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## Mary Mury Fadely

Mary Mury Fadely, 71, died Saturday, Jan. 24, 2004, at the St. Vincent Healthcare.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 27, at the Church of Christ of Latter Day Saints on Monad and 36th Street West. Visitation will begin one hour prior to the services at the church. On Wednesday, Jan. 28, from 10 a.m. to noon, Mary's family will receive family and friends at the chapel of Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Jordan and then proceed to the Pine Grove Cemetery in Brusset for the interment. Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home is in charge of the services.

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## **Doris Fahlgren**

GLASGOW — Doris Fahlgren, 79, died Jan. 17, 2004, at the Valley View Home.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Thursday in the Malta Lutheran Church in Malta. Interment will be in the Hillview Cemetery in Hinsdale. Bell Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

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## **Charles Henry Fairbanks**

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**JUL 28 2004**

Charles Henry Fairbanks, 74, of Billings, passed away Friday, July 23, 2004, after a short illness.

Chuck was born on Feb. 16, 1930, in Danbury, Wis., to Edward and Gertie Fairbanks. At a young age, his family moved to Montana where he attended public schools until his enlistment into the Army. Chuck was honorably discharged from the Army, then worked as a laborer until he became disabled from an accident.

Chuck spent many years with his companion and friend Caroline Wittmer and her family. Chuck leaves behind many friends and he will be greatly missed.

Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday at Riverside Cemetery. Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

## David 'Dutch' Faist

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APACHE JUNCTION, Ariz. — David "Dutch" Faist, 41, formerly of Billings, Mont., passed away July 11, 2004, at his residence. He was born Jan. 2, 1963, in Kalispell, Mont., one of four children of John and Patricia Faist. David was at home in the mountains, and loved being a white water raft guide. David was preceded in death by his mother, Patricia.

Survivors include his father, John Sr.; a sister, Cin and husband Tim; a brother, John Jr. and wife Janis; a sister, Val and husband Cory; four nieces; four nephews; and his two sons and a daughter.

David was loved by many and will be missed.

Memorial services will be held 11 a.m. Saturday, July 17, at New Life Foursquare Church in Laurel, Mont.

**Estelle Mae Fakler****MAY 21 2004**

**LIVINGSTON** — Estelle Mae Fakler, 83, of Livingston, died Wednesday, May 19, 2004, at her home.

Cremation has taken place at Franzen-Davis Crematory in Livingston. A memorial gathering will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 22, at The Mint. Her cremated remains will be buried at a later date in Cloverdale Memorial Park in Boise, Idaho.

## Carol Jane Falk

MAY 03 2004

Carol Jane Falk, age 64, of Billings, passed away Saturday, May 1, 2004, at her home following a long and courageous battle with cancer.

She was born Nov. 15, 1939, in Hardin, the daughter of John and Helen (Snyder) Herman.

She was born and raised in Billings and graduated from Billings Senior High in 1957. She was married to Larry Falk March 18, 1961, in Billings.

She loved to do crossword puzzles, sewing, loved rodeo and especially looked forward to going to Las Vegas every year to

the National Final Rodeo.

She enjoyed her five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Survivors include her husband, Larry of

Billings; daughter, Kimberly Fike and her children, Kendra and Kevin; daughter-in-law, Jodi Falk and her children, Brandon and Tara; daughter, Cindy Godjohn and daughter, Amber; and one great-grand-

son, Day Lynn; brothers, Tom (Dorit), John, Larry (Dee), and Wally Miller; and a sister, Betty Greenfield.

She was preceded in death by her son, Scott Allan Falk on April 29, 2004; parents, John and Helen Herman, step-father, Wal Miller; brother Ronald (Bud) Herman; and infant grandson Jordan Fike.

Funeral services will be 1 a.m. Wednesday, at the Smith West Chapel, 304 34th St. W. with her son's. Interment will be at the Terrace Garden Cemetery.



**CAROL FALK**

**Scott Alan Falk**

MAY 03 2004

**EATONVILLE, Wash. —**

Scott was born June 1, 1964, to the parents of Carol and Larry Falk. He was born and raised in Plentywood, and graduated in 1982. He moved to Seattle, Wash. in 1986 and married Jodi Lynn on Aug. 29, 1987.

Scott was a loving man with a big heart. He was a devoted father, caring husband, and best friend to his wife and children. He had many plans in his life. After graduation, he traveled 14 states for Able Fire Inspection. He met Jodi, his wife, while passing through Washington. When they met, God had answered both of their prayers to find each other. Scott left Able Fire for work with Boeing as a Quality Assurance Inspector and worked at many plants in the Washington area for 17 years with his departure from the Frederickson Site in June 2003 as a layoff. During the past year he had many decisions to make regarding the future of his family and the calling of what he wanted to pursue in life. He had built two homes in Eatonville, Wash. and loved the challenge that it entailed. His heart was always in Montana where he was born and raised. While planning to live in

Montana he was looking for a new start for his family and to live the life he wanted for his children. He was home in Montana when he passed away at his parent's home helping to care for his mother and making plans for the future. He loved hunting, fishing, poker, and raising his children. He was a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles in Eatonville, Wash. and the Aerospace Machines Lodge EAM 571.

Scott always loved his family and loved to surprise everyone by just showing up unannounced. He has touched many lives and loved to laugh. He passed away quietly and without pain from heart failure which surprised us all. His smiling face and ability to make us all laugh will live in our hearts forever and be missed by all who knew him. He's gone to be with the Lord and his mother watching over us all.

Scott is survived by his wife Jodi Lynn Falk; son, Brandon Scott Falk; and daughter, Tara



Lynn Falk; his parents, Larry and Carol Falk of Billings; and grandfather, Elmer Falk of Plentywood; sister, Kim Fike and her children, Kendra and Kevin; nieces, Cindy and Amber; and nephew Day Lynn.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m., Wednesday, at Smith West Chapel, 304 34th Street West. Cremation will follow. Additional services will be held in Eatonville, Wash.

## J. Frank Fales

POWELL, Wyo. — J. Frank Fales, 82, died Thursday, March 4, 2004, at the Powell Valley Care Center.

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Visitation will be from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Monday, March 8, at Miratsky-Easton Funeral Home in Powell. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 9, at Union Presbyterian Church. Burial will follow in Crown Hill Cemetery.

## Joselyn V. Falls Down

LODGE GRASS — Joselyn Veronica Falls Down Ward, 30, went to be with the Lord on Friday, Feb. 20, 2004.

Her Crow Indian name, Umbilaxp'aake itcheesh, 'Leads a good life' was given to her by her grandmother, Agnes Deer Nose. She was born July 2, 1973, in Billings, a daughter of Ronald and



**JOSELYN  
FALLS DOWN**

Georgine Takes Gun Falls Down. She grew up in Lodge Grass, attended Head Start in Lodge Grass, K-Sixth grade in Crow Agency, junior high through high school in Lodge Grass, before graduating in 1991. After graduation she took courses at Little Big Horn College.

Joselyn worked for the Crow Tribal Finance Department as a payroll supervisor in 1997, later as a payroll clerk for Crow Tribal Housing, then in 2002, as an accounting technician for IHS in Billings and most recently worked for the Crow Tribal Head Start Program.

She was known for her bead work, and made a living with her talent. She enjoyed creating a mixture of colors of different and unique designs, enabling her to express her talent in the many

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pieces that she created. She often consulted her aunts for their approval on completed projects.

However, her most cherished creations were her children, she would often sit and admire them.

Joselyn enjoyed sign language, particularly the Lord's Prayer. She was invited to Washington, DC in 1988 to attend the Washington for Jesus Conference hosted by Rev. Jim Jimenez. She paraded with Washington, DC Mayor Marion Berry and opened the ceremony with the signing of the Lords Prayer during a War Against Drugs Campaign.

She was a good horseman, always working side by side with her husband, Kenny, training horses, cleaning stalls, walking horses and preparing feed, all the time displaying her love for horses.

Joselyn married Les Nomee in January of 1990, into this union, she had two sons, and Frank and Tevan Nomee, and she later divorced. She married Kenny Ward and the couple made their home in Lodge Grass. To this union she created her cherished baby girl, Yvette Rae Ward.

A sister, Jaclyn; grandparents,

Mary Frances Flat Lip, Ada Rides Horse, Walter (Delphine) Onion, Robert Falls, Down, Sr., Daniel (Virginia) Takes Guns, Sr., Rapheal White Hip and Joe Alden, Sr.; her uncles, Robert Falls Down, Jr., Daniel Takes Gun, Jr. and John Belo Alden; adopted mother, Georgine (Jeano) Not Afraid and great-grandfathers, Frank and George Takes Gun preceded Joselyn in death.

Survivors include her parents, Ronald and Georgine Falls Down of Crow Agency; her adopted parents, Bertha and Paul Nomee of Lodge Grass; her sisters, Janna Falls Down, Roberta (Hiram) Arnajo, Sonja Falls Down and Valerie (Coolidge) Jefferson; her brothers, Ronnie (Brenda) Andrew, Josiah, Joshua and Isaiah Falls Down; her adopted brothers, Dexter Falls Down, Jr., Wayne (Felicia) Brien and Clarent Stewart; her adopted sisters, Lindsay Stewart, Candice Singer, Lavonna, Renessa, Tanya (Bright Eyes) and Tiffany Falls, Down; her grandmothers, Clara Nomee, Ruth Alden, Frances Bends, Ramona Real Bird, Phyllis Big Medicine, Agnes Takes Gun, Ernestine Bird in Ground, Hannah Pretty on Top, Wilma Backbone, Rosemary and Marie Lincoln; her grandfathers, Vincent and Jerome (Lois) White Hip, Phillip (Martha) Beaumont, Frank Backbone, Blaine (Dannita) Falls Down and Joseph (Lorraine) Bear Cloud; her

adopted grandparents, Harriet Don't Mix and Ben (Josie) Stands; her aunts, Latonna (Sharone) Old Elk, Natalie (Ervin) Stewart, Annie (Cyrus) Leider, Theresa Haun, Ruth Bell Rock, Jennifer (James) Medicine Horse, Christine, Ursela, Rhonda, Carmen and Maria; her uncles, Rudolph (Cordelia) Shane, Gary (Carrie) Gardner, Marvin (Gwen) Falls Down, Dexter (Marceline) Falls Down, Joe (Charlene) and Alvin (Theresa) Alden, Jr., Hanks, Adrian, Harold, Steven, Curtis and Ryder; her special aunts and uncles, Joselyn (Clarence) Three Irons, her name sake, Mary White Hip, Luanna (Marvin) Stewart; the Alden sisters; Jerry, Robert and Lawrence (Jennifer) Flat Lip; Clayton (Kathleen) Three Irons and the Villegas family; as well as her extended family including the shell Child, Old Bull, White Hip, Plenty Hoops, Blaine, Takes Gun, Horn, Whiteman, Long Otter, Old Coyote, Thunder Iron, Lincoln, Bloodman and Bell Rock families and the Left Hand family from Canada.

Rosary will be recited 4 p.m. Monday, Feb. 23, in the Bullis Funeral Chapel. Funeral Mass will be celebrated 10 a.m. Tuesday at the Lodge Grass Our Lady of Loretto Catholic Church. Interment will follow in the Lodge Grass Cemetery. Bullis Mortuary has been entrusted with the arrangements.

## Kenneth Fandrich

SEP 19 2004  
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**COLSTRIP** — Kenneth Fandrich, 79, died Friday, Sept. 17, 2004, at Billings Deaconess Clinic.

Family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Colstrip Community Church in Colstrip. A Prayer Service will be 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 21, at the Colstrip Community Church in Colstrip. Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 22, at St. Margaret Mary's Catholic Church in Colstrip. Interment will follow at 3 p.m. at the Forsyth Cemetery in Forsyth. Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

**COLSTRIP** — Kenneth Nolan Fandrich passed away peacefully Sept. 18, 2004, at Deaconess Billings Clinic, after an extended illness. Nolan was born to Alexander and Edith (Stewart) Fandrich in Spickard, Mo., on Sept. 4, 1925. His family moved to the Miles City area, where they homesteaded on North Sunday Creek. The family later moved into Miles City, where he completed his education.



**NOLAN  
FANDRICH**

Nolan was in the Army Medical Corp and served on a hospital ship during WWII. Upon discharge from the Army, he began working in Colstrip in 1946. He married Clarice "Dolly" Preller on Dec. 22, 1946. He worked at many jobs in Colstrip. Nolan began as a member of the powder crew in the mine. Nolan worked providing security and maintenance for the mine and town of Colstrip. He moved into the job of Town Manager during Colstrip's growth and development era. He enjoyed a move back to the mining side of the operation as conveyer supervisor until 1990. He retired after 45 years of service.

He continued to raise a few

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cattle and horses long after his "official" retirement. Cold air worsened his breathing difficulties, so he eventually sold all his livestock. Nolan lived in Colstrip 59 years.

Nolan dedicated his life to serving the needs of his family and the people of Colstrip. He served on numerous boards including Rosebud County Planning Board, Southeastern Montana Rural Health Initiative Board, Colstrip Medical Advisory Board and First Interstate Bank Board. He helped organize the initial ambulance service, then volunteered as an EMT. He was a charter member of the volunteer fire department. In addition to these civic duties, Nolan provided leadership and experience necessary in operating town services.

A man of quiet faith and high standards, he encouraged others to do and be their best. Nolan loved the outdoors. He hunted, fished, explored and swapped stories with family and friends. He enjoyed travel, exploration and study of historical sites and in the last few years, crossword puzzles. He used his carpenter skills to build toys for his grandchildren; he made and refinished fine furniture.

Nolan is survived by his wife Dolly, of Colstrip; his daughters

Peg Fandrich of Cheyenne, Wyo., Pat Fandrich of Butte and Jane Gardner and husband Roger of Livingston; three brothers, Gilbert Fandrich and his wife Carol of Three Forks, Norval Fandrich and his wife Joan of Belgrade and Norman Fandrich and his wife Betty of Miles City; a sister, Armina Joos of Belgrade. Nolan is also survived by seven grandchildren, Josh Ensign and wife Amy of Hanford, Calif., Rachel McGuinness and husband Joel of Laramie, Wyo., Dan Ensign of Bozeman, Jacob Ensign of Oxford, Ga., Gabe Fandrich of Cheyenne, Wyo., Elisabeth Fandrich of Butte and Emily Gardner of Livingston. He was preceded in death by his parents and two daughters: an infant and Kay Douglas.

Family will receive friends on Tuesday, Sept. 21, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the United Community Church in Colstrip. A viewing and prayer service will follow at 7 p.m. Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 22, at 11 a.m. at St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church in Colstrip. Interment will follow at 3 p.m. at the Forsyth Cemetery. Condolences may be sent to the family by visiting [www.stevensonandsons.com](http://www.stevensonandsons.com).

Memorials may be made to the United Community Church, Colstrip, MT 59323; Friends of the Library, PO Box 1947, Colstrip, MT 59323; or the charity of one's choice.

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Lavina Deanne (LaForge/-Ruegsegger) Fanjul, 49, of Billings went to be with the Lord our Savior Friday Aug. 20, 2004, at the Deaconess Billings Hospital.

She was born to Betty Froze and Jim LaForge on Aug. 16, 1956, at Crow Agency. She graduated from Ritzville High School in 1974 and went on to attend Moses Lake Community College in Washington. She worked at various occupations during her life. She was a waitress, a ranch worker, laborer and a carpenter. She was a member of the Bay Area Carpenters Union for many years.

Lavina was preceded in death by her parents, Jim and Betty LaForge and Eldon Ruegsegger.

Survivors include her mother, Gwen Ruegsegger of Otis Orchard, Wash.; her children, Karl Marlatt of Seattle, Zachary Fanjul of Clarkston, Wash., and Angela (Scott) Bay of California; her brothers, Jim (Linda) Ruegsegger of Billings, Leland, Todd and Brian Ruegsegger of Spokane, Duwayne (Renee) Yellowtail of Pryor, Wayne (Violet) LaForge and Thomas (Gloria) LaForge Sr. of Hardin, Michael (Berdina) LaForge of Dunmore, and Eddie Pretty Weasle of Billings; her sisters, Patsy (Larry) Yellowtail, Clara (Julian) Joe, Jewell (Hugh John)

Blacksmith, and Brenda Prett Weasel of Crow Agency, Beldeau (Dillard) Bird In Ground of Wyola and Janice (Alex) LaForge of Billings; her grandparents Eliza White Fox and Fred Froze her aunts, Kate Pretty Weasel Alice Mae LaForge and Caro White Clay of Crow Agency Josie (Harold) Brien of Lodge Grass and Elizabeth White Fox of Hardin; her two grandchildren, Johnathan and Jaysen Scott Bay; her best friends, Maeann Smith of Pryor and Josie Wallace of Lodge Grass; her extended family includes the Froze, LaForge, Red Wolf, Little Nest, Carpenter, White Fox, Stray Calf, Bouyer, Pretty Weasel, Hunts Arrow, White Clay, Dawes, Plenty Hoops, Spotted Horse, and Williamson; also many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be 1 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 24, at the Bullis Funeral Chapel. Interment will follow in the Crow Agency Cemetery.

Bullis Mortuary of Hardin has been entrusted with the arrangements.



## **Annabell Farnes**

Annabell Dora (Kennedy) Farnes, "Grannie Annie," went home Jan. 27, 2004.

She was born to Frank and Clara (Walks) Kennedy, Dec. 6, 1930, in Billings. She married Harold Farnes. They had five children.

Ann worked at Ryan's Super-valu until her retirement. She also loved working as a bus aide for School District #2. Her hobbies included cooking, crocheting, knitting and sewing. She kept her mind sharp by quickly completing crossword and jigsaw puzzles.

The pride of her life was her children. The joy of her life was her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Mom and Grandma, we are going to miss you and we love you. Rest in peace.

Her children are Linda (Roger) Greenham, Daryl (Cheryl) Farnes, Douglas

(Doreen) Farnes, Nancy (Ronald) Matheson and Don (Mickie) Farnes.



**ANNABELL  
FARNES**

She has 13 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and two sisters, Evelyn Lanier and Florine Kennedy.

A memorial service for Ann will be 10 a.m. Friday, Jan. 30, at the Dahl Funeral Chapel. A "Grannie Annie" style picnic will be held later this summer to celebrate her life.

Our family would like to thank Valley Healthcare Center for the care and compassion that you gave to Mom. Memorials may be made to Valley Healthcare Center, 1807 24th St. W., Billings, MT 59102.

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APR 22 2004

Morris "Morry" Farrell, age 92, of Billings, went home to Heaven to be with Jesus on April 19, 2004. He was born in Chicago to Ambrose J. and Lydia (Diehl) Farrell on April 22, 1911, the youngest of their two children.



**MORRY  
FARRELL**

The Farrell family moved first to Montana then to California and finally to Great Falls, where he graduated high school. After that, he attended Montana University in Missoula and graduated with a degree in teaching and accounting.

While living in Cut Bank, after college, Morry met Lynell Claire Bragg. Several months later, the two took the train to Helena, where they were married in the Cathedral on May 24, 1941.

Morry started work as an accountant for Carter Oil in Cut Bank and eventually ended up as an accountant at the Exxon Refinery in Billings, where he retired in 1972.

He will be missed by his children, Sharon (Jim) Thompson of Mystic Lake, Mike (Sharon Kay) Farrell of Livingston, Susan Jackson of Billings, Tracy (Larry) Schleining of Billings and Nikki

(Ken) Graybeal of Hall; 14 grand children and 13 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife Lynn in 1991; his parent and his sister, Helen Marie Farrell.

Morry followed the Bible verse Ephesians 6:1-3 "Children obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. Honor your father and mother, which is the first commandment, with promise that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth." He loved God and honored his parents which the family attributes to his long life.

Memorial services will take place at 11 a.m. on Saturday, April 24, at Faith Chapel in Billings. Private inurnment will take place at Mountview Cemetery Columbarium.

Memorials may be sent to Trinity Broadcasting Network PO Box A, Santa Ana, CA, 92711 2101, or Benny Hinn Ministries PO Box 162000, Irving, TX, 75016 9830.

Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

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## **Knute G. Farstveet**

BEACH, N.D. — Knute G. Farstveet, 69, died Monday, Dec. 29, 2003 at his home.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, Jan. 5, at the First Lutheran Church with interment in the Beach Cemetery. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home is in charge.

## Howard Farver

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SCOBEEY — Howard Farver, 67, died Saturday morning, Jan. 17, 2004, at St. Vincent Healthcare in Billings.

Funeral services will be 1 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 21, at the Scobey Lutheran Church. Cremation will follow and interment of the ashes will be at a later date. Waller Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

# Josephine 'Jo' Fatzinger

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JAN 17 2004

SPOKANE, Wash. — Josephine "Jo" Fatzinger, 89, formerly of Laurel and Bloomfield, Mont., passed away Thursday, Jan. 15, 2004, in Spokane.

Cremation has taken place. A celebration of life and scattering of ashes will be held later this summer in Laurel for both Jo and her husband Everett.

**Bernard C. Barney**

**Faught**

**Aug. 25, 1921 — Nov. 3, 2004**

LAUREL — Heaven's gates opened wide and welcomed home Bernard Faught, age 83, loving husband, father and granddad. He passed away quietly, surrounded by his wife and children.

Bernard was born Aug. 25, 1921, in Magnet Cove, Ark., to Bert and Ida Mae Raper Faught, one of seven children. B.C. lived in Arkansas until age 4, when his family moved to the Foster community outside of Hardin. His family later moved into Hardin and he attended schools in Hardin and Lodge Grass, graduating from Hardin High School in 1939. After graduation, he joined the Civilian Conservation Corp. at Neihart. He attended telegraph school in Jamestown, N.D., from January to June 1944. He began working for Northern Pacific as a telegrapher in 1944 and retired from Burlington Northern as a car distributor in 1981. Barney married Hazel Knight on June 7, 1944, in Lodge Grass. They lived in several locations before settling in Laurel in 1947. One of their



**BARNEY  
FAUGHT**

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first homes was a boxcar in Newtonville, where they made many lifelong friends.

Barney was unable to participate in school sports, but was a natural athlete, excelling at golf, shooting pool, softball and bowling. He was able to fix and repair almost everything. He was a very capable handyman and was creative in his handiwork. He enjoyed jigsaw puzzles, western music, and eating ice cream. He would take out his harmonica and join in wherever family gathered with their instruments. He and Hazel participated in Bible study classes, card clubs and square dancing. They enjoyed attending the Faught family reunions every two years. They were able to travel almost the entire United States during the biannual motor home trips with family members. Family and friends were an important part of his life.

Anyone that met him found out he had a terrific sense of humor. His children knew at an early age he wouldn't make a decision. "Go ask your mother" became his standard reply.

