.

She also had 13 great-grandchildren.

Bonnie is also survived by her brothers and sisters, Alice VanTeylingen, Jack Moore, Dolores Kolar, Patty Stole and Jerry Moore. Her siblings Vivian, Buck, Claude Jr. and Benny preceded her in death.

A celebration of her life will be held Friday, Dec. 17, 1 p.m., at Dahl Funeral Chapel. Graveside services will follow.

Sleep tight, Mom. Don't let the bed bugs bite. And don't worry, we got your Christmas cards out.

Dora Ehresman

Our loving mother, and devoted grandmother Dora Ehresman passed to her heavenly reward June 28, 2004, at Deaconess Billings Clinic, of a sudden illness.

She started her life on March 13, 1923, in Amsterdam, Mont. She

was born on the family farm along with her 12 siblings. She was the seventh child of her family, consisting of six boys, and seven girls. She was the daughter of William and Jenny Dyk. She attended

school in Manhattan until her graduation from high school in 1941.

She worked at the Bozeman Deaconess Hospital until she married Emil Ehresman in 1945. They then moved to Billings, where she was his devoted wife and companion of 59 years.

Together, they raised six children. In her passing, she leaves her husband Emil Ehresman; her children, Ken Ehresman and wife Cindy, of Huntingdon, Pa., William Ehresman and his wife Chery of Billings, Connie Cheney and her husband Craig of Mesa, Ariz., Karen Ehresman and husband David Oberly of Laurel, Dale Ehresman, his wife Angie,



**DORA
EHRESMAN**

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also of Billings, and Corine Roberts and her husband Tim, of Mesa.

She is preceded in death by her parents and siblings. She is survived by her brothers, John Dyk and Bill Dyk, as well as by her sister, Theresa Yadon. She is loved and fondly remembered by 19 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Dora loved to crochet; she wrapped each of the grandchildren in a creation of her love, made especially for them upon their graduations from high school.

She was a member of the First Christian Missionary Alliance Church and the Alliance Women's Missionary Prayer Group until her passing.

She was a kind and considerate individual who lived The Love of The Lord. She bore witness to His love with the example of her life, which was centered around her devotion to her husband, and large family who will mourn her passing, yet celebrate her rest and reward in the Lord.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Saturday, July 3, at First Christian Missionary Alliance Church, with

interment in Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Memorials may be made to Inter Varsity Christian Fellowship, c/o David Obery, Jr., 200 Frank Rd #54, Belgrade, MT 59714.

Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary has charge of arrangements.

Gary R. Eickhoff

WILSALL — Gary R. Eickhoff, 59, of Wilsall, died of natural causes Friday, Jan. 2, 2004, while snowmobiling northeast of Wilsall.

Visitation will be from 1 to 5 p.m. Wednesday and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday at Franzen-Davis Funeral Home in Livingston. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 9, at the Livingston Christian Center. Cremation will follow the services.

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Lloyd L. Eide

Lloyd L. Eide, 80, died Saturday, Dec. 18, 2004, at his home of cancer.

Cremation has taken place and by Lloyd's request, no service is planned. Arrangements are by Cremation or Funeral Gallery.

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Louise Eidet

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

AUG 11 2004

GLENDIVE — Louise Eidet, age 80, of Glendive, passed away on Monday, Aug. 9, 2004, at the Glendive Medical Center.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Aug. 13, at the United Methodist Church in Glendive with Pastor T.C. Chatman officiating. Interment will be in the Dawson Memorial Cemetery in Glendive.

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

Louise was born on July 9, 1924. She was raised and educated in Glendive, graduating from Dawson County High School with the class of 1942. Louise and Al Eidet were united in marriage on Feb. 28, 1948, in Glendive. They have made their home in Glendive since.

Louise's interests included crocheting, knitting and ceramics. She enjoyed spending the winter months for the past 15 years in southern California with her husband Al.



**LOUISE
EIDET**

Survivors include her husband, Al, of Glendive; daughters, Linda Heydon of Bozeman and Irene Martin and her husband Jack of Bozeman; her son, Gary Eidet and his wife Isabelle of Vienna, Austria; grandchildren, Erik Eidet, his wife Janelle and son Esteban, Jason Eidet, Ailsa Eidet and Tiffany Heydon.

Memorials are suggested to the United Methodist Church, 206 W. Towne Street, Glendive, MT 59330; Glendive Medical Center Hospice, 202 Prospect Drive, Glendive, MT 59330 or the charity of the donor's choice.

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

Robert LeRoy 'Bob' Eiker

GLENDIVE — Robert LeRoy "Bob" Eiker, age 67, of Glendive, passed away on Thursday, Oct. 14, 2004, at the Glendive Medical Center, after fighting a courageous battle with cancer.

Visitation will be held on Sunday, Oct. 17, from 3 to 5 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at the Chapel of the Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home in Glendive. A Vigil service will be held at 7 p.m. Sunday, the Chapel of the Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home in Glendive. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, Oct. 18, at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Glendive, with Father Denis Fournier officiating. Rite of Committal will be in the Dawson County Cemetery in Glendive. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Glendive is entrusted with arrangements.

Honorary casketbearers are all of his coffee buddies at the Trail Star and his grandson, Casey Burk, who is serving in Kuwait.

Bob was born on May 11, 1937, in Glendive, the son of William T. and Marguerite (Guelff) Eiker. He



**BOB
EIKER**

was raised and educated in Glendive and attended Dawson County High School. Bob married Marion Sterhan in November of 1954 and they were later divorced. Bob was united in marriage to Pat Cundall Amundson in Pinedale, Wyo., on Aug. 8, 1964. Bob and Pat resided in various locations until moving to Glendive in 1969. Bob worked for various oilfield companies until 1970, when he became self employed at Eiker Inc. for 22 years.

Bob was a very faithful, devoted man and his sense of humor was one of his families greatest treasures. He found great joy in his grandkids and having his children and grandchildren with him was about all he really wanted from this life. Bob loved his work and his theory was "you have to have something to get up for." Running an honest business was very important to him — he would have rather lost the "job" than to have been dishonest in getting it. He also believed that it was important to give someone a second chance. Bob was very proud that he was able to work until the time of his death.

Bob's hobbies included agate work, stone faceting, and he loved to camp and go boating with his

family and friends. He enjoyed old cars — especially his '56 Lincoln. Bob loved dogs and was always known to have one or two around him. He was a member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

Bob was preceded in death by his father, Bill Eiker; an infant son, Dougie; his stepfather, Everett Reed; father-in-law, John Cundall; mother-in-law, Nila Cundall, sister-in-law and brother-in-law, JoAnn and Johnny Bentz; and brother-in-law, Jack Cundall.

Survivors include his wife, Pat Eiker, of Glendive; his children, Deb and Brad Davis of Cheyenne, Wyo., Donnie and Athena Burk of Aurora, Wash., Paul and Marlene Eiker of Glendive and Jodee and Joe Hadley of Brookings, S.D.; his mother, Marguerite Reed of Glendive; sisters-in-law, Linda and Mike Niedege and family of Miles City, and Dorothy Cundall and family of Beaverton, Ore.; brother-in-law, Harold and Joan Cundall and family and nephews and nieces of the Bentz family, all of Utah; his grandchildren, Shawn and Shane Davis, Casey and Dani Burk, Kortney, Torrie and Haylee Eiker, Jelissa, Micayla, Kaitlyn and Logan Hadley; one great-granddaughter, Kirsten Davis; nephews and nieces of the Bentz family.

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

APR 18 2004

GAHANNA, Ohio — Jane Redmond Eiler died peacefully at her home in Gahanna on April 16, 2004.

She was born in Judith Gap on June 9, 1924. Her husband, Richard J. Eiler, preceded Jane in death. She is survived by her kids, R.J. "Jack" Eiler, his wife, Kathy, and boys Scott and Justin; Lori Eiler Hunter, her husband, Art, and their kids, Max and Alexandra; and Joseph T. Eiler, his wife, Jodi, and their kids, Amanda and Daniel. Jane is also survived by her sister, Bonnie, and her husband, Richard Herminghaus of Billings. She had many wonderful nieces, nephews and cousins scattered across the country.

Jane loved nothing better than sitting at her kitchen table with her family and friends, sharing stories and laughing. She enjoyed a good game of bridge, a naughty joke and baked an incredible pie.

A memorial service will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, April 20, at the Sanctuary Community Center, 82 High St., Gahanna. In lieu of flowers, friends may make a donation to Mt. Carmel Hospice; the Gahanna Senior Center or St. Matthews Church.

She will be sadly missed by all. Arrangements by Cook and Son Pally Funeral Home, Columbus, Ohio.

Elmo Eisele

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Elmo Eisele, 89, died Friday, Aug. 20, 2004, in the Sheridan Memorial Hospital.

Funeral services will be 1 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 24, at Kane Funeral Home. Burial will be in the Sheridan Elks Cemetery.

THE BELLEVILLE GAZETTE

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BILLINGS GAZETTE

Barbara Mae Eisenach

5/26/40 — 9/11/2004

Barbara M. Eisenach, beloved mother, sister and friend, 64, formerly of Colorado, died Saturday, Sept. 11, 2004, after a short but courageous battle with cancer.

Barbara was born on May 26, 1940, to Alex and Mildred Pabst in Hillrose, Colo. Barbara is survived by her three children, Toby of Weldona, Colo., Lory of Ft. Morgan, Colo., and Jody Lynn of Billings; her five grandchildren, Jason, Jefferey, Jonathan, Samantha and WendyAnn; one

sister, Joey Pabst-Patten of Sal Lake City; and two brothers, Jerry Pabst of Craig, Colo., and Dear Pabst of Ft. Morgan.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 15, at Cremation or Funeral Gallery of Billings.

