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## **Robert Kahmer, Jr.**

**CROW AGENCY** — Robert Kahmer, Jr., 33, of Crow Agency, died April 3, 2004, in Billings.

He was born Sept. 20, 1970, in Chester, Pa., a son of Robert and Cheryl Wood Kahmer, Sr. He received his elementary education in Elmer, N.J., and graduated from high school in Pittsburgh Township, N.J. He enlisted in the U.S. Air Force on Oct. 28, 1988, served in Iraq as a Weather Observer during Desert Storm, before receiving his Honorable Discharge on Feb. 4, 1992.

Robert attended medical school and later transferred to an emergency room nurses training program. He has been involved in emergency room nursing in Crow Agency since Sept. 19, 2003.

He married Sonja Schwarz in May of 1998 in New Port Richey, Fla.

Survivors include his wife, Sonja of Crow Agency; his children, Alexander and Kayley of Crow Agency; his parents, Robert and Cheryl Kahmer, Sr. of Florida; and his sister, Colleen Kelly Link of Ft. Riley, Kan.

Funeral services will be held 10 a.m. Wednesday April 7, in the Bullis Funeral Chapel. Cremation will follow the services. Interment will be in Florida. Bullis Mortuary has been entrusted with the arrangements.

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**Andrew John Kallen****MAY 16 2004**

PHOENIX, —Andrew John Kallen, 53, of Phoenix, died Friday, May 14, 2004.

Memorial funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, May 19, at the Dessert Hills Funeral Home in Phoenix. Cremation has taken place.

# Eleanor Kaltenbach

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GILLETTE, Wyo. — Eleanor Kaltenbach, 96, of Gillette, formerly of Buffalo, died Thursday, Sept. 9, 2004, at the Pioneer Manor in Gillette.

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Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 18, at the Adams Funeral Home Chapel in Buffalo. Visitation will be from 1 to 9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 17, and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, both at Adams Funeral Home.

## Arthur W. Kamhoot

FORSYTH — Arthur W. Kamhoot, 91, a 57-year resident of Forsyth, passed away on Jan. 17, 2004, in Grand Junction, Colo., due to heart failure.

Art spent nearly all of his 91 years in Rosebud County. He was



**ART  
KAMHOOT**

born April 25, 1912, in a log ranch house on a homestead located three miles from the Yellowstone River and about 20 miles west of Miles City on the West Fork of Cottonwood Creek. He was the son of Montana pioneer parents; his father, C.W. "Bill" Kamhoot came to Montana in 1895 from Minnesota and his mother, Marion McIntosh, was the first white child born on Rosebud Creek in 1882.

His early life was spent ranching to be followed by construction work as a welder on the Kerr Hydro-Electric Dam Project near Polson.

He then returned to ranching and in 1946 purchased the International Harvester implement dealership in Forsyth. He spent the rest of his years in many different business ventures to include the Kaiser-Frazer and Pontiac car dealerships, selling airplanes, a John Deere dealer-

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ship, establishing the first auto parts wholesale store in Forsyth, and later on, a grocery store. He also learned to fly and used small airplanes in the machinery business doing sales and service work in the large service area that spanned from the Fort Peck Lake to the Wyoming border.

His involvement in public life and politics started in 1938 as secretary/treasurer for the local AFL Pipe Fitters Union during the Kerr Dam period.

Later, he served as a director on the Powder River Farm Loan Association in Miles City and as president of the Hi-way Six Association which was formed to complete Highway 12 into an all weather road. Art was very active in local organizations. He was a member and past master of the Hiram Masonic Lodge #52 in Forsyth, member of the York Rite Masons of Forsyth, member of the Al Bedoo Shrine Temple in Billings, and member and past patron of the Bethlehem Chapter #27 of Eastern Star in Forsyth. He was also Chamber of Commerce president several times, golf club president and Lions Club president. He also served as district

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## Art Kamhoot

governor of District 5/A of Lions International and received the prestigious Melvin Jones award. He served on the school board, hospital board, city council, board of county commissioners and was a delegate to the 1972 Constitutional Convention which rewrote the Montana Constitution. In addition, he was also a director of the First Bank of Forsyth for 11 years.

Art was preceded in death by his wife of 65 years, Ethel (Baringer) Kamhoot; his sister Jackie North of Billings, and two brothers, Leonard and Bruce of Oregon. Their four children and spouses, all surviving, are: Col. Barry Kamhoot (Ret.) and wife, Joanne (Bean) Kamhoot of Albuquerque, N.M.; Carole and Col. Robert O'Neil (Ret.) of Papillion, Neb.; Pat and Gary Heath (retired civil engineer) of Grand Junction, Colo.; and Karen and Daryl Heskin (architect and president of JB Olsen Construction Co.) of Denver. Art and Ethel have 10 grandchildren, all college graduates, and 14 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, Jan. 31, at the Stevenson and Son Funeral Home in Forsyth at 2 p.m.

FORSYTH — Art Kamhoot, 91, of Forsyth, died Jan. 17, 2004, in Grand Junction, Colo.

Visitation is from 1 to 6 p.m. Friday, Jan. 30, with services at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 31, all at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home. Burial will be in the family lot of the Forsyth Cemetery.

**"Vic"**

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Victor J. Kammer, 76, died peacefully at St. Vincent Healthcare, Billings, MT on Wednesday, July 28, 2004, shortly after being diagnosed with leukemia.

Vic, the eldest of four children, was born February 16, 1928 to Martin and Mary (Roth) Kammer in Topeka, KS. At the age of 14, Vic moved with his family to Denver where he attended St. Joseph's High School. As a United States soldier, Vic was stationed in Vienna,

Austria during WWII and later served in the Korean War. After his honorable discharge, he moved back to Colorado and worked for the United States Postal Service.



**VIC  
KAMMER**

Vic began his career in candy sales working at A.G. wholesale and Beechnut LifeSavers. On January 12, 1957, Vic was united in marriage to Phyllis Marie Hayden in Denver, CO. In 1965, he began his career with Hershey's Candy Corp. and was transferred to Billings in 1970, where he worked as division manager until his retirement in 1990.

Vic was a volunteer at St. Francis Primary and

Intermediate schools, known to the students as "Grandpa Vic". He spent countless hours tutoring students one-on-one or in small groups, as well as being their friend and confidant. An artist by nature, Vic would often sketch pictures for the children, many of which are cherished items today. In recognition of his dedication and service to the schools, he was a national recipient of the J.C. Penney Golden Rule Award for Community Service.

Vic was a deeply spiritual man, praying the rosary daily. He had a beautiful understanding of the mercy of God. Vic was a member of the Knights of Columbus and St. Pius X Parish. He was an avid golfer and involved in the Senior Leagues at Peter Yegen and Par 3 golf courses. He had a wonderful sense of humor, even at the very end. However, Grandpa Vic's true joy came from being involved in the daily lives of his three grandchildren, Libby, Max, and Joey. Vic was ever present at their sporting

events, concerts, or programs; they kept his spirit alive after Phyllis passed away in 2001.

Preceding Vic in death were his beloved wife Phyllis; brother Paul Kammer and nephew John Kammer. Survivors include his children: Sara Kammer of Denver, Christie Kammer, and Katie (Carter) Thompson of Billings; three grandchildren: Libby, Max, and Joey Thompson; sister: Jeannette Biondi of St. Petersburg, FL; brother Dan (Joann) Kammer of Colorado Springs, CO; sisters-in-law: Jackie Kammer of Denver and Grace Hayden of Springfield, MA; brother-in-law Bill Hayden of Easton, PA, as well as very special nieces, nephews, and friends.

Vigil services will be at St. Pius X Church at 7:00 P.M. on Friday, July 30, 2004. Memorial Mass will be celebrated at St. Pius X Church at 1:00 P.M. on Saturday, July 31, 2004. Cremation has taken place and Vic's ashes will be laid to rest in Calvary Cemetery immediately following the Mass. Memorials may be made to St. Francis Primary School, 511 Custer, Billings, MT 59101.