He was a member of the BRAC. He was a 50-year member of the Laurel United Methodist

Church, member of the United Methodist Men's Club, and served on the church's Finance Committee. He served on the Supervisory Committee and the Board of Directors of the Laurel Federal Credit Union.

He is survived by his loving wife of 60 years, Hazel, and his children, Ron of Laurel and fiancée, Gwen Gatzemeier of Billings, Roxie and Gib Miller of Cheyenne, Wyo., and Jan of Laurel; grandchildren, Eric Miller of Indianapolis, Karl Stanford of Great Falls, Dalayna Faught of Missoula, Neil (Jo) Stanford of Billings, Daron Faught and Paul (Jaime) Stanford of Laurel; granddaughters of the heart, Kelly and Anna Gatzemeier of Billings, and four great-grandchildren, Kellyn, Skyla, Conall and Joshua. He is also survived by a sister, Lila Wilkins of Meridian, Idaho; sisters-in-law, Madge Schlegel of Boise, Idaho, Jean Faught of Kennewick, Wash.; and numerous close relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers Earl and Melvin; and sisters Stella, Thelma and Pat (Gladys.)

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 6, at the Laurel United Methodist Church. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Laurel Volunteer Ambulance, Laurel United Methodist Church or to the charity of your choice. Visitation will be 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 5, at Smith Funeral Chapel-Laurel.

## **Sandra F. Faulkner**

THE BILLINGS TRIBUNE

JAN 27 2004

SIDNEY — Sandra F. Faulkner, 52, of Sidney, died Sunday, Jan. 25, 2004, at the Mercy Medical Center, Williston, N.D.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 29, at the Pella Lutheran Church. Interment will be at 11 a.m. CST Friday, Jan. 30, in the Mandan Union Cemetery, Mandan, N.D. Fulkerson Funeral Home of Sidney is in charge.



JUN 24 2004

**Doris Maurine Faxon****May 27, 1917 - June 16, 2004**

MONTEREY, Calif. — Her life began in 1917 in a small rural community of Glendive, Mont. She

attended the first eight years of her education in a rural one-room schoolhouse. She

acquired an excellent academic record during her four years in

Dawson County High School in

Glendive. She then attended business college in Billings. The completion of her formal education at this level was only the beginning. It was while she was in Billings that she met her husband, Ted Faxon. She gave birth to her son Charles, and later twin daughters, Joan and Carol. She spent time in Hawaii, Cambodia, Iran, Spain, New Foundland and Iceland. She and her family eventually moved to Monterey and she accepted a position as administrative assistant at the high school.

Her four brothers and five sisters mourn this loss, but more significantly the passing of a lady who possessed profound qualities that are uncommonly found



**DORIS  
FAXON**

within the composite of a single individual. Her life is exemplified by a verse from a poem of H. W. Longfellow, called:

“The Psalm of Life”

“The lives of great persons all remind us

We can make our lives sublime,

And departing leave behind us  
Footprints on the sands of  
time”

Doris is survived by her twin daughters, Carole Horowitz and Joan Marion; one son, Charles; three grandchildren, Joseph Faxon, Damion Garcia and William Horowitz; five sisters, Louise Vinner, Margaret Hull, Irene Witcher, Ann Marie Fjarie and Elizabeth Sparks; four brothers, Marvun Kinsey, James Kinsey, Donald Kinsey and Patrick Kinsey.

A memorial Mass was held Monday, June 21 at San Carlos Catholic Church, Monterey. Please make any donations to the Hospice of the Central Coast, 555 Abrego, Suite 100, Monterey, CA 93940.

# NOV 16 2004

**MILES CITY** — Joseph F. Faycosh, 79, of Miles City, formerly of Sheridan, Wyo., passed away Saturday, Nov. 13, 2004, in the Holy Rosary Hospital.

He was born Sept. 17, 1925, in Frederick, Colo., a son of Joseph and Nellie Faycosh. He grew up and received his education in Colorado, graduated from Frederick High School and later attended the



**JOSEPH  
FAYCOSH**

Heald Engineering College in San Francisco. Upon completion of his education, he served in the U.S. Navy Air Corps as an A & E mechanic, before receiving his Honorable Discharge.

Joe married Pearl Kuljis on Jan. 4, 1947, in San Francisco. The couple made their home in California, before moving to Colorado, where he worked for the Postal service and the Union Pacific railroad. In 1970, the couple moved their home to Sheridan, where Joe worked as a civil engineer for the Peter Kewit and Sons Construction Company, retiring in 1986. The couple made their retirement home in Miles City in 2002.

He enjoyed fishing and goose hunting. However, the joy of his

life was his family and grandchildren. He developed many friends in Miles City at Holy Rosary, Friendship Villa, Magic Diamond Casino and the Veterans Hospital.

His parents and daughter Elizabeth Clark preceded Joe in death.

Survivors include his wife, Pearl of Miles City; his daughter, Ana and husband, Skip Powers of Gillette, Wyo.; his sons, Joe and wife LaDonna of Laramie, Wyo., Gary and wife, Nancy of Florida and Jeff and wife, Kathy Faycosh of Miles City; his sister, Catherine and Ray Fletcher of Colorado; 11 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Cremation has taken place in the Bullis-Graves Eastern Montana Crematory.

Private family disposition will be held at a later date. Bullis-Graves Memorial Chapel of Miles City has been entrusted with the arrangements.

## **John Feaster**

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GILLETTE, Wyo. — John Feaster, 68, died Tuesday, Jan. 20, 2004, at the Pioneer Manor Nursing Home.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at the Pioneer Manor Nursing Home with interment in the Black Hills National Cemetery in Sturgis, S.D. Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home is in charge.

**Rosalie L. Fedell****JUN 30 2004**

**CODY, Wyo. — Rosalie “Rose” L. Fedell, 97, died Tuesday, June 22, 2004, at West Park Long Term Care Center.**

**Memorial Mass will be at 10 a.m. Friday, July 2, at St. Anthony’s Catholic Church. Interment will follow in Riverside Cemetery. Ballard Funeral Home of Cody is in charge.**

# George V. Feeley

1914 — 2004

George Vincent Feeley passed away peacefully on Monday, May 31, 2004, at Horizon Hospice Home in Billings, surrounded by family.

George was born in Sanders, on March 10, 1914, the first child of George A. and Katherine Conway Feeley.

He spent his early years in Sanders, graduating from nearby Hysham High School in 1931. Following graduation, he worked at various jobs doing land surveys throughout Montana.

Then in the 1940s, he returned to his Sanders roots to operate the family farm.

On Oct. 20, 1941, he married Marcella Deveny, uniting two long-standing Irish families of the Sanders area. Together, they raised seven children on the family farm. George was elected Treasure County Assessor in January 1959, and served until December 1966. During that time, he also wrote an award-winning column for the Hysham Echo entitled "Little Sir Echo." Gaining a reputation for his journalistic flair, he received membership in



**GEORGE  
FEELEY**

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the prestigious Newspaper Institute of America in 1962, and in 1963 received the Montana State Press Association Award for Small Newspaper Best Column. In the mid-1960s, the family relocated to Billings where George worked for the Yellowstone County Assessor's Office until his retirement in 1974.

In his active retirement George was deeply involved in the Catholic Cursillo movement ministering to many people including inmates at the Montana Men's Prison. He, along with his great friend Father Charles Gorman, helped the Sacred Heart Renewal Center become a place of special blessings for the Billings community. He worked there as the business manager until finally retiring in his 80th year.

George will be lovingly remembered for his gentle spirit, his undying Irish wit and for his deep faith that was an example to all who knew him.

George was preceded in death by his brothers, Robert and Lawrence; and son-in-law Robert Simons. He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Marcella; and seven children, Sandy and Jim

Almond, John Feeley and Mary Simons, all of Billings, Terry and George Skerritt of Glendive, Pat and Carol Feeley of Great Falls, Tim and Sandy Feeley of Sidney, and Martin and Mary Ann Feeley of Columbus; and two foster children, Marvin and Carol Carpenter of Helena and Robin Carpenter of Billings. He is also survived by his brother, Frank Feeley of San Diego; and sister Mary and Joe Ponessa of Big Horn. He has 19 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

A vigil service will be held at Dahl Funeral Home at 7 p.m. Thursday, June 3, and a funeral mass will be celebrated at St. Patrick's Co-Cathedral at noon on Friday, June 4. Cremation has taken place.

Memorials are suggested to Sacred Heart Renewal Center in Billings; Big Sky Hospice; Sanders Community Hall, Inc., 388 Old Highway 10, Sanders, MT 59076; or the charity of one's choice.

# Minnie Feisthamel

Minnie Blank Feisthamel, 95, of Billings, passed away early Thursday morning, Feb. 27, 2004, at Billings Health and Rehabilitation Community.

Minnie was born in Dickinson, N.D., on March 15, 1908, to Charles

and Margaret Blank. She was the last survivor of their 12 children. At the age of four, the family moved to the Bridger-Fromberg area and eventually settled in Laurel in 1918. Minnie was raised and edu-



**MINNIE  
FEISTHAMEL**

cated in Laurel and following high school, she moved to Billings where she worked in Central Services at St. Vincent Hospital. She worked there on and off for more than 25 years. Between her stints at the hospital, she was employed at Billings Laundry and as a cook at NP Lunch Room at the Depot. On Feb. 8, 1926, Minnie married George Feisthamel in Laurel. Shortly after, the couple moved to Glendive for a time, but later returned to Billings where she resided until her death.

Minnie was active at St. Patrick's Co-Cathedral, a member of CDA, Alter Society, RSVP, Disabled American Veterans, and the VFW. She loved to do crafts and crochet afghans and blankets.

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She was a very talented lady, always working on various crafting projects for family and friends. Her co-workers at St. V's referred to her as the "Afghan Lady."

Minnie is survived by son George Feisthamel of Colstrip; daughters, Anna Mae Wright of Billings and Margaret Eva (Anton) Hagel of Yakima, Wash., as well as many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; 11 siblings; sons, Richard L. Feisthamel and Joseph Feisthamel; and grandson, Ricki.

Vigil Services will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 2, 2004, at Michelotti-Sawyers. Funeral Mass will be held at 12 p.m. Wednesday, March 3, at St. Patrick's Co-Cathedral, with interment to follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens. Memorials, Disabled American Veterans (DAV), St. Vincent Foundation, or the charity of one's choice.

Michelotti-Sawyers is in charge of arrangements.

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**BAKER** — Memorial services for Shirley Joyce Feisthamel, 60, of Baker, are 10 a.m. Friday, Sept. 3, at the Stevenson Funeral Home in Baker, with Father Thomas Tobin officiating. Interment will be in the Glendive Cemetery at Glendive.

Shirley passed away Saturday, Aug. 21, 2004, at Medcenter One, Bismarck, N.D.

She was born July 5, 1944, the daughter of Allen and Elsie (Anderson) Christensen, at Richardton, N.D. Shirley grew up and attended schools in the Warner area, graduating from the Warner High School.



**SHIRLEY  
FEISTHAMEL**

She attended Dickinson Teachers College, where she received her teaching certificate. Shirley moved to Glendive, where she began her teaching. Shirley was married to Anthony Feisthamel on Dec. 16, 1966, in Glendive. They remained in Glendive, where they raised their three daughters. In 1976, the family moved to Baker, where they have made their home since. While working for the Fallon County Health Nurse, Shirley became known as the shot lady to many

young children. She enjoyed reading, camping, fishing and especially being with her girls and grandchildren. Her life was surrounded by her love for her children, grandchildren and her husband of 37 years.

Survivors include her husband, Tony, Baker; three daughters, Pamela (Alan) Wetstein, Edgar, Tonia Feisthamel and Ginger (Adam) Carpani, both of Billings; three grandchildren, Brittany and Karlie Wetstein and Wyatt Carpani; two brothers, Lee (Penny) Christensen, Polson, and Alton (Judy) Christensen, Dickinson, N.D.

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

A Memorial has been established to Medcenter One Transplant Center, 300 N. Seventh St., Bismarck, ND 58501.

Remembrances and condolences can be shared with the family at [www.stevensonfuneral-home.com](http://www.stevensonfuneral-home.com).



# **Ira Felz**

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**FEB 24 2004**

**CLEARMONT, Wyo. — Ira Felz, 70, of Clearmont, died Saturday, Feb. 21, 2004, at the Sheridan VA Medical Center.**

**At his request, cremation has taken place and no memorial services will be held. Kane Funeral Home of Sheridan was in charge.**

# Phyllis Ann Hays Fenner

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**KALISPELL** — Phyllis Ann Hays Fenner died Tuesday, Oct. 19, 2004, in Kalispell.

She was born May 23, 1930, in Bozeman, to E.R. "Dick" and Olive Hays. Growing up in Helena, Phyllis was a tomboy who loved to play baseball, tag, hopscotch and ride her horse "Paint." She studied art at MSU in Bozeman and used her talent in color-tinting portraits before color photography was readily available.

In 1951, Phyllis married Darrel Fenner. After raising her three children in Columbus, Phyllis moved to the southwest, where she worked many different jobs. Her favorite was driving taxicab in Las Vegas. She retired to St. George, Utah, where she lived for 10 years before coming to Kalispell in 2003.

Surviving Phyllis is her daughter Gail of Seattle; sons Gary of Kalispell and Kevin of Los Alamos, N.M. She also leaves eight grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and sister Peggy Mannix and Bernice Weideman.

A memorial service will be held for Phyllis in Bozeman at a later date.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home caring for the family.

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**Geardean Green Ferbrache died on October 27, 2004.**

She was born November 6, 1940, in Ogden, Utah, a daughter of Chance and Luella Nicholas Green.

She has lived most of her life in Utah. Her early years were spent in Nevada where she attended school until the third grade.

She graduated from Davis High School and went to Weber College, earning her associate degree in cosmetology.

Jerry married Dillworth J. Ferbrache May 24, 1962, in the Salt Lake Temple. They had two wonderful children Julie Nezman and Kenneth Ferbrache.

Jerry always had a strong sense of family and over the years has had many of them live with her. She was always the peacemaker in the family.

She worked as a beautician in Kaysville, Utah, and as a housekeeper at Hill Air Force Base.

She was a member of the LDS Church Emerald Ward where she served in many callings, including Primary teacher, den lead-

er, Relief Society teacher and a Young Women advisor.

She is survived by her husband, Dillworth Ferbrache; her daughter, Julie (Don) Nuzman; her son, Kenneth (Ranee) Ferbrache; and seven grandchildren, Katie, Bridget, K.C., Marci, Emily, Charlynn and Eric. Also surviving are her brother, Charles (Leslie) Green; and her sister, Emma Lue (Bruce) Golithly.



**Geardean Ferbrache**

She was preceded in death by her parents and grandparents.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Oct. 30, 2004, at Lindquists Layton Mortuary. Interment followed in Lindquists Memorial Park in Layton, Utah.

# Eugene Ferderer

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**MAY 05 2004**

**HARDIN** — Eugene Ray Ferderer, 70, of Hardin, passed away Monday, May 3, 2004, at the Billings St. Vincent Healthcare, following hip surgery complications. Death was due to cardiac arrest.

Gene was born July 5, 1933, in Elgin, N.D., the son of Valentine and Carrie Bentz Ferderer. He was raised in North Dakota and received his education in Carson, N.D. He moved to Hardin in 1951. Gene married Lillian Gable on Feb. 2, 1957, in Terry. He worked for Hardin Auto Co. for four years. Later on, he went to work for Graham Staunton for a short time before starting Genes Auto Repair. In 1970-1971, Gene and Lillian owned and managed the Mint Bar for two years while still operating the auto repair and salvage company.

He loved to drive snowmobiles, cat fishing and gardening.

Survivors include his wife Lillian, two sons, Jerry and Wesley Ferderer of Hardin; two daughters, Carrie Purcell of Billings and Laurie Holland of Park City; one brother, Wilbur Ferderer of Water Lou, Wis.; two sisters, Leone Reeves of Billings and Virginia Diehl of Bismarck, N.D.; and 10 grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held 2 p.m. Thursday, May 6, at the Bullis Funeral Chapel. Interment will follow in the Hardin Fairview Cemetery. Bullis Mortuary has been entrusted with the arrangements.

## Earl Ferguson

OCT 30 2004  
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WORLAND, Wyo. — Earl Ferguson, 77, of Worland, died Wednesday, Oct. 27, 2004, in Worland.

Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Monday, Nov. 1, at the United Methodist Church in Worland. Burial will follow in Riverview Memorial Gardens in Worland. Veile Mortuary of Worland is in charge.

**Georgia Ferguson****JUN 04 2004**

**FORSYTH** — Georgia Ferguson, 76, of Forsyth, died Wednesday, June 2, 2004, at the Rosebud Health Care Center.

Visitation will be on Sunday, June 6, from 1 until 7 p.m., with family receiving friends from 5 until 7 p.m., at the chapel of Stevenson and Sons Funeral Home in Forsyth. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday, June 7, in the chapel of Stevenson and Sons Funeral Home. Burial will be in the family lot of the Forsyth Cemetery.

# Meri Bell Ferguson

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**RED LODGE** — Meri Bell Ferguson, 84, passed away Friday, Nov. 26, 2004 at Cedar Wood Villa in Red Lodge following several strokes. She

was born in Altus, Okla. on July 20, 1920, the fifth of eight children born to John Williams and Bertha Dodgin Williams. Meri married

Leroy Ferguson on Nov. 13, 1941.

While Leroy fought in WWII, Meri worked in the defense plants in California — a "Rosie the Riveter."

Leroy and Meri had two sons, Ron and Gary. After the war, Leroy worked for Humble (Exxon) Oil in Oklahoma and Denver, transferring to Billings in 1957. They later owned and operated the Hoffbrau Bar and Meri also worked as a seamstress. They were divorced in 1974.

Meri was a gifted seamstress and genuinely loved helping people. She put those talents to use by opening a bridal shop, Meri's Bridals, which she ran for over 30 years. Many Montana and Wyoming brides wore Meri's gowns as they were married and remember her helpfulness, generosity and enthusiasm.



**MERI  
FERGUSON**

Meri was preceded in death by her parents; five of her brothers and sisters; and her son, Ron. She is survived by her son, Gary, his wife, Karen, and their son, Charlie of Billings; her granddaughter, Heather and her children of San Antonio, Texas; her brother, Glen, and his wife, Fran, of Bethany, Okla.; her sister, Margie, of Denver; and many nieces and nephews.

Many people helped Meri in her last years and we thank them all. We especially remember with gratitude Donna Hernandez of the Billings Chapter for the Prevention of Elder Abuse, Todd Wood of Adult Protective Services and the staff of Cedar Wood Villa in Red Lodge for their thoughtfulness and support. Private family services are planned, but if you wish to remember Meri, memorials may be made to BCPEA, the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill, or the Montana Alzheimer Association.



**MAY 21 2004****Robert W. 'Bill' Ferguson**

**BIG TIMBER** — Robert W. "Bill" Ferguson went to be with his Lord and Savior, May 18, 2004. He was born May 23, 1928, in Forsyth, to Wallace M. and Margaret Hanrahan Ferguson.

Bill grew up on Sarpy Creek with three brothers and one sister. He was schooled on Sarpy and in Hysham, graduating from high school in 1945. On Aug. 14, 1948, Bill married his life mate, Erma H. Evarts, in Hardin. He ranched until 1966 on the family ranch in the Bitterroot. He loved training horses and cow dogs, but in 1968, his passion for flying brought him to Big Timber, where he purchased Yellowstone Air Service. Bill earned his private license in 1946 and went on to earn his commercial license with instrument, flight instructor and multi-engine ratings. He shared his passion with others, teaching many, including three sons, in south-central Montana to fly. Bill accumulated more than 20,000 hours of flight time in his 50 years of flying. Spraying, charters, selling spray planes, hunting coyotes, fish and game biologists, trappers and "The Lockheed" were his fondest memories.

Bill also loved his family, raising six children with Erma. He always looked forward to family

get-togethers with his brothers sister, nieces and nephews.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Leo and George; sister Helen; and sister-in-law Ruth.

He is survived by his wife, Erma; brother Gerald (Betty) of Hysham; sisters-in-law, Juanita of Hamilton and Eleanor of Huntley; sons and their wives, Russell and JoAnn of Livingston, Justin and Yumiko of Big Timber, Doug of Big Timber and Scott and Evelyn of Colorado; daughters Mary Helen Ferguson-Pope of Idaho and Linda (Russ) Mayer of Colorado. Bill leaves behind 18 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren, along with several nieces and nephews.

Memorial services to celebrate Bill's life will be Friday, May 21, at the Boulder Valley Baptist Church, East Fifth and Busha in Big Timber, at 2 p.m., with Pastor Tommy Price officiating.

The family requests that memorial gifts be directed to the Big Timber Volunteer Fire Dept., PO Box 264, Big Timber, MT 59011, or the charity of your choice.

## **Casper L. Ferneti**

**JUN 17 2004**

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Casper L. Ferneti, 62, of Sheridan, died Sunday, June 13, 2004, at his home.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, June 17, at Kane Funeral Home in Sheridan. His remains will be scattered at the house where he was born and married in Chicopee, Kan.

# Linda Sue Ferrel

Jan. 2, 1956 — Aug. 19, 2004

Linda Ferrel went to be with our Lord on Aug. 19, 2004, the victim of a tragic car accident. Born in Oberlin, Ohio on Jan. 2, 1956, she was the oldest child of Jim and Sue McHenry of Missoula. Raised in Rochester, Ohio, she graduated from Wellington High School in 1974 and married Randy



**LINDA  
FERREL**

Haynes. From this union, a beautiful little girl named Jillian was born. They moved to Wyoming where they later divorced. In 1996, Linda married Donald Ferrel, and they shared a very close and loving marriage. They lived briefly in Rock Island, Ill., moved to Missoula and settled in Billings.

Everyone who knew Linda knew how much she loved her husband Don, daughter Jillian and her beloved puppy Gus. Always the hostess, everyone who entered her home was met with love and affection. She was always there to help or just to listen. Linda was an accomplished cook, decorator, and added a wonderful touch to a home. She loved to sing, whether it was in the car or in a church choir. She touched

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many hearts with her beautiful voice. Linda will be greatly missed by all her family and friends.

She is survived by her husband, Don; daughter, Jillian; parents, Jim and Sue McHenry; grandmother, Bessie McHenry Swope; one brother, Dan (Vicky) McHenry; sisters, Sharon (Roy) Smith, Debbie (Allen) Mills and Patty (Jeff) Dicken; step-son, Donald (Carla) Ferrel; two grandchildren; and step-daughter, Jennifer Ferrel; along with aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Tara Lynn Haynes; grandparents, William and Virginia Samnderson and James C. McHenry; and niece, Rachel Mills.