Memorials may be made in loving memory of Barbara to the American Cancer Society in care of Melanoma Research.

May you tend the Lord's gardens as you did your own.

Bernard Olav Ekanger

Bernard Olav "Ben" Ekanger died Dec. 5, 2004, after a short illness, surrounded by his family.

Ben was born Jan. 29, 1918, on a farm south of Sioux Falls, S.D., to Olina and Andrew Ekanger. His parents emigrated from Norway, and Ben began school in South Dakota speaking only Norwegian. He was a quick study and an excellent student. His parents moved from South Dakota to a farm near Idaho Falls, Idaho, when Ben was 9. He was an outstanding high school athlete until a serious illness nearly took his life and damaged one lung. He remained part of the team as assistant to the coaches. After graduation, he attended Idaho State College in Pocatello, Idaho, for a year before rejoining his family at his father's behest due to illness, in Nyssa, Ore., where the family had purchased a new farm. The land had never been farmed and was part of a new government irrigation project. Ben was instrumental in building a house for his family, digging a well, clearing the fields and digging the irrigation ditches. Although it took some persuasion, Ben finally convinced his father that purchasing a tractor would be more economical than plowing with horses. Ben later successfully persuaded many a farmer to buy tractors throughout his career. After three years of very hard work the farm

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succeeded and continues in the family today.

Ben was drafted to serve in World War II, but he was released soon after because of his damaged lung. Instead, he supported the war effort at Hill Field Air Base in Ogden, Utah, where he managed teams of people who inspected military airplanes. Here he met and married Mary Dearth on Sept. 11, 1945. They shared 59 wonderful, healthy years together. Due to the premature deaths of Mary's parents, the couple became parent figures to Mary's younger sister, Ora, in 1950. After the War, Ben went into sales for 27 years as Regional Manager for Allis-Chalmers Farm Equipment — first in Caldwell, Idaho, and then in Billings. He retired in 1977.

After retirement, Ben volunteered with the Internal Revenue Service, preparing tax returns for seniors. He dearly loved his family, golf and travel. His wife and children can't imagine a better husband and father. He was always kind, supportive, ethical and generous of spirit beyond all expectations.

Ben was preceded in death by his parents and an older brother, Morris. He leaves his wife, Mary; his children and their spouses (Laurie Ekanger/Bill Shupe, Randy Ekanger/Karola Roos, Karin Ekanger/Jim Green); his grandchildren, Ben Ekanger Shupe and Robert Ekanger Shupe. He is also survived by a younger brother, Alvin Ekanger and wife Betty; a younger sister Marilyn Richesin and husband Bill; sister-in-law Ora Spraker and husband Irvin; numerous nieces and nephews; and close friends and neighbors, Bob and Bobbie Zuklic.

A memorial service will be held at Messiah Lutheran Church on Dec. 9, at 11 a.m. Cremation has taken place. The family suggests, in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Ben's honor be sent to Messiah Lutheran Church, 2939 Colton Blvd., Billings, MT 59102 or to Big Sky Hospice, PO Box 35033, Billings, MT 59107.



BEN EKANGER

Anna E. Ekis

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Anna E. Ekis, 103, of Sheridan, died Friday, March 5, 2004, at Memorial Hospital of Sheridan County.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, March 9, at Sheridan Municipal Cemetery. Champion Ferries Funeral Home of Sheridan is in charge.

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MAR 9 2004

William A. Eklund

William A. Eklund quietly passed away Jan. 7, 2004, at his home in Billings.

He was born in Tulsa, Okla., on Dec. 22, 1922, the only child of Harold and Edith Eklund. He entered college at age 16 and then joined the U.S. Navy where he served during World War II in the Pacific Theater as a lieutenant. After leaving active duty in 1946, he returned to the University of Texas and graduated with a B.A. in government in 1948. He remained in the U.S. Naval Reserve, receiving an honorable discharge in 1955.

Bill married Doris Nelson Jones on Dec. 28, 1953. Early in his career he was an independent oil broker working throughout the West. Later, he became the master distributor for Budget Rent-A-Car Mountain States with 28 franchisees in six Western states.

He was predeceased by his parents. He is survived by his wife, Doris; his daughter Deborah Rokita (Rusty) of Hardin, and two sons, William Eklund Jr. (Chris) and grandson Blake, John Randolph Eklund (Rae Ann) and their children, Daniel, Robert and Andrea of Billings.



**WILLIAM
EKLUND**

THE GAZETTE

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A private service will be held by the family. The family would like to especially thank Drew Otto, a devoted friend, and all the staff and volunteers at Big Sky Hospice. Friends are invited to meet with the family and share their memories at 1 p.m. Saturday at Hilands Golf Club. Memorials may be sent to Big Sky Hospice or the charity of your choice.

Evelyn L. Ekness

SIDNEY — Evelyn L. Ekness, 84, of Sidney, died Sunday, Oct. 10, 2004, at the Sidney Health Center - Extended Care Facility.

Memorial services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 14, at the Pella Lutheran Church. Additional memorial services will be at 3 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 14, at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Westby. Cremation has taken place. Fulkerson Funeral Home of Sidney is in charge.

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Kathleen E. Eldred

THE SUNDAY GAZETTE

NOV 19 2004

KALISPELL — Kathleen E. Eldred, age 66, passed away on Wednesday, Nov. 3, 2004, at Kalispell. She was born on Aug. 23, 1938, in Minnesota.

Kathy is survived by her husband, John Kapor of Kalispell; her mother, Marjorie Ranum of Eldon, Mo.; two sons, Phil Quandt of Kalispell and Steven Quandt of San Diego; two brothers, DuWayne Eldred of Wisconsin and Steve Eldred of Kentucky.

Memorial services will be at the St. Olaf Church on Red Lodge Creek, 15 miles north of Red Lodge, at 11 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 21. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home caring for the family.

Jon Edwin Eldridge

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

MAR 15 2004

MEETEETSE, Wyo. — Jon Edwin Eldridge, 63, of Meeteetse, Wyo., went to be with his Lord and Savior on Friday, March 12, 2004.

Jon was born Dec. 14, 1940, in Wichita, Kan. His parents were Clarence Edwin and Ruth Elizabeth (Glenn) Eldridge. Jon graduated from Cody High School in 1959 and later graduated from Conservative Baptist Seminary at Portland, Ore., in 1979. He married Sylvia Joyce Zeeb.

Jon pastored at Mountain View Bible Church in Meeteetse at the time of his death. One of his favorite hobbies was fixing clocks. He would say, "My time is in God's hands."

Jon is survived by his wife, Sylvia; a daughter, Melodee Essex; two grandchildren, Tiffanee and Shane; and his parents, Clarence E. and Ruth E. Eldridge, all of Meeteetse.

Funeral services for Mr. Eldridge will be 10:30 a.m. Thursday, March 18, at Cody Bible Church in Cody. Interment will follow in Meeteetse Cemetery.

Ruth E. Eldridge

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

MAR 29 2004

CODY, Wyo. — Ruth Elizabeth Eldridge, 91, died Saturday, March 27, 2004, at the West Park Long Term Care Center.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. on Thursday, April 1, 2004, at the Cody Bible Church. Interment will follow in the Meeteetse Cemetery. Ballard Funeral Home of Cody is in charge of arrangements.

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Ruth Elizabeth Eldridge

CODY, Wyo. — Ruth Elizabeth Eldridge entered Heaven's Glory, Saturday morning, March 27, 2004, to be with Jesus and many of her loved ones forevermore.

She had been consigned to the wonderful care of the West Park Hospital and the Long Term Care Center for a couple of weeks.

Ruth was born on May 14, 1912, in Galatia, Kan., the third daughter of George and Floy Glenn. Two brothers, Howard and John, were born later in Great Bend, Kan., completing a family of five children.

All the family, consisting of the father and mother; two sisters, Effie and Twila; and the two brothers, are deceased, leaving Ruth to be the last of the family left.

Ruth grew up in Great Bend, where she attended school. At the age of 19 years, she married Clarence Eldridge, also of Great Bend, on March 1, 1931.

While in the rest home, on March 1, 2004, Ruth and her husband celebrated their 73rd wedding anniversary. Their only son Jon Eldridge, was able to attend this anniversary just before his sudden death the week following.

After about one year of marriage, Ruth dedicated her life to Jesus Christ and thereafter for 72 years, she successfully sought to live to please Him as a mother and a housewife.

The surviving family consists of her husband, Clarence; and her daughter-in-law, Sylvia Eldridge; one granddaughter, Melodee Essex; and two great-grandchildren, Tiffanee Turk and Shane Johnson.

Visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 31, at Ballard Funeral Home. Funeral services will be Thursday, April 1, at 2 p.m., at Cody Bible Church in Cody, with burial to follow in the Meeteetse Cemetery in Meeteetse.

Margaret (Chase) Elgen

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

JAN 27 2004

BOZEMAN — Margaret (Chase) Elgen, 88, passed away Jan. 24, 2004. She was born Jan. 23, 1916, in Big Timber, to Frank W. and Pauline N. Chase.

Margaret received her elementary and high school education in Big Timber, and teaching degrees at MSU-Billings and MSU-Bozeman. Margaret was a dedicated teacher.

She retired from the teaching profession in 1974 after 18 years at Wallace, Idaho, and 12 years at Hawthorne School in Bozeman. Upon her retirement, she became an avid and sought-after quilter.