"Welcome Home, Good and Faithful Servant"



**KERMITH KAMPPINEN**

## **Kermith 'Bear' Kamppinen**

**COLUMBUS** — Kermith "Bear" Kamppinen, 51, of rural Columbus, left in his sleep to fly with the angels on Aug. 2, 2004.

He was born in Columbus on July 2, 1953, the first son born to Kenneth and Doris Kamppinen.

Kermith drove truck for several years and then was a core driller for precious metals. He loved tinkering in his shop and rebuilt a hay loader this summer, his last legacy to the ranch he so dearly loved.

"Bear" loved taking his tepees up into the mountains and hunting for deer and elk. His tepees were also set up for weddings in the area periodically and were his pride and joy.

He was preceded in death by his father. Survivors include his mother of Columbus; three brothers, Kevin of South Carolina and Keith and Kim of Columbus; a niece and two nephews; and a grandnephew.

A celebration of his life will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 5, at the Whitebird School. Cremation has taken under the direction of Smith-Olcott Funeral Chapel of Red Lodge.

Memorials may be sent to the Stillwater Team of Big Sky Hospice, PO Box 1109, Columbus, MT, 59019; or to a charity of choice.

**Frances G. Kangas**

**MALTA** — Frances G. Kangas, 81, died Thursday, June 24, 2004, at the Phillips County Hospital, of multiple myeloma.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, June 28, at Adams Funeral Home in Malta, with interment of ashes in the Malta Cemetery. Adams Funeral Home and Crematory are in charge.

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Janet Suzanne Kanta, age 37, of Billings, formerly of Forsyth, passed away unexpectedly at Deaconess Billings Clinic on April 6, 2004.

Janet was born the daughter of Gesa and Marilyn (Beeman) Kanta on Feb. 21, 1967, in Billings. The family made their home in Melstone. Janet was born with Cerebral Palsy and at the young age of 3, she began her education at the Montana Center for Handicapped Children in Billings.

Janet later moved to Forsyth with her family and attended one year of school in Forsyth. She then went on to the Ann Carlson School in Jamestown, N.D., where she graduated in 1987. Following her graduation, she moved to Mandan, N.D., where she made her home for the next year and later moved to Bozeman. She eventually moved to Billings, where she resided until the time of her death.

Janet truly enjoyed being with family and friends. She was very social and loved going for rides with her family and friends. Her greatest interests were visiting on the phone as well as crafting. Janet was an independent person and was proud that she could live independently for 14 years. She

loved listening to music and was very involved in the different handicap organizations in Billings.

Janet is survived by her par-



**JANET  
KANTA**

ents, Gesa Kanta and Marilyn Kanta, both of Forsyth; her brothers, Monte Kanta of Kenai, Alaska, and Mitch Kanta of Forsyth; her sisters, Joan Stahl of Forsyth and Jill Haidle of San Diego; her

nieces, Bailey and Kenzie Stahl; a nephew, Cody Kanta; and numerous aunts and uncles as well as her cousins.

She was preceded in death by her nephew, Blake Kanta.

Funeral services will be on Saturday, April 10, at 10 a.m., in the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Forsyth. Burial will be in the family lot of the Forsyth Cemetery. Visitation will be on Friday, April 9, from 1 until 8 p.m., in the Chapel of Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home of Forsyth.

Condolences can be sent to the Kanta Family at [www.stevensonandsons.com](http://www.stevensonandsons.com).

## Louise Kappes

MILES CITY — Louise Alberta Kappes, 82, of Miles City, died Sunday, Oct. 3, 2004, at the Murray Care Center in Murray, Utah.

Visitation will be from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 6, in the chapel of Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 7, in the chapel of Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City. Interment will follow in the family lot of the Custer County Cemetery.

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## **Louise Jackson Karell**

**LIVINGSTON** — Louise Jackson Karell, 93, of Livingston, died Tuesday, Oct. 12, 2004, at Evergreen Livingston Health and Rehabilitation Center.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, Oct. 15, at Franzen-Davis Funeral Home in Livingston. Graveside committal services and burial will follow in Park View Gardens Cemetery.

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**WOLF POINT** — Huldah Karge passed away Friday, Aug. 27, 2004, at Faith Lutheran Home. She was born Oct. 3, 1906, at Sisseton, S.D., to Inga Ostberg and Edward Bach. In 1915, she came to Montana with her widowed mother and three brothers.

Huldah graduated from Wolf Point High School in 1924 as valedictorian of her class. She attended Minot State College and taught in rural schools until 1930 when she married Albert Karge. To this union were born three children: Harvey (Bertha), Irma Christensen (Tom) and Kenneth (Audrey).

Huldah loved to read, garden and do puzzles. She especially loved crocheting and was known for her beautiful doilies.

Huldah was devoted to her church and her family. She was preceded in death by her husband Albert, son Harvey and five brothers, Morris, Sverre (Slim), Edward, Harry and Paul. Her children, Irma Christensen of Wolf Point and Kenneth Karge of Seaside, Ore., survive her. Grandchildren Kay and Kent Christensen, Kari, Kris, Leroy and



**HULDAH  
KARGE**

George Karge and Karolyn Braun and great-grandchildren Alissa Christensen, Natasha Braun, and Evan, Cami and Celeste Karge, also survive her. Brothers Donald Anderson of Casa Grande, Ariz., and Robert Anderson of Kalispell and sister Irene Erickson of Wolf Point also survive her.

All of us in her family, whom she left behind, loved her very much and will cherish her memory.

Inurnment will be held on Thursday at 3 p.m. at Greenwood Cemetery. Memorial services will be held at First Lutheran Church on Thursday at 4 p.m. 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 has been entrusted with arrangements.

## **Chester H. Karsten**

Chester Karsten, 83, of Billings, died Monday, July 5, 2004, at his home.

Cremation has taken place. At his request, no services are planned. Cremation or Funeral Gallery is in charge.

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## Catherine Jane Gunderson Katana

5-28-20 to 9-5-04, age 84

CONRAD — Jane Katana entered peacefully into eternal rest on Sept. 5, following a valiant struggle with cancer.

Born in Outlook, Jane attended schools in Navaho and Flaxville, graduating in three years after just turning 16. She went on to business college in

Great Falls, where she met Julius M. "Julie" Katana of Roundup. They married in 1940. She received the Grand Cross of Color, Order of Rainbow for Girls, and was active in

Women of the Moose.

The Katana family lived in Roundup for 10 years before moving to Conrad in 1951, where Jane pursued a career as secretary to Robert B. Emerick of Emerick Oil Field Management, which later became the State Farm Insurance Agency of Conrad. Retiring in 1984 after 32 years, she studied piano and



JANE  
KATANA

organ, and became an organist for the First Christian Church. A 19-year resident of the Conrad Horizon Lodge, she served as treasurer for the Residents Council, and enjoyed calling bingo on Friday evenings. She moved to California to live with her daughter last September.

Jane was preceded in death by her parents, John L. and Catherine E. Gunderson of Kalispell; her husband, "Julie," of 44 years; and siblings, Margaret Norby of Conrad and John Gunderson of Flaxville.

Survivors include sisters-in-law Betty Gunderson of Flaxville, Tana Katana of Billings and Ann Golob of Great Falls; children James M. Katana (Lynn) of Bend, Ore., and Julie E. Katana of Stockton, Calif.; three grandchildren, three step-grandchildren; and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be celebrated on Monday, Sept. 13, at 10:30 a.m. in the First Christian Church of Conrad. In lieu of flowers, please make memorials to the charity of your choice.



## Clifford Kauffman

BLOOMFIELD — Clifford Kauffman, 86, of Bloomfield, died Wednesday, Oct. 13, 2004, at the Glendive Medical Center.

The family will greet friends from 3 to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 19, and additional visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, at the chapel of the Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home in Glendive. Memorial services will be at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 20, at the Red Top Mennonite Church in Bloomfield. Private family graveside services will be at the Red Top Mennonite Cemetery in Bloomfield.

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## **Elsie Kaufman**

Elsie Kaufman passed peacefully to be with her Lord, Sunday, Feb. 22, 2004, in Billings.