Funeral Services will be 11 a.m., Wednesday, Aug. 25, at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary. Interment will follow.

A memorial fund will be established at Michelotti-Sawyers in Linda's name, 1001 Alderson Ave., Billings, MT, 59102.

Jesus said to her "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live." John 11:25

MAR 17 2004

LIVINGSTON — Duane Albert Ferrell, 49, of Livingston, died Sunday, March 14, 2004, at Deaconess Billings Clinic.

Visitation will be 1 to 5 p.m. Wednesday, March 17, and 9 a.m. to noon, Thursday, March 18, at Franzen-Davis Funeral Home in Livingston. Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Friday, March 19, at the funeral home. Graveside committal and burial will follow in Mountain View Cemetery.

# Pete Edward Ferster

**ABSAROKEE** — Pete Edward Ferster passed away on Dec. 25, 2004. He is finally free of the pain and illness he has suffered from for so long.

Pete was born June 6, 1946, to Harold and Helen Ferster. He was raised on the family ranch on the East Rosebud. Pete spent every spare moment at the ranch doing the things he loved the most, until illness intervened.

Pat was a graduate of Absarokee Schools and Eastern Montana College. He earned degrees in the Math and History, and taught school in Absarokee until his health deteriorated. In 1971, Pete received a kidney from his brother Ron.

Pete worked as an appraiser for the Montana Department of Revenue and was proud of earning his National Appraisers license.

Pete was one of the founders and a past president of the Broken Horn Stampede. He also was a past member of the board of directors of the Northern Rodeo Association.

Pete served several terms on the Absarokee School board, some as chairman.

Pete was passionate about Griz football, hunting and his many friends.

Pete is survived by his wife Terri; sons Richard and Cindy, Mark and Marni, all of Absarokee; daughter Jeri McCann and Kevin,

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Papillion, Neb.; grandchildren, Russel, Keri and Lane Ferster and Katie McCann; brother Ron Ferster, Peggy and family; father and mother-in-law, Bill and Marge Colgrove; brothers-in-law, Bill, Steve and Mike Colgrove and their families; special cousins, George, Francis and Harold Campbell and their families; and numerous other relatives.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be held later.

Memorials may be made to The Absarokee Ambulance Service.

# Bridgid (Gross) Fettig

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Bridgid Mary (Gross) Fettig, 82, joined her heavenly loved ones, Wednesday, Sept. 22, 2004.

Born July 28, 1922, in Linton, N.D., she became one of 23 children born to David and Magdelina Gross. Growing up with so many siblings taught her the art of survival and how to laugh in the worst of times.

Bridgid loved to make stuffed animals, dolls, go fishing, camping, dancing, gardening, baking homemade buns and bringing smiles to those around her.

She leaves behind three sisters, Helen (Mel) Holzwarth, Kate Vetch and Margaret Johnson; four daughters, Ida (John) Maciel, Shirley (Richard) Mundt, Jean (Carl) Fahrenbruck and Betty (Larry) Gribble; 12 grandkids and 21 great-grandkids; husband Wendelin Fettig; many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; 20 siblings; three husbands, Helmuth Barreth, Ed Kiel and Oscar Hatcher.

Bridgid requested that no memorial services be held and that relatives and friends should remember her with a smile. Instead of flowers, donations can be made to Easter Seals, Hospice or Deaconess Billings Clinic Health & Research Center.

The family would like to thank

all of the wonderful caregivers, doctors, nurses and staff members that help her through her times of need.

# Fred Feuerbacher III

SEP 15 2004

NYE — Fred Feuerbacher III, 56, died at his home in Nye on Monday, Sept. 13, 2004, of apparent heart failure.

Fred was born June 15, 1948, in Billings, the son of Cal Veronica Petesch and Fred Feuerbacher, Jr. He graduated from Laurel High School, then worked for the railroad until joining the army in 1968. After serving in Vietnam, he was honorably discharged in 1970. Upon returning to Laurel, he continued to work for the railroad until his retirement in 2003.

Fred's knowledge and enthusiasm for sports led to his continual involvement. He played softball, bowled, coached baseball and football, and up until the present, announced football and basketball on the local radio station. Through Fred's coaching, he touched the hearts of many young players.

Fred is survived by his wife of 17 years, Liz Feuerbacher; one son, Matt Feuerbacher of Mesa, Ariz.; one daughter, Sid Feuerbacher of Laurel; one stepson, Jason (Stacy) Laramée of Wisconsin Rapids, Wis.; and one stepdaughter, Mariah (Shane) Anderson of Billings. Fred leaves behind six grandchildren who were the loves of his life: Angel Hartleben (Laramée), Adrian, Sarah, Rachel and Matthew Anderson and Richard Hinton III. He is also survived by his mother.

Cal Feuerbacher of Laurel; sisters, Ruth (Norman) Orr of Havre, Betty (David) Neibauer of Littleton, Colo., and Carol Feuerbacher of Littleton; his mothers-in-law, numerous aunts and uncles, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, cousins, nieces and nephews.

Fred was preceded in death by his first wife, Colleen; his father, Fred; and most recently, a very special brother-in-law, Patrick Bren, who made a tremendous impact on Fred's life by his extreme courage in his battle against ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease).

Cremation services were provided by Cremation or Funeral Gallery in Billings. Vigil service will be at St. Anthony Catholic Church in Laurel at 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 16. Memorial services will be Friday, Sept. 17, at 11 a.m., at St. Anthony Catholic Church. A luncheon at the church hall will follow. There will be no interment at this time.

In lieu of flowers, memorials in Fred's honor may be made to the Special K Ranch, PO Box 479, Columbus, MT 59019, or Disabled American Veterans, 2345 Kind Ave. W., Billings, MT 59102.



# **Sister Patricia Field**

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APR 27 2004

**BUTTE —** Sister Patricia Field, also known as S. Charles Margaret, 62, of Butte, a Sister of Charity of Leavenworth (Kan.), died Sunday, April 25, 2004, at her home.

A vigil will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 27, at St. Patrick Church in Butte. The Mass of Resurrection will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, April 28, at St. Patrick Church. Dugan Funeral Home of Butte is in charge.

# Marjorie Lorraine Fiene

Our dear mother, Marjorie Lorraine Fiene, passed away at her home early Sunday morning, Feb. 15, 2004, surrounded by loved ones.

Marjorie was born Feb. 9, 1923, to Thelma and Rex Byers in Texarkana, Texas. She was raised in Arkansas and never forgot her strong southern roots. She graduated valedictorian of her high school class of 1941. After graduating from Louisiana State University in 1947 with a degree in mathematics and a minor in psychology, she became a social worker in rural Louisiana. Next, she began a career working for Mobile Oil Company in a variety of positions, which ultimately brought her out west to Montana.

An avid fisherwoman, she met her husband Bill Fiene on a fishing trip. Bill knew he had found his true love when Marge waded into the river to untangle her line. They married on Jan. 31, 1959, and spent the next 40 years enjoying each other's company. They had two daughters, Cathy and Linda, and made their home in Billings. Together, they enjoyed camping, fishing, traveling, playing cards, doing crossword puzzles and spending time with their friends and family.

Marjorie was a friend to all and her council was well sought out. Her wonderful sense of humor and her zest for living was

an example of a life well lived. She never lost her southern hospitality and was known for being a gracious hostess and a good neighbor. Marjorie was an excellent bridge player and was a sought after partner in a number of bridge groups. She was a master seamstress who could sew anything, and mended clothing for friends and family alike. She was an avid crossword puzzler who actually wore out several



**MARJORIE FIENE**

dictionaries. Marge had a lifelong interest in politics and was for many years a volunteer for the local Republican Party. She loved to engage in thoughtful debate on the issues. She also had a special place in her life for her pets. She always had a house full of animals.

Her husband Bill; her brothers, Rex Byers and Robert Byers; and her nephew, Rebbly Byers, precede her in death.

Survivors include her daughters, Cathy Lehner (Tony), Linda Fiene-Quinn (Michael); grandchildren, Tuesday and Madison Rogers, Harley and Omega Lehner, and Emma, Ian and Abigail Quinn, all of Billings. She is also survived by brother-in-law and fishing partner, Leon Wiese of Billings; "adopted daughter," Tracy Crabtree, as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

We would like to thank the staff of Big Sky Hospice, with a special thank you to Carol and Pam, and to Dr. Purcell of DBC. If so desired, memorials are suggested to Big Sky Hospice, PO Box 35033, Billings, MT 59107.

Visitations will begin Wednesday afternoon, Feb. 18, at Smith Downtown Chapel. The family will greet friends Thursday evening, Feb. 19, from 7 to 8 p.m. at the chapel. The funeral service will be 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 20, at Smith Downtown Chapel, with interment to follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

# Herbert Fighting Bear

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BIRNEY — Herbert Fighting Bear, 80, of Birney, died Feb. 12, 2004, in Billings.

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Wake services will be Monday evening, Feb. 16, at the Fighting Bear residence in Birney. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 17, in the Birney Community Hall. Interment will follow in the Birney Cemetery. Bullis Mortuary of Hardin is in charge.

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## Herbert Fighting Bear

**BIRNEY** — Herbert Fighting Bear, 80, of Birney, passed away Feb. 12, 2004.

Aenoheev'ho (Hawk Chief) was born Nov. 21, 1923, in Birney,

a son of Edgar Fighting Bear Sr.

and Mary Sandcrane. He

was a direct

descendent of

the Cheyenne

Chief Little

Wolf. He grew

up in the Birney

area and attend-

ed schools at the

old Birney Day

School. Following

his education,

he lived and worked

in the Birney

area before entering



**HERBERT  
FIGHTING  
BEAR**

the U.S. Army in 1942, served during WWII and received his honorable discharge in 1945.

Herbert married Margaret Standing Elk and the couple made their home in Birney. She died in 1999.

He was a proud member of the

Northern Cheyenne Tribe and the New Apostolic Church. He was well known for his singing abilities and was commonly referred to as an elder in the Native American Church. In his spare time, he could often be found pitching horseshoes.

His son, Robert, and daughters, Serena, Kay, Delores, Dorothy and baby girl Fighting Bear preceded him in death.

Survivors include his daughters, Nathel Fighting Bear of Lamé Deer and Marie (Herbert) Bearchum, Sr. of Ashland; his sons, Ronald of Birney, Homer (Mary) of Wyoming and Roy of New Mexico; 16 grandchildren and 33 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 17, in the Birney Community Hall. Interment with military honors will follow in the Birney Cemetery.

Bullis Mortuary of Hardin has been entrusted with the arrangements.

# Mary Elizabeth Filiault

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MILES CITY — Mary Elizabeth (Pelletier) Filiault, 37, of Miles City, died Tuesday, Aug. 3, 2004, at St. Vincent Healthcare in Billings.

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Visitation will be Sunday, Aug. 8, in the chapel of Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City, with a vigil service at 6 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. Monday, Aug. 9, at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Miles City. Interment will follow in the Calvary Cemetery.

## Breanna Louise Filkins

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**BIG TIMBER** — Breanna Louise Filkins, 22, of Big Timber, formerly of Salt Lake City, died Saturday, Nov. 6, 2004, at St. Vincent Healthcare in Billings.

Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 11, at Franzen-Davis Funeral Home in Livingston. Funeral services will be at 1:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 12, at Livingston Christian Center. Graveside committal and burial will follow in Mountain View Cemetery in Livingston.

## **Donald A. Findlay**

**SIDNEY — Donald A. Findlay, 78, died Wednesday, Jan. 7, 2004, at his home.**

**Private services are pending. Fulkerson Funeral Home is in charge.**

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**MAR 9 2004****Adolph F. "Dof" Fink**

**ROUNDUP** — Adolph Franklin "Dof" Fink, 77, of Roundup, passed away on Saturday, March 6, 2004, at the Deaconess Billings Clinic.

Dof was born on March 21, 1926, in Roundup, to George and Mary Kastelic Fink. He graduated from Roundup High School in 1944.

Dof served his country as a B-24 nose gunner from January 1944 through June 1946.

He married Eileen Eggart on Feb. 4, 1950, in Lodge Grass. To this union of 42 years of marriage brought two daughters, Mary Helen and Frances.

He worked for the State Water Board, Roundup Bottling Co., and Johnson-Nicholson Distributing until he retired in 1988.

He was preceded in death by his wife Eileen in 1992; his three brothers, Edward, his twin, who died as a child, George and Victor, and his sister, Dorothy Howry.

He is survived by his daughters Mary Helen (Jim) Meyer of Broken Arrow, Okla., and Frances (David) Bergeron of Alexandria, Va.; three grandchildren, Marisa Eileen Meyer, Jared James Meyer and Jaclyn Nicole Bergeron.

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Visitation will be from 5 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, March 10, at the Wier Funeral Chapel. Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Thursday, March 11, at the chapel. Interment with military honors will take place at the Roundup City Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Area II Agency on Aging, PO Box 127, Roundup, MT 59072, or a local charity of choice.

Wier Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

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## Daniel Fink

*THE BILLINGS GAZETTE*

LOVELL, Wyo. — Daniel Fink, 86, of Lovell, died Wednesday, July 14, 2004, at North Big Horn Hospital in Lovell.

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Cremation has taken place. Memorial services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 17, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Lovell. Haskell Funeral Home of Lovell is in charge.

## **Jon Henry Fink**

**LOVELL, Wyo.** — Jon Henry Fink, 58, was born in Billings, Oct. 30, 1946, the son of Carl J. and Maria Suzanna Roth. Jon passed away on his birthday, Oct. 30, 2004, at his home in Lovell, with his friends and family by his side, due to complications from infection from pressure sores.



**JON  
FINK**

He graduated from Lovell High School in 1965 and received his associate degree later from Northwest College in Powell. He was the only 4.0 graduate that year.

Jon was injured from an accident, December of 1965, and was left paralyzed from the chest down. He worked at the Sheriff Dept. for Big Horn County and the Lovell Police

Department as a dispatcher for over 35 years. During that time, he also worked as Secretary Treasurer for the Fire Department for 20 years.

Jon had a great love for the environment, he understood nature, as he had time to study and think about those issues. He also loved to read and write.

Jon is survived by his loyal friend, Grace Ann Robertson, as well as John Hyde and Ralph Winland; his sister, Hayla Farwell; nieces, Kim (Joe) Walker and Terri (Matthew) Fowler; nephew, Shane (Sheri) Farwell; along with aunts and uncles. He also leaves behind his dog (partner) Max; two cats, Sneak and Cricket.

Per Jon's wishes, cremation has taken place and no services are planned.

Memorials may be sent to the Lovell Library in Lovell, WY 82431.

## **William F. Fink**

SIDNEY — William F. Fink, 78, of Sidney, died Tuesday, Feb. 3, 2004, at his home.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 7, at the Pella Lutheran Church. Interment will be in the Sidney Cemetery. Fulkerson Funeral Home of Sidney is in charge.

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## **Martha Evelyn Finney**

**SANDPOINT, Idaho** — Martha Evelyn Finney, 91, passed away in Sandpoint on Aug. 19, 2004.

Private family services will be held later.

Martha was born in Marion, Ky., on Jan. 27, 1913. She grew up in Kentucky and graduated from high school. She lived in Billings for many years, working as a sales clerk in a clothing store.

In 1999, she moved to Clark Fork and then to Sandpoint in 2001.

She was a member of the Baptist church, enjoyed golf and

playing bridge.

She is survived by granddaughter Tracy Hadsell, Hope; two great-grandchildren, Teresa Wise, Boise, and Christopher Hadsell, Hope; three great-great-grandchildren, Tyler, Michael and Gabriel Wise, all in Boise; sister Elizabeth Daugherty, Indiana.

She was preceded in death by her son, Fred H. Peters; a daughter, Sharon Peters; and a granddaughter, Kari J. Laver.

Final arrangements are under the care of Coffelt Funeral Service.

## **Fern Fischer**

SIDNEY — Fern Fischer, 85, died Monday, Jan. 12, 2004, at St. Vincent Healthcare in Billings.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Friday at the Assembly of God Church. Interment will be in the Sidney Cemetery. Fulkerson Funeral Home is in charge.

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# Janet Kaye Fischer

BILLINGS GAZETTE  
NOV 17 2004

Janet Kaye Fischer passed away early Monday morning, Nov. 15, 2004, in Billings, following a battle with cancer. She had lived for 56 years.

Janet was born Dec. 19, 1947, in Glasgow, a daughter of Roy and Francis (Steinmetzger) Jenson. She received her education in Glasgow and, on Oct. 3, 1964, married Jerry Fischer. Together, they had three children and Janet worked as a waitress in several Glasgow restaurants, including Eugene's Pizza, the Elks Club and the Oasis.

In 1996, Janet and Jerry moved to Billings, where she continued her work in food service at the 4-B's Restaurant. Her most enjoyable free time was spent with her grandchildren or at a keno machine in one of the local casinos.

Survivors include her husband, Jerry; a daughter, Julie Fischer (Jay) of Saco and her children Baxter, Connor and Cassidy; two sons, Jerald, Jr. (Brenda) of Glasgow and their children Tanner, Morgan and Walker, and John (Lisa) of Billings and children Laken and Hunter; a brother,



**JANET  
FISCHER**

Merle Jenson of Alaska; and three sisters, Lillian Uphaus and Joyce Jenson, both of Glasgow, and Lois Plenger of Ely, Nev. She was preceded in death by her parents, two sisters, Carol Scott and Darlene Prokop; and a brother, Michael Jenson.

Cremation has taken place and interment of her urn will be at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 17, in the Glasgow Cemetery. Smith Downtown Chapel is assisting with arrangements.



## **Alice Empey Fisher**

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah — Alice Empey Fisher, 82, formerly of Billings, Mont., died Aug. 10, 2004, at her home.

Services were held Aug. 13 at the Mt. Olympus 9th Ward Larkins Funeral Home was in charge.

## Gay Fisher

Gay Fisher, 63, of Billings, died Thursday, Dec. 2, 2004, at the Billings Deaconess Clinic.

At her request, cremation has taken place and no services are planned. Smith Downtown Chapel is in charge.

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## Jack Fisher

ISMAY — Jack Reynolds Fisher, 88, of Ismay, died Thursday, Dec. 23, 2004, in Baker.

Visitation will be held Tuesday, Dec. 28, at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City, with family receiving friends from 5 to 7 p.m. Funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 29, at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City. Interment will follow in the Custer County Cemetery in Miles City.

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# Patty S. Fisher

5/25/1928 — 4/19/2004

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE  
APRIL ~~FEB~~ 28 2004

SUN CITY, Ariz. — Patty Fisher, 50-year resident of Billings, passed away April 19, 2004, at age 75, in her winter home in Sun City. There, she relished the warm sunshine and companionship, and the abundant wildlife that frequented her doorstep.

Patty was born the youngest of nine children to Lucy Neet and John Wesley Burkhart in Carrollton, Mo. Orphaned at a young age, she was raised lovingly by sisters and aunts in her close-knit family. She finished high school in Poplar, Mont., and set out on her own to teach school in a country schoolhouse in northern Montana at age 18. She completed a bachelor's degree at the University of Montana in Missoula, where she met and wed Garry Fisher. They were married 52 years until his death in February of 2000.

Soon after finishing school in Missoula, Patty and Garry moved to Washington, D.C., where Patty started working at the Pentagon. Upon returning to Billings in the early '50s, she spent several happy years in the employ of Mobil Oil until resigning to become a full-time mother and homemaker. She was very skilled in the home arts, including sewing and upholstery, and could

fix pretty much anything with moving parts. She loved bridge and golf, and because of her Kansas City heritage, had great appreciation for swing music of the '40s. Probably her greatest joy in later years was her garden, which she tended with great care. She had begun to travel abroad in recent years, and enjoyed that immensely. Her many lifelong friends in Billings will remember her for her sense of humor and independent nature, and also for the devoted care she gave to her husband through his final years.

Patty is survived by her only child, Allison Fisher, and son-in-law Avram Siegel of Berkeley, Calif., and her sister Sarah "Ginny" Jordan of St. Joseph, Mo., as well as numerous cousins, nieces and nephews on the Burkhart side of the family. She also remained close with Garry's nephews Bill and Rick Sayre who reside on the East Coast.

Cremation has taken place in Sun City, and a memorial is planned for sometime this summer in Billings. In lieu of sending flowers to next of kin, it is suggested that people might plant a tree or flowers in her memory. Those who prefer charitable contributions might consider a donation toward Alzheimer's or lymphoma research.

# Memorial for Patty Fisher

5/25/1928 - 4/19/2004

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Patty passed away in April at her winter home in Sun City, Ariz.

In lieu of services, friends are invited to gather in her memory on Sunday, Sept. 12 between 2 and 5 p.m. at George Henry's Restaurant, 404 N. 30th St. in Billings. Light fare and beverages will be served. Please call 652-3489 or 656-5296 to RSVP on or before Wednesday(9/08).



**PATTY  
FISHER**

## Robert E. Fisher

THE GREAT FALLS GAZETTE

APR 27 2004

LEWISTOWN — Robert E. "Rob" Fisher, 47, died Saturday, April 24, 2004, at St. Vincent Healthcare in Billings, due to complications from an aneurysm.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday, April 29, at the Fergus Center for the Performing Arts. Interment will be in the Central Montana Memorial Gardens. Creel Funeral Home of Lewistown is in charge.

## **Roger L. Fisher**

BYHALIA, Miss. — Roger L. Fisher, 53, of Byhalia, formerly of Lewistown, Mont., died Thursday, Feb. 19, 2004, at his home, of an apparent heart attack.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 27, at the Cloyd Funeral Home Chapel in Lewistown. Interment will follow in the Lewistown City Cemetery.

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# Vinette Bell Parrish Fisher, 91

**KALISPELL** — Vinette Bell Parrish Fisher, 91, passed away on March 4, 2004, at Brendan House in Kalispell. Vinette was born April 9, 1912, in Lewistown, to Fred and Mary Bell. Vinette attended grade school and high school in Lewistown, graduating in 1929. Vinette then attended the University of Montana and Wilsons Business College.

While working at Moritz and Parrish Truck Lines in Lewistown, she met her future husband, Elton G. Parrish. They were married in 1937. They had two children, a son, Bradley Parrish of Lewistown, and Marilyn Eberly (Ed) of Kalispell. Vinette and Elton moved to Great Falls in 1968, where Vinette was the Big Sky Girl Scout Executive Director from 1968 to 1980, when she retired. Vinette and Elton then spent their summers in Montana and winters in Arizona, later moving to Arizona, where Elton died in 1987. Vinette then married Frank Fisher, who died in 1999. Vinette moved to Kalispell in 1998 and had been residing at Windward Place, where she was surrounded by loving and kind staff.