Margaret married Erwin Elgen on Dec. 15, 1967. They resided most of their married lives in Bozeman. Upon Erwin's retirement, they traveled throughout the United States and also visited Canada, Mexico and Norway.

She was preceded in death by her parents, brother, Frank, Jr., sisters, Frances (Chase) Smith and Sallie Chase.

Margaret is survived by her husband, Erwin of Bozeman; brother, Dr. William (Anne) Chase of Alexandria, Va.; brother, Charles (Ann) Chase of Lincoln City, Ore.; brother, Robert Chase of Three Forks; sister, Elizabeth Chase Elgen of Three Forks; and brother-in-law, Don Smith of Charlotte, N.C. She is also survived by four grandchildren, Julie (Douglas) Lutdke, Janie (Lance)

Holmes, Jared (Amy) DiAddezio, Gina (Roy) Rasmussen, all of Helena, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Jan. 30, at St. James Episcopal Church. Interment will follow in Sunset Hills Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. James Episcopal Church, 5 W. Olive, Bozeman, 59715; or to a charity of choice.

Wilma Elgen

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

JAN 05 2004

BIG TIMBER — Wilma Elgen, 90, died Saturday, Jan. 3, 2004, at Pioneer Medical Center.

Cremation has taken place and no services are planned at this time. Private family interment will take place at a later date. Lowry Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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CROW AGENCY — Kevin Christopher Elhard, 18, of Crow Agency, died Sunday, July 25, 2004, of injuries sustained in a one-car rollover 18 miles east of Hardin on the Sarpy Creek Road.

K.C. was born April 16, 1986, in Billings, a son of Glenn and Rhonda Moore Elhard. He grew up in the Crow Agency area and attended area schools, graduating this spring in the Hardin High School class of 2004.



KEVIN "K.C." ELHARD

While in school, he actively participated in football, basketball and golf. He was currently enrolled at Dickinson State University, where he planned to further his football career, while majoring in agricultural business.

He loved the outdoors, where he could train horses and rope. He was an excellent roper, who was currently employed as a cowboy at the Sunlight Ranch. When not working, he could be found hunting, fishing or playing horseshoes.

His grandmother, Rose Elhard, preceded in K.C. in death.

Survivors include his parents Glenn and Rhonda Elhard and two brothers, Andrew and Curtis all of the family home; his grandparents, Leo and Betty Elhard of Crow Agency, Leroy and Barbara Frickle of Hardin and Gene and Lynn Moore of New Mexico; his great-grandparents, Laura Nepper of Billings, John and Wilma Sandoval of New Mexico as well as a host of aunts, uncles nephews and nieces.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday in the Hardin Middle School Auditorium. 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 Kevin "K.C." Elhard Memorial Fund, Little Horn State Bank, Hardin, MT 59034

Aloysius Louis Elis

OCT 2 2004

EATONVILLE, Wash. — Aloysius Louis Elis, 87 years young, joined his heavenly family on Oct. 7, 2004, surrounded by his loving family, in Eatonville.

Aloysius, son of Daniel and Rosalia Elis, was born July 2, 1917, on their family home in New England, N.D. He was preceded in death by his parents; his five brothers, Sebastian, John, Pius, Raphael, Daniel Jr.; and three sisters, Leontina, Barbara and Eva.



**ALOYSIUS
ELIS**

The family moved to Billings in 1948, where the family home is the original home of the Elis family of 56 years. Al was employed with automobile and trucking businesses, where he used his organizational, clerk and people skills in their Parts Department. Al retired from Motor Power and Equipment in 1983 and retired from the Naval Reserve after 27 years of service. Since Al's favorite hobby was twirling Ann around the dance floor, they spent many evenings with their friends dancing the polka and the two-step at the Moose Lodge and American Legion. Ann was the "love of his life" and his daughters, grandchildren, and great-

grandchildren were the "center of his life."

Al is survived by his devoted wife, Ann of Billings; his brother, Eugene (Jackie) Elis of Veneta, Ore.; and sister, Julia Miller, Milwaukie, Ore. Al was blessed with three loving daughters, Carol (Jim) Lambert of Springfield, Ore., Marlene (Jim) Himes of Portland, Ore., Sharon (David) Jones of Eatonville. Grandpa loved sharing stories with his five grandchildren: Michael Hogan of Portland, Michelle (Travis) Smith of Lakeland, Fla., Katie (Ryan) Mettler of Ashford, Wash., Paul (Katerine) Kamperschroer of Manassas, Va., and David Jones, Jr. of Eatonville. Great-Grandpa's arms were always outstretched to hold and love his three great-grandchildren: Marissa Hogan, Anthony Kamperschroer and Waylan Mettler.

A Memorial Polka Mass is Saturday, Oct. 23, at 11 a.m., at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, Billings.

Ethel M. Ellick

SEP 4 2004
DALLAS GAZETTE

CODY, Wyo. — Ethel M. Ellick, 97, died Thursday, Sept. 2, 2004, at West Park Long Term Care Center.

Cremation has taken place. At her request, no services are planned. Ballard Funeral Home was in charge.

Mary Kathryn (Schock) Ellingson

BILLINGS GAZETTE

NOV 24 2004

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Mary passed away peacefully on Nov. 16, 2004, at Good Samaritan Hospital, San Jose.



**MARY
ELLINGSON**

She was born on Sept. 12, 1927, in Billings, to Fred and Henrietta Schock. On Sept. 29, 1950, she was married to Wayne Ellingson and they moved to California, where they have resided ever since.

She is survived by her husband, Wayne of Los Gatos; her son, Robert of Santa Clara; her two daughters, Patti (Mel) Williams of Sunnyvale, Linda (Kevin) Mattos of San Carlos; and two grandchildren, Ryan and Lauren Mattos of San Carlos.

Inurnment will be in Los Gatos Memorial Park in San Jose.

Arrangements were made through The Neptune Society.

Any donations should be made in her name to The American Heart Association.

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. — The Rev. John R. Elliott, an outdoors enthusiast and photographer and a former pastor of First Baptist Church in Billings, died Dec. 20, 2004, in Sioux Falls. He was 82.

Born May 9, 1922, in St. Louis, he was the son of Blanche and Joseph Elliott.

He graduated from Baylor University and Southern Theological Seminary. He was ordained into the ministry on Sept. 4, 1950, and also served churches in Texas, Indiana, Iowa and South Dakota.

He was an infantry sergeant in World War II and was in combat in Europe.

He was married to Marian C. Glaser on Oct. 6, 1943, in St. Louis.

He took up photography as a young man and carried a camera most of his life, winning local and national awards. Some of his photos were published in calendars. He was an enthusiastic stamp collector and an aficionado of the Glenn Miller Orchestra. He traveled throughout the United States and several continents. He also enjoyed model railroading.

He loved the outdoors, especially the mountains of Montana, Wyoming and Colorado. He climbed Colorado's 14,255-foot Longs Peak and many other 12,000- and 13,000-foot mountains. He also enjoyed backpacking and running.

He enjoyed watching his grandchildren's activities and sports.

He was a member of First Baptist Church of Sioux Falls. Services were held at the church on Dec. 23.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Marian Alice; and a brother, Walter.

He is survived by his wife, Marian, of Sioux Falls; a daughter and son-in-law, Mary and Russ Daugherty of Sioux Falls; three sons and daughters-in-law, David Elliott and Sue DeVall of Hedgesville, W.Va., Dan and Mary Anne Elliott of Longmont, Colo., and Joe and Eileen Elliott of Santa Clarita, Calif.; 10 grandchildren, Jennifer, Jill and Julie Daugherty and Robyn, Amanda, Abigail, Luke, Ben, Charles and Carter Elliott; and a special kitten, Snowflake.

Mary Allie Elliott

THERMOPOLIS, Wyo. — Mary Allie Elliott, 87, died Monday, Sept. 20, 2004, at Hot Springs County Memorial Hospital in Thermopolis.

Funeral services will be at 2:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 27, at Mortimore Funeral Home in Thermopolis.

SEP 23 2004
BILLINGS GAZETTE

Phyllis Elliott

BILLINGS GAZETTE

MAY 22 2004

LEWISTOWN — Phyllis Marion (Daughters) Elliott, 81, died Thursday, May 20, 2004, at Central Montana Skilled Nursing Center.

A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, May 26, at the Lewistown United Methodist Church. Cremation has taken place and inurnment will be in Lewistown City Cemetery. Creel Funeral Home of Lewistown is in charge.

Wilma Ellis

BELLINGS GAZETTE

DEC 07 2004

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Wilma Ellis, 76, of Sheridan, died Saturday, Dec. 4, 2004, at Memorial Hospital of Sheridan County.

Cremation has taken place in Sheridan. Memorial services are scheduled for January 2005. Kane Funeral Home of Sheridan is in charge.

Evan Ray Ellison

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

LIVINGSTON — Evan Ray Ellison, 76, of Livingston, died Tuesday, Aug. 3, 2004, at his home.

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Cremation has taken place at Franzen-Davis Crematory in Livingston. A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 7, at St. Johns Episcopal Church in Emigrant.

Lyle Adrian Ellison

BASIN, Wyo. — Lyle Adrian Ellison, 65, died Thursday, Jan. 1, 2004, at South Big Horn County Hospital.

Viewing is from noon to 5 p.m. Sunday at the Atwood Family Chapel. Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at the First Baptist Church with burial in Mount View Cemetery.