Elsie was born April 14, 1910, near Bloomfield, to Jacob and Katy Senner. On June 24, 1933, she married Alfred Kaufman. They farmed for several years in eastern Montana and later in Ryegate. In 1967, they moved to Billings, where they would later retire.



**ELSIE  
KAUFMAN**

Elsie was a wonderful rock in our family. She dearly loved her family and her home. She enjoyed baking, gardening and bird watching. She also loved handiwork, even after losing most of her eyesight, making all kinds of treasures for each of her family members which we will never forget, from clothing to afghans and quilts. She was a very determined person and taught each of us how to make the best out of what God has given us.

Elsie was preceded in death by her husband Alfred Kaufman; two sisters and five brothers. She is survived by one sister, Anna Senner of South Dakota; two sons, Larry Kaufman of Billings and Kenneth Kaufman of Washington; a daughter, Angela Kaufman of

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Billings, who cared for her the last years of her life; seven grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren, all who loved her very much.

Funeral service will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, Feb. 26, at Yellowstone Lutheran Brethren Church, 852 Governors Blvd. A luncheon will be provided by the church and interment will follow at 1 p.m. at Sunset Memorial Gardens, where she will be laid to rest next to her husband, Alfred Kaufman. Family will be receiving guests for visitation from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 25, at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary.

Memorials may be sent to Yellowstone Lutheran Brethren Church, 852 Governors Blvd., Billings, MT 59105, or to Montana Talking Books Library, PO Box 201800, Helena, MT 59620-1800.

Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

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Robert L. Kaufman, age 78, died Aug. 13, 2004, in St. Vincent Healthcare.

He was born on Jan. 17, 1926, in Windsor, Colo. to Jake and Katie (Rosh) Kaufman. The family moved to Billings in 1932 and farmed in the Shepherd area for many years. He shared his memories of

**ROBERT  
KAUFMAN**

farming with a team of Belgium horses as a younger man.

Bob was inducted into the US Army at 18 years of age in 1944. He served in the artillery at the Battle of the Bulge and the Philippines. He served under Patton in Berlin when the Germans surrendered. He toured through France, Germany, Belgium and Austria earning three battle stars and a Meritorious Unit Citation. Bob also served as an interpreter being fluent in German.

After discharge from the Army in 1946, he married his childhood sweetheart, Charlotte Henman on Oct. 12, 1946. Three children were born to this marriage, Jeff, Roberta, and Kathy. After many years of fostering children, Pete, Dustin and Vernon permanently joined the family.

Bob was a master plumber for nearly 40 years, retiring in 1981. His work took the family to Poplar, Bozeman and Billings many of the years at Sta Plumbing.

Bob enjoyed being with his family, children, and grandchildren. He was a wonderful husband, father and grandfather. He especially loved hunting, fishing, bowling, square dancing, playing softball as a young man and in retirement took up golf. He was fond of his numerous nephews and nieces and was loved by them in return. He was always eager to offer advice and help anyone who asked. He thoroughly enjoyed watching his grandchildren bowl and attending quarter horse shows with his children and grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Edward. Survivors include his wife of 57 years, Charlotte; son, Jeff (Susan) Kaufman of Denver; daughters, Berta (Don) Falcon of Columbia Falls and San Antonio, Texas, and

Kathy Kipp of Billings; sons, Pete Kaufman of Bozeman, and Dustin Kaufman of Billings. Grandchildren include Erik (Julie) Kaufman of Bozeman, Nikki (Chris) Kaufman Skogman of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Dawn (Joe) Falcon Snow of San Antonio, Texas, Ben (Larisa) Falcon of Chicago, Ill., Shawn Kipp of Billings, and Rhianna Kaufman of Billings. Also surviving are foster son, Vernon (Maureen) Martell and their seven children, Joseph, Titus (Sara), Kahlea, Gabrielle, Brendan, Moriah, and Hannah.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial services will be 3 p.m. Monday at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary with interment in Yellowstone Valley Memorial Park.

Memorials may be made to the Women's and Family Shelter, 2520 First Ave. N.

## Leland Kaul

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GILLETTE, Wyo. — Leland Kaul, 54, of Gillette, died Wednesday, Oct. 6, 2004, at the Campbell County Memorial Hospital in Gillette, of a long-term illness.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 9, at the Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home Chapel in Gillette. Interment will follow at the Mount Pisgah Cemetery in Gillette.

## **Buddy R. Kaurin**

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**DEC 10 2004**

LEWISTOWN — Buddy R. Kaurin, 71, died Monday, Dec. 6, 2004, at the Central Montana Medical Center.

At his request, cremation has taken place. Private family services will be held at a later date. Creel Funeral Home of Lewistown is in charge.

# Amelia Kautzman

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**HARDIN** — Amelia Kautzman, 92, of Henderson, Nev., formerly of Hardin, died Wednesday, Nov. 10, 2004, in Henderson.

Rosary will be recited 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 17, in the Bullis Funeral Chapel in Hardin. Funeral mass will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 18, in the St Joseph Catholic Church. Rite of Committal will follow in the Fairview Cemetery.

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# Amelia Kautzman

**HENDERSON, Nev.** — Amelia Kautzman, 92, of Henderson, Nev., formerly of Hardin, beloved mother and grandmother, passed away Wednesday, Nov. 10, 2004, in Henderson.

She was born March 22, 1912, in Goodrich, N.D., a daughter of William and Minnie Ziegler. Losing her parents at a very early age, she was raised by her grandparents, Andrea



**AMELIA  
KAUTZMAN**

and Addelgunda Almer. At the age of 16, she began her working career at the Jamestown, N.D.

hospital, working in the kitchen.

Amelia moved to Montana in 1936 and married George A. Kautzman on Nov. 28, 1938. They made their home in St. Xavier and raised four children, while they were employed by School District 17-H. After George died in 1966, she continued to work for the district until 1969, when she moved to Hardin.

She made her home with her daughter Ella Mae and her husband, Bennie Paschall and later moved with them to Nevada.

She also worked at the Bair's Cafe and Truck Stop for four years and later for the Big Horn County Memorial Hospital laundry, retiring at the age of 75.

Amelia was a kind, loving, good-natured person who cherished her family, friends and God. She was a devoted member of the Catholic Church.

Survivors include her son, Harry (Linda) Kautzman of Hardin; three daughters, Ella Mae Paschall of Henderson, Nev., Shirley (Ray) Moots of Hazen, N.D., and Rosalie Boeckel of Billings; a foster daughter, Dixie Carpenter; 12 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

"Mom, we knew little that morning that God was going to call your name. In life we loved you dearly, in death we do the same. It breaks our hearts to lose you, but you did not go alone, for part of us went with you the day God called you home. You left us beautiful memories, your love is still our guide, and though we cannot see you, you are always by our side."

Rosary will be recited 7 p.m., Wednesday Nov. 17, in the Bullis Funeral Chapel. Funeral mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Thursday in the St Joseph Catholic Church. Rite of Committal will follow in the Fairview Cemetery.

Bullis Mortuary of Hardin has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Goodbye Mom! Till we meet again, "We love you."



## Barbara Z. Kawulok

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Barbara Z. Kawulok, 68, of Sheridan, died Wednesday, March 24, 2004, at Memorial Hospital of Sheridan County, of cancer.

At her request, cremation has taken place and no services are planned. A private family service will be held at a later date. Champion Ferries Funeral Home of Sheridan is in charge.

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# Nancy Ann Kazezski

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COLUMBUS — Nancy entered into rest Oct. 28, 2004.

She is survived by her husband Richard; daughters, Debbie, Julie and Susan; three sons-in-law; seven grandchildren; one great-grandchild; two sisters; one brother; two brothers-in law; many nieces and nephews and numerous friends.



**NANCY  
KAZEZSKI**

Family and friends are invited to attend a memorial service on Monday, Nov. 1, at the Reed Point High School Gym at Reed Point, at 2 p.m.

At Nancy's request, any donations may be made in her memory to the Evangelical Church of Reed Point.

Smith Funeral Chapel-Columbus was in charge of cremation.

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## **Arlene Ann Keschull**

Arlene was born in Juneau, Alaska, on May 15, 1957, and passed away in Billings on Oct. 11, 2004, as a result of a bicycle-vehicle accident.