Vinette was an Episcopalian since she was first married. She was a member of St. James Church in Lewistown and

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Church of Incarnation in Great Falls. She was a member of Alpha Phi Sorority, past president of Soroptimist, Marie Chapter #36 Order of Eastern Star, Daughters of the King, Girl Scouts of America, American Contract Bridge, Veterans Auxiliary WWI, Grand Cross of Colors of the Order of Rainbow.

She was preceded in death by her husbands and her brother, Jack Bell. In addition to her two children, she is survived by her grandchildren, Trevor Parrish (Donya) of Helena, Andrea Renner (George) of Waverly, Tenn., Mark Eberly of Boise, Idaho, and Angela Newcomb of Charleston, S.C., together with five great-grandchildren. She also leaves her sister, Mary Louise Smith (Emmett) of Alberton, along with several nieces and one nephew; a sister-in-law, Mary Bell of Big Timber, and Sharon Parrish of Helena, a very special friend. Cremation has taken place and a memorial service is planned for later in the year.

Suggested memorials for Vinette are Big Sky Girl Scouts, PO Box 7128, Great Falls, MT 59405, Christ Church Episcopal, Kalispell, or Hospice at Home Options, 175 Commons Loop, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home caring for the family.

## Carla Jean Fitch

THE JORDAN GAZETTE

JORDAN — Carla Jean Fitch, 47, of Jordan, died Tuesday, Nov. 30, 2004, at the family ranch.

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Visitation will be from 1 to 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 3, at the Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Jordan. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 4, at the VFW Hall in Jordan. Interment will follow in Steve's Fork Cemetery.

## Carla Jean Fitch

**JORDAN** — Carla Jean Fitch, age 47, of Jordan, passed away at the family ranch in Jordan, on Nov. 30, 2004.

Carla was born in Sidney on May 4, 1957, the daughter of Ron and Georgia (South) Carter.

Carla and her family moved to Jordan when she was 9 years old.

Carla and Monte were married on Sept 17, 1973. They moved to the family ranch and spent the next 31 years there.

Carla enjoyed craftwork and gardening. She loved holding babies! If there was a baby anywhere around, it's a sure bet Carla was holding it. Carla liked caring for young people and was happiest when her children, nieces, nephews and their friends were around. She was a member Montana Wool Grower Association and the Woman's VFW Auxiliary.

Mustang sports was a favorite



**CARLA  
FITCH**

of Carla's as she watched Kyle and the rest of the teams play ball!

Carla is survived by her husband, Monte Fitch of Jordan; her son Kyle Fitch of Jordan; her parents, Fred and Georgia Schmidt of Gillette, Wyo.; and sisters Rhonda (Pat) Gaffield, Debbie Ledbetter and Sherry Orcutt and Shelly (Leoard) Beisel, all of Gillette; two brothers, Jim Carter of Gillette, Joe Schmidt of Brooklyn Center, Minn. She was preceded in death by her father; daughter Ashley Nicole Fitch in 1991; and son Justin Wheeler Fitch in 1998.

Visitation will be held on Friday, Dec. 3, from 1 to 6 p.m. at the Stevenson and Sons Funeral Home in Jordan. Funeral services will be held on Saturday, Dec. 4, at 10 a.m., at the VFW Hall in Jordan. Interment will follow Steve's Fork Cemetery.

Condolences may be sent to the family by visiting: [www.stevensonandsons.com](http://www.stevensonandsons.com). If desired, memorials may be made to the Jordan Ambulance Fund or to the charity of one's choice.

**JUL 8 - 2004**

HELENA — M.B. FitzGerald, known to all as "Brooks," passed away on July 3, 2004, in Helena, at age 91.

A longtime Billings resident, Brooks was born July 21, 1912, in Glen Ridge, N.J. After graduating from Rutgers in 1935, he earned his MBA at night from New York University while working for Standard Oil.

On Sept. 3, 1938, he made the best decision of his life when he married Beatrice "Bebe" Davis. Together, they had sons Bill, Bob and Paul.



**BROOKS  
FITZGERALD**

During WWII, Brooks was the assistant director of the Refinery Construction Division, overseeing the building of 100 gasoline war plants.

After the war, Standard Oil transferred Brooks to Billings to assist in the conversion of plants, service stations and bulk plants to Carter Oil (later called Exxon.) After a transfer to Denver, Brooks and Bebe decided to return to Billings, where Brooks and partners formed the SOS Sign Company. He held other jobs in life insurance sales and oil refinery administration. A gifted salesman who won virtually every sales contest, Brooks ended

his career working for Epcon Sign Company and later Billings Neon Sign. He retired at 85.

Brooks gave generously to civic groups, and used his sales ability to lead fundraising campaigns for many worthwhile civic causes including the Billings Chamber of Commerce. He served as Vice President and Director of the Billings Chamber, a director of the Billings Kiwanis Club, and trustee of the First Congregational Church, in addition to other civic groups.

An avid fisherman and photographer, Brooks made four award-winning environmental documentaries: "Land of the Pink Snow," "Big Medicine," "A Legal Crime" (about the 1872 mining law) and "The Gates of Hell." Proceeds from the 1965 premiere of "The Gates of Hell" at the World Theater in Billings were given to the Yellowstone Art Center to assist in its conversion of the county jail to an art museum.

Brooks was known for his tenacity and never quitting. So it wasn't surprising that he took up marathons in his 60s and 70s, running his last Helena Governor's Cup marathon at age 75. He held the age class record for 70+. His last major event was a 9-mile run as part of the centennial run across Montana in 1989. At age 77, he was the oldest runner to participate.

Brooks was preceded in death by his beloved wife Bebe and his son Paul. He is survived by his son Bill and daughter-in-law Vicki of Helena; his son Bob and daughter-in-law Pam Carlson of Helena; by grandchildren Jami and Clint Romney and their children Kaiden and Kamas of Ninemile, Geoff and Kristi Fitzgerald of Culver, Ore., Aaron Blodreau, a student at Rocky Mountain College, and Alex Blodreau of Helena.

No memorial services are planned. The family requests that any memorials be sent to Montana Audubon (of which Bebe was the first state president) at Box 995, Helena, MT 59624 or the Nature Conservancy at 32 S. Ewing, Helena, MT 59601.

## **Maxine Fjeld**

**SCOBEEY** — Maxine Fjeld, 85, died Tuesday, May 4, 2004, at the Daniels Memorial Hospital in Scobey.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 8, at the Waller Funeral Home chapel in Scobey. Burial will be in the Scobey cemetery.

**WALLER FUNERAL HOME**

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# Ron 'Fitz' Fjelstad

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Ron Fjelstad, 62, of Billings, passed away Jan. 29, 2004, while traveling through Central America with his brother.

He was born Oct. 7, 1941, in Williston, N.D.

He was preceded in death by his father, Marvin.

Survivors include two sons, Kevin and Scott; and two daughters, Kelly and Kris. He had one grandson, Adam Tandy.

He is also survived by his mother, Vera; sister, Judy Spillane and her husband, Mike; and brother, Jerry and his wife, Gloria.

Cremation has taken place in Managua, Nicaragua, and in accordance with his wishes, no services are planned.



**RON  
FJELSTAD**

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**MAY 08 2004**

## **Brian Wesley Flack**

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Brian Wesley Flack, 21, of Sheridan, died Wednesday, May 5, 2004, at St. Vincent Healthcare in Billings.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 8, at Sheridan Junior High School. Kane Funeral Home of Sheridan is in charge.



## Thomas Allen Flack

OCT 26 2004  
LIVINGSTON GAZETTE

LIVINGSTON— Thomas Allen Flack, 56, of Livingston, died Sunday, Oct. 24, 2004, at his sister's home.

Funeral services will be at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 28, at Franzen-Davis Funeral Home in Livingston. Graveside committal and burial will follow in Mountain View Cemetery, Livingston.

# Audrey 'Viola' Flagen

**FROID** — Audrey "Viola" Flagen, age 79, of Froid, passed away on Sept. 30, 2004, at the Sidney Health Center, after a courageous battle with cancer. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, Oct. 2, at 2 p.m., at the Froid Lutheran Church in Froid.

Viola was born in Galatia, Kan., on Feb. 6, 1925, to Gottlieb and Maria (Korbmacher) Luft. She grew up on the family farm near Froid. She attended school in Froid and graduated from Culbertson High School. Viola received a teaching degree from Northern Montana College in Havre, and taught at Flat Center Country School west of Homestead for two years. She married Forrest Flagen on Sept. 8, 1946, in Froid. They were engaged in farming and raised their children there on the family farm.

Viola was well known for her love of cooking, baking and canning. She enjoyed her garden, flowers and houseplants. Viola was an avid reader, loved crossword puzzles and enjoyed watching Jeopardy. Her quick wit kept many people on their toes. One of her many great joys was substitute teaching at the Froid School and working at and giving tours at the Culbertson Museum. She had a great love for children and was a #1 Froid Cardinal fan, attending many of the home games. She especially enjoyed attending her

grandchildren's many activities.

Viola is survived by her four children, Dennis (Sherry) Flagen of Poplar, Deane (Twila) Flagen of Homestead, Daryl (Kathy) Flagen of Fairview and Doreen (Kevin) Martin of Culbertson; a brother, William (Anna) Luft of Culbertson; and sisters, Lenora (Vic) Erdahl of Apache Junction, Ariz., and Josephine (Harvey) Chell of Billings; and 12 grandchildren, Nicole Struck and Ross Flagen, Kimberly and Lane Flagen, Kile, Chase and Dylan Martin, and Lynden, Drew, Richelle, Tristen and Marinna Flagen. She was preceded in death by her husband, Forrest; her parents; brothers David and Victor Luft; and sisters Pauline Folvag and Delores Eschenbacher.

Cremation has taken place. A private burial will be held at a later date.

## **Robert J. Flanagan**

CODY, Wyo. — Robert J. Flanagan, 76, passed away Sunday, Jan. 11, 2004, at the West Park Hospital.

Rosary will be recited at 7 p.m. Friday, and a memorial Mass is at 10 a.m. Saturday, both at St. Anthony Catholic Church. Interment is at Riverside Cemetery. Ballard Funeral Home is in charge.

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## **Lydia Fleming**

MILES CITY — Lydia Lea Fleming, 73, of Miles City, died Monday, Feb. 2, 2004, at the Holy Rosary Extended Care.

Visitation will be Friday, Feb. 6, in the chapel of Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City. Family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 7, at the First Presbyterian Church, with a luncheon to follow at the church. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, at the Knowlton Cemetery.

## Vera S. Fleming

PLENTYWOOD — Vera S. Fleming, 84, died Sunday, May 30, 2004, at Sheridan Memorial Nursing Home in Plentywood.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, June 3, at Fulkerson Memorial Chapel in Plentywood. Interment of cremated remains is planned in the family plot at St. Mary's Cemetery in Missoula.

MISSOULA GAZETTE

JUN 03 2004

# William "Bill" Fleming

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DEC 15 2004

**HARLOWTON** — William "Bill" Fleming passed away on Dec. 11, 2004, following a short illness. Bill was born on Nov. 24, 1920 in Terry, to Thomas Jefferson Fleming and Norma (Proudfoot) Fleming. He was a graduate of Custer County High School in Miles City.

Bill had a very strong work ethic and believed that nothing was worth having unless you worked hard for it. Bill worked in the coal mines with his father, worked on several ranches as a ranch hand and also worked as an automobile mechanic. Eventually, Bill worked for the Milwaukee Rail Road and remained with the Milwaukee until his retirement in 1980.

In September 1953, Bill married Ardis "Jan" Mooney in Miles City. In September 2004, Bill and Jan celebrated 51 years of marriage.

Bill loved anything to do with the outdoors and was able to embrace this passion until three weeks prior to his death. His children and grandchildren have marveled at his ability to remain active and independent. As a matter of fact, they aspire to be able to do the same when they are in their 80s.

Bill is survived by his wife, Jan, of Harlowton; two daughters, Tamara (Larry) Mager of

Harlowton, Becky Jo (Joseph) Siebenaler of East Helena; one son, Rodney (Dixie) Fleming of Helena; and a daughter, Karen, from a previous marriage. He is also survived by 10 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews; and his special kitty, "Pixey."

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be held in Bill's honor Saturday, Dec. 18, at 2 p.m., at Perkins Funeral Home, Harlowton, with burial to follow.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be made in Bill's name to the Upper Musselshell Sportsman Association in Harlowton or a charity of one's choice.

*"Fishing is much more than casting and retrieving and playing your catch. It's the wind in your face, and the sound of waking birds as the sun peeks over the horizon. It's discovering the magic in each new place and unlocking the mysteries that lurk there, both above and below the surface."* — A quote by a wise old outdoorsman.

## Barney Flesch

LEWISTOWN — Barney Flesch, 71, died Tuesday, Oct. 19, 2004, at St. Vincent Healthcare in Billings, due to injuries sustained from an accidental gunshot wound.

A memorial mass will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 23, at St. Leo's Catholic Church. Cremation has taken place. Inurnment will be in Mount Calvary Cemetery. Creel Funeral Home of Lewistown is in charge.

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## **Bruce Flesch**

**OCT 28 2004  
DELLINGS GAZETTE**

PONY — Bruce E. Flesch, 53, of Pony, died Sunday, Oct. 24, 2004, at his home.

The funeral will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 28, at K&L Mortuary in Harrison. Interment will be in Valley View Cemetery in Pony.



## **Jim Flesland**

THERMOPOLIS, Wyo. — Jim Flesland, 66, died Monday, March 15, 2004, at the Wyoming Medical Center in Casper.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, March 19, at the First Baptist Church in Thermopolis. Mortimore Funeral Home of Thermopolis is in charge.

WYOMING GAZETTE

MAR 18 2004



**GERI FLETCHER**

## **Geraldine Gladys 'Geri' Fletcher**

Geri Fletcher passed away Aug. 19, 2004, in Billings. Born to Bernhardt and Gladys Seadar Beyl, April 19, 1940, in Cartersville, she had six brothers and a sister.

She graduated from Billings Senior High in 1958. Geri was married to Leo Glatt from 1959 to 1980 and then married Dick Fletcher in 1982.

Geri was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Richard William "Sonny" Beyl of Billings and Donald E. Beyl of Sheridan, Wyo.

Survivors include her husband, Dick Fletcher of Billings; stepdaughter, Tonya Renee (Cyrono) Campbell; stepson, Richard Fletcher II (Angie) of Panama City, Fla.; step-granddaughters, Kristyanna and Alexis Campbell; and step-grandsons Dakota and Christopher Fletcher; brothers, Wilmer

Fredrick "Bud" Beyl of Phoenix, Mr. and Mrs. Ron Beyl of White Sulphur Springs, Gary and Donna Beyl, Robert and Connie Beyl of Oklahoma City, Okla.; and one sister, Mr. and Mrs. John (Cathy) Moran of Oreville, Wash. She is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews.

Cremation will take place and a memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 23, at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary.

Michelotti-Sawyers is in charge of arrangements.

# **Roger Merrill Flick**

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**NOV 29 2004**

CODY, Wyo. — Roger Merrill Flick, 71, died Saturday, Nov. 27, 2004 at his home.

Cremation has taken place. There will be no services at his request.

Ballard Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

## **Robert Flockhart**

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Robert Flockhart, 72, of Sheridan, died Thursday, Aug. 12, 2004, at Memorial Hospital of Sheridan County.

Cremation has taken place in Sheridan. Memorial services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, Aug. 16, at Kane Funeral Home in Sheridan.

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# Charlotte Rose Flohr

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

FEB 29 2004

On Wednesday, Feb. 25, 2004, after a long-fought battle to remain with her loved ones, the most brave and beautiful person we've ever known, our mother, Charlotte Rose Flohr, said her goodbyes and peacefully moved on to the happier place that she so richly deserved. Mother — we will miss you. We will celebrate you. We will give thanks for having had you all the days of our lives.



**CHARLOTTE  
FLOHR**

Charlotte was born in Billings on Dec. 29, 1941, the ever-smiling and accepting daughter of Matthew Schafnitz and Verda Blankenship. She graduated from Senior High in 1960, and attended Billings Business College. After working for Montgomery Ward in the accounting department, Charlotte moved on to manage the office of Go Sportsman, and in doing so, found the sportsman in herself. She discovered she loved to fish, camp and otherwise relax in the peaceful quiet of the outdoors with her family and friends. She had trouble starting a fire, but ever the optimist, she said it was nothing lighter fluid couldn't fix.

Married to our father. James

H. Flohr for 10 years before his passing, our Mom finished the job of raising three great children, Toni Sammartino, 38, of Billings; Traci Flohr, 34, of Billings; and Shane Flohr, 28, of Galesberg, Ill.

Charlotte is survived by her children; mother, Verda; sister, Darlene Pekovich; brothers, Sherman Schafnitz, Ted Schafnitz, Matt Schafnitz, and brother in spirit, Don Blankenship. She goes to be reunited with her father whom she always adored, her husband, her baby brother, Toby Schafnitz and brother, Louie Schafnitz. Charlotte also has four beautiful grandchildren that she goes to watch over, Nikko Sammartino (15), Rhys Sammartino (10), Hayden Flohr (5), and Croix Flohr (5 months); as well as the loving spouses of her children, Micheal Sammartino and Melissa Flohr.

Mom, we hope this day finds you dancing, laughing and once again in the company of those that you love - not an end, but a beautiful joyful beginning.

Funeral Services will take place at 10 a.m., March 2, at Ocee Johnson Chapel, in Chapel Court at St. John's Lutheran Ministries, 3940 Rimrock Rd, Billings. Interment will be held at 1:30 p.m. in Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Memorials may be made to Northern Rockies Radiation Cancer Treatment Center, 1041 12th Ave. N., Billings, MT 59101, or the charity of one's choice.

Michelotti-Sawyers is in charge of arrangements.

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## Reynaldo Saldana Flores

APR 22 2004

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Wednesday, April 21 for Renaldo Saldana Flores, 69, Powell, who died Saturday, April 17 at the Powell Nursing Home.

Father Pete Johnson officiated at services and burial in Crown Hill Cemetery.

He was born Feb. 8, 1935, in Crystal City, Texas, to Pioquinto and Enriqueta (Saldana) Flores. He married Helena Marshall Oct. 7, 1952, in Moorhead, Minn.

He spent his working years as a farm laborer. He liked gardening and assembling puzzles.

Survivors include his wife Helena Flores of Powell; sons, Reynaldo Flores, Jr. of Minneapolis, Minn., and Ramon Flores of Powell; daughters, Mary Flores of Fremont, Nebr., Betty Lauden of Worland, Rose Soria of Minneapolis, Darlene Escobedo of Powell, Stella Alonzo and Antonia Flores, both of Fremont, Nebr., and Rebecca Flores of Powell; brothers, Pedro Flores of Powell, Juan Flores of Lubbock, Texas, Eligio Flores of Minnesota, Guillermo Flores of Crystal City, Texas, David Flores of Milwaukee, Wisc., Daniel Flores of Billings, Mont., and Jose Flores of Colorado Springs, Colo.; 31 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a daughter, Carolina Flores; and a brother, Abel Flores.

## **Opal L. Florida**

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JAN 16 2004

CODY, Wyo. — Opal I. Florida, 85, died Thursday, Jan. 15, 2004, at the West Park Long Term Care Center.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at the Meeteetse Cemetery. Ballard Funeral Home is in charge.



MISSOULA — Edward Lee Focher, 70, of Missoula, died of natural causes Saturday, July 17, 2004, at The Village Health Care Center.

He was born Jan. 5, 1934, in Billings, to Edward and Vivian Focher. He grew up on a farm near Ballantine and graduated in 1952 from Huntley Project High School in Worden.

Having a natural talent and love of music, he received several music scholarships while attending UM beginning in 1952.

At UM, he was active in the Jubileers, the Community Theater, and starred in several local music productions, including "Carousel," directed by Carroll O'Connor in 1956.

Survivors include his daughter, Kathy Bell, Panama City, Fla.; three sons, Ed Focher, Spokane, Wash., Larry Focher, Missoula, and Andy Focher, Charleston, S.C.; a brother, Norman Focher, Wisdom; a sister, Thora Dexter, Billings; six granddaughters; two great-grandsons.

Services will be Friday, Aug. 6, 2 p.m., at Unity Church, 546 S. Ave. West, Missoula.

He is loved and will be missed by many.

## Anton C. "Tony" Focht

Anton C. "Tony" Focht died of congestive heart failure April 3, 2004, at St. Vincent Healthcare.

Tony was born in Gladstone, N.D., July 27, 1921, to George and Ann Arnold Focht. He attended grade school and high school in Gladstone.



**TONY  
FOCHT**

Tony attended Dickinson State College from 1939 to 1941, then moved to Mansfield, Ohio, where he was employed by Pennsylvania Railroad. He joined the U.S. Army in 1942 and served nearly four years, including two years in the South Pacific.

He participated in amphibious landing of Leyte, Philippine Islands and Okinawa. He served as forward observer for the field artillery and was awarded a Gold Star.

Tony attended the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks after his discharge from military service and graduated with a degree in Journalism.

His first newspaper assignment was for the Hungry Horse News in Columbia Falls. From there he branched to newspapers in Bozeman, Idaho Falls, Idaho, and finally joined the advertising staff at the Billings Gazette. He retired in 1992 as National

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Advertising Manager.

Tony married Marie McGowan of Helena in 1950 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Helena. Their marriage was blessed by two daughters, Teresa Marie and Judith Ann.

Tony was an active and devoted member of St. Pius X Church. Until he was incapacitated by rheumatoid arthritis he served as a Proclaimer and Eucharistic Minister. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus, Elk's Club, and Veteran's of Foreign Wars.

Tony is survived by his wife Marie; daughters Teresa (Gary) Hobson of Portland, Ore., Judy (Paul) St. Sauver; granddaughters Tonya Nicole Arnord, Kathleen and Sarah; and five brothers and four sisters. Tony was preceded in death by his parents, sisters Teresa Focht and Mary Gotterbarn.

Tony was a devoted husband and father. He enjoyed fishing, reading and a game of bridge. He can be described as a gentle and kind man who was respected by all who met him.

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, April 7, at St. Pius X Church. Rite of Committal will be in the colum-

barium at Calvary Cemetery following the service.

Memorials may be made to St. Vincent DePaul, 2610 Montana Ave., Billings, MT 59101, St. Plus X Church, 717 18th St. W, Billings, MT 59102, or the charity of one's choice.

Michelotti-Sawyers is in charge of arrangements.

## Betty M. Fogg

**GILLETTE GAZETTE**

GILLETTE, Wyo. — Betty M. Fogg, 66, of Gillette, died Wednesday, March 24, 2004, at her home, of natural causes.

**MAR 27 2004**

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, March 29, at the Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home Chapel in Gillette.

FLAXVILLE — Robert Allen Foldesi died Thursday, July 22, 2004, at the Sheridan Memorial Hospital in Plentywood.