JAN 03 2004

Roy C. Ellsworth

GLASGOW — Roy C. Ellsworth, 74, died Friday, April 9, 2004, at Frances Mahon Deaconess Hospital in Glasgow.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 13, at First Lutheran Church in Glasgow. Interment will be in Highland Cemetery in Glasgow. Bell Mortuary of Glasgow is in charge.

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Margaret Elza

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JAN 16 2004

Margaret Elza, 93, of Billings, passed away Jan. 13, 2004, at St. John's Lutheran Home.

She was born in Harrison, Idaho, and lived there many years, moving to Spokane, Wash., and then in 1956 to Billings.

She was a fine seamstress and enjoyed arts and crafts. She attended the First Baptist Church in Billings.

Survivors include her daughter and husband, Vivian and Don Budde of Billings; her son, David Vill and fiancée Denise Page; 12 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren, and four great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jerry Elza; one daughter, and three sons.

A memorial service will be held at 4 p.m. Saturday at the Ocee Johnson Chapel at St. John's Lutheran Home. Enter off Rimrock Road. Cremation has taken place and interment of her ashes will be at a later date in Sunset Memorial Gardens. Memorials may be made to St. John's Lutheran Home, 3940 Rimrock Rd., Billings, MT 59102. Smith Funeral Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Bob Emery

POWELL, Wyo. — Robert "Bob" L. Emery, 81, died Sunday, Sept. 19, 2004, at his home.

A celebration of life will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 22, at the First United Methodist Church in Powell. Ballard Funeral Home of Cody is in charge.

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BY APPOINTMENT

ROBERT "BOB" L. Emery

A memorial service will be conducted Wednesday, Sept. 22, at 10:30 a.m. at First United Methodist Church in Powell for Robert "Bob" L. Emery, 81, who died Sunday, Sept. 19, at his home in Powell.

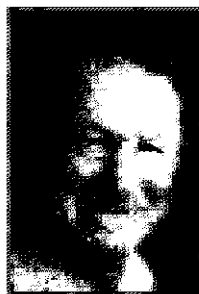
He died of natural causes.

He was born Oct. 13, 1922, in Stratton, Colo., the son of Paul and Esther (Fulton) Emery.

He and his family moved to Wyoming in 1946 after his discharge from the Navy and settled in the Heart Mountain area where he and his father farmed together until his father's death in 1966. He continued to farm on his own until his retirement in 1987.

He married Mildred C. Borchers on Nov. 10, 1949, in Powell.

He was active in the American Legion and was especially interested in youth activities. He served as commander of Post #26 in 1994. He was also a life member of the V.F.W.



Robert Emery

He enjoyed woodworking, dancing and going to polka parties, gardening and spending time with family and friends. His greatest pride was in his family and friends.

Survivors include his wife, Mildred, of Powell; two sons, Boyd (Linda) and Brent (Kelly); two daughters, Lorrie

(Randy) Lewis and Dawn (Jim) Jarrett; six grandchildren; one sister, Mona Phay; and many nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death were his parents, a brother and a grandson.

Pastor Susan Adams-Trembath of First United Methodist will officiate. Memorials may be made to charity of choice.

THE POWELL
TREASURER
SEP 21 2004

Lloyd 'Judge' Emmons

After a long and courageous battle with pulmonary and cardiovascular disease, Judge Emmons surrendered himself into the arms of Jesus on April 14, 2004.

Judge was born to Lucy and Jerome Emmons on June 11, 1934, in Okeene, Okla., where he was raised and attended school.

Judge received his undergraduate degree from Oklahoma State University, and continued his education to receive his graduate degree from the University of Nevada. He furthered his education with a degree in archaeology from Fort Lewis College.

Judge completed his military obligation of service in the United States Air Force and Oklahoma National Guard. His career consisted of 34 years with the Bureau of Land Management, retiring in May of 1993.



**JUDGE
EMMONS**

He is survived by Darla, his loving wife of 46 years. This union was blessed by three wonderful children: Nancy DeVault, of Portage, Mich., who is married to Richard, Lindy Schmitt of Atlanta and Steve Emmons of Missoula. Judge considered his four grandchildren, Josh and Justin Schmitt and Katie and Jennifer DeVault, his earthly treasures. He is also survived by his three sisters, Doris Easterling, Ruth Sturgeon and Lois Morgan.

Judge loved the Lord with all his heart, soul and mind, serving Him in several ministries and bible studies. He lived his life by Philippians 4:13: "I can do everything through Him who gives me strength."

Memorial services will be held at Faith Chapel on Tuesday, April 20, at 10:30 a.m. In lieu of flowers, please send memorial donations to Deaconess Pulmonary Rehabilitation Center, PO Box 37000, Billings, MT 59107, or Big Sky Hospice, PO Box 35033, Billings, MT 59107-5033.

APR 06 2004

Karen Marie Engel

Karen Marie Engel, age 48, passed away on April 4, 2004, surrounded by her loving family. Karen was an inspiration to her family and all of her friends in her courageous battle with cancer for the past seven months. She always had a smile, a good word and her characteristic giggle for all her family, friends and hospital staff.



**KAREN
ENGEL**

Karen was born on Sept. 20, 1955, in Glendive. She graduated from Dawson County High School in 1974, Dawson County Community College in 1976, and fashion and design school in Bismarck, N.D.

She moved to Billings in 1984 and resided there until her death. Karen was active in St. Pius X Church, Beta Sorority, Moss Mansion and other volunteer organizations.

She was self employed in Billings for many years and made

many friends.

Karen is survived by her mother, Evelyn Engel of Billings widow of Karen's father, the late Albert J. Engel; her brother, Larry A. Engel and wife Joyce Engel of Denver; her sister, Patricia A. Kelly and husband Don Kelly of Billings; her brother, Douglas J. Engel and wife Janet Engel of Poulso, Wash.; her sister, Nancy Rigg and husband David Rigg of Billings; and her many nieces and nephews and grandnieces and nephews.

Karen was dearly loved by her family and all who knew her. She will be missed by all.

Vigil services will take place at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 6, at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary. Funeral Mass will be held at 3 p.m. Wednesday, April 7, at St. Pius X Church, with Rite of Committal to follow in Calvary Cemetery.

Remembrances may be given to the Calvary Cemetery beautification fund, c/o St. Pius X Church, 717 18th St. W, Billings, MT 59102.

Michelotti-Sawyers is in charge of arrangements.

Agnes Clara Engle

Agnes Clara Engle, 81 of Billings, formerly of Hysham, peacefully passed away on Sept. 16, 2004, at St. Vincent Health-care.

Agnes was born in Hysham on March 7, 1923, one of seven children born to Otto Aaron and Anna Clara (Messerli) Kolb. She was raised in Hysham and graduated from



AGNES ENGLE

high school there in 1941. Shortly after high school, on Sept. 21, 1941, Agnes married Clarence Oliver Engle. During their 15-year marriage, they were blessed with six daughters. Agnes and Clarence's time together was cut short when an accident took Clarence in 1956, leaving Agnes to mother six children on her own, which was definitely a challenge for any woman. She was strong and loving and persevered with great success.

She worked to support her family, first becoming an Avon representative, later she worked with the ASCS Office and at the Treasure County Courthouse. Her working career ended with her retirement from Mid-Yellowstone Electric, where she was a cashier and clerical assistant.

Though busy with work and a family, Agnes had time to partake

in various organizations in the Hysham community. She was a member of the Community Presbyterian Church of Hysham, where she was active in the Presbyterian Women's Group. She was also a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, a volunteer for the American Heart Association, and contributed countless hours as a leader and judge of various 4-H clubs and events in the area.

Simple things brought joy to Agnes' life. She had a strong abiding faith in God. Her family and friends were the center of her existence. She took pleasure in her vegetable and flower gardens, wild flowers and birds. Her gentle and loving spirit touched everyone she met.

Agnes is survived by her six daughters and their families, Shirley and Dennis Bruski of Kalispell, Carol and Lee Drury of Amarillo, Texas, Patricia and Richard Norris of Shelton, Wash., Karen and Rick Mouat of Houston, Texas, Joan and Steve Kipp of Billings, and Merle and Larry Bryson of Billings; grandchildren, Tana Nelson, Peggy and Todd Willis, Tessa and Tim Russell, Tony and Shelley Norris, Deana and Corey Webb, Brendan and Jaylene Carlson, Tarra and Willie Thomas, Meggan and Lance Lueck, Danielle and Kenny

Welsh, Kaycie Kipp, Holly Kipp, Erica Kipp, and Chase Bryson; great-grandchildren, Tailor Nelson, Teal and Everett Willis, Lina Norris, Lorelei, Ricki May and Max Webb, Raeanne, Jade and Jacob Carlson, Baby Thomas, Maddison and Langston Lueck, Cyley Welsh, and Caylin Kipp; siblings, Clarence "Bud" Kolb, Raymond and Lillian Kolb, Lois Oman, and Robert and Marty Kolb; and sister-in-law, Nancy Kolb.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; an infant son, James Clarence Engle; siblings, Helen and her husband Ralph Brown and Leslie Kolb; sister-in-law, Ethel Kolb; and brother-in-law, Jerry Oman.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Monday, Sept. 20, at Community Presbyterian Church in Hysham. A reception will follow the service and interment will take place at 3 p.m., at Mountview Cemetery in Billings. Visitation will be at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary on Sunday from 12 to 9 p.m.

Agnes's family requests that memorials be sent to the Community Presbyterian Church, Hysham MT, 59038, St. Vincent Foundation, P.O. Box 520, Billings, MT 59101, or the charity of one's choice.

Michelotti-Sawyers is in charge of arrangements.