At age 5, she was declared an abandoned child and was adopted by Otto and Martha Keschull.

Arlene attended school at Shepherd, graduating with the class of 1975. She also had three years of college at MSU-Billings. She has lived in Omaha and Denver, employed in clerical-office work. In 1990, she returned to Montana, living in Bozeman for seven years and then in Billings for the past seven years.

Arlene was an avid reader, loved music, Bible study and volunteering. She attended First English Lutheran Church, where she helped with Children's Bible School this past summer.

Her survivors are her parents, Otto and Martha Keschull of Harlowton; her brother, Jay; his wife, Vicki; their three children, Laura, Matthew and Jacob, all of Bozeman; also several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Cremation has taken place by Perkins Funeral Home, Harlowton.

Family will hold a memorial celebration of Arlene's life at a later date.

# Neil Seward Keefer

(1/7/1931 — 8/10/2004)

Neil was born in Billings, Jan. 7, 1931, the son of William and Zylpha Parmerlee Keefer. He had a heart attack in his sleep at home Tuesday, Aug. 10, 2004.

He graduated from Billings Senior High (1949), where he was very active in activities. He was a member of the Debate Club, a founder of Elphadonk — a political/debating society, and the first student stage manager for all productions held in the auditorium.

He then attended Eastern Montana College (now MSU-B) for one and one-half years where he was active in nearly all drama productions. He joined the army in 1951 and was sent to Officer Candidate School. From there, he was assigned to the field hospital in Heidelberg, Germany. While there he took classes from the University of Maryland.

Upon discharge from the army, he attended George Washington University and American University in Washington, D.C. He attended Law School at the University of Montana in Missoula. During his senior year he and Rick Allen took second place in the national Moot Court Competition.

He worked in the law firm of Dewey, Ballantine in New York City for nine months.

Big cities were not to his lik-

ing and he returned to Billings, working with the law firm of Franklin Longon and with other lawyers.

He married Winifred Olwen Brown, June 8, 1959, in Helena.

He founded his own law firm of Keefer, Roybal, Hansen, Stacey, and Whalen. He joined the Crowley Law Firm in 1994 as Attorney of Counsel.



NEIL KEEFER

Neil was listed in the Best Lawyers of America. He served as president of the Yellowstone County Bar Association in 1983-4. He was awarded the Boss of the Year by the Billings Legal Secretaries Association in 1979-1980.

Neil was a generous and kind person who shared of his abundance with anyone in need. He was active in his church and was extremely proud of teaching an adult class on Egyptian and Israeli history in September of 2002 and 2003.

He was preceded in death by his father, William Keefer.

He is survived by his wife, Winifred; his daughter and son-in-law, Janet and Scott Thompson of Tucson, Ariz.; his daughter and son-in-law, Judy and Lorin Bromeling of Brookings, S.D.; his mother, Zylpha Keefer of Billings; and his brother, Roland Keefer of Spokane, Wash. He was very proud of his three grandchildren of Brookings: Jennifer, Kristy and Kyle.

Visitation will be 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Friday, Aug. 13, at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary. Memorial services will be 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 14, at Shiloh United Methodist Church, 1810 Shiloh Road.

In lieu of flowers, memorials maybe made to Shiloh United Methodist Church or a charity of your choice.

## Robert "Bob" G. Keefe

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FORT COLLINS, Colo. — Robert "Bob" G. Keefe passed away Feb. 22, 2004, at his home in Fort Collins. His wife and children were at his side.

Bob was born April 1, 1944, in Chillicothe, Mo., to Edward Keefe and Dorothy Staats Keefe. The family later moved to Topeka, Kan. Bob graduated from Topeka West in 1962 and served in the Army Reserves upon graduation. Bob graduated from Washburn University in Topeka in 1975 and earned an MBA degree from St. Ambrose University in Iowa in 2000.

Bob worked at several Smaks Drive-In restaurants in Kansas City, Mo., and Topeka from 1960 to 1972. He later worked at Stevenson's Restaurant Supply and in the city auditor's office in Topeka. Bob was the Finance Director for the City of Lee's Summit, Mo., from 1977 to 1985, Director of Administrative Services for the City of Flagstaff, Ariz., from 1985 to 1988, City Administrator for the City of Ottumwa, Iowa, from 1988 to 2000, and Director of Administrative Services for the City of Billings from 2000 to 2003.

His wife, Anne; son Brian, daughter-in-law Erin, granddaughter Madison; daughter Sarah, all of Fort Collins, and daughter Elizabeth and son-in-

law Todd Heller of Longmont survive him. He is also survived by his sisters, Pat Eisenbarth (Ron) and Sue Lacy (Chuck) of Topeka, and numerous relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents and stepfather Bernard Stone.

A celebration of Bob's life will be held at a later date in Topeka. Remembrances can be made to The National Park Foundation.

# Zylpha Leone Keefer

(1906 - 2004)

Zylpha Leone Palmerlee Keefer quietly passed away on Sept. 11, 2004, at Aspen Meadows, where she has been a resident for the past 11 years. She was born in Dodge Center, Minn., May 15, 1906, the first daughter of Nellie (Blanchard) and Herbert S. Palmerlee. She lived there until 1917, when she moved with her parents to Billings.



**ZYLPHA  
KEEFER**

After graduating from Billings High School in 1924, she attended the Normal School (now MSU-B) where she earned her teaching certificate. She taught school at Fishtail for several years; she then taught at the Lake Basin (Molt), where she met her future husband, William "Bill" Keefer. They were married March 2, 1930. They farmed in the Molt area for several years. They moved to Seattle for a short period so her husband could take classes in specialized welding. About that time, the Depression effects reached the West Coast, and were exacerbated by a longshoremen's strike bringing them back to Billings.

She and Bill raised two sons.

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Neil S. Keefer and Roland J. Keefer. In 1954, she matriculated at Eastern Montana College of Education in Billings where she earned her B.S. degree in education. She continued working on her master's degree with a specialization in remedial reading.

She taught at the Campus School (EMCOE), Garfield School, Jefferson School and North Park School. In each case, she was a popular teacher and instilled the love of learning and reading in her students. After retirement, she enjoyed many things: traveling with the trailer club, needle and handicrafts, Modern Club, and her Masonic connections: 50-year member of Eastern Star, White Shrine, Daughters of the Nile and her weekly Bridge club. She enjoyed being a wife, mother, mother-in-law, grandmother, and friend.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Bill; her sister, Ardith Marion Palmerlee; and her son, Neil.

She is survived by her son, Roland J. Keefer of Spokane; her daughter-in-law, Winifred Keefer of Billings; two granddaughters and sons-in-law, Janet and Scott Thompson of Tucson, Ariz., and Judy and Lorin Bromeling of Brookings, S.D. She

Brookings, S.D.; sister-in-law and her husband Ethel Keefer and Owen Ketchum. She also has three great-grandchildren: Jennifer, Kristy and Kyle of Brookings.

The time and place for a memorial service will be announced later.

Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary has charge of arrangements.



# Mariane Plouvier Keene

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

JUL 30 2004

Mariane Plouvier Keene, 93, passed away July 28, 2004. She was born in Craig, Ill., on Feb. 28, 1911. She spent her youth in the Klein, Mont., area where her family lived in the rock houses and later on a homestead near Sumatra.



**MARIANE  
KEENE**

Mariane married Roscoe Keene in West Frankfort, Ill. After his death in 1952, she moved with her children to Billings. Mariane retired in 1976 as the cafeteria manager of Lincoln Junior High. She was also a 50-plus-year member of Emmanuel Baptist Church.

Mariane loved reading and crocheting. Her beautiful afghans will be forever cherished by her loved ones. She had a special sense of humor, a beautiful smile and the warmest heart that a grandmother could have.

We will always remember Grams coming to visit us in her little gold Volkswagon Bug in first gear! You could hear her two blocks away driving down 24th St. West. Our fondest memories of Grams include the special sleepovers with maple nut ice cream, store bought cookies and her endless supply of Lifesavers. also

known as "pogey bait." Grams shared the last 15 years of her life with her treasured companion "Kit Kit."