JUL 24 2004

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Monday, July 26, at Zion Lutheran Church in Flaxville. Burial of ashes will be at a later date. Waller Funeral Home of Scobey is in charge.

# Sloan Trevor Follet

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FRAZER — Sloan Trevor Follet, 18, died Tuesday, April 27, 2004.

APRIL 29 2004

Visitation will begin at 3 p.m. Thursday, April 29, with a prayer service at 7 p.m. at the Oswego Community Hall. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, April 30, at the Frazer High School Gymnasium. Interment will be in St. Joseph Cemetery. Clayton Stevenson Memorial Chapel is in charge.

## Ottilia Follmer

SEP 6 2004  
BILLINGS GAZETTE

Ottilia Follmer, 93, formerly of Baker, died Friday, Sept. 3, 2004, at Aspen Meadows Nursing Home.

Visitation is from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday at the Stevenson Funeral Home in Baker. Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the First Baptist Church in Plevna with burial in the Plevna Community Cemetery.

**Don Foltz****MAY 29 2004**

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Don Foltz, 79, of Sheridan, died Monday, May 24, 2004, at Memorial Hospital of Sheridan County.

A rosary will be at 7 p.m. Sunday, May 30, at Kane Funeral Home in Sheridan. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. Monday, May 31, at Holy Name Catholic Church. Interment will be Tuesday, June 1, at Black Hills National Cemetery in Sturgis, S.D.



# Maxine Betty Fontaine

CODY, Wyo. — Maxine Betty Fontaine, 79, died Friday, Aug. 27, 2004, at West Park Hospital.

Visitation will be at Ballard Funeral Home from 5-7 p.m., Monday, Aug. 30. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 31. Interment will follow in Riverside Cemetery.

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# mark Lionell Foos

Mark Lionell Foos, 55, of Billings, beloved husband, father, son, brother and friend, died early Friday morning, March 5, 2003, at his home.

Mark was born Sept. 12, 1948, in Billings, the son of Ted and Jeanine Foos. He graduated from Senior High in 1967, and served his country in the Army during the Vietnam crisis, but was not overseas.



**MARK FOOS**

Mark was a lover of family, friends and the challenges this life has. Daily he fought hard against the cancer battling in his body. He and Sheila were married May 1, 1992, in Billings, and have been the owners of City Cab and Transportation Services serving the community.

Mark loved our Lord Jesus and lovingly and gladly served as a member of the Billings Seventh Day Adventist Church (West End) and more recently in the Heights Seventh Day Adventist Church. Even while battling cancer, he would sing praises and thank God for the many blessings bestowed upon him and his family.

He is survived by his parents Ted and Jeannine Foos; wife, Sheila; and son, Jordan, all of

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Billings; his daughter, Melissa, of Grand Junction, Colo.; his brother, Kelly (Jackie) of Las Vegas; brother, Kevin of Billings; brother, Mike (Sonja) of Gillette, Wyo., and sister, Leann (Anthony) Ulmer of Palm City, Fla.; his grandmother, Jenny Willson, of Billings, and many other extended loving family members.

Mark, you truly were a man of Psalm 1. We will all love and miss you, and remember you till we meet again in Heaven.

Visitations will begin Tuesday morning at Smith Downtown Chapel. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, March 10, at the Seventh Day Adventist Church, 3200 Broadwater. Cremation will follow the services. Memorials are suggested to the Northern Rockies Cancer Center.

# Kiefer LaVoy Foote Sr.

THE SIOUX FALLS GAZETTE

APR 22 2004

POPLAR — Kiefer LaVoy Foote Sr., 47, died Sunday, April 18, 2004, in Poplar.

A wake will begin at 3 p.m. Friday, April 23, at the Poplar Cultural Center, with a prayer service at 7 p.m. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 24, at the Poplar Cultural Center. Burial will be in the Box Elder Cemetery. Clayton Stevenson Memorial Chapel is in charge.

APR 23 2004

POPLAR — Kiefer LaVoy Foote Sr., 47, passed away on Sunday, April 18, 2004, in Poplar.

Kiefer was born March 3, 1957, in Poplar, to Joseph Alfred Foote and Rita Youngman Foote. He

attended school in Poplar, Pierre, S.D., and Flandreau, S.D. After high school, he worked for A & S Tribal Industries until 1991. He made many items and built things for



**KIEFER  
FOOTE**

family and friends and excelled in carpentry. In Flandreau, he lettered in tennis and managed track, cross-country and basketball. He was a member of the Native American Church. He traveled to Thailand as a spiritu-

al advisor for an economic development awareness symposium and traveled the country giving help as needed, in a spiritual manner.

Kiefer's hobbies included painting, music (all kinds), fishing, playing cards (cribbage), swimming and camping at Bear Butte, S.D. He started Sun Dancing in the early '80s. He Sun Danced in South Dakota and Chelsea for many years. He is well known as a singer and has sung for Sun Dance and Yuwipi ceremonies. Kiefer's walk of life was the Red Road.

He is preceded in death by his father, Joseph Foote; four aunts, Sylvia Foote, Nettie Youngman, Christine Youngman and Josephine Youngman; two uncles, Douglas Youngman, Sr. and Larry Youngman; grandfathers, Bill Youngman, Sr. and Albert William Foote; and grandmother, Josephine Foote.

He is survived by his mother, Rita Youngman Long Chase of Poplar; four sisters, Cheyenne Foote and Cissy (Loren) Yellow

Hawk of Poplar, Laura (Richard) Ledesma of Albuquerque, N.M., and Denise (DJ) Jones of Denver; four brothers, Albert (Nancy) Foote, Sr., Frank (Reba) DeMarrias, and James DeMarrias of Poplar, and George DeMarrias, Jr. of California; a half-brother, Jerry Rowland of Lame Deer; adopted brothers, Joe Teona of North Dakota and Calvin (Myrna) First, Sr. of Poplar; three daughters, Deena Necklace of Billings, Kira Foote of Wolf Point and Feather Main of Ft. Belknap; three sons, Thunder Drum Foote, Kiefer Foote, Jr., and Ray LaVoy Foote, all of Wolf Point; his companion, JoLee Blue Feather; his first wife, Carol Foote of Wolf Point; Karen Yellow Robe, Ray's mother; Nona Maine, Feather's mother of Ft. Belknap; two uncles, William (Bill) Youngman, Jr. and Mike Youngman, Sr., both of Poplar; four aunts, Florence (Wospi) Eagleman of Poplar, Nellie Spillman of Lame Deer, Amy Foote and Inez Foote of Ashland; adopted father Dan (Barbara) Garfield and his children Tracie (Jim) Zoanni, Joy (Ted) Toavs, Duane (Pauline) Garfield, Ronnie (Denise) Garfield, Mervin Garfield all of Wolf Point and Faith (Daniel) Yanez of Phoenix; an adopted mother, Hazel Abrahamson of Omak, Wash.; and numerous adopted relatives through the Red Road.

Kiefer's last words were "All my relations."

Wake and prayer service will be on Friday, April 23, at 7 p.m. at the Poplar Cultural Center. Funeral service will be Saturday, April 24, at 10 a.m. at the Poplar Cultural Center. Burial will be in the Box Elder Cemetery. Condolences may be sent to [csmc@nemontel.net](mailto:csmc@nemontel.net) or [www.stevensonandsons.com](http://www.stevensonandsons.com). Clayton Stevenson Memorial Chapel is entrusted with arrangements.

## **Kaleigh Rose Ford**

***THE BILLINGS GAZETTE***

**JUL 7 - 2004**

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Kaleigh Rose Ford, 18, of Sheridan, died Friday, July 2, 2004.

Memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, July 7, at the Sheridan High School Auditorium. Champion Ferries Funeral Home of Sheridan is in charge.

## **Elaine Forman**

**MILES CITY — Elaine Rae Forman, 74, of Miles City, died Friday, Oct. 1, 2004, at the Holy Rosary Health Center in Miles City.**

**The family will receive friends from 2:30 to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 5, at the chapel of Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City. Interment will follow at a later date.**

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# Mary Ann Formanack

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Mary Ann Formanack, 71, went to be with God and her beloved husband on Oct. 17, 2004.

Mary Ann entered this life on July 28, 1933 in Baggs, Wyo., the daughter of Rhonald Iverson and Marian Hays Iverson. Her youth was spent happily in Hardin. She graduated from Hardin High School in 1951. On Jan. 6, 1956, she married the love of her life, Robert W. Formanack.



**MARY ANN  
FORMANACK**

They passed the early years of their marriage on their farm near Lodge Grass. These were happy years for Mary Ann and her young family. In 1966, Mary Ann and Bob moved their family to Red Lodge, where they lived for 34 years. Most recently, Mary Ann divided her time between her home in Billings and Green Valley, Ariz.

Mary Ann was preceded in death by her husband, Robert W. Formanack; her mother, Marian Hays Iverson; her father, Rhonald Iverson; and her brother, Dean Iverson. She is survived by her three children, Greg (Beth) Formanack of Kona, Hawaii, Dana (Ron) Kuehn of Independence, Minn., and Lisa Randall of Spokane, Wash. She loved and

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cherished her grandchildren, Josh Kuehn, Laura Kuehn, Jaybee Deleon and Jason Formanack. She is also survived by her favorite niece, Mary Murphrey of Laurel.

Mary Ann lived life to its fullest. She and Bob traveled to nearly every continent in the world. They were interested in learning about the history and cultures of the world. Mary Ann and Bob enjoyed classical and jazz music, attending concerts whenever possible. Mary Ann particularly enjoyed spending time with family and friends. She enjoyed playing bridge and was extremely fond of her birthday clubs and church groups.

Mary Ann was a member of the Mayflower Church in Billings and the Good Shepherd UCC Church in Green Valley.

Memorials can be sent to the Mary Ann Formanack Memorial Fund, c/o the Good Shepherd Church, 17750 S. La Canada Rd, Sahuarita, AZ 85629.

Memorial services will be 2 p.m. Friday, Oct. 22, at Mayflower Congregational Church. Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary has charge of arrangements.



# Douglas 'Shane' Forney

OCT 1 2004

Douglas Shane Forney, 50, passed away from cancer, Wednesday, Sept. 29, 2004, at his home in Billings.

Shane was born the son of Homer and Della Forney on Dec. 29, 1953. He was raised on the family ranch at Soap Creek near St. Xavier. Shane graduated from Hardin High School in 1972 and entered the



**SHANE  
FORNEY**

Army a year later. He married JoAnne Chatham, October 1979 and later divorced.

Shane spent his life working in the construction business. Operating cranes was his dream, accomplished through employment with Morrison Knudsen at Sarpy Creek Mine, Borton Construction, Hutchinson, Kan., and most recently Ness Crane, Seattle.

Shane was preceded in death by his parents, Homer and Della Forney.

He is survived by his daughter Monica and son Brenton of Billings; his sister, Georgia (Larry) Dorn of Hardin; brothers, Porter Ray of Hardin, Pat (Donna) of Powell, Wyo., and Mike (Linda) of Bremerton, Wash. Shane is also survived by

Jane Wright and family of Arizona; five nephews; six nieces; aunts; uncles; and a host of very good friends who were extremely supportive and caring during his illness.

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

Memorial services will be held 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 2, at Cremation or Funeral Gallery.

## **Joanne Forney**

On Saturday, Jan. 24, 2004, Joanne Marie Forney, 46, passed away in her home in Billings, from cancer. She was born July 4, 1957, in Sheridan, Wyo., to Richard L. and Mary L. (George) Chatham.

She graduated from Lodge Grass High School in 1975. On Oct. 18, 1979, she was united in marriage to Shane Forney in Hardin. They later divorced.



**JOANNE  
FORNEY**

Joanne worked for the professional nursing pool and was a very caring and gentle caregiver. Joanne worked with the Miss Montana Pageant. Her role as mother was her greatest accomplishment. She was interested in everything her children did, from attending all their musical events to being a #1 Soccer Mom. She was a great advocate for children, people in need, and animals. She loved her pets, Snoopy and Sniffer.

Joanne enjoyed interior decorating, working in her yard, and was an excellent cook. Her sense of humor and kind and gentle per-

sonality will be missed by all who knew her.

Joanne is survived by her two children, Monica Monét and Brenton Michael Forney; mother, Mary of Lodge Grass; grandmother Lillian Chatham of Hardin; sisters, Connie (Bruce) Lowe of Buffalo, Wyo., Sherri Chatham of Boise, Idaho, Rachel Davis of Parkman, Wyo.; brother, Richard (René) Chatham of Colorado Springs, Colo.; five nieces, three nephews and three great-nieces and nephews; very dear and special close friend, Connie Rasmussen.

Joanne is preceded in death by her father, Richard; her grandparents, Albert and Ethel George, and Luther Chatham.

Visitation will be 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 27, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 28, at the Dahl Chapel. Funeral services for Joanne will be 1 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 29, at the Dahl Funeral Chapel. Her ashes will be scattered like her father's, in the foothills of the Big Horn Mountains. Memorials may be made to the Joanne Forney Children's Fund, First Interstate Bank, PO Box 30798, Billings, MT 59107-9800.

## **Charles Forry**

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Charles "Chuck" Forry, 63, of Sheridan, died Sunday, Sept. 12, 2004, at the VA Hospital, of cancer.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 15, at Trinity Lutheran Church. Interment will be in Sheridan Municipal Cemetery. Champion Ferries Funeral Home of Sheridan is in charge.

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# John A. Forsythe

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

DEC 19 2004

John Forsythe died Friday evening at the nursing home in Billings where he had been a resident for some time. He was 83 years old.

John was born in Wolf Point, Mont., on Aug. 20, 1921, to William and Dora Forsythe. He graduated from Glasgow High School in 1939 and in the last years of the Depression worked for Montgomery Ward in Great Falls and later Portland, Ore. He was drafted into the Army in 1943 and became a private in the 27th Infantry Division. He served as a combat soldier in World War II, fighting in the battles of Saipan and Okinawa in the South Pacific.

After discharge from the Army, he returned to Montana and attended the University of Montana on the G.I. Bill. He married the love of his life, Barbara, in 1947 while attending the University of Montana. He graduated from the U of M School of Law in 1950. John practiced law in Missoula and Helena before moving to Hysham, Mont., where he served as county attorney for seven years. In 1962, he moved to Billings and practiced with John Hauf until his retirement in 1995.



**JOHN  
FORSYTHE**

John was a devoted husband and father. He was known by his family for his calm good humor and easy going manner. He was the loving companion of his energetic wife, Barbara. In recent years, he showed his devotion by caring for Barbara during her affliction with Alzheimer's disease until her death in 2002.

John leaves behind their children: Dr. Tom (Barb) Forsythe of Portland, Ore.; Andy (Pattie) Forsythe of Billings and Elizabeth Israel of Boulder, Colo.; seven grandchildren: Amanda, Daniel, John, Samantha, Rachel, Adam and Eli. John is also survived by his older sister Marge Walker of Greeley, Colo. Memorial Services for John will be 3 p.m., Monday, Dec. 13, at the Dahl Funeral Chapel.

# **Richard Franklin Forsythe**

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AUG 19 2004

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. — Richard Franklin Forsythe, 75, of Springfield, formerly of Billings, died Monday, Aug. 16, 2005, at his home.

No services will be held. Burial will be in Camp Butler National Cemetery. Staab Funeral Home of Springfield is in charge.

# Jerry A. Forwood

THE BILLINGS GAZET.

APR 18 2004

Jerry A. Forwood, 65, of Billings passed away April 16, 2004, at Deaconess Billings Clinic, following a brief illness.

Jerry was born on May 6, 1938, in Great Falls, to Alan and Ellen Forwood. At a young age, his father married Betty Burbank, who had an instrumental role in raising him. He was educated in Great Falls and graduated from Great Falls High.

After graduation, Jerry was employed at Skagg's Drug Store and later Buttery's Grocery Store. He married Patricia Reisenauer in Great Falls, and to this union two children were born, Joanne and James.

In 1980, Skagg's transferred Jerry to Billings, where he resided until his death. Until becoming ill, Jerry was employed at Target where he was working in the freight receiving department.

Jerry truly enjoyed his family and friends, especially if laughing and joking was involved. You could always count on him to tell a good joke or ten or twenty! He loved the outdoors and was an avid hunter and fisherman. Jerry was quite the history buff. He knew the answer to many history questions, which was always helpful and appreciated.

Survivors include his wife Patricia of Billings; daughter, Joanne of Billings; parents, Alan

and Betty Forwood of Great Falls; sisters, Melanie (Robert) Pankratz of Helena, Lanette (David) Klau of Milwaukie, OR, and Betsy (Jim) Robert of San Diego, CA; uncles, Edward Burg and Howard Sayers; niece, Melissa Pankratz; nephew, Rob Niebuhr and his chosen brothers and special friends, Jeff and Jerome Carhile.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Ellen Forwood, and his son, Jim, in 1991.

Funeral Services will be held at 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 20, at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary. Interment will take place at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday at Mount Olive Cemetery in Great Falls. Memorials may be made to Riverfront Park c/o Billings Park and Rec Department in Billings, or Rivers Edge Bike Trail, c/o Recreational Trails, Inc., P.O. Box 553, Great Falls, MT 59403, or the charity of one's choice.

Michelotti-Sawyers is in charge of arrangements.

DANIEL JERRY FOSTER  
JULY 17, 1945 - OCT. 26, 2004

THE LOVELL  
CHRONICLE  
NOV 04 2004

Daniel Jerry Foster, 59, died on Tuesday, October 26, 2004, at Deaconess Hospital in Billings.

Dan was born on July 17, 1945, in Lovell, the son of Vern and Annabelle Denniston Foster. He lived in the Big Horn Basin most of his life and worked at several jobs, including the Town of Byron and most recently, farming.

Dan loved hunting, fishing, camping and building things. He was a good mechanic and tinkered with things a lot so he could fix just about anything. Dan had a big heart; he was always ready with a big hug and helped anyone who needed it.

On January 15, 1968, Dan married Kay Pearson. They lived most of their married life in Byron and together they raised two sons and a granddaughter as well as numerous other kids in need of a loving family.

Survivors include his wife, Kay; son Justin; and granddaughter, Shania, all of Byron; and son, Shane (Jennie) of Billings; his special children Evette

Chavez and family of Mission, Texas and Tony Barclay of Byron; brothers, Larry (Linda) of Byron, George (Cindy) of Basin and Tom (Debbie) of Carson City, Nev.; sister Pauline (Stanley) Sizemore of Silverton, Idaho; and sister-in-law, Janie Foster of Byron.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Robert and David.

Graveside services were held on Friday, October 29, 2004, at the Byron Cemetery.

# **Robert C. Foster**

Bob Foster passed away on Saturday, April 10, 2004. He was born Feb. 3, 1954, in Detroit, moving to Montana in 1976. He was the son of Robert Foster and Palma Parrish.

Survivors include his brother, Brian Foster, his wife Jane and their children David and Kelsey of Bozeman; his sister, Lori Parrish-Bella, her husband Darrin and their children Blake and Cole of Louisiana; his step-sister, Keri Parrish of Michigan; his stepfather, Ralph Parrish of Louisiana and his stepmother Norma Foster of Arizona; other numerous aunts and uncles and cousins; his Aunt Paula Burgess and Robert Sam of Billings who were there for him at the end.

We appreciate all of the family support in Billings.

A private family service will be held.

We knew that God  
was going to call your name.  
In life we loved you dearly,  
in death we do the same.  
It broke our hearts to lose  
you,  
you did not go alone,  
for part of us went with you,  
the day God called you home.  
Our family chain is broken  
and nothing seems the same,  
but as God calls us one by one  
the chain will link again.  
We love and will miss you.

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## Ervin James Four Bear

SEP 15 2004

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**BROCKTON —** Ervin James Four Bear, 75, of Brockton, died Monday, Sept. 13, 2004, at the Poplar Community Hospital.

Wake services will be at 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 17, at the Brockton Cultural Center. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 18, at the Brockton Cultural Center. Interment will be at Ft. Kipp Cemetery. Clayton Stevenson Memorial Chapel is in charge.

JAN 21 2004

**POPLAR** — Virgil Four Bear, (Mato topa), the son of the late Stanley and Maude (First) Four Bear, passed on to be with the Lord in the early morning hours of Jan. 19, 2004.

He was born on Aug. 4, 1935, in Ft. Kipp.

Virgil worked as a heavy equipment operator for the Bureau of Indian Affairs Road Department since 1974.

Although he operated many of the pieces of equipment, his specialty was "his" scraper. Prior to working with the BIA Road Department, Virgil worked as a police officer, security guard, private road construction in North and South Dakota, BIA Irrigation and as a ranch hand. In his younger years, Virgil rode bareback broncs and traveled throughout Montana, North Dakota and South Dakota to rodeo. Virgil served proudly in the United States Navy, enlisting in November, 1954, and was honorably discharged in August, 1958. He remained active in the various military posts in the Poplar-Wolf Point areas.



**VIRGIL FOUR BEAR**

Eleanora McKay for over 20 years. She preceded him in death by nine days.

Virgil is survived by two brothers, Ervin (Pearl) Four Bear and Raymond (Marietta) Four Bear, both of Brockton. He is also survived by five sons, Charles (Anna) Four Bear, Delvin (Davetta) Four Bear, Cornell Four Bear, Dale Four Bear and Cordell (Pauline) Four Bear, all of Poplar; one adopted son, Dana Comes Last of Poplar; three daughters, Rena Williams, Noreen Four Bear-Figueroa, both of Poplar, and Vernell Four Bear of Georgia; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Others survivors include the families of Perry, White Eagle, Black Dog, First and Chopper.

Prayer services for Virgil will be held at 7 p.m. Jan. 21 at the Poplar Culture Center. Funeral services will be held on Thursday at 10 a.m. at the Jim Black Dog Center in Ft. Kipp, with Rev. Ray White Tail Feather officiating. Interment will be in the Ft. Kipp Cemetery. Condolences may be sent to the family at [csmc@nemontel.net](mailto:csmc@nemontel.net) or [www.stevensonandsons.com](http://www.stevensonandsons.com). Clayton Stevenson Memorial Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Virgil was married to the late

# James Andrew Four Star

**THE DALLAS GAZETTE**  
JAN 21 2004

**POPLAR — James Andrew Four Star "Red Plume," 34, died Saturday, Jan. 17, 2004, at the Nickwall Road south of Wolf Point in a car accident.**

**Vigil services will be 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 26, at the Poplar Cultural Center. Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Tuesday at the Poplar Cultural Center. Interment is at St. Ann's Cemetery. Bell Mortuary of Glasgow is in charge.**

# Daniel Jerry Foster

OCT 29 2004

BILLINGS GAZETTE

LOVELL, Wyo. — Daniel Jerry Foster, of Byron, died Tuesday, Oct. 26, 2004, at Deaconess Billings Clinic.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Oct. 29, at the Byron Cemetery. Haskell Funeral Home of Lovell is in charge.