Robert D. Engle

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FEB 28 2004

POLSON — Robert D. Engle, 68, of Polson, formerly of Billings, died Feb. 5, 2004, in Lancaster, Calif., of pneumonia and heart failure resulting from pulmonary fibrosis.

Military graveside will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, March 6, at Lakeview Cemetery. A memorial service will follow at 2 p.m. at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Polson, with a reception at the church to follow. Grogan Funeral Home and Crematory of Polson is in charge.

Gary Ensign

MILES CITY — Gary Ensign, 59, of Miles City, died Wednesday, March 24, 2004, at his home.

Visitation will be held Friday, March 26, at the chapel of Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City. A prayer service will be at 6 p.m. Friday, at the Grace Bible Church in Miles City. Funeral services will be at 3:30 p.m. Saturday, March 27, at Grace Bible Church. Interment will follow in the family lot of the Custer County Cemetery.

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MAR 25 2004

Joyce Marie Enslow

Joyce Marie Enslow, 72, of Billings, passed away Sunday, Jan. 25, 2004, at her home. The daughter of Robert and Irene Ross, Joyce was born Sept. 25, 1931, in Sheridan, Wyo. She was raised and educated in Great Falls.

Joyce had been working for Safeway Stores when she married William L. "Bill" Enslow in Great Falls on Oct. 21, 1950. Joyce and Bill raised their family in Great Falls and moved to Billings in 1978. She had worked as a bookkeeper for the hospitals and doctors in Great Falls and Billings until her retirement.

Joyce enjoyed reading and visiting family. She was a member of St. Pius X Church.

Survivors include her husband Bill of Billings; three children, William Michael "Mike" Enslow and his wife Linda of Meridian, Idaho, Dianne Castilleja and her husband Richard of Yakima, Wash., and Geary Enslow and his wife Donna of Floresville, Texas; her brother, Rickard Ross and his wife Jan of Belgium; a sister, Kristen White and her husband Robert of Hood River, Ore.; 13 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren.



**JOYCE
ENSLAW**

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JAN 27 2004

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother.

Cremation has taken place. Vigil services will be 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 27, at St. Pius X Church. Funeral Mass will be 11 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 28, at St. Pius X Church, with Rite of Committal in Calvary Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Big Sky Hospice.

Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary has charge of arrangements.

GLENDIVE — Norman Jack Entzel, age 81, of Glendive, passed away on Monday, Sept. 27, 2004, at the Glendive Medical Center Extended Care Facility.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 2, at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Glendive, with Pastor Howard Schreibeis officiating. Interment will be in the Dawson Memorial Cemetery in Glendive.

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

Norman was born of German ancestry on Feb. 14, 1923, in Stanton, Mercer County, N.D., to Friedrich and Charlothia (Link) Entzel, the seventh of 13 children. He grew up on a farm and attended school in North Dakota until 1937, when he moved with his family to Fairview. In 1941, the family again moved to a farm on Buffalo Rapids near Glendive. He met Alice Caroline Rilla and they were united in marriage on Sept. 26, 1943, in Glendive. Norman and Alice had two daughters and two sons. Norman worked for the Montana State Highway Department as a motor patrol operator and maintenance fore-



**NORMAN
ENTZEL**

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man. After the death of Alice in 1966, he met and married Jeanette Stockwell Malkuch and moved to West Glendive. During their marriage, he retired from the highway department after 30 years of service. After his retirement, Norman enjoyed driving sugar beet truck for his niece and nephew, Bev and Don Buxbaum. Jeanette also preceded him in death. He was later introduced to Gertrude (Sailer) Fehr, whom he married in 1990. They enjoyed several years of dancing, fishing, playing cards, canning, German conversation and companionship.

Norman's hobbies included fishing, hunting, working in his yard and gardening. He has been a member of Our Savior Lutheran Church for over 50 years, serving as deacon, elder, and remembered by many for the thousands of pounds of delicious homemade sausage he made for the annual pancake suppers at the church. He was a lifetime member of Moose Lodge #949, having been a member since 1947.

Norman was preceded in death by his parents; two wives; his son, Duane Norman; six sisters, Carolina Schaible Standley, Hilda Herman, Hertha Beyl Karst, Emma Grosgebauer Smith, Erma Neiffer Peterson, and Frieda Blum; two brothers, Herbert and

Eugene.

Survivors include his wife Gertrude, of Glendive; daughters, Sharon Eckert of Richland, Wash., and Penny Preston of Billings; son, Ron Entzel (Vickie) of Mandeville, La.; stepsons, Lanny Fehr (Bonnie) of Glendive and Gary Fehr (Nonnie) of Billings; sisters, Elda Hagen Glaser, Elsa Ewalt and Irene Dobson, all of Glendive; brother Reuben Entzel of Glendive; grandchildren, Robin Conger (Marty), Darin Eckert (Stacie), David Preston (Tara), Tracee Gartman (Grant); Nathan, Kyle and Allison Entzel; step-grandchildren, Chad Fehr, Shane Fehr, Brianna Olsen (Brent), and Laci Fehr; great-grandchildren, Alyssa and Andraya Conger, Karsten, Kade and Korbin Eckert, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorials are suggested to Our Savior Lutheran Church, 322 North River Avenue, Glendive, MT 59330 or the Glendive Medical Center Hospice, 202 Prospect Drive, Glendive, MT 59330.

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

**Ruth M.
Leivestad-Enyart**

WILLINGS GAZETTE

MAR 10 2004

GLENDIVE — Ruth M. Leivestad-Enyart, 87, of Glendive, died Thursday, March 4, 2004, at the Glendive Medical Center.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 13, at the Evangelical Church of North America in Glendive. Interment will be in the Dawson Memorial Cemetery in Glendive. Silve-rnale-Silha Funeral Home of Glendive is in charge.

Stanley J. Erb, 42, left his pain on earth and went to be with God on Wednesday, Sept. 1, 2004.

Stan was born Jan. 19, 1962, in Bozeman, to Don and Sharon Erb. Shortly thereafter, the family moved back to the Huntley Project, where he grew up with his four brothers. He graduated from Huntley Project High School in 1981.



**STAN
ERB**

Stan was a self-taught mechanic whose philosophy was to, "look for the easiest thing first." Very early in his life, those closest to him realized he had been blessed with a special gift. He loved to tinker and work with his hands. Family members, as well as many close friends, played valuable roles in nurturing this gift, and in turn Stan was more than eager to render aid to those in need of his numerous talents and the knowledge he was acquiring. His most prized possessions included his '59 Studebaker Truck, his '73 Javelin, and his '74 Toyota Pickup. One of his closest friends was "Goliath," his purebred Schnauzer.

Stan was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis in 1991, putting his love for mechanics and tin-

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kering on hold for a while.

Stan is survived by his mother Sharon; and his father, Don and his wife Avis; his four brothers: Steve, his wife Stacy and their children Ashley and Cameron; Eldon and Michelle; Darin, his son Ethan, and Lorraine; and Rodney, his wife Rose and their children Brooke and Dustin; a special "adopted sister," Julie Nelson; along with numerous aunts, uncles and cousins. We all love you, and will miss you very much till the day we will once again be able to have you help us!

Preceding Stan in death are his grandparents Enos, Beatrice and Kathlene Erb, Joe and Lois Weidinger.

A celebration of Stan's life will be held on Saturday, Sept. 18, in Barkemeyer Park in Huntley. The celebration will begin at 4 p.m. in the afternoon. The family asks that in lieu of flowers you bring your favorite food dish for a potluck picnic.

Memorial gifts in memory of Stan may be sent to Easter Seals/Goodwill at 1130 16th St. W., Billings, MT 59102, the Billings Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society at 1629 Ave. D, Billings, MT 59102.

Claude Ezra 'Ezzie' Ereaux

JUN 28 2004

MALTA — Claude "Ezzie" Ereaux, Malta businessman, age 61, died of a pulmonary embolism at Benefis East Hospital in Great Falls on Friday, June 25, 2004.

A wake will be held on Wednesday, June 30, 2004, at 7 p.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Malta. His funeral is 2 p.m., Thursday, July 1, at the new Malta High School Gym, with burial at the Malta Cemetery. A reception will be following the funeral at the Tin Cup.



**CLAUDE
EREAX**

Survivors include his wife, Jane Ereaux of Malta; a son, Robert Ereaux of Havre; brothers and sisters, Roger Ereaux, Saco, June and Jim Fitzpatrick, Helena, Claris Darrah, Malta, Phyllis Harrington, Helena, Carrol and Jean Ereaux, Roy and Marian Ereaux, and Byron and Lynnette Ereaux, all of Malta, Stella and John Murray, Great Falls, and Darla and Leo Barthelmeß, Malta. He has numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Fred and Ilene (Burlingame) Ereaux; a granddaughter, Emily Rose; and sister, La Donna Itciana.

Ezzie was born on May 29, 1943, and raised in South Wagner and Malta. He graduated from Malta High School in 1961.

Ezzie stayed and worked at the Nicholson Ranch in Dodson from the sixth grade through most of high school. After high school, he worked for the Larry O'Rourke Ranch, hauled mail on the Dodson Route, worked construction for his Uncle Bill Burlingame in Missoula, and drove truck for Waggoner Trucking out of Livingston. Ezzie worked for Petrolane for several years in Malta and in 1967 went into partnership with CK Hanson in the Conoco Bulk Plant. After purchasing the bulk plant a number years later, Ezzie began building his bulk dealership into Ezzie's Wholesale, which now consists of locations in Malta, Turner, Chinook, Harlem, Saco, Hinsdale, Havre, Big Sandy and Glasgow. Ezzie also owned and operated the West Side Service of Malta, the Kid Curry, and a partnership in Marian Hills and the Tin Cup in Malta. Ezzie employs over 100 employees throughout the Hi-Line area.