Mariane is survived by her son, Bill (Darlene) of Billings; daughter, Alene (Elmer) Hilderman of Spokane, Wash.; a brother, Francis Plouvier of Billings; her grandchildren, Julie (Jim) Ussin and Doug (Dory) Keene of Billings, Resa (Jeff) Rawley of Spokane, Vance Hilderman of San Diego, Calif., Janna Hand of Nashville, Tenn., and Ross (Kelly) Hilderman of Spokane. She also has 13 grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Roscoe; grandson David; and her brothers, Bino and Ted Plouvier.

We would like to thank Aspen Meadows Assisted Living and Nursing Home for their wonderful care and concern for Mariane these past two years.

Cremation is planned and a memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. on Monday at the Smith Downtown Chapel. Interment of the urn will follow at Mountview Cemetery.

# Lucille E. Keener

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On Friday, Oct. 29, 2004, Lucille Keener peacefully slipped away at sunset to be with her Lord and Savior and loved ones in Heaven. She was the second oldest of 14 children, born May 3, 1917, to George and Louise Lang Carney in the cabin her father built near Broadview, Mont.

Before her marriage, she worked for Mrs. Dick Logan, whose husband was the airport manager in Billings. Part of her job was to make lunch for the two air-



**LUCILLE  
KEENER**

planes a day that flew into Billings. On Oct. 12, 1935, she married the love of her life, Glen Keener, at her parents' home in Billings. They began their life together in a sheep wagon, where Glen herded sheep. Their next home was a tent in the sheep-shearing camps of Montana and Oregon. They then lived in Great Falls, where their first two daughters were born, and then in Billings, where their other two daughters were born.

In 1957, they moved to a farm near Ballantine on the Huntley project, where she learned to lamb sheep, milk cows, put up hay and do other farm duties. They returned to Billings in 1972 after

the Interstate split their 80-acre farm in two.

Lucille was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and friend. As a professional, full-time homemaker, she demonstrated her love for her family and friends with creative expressions using flour, sugar, and her pots and pans. No one ever left her home without being fed and taking a "care package" home. She especially loved tending to the needs of babies and little children. Her rose-colored glasses saw the best in everyone and everything. She was an encourager and peacemaker. Family and friends were her whole life.

Surviving are her four daughters, Evelyn (Boyd) McGee of Billings, Jean (John D.) Kohut of Great Falls, Glenia (Jerry) Chapman of Miles City, and Joyce (John) Olson of Billings; her grandchildren, Natalie, Doug, Carl, Alan, Brenda, Janelle, Daron, Hanna; great-grandchildren, Amanda, Ryan, Tyler, Jordan, Kalina, Kylie, Corbin, Anna, Andrew; and her great-great-granddaughter, Kaleigh. She is survived by five sisters and four brothers and her dear friend Helen Jamison.

Married 57 years, Lucille greatly missed her beloved husband Glen after his death June 30, 1992. Also preceding her in death were her parents, two sisters, two brothers, and beloved grandson Donnie Kohut.

Our family greatly appreciates the loving care and guidance of her friend and physician, Dr. Neal Sorensen, the ATU staff at Deaconess Billings Clinic; and Leanne and Ray Lind at Ridgeview Senior Living.

A celebration of her life will be Monday, Nov. 1, at 2 p.m. conducted by her dear friend, Pastor Kent Swift at Faith Evangelical Church, 2832 Broadwater Avenue, Billings. Internment will follow in Sunset Memorial Gardens. Memorials may be sent to the charity of your choice.

Michelotti-Sawyers is in charge of arrangements.

## Vernon Keever

*THE BILLINGS GAZETTE*

DEC 31 2004

CODY, Wyo. — Vernon Dale Keever, 85, died Wednesday, Dec. 29, 2004, at the West Park Long Term Care Center in Cody.

Visitations will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 2, at the Ballard Funeral Home in Cody. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, Jan. 3, at Ballard Funeral Home. Interment will follow in the Riverside Cemetery in Cody.

## Albert Kehler

**HARDIN** — Albert C. Kehler, 90, of Hardin, passed away Sunday, Sept. 12, 2004, in the Big Horn County Memorial Nursing Home.

He was born Oct. 9, 1913, in Culbertson, Neb., a son of Alexander and Katherine Weber Kehler. He was raised and received his education in the Culbertson area. Following his education, he

worked with his father on the family farm, before moving to Scottsbluff, Neb., and a year later to the St. Xavier area.

Albert worked for the Schneider Big Horn Ranch near St. Xavier, farmed in the North Valley for several years, before beginning a career with the PV Elevator in Hardin, retiring in 1975 after 22 years of service.

Albert married Emma Schneider on Nov. 5, 1937, in Billings, and the couple made their home in the St. Xavier area until moving to the North Valley in 1952 and later to Hardin in 1956.



**ALBERT  
KEHLER**

Mrs. Kehler passed away in 2003.

He was a member of the E and R Church. He enjoyed fishing and spending time with his family.

His parents, infant daughter, Katherine; four sisters and four brothers preceded Albert in death.

Survivors include two sons, Robert (Millie) and Gary (Brenda) Kehler of Hardin; three daughters, Ruby (Carrol) Power of Oklahoma, Mary (Dale) Herman of Lodge Grass and Marjorie (Lester) Hammond of Hardin; his sisters, Ludella Frye and Esther Isaac of Nebraska; his brother, Raymond of Nebraska; 16 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren and one great-great-granddaughter.

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

Should friends desire, memorial contributions may be made to the E & R Church, Big Horn Hospital Foundation, Big Horn county Historical Society or charity of one's choice.

## Dean L. Keil

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

AUG 27 2004

POWELL, Wyo. — Dean L. Keil, 83, of Broadus, Mont., went home to be with the Lord on Aug. 25, 2004. He was born Jan. 2, 1921, in Belgrade, Mont., the son of George W. and Kate (Meliza) Keil. He grew up and attended school in Belgrade and graduated from Belgrade High School in 1938. Dean attended Montana State College in Bozeman and graduated in 1942 with a BS degree in Agriculture. While at MSC, he was enrolled in Army ROTC and received a commission as 2nd Lieutenant and went directly into the Army upon graduation. Dean married Betty Waite of Broadus, in Bozeman on Jan. 31, 1943.

Dean served with the 28th Infantry Regiment, 8th Infantry Division, Antitank Company. He was stationed at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.; Fort Benning, Ga.; Camp Forrest, Tenn.; and the Army Desert Training Center in Yuma, Ariz. The 8th Division was sent to Northern Ireland in December 1943 to prepare for the invasion of Hitler's Fortress Europe. The Division landed on Utah Beach on July 4, 1944, 28 days after D-Day. They went immediately into the front line near LaHaye-du-Puit, Normandy, and participated in the breakout from the Normandy beachhead in late July 1944, and the liberation of Brittany in August 1944.

Dean's outfit was then trans-

ferred to the front line in Luxembourg to a "quiet" area of the front. In November 1944, they were moved to the Heurtegu Forest area just inside the border of Germany and participated in some of the bloodiest fighting of the Western Front through December of 1944 and January and February of 1945. This move was probably fortunate for Dean since on Dec. 16, 1944, the Germans launched their ill-fated Ardennes offensive and swept over the positions that had been occupied by the 8th division in Luxembourg.

The 8th Division participated in several more campaigns in Germany and on VE day was near the city of Shwerin, Germany, close to the Baltic Sea. Dean left the continent of Europe on July 4, 1945, to return to the U.S. where he was reunited with his bride and young son, whom he had not yet seen.

The war fortunately ended before the 8th Division was shipped to the Pacific Theater, and the young couple moved to

Broadus, where Dean worked for Betty's parents, W. T. and Nell Waite on their ranch on the East fork of the Little Powder River. A second son was born in 1947 and in that same year Dean and Betty moved to Powderville, Mont., and purchased the ranch of Harry Brown, where they made their home until 1988. Dean and Betty had purchased the Markos ranch at Powderville, and they moved there in 1988 when they sold the Brown ranch.