# Carolyn Fowler

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Carolyn Fowler, 76, of Sheridan, died Saturday, Oct. 2, 2004, at Sheridan Manor.

Memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 6, at Trinity Lutheran Church. Inurnment will be in the Sheridan Municipal Cemetery. Champion Ferries Funeral Home.

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**Charles Gordon Fowler**

SPRINGDALE, Utah —  
Gordon Fowler, 62, died Friday,  
Jan. 30, 2004, at Ballantine, Mont.

Cremation has taken place.  
Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary  
has charge of arrangements.

# David A. Fowler

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

AUG 10 2004

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — David A. "Chewey" Fowler, 55, of Sheridan, died Friday, Aug. 6, 2004, at the Sheridan VA Medical Center.

Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 10, at Kane Funeral Home in Sheridan. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 11, in the Sheridan Municipal Cemetery.

# Thomas Lee 'Tom' Fowlkes

GREAT FALLS — Thomas Lee "Tom" Fowlkes 72, of 3012 Second Ave. N., Great Falls, a Navy veteran who worked civil service in the plumbing and heating field, died Nov. 29, 2004, at Peace Hospice, of cancer.

A memorial service will be held at First Church of the Nazarene on Friday, Dec. 3, at 11 a.m.

Cremation has taken place. Schnider Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

Tom is survived by his wife Patricia "Pat" (Ron) Fowlkes of Great Falls; a son, Thomas Lee (Tani) Fowlkes II of Great Falls; a daughter, Linda Driessen of Minot, N.D.; stepsons, Kevin (Sheila) Fornall of Denver and Jeff Fornall of Great Falls; stepdaughter Pamela Haggarty of Colorado; sisters, Peggy Dalley of Billings, Barbara Martin of Laurel and Ruby Fowlkes of Billings; a brother, Forrest Fowlkes of Billings; grandchildren, Ameilia Moore, Dorothy Stenike, Patricia Bergtoll, Eric Mack, Cassady Fowlkes, Kimberly Fornall and Jenni Fornall, as well as four great-grandchildren, Dakota



**TOM  
FOWLKES**

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Simon, Kennedy Simon, Jordan Stenike and Madison Stenike.

He was preceded in death by brothers and sisters: Arthur Fowlkes, Fred Fowlkes, Dorlis Akers and Cerise Miles.

Thomas Lee Fowlkes was born Oct. 9, 1932, in Billings. He was raised and educated in Joliet and Billings.

He was in the Montana National Guard and with the U.S. Navy in the Far East during the Korean Campaign, and later attended San Bernardino Valley College in California.

Tom worked civil service in Spokane, Wash.; Miles City, Glasgow; Riverside, Calif.; and back to Malmstrom AFB in Great Falls, where he retired.

He was a member of the American Society of Certified Engineering Technicians, and was a sound technician at his church. Tom volunteered his time and expertise in building the new addition at church.

He enjoyed country gospel and country western music, square dancing and square dance calling, camping and fishing. Tom was an avid reader and enjoyed spending time in his yard and browsing garage sales.

The family suggests memorials to Peace Hospice, 1501 26th St. S., Great Falls, MT 59405.



**LLOYD L.**  
**(Curfman) Fradet**

COLUMBUS — Evelyn L. (Curfman) Fradet, 83, of Columbus, went home to meet the Lord on Saturday, March 13, 2004, at St. Vincent Healthcare.

Evelyn was the daughter of Paul and Margaret Curfman and was born Oct. 25, 1920, in Wolf Point. She grew up and was educated in Gilford, where her father managed the general store and mercantile.

Evelyn married Robert L. "Bob" Fradet, July 5, 1940, in Gilford, and they settled in Columbus just after WWII in February of 1945, where Bob started his own welding and machine shop. Evelyn resided in Columbus until November of 2002. Evelyn was an active member of Stillwater IOOF Rebekah Lodge #125 for most of her years in Columbus.

Evelyn was preceded in death by her parents, husband, Bob and one sister, Dorothy Brain.

Survivors include one brother, Lloyd (Dorothy) Curfman of Gilford; two sisters, Rosemary (Bob) Davis of Billings and Donna (Jerry) Kinney of Fountain Valley, Calif.; one daughter, Alice Nordahl of Billings and one son, Gerald of



**EVELYN  
FRADET**

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Billings and Columbus; three granddaughters, Marjorie (Gary) Ostermiller and Kathy Nordahl and fiancé Tim Ellman, all of Billings, and Beverly Nordahl of Atlanta; two great-grandchildren, Amy and Brady Ostermiller; three sisters-in-law, Angelin Bjerknes and Delores "Dee" Cass, both of Billings, and Katherine Fradet of Sheridan, Wyo.; one brother-in-law, John D. Fradet (Jeanette) of Albany, Ore.; and numerous nieces and nephews and their families around the nation and several of Bob's half-brothers, sisters and spouses living in North Dakota.

We all love you, mother, and will certainly miss you, however, I smile just thinking about the wonderful eternity you are now enjoying.

Services will be held 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 17, at Smith Funeral Chapel-Columbus. Interment will be in Mountainview Cemetery, Columbus. Memorials are suggested to charity of choice or Columbus Senior Citizens building fund.

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## Jack Richard Frakes

CODY, Wyo. — Jack Richard Frakes, 70, of Cody, died Sunday, Oct. 10, 2004, at his home.

Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 14, at First Baptist Church. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, Oct. 15, at the church. Interment will follow in Riverside Cemetery. Ballard Funeral Home of Cody is in charge.

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WILLIAMS GAZETTE

## Barbara Fraley

OCT 28 2004  
BILLINGS GAZETTE

BUFFALO, Wyo. — Barbara "Barb" Fraley, 59, of Buffalo, died Tuesday, Oct. 26, 2004, at St. Vincent Healthcare in Billings.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 30, at the Adams Funeral Home Chapel in Buffalo. Visitation will be from 1 to 10 p.m. Friday, Oct. 29, and 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday, at the Adams Funeral Home Chapel. Interment will be in the Willow Grove Cemetery.

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## Elmer Morris Frame

**MISSOULA —** Elmer Morris Frame, of Missoula, died on May 4, 2004, at the age of 80.

He was born on Dec. 1, 1923, at his family home in Kane, Wyo., to George and Beulah Frame. Elmer grew up on the Big Horn River near Lovell, Wyo., with his seven younger

brothers and one older sister. He graduated from Lovell High School in 1941 after attending grade school in Kane. During his freshman year at the University of

Wyoming, he had the opportunity to spend the summer fighting forest fires with a "hot shot" fire crew in Missoula. He worked out of the Civilian Conservation Corps Camp near the Nine Mile Ranger Station.

Elmer's summer in Montana proved to be a long one: 1942 to 2004. He found that he liked Missoula, so in the fall of 1942, he enrolled at the University of Montana for his sophomore year. He had broken his arm in Devil's Canyon at the age of 7 and, due to the nine-mile horseback ride,



**ELMER  
FRAME**

home, his arm healed at a peculiar angle. This kept him from being accepted into the army after Pearl Harbor. He spent the next two-and-a-half years working for the Forest Service and attending U of M. However, he was finally accepted into the army after the third attempt in October of 1944. Elmer was trained for the Field Artillery at Fort Sill, Okla. He spent two years in France, Germany, Austria and England. While in England, he attended the Shrivensham American University in Swindon. In Germany, he attended the Friesing Agricultural College. He returned to Missoula and the University of Montana in 1946 and was employed at the Highlander Brewery for a short time.

Elmer met his future wife, Marjorie Trucano, in 1947, in Missoula, where she was attending the Saint Patrick School of Nursing. They were married on May 22, 1948. Elmer and Margie spent the next eight years traveling throughout Montana and Idaho while Elmer worked for the Bureau of Public Roads on

ocation survey, design and road construction. During this time, their two oldest daughters were born: Kathy in 1951 and Julie in 1953, at St. Patrick Hospital. Their youngest daughter, Laurie, was born in 1959 in Missoula, after they had purchased land on the "far" west side of Missoula. They designed and developed El-Mar Trailer Village, which has grown to 100 mobile home spaces.

In 1962, Elmer saw the need for transportation to Hellgate Elementary School on Flynn Lane. He purchased one school bus, creating Hellgate Transportation Company, which has grown to a fleet of 18 buses, and is now managed by their daughter, Kathy Riley.

Elmer and Margie expanded their business in 1965 to include campsites for tents and RVs. They became a part of the KOA network in 1967, and the Missoula KOA still continues to serve vacationers on North Reserve Street with 200 camp sites. Their daughter, Laurie Wisby and husband Dale manage the KOA. The Missoula KOA has been named Campground of the Year, Franchise of the Year and received the KOA Award of Merit for Outstanding Service for 15 consecutive years.

Elmer and Margie's daughter Julie Frame is managing shareholder of her law firm in Burlington, Vt. Julie continues to

advise and support the family in legal matters and returns home to Montana whenever possible. She has made possible some wonderful vacations for her family. Elmer and Margie especially

cherished their time with Julie and family in Vinalhaven, Maine.

Elmer was responsible for design, construction and sale of 417 residential lots at El-Mar Estates during the years of 1975 through 1992. He also held the public office of Missoula County Surveyor from 1971 to 1975. He was active on the Missoula County Study Commission in 1974 and 1975.

Elmer held many volunteer positions throughout his long career. He served three terms as a member of the National KOA Kampground Owners Association Board of Directors. From 1970 to 1975, he was a member of the Missoula County Planning Board. He was a member of the Governor's Tourism Advisory Council. In 1993, he was chosen as Tourism Person of the Year by Governor Marc Racicot. Elmer enjoyed helping young people whenever he could and worked enthusiastically with the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership committee, including providing bus transportation for HOBY Ambassadors, over a period of 14

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years. In 1985 to 1990, he was a member of the Missoula City-County Planning Board. Elmer was a member of the Missoula Convention and Visitors Bureau Board of Directors. He was a member of Glacier Country Board of Directors. Other positions that he held were on the President's Advisory Council for KOA Inc., President of the Campground Owner's Association of Montana, member of Missoula Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, on Board of Directors for the Montana Tourism Coalition, advisory council for Water Quality District, Open Space Advisory Council for City of Missoula and a member of the Board of Directors for Five Valley Land Trust.

Elmer was an eternal optimist and continued to seek new adventures throughout his life. He loved the mountains of Montana and it was an annual rite when his grandchildren were young to visit Mary's Frog Pond and Surveyor Lake. Even with his busy life, he always made time to take his daughters camping, teaching them to enjoy the woods and the mountains. He supported them in their riding endeavors and spent many hours at horse shows and Junior Rider

events. Elmer loved to watch the Grizzlies and attended football and basketball games for 35 years. He enjoyed any sporting event in which his grandchildren participated, especially their basketball and football games. He taught his children and others the value of hard work and the importance of pride in one's work. He also loved to travel. He and Margie visited hundreds of KOAs over the years and enjoyed traveling to many foreign countries as well. He leaves a huge void in our lives on this earth, but we know we will see him again, smiling and at peace, doing good works on the other side.

He is survived by his wife, Margie Frame, of Missoula; daughters, Kathy Riley, grandson Nate and Ben Riley of Missoula, Julie Frame (Kenneth Peck), grandson Gabriel Peck-Frame of Charlotte, Vt., Laurie Wisby (Dale Wisby), grandchildren Tyler and Jenna Wisby of Lolo; sister Georgia Close of Powell, Wyo.; brothers Ralph (Peggy) of Missoula, Hugh (Sylvia) Frame of Missoula, Tom (Evelyn) of Frenchtown, David of Dayton,

Wash., Warren (Glenaa) of Ronan; sister-in-law, Patricia Rice of Hamilton; and many beloved nephews and nieces.

*Elmer is preceded in death by his parents, George and Beulah Frame; brothers Charlie and Glen Frame; son-in-law Doyle Riley; nephew Charles Jr.; and brother-in-law, Harold Close.*

For those wishing to offer memorials, the family suggests Five Valley Land Trust, 211 North Higgins Ave., Missoula, MT 59802, or Saint Patrick House, 501 West Alder, Missoula, MT 59802, or a charity of donor's choice.

Visiting hours will be Sunday, May 9, at Sunset Memorial in Missoula, between 6 and 8 p.m. Services for Elmer will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, May 10, at Sunset Memorial Funeral Home on Mullan Road. A reception will follow at the same location.



# Wilhamina A. Francescato

THE EVENING GAZETTE

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DAYTON, Wyo. —  
Wilhamina A. Francescato, 89, of  
Dayton, died Monday, March 29,  
2004, at Westview Health Care  
Center.

Cremation has taken place  
locally. Memorial services will be  
at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 17, at the  
Dayton Community Church.  
Inurnment will be at 2 p.m.  
Thursday, May 29, at Harrison  
Cemetery in Harrison, Neb. Kane  
Funeral Home of Sheridan is in  
charge of local arrangements.

## **Lenora M. Francisco**

CODY, Wyo. — Lenora M. Francisco, 77, died Friday, June 18, 2004, at West Park Long Term Care Center.

Memorial services will be 2 p.m. Wednesday, June 23, at Ballard Funeral Home.

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## LENORA M. FRANCISCO

THE POWELL  
TRIBUNE  
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Memorial services were held Wednesday, June 23 at Ballard Funeral Home in Cody for Lenora M. Francisco, 77, who died Friday, June 18 at West Park Long Term Care Center in Cody.

She was born Dec. 25, 1926, in Waterloo, Iowa, the daughter of Earl and Hattie Hoppes Mettlin. She married Robert Summers Nov. 9, 1952, in Santa Rosa, Calif. Mr. Summers died June 21, 1964. She married Dee Francisco on Oct. 25, 1968, and they were together until 1989.

She was a resident of Cody for 44 years. She was a long-time member of the Eagles Auxiliary in Cody, serving in every office or position, and was a member of the VFW Auxiliary. She loved her grandchildren, teaching them card games and playing marbles with them. She enjoyed working puzzles and reading books, especially Westerns by Louis L'Amore.

Regularly, she played Skip-Bo with her neighbors, keeping everyone entertained with her sense of humor. She was for many years a Senior Companion for the Senior Center.

Survivors include her children, Sandy (Delmar) White, Jim and Jerry Summers, both of Powell, and Shelley (John) Verhey of Cody; her sisters, Ellen Pecinovsky of Lancaster, Wis., and Irene Shepard of Pea Ridge, Ark.; seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and two brothers, Bob and Don. The family has asked that memorial contributions be made to the Big Horn Basin Parkinson's Support Group, in care of Allen Wilson, 2013 Kerper Blvd., Cody, WY 82414.

## Ruby Frandson

CODY, Wyo. — Ruby Cora Frandson, 94, died Wednesday, Sept. 29, 2004, at the West Park Long Term Care Center in Cody.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, Oct. 4, at the Burlington Community Church

in Burlington. Interment will follow in the Burlington Cemetery. Ballard Funeral Home of Cody is in charge.

## Anne Elizabeth Frank

LAUREL — Elizabeth Frank, 90, of Laurel, passed away Monday, April 26, 2004, at Aspen Meadows, where she has been residing.

Elizabeth was born March 17, 1914, in Billings, a daughter of Cornelius and Teresa (Lehman) Michel. She was married to Conrad Frank, who preceded her in death in 1969.

She loved babies, enjoyed needlework, quilting and knitting, animals and outdoor activities. She was an active member of Lutheran Women's Missionary League and Good Shepherd Auxiliary.

Elizabeth was preceded in

death by her husband, parents, four brothers, four sisters and grandson, Bryan.

Survivors include her son, Robert W. (Priscilla) Frank and their children, Kristen and Kevin of Wahpeton, N.D., and son Warren Frank of Laurel; brother, John Michel of Billings; sisters, Mary Essman and Rose Skaar, both of Billings.

Funeral services will be held 10 a.m. Friday, April 30, at Christ The King Lutheran Church, 709 Newman, in Billings. Interment will be in Laurel Cemetery. Visitation will be 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday, April 29, at Smith Funeral Chapel-Laurel.

# Elsie Frank

LAUREL — Elsie Frank, 79, of Laurel, passed away peacefully Feb. 3, 2004, at Billings Health and Rehabilitation Center.

Elsie was born Sept. 13, 1924, to Phillip and Katherine Ostwald of Laurel.

She graduated from Laurel High School in 1942 and married Herman Frank on Oct. 3, 1946. They were married 51 years before Herman passed away on June 13, 1998.



**ELSIE  
FRANK**

Elsie's faith in the Lord blessed her with humbleness and kindness toward others. She dedicated her life to her husband, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Herman; brothers, Alex, Henry and Hank; sisters, Emily, Mollie and Emma. She is survived by her brother, Herman Ostwald; her children, Gerald (Jody) Frank, Ken (Maureen) Frank, Karen (Steve) Frickel and Allan Frank. Also surviving are her grandchildren, Jeremy Frank, Kara (Mark) Bayne, Jill (Karson) Stene, Kim Frickel (fiancé Wade Chouinard), Travis Frickel and Chloe and Liam Frank; great-grandchildren, Halle Bayne and Joshua Stene.

Mom, you will always be in our hearts.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, Feb. 6, at First Congregational Church, Laurel. Interment will be in the Laurel Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to charity of choice. Smith Funeral Chapel-Laurel was in charge of arrangements.

## **Lillian Frank**

OCT 23 2004  
BILLINGS GAZETTE

LEWISTOWN — Lillian May (Langel) Frank, 78, died Thursday, Oct. 21, 2004, at the Central Montana Skilled Nursing Center.

A private memorial service will be held Nov. 6 for family and close friends. At her request, cremation has taken place. Cloyd Funeral Home of Lewistown is in charge.

# Richard "Dick" Frank

CHINO HILLS, Calif. —

Richard "Dick" Frank, age 61, of Chino Hills, passed away on Jan. 12, 2004.

Dick was born in Billings, Mont., on Aug. 8, 1942. He graduated

from Laurel High School and then received a master's in mechanical engineering from MSU-Bozeman. He later also

received a master's in business administration.

Dick married Pennie Duke from Billings in 1965. He joined the Air Force and was sent to Tyndal Air Force Base in Florida where he worked as a test engineer on weapons guidance systems.

After moving from Florida to Antioch, Calif., he went to work for Crown-Zellerback. Dick and Pennie then moved to Walnut where he worked for Avery designing label machinery in Azusa, Calif. The next job took him to Redondo Beach where he worked for Letteron and then worked in Torrence for 20th Century Plastic. He and Pennie moved to Chino Hills in 1994 and Dick retired in 2001.

Dick was a compassionate person who was always willing to help a neighbor or family



**DICK  
FRANK**

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member. There simply wasn't a project that he couldn't plan and complete. He always enjoyed the challenge of a new problem to solve.

Dick was known for his good sense of humor, wonderful laugh and contagious smile. Family members and friends will all remember his warm spirit and caring personality. He had a passion and love for aircraft and particularly enjoyed the Chino Hills Air Museum. Other interests included traveling (four car trips to the East Coast), trips throughout California, cruises and trips to Montana to see his family.

The pain and sadness the family and friends feel is eased in the belief that Dick is with the Lord in Heaven throughout eternity and will suffer no more.

Preceding him in death is his sister, Kathy Burns. He is survived by his wife, Pennie Frank; his parents, Victor and Esther Frank of Laurel, Mont.; his sister, Priscilla Fairlee of Billings; brother-in-law, Larry Burns of Billings; niece, Kelly (Lonnie) Schaible of Spokane, Wash., and nephews, Jon (Lynette) Fairlee



of Billings and Jef Fairlee of Portland, Ore., and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and many friends.

A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday in the First Congregational Church in Laurel. Memorials may be made to a charity of choice.

## Gailard Franzen

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

FEB 23 2004

MEETEETSE, Wyo. — Gailard Loren Franzen, 49, died Wednesday, Feb. 18, 2004 in his home.

Memorial Services will be at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 25, at the Community Church in Meeteetse, Wyo. Ballard Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

# Raymond R. Frasca

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Raymond R. Frasca, 71, went to be with Our Lord, April 18, 2004, in St. Vincent Healthcare.

Son of Joseph and Minnie Frasca of Enid, Raymond went to school in Elmdale Community in Lambert. Raymond entered into the service in March 1951 to the Korean War. Raymond returned

from Korea in 1953 with the following medals: Korean SR Medal, One Bronze SR Star, UN Medal, also Combat Inf. Badge. After returning from the service back to the farm,



**RAYMOND  
FRASCA**

working with his father in Lambert, Raymond met and married Norma Stevenson. Raymond moved on to truck driving. While truck driving, Raymond met and married Sharon Bostrom. From this marriage, Raymond had five sons: Jody, Randy and Kelly, Timmy and Troy. Raymond lost Sharon in 1982. In 1982, Raymond went into business for himself with a grocery store in Park City, also a clock repair shop. At this time, Raymond met Roberta and married. Raymond purchased a truck, went driving again till he was 65. He then drove truck for Prince Inc., through the summer months till 2003.

Raymond was a life member of the DAV, the American Legion Post #004, also a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles for 16 years. Raymond was also a member of Local Order of the Moose Lodge 856 out of Sidney.

He leaves behind his wife, Roberta; along with his five sons and seven other stepchildren; a sister, Dorothy Benish; two sisters-in-law, Irene Odi and Carol Frasca. Raymond leaves 33 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Raymond left many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by both his mother and father, along with two brothers and two stepchildren, also his aunts and uncles.

Vigil service was 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 21, at Smith's Downtown Chapel. Funeral Mass will be held at 12 noon, Thursday, April 22, at St. Patrick's Co-Cathedral. Rite of committal will follow at Holy Cross Cemetery, with military honors.

## FRANCES FRATES

Frances F. (Bailey) Frates, 60 years young, born Sept. 29, 1943, Idaho Falls, Idaho, beloved wife, mother and grandmother, passed away peacefully at home, surrounded by family, on Sunday, Sept. 19, 2004, gone home to be with our Lord Jesus Christ after a courageous battle with cancer.



**FRANCES  
FRATES**

She was preceded in death by her mother, Cora Campbell, and father, Francisco Nantes.

She is survived by her loving husband of 30 years, Ron Frates of Billings; sons Jim (Stephanie) Bailey of Billings, Joe (Michelle) Bailey of Belgrade, John (Connie) Bailey of Billings; daughter Sondra (Aaron) Nichols of Roundup; brothers Harold Tactacan of Billings, Jerry (Aggie) Tactacan of Las Vegas, Kiko Nantes and Toni of Billings, Camilo Nantes of Billings, Fred (Jennifer) Nantes of Phoenix, Ariz.; a sister, Kathy Mahaney of Wheatland, Calif.; and 13 grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Fran was a loving wife, mother and grandmother. She loved to help and encourage others. She loved her family, church, yard

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sales, working and the people she worked with. Everyone who knew her were permanently impacted by her positive attitude and her strong faith in Christ. A great lady leaving behind a great legacy. You will be sorely missed by all.