Ezzie loved people! He loved hunting and fishing and enjoyed entertaining and having friends with him. He was concerned for people and enriched the lives of all that came in contact with him. He had an excellent memory and was a superb businessman who was respected by his peers, customers, and employees alike. He also helped a lot of people, the local community and Hi-Line without fanfare or recognition. He will be missed by all.

Memorials in Ezzie's name may be made to any local charity of your choice or the Malta Fire Department. Bell Mortuary in Glasgow is in charge of arrangements.

NOV 12 2004

Bernice 'Bernie' Lillian (Hardesty) Erickson

LIVINGSTON — Bernice "Bernie" Lillian (Hardesty) Erickson, 82, of Livingston, died peacefully at her home Wednesday morning, Nov. 10, 2004.

Bernie was born April 10, 1922, in Miles City, the daughter of Fred R. and Frances L. (Sullivan) Hardesty. She spent her early life and attended schools in and around Miles City, graduating from high school there. On Oct. 10, 1941, she married Claude R. Erickson and they lived briefly in California before returning to Montana. After living in Miles City and Havre, they settled in Livingston in the mid-1950s.

Bernie was a member of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, was a past director of Livingston Memorial Hospital and a past president of Livingston Soroptomist Club and Livingston Community Concert Series. As an active member of the Republican Party, she was a state delegate to the 1968 Republican National Convention. Bernie had many active hobbies. Her favorite, however, was collecting hats and performing a light skit wherein she shared her collec-

tion with her audiences. She loved her rose garden and often gave her roses to local rest homes and the hospital. Bernie was also actively involved in numerous charities.

Survivors include her husband, Claude Erickson of Livingston; two daughters Claudia Erickson of Henderson, Nev., and Sandra Rae Erickson of Castle Rock, Colo.; a son, Bruce Erickson and his wife, Carolyn, and two grandchildren, Tyler and Taylor Erickson, all of Bozeman; a sister, Dorothy Buck and her husband, Gene; and a sister-in-law, Mary Hardesty, all of Miles City; and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; one sister, Marguerite Edwards; and two brothers, Jack and Tom Hardesty.

Cremation has taken place at Franzen-Davis Crematory in Livingston and memorial services will be scheduled at a future date. The family has requested that no food or flowers be sent at the present time. Memorials may be directed to Livingston Hospice, 504 S. 13th St., Livingston, MT 59047.

Charles E. Erickson

BILLINGS GAZETTE

DEC 05 2004

Charles Edward Erickson, 85, passed away at his home in Billings on Dec. 2, 2004.

He was born in Harlowton on Nov. 22, 1919, to Edward and Mina Louise Erickson. After graduating from high school in Harlowton, he enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps and served in World War II in Panama and the Galapagos Islands.



**CHARLES
ERICKSON**

After the war, Charles worked in Wyoming on ranches and oil fields, doing custom hay baling and water well drilling, and served as under sheriff in Wheatland County. He met Helen Kamerzell, a schoolteacher in Laurel, and they were married Oct. 21, 1965, in Sheridan, Wyo. Their son Edward was born in 1967. Charles continued his work in Billings as custodian for School District #2, until his retirement, and was active in his roto-tilling business until the age of 82. His gardens were a source of great satisfaction throughout his life, and he forged many enduring friendships through his tilling business. Also important to him, was his volunteer work at Cancer

Mount, where he helped fellow laryngectomy patients cope with pending surgery and the adjustments required following surgery. Charles was a member of the VFW. He was a man of many interests, and throughout his life enjoyed studying history, as well as many hobbies, from cutting and polishing rocks, to stained glass, to sewing down-filled clothing. He put a smile on many a face with his keen and witty observations.

He is survived by his wife, Helen, and son Ed, his wife Tangie, and their three children, Scott, Jaylee and Eddy. His grandchildren were a special joy to him, as was his dear little friend, Cora. Also surviving are his sister Marianne Sedgwick, of Olympia, Wash., and nephew Jim Goff and wife Sharon. He always had a place in his heart and thoughts for many friends and family members too numerous to mention.

His presence with us will be celebrated on Tuesday, Dec. 7, at 2 p.m., at Cremation or Funeral Gallery. Memorials may be made to the charity of your choice.

Cremation has taken place and inurnment will be held at the Harlowton Cemetery at a later date.

Daniel Louis Erickson

Daniel Louis Erickson, 52, of Billings died Dec. 31, 2003, at St. Vincent Healthcare.

Daniel's ashes will be scattered by his family in a private ceremony. Dahl Funeral Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

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Danny Erickson

In loving memory, to my brother, Danny Erickson, born July 6, 1951, and died Dec. 31, 2003, of a stroke at St. Vincent Healthcare. He was schooled in Billings and served in Vietnam. He loved to fish the waters in what he called God's country — Montana.

He is survived by his mother, Pat Erickson; brothers, Joe and Jim Erickson, all of Billings, and his sisters, Barbara Nelson of Nebraska and Sue Hoffman of Florida. Your journey is over now, may you rest in peace. Love your sister, Susie.

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

JAN 07 2004

James Robert Erickson

James Robert Erickson, 47, of Billings, died Tuesday, Sept. 28, 2004, at his home, following a cerebral aneurysm.

Cremation is planned. No public services are scheduled. Smith Downtown Chapel is in charge.

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BILLINGS GAZETT

James Robert Erickson

In Loving memory of my brother, Jimmy. He was born Sept. 10, 1957, and passed on Sept. 28, 2004, of a cerebral aneurysm.

He was schooled in Billings. Through tough times in the family, he lived with his foster parents, Floyd and Bev Lovejoy. They helped him with many challenges in his life. As children, we spent countless hours at Pioneer Park, sledding and wading the Big Ditch, as well as many a summer days at Athletic Pool; we must have been born fish, as we would swim from opening to closing. He always had a smile on his face and kindness in his heart. He loved living in Montana, what he called God's Country. We used to sing some song to you, when you were small, I don't recollect where it came from, but I do remember singing it, "Goodbye, Jimmy, Goodbye, I'll see you again, but I don't know when, Goodbye, Jimmy, Goodbye." Today we sing this song one last time.

Your troubles and strife are over now, sleep now, my brother, and finally be at peace, you are in a much better place.

Jim is survived by mother, Pat Erickson and brother Joe Erickson of Billings; two sisters, Barbara Nelson of Nebraska, myself, Sue Hoffman of Florida; and sons Caleb and Nathaniel. He is preceded in death by his father in 1997 and a mother just nine months ago.

Forever in my heart, I'll love you, "Sis."

Pearl Erickson

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE
DEC 12 2004

BIG TIMBER — Pearl Erickson, 97, went to meet her Lord Wednesday, Dec. 8, 2004, at the Pioneer Nursing Home in Big Timber.

Pearl was born to Peter and Lena (Rostad) Becken, early day settlers in Sweet Grass County, graduating from Sweet Grass County High School in 1926. While attending school Pearl lived on the ranch during the summer and in town in her present house. In 1926, Pearl married Clarence Erickson and from this union of 48 years they had two children, George and Louitha.

Pearl's life was very active with the Lutheran Church, family, community activities, gardening, cooking and the senior center. Pearl was very proud of the contributions the Lutheran Church made to the community both spiritually and socially through their many activities. Pearl was a Past Worthy Matron of Orient Chapter No. 6 Order of Eastern Star. Pearl was known for her baking ability, especially her cookies, pies and candies. She enjoyed large gatherings of family and friends where they could visit, play cards and enjoy good food.

Pearl was preceded in death by her parents; her husband Clarence; sisters Ida Coldeen

and Clara White; brothers Herbert, Herbert, Hubert, George and Ray; and one grandson Dale Erickson.

She is survived by her son George and his wife Olga and their three children, Jon (Cindy), Olga (Guy) West and Gary (Heather); one daughter Louitha and her five children, Clarence Clayton (Radie), Catherine (Gene) Stuber, Susan (Rodger) Good, Don Clayton, Mark (Rachel) Clayton; eight grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. Her sister Elvina Riter; her sister-in-law Margit Becken; and many nieces and nephews also survive Pearl.

Memorials may be made to the Big Timber Lutheran Church, Senior Center or to any charity of your choice. Viewing will be from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 15, and Thursday, Dec. 16, at Lowry Funeral Home.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Friday, Dec. 17, at Big Timber Lutheran Church with the Rev. Kristi Bummer officiating. Graveside committal will follow at Mountain View Cemetery. Lowry Funeral Home assisted the family with the services.

Jose Carlos Ernando

Jose Carlos Ernando, 83, of Billings, passed away Sunday, Dec. 19, 2004, at the Evergreen Care Center in Lockwood.

Viewing is from noon to 9 p.m. Monday at Smith Downtown Chapel, and graveside services are at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 28, at Riverside Cemetery.

Marie Ernst

THE RULINGS GAZETTE

DEC 30 2004

GILLETTE, Wyo. — Marie Ernst, 95, of Gillette, died Monday, Dec. 27, 2004, at Campbell County Memorial Hospital in Gillette, of pneumonia.

Visitation will be from 4 to 6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 30, at the Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home Chapel in Gillette, with rosary at 6 p.m. A Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. Friday, Dec. 31, at St. Matthew's Catholic Church in Gillette. Interment will be 10 a.m. Monday, Jan. 3, 2005, at Mount Pisgah Cemetery in Gillette.