Dean was preceded in death by Betty, his wife of 57 years, in April of 2000; by his parents, and by two brothers, Nolan F. Keil and Bill Keil. He is survived by two sisters, Zola Fechter of Belgrade and Nell Reel of Bozeman; two sons, William D. Keil (Mary Beth) of Powell, and Bruce L. Keil (Barbara) of Bismarck, N.D. He is also survived by five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at the First Baptist Church, Broadus, on Sept. 18, at 1 p.m. followed by interment of the ashes at the Boothill Cemetery at Powderville.

Memorials may be given, in lieu of flowers, to Clydehurst Christian Ranch, 802 N. 27th St., Billings, MT 59101, or to the Powder River Historical Society, Broadus.

And so passes one more of the "Greatest Generation."

THE POWELL TRIBUNE  
THURS., AUGUST 31, 2004

## Dean L. Keil

Dean L. Keil, 83, of Broadus, Mont., died in Powell Wednesday, Aug. 25.

He was born Jan. 2, 1921, in Belgrade, Mont., son of George W. and Kate (Meliza) Keil. He grew up and attended school in Belgrade, graduating from high school in 1938. He attended Montana State College in Bozeman and graduated in 1942 with a B. S. degree in Agriculture. While at MSC he was enrolled in Army ROTC and received a commission as 2nd Lieutenant and went directly into the U.S. Army upon graduation.

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He was preceded in death by Betty, his wife of 57 years in April of 2000, by his parents, and by two brothers, Nolan F. Keil and Bill Keil.

He is survived by two sisters, Zola Fechter of Belgrade, and Nell Reel of Bozeman; two sons, William D. Keil (Mary Beth) of Powell, and Bruce L. Keil (Barbara) of Bismarck, N.D; five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

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Memorials may be given to Clydehurst Christian Ranch, 802 N. 27th St., Billings, MT 59101 or to the Powder River Historical Society, Broadus, Mont.

**JUN 30 2004**

## **Diana Catherine Keil**

**THE DALLES, Ore.** — Diana Catherine Keil, 65, a resident of The Dalles, died at the local hospital on Saturday, June 19, 2004.

She was born Jan. 6, 1939, in Bozeman, Mont., the only child to Henry and Florence (Whitney) Link, was raised and attended school in Absarokee and Columbus, Mont.

She married Jay William Keil on Oct. 22, 1969, in Bozeman, and they lived in Lewistown, Livingston and Helena, Mont., before settling in The Dalles in 1994.

She was a member of the Catholic Church, and enjoyed the outdoors and her flowers, dancing and her Pomeranian dogs.

Diana is survived by her husband, Jay W. Keil, The Dalles; two sons and their wives, Keith and Molly Myers, Omaha, Neb., Henry and Suzanne Myers, Susanville, Calif.; grandchildren, January Scyphers, Bozeman, Kelly Holm, Fargo, N.D., Ashley Myers, Susanville, Calif., Spencer and Grace Myers, Omaha, Ingvar Anderson, Lake Oswego. She was preceded in death by her daughter, Charlene Myers Bacon in 1983; and her son, Edwin C. Myers in 1995.

Private cremation was held at The Dalles Win-quatt Crematory

with Spencer, Libby and Powell Funeral Home in care of arrangements with private family services to be held.

Memorials may be made to Oregon Heart Association, 142 NE Irving #100, Portland, OR 97232-4201.

## **Eugene E. Keller**

*THE BILLINGS GAZETTE*

JAN 06 2004

GREYBULL, Wyo. — Eugene Edward Keller, 65, died Sunday, Jan. 4, 2004, at the South Big Horn County Critical Access Hospital.

Memorial services will be at 2:30 p.m. Saturday at the Eagle Aerie No. 3086 of Basin. Atwood Family Funeral Directors, Inc. is in charge.

# James 'Jim' Keller

**THE BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**FEB 10 2004**

**WOODLAND, Calif.** — James "Jim" Keller passed away Feb. 1, 2004, in Woodland, from a ruptured aneurysm. He was born in Great Falls, Mont., on Dec. 20, 1946, the third child of Alvin and Kathleen Conlin Keller.



**JIM  
KELLER**

In 1950, the family moved to Billings where his father was a salesman for McKesson & Robbins. The family moved to Cody, Wyo., in 1954, and they spent a lot of their time picnicking, fishing and exploring the North Fork, even ice skating there in the winters. A transfer brought them back to Billings in 1956. He attended Burlington School and St. Pius X School.

In 1963, Jim, brother Rick and parents moved to Greybull, Wyo., where he graduated from Greybull High in 1965. He moved back to Billings and worked for Automotive Transmission, as cars had been his passion growing up.

He enlisted in the Navy and retired after 26½ years. He spent three tours of duty in Scotland and married a Scottish lass, Rosemary Adie. When he retired, they returned to California. He worked for the California Correction facil-

ities as an engineer for several years, retiring to further his education in computer technology. He had just received his diploma with honors and had enrolled in additional courses.

He spent hours remodeling the homes they lived in and was a master mechanic when it came to cars. His nickname was "Mr. Fix It."

He was preceded in death by his father in 1998; his aunt Peggy Keller; and double cousins Jeff and Michael Keller; and by aunts Betty Ball and Nettie Ogrin.

He is survived by wife Rosemary of Woodland; mother Kay of Billings; sisters, Gerri (Jon) Englert and Sharon (Ralph) Miller of Billings; and brother, Richard (Jayne) Keller of Belgrade, Mont.; uncle, Robert Keller of Helena, Mont.; double cousins, Mark (Lynn) Keller of Helena, Shelly (Tom) Filler of Anchorage, Alaska; nephews, Brian (Misty) Kober, Brent (Tora) Kober, Blake Kober, Rick and Shane Wagner, Casey Miller, Jamie Keller, Annamarie (Jay) Brasseur, Stacie (Peter) Jensen; five great-grandnieces; one great-grandnephew, and many special relatives, the Mary Sullivan family of California

and the Kellers and Yates in the Absarokee area and his Roadhouse cousins. He is also survived by his mother and father-in-law, Andrew and Margaret Adie of Scotland; sisters-in-law, Collette (Colin) Watson, Clare (Hugh) Allan; brother, Paul (Eileen) Adie and numerous nephews and nieces, all of Scotland.

There was a memorial mass in Woodland on Wednesday, Feb. 4. There will be a memorial service in Billings at later date.

Memorials may be made to the Ronald McDonald House or St. Jude's Hospital.

His zest for life and wonderful sense of humor, his kindness and compassion will be missed by all his family and friends.

## Melissa Ann 'Missy' Keller

THE BILLINGS GAZET  
AUG 1 - 2004

Melissa Ann Keller, 40, beloved daughter and sister, passed away Sunday, July 25, 2004, shortly after being diagnosed with metastatic breast cancer. Melissa had battled severe mental illness for years and is now at rest.

Melissa was born to Carol and Fred Keller on Oct. 20, 1963, in Amityville, N.Y. She is survived by her mother, Carol (Ken) Kunz; her siblings, Kelly Shumway and Kenneth Kunz II; nine nieces and nephews, Carrie, Brandon, Jordyn, Zachary, Charity, Colby, Riley, Trinity and Dustin; numerous aunts and uncles and a grandmother.

Melissa was preceded in death by her father, Fred Keller and her grandparents, Mary and Louis Colby.

Missy was a very fun-loving, spontaneous, giving person who was always quick to tease and lend a hand. Melissa was very actively involved with her family and friends. She graduated from Laurel High School and later attended beauty college. She



**MELISSA  
KELLER**

worked at various places employment including Oran, Julius, KFC and other odd job. She was actively involved with her mental health-care givers and friends at the Rainbow House, the CO-OP, where she lived, and the members of the PACT Team.

Memorial services will be held at 3 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 4, 2004, at Michelotti-Sawyer Mortuary. Cremation has taken place.

In lieu of flowers, memorial can be made to the Mental Health Foundation to benefit the Rainbow House, PACT Team or the Hub, 1245 N. 29th, Billings MT 59101, in the name of Melissa Keller.