Viewing and visitation at Cremation or Funeral Gallery, 29 Eighth St. West, Billings, between noon and 5 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 23. Funeral services will be held at Jubilee Christian Center Church, 3611 Highway 312, Billings, on Friday, Sept. 24, at 1 p.m. Interment will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens. Flower deliveries accepted by Cremation or Funeral Gallery, Thursday only please.

## **Robert Franzel, Sr.**

*THE BULLOCKS GAZETTE*

DEC 30 2004

SUMATRA — Robert Paul Franzel, Sr., 81, of Sumatra, died Tuesday, Dec. 28, 2004, at his home, after a battle with cancer.

Visitation will be from 1 to 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 2, 2005, at the Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Forsyth, with a vigil at 7 p.m. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, Jan. 3, 2005, at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Forsyth. Interment will follow at the Forsyth Cemetery.

# Richard D. Fredrickson

BILLINGS GAZETTE

NOV 11 2004

Richard D. Fredrickson, 73, of Billings, passed away Tuesday, Nov. 9, 2004, at the Billings Deaconess Clinic.

Richard was born in Wolf Point on Oct. 24, 1931. He was the son of Henry J. and Rekka (Skare) Fredrickson.

He is a longtime Billings resident. Richard worked for Buttreys many years. He was a major sports fan. Richard loved to watch all kinds of sports.

He is survived by his wife of 32 years, Shirley; his two sisters, Raeburn "Rae" Overs, Marian (Leonard) Sundell; his two sons, Kevin (Wendi) and Michael; and his stepdaughter, Robin Ostrum. He is also survived by nine grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the American Lung Association.

Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 11, at the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd. Inurnment at Sunset Memorial Gardens Mausoleum will be held at a later date.

Arrangements are by Cremation or Funeral Gallery.

## **Robert J. Frederickson**

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

GLENDIVE — Robert J. Frederickson, 95, of Glendive, died Monday, May 3, 2004, at the Eastern Montana Veterans Home in Glendive.

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Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 8, at the First Congregational Church of Christ in Glendive. Interment will be in the Dawson Memorial Cemetery in Glendive. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Glendive is in charge.

## **Donald Freeman (Poppy)**

Donald Freeman (Poppy), 92, of Billings, passed away Saturday, Nov. 20, 2004, in St. Vincent Hospital, with his family by his bedside.

He was born Oct. 18, 1912, in Washoe, to Jeannie and William Freeman. He was married to Jean Griffith on Nov. 4, 1938. They lived in Red Lodge, where he worked at the Smith Coal Mine. After their daughter was born, they moved to Laurel and then to Billings, where he worked as a salesman for many years. After they retired, he and his wife spent their time enjoying their grandchildren, family and friends.

In 1997, Donald and Jean moved to Mesa, Ariz., to live with their daughter.

He was preceded in death by his wife Jean in 1997; three brothers, one sister and his parents.

Survivors include his sister, Jean Sankovich of Billings; his daughter Celie Freeman-Wubbels (Lance) of San Diego; a grandson, Scott Nelsen of Nashville, Tenn.; two granddaughters, Dawn Schnitt (Chris) and Robbyn Ewert (Shane), both of Billings; and seven great-grandchildren. He is also survived by two sisters-in-law and one brother-in-law and several nieces and nephews.

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Cremation has taken place and services will be held at Heights Baptist Church, 810 Garnet, Monday, Nov. 29, at 1 p.m., with a private family burial at Red Lodge Cemetery.



# Emma Penny Carter Freeman

EDINA, Minn. — Emma "Penny" Carter Freeman, 70, of Edina, died peacefully at home, surrounded by her family, on April 12, 2004, after a long, valiant battle with cancer.

She is survived by Douglas Freeman, beloved husband of 49 years; cherished children Ann, Douglas Jr. (Mary), Carter (Jill); adored grandchildren, Anthony, Nora, Benjamin, Daniel, Emma, Wesley, Jessica and great-grandson Anthony Jr.; loving sister Anne Selvidge; brother Lester (Jeri) Carter; brother-in-law Theodore (Shirley) Freeman, Jr.; wonderful nieces, nephews, great-nieces and nephews; and many dear friends.

Emma "Penny" Carter Freeman was born on March 22, 1934, in Cheyenne, Wyo., and grew up in Billings.

She earned a BA and MA in English Literature from the University of Minnesota. She was a member of the Cathedral Church of St. Mark, University of Minnesota Alumni Association and a sustaining member of Junior League of Minneapolis. She was a lifelong volunteer in many organizations, including the Minneapolis Public Libraries, Minneapolis Institute of Art, Minneapolis Symphony Orchestra, Minneapolis Poison Control Center, General Hospital, Children's Hospital and the United Way

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Her children were the center of her life and she supported their many activities as a Girl Scout leader, Den Mother, Sunday School teacher, member of the Blake Parents Board, president of the Edina East PTA and cheering sports fan.

She managed the family's farm in Maple Plain, an accredited American Horse Show Association School of Horsemanship and American Saddlebred breeding and training facility. She coordinated an academic enrichment program in the College of Liberal Arts at the University of Minnesota, where she facilitated internships, research projects, community service activities and student exchange opportunities with other colleges and universities. She received the University's Gordon L. Starr Faculty/Staff Outstanding Contribution Award and the CLA Student Intermediary Board Administrator's Award, for which she felt great pride as she was selected by students to receive these awards.

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During their retirement, Penny and Douglas found great joy in spending time with their children and grandchildren, and in the love and companionship of the dear friends.

All who knew Penny Freeman were touched by her generosity of spirit, strength of character, strong faith and loving, optimistic heart.

Funeral Friday, April 16, 11 a.m., Cathedral of St. Mark, 519 Oak St., Minneapolis. Reception to follow in church. Interment at Lakewood Cemetery.

Memorials preferred to the Cathedral of St. Mark or to the University of Minnesota Foundation for scholarship programs in the College of Liberal Arts or to individual choice.

# Robert Stanley Freeman, Sr.

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

MAR 20 2004

LIVINGSTON — Robert Stanley Freeman, Sr., 81, of Livingston, died Thursday, March 18, 2004, at his home.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial services will be 2 p.m. Monday, March 22, at Franzen-Davis Funeral Home in Livingston.

## Donald E. Freese

BUFFALO, Wyo. — Donald E. Freese, 60, of Buffalo, died Monday, June 14, 2004, at the Johnson County Health Care Center.

Private services will be held. Adams Funeral Home of Buffalo is in charge.

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JUN 16 2004

# Fern Ruth French

SEP 23 2004

ALL OUR AFFECTION

Fern Ruth French, 84, joined Our Father in Heaven on Sept. 19, 2004.

There, she was reunited with the loved ones who preceded her in death: Eva Jean Leon (Langve), her daughter; Lawrence French, beloved husband; and her grandson, Daniel Langve. Those left behind to mourn her loss are three granddaughters, Angelina

Leon, Twila Fink and husband Rowdy, and Pamela Davis and husband Mike; and three great-grandchildren, Tamatha Dalke and partner Shawn Hannah, Steven Dalke and Twila Davis; and many dear friends who also loved her.



**FERN  
FRENCH**

Born on July 2, 1920, Grandma worked hard as a waitress most of her life. Despite only having a third grade education, Grandma was an excellent seamstress, able to "eyeball" a garment and create a pattern. She also had a knack for carpentry, designing her own birdhouses for the yard. An avid reader all of her life, she was intelligent and articulate. Her knowledge was also practical, gleaned from experience. Grandma loved the mountains,

painting landscapes on her wall, and also her many dogs that joined the family throughout her life. But most of all, she loved us, selflessly. Thank you, Grandma, for enriching our lives; we love you so much.

A memorial service will be held 11 a.m. Friday, Sept. 24, at Smith's Downtown Chapel.

## Henry French

ARVADA, Wyo. — Henry John French, 90, of Arvada, died Sunday, July 18, 2004, at the Amie Holt Care Center in Buffalo. Graveside services will be at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, July 22, at Moore Hill Cemetery in Hulett. Adams Funeral Home of Buffalo is in charge.

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

JUL 20 2004

## Steven L. French

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Steven L. French, 49, died Thursday, Oct. 21, 2004, at the Sheridan V.A. Medical Center.

Cremation has taken place locally. Memorial services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, Oct. 29, at Trinity Lutheran Church with Pastor Wilbur Holz officiating. Kane Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

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**FILLINGS GAZETTE**

## Herman K. Frey

Herman K. Frey, 90, of Billings, peacefully went "Home" on Sunday afternoon, May 9, 2004. He was surrounded by all his loving family at Deaconess Hospital.

Herman was born on Jan. 24, 1914. He spent the first 29 years on the family farm. On Nov. 6, 1943, he married Maxine Benham and together, they raised three daughters and one son, Bonnie, Nita, Deanna and Steve.



**HERMAN  
FREY**

Herman worked on the Vermillion Ranch for 29 years with his sidekick and best friend, Herbert Macrow (Ginger). He then worked for the ditch company until his retirement in 1979.

He loved to play cards and enjoyed throwing horseshoes, camping and spending time with his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. His blue eyes always twinkled when "Charlie Shoes" was played, as he loved to dance.

Herman is survived by his wife, Maxine, of 60 years; children, Bonnie (Doug) Wilson, Nita (Bill) Lywandowsky. Deanna

(Greg) Dillman and Steve (Yvette) Frey; four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; and one sister.

Memorial services will be held at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, May 12, at Huntley United Methodist Church.

Memorials in Herman's name may be made to Huntley United Methodist Church.



**Robert 'Bob' Frey****MAY 16 2004**

**HUNTLEY — Robert "Bob" John Frey, 63, died Friday, May 14, 2004, at his home in Huntley.**

**A Memorial Service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, May 18 at Lockwood Evangelical Church. Dahl Funeral & Cremation Service is handling the arrangements.**

**Lorene Emilia Fried****JUN 12 2004**

Lorene Emilia Huber Fried, age 89, of Billings, went to be with the Lord, Thursday, June 10, 2004, at St. John's Lutheran Nursing Home.

She was born June 27, 1914, on a farm near Plevna, the daughter of George and Emma Leischner Huber. She lived there until her marriage to Arthur Fried in Plevna on Dec. 26, 1935. They farmed in the Plevna area until 1981, when they moved to Billings.

Lorene enjoyed gardening and raising most of the food her family ate. She was active in her church, teaching Sunday school and directing the choir. Her greatest joy was knowing that all her children know Jesus as their Savior.

Survivors include four sons, Elroy (Maxine) Fried, Billings, Delmar (Dory) Fried, Malta, John (Bette) Fried, Great Falls, and Kenneth (Jo) Fried, Billings; two daughters, Betty Fried, Billings, and Lila (Jim) Vincent, Billings; two brothers, Wilmer (Irene) Huber, of Corn, Okla., and Richard Huber of Chaney, Wash.; 14 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren.

Lorene was preceded in death

by her husband, Arthur, on April 3, 1987; and six brothers.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Monday, June 14, at Smith West Chapel, 304 34th St. West. Interment will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens. Visitation will start at noon, Sunday, June 13, at Smith West Chapel.

The family requests memorials be given to St. John's Lutheran Home, 3940 Rimrock Road, Billings, MT 59102. The family thanks Wing five for the extraordinary loving care.

**APRIL 28 3 0 2004****THERMOPOLIS, Wyo. —**

Mass of Christian Burial for former Thermopolis resident, Janet M. Friedl, 89, will be held Tuesday, May 4, 10 a.m. at St. Francis Catholic Church. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery.

Rosary will be held at

Mortimore Funeral Home, Monday evening, 7 p.m.

Mrs. Friedl passed away

April 28, 2004, at her residence in

Scottsdale, Ariz.,

at Hyatt Classic Residence. She

moved to Scottsdale from Thermopolis in 1997.

She was born Oct. 11, 1914, in Butte, Mont., the daughter of John S. and Adlyn (Sutton) McKinley.

She attended school in Butte, graduating in 1932. After one year at the Montana School of Mines, she then attended Western Montana College in , graduating with a teaching degree.

Mrs. Friedl taught elementary school in Montana, where she met her future husband, Richard P. Friedl in Glasgow in 1935. They married July 5, 1938, in Thermopolis, where they owned and operated Friedl's men's store from 1938 until his death Nov. 15, 1985. The store continued under

the ownership of their son, Richard J. Friedl, until his death in 1996, at which time, after 58 years, the store was sold.

A member of St. Francis Catholic Church, Mrs. Friedl was active in the Altar and Rosary Society. She also was a member of BPO Does, Meals on Wheels, sewing club and volunteered many years in Ye Olde Gift Shoppe at Hot Springs County Memorial Hospital. She loved people and will be truly missed by many friends living both in Wyoming and Arizona.

Survivors include a daughter-in-law, Patricia A. Friedl, who teaches high school in Thermopolis; and son, Bill and his wife, Carol Friedl of Scottsdale. Bill is a practicing attorney in Arizona. Four grandchildren also survive her: Mrs. Jana Kavinoky, Washington, D.C., Frank Friedl, Lancaster, Calif., and Amy and Brian Friedl of Scottsdale.

Mortimore Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials may be sent to the American Heart Association, 1807 Capitol Ave., #103, Cheyenne, WY 82001 or the American Heart Association, 2929 S. 48 St., Tempe, AZ 85282.



**JANET  
FRIEDL**

# Harold E. Friedrich

PLENTYWOOD — Funeral services for Harold E. Friedrich will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, June 2. Pastor David C. Curtright will officiate at the service at Plentywood Lutheran Church; interment, with military honors, will be in Plentywood Memorial Cemetery. Harold died early Sunday morning, May 30, 2004, at Sheridan Memorial Hospital; he was 80.

The son of Edwin C. And Frieda (Reidlinger) Friedrich, Harold was born on the family farm in the Antelope community, Jan. 3, 1924. After his father's death in 1932, Harold and his brothers and sister helped their mother run the family farm. On Nov. 5, 1942 Harold entered the U.S. Army Air Corps and served as a radio operator on an AirSea rescue PB4Y patrol bomber crew in the Pacific. After he was discharged Feb. 2, 1946, he returned to northeastern Montana. He started hauling and selling hay; a business that soon evolved into trucking, which, with loads of posts and other building materials, became Friedrich Lumber and Trucking, which Harold operated until he died. He married Sophie Cur-



**HAROLD  
FRIEDRICH**

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Jan. 8, 1948; they made their home in Plentywood.

No one can remember a cross word from this gentle, soft-spoken man, who was known far and wide as "Squire" — a nickname that stuck after he played the role of Squire Boone in a high school play! Always punctual, his customers knew they could rely on him to always be "right on time!" and knew that their dealings with him would always be fair and square. Harold was never happier than when he was flying his ultralight plane — or reading about flying, or talking about flying, or ... He kept in close touch with his daughters and their activities and was immensely proud of their renowned miniature horses — breeding stock carrying the "Squire" name in his honor. He dearly loved his grandchildren, and always had time for their interests, even as his own health began to fail.

Harold is survived by two daughters and their families, Dorothy Brockmier and her husband, Wes, of Plentywood, and

their children, Wade (Marisa) of Glasgow and Clinton (Tasha) and their children (Harold's great-grandchildren), Amy and Noah, of Billings; and Linda Halland and her husband Sam of Plentywood, and

their children Tanya (Ray) Yoss, and their children (Harold's great-grandchildren), Jeffrey, Colton and Dillon, of Nashua, and Jeff (Brandy) Halland, of Williston, N.D. He is also survived by two brothers, Robert, and Donald and his wife Alice, both of Antelope; a sister, Martha Johnson, of Bellevue, Neb.; and by a sister-in-law, Ruby Paxton, of Longview, Wash.; as well as numerous nephews and nieces. Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Carl, and by his wife, Sophie, on July 20, 1996.

Fulkerson Funeral Home of Plentywood has charge of arrangements.

# Barbara Friend

## THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

FEB 01 2004

Barbara Lynne Friend, 70, passed away in Billings Deaconess Hospital on Friday, Jan. 30, 2004, after a courageous and short battle with cancer. At her passing she was surrounded by her loving family and friends whom she was never a moment without.

Barbara was born Feb. 10, 1933, to Katherine and Henry Hill in Ballantine. With Barbara's passing, the last of 10 Hill children are gone, leaving an emptiness that can never be filled.

Barbara graduated from Byron High School and went on to Utah and then California, where she met and married Mike Mihalakis. Mike had two children, George and Athena, who became the love of Barbara's life. After Mike's death in 1973, she moved back to Cody to be closer to her brothers, sisters and their families, which were so very important to her. She was introduced to Doug Friend, and they married on Oct. 10, 1975.

Barbara was preceded in death by her husband Doug in August 2003, and by her parents; brothers, Bill, Henry, Victor, Walter, Eddie, and Charlie; sisters, Martha Dungan, Minna Sindelar, and Ester Burri; nephew, Ted Burri; grandson, Mike Mihalakis; and husband, Mike Mihalakis.

Barbara was a member of the Daughters of the Nile, Sagebrush Women's Club, and the Pape Painting Class

Memorial services will be 2:00 p.m. Monday, Feb. 2, at Ballard's Funeral Home in Cody. Cremation has taken place, and memorials ca be made to Shriners' Children's Hospital, Kalif Shriners Club, 1138 A Rumsey Ave., Cody, WY 82414.

The family would like to thank Barbara's special friend, Peggy Strow, for all the kindness she has shown them and Barbara.

**MAY 28 2004****Bessie Fries**

**CLYDE PARK —** Bessie Fries, 83, of Clyde Park, died Wednesday, May 26, 2004, at Pioneer Medical Center in Big Timber.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 29, at the Shields Valley United Methodist Church in Clyde Park. Graveside committal and burial will follow in Clyde Park Cemetery. Franzen-Davis Funeral Home of Livingston is in charge.

# Wyatt Layton Frieze

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

JUL 13 2004

BEACH, N.D. — Wyatt Layton Frieze, newborn son of Dale and Brenda (Sarsland) Frieze, died on his birthday, Thursday, July 8, 2004, at St. Joseph's Hospital in Dickinson.

Funeral services for Wyatt will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, July 14, at the Chapel of the Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home in Beach, with Rev. Scott Jordan officiating. Interment will follow at the Lutheran Cemetery in Beach. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Beach is entrusted with arrangements.

Wyatt is survived by his parents, Dale and Brenda (Sarsland) Frieze; two brothers, Bailey and Riley Frieze; grandparents Bill and Barbara Sarsland all of Beach, and grandparents, John and Arlyce Frieze of Mott.

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



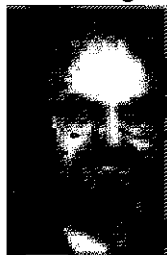
# William 'Bill' Henry Friley

**THE BILLINGS GAZET.**

**MAR 18 2004**

**LAUREL** — William "Bill" Henry Friley died Monday, March 15, 2004, at his home, from a heart attack.

Bill was born Aug. 3, 1959, in Monterey, Calif., to Stella Connelly and Eugene Friley. He grew up in Billings and graduated from Billings Senior High School



**BILL  
FRILEY**

in 1977. A few years later, Bill attended Trinidad Community College in Colorado, where he met and married Elizabeth DeCicco. From that union, two wonderful children were born. Bill

was very passionate about his children and he loved them deeply. A few years ago, Bill met Markita Narwoold. With her, he found a companion, a best friend and true love.

Bill loved working on cars and was blessed with an amazing ability to make them look and feel new again. His hands and the visions of what he could accomplish with them were only a few of his finest gifts. In addition to cars, he always talked about Thomas and Robin, his children. Bill's concern and love for them was and is endless. He always wanted so much for them. Bill

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was also an incredible chef. He was famous for his unbelievable cheesecakes and stuffed mushrooms. In addition to Bill's many talents, he loved the outdoors. He learned how to fish from his dad, Tom, and passed this skill on to his own children. If there was a creek, he had a fishing pole perfect for it.

Bill loved to joke and tease those close to him. He'd tease with a mischievous little smile. That smile will never fade or be forgotten. Bill always put his family and friends' needs above his own. His kindness and willingness to help will be deeply missed. Bill, you've lived your life for others...now spread your wings and fly free. We love you and we'll miss you deeply.

Bill is survived by his children, Thomas Friley (Billings) and Robin Friley (Laurel); his mother, Stella Connelly of Billings; his siblings, Nena Hart (Tom) of Grass Valley, Calif., and Christine Harchenko (Paul) of Lewistown and Michelle McKee (Mac) of Great Falls and Mat Connelly (Paloma) of Rota, Spain, and Colleen Shaw (Tom) of Billings; his friend and companion, Markita Narwoold of Billings; and many nieces and nephews.

Bill was preceded in death by his dad, Thomas Connelly and his niece, Mikki McKee.

Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Saturday, March 20, at Smith's Downtown Chapel. Interment will follow at Terrace Gardens Cemetery. Memorials may be made in his behalf to: Stella Connelly, 622 Shamrock, Billings, MT 59105.

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William "Bill"  
HENRY FRILEY

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## Bob Frisby

WILMINGTON GAZETTE

MAY 18 2004

CODY, Wyo. — Services will be held for Bob Frisby at 2 p.m. on Thursday, May 20, at the United Methodist Church in Cody. Surrounded by his family, Mr. Frisby died peacefully on May 15, 2004, at The Heartland in Powell, where he had been living for the past two years.



**BOB  
FRISBY**

He was born Sept. 23, 1920, in Casper, the son of Jonathan Elliott and Bessie Snyder Frisby.

Frisby was educated in the Casper schools and at the University of Wyoming. He enlisted as a private in the U.S. Army in 1942 and was discharged as a captain in 1946. He served in the China-Burma-India theater. In 1950, he was the first officer from Cody recalled to service in the Korean War. He married the love of his life, Peggy Holm of Cody, in Chicago, on April 14, 1943.

He was Senior Vice President of First State Bank (later First Wyoming Bank) in Cody and served on the Board of Directors for many years. From 1955 to 1960, he served as Park County Assessor. Prior to that, he owned

and operated Frisby Sales and Service, a dealership for Jeeps, Studebakers, and Case farm machinery in Cody. He was a partner with Jack Richard in the Cody Times and with Gordon Brodrick in the OK Chevrolet in Powell. He and his wife Peg built and operated the Frontier Motel in Cody for 10 years.