Robert 'Robby' Ernster

SAVAGE — Robert "Robby" Ernster, 20, of Savage, died Sunday, May 23, 2004, as a result of a one-vehicle accident.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, May 26, at the VFW Hall in Sidney. Cremation has taken place. Fulkerson Funeral Home of Sidney is in charge.

Henry Errebo

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

JAN 10 2004

Henry Errebo died Wednesday, Jan. 7, 2004, of complications related to cancer. He was born in Lincoln, Kan., on Jan. 12, 1952. He is survived by his partner, Lisa Fields; his mother, Christina; his father, Phil; his sister, Nancy; his brothers, Jay, Peter, and Mark; his nieces, Ann and Jo, and many friends.

Henry moved to Billings in 1979. He was the president of Post Rock Oil Co. and was a fixture in the Billings oil and gas community. Henry loved Lisa, his family, friends and his cat named Galaraga. He loved the outdoors, fishing, rafting, skiing and cooking.

A memorial for Henry will be held at the Rex Restaurant in Billings on Monday at 5 p.m.

Harold Duane Ervine

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SAN ANTONIO, Texas — Harold Duane Ervine, 68, passed away July 29, 2004. Harold was born in Billings to William and Naomi Ervine.

He is survived by his wife of 34 years, Lum Duon "Bonnie" Ervine; daughters, Dewi Johnson and husband Jay and Udom Stamegna and husband Alex; sons, William Ervine and wife Kim, and Dang Ervine and wife Brenda; mother, Naomi Ervine; sister, Karen Elliot and husband Jim, and eight grandchildren.

He was a resident of San Antonio for 31 years. Harold retired from the United States Air Force after serving 23 years in the military, and went to work for civil service for 16 years.

He was a devoted husband, father, son, brother and grandfather and will be greatly missed and always remembered for his love and generosity.

A funeral service was held Tuesday, Aug. 3, at 10 a.m. at Colonial Funeral Home. Interment followed at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Temple Wat Sadhadhamma, 8000 FM 1518, Schertz, TX 78148.

Rena Eskro

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

FEB 25 2004

MILES CITY — Rena Eskro, 91, of Miles City, formerly of Fallon, died Monday, Feb. 23, 2004, at the Homestead Elderly Home in Miles City.

Visitation will be Wednesday, Feb. 25, in the chapel of Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Terry. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 26, in the Mildred Community Church in Mildred. Interment will follow in the Mildred Cemetery.

Marianne Esparza

~~WOLF POINT NEWS~~

WOLF POINT — Marianne "Marie" Esparza, 79, of Wolf Point, died March 1, 2004.

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Viewing was Friday, March 5, at Clayton Stevenson Memorial Chapel in Wolf Point. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 6, at Clayton Stevenson Memorial Chapel in Wolf Point. Burial will be in King Memorial Cemetery in Wolf Point.

Melvin P. Espy

Born Aug. 22, 1913

Died Oct. 28, 2004, at age 91

BILLINGS GAZETTE

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Melvin Espy was born to Harry A. and Stella (McGarvey) Espy in Altoona, Pa.

He graduated from Altoona High School in 1930, and graduated from Penn State University, State College, Pa., with a degree in Mechanical Engineering in 1934.

Graduation was followed by training and engineering jobs from Waynesboro, Pa., to Aroostook, Maine. It was during this time (1936) that he met and married Violet Eleanor Gaines, also a graduate of Altoona High School.

In 1938, Mel went to work for Glenn L. Martin Co, Baltimore, Md. Mel worked there for the next 12 years with progressively increased responsibility for structural test.

Mel and Eleanor's three children were born during this time, residing in the Green Spring Valley. His "Victory" garden was a point of pride long after the end of World War II.

Mel resumed his amateur boxing, begun in college, winning many championship bouts for Martin as a welterweight. He participated in a number of special benefit shows and entertained thousands of servicemen at various service camps.

In 1950, Mel joined the Bendix

Products Division in South Bend and Mishawaka, Ind., where he was involved with missile development.

1951 to 1954 was a time of big moves and increased responsibilities with Canadair Limited in Montreal, Canada. Mel was Chief of the Special Weapons Section, developing the Air-to-Air Velvet Glove program expanding the Intercontinental Ballistic Missile (ICBM) presence in North America.

The Espys returned to the United States in 1954 to work for Northrop Engineering Division in Anaheim, Calif., as Chief of Design Engineering and Development.

Mel joined the Boeing Company in Seattle in 1957 to help update the BOMARC missile program. He also was the Developmental Production Manager on the Satellite Interceptor program. Additionally, Mel was involved with Boeing's Supersonic Transport (SST) development. Mel left Boeing in 1964 to pursue entrepreneurial interests.

Mel received Professional Engineering status and founded

R.E. Developers and pursued a variety of engineering and business projects; as well as being involved in several philanthropic endeavors.

Mel and Eleanor moved from Seattle to Sequim, Wash., to own and operate a nursing home in Washington's "sun belt," where Mel had an opportunity to once again ride his favorite horse and commune with nature.

Mel and Eleanor moved to Billings in 1973, where both were active in Shrine activities. Mel served as Worthy Patron of the Order of Eastern Star from 1985 to 1986.

His wife Eleanor preceded Mel in death in 1999. Family members residing in Ohio, Maryland, Pennsylvania, South Dakota and Washington survive him.

At Mel's request, his body has been willed to science. There will be no service held.

The Espy family has supported for over 50 years a scholarship program at Penn State University for worthy individuals with backgrounds in scouting who wish to pursue engineering degrees.

The family has dedicated a bench in Normandy Park, Wash., in memory of Mel and Eleanor Espy.

Marvin H. Essman

Marvin Essman, 89, passed away Saturday, Dec. 11, 2004, of Alzheimer's Disease, at the Evergreen Laurel Nursing Home.

Marvin was born Oct. 2, 1915, on his mother's homestead north of Lavina, the first of five children of his beloved mother, Esther (Schultze) and Edward Essman.

He graduated from high school in Roundup during the Depression, rode the rails across the West with his uncle Julius, a tomcat who played the fiddle, and then worked with the CCC to get by.



**MARVIN
ESSMAN**

Marvin attended Billings Polytechnic Institute in the late '30s. He was a member of United Mine Workers Local #1, working underground mining coal in Roundup with his father, when he enlisted in the United States Marine Corp after the attack on Pearl Harbor.

He served in the South Pacific in charge of a paint shop changing the numbers on the planes so the Japanese thought our forces were bigger. He was always a proud Marine.

On a trip to his father's family home in Wisconsin in 1931, he met Louise Zieroth. They married after the war, 13 years later on Jan.

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21, 1945. Marvin is survived by Louise, his wife of 59 years.

Marvin and Louise had no children, but he was a kind and loving uncle to his many nieces and nephews. He is survived by the seven children of his deceased sister Gladys Womble; Carol and Barbara, daughters of sister Elaine Sheets; Leslie and Delcy, children of sister Theo Kent; the five children of his deceased brother Vern. Marvin is also survived by all the nieces and nephew of the Wisconsin families.

We will miss his teasing, his laughter and his tender heart.

Marvin was a free spirit, an artist, and a reader. He loved to dance the polka at the VFW, the Moose Club, the Laurel Herbsfest, Polka Fest at Sheridan, and wherever music was made. He created a faux musical instrument, the "Heifer Fiddle," to get himself on stage with whatever polka band could be talked into it. He had a salty sense of humor and a zest for life. Marvin, as they say, was a character. He traveled to China, Australia, New Guinea, Brazil and Paraguay in his later years.

the dry-cleaning business to his boy, but continued to have fun pursuing new businesses until losing his sight and his freedom to diabetes. Vern's drive to succeed, in order to leave the poverty of his youth, never left him.

Vern died on June 16, 2004, of complications of diabetes in the Alzheimer's unit at Evergreen Laurel Nursing Home.

In addition to his wife and children, Vern is survived by his brother, Marvin (Louise) Essman; sisters, Theo (Walter) Kent and Elaine Sheets; grandchildren, Philip and Alyssa Root, Cassie Lindberg, Josh and Emily Erger and Jenna Wiegert. His sister, Gladys Womble, and his son-in-law, Charles Root, preceded him in death.

Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Trinity Lutheran Church, Billings. Interment will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens. Those wishing to remember Vern with a memorial may benefit the Trinity Lutheran School, an important institution in the life of his children and grandchildren.

Florence Estes

THE BELLEVILLE GAZETTE
FEB 13 2004

SHERIDAN, Wyo. —

Florence M. "Flossie" Estes, 91, of Sheridan, died Monday, Feb. 9, 2004, at Sheridan Manor.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 14, at St. Peter's Episcopal Church. Kane Funeral Home of Sheridan is in charge.

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James Estes

LOVELL, Wyo. — James Robert Estes, 74, of Frannie, died Thursday, May 13, 2004, at his home.

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

Walter Estes**MAY 02 2004**

CODY, Wyo. — Walter Estes, 85, died Thursday, April 29, 2004, at the West Park Hospital.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. on Saturday, May 8, at the Cody Bible Church. Cremation has taken place. Ballard Funeral Home of Cody is in charge of arrangements.

Elden Evans

Elden Carlyle Evans, our beloved dad, uncle, brother, friend, grandfather and great-grandpa Boo, lost his struggle with prolonged illnesses on Sept. 21, 2004.

He was born June 24, 1926, in Salt Lake City, to Bart and Myrtle Evans.

He married Elaine Walker on Dec. 15, 1945.