Thank you to all of the wonderful nurses, doctors and staff who comforted Melissa during her hospital stay. We especially wish to thank the many dear and close friends of Melissa who supported her daily during her illness especially the members of the PACT Team and Co-Op/Rainbow House.

Melissa, we all will miss your wonderful presence in this life, but are comforted by the knowledge that you rest at peace in the tender loving care of Jesus' protective arms — never to suffer again.

## Wanda L. Keller

THE BILLINGS GAZET.

JUL 14 2004

CODY, Wyo. — Wanda L. Keller, 53, died Friday, July 9, 2004, at the West Park Long Term Care Center in Cody.

Memorial services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, July 15, at the West Park Long Term Care Center. Ballard Funeral Home of Cody is in charge.

# Ann Elizabeth "Nancy" Kelly

Ann Elizabeth "Nancy" Kelly, born Feb. 26, 1939, a longtime Montana resident and mother of five, died on Nov. 3, 2004, following many years of illness. Nancy fought a courageous battle with cancer, during which she was constantly vivacious, and her spirit never diminished.

Nancy was born and raised in Butte, where her parents — Veronica Bolton Kelly and John "Jack" Kelly — were active in local politics and civic matters. She graduated from Butte Central High School and went on to study at Seattle University in Seattle, and Western Washington University in Bellingham, Wash. Her life took her to many different cities, but she returned to Butte in 1986 and moved to Billings shortly thereafter.

Nancy was a longtime devoted member of Saint Patrick's Catholic Church in Billings and devoted time to helping others through her church community. She possessed a rare sense of humor and her anecdotes and wisecracks could always break



**NANCY  
KELLY**

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the ice with strangers. Nancy cherished many close friends; many of whom were especially important to her throughout her lifetime. Especially dear to her was her friend, rock-hunting and singing companion, Bob Flanagan. Although not particularly accomplished at the sport, few held a greater passion for fishing. Nancy enlivened many family reunions with her enthusiasm for all relatives, no matter how distant the relation. She held all saints in reverence, but she celebrated St. Patrick on his day with the enthusiasm and gusto typical of her Irish compatriots in Butte.

She was preceded in death by her parents and sister Mary Helen (Kelly) Hackett of Butte. She is survived by her sister Jeanne (Kelly) Dunfee of Kalispell, all five of her children, John Larvie of Springfield, Va., Veronica Larvie of College Park, Md., Mykol Larvie of Cambridge, Mass., Patrick Larvie of San Francisco and Kelly Anne Larvie of Sonoma, Calif. She also has four grandchildren, Marc and Christian Larvie of Arlington, Va., and Jackson Thomas and Charles



Gregory Rinehart of College Park, Md. She is also survived by her nieces and nephews, Colleen and Mike Hackett, Karen Lowney, Vince Dunfee, Kelly Dennehy, Steve Dunfee, Kathy Kusler and Eddie Dunfee.

There will be a visitation and vigil at Smith Funeral Chapel on N. 26th St., in Billings at 5 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 5. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 6, at St. Patrick's Church in Billings, with a reception following.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in the name of Nancy Kelly to the Deering Clinic in Billings or to the Montana chapter of the American Cancer Society.

# Edith Elizabeth Derry Kelly

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

JUL 14 2004

Edith D. Kelly, 78, passed away from emphysema at the Valley Health Care & Rehabilitation Center on July 11, 2004.

Edith was born on March 6,

1926, in Billings, a daughter to Judge Guy C. and Oleeta (Hine) Derry. She graduated from Billings Senior High School and the University of Montana at Missoula with a



**EDITH  
KELLY**

bachelor's degree in Psychology and Philosophy. She was a member of Alpha Phi. She married William T. Kelly on June 17, 1948, in Billings. They were later divorced.

Edith was the Executive Director of Camp Fire Girls for many years and also worked for H & R Block. She devoted her life to her children and their families. Her children's friends were always welcome in her home. She enjoyed animals, especially dogs and cats. She loved to read and spend time with family and friends

Edith was preceded in death by her parents; a sister, Dora Jane King; and a brother, Craig Derry.

Edith is survived by her three

children, Sandy Regnier and her husband Don, and Barbara Kunze and her husband Rod of Billings; and Jim Kelly of Phoenix; grandchildren Bart Regnier and his wife Victoria, Deanna Regnier and her fiancé Pat Kidd, Bryar Regnier and Melissa Regnier and her fiancé Justin Bergerson, Lev and Matt Grosskop, Kastene Kunze, and three great-grandchildren, Benjamin and Nathaniel Regnier and Marlee Kunze O'Toole; sister-in-law Vickie Derry and several nieces and nephews.

Services to celebrate Edith's life will be held at Faith Chapel on Wednesday, July 14, at 1 p.m.

Mom, you will be remembered for your loving, gentle and caring personality. We love you so much. You are our hero!

Memorials may be made to the Cystic Fibrosis Center at Children's Hospital, 1056 East 19th Ave, #B395, Denver, CO 80218.

Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary are in charge of the arrangements.

FEB 08 2004

Florence Lillian Kelly, beloved mother and grandmother, peacefully found her lord and beloved husband John T. Kelly, the evening of Feb. 6, 2004.



**FLORENCE  
KELLY**

Florence was born April 27, 1920, in Absarokee, and graduated from Columbus in 1938. In 1940, she went to work for the Farm Security Administration in Red Lodge, which led to her meeting her beloved John, whom she married on Sept. 5, 1941, at the Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Absarokee.

The couple moved to Emerald Ranch on Red Lodge Creek, where they spent many love-filled years, raising and showing championship Columbia sheep, along with cattle, and hogs. Florence was a 4H leader, and they both were active members of the Woolgrowers Association. They founded many cherished friendships, and especially enjoyed the time John served on the MT Board of Livestock.

Florence was preceded in death by John on April 25, 1997; infant son, James T.; brothers Clarence and Kenny; and sister, Karen. She is survived by chil-

dren and grandchildren, Tom and Lorrie Kelly of Post Falls Idaho; Gina Carhart, Tracy Head, Jacquie Gay, Keith and Norma Jean Kelly of Helena, Keith, Shannon Conan, Kevin, Pat and Viki Kelly of Billings, Shawn, Shark Mattheis, and Sherry Kelly Wilkinson and Tom of Roundup and Julie Martin; 10 great-grandchildren; sister, Dale McKinsey; brothers, Don and Bud Haugan; nieces and nephews, Carol Kathy, Bob, and Dennis and their families.

Florence was best known for opening her home, heart and table, none, if any, ever left hungry. Her greatest joy was in the love and pride she had for John and her family. Her walls were filled with countless pictures of them all, and every clipping or tidbit of accomplishment any had.

She led her life with strength and grace, the impact she had on so many will run deep for eternity. She will be greatly missed. Florence spent her last three years at the Lincoln Lane Assisted Living in Billings, where she was loved and tenderly cared for. Judy, Larry, Jennifer, and Doffie, heartfelt thank you from us all.

Funeral Services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 10, at the Olcott Funeral Chapel in Red Lodge. Interment followed at the St. Olaf Lutheran Church Cemetery. Lunch will be served afterwards.

Memorials can be given to the Lincoln Lane Assisted Living at 659 Lincoln Lane Billings, MT 59105, or the St. Olaf Lutheran Church.

## **Gerard Patrick Kelly**

**THE BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**JUL 13 2004**

STORY, Wyo. — Lt. Col. Gerard Patrick "Jerry" Kelly, 56, of Story, died Friday, July 9, 2004, at Memorial Hospital of Sheridan County.

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

**Walter 'Bob' Kelly**

MAY 04 2004

SIDNEY — Walter "Bob" Kelly, age 75, of Gettysburg, Pa., died Sunday, May 2, 2004, at Sandpoint, Idaho, on the honeymoon with his wife of eight days.

Funeral services will be held 2 p.m. Wednesday, May 5, at Bible Baptist Church in Sidney, under the direction of Fulkerson Funeral Home. Burial will be in Pennsylvania.

Bob is survived by his wife, Ruth Klempel Lepel Kelly of Culbertson; his son, Dan (Sharon) Kelly of Boonville, N.C., and stepson Bert (Mavirda) Lepel of Sidney; and four grandchildren, Joshua Kelly, Zachery Kelly, Susanne Kelly and Johanna Lepel.

# John H. Kemp Sr.

THE BILLINGS GAZET.

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PLENTYWOOD — Funeral services for John H. Kemp Sr. will be held at 2 p.m. Monday.

Pastor Larry Pierson will officiate at the service at the First Congregational Church in Plentywood, with Public Masonic Rites and Military Honors following the service. Cremation will follow the funeral service.



**JOHN  
KEMP SR.**

John, 79, died early Friday, July 2, 2004, at Sheridan Memorial Hospital in Plentywood.

John H. Kemp, born in Weatherford, Texas, on Nov. 6, 1924, the son of Tom Kemp and Mae Leach Kemp, graduated from Polytechnic High School in Ft. Worth and the University of Texas in 1948. He served in the Naval Aviation during World War II.

Mr. Kemp entered the oil business in Texas as a lease broker and arrived in the Williston Basin in 1951, living in Billings, Mont., until moving to Plentywood, Mont., in December of 1956. He was active in the oil business in the Dickinson, N.D., area and in northeastern Montana.

Mr. Kemp attended the First Congregational Church in Plentywood, becoming a member on March 22, 1956. He is also member of Plentywood Lodge #91, A.F. & A.M., the Scottish Rite and Al Bedoo Shrine Temple.

He is survived by his wife Penny; and four children: Jim Kemp, of Glendale, California; and his children Jimmy, Jody, and Courtney; Barbara Davison and her husband, Matt, of Wernersville, Pennsylvania and their children Tamera and Wendy; Deberah Hatton and her husband Dan of Cumming, Georgia and their children Shannon and Lisa; and John H. Kemp, Jr. and his wife Marie, of Plentywood and their children Jeff, Kourtney and Kruse; and 10 great-grandchildren. Also survived by a sister, Bettie Sue Leonard, of Denton, Texas and her two sons, Ralph and Gene and by numerous other nephews and nieces. John was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Bernardo Kemp.

Fulkerson Funeral Home of Plentywood has charge of arrangements.

# John Kempf

THE BILLINGS TRIBUNE

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CUSTER — John Kempf, 84, of Custer, passed away Monday, July 26, 2004, at the Valley Health Care Center as a result of Parkinson's Disease.

He was born on the family homestead in Waco, on July 1, 1920, the son of Thomas Lawrence and Mabel Littler Kempf. He graduated from the Custer High School where he was very active in many sport activities. He excelled in the high jump, 100 yard dash and



**JOHN  
KEMPH**

had received the record trophy in the state. He married Lois M. Jennings on Dec. 2, 1941, in Billings. He enlisted into the Army the following March and served in the Medical Corp, 3rd and 7th Armored division and was in Germany when the military had crossed the Rhine River. After the service he returned to Custer to the family farm where he and Lois had lived until his death. John always loved to look at machinery and cars. He would go to the fair just to see what's new in farm machinery and always enjoyed a good ride to see the sights.

Survivors include his wife, Lois; one daughter, Louise (David) Church of Custer; three brothers, Robert of Delano, Calif., twin brother, Joe Q. (Erna) Kempf of Custer, Floyd (Phyllis) Kempf of McLeod; a sister, Kathleen Hixson of Redding, Calif.; two grandsons, David Lee (Tamara) Church of Big Timber and Todd (Joanna) Church of Billings; three great-grandchildren, Cole, Kaitlyn and Emma Marrie and numerous nieces and nephews. John has been preceded death by his parents, one brother and a sister.

Funeral service will be 10:30 a.m. Friday at the Custer Congregational Church with Pastor John Delinger of the Seventh Day Adventist Church officiating. Burial with military honors by Post 111 with follow at the Custer Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the American Parkinsons Disease Assoc. and mailed to 29 8th St. W., Billings! MT 59101-2914.

Arrangements are by the Funeral Gallery, 29 8th St. W.



# Lily L. Kendall

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WORLAND, Wyo. — Lily Lee Kendall, died Sunday, April 18, 2004, at Washakie Medical Center in Worland.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, April 22, at the First Southern Baptist Church in Worland. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. until service time, Thursday, at the church. Burial will follow the service in Riverview Memorial Gardens Cemetery. Bryant Funeral Home of Worland is in charge.

## Alice M. Kennedy

DILLON — Alice Mary (Scheitlin) Kennedy, 81, died in her home surrounded by her loving family on Saturday, Jan. 3, 2004, of lung cancer.

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



**ALICE  
KENNEDY**

Alice was born on May 14, 1922, in Glendive. At age seven, she moved with her family to Puyallup, Wash. She first met Richard H. "Dick" Kennedy after her family moved back to Glendive in 1940.

During this time, she was in the first class at Dawson Junior College and worked a short time as a cashier for Montana-Dakota Utilities. Then she moved to Tacoma, Wash., to work for Boeing on the B-17 and B-29 bombers. Alice volunteered for military service in 1944 and proudly served her country for two years as a member of the WAVE, the then female branch of the Navy.

After basic training at Hunter College in New York City, she received top billet to Link School in Atlanta, was promoted to Sp(T)3c, and served as a Link trainer operator. It was during her military service that Alice

married Lt. Dick Kennedy on June 2, 1945.

Alice loved to tell stories of her early married life at Heart Mountain outside of Cody, Wyo. As Dick, with the Bureau of Reclamation, worked on the Heart Mountain Division of the Shoshone Project, they began to raise and nurture their five children. The family moved to Dillon in May, 1960. While in Dillon, Alice earned her teaching degree at Western Montana College. Her first teaching assignment was at a rural school in Argenta. She thereafter taught at the Bagley and Parkview schools in Dillon. In 1968 she and the family moved to Great Falls. Alice taught English at Russell and Paris Gibson for six years. Soon after returning to Dillon in 1976, she opened Kennedy's Stained Glass studio, introducing many residents of Dillon and the surrounding area to the art through the classes she taught. Eventually the studio was moved to Billings where it remains under the ownership of her daughter, Susan.

Throughout the years, her many community activities

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ncluded generous support of the Girl Scouts, 4-H, Children's Theater at Western Montana College, the Dillon community theater and playing the organ and piano for the St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church. In addition, she had many interests such as bridge, games of chance and golf; however, her primary focus was always her family.

Alice felt blessed by the love of her husband, Dick, of 59 years; her son, Robert of Arlington, Va.; her daughters, Kathy Gilroy of Polson, Karen Kabrich of Scottsdale, Ariz., Kelly Gansinger of Sherman Oaks, Calif., and Susan Sommerfeld of Billings; her sons-in-law; seven grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

Alice was a beloved wife, mother, teacher and friend whose wit, wisdom and compassion were forged on the plains of eastern Montana, shaped in the valleys of western Washington, honed by the events of World War II and shared with countless others in the mountains of southwestern Montana. We will miss and be forever grateful for her counsel, compassion, laughter and love.

In lieu of flowers, a donation to the Home Health and Hospice Programs, 1260 S. Atlantic, Dillon, MT 59725, will be appreciated.

Brundage Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

## **Connie Kennedy**

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CALGARY, Alberta — Connie Kennedy, 39, died June 27, 2004.

A memorial mass is at 11 a.m. Saturday at Immaculate Conception Church in Forsyth, Mont. Interment will be at a later date in the Forsyth Cemetery. Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home of Forsyth is in charge.

## **Elaine H. Kennedy**

**GLENDIVE — Elaine H. Kennedy, 80, of Glendive, died Friday, Sept. 10, 2004, at the Glendive Medical Center.**

**Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 14, in the chapel of Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home in Glendive.**

**Interment will be in the Dawson Memorial Cemetery in Glendive.**

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# Joe Kennedy

Joe Kennedy, 72, died peacefully on Sept. 18, 2004, with his family at his side.

At the time of his death, he was a resident in the Dementia Care Unit of St. John's Nursing Home.

Joseph Peter was born on Dec. 1, 1931, to Peter and Marie (Leary) Kennedy