In 1970, he was elected to the Wyoming Legislature, where he represented Park County for 18 years. He was chairman of the House Revenue Committee and after election to the Senate in 1976, served as chairman of the Senate Revenue Committee. He was passionate about keeping property taxes low for homeowners, farmers, and ranchers and led the effort to amend the Wyoming Constitution to accommodate a tier tax system.

Frisby was involved in establishing the Permanent Mineral Trust Fund and led the debate against the proposed medical school at the University of Wyoming. He served as State Staff Coordinator for Sen. Alan Simpson for six years.

Frisby was a longtime supporter of Northwest College in Powell, serving on the Board of Trustees in the early 70s. He was influential in the historic expansion of the college district to include Cody and Meeteetse. He was vice president of the Northwest College Foundation Board of Directors for many years and chairman of the Investment Committee. In 1987, the college honored him by naming the Social Sciences building for him.

He was past president of the Cody Country Chamber of Commerce, past commander of the American Legion Fred Coe Post #20, a charter member and past president of Cody Rotary, past chairman of the Park County Republican Party, a life member of the University of Wyoming Alumni Association and of the Cody Elks Lodge. He was active in the Masonic Lodge, having served as a past master of Shoshone Lodge No. 21, as well as a member of the Scottish Rite and Shrine. He was a longtime active member of the Cody United Methodist Church. He also served on the Board of Directors for the Wyoming Community Foundation and was an appointee

to the Wyoming Judicial Supervisory Commission.

He is survived by son Robert E. Frisby (Betty) of Boise, Idaho; son Donald R. Frisby (Judy) of Cody; and daughter Gloria Frisby Hedderman (Larry) of Powell; brother Wayne Frisby of Arroyo Grande, Calif.; and sister Mabel Jacquot of Casper. Also six grandchildren, Erika Frisby Huckabee (Jared) and Margaret Frisby of Cody, Kate Frisby Pinkalla (Tyler) of Waukesha, Wis., Beth Frisby Voss (Bob) of Chicago, Josie Hedderman of Cody and Anne Hedderman of Laramie. He was preceded in death by wife Peg, of 50 years, his parents, three brothers and two sisters.

# Charles O. Fritz, Jr.

THE

2004

WORLAND, Wyo. — Charles Fritz, Jr., 58, of Worland, died Tuesday, Dec. 7, 2004, at his home, after a lengthy illness.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, at the Church of Christ in Worland. Burial will follow in the Riverview Memorial Gardens Cemetery. Bryant Funeral Home of Worland is in charge.

FEB 08 2004

**DOROTHY JEAN FRITZEN**

## **Dorothy Jean Heringer Fritzen**

**SPOKANE, Wash.** — Jean passed away Jan. 31, 2004, in her home shortly after being diagnosed with cancer. She was born Jan. 16, 1926, in Billings to Jacob "Jack" Heringer and Minetta "Nettie" (McDonald). Educated in Billings, Jean graduated from Billings Senior High School in 1943, and from St. Vincent Hospital School of Nursing in 1946. She worked in several departments at St. Vincent Hospital. In 1950, she married Billy D. Fritzen and moved to Spokane. She pursued her nursing career at Deaconess Hospital until starting her family. She raised five children and returned to nursing after 15 years, working at Manor Crest Nursing Home, Holy Family Hospital and Shriner's Hospital. She retired in the early 1990s. She was an avid gardener and reader, enjoyed cooking, traveling, bowling, old

movies and opera. Jean loved her family and will be remembered for her kind heart, and sweet and gentle nature.

Jean was preceded in death by her husband, Bill; brother, Jack, Heringer; and sister, Marian Sweeney. She is survived by Mary Havercroft (Weldon) of Rathdrum, Idaho; Nancy Schultz (Rob) of Billings; Kathryn Turner (Jeff) of Vancouver, Wash.; Mark Fritzen of Vancouver; and Patricia Valpey (Mike) of Beale AFB.

She had seven grandchildren, Megan, Kyle and Molly Havercroft, Joe and Eric Schultz, Aidan and Sydney Valpey. Jean is also survived by her sister and best friend, Doris Zagorda (Peter) of Billings; sister-in-law, Nedra Shope, of Billings; brother-in-law, John Quarles of Spokane; and many nieces and nephews.

The family wishes to thank Brad and Sandy Parker, Linda McDowell, Jean and Bill Akers, Corrine and Dick Daschbach and Carol and Gary Lawton for helping Jean during her last years. A Memorial Service will be held in Spokane. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Guild School, 2118 West Garland, Spokane, WA 99205.

Jean was loved by her family and friends and will be missed by them all, including her dog, Bert.

**MAR 31 2004**

## **Cheryl Ann Frost**

Cheryl Ann Frost, 60, of Billings, formerly of Hardin, Crow Agency and Weatherford, Okla., passed away March 27, 2004, in Weatherford, of a heart attack.

She was born Christmas Eve in 1943, in Crow Agency, a daughter of Clifford and Melba Talk Frost. She attended schools in Crow Agency and Hardin, before completing her education in New Mexico, where in 1977 she acquired her Licensed Practical Nursing license.

Cheryl was a hard worker, maintaining her nursing career while raising her five children.

She enjoyed restoring antique oak furniture to its original state, working with the elderly and being an avid reader. Her greatest strength came from her faith in God.

Her older brother, Darry; two sisters, Marlene and Debbie; and

her beloved mother-in-law, Jessie Halverson, preceded Cheryl in death.

Survivors include her sons, Larry Jr. of Oklahoma; her daughters,



**CHERYL  
FROST**

Michele (Buzz Walker) and Sherice of Billings, Robin (Brennan) and Alicia of Oklahoma; her granddaughters, Brandi, Leona and Caitlin Kindness; a great-grandson, Nathen; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial funeral services will be held 10 a.m. Saturday, April 3, in the Bullis Funeral Chapel. Private inurnment will be held at a later date. Bullis Mortuary has been entrusted with the arrangements.



## Lea Ann Norskog Frost

MARCH 15 2004

Lea Ann Norskog Frost passed away early Saturday, March 13, 2004. She was born in Billings, April 9, 1963, to Vincent and Vivian Norskog. She was the youngest of five children. Lea Ann attended school in Billings and graduated from Senior High in 1981; she then attended Billings Vo-Tech.

She had worked for Coca Cola, the Post Office, and was currently employed at EBMS at the time of her death.

Lea Ann was preceded in death by her brother, Kirk. Survivors include her former husband, Jim; her parents; sisters, Laurie Reitler and Vicki (Gene) Speidel; and brother, Mark Norskog. Also surviving are nieces and nephews, Kindra, Tori, Glenn, Jr., Eric, Colt and A.J.; and her aunt Lois.

*There's an open gate at the end of the road through which each must go alone and there in a light we cannot see our Father claims His Own. Beyond the gate our loved one finds happiness and rest...And there is comfort in the thought that a Loving God knows best.*

Cremation has taken place at Smith's Crematory. Memorial services are pending.

# ZARRA FROST

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

JUN 23 2004

Zarra Frost, age 65, of Billings, passed away Jan. 19, 2004, at Eagle Cliff Manor.



**ZARRA FROST**

Zarra was born May 24, 1938, to David and Ella Frost in Billings. Her childhood was spent on the family farm in New Leipzig, N.D. Also when she was young, a lot of time was spent in Miles City, where she lived for a time, as well as living in other places ranging from Canada to Louisiana and various locations in Montana.

Her family will definitely remember her feisty spirit and loving ways. Her friends and family all knew that God was a big part of Zarra's life and she was sure that if they accepted God as their Lord and Savior, it would make a difference in everyone's life. She will be greatly missed for that.

Zarra is survived by her three children, Perry and wife Debra Haushalter of New Orleans, La., Vicky Burling of Billings and Laura (Plinky) and husband Brian Donnelly of Miles City; her former husband, Nate Haushalter of Billings; sister, Jackie Mohs of Sidney; brothers, Marvin and wife Peggy Frost of Homestead and David Frost of Tucson, Ariz.;

nine grandchildren; four great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her mother, father, step-father, sister, grandmother, uncle, aunt, great niece, and a stillborn daughter, Betty.

Zarra's family would like to thank all those who showed so much care and support for her this last month, helping her through her short but courageous struggle with cancer.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday at First Assembly Life Center, 550 32nd St. W., Billings. Following the service, burial will take place at Yellowstone Valley Memorial Park. A luncheon will be held at the church following the burial.

Michelotti-Sawyers is in charge of arrangements.

**Dorothy C. Froyd**

**WORLAND, Wyo. —** Dorothy Froyd, 81, of Worland, died Sunday, Jan. 25, 2004, at Washakie Medical Center.

Memorial services will be at

11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 31, at St. Alban's Episcopal Church in Worland.

Bryant Funeral Home of Worland is in charge.

# LeRoy Clayton Fry

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

JAN 22 2004

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — LeRoy Clayton Fry, 66, died Tuesday, Jan. 20, 2004, at Memorial Hospital of Sheridan County.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial services are at 2 p.m. Friday at the First Church of the Nazarene. Kane Funeral Home is in charge.

# Maxine Fry

LEWISTOWN — Laura Maxine Fry, 73, of Lewistown, went to be with her Lord, Tuesday, March 23, 2004, at her home, surrounded by her family, after a long battle with cancer.

She was born June 3, 1930, in Lewistown, the daughter of Charles and Sarah Anderson. She was educated in Lewistown and graduated from Fergus County High School in 1948.



**MAXINE  
FRY**

During high school, Maxine served as Ken Byerly's assistant at the News Argus. After graduation, she worked as a secretary for a law firm in Thermopolis, Wyo. She later returned to Lewistown and married David E. Fry on Sept. 9, 1949. Together, they owned and operated Fry Plumbing and Heating, where she was the bookkeeper and operated a bath shop. She was active in the community and often served as an election official. In her free time, she enjoyed stamping, cross-stitching and sewing.

Maxine was a member of Emmanuel Baptist Church, where she taught 2- and 3-year-olds for more than 40 years and was affectionately known as "Grandma Fry" to generations of

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children. She loved Jesus Christ and sought to allow God's love to be lived out through her. Her life

was a consistent testimony of the grace of God, blessing all those around her. She was a selfless, caring and compassionate person. Maxine deeply enjoyed her family and friends. Her door was always open; she loved to entertain guests and shared generously with all. Maxine was known as a kind, gracious and forgiving person. She was loved by many because she loved many.

She is survived by her husband, David Fry, Sr.; six children, David Jr. (Connie) of Lewistown, Laura O'Rear (Michael) of Colorado Springs, Colo., Daniel (Nancy) of Billings, Jonathan (Trina) of Billings, Benjamin (Cheryl) of Lewistown and Stephen (Mary) of Lewistown; 25 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; sisters and brothers-in-law, Doris Raicevich (Alex) of Spokane, Wash., Charlene Lacey of Reno, Nev., and Joe Murray of Hobson; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and her sister, Betty Murray.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 27, at Emmanuel Baptist Church, 134 Park St., Lewistown, with Michael O'Rear officiating. Interment will follow at the Lewistown City Cemetery. Creel Funeral Home is in charge of

Memorials may be made in Maxine Fry's name to Emmanuel Baptist Church and may be left at the church or the funeral home.

# Melvin H. Fuhrman

THE PITTSBURGH COURIER

GLASGOW — Melvin H. Fuhrman, 79, died Jan. 22, 2004, at Valley View Home of natural causes.

JAN 24 2004

Services will be at 2:30 p.m. Sunday at First Lutheran Church. Private family burial will follow. Bell Mortuary is in charge.

**Ronald D. Fuhrman****MAY 01 2004**

DEER LODGE — Ronald D. Fuhrman, 55, died Thursday, April 29, 2004, in Missoula, as the result of a brain hemorrhage.

Memorial services will be at 4 p.m. Sunday, May 2, at the Powell County High School in Deer Lodge. Jewell Funeral Home of Deer Lodge is in charge.



# Ronald David Fuhrman

DEER LODGE — Ronald David Fuhrman, 55, died Thursday, April 29, 2004, in Missoula, of a brain hemorrhage.

Services were held May 2, in Deer Lodge. Committal services will be at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 7, in Highland Cemetery in Glasgow. Burial will be in Highland Cemetery in Glasgow. Bell Mortuary of Glasgow is in charge.

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# Helen Alice Fulbright

LIVINGSTON — Helen Alice Fulbright, 92, of Livingston, passed away Dec. 21, 2004. She was born Sept. 27, 1912, in Stanford, to Frank and Anna (Novak) Strouf.

Helen lived in small towns across Montana: Denton, Stanford, Pendroy, Ronan, Hobson, Lewistown, Bozeman and Livingston. She graduated

from Stanford High School. On Sept. 29, 1934, she married Clarence "Pete" Fulbright in Denton. She was a homemaker until 1963, when she began to work as a cook at various

ranches and then at the 4B's Cafe in Bozeman until her retirement. She loved flower gardening.

Helen is survived by her sons, Roland Clarence Fulbright of Great Falls and Lyle Edwin Fulbright of Belgrade; eight grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Pete Fulbright in 1963; her grandson, Lyle Dean Fulbright in 1958; and brothers, Ralph Stevens in 1950, and William Strouf in 1955.

A Memorial Mass will be held 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 7, 2005, at Holy Rosary Catholic Church in



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FULBRIGHT**

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Bozeman. Interment of her ashes will be in the Calgary Catholic Cemetery.

Memorials in Helen's name may be made to: Holy Rosary Catholic Church, 220 W. Main, Bozeman, MT 59715.

# Gladys Opal Fuller

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**ROUNDUP** — Gladys Opal Fuller died on Oct. 6, 2004, after a brief illness, at the St. James Hospital in Butte.

A longtime resident of Roundup, she was born to Chauncey and Mae Turner on Oct. 8, 1913, the eldest of four children. She attended Ariann High School in Texas and graduated in 1931.

She married Laurence Ferguson in Texas in 1936 and the couple settled in Cut Bank, where Laurence worked in the oil fields. The family moved to Roundup in 1947 and operated a drilling business there. Lawrence died in 1966. Gladys married Rolland Fuller in 1971. He had been a childhood sweetheart back in Texas. The two of them enjoyed their reunion for more than 25 years before Rolland's death in 1997.

Gladys and Rolland operated Fullers Jewelry in Roundup for nearly 20 years. Gladys won several Tri-County Fair awards over the years for her quilts and crocheting. She will also be fondly remembered for a multitude of recipes she has handed down. Gladys exemplified the frugality and character typical of those who experienced the shortages associated with the Great Depression and the Second World War.

Gladys was also preceded in death by her younger son, Robert.

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She has a surviving son, Bill Ferguson, of Ashland, Ore.; five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren, all of whom miss her now and remember her with love.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Monday, Oct. 11, at the First United Methodist Church in Roundup. Interment to follow at the Roundup City Cemetery.

Wier Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

## **Jim Fulton**

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**FORSYTH —** Jim Fulton, 56, of Forsyth, passed away on Nov. 17, 2004, near Dillon.

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Visitation will be from 1 to 9 p.m. Monday with services at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home. Burial will be in the family lot of the Forsyth Cemetery.

# James L. Fulton

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FORSYTH — James L. Fulton, age 56, of Forsyth passed away on Nov. 17, 2004, near Dillon, while on his Elk Hunting trip.



**JAMES  
FULTON**

Jim was born on April 20, 1948, the son of Robert and Wanda (Reese) in Percy, Ill. Jim was raised and educated in the Percy area.

Following his schooling, Jim entered into the United States Navy on Jan. 3, 1968. He served his country actively until Jan. 18, 1970, when Jim entered the Navy Reserve. He was later honorably discharged on Sept. 28, 1973. Following Jim's time in the armed forces, he married Gayle Stewart on July 24, 1971, at Coulterville, ILL. Together, they made their home in Illinois until moving to Forsyth in 1973, where Jim worked as a carpenter in Colstrip during the construction of the Colstrip power plants. During the 1980's, Jim continued to work as a carpenter in the Forsyth area until being employed at what is now Forsyth Hardware, where he worked until the time of his death.

Jim was active in the Young Men's Club as well as various other memberships in Forsyth. Jim was friendly to all and never met a stranger. He enjoyed fishing,

playing cards, visiting with everyone and most of all hunting. He especially loved his family and children and grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife Gayle of Forsyth; two sons Allen Fulton (Dana) of Colstrip, Jim Fulton (Jasa) of Shepherd; two grandchildren Brayden and Brookelyn; his father Robert Fulton and his wife Peggy of Percy, Ill.; one brother Robert "Bob" Fulton (Louise) of Ava, Ill.; and one sister Jean Salger (Glenn) of Percy, Ill.; as well as several nieces and nephews.

Jim was preceded in death by his mother Wanda in 1983.

Funeral services will be on Tuesday, Nov. 23, 2004, at 11 a.m., in the Chapel of Stevenson and Sons Funeral Home in Forsyth. Burial will be in the family lot at the Forsyth Cemetery. Visitation will be on Monday, Nov. 22, 2004, from 1 until 9 p.m. in the Chapel of Stevenson and Sons Funeral Home in Forsyth. Family will receive friends from 5 until 7 p.m. on Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials can be made to the Young Men's Club or to a charity of one's choice.

Condolences can be made to the Fulton family at [www.stevensonandsons.com](http://www.stevensonandsons.com).

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**EDGAR** — Herman Frederick "Bud" Funk, 87, refinery controlman and operator, avid reader, hunter, music lover, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, died Monday, July 12, 2004, of natural causes, at his home in Edgar.

Bud is survived by his wife, Margaret; and daughter, Judy Smith, of Edgar; daughter Jennine Budge of Swansboro, N.C.; son Bud (Marjorie) Funk of Mountain Green, Utah; brother Paul Funk of Roundup; and sister Betty (Verdel) Benson of Spring Grove, Minn.; and nine grandchildren, Diane (Dave) Bonet of Laurel, Aaron (Alixandra) Budge of Gig Harbor, Wash., Debbie (George) Alley of Franklin, Ky., Larry (Ida) Brown and Karen (Brian) Larsen of Layton, Utah, Marcie (Brett) Steinicke of Kayesville, Utah, Alese (Todd) Bagby of Colorado Springs, Colo., Jennifer (Danny) Murphy of Las Vegas and Eric (Kristin) Smith of Parker, Colo.; as well as 19 great-grandchildren and 12 great-great-grandchildren.



**BUD  
FUNK**

He was preceded in death by his parents; infant son, James Robert; sister Rosemarie (Bob)

Johnson; sister-in-law Laverna (Paul) Funk; and son-in-law and best friend, Gary Smith.

Born in Spring Grove, Minn., May 13, 1917, Bud was raised by parents, Herman and Selma Funk, in Hebron, N.D., where he was educated and married his wife, Margaret Keith, on May 13, 1939. They moved to Laurel, where he worked at the Cenex Refinery for 35 years, retiring in 1977 after an industrial accident. He continued to work on the "ranch" south of Edgar for the next 20-plus years. He was a member of Laurel Eagles Lodge for many years and was a lifetime member of the AFL-CIO.

Bud and Margaret spent 17 years of their 65 years of married life in Laurel, where they raised their children in a very special neighborhood on the south side, surrounded by friends who have remained close from 1944 until the present time. Though many of his male friends preceded him in

death, Bud was loved and respected by them, their wives, children and grandchildren.

Always ready to lend a helping hand to others, particularly on construction projects, Bud was a good neighbor and friend whose door was always open to visitors. He had a wonderful sense of humor and loved telling jokes and limericks and laughing with family and friends. He will be sorely missed by all who knew and loved him.

A memorial service will be held at the Fromberg United Methodist Church, 10 a.m. Friday, July 16. Cremation has taken place and arrangements for the service will be made by Smith Funeral Chapel of Laurel. Memorials can be made to Special K Ranch in Columbus, or Beartooth Hospice in Red Lodge.

## Owen Dale Funk Sr.

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**MALTA** — Owen Dale Funk Sr., 76 years, a retired rancher, died at his home, surrounded by family, on Thursday, June 10, 2004.

A Rosary will be 7 p.m. Sunday, June 13, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Malta. The Funeral Mass will be 2 P.M. Monday, June 14, at St. Mary's Catholic Church. Burial with military honors will be in the Malta Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the charity of one's choice. Adams Funeral Home of Malta is in charge of arrangements.

Owen is survived by his wife, Patricia, of 50 years; children Myra and (Terry) Annalora of Miles City, Karen Rosendahl of Malta, Steve Funk of the home ranch, north of Hinsdale, Linda and (Mark) Manoukian of Malta, Sydney and (Tim) Dietz of Bozeman, Owen Dale and (Tanya) Funk Jr. of Saco, Amy and (Kerry) Capdeville of Hinsdale. He is survived by his sister Joan and her husband Ernie Schanzenbach of Spearfish, S.D., and their children, Lorna and Robyn (Allan and Joe Zacharin). Owen's extended family includes his sister-in-law, Annette (Dennis, Wayne and Lance Johnson) of Hinsdale. Owen's pride and joy were his 12 grandchildren: Bobber Rosendahl, "Angel" Julia Funk, Brady Funk, Sara Dietz, Megan Funk, Lane Caudeville, Kacie Dietz, Troy

Manoukian, Courtney Capdeville, Justin Funk, Marley Manoukian and Bailey Funk.

Owen was preceded in death by his granddaughter, Julia Funk; his brother, Maurice Funk; his sister-in-law, Clarice Funk; and his parents, Sid and Francis.

Owen began his life July 20, 1927, in Malta, the son of Sid and Francis Funk. Owen attended schools in Malta, graduating from Malta High School in 1945. He attended Montana State University in Bozeman, where he played basketball for one year. Owen then enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1950 and served as a medic in Korea for 22 months, where he was awarded a Bronze Star Medal with Letter "V" for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an armed enemy near Kungmal, Korea, in January 1952. He was honorably discharged at the rank of Sergeant First Class. He returned to the family ranch north of Hinsdale and began his ranching career with wife Patricia (Brady) whom he married on Jan. 16 of 1954.

During his ranching tenure,



Owen was active in civic groups, serving on the Hinsdale School Board for many years. He also was an active member of the American Hereford Association and a committee member of the Farmer Home Administration. Owen was recognized for his service and contribution to the Valley County Livestock Association and was elected an honorary member of the Future Farmers of America. Owen remained a constant presence at many area sporting events following his children and grandchildren in their many activities.

## **Billie D. Furnish**

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LEWISTOWN — Billie D. Furnish, 83, died Monday, May 10, 2004, at the Central Montana Medical Center.

Memorial services will be at 1:30 p.m. Friday, May 14, at St. James Episcopal Church. Cremation has taken place. Creel Funeral Home of Lewistown is in charge.

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## **Casper Fvernetti**

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Casper Fvernetti, 63, of Sheridan, died Sunday, June 13, 2004, at his home.

Services are pending. Kane Funeral Home of Sheridan is in charge.

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