Dad's familiar limp was a constant reminder of his near fatal accident at the age of 13. His physical limitations would only serve to inspire his creativity and imagination. He had the greatest sense of humor. People gathered to him to hear stories that were legendary, off-color and sometimes true, and always entertaining. Children and animals flocked to him; his smile and laughter were contagious.

Dad embarked on a series of adventures that always included hard work and salesmanship. Elden was the owner of the Peter Pan Pool Hall and the Yellowstone Specialty Co., which specialized in coin-operated amusement machines.

Dad had a great talent with his hands, whether it be tinkering with pinball machines or slot machines or playing the trumpet.



**ELDEN
EVANS**

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BILLINGS GAZETTE

Elden is survived by his children, Janeen Brazier, daughter-in-law, Trudy Evans, both of Salt Lake City; Michael D. Evans, Idaho Falls, Idaho, and Shawna Eames (Bob) Billings; 15 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren; sister, Maurine Hull; brother, Kenneth Evans (Georgene); several nieces and nephews and his "pussy twit," Flossy.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother Dahle; his beautiful wife Elaine; and their son Steven.

The family would like to thank Big Sky Hospice for the care and compassion they provided.

An open house celebration will be held Saturday, Sept. 25, from noon to 3 p.m. at 3497 Briarwood Blvd.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Big Sky Hospice: 123 S. 27th, Billings, MT 59101.

Martha Mildred Evans

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Martha Mildred Evans, 95, died Aug. 2, 2004.

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She was born to Elmer A. and Grace (Young) Maxwell on Nov. 11, 1908, in Woodbine, Iowa. She lived at Westpark Retirement Village in Billings since 1996.

She is survived by her son, John, his wife, Dorothy, and grandchildren Lynette Oderifero (Dan) of Billings and Philip Evans (Myki) of Glendive, six great-grandchildren and her sister Marjorie Hood.

Memorial services will be held in Woodbine, Iowa, Saturday, Aug. 7.

Memorials can be made to Hope United Methodist Church or Central Christian Church, both in Billings.

JUN 11 2004

Molly Evans

BUFFALO, Wyo. — Molly Evans, 95, of Buffalo, died Wednesday, June 9, 2004, at the Johnson County Health Care Center.

Graveside funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 12, in Willow Grove Cemetery. Adams Funeral Home of Buffalo is in charge.

Della Mary Jordan Evenson

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

DEC 09 2004

Della Mary Jordan Evenson passed away Tuesday, Dec. 7, 2004, at Billings Health and Rehabilitation Center, after a long illness with Alzheimer's disease.

She has gone to a better place in Heaven to serve her Lord as she lived faithfully while on Earth.

Della was born on Oct. 1, 1917, in Livingston, the daughter of Charles Phelps and Mary (Watson) Phelps. Due to the death of her parents, she was then adopted by her aunt and uncle, Leroy and Mary Ann Strong of Billings. She graduated from Billings Senior High School in May 1935 and on June 30, 1935, married Alvin D. Jordan. They lived in the areas of Molt and Columbus for many years. To this union, two daughters were born, Mary Lou Kline and Louella May Linger, both of Billings. Alvin died on March 5, 1990. Della later married again on Jan. 26, 1994, to Arthur Evenson. He died on June 20, 2003.



**DELLA
EVENSON**

player, loved music and shared this talent in her community. She had a love of flowers; was a giving worker for the Senior Citizens and served her Evangelical Church faithfully. She will be missed by all who knew her.

Survivors include her two daughters, Mary Lou and Louella of Billings; 10 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and 10 great-great-grandchildren. She is also survived by six stepchildren, Agnes Walczak of California, Kay Mayfield of Missouri, Carol Jones of Fromberg, Arthur Evenson, Jr. of Belgrade, Julius Evenson of California and Myron Evenson of Three Forks. She was preceded in death by two great-grandchildren, Genevieve Olsen and Matthew Olsen.

Funeral services will be held at the Smith Funeral Home Chapel in Laurel, on Monday, Dec. 13, at 1 p.m. Burial will be in Mountainview Cemetery in Columbus. Memorials may be made to the Columbus Senior Citizens or Columbus Evangelical Church.

Although Della was never blessed with monetary riches, she was always content with what she had. She was a beautiful piano

Ernest L. Evenson

SEP 9 2004
BILLINGS GAZETTE

Ernie Evenson passed away peacefully Sept. 4, 2004.

He was born on Oct. 5, 1932, in Hillboro, N.D., to Even and Lilly (Iversen) Evenson. He was raised in eastern North Dakota, graduating in '50 from Hatton High School.

Eager to see the world, he enlisted in the Navy. He served aboard the USS Purdy during the Korean War.



**ERNIE
EVENSON**

He was a telephone lineman for various companies, working throughout the Midwest and western states. In '75, he became disabled.

Ernie enjoyed fishing, hunting, collecting ducks, canning and taking money away from his grandson Matthew while playing cribbage.

He was preceded in death by Even and Lilly Evenson; brother James (Margret) Evenson; and sister Marie (Robert) Riggs.

He is survived by his siblings, Milton (Jeanette) Evenson, Ann (Sidney) Pladson, Barbara (Gail) Bye; his first wife's children, Roxanne Strehlow, Mark Evenson, Mischelle Fahn, Mike Evenson, Dan Evenson and Pat Evenson; and daughter from his second wife, Leslie Evenson.

No services will be held.
Memorials may be made to charity of choice.

George Everson

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

JAN 18 2004

WILLISTON, N.D. — George Everson, 75 died Thursday, Jan. 15, 2004, in the Mercy Medical Center in Williston.

A funeral celebrating his life will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 21, at First Lutheran Church in Williston. Friends may call at the Bethel Lutheran Home from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Monday, Jan. 19. Viewing will continue from 1 to 5 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 19, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and 6:30 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 20, and Wednesday, Jan. 21, at the church for the hour preceding the funeral. Everson Funeral Home of Williston is in charge of the arrangements.

Helen Evinrude

THE BILLINGS HERALD

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GLENDIVE
— Helen Evinrude, age 78, of Glendive, passed away on Thursday, Jan. 22, 2004, at the Glendive Medical Center Extended Care Facility.



**HELEN
EVINRUDE**

A vigil service will be held at 7 p.m. Sunday at the Chapel of the Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home in Glendive. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10 a.m. Monday at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church with Father Joseph Ponessa officiating. Rite of Committal will be in the Dawson County Cemetery. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home is entrusted with arrangements.

Helen was born on July 11, 1925, on the farm located south of Bloomfield, the daughter of Louis and Barbara (Kuntz) Geiger. She attended the Morgan Creek School and graduated from Dawson County High School with the class of 1944. She married Raymond Evinrude on Feb. 28, 1946 in Glendive and has made her home in Glendive since.

Helen was preceded in death by her parents; her husband in 1999; one brother, Peter Geiger; three sisters, Cecelia Schank, Anna Latka and Paulina Johnson;

an infant son, Kenneth and an infant daughter, Nancy.

Helen always enjoyed watching and supporting her children and grandchildren in their various sports.

Survivors include three sons, Russell Evinrude and his wife Grace, and Darrell Evinrude, all of Glendive and Dean Evinrude of Sheridan, Wyo.; five sisters, Monica Geiger, Mary Geiger, Bertha Evinrude, Frances Steiner and her husband Jake, all of Glendive, and Clara Byrd of Plainview, Texas; her brother, Mike Geiger and his wife Dorothy of Glendive; eight grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren.

Memorials are suggested to Hospice of the Glendive Medical Center, 202 Prospect Drive, Glendive, MT 59330 or the Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 316 W. Benham St., Glendive, MT 59330.

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

Katherine 'Kay' A. Ewing

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

MAR 7 2004

BELFRY — Katherine "Kay" A. Ewing, 86, of Belfry, went with the angels on Friday, March 5, 2004.

She was born Jan. 4, 1918, at Bridger, Montana, the daughter of Rudolph Shupak and Elizabeth Bleth Shupak. She was raised on a ranch on South Dry Creek and attended school



**KATHERINE
EWING**

in Bridger and graduated from Belfry High School in 1938.

Kay married A. Lee Jones on Jan. 12, 1946, in Billings. They lived in Belfry and operated the Belfry Café. Mr. Jones died in 1959. She later married Walter Ewing on Sept. 8, 1962, in Bridger. Mr. Ewing died Aug. 3, 1977. After his death, Kay settled in Belfry to be with her family.

Kay was a 25-year member of the Red Lodge D.O.E.S, a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church and St. Anne's Altar Society. She was also a foster parent for years and enjoyed gardening.

Survivors include six children, Theresa (Don) Kokteler of Belfry, Patty Miner of Clark, Wyo., Marianne (Mike) Martinez of Salt Lake City, Mile (Judy) Ewing of Bridger, Rick (Shawna)

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Ewing of Las Vegas, and Jesse (Marilyn) Ewing of Gillette, Wyo.; 13 grandchildren, numerous great-grandchildren; two brothers, Tom (Wilma) and Frank Shupak; four sisters, Virginia (Sam) Loyning, Juice Pierce, Evelyn Harrington and Phyllis Herman; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Kay was preceded in death by her parents, two husbands, and two brothers, Charles and William.

The Funeral Mass will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, March 9, at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Bridger. The Vigil Service will be at 7 p.m. on Monday, at the church. Interment will be in the Belfry Cemetery. Visitation will be at the Smith-Olcott Chapel in Red Lodge from 1 to 5 p.m. on Sunday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Monday.

"Mom and Grandma, we love you and will miss you until we meet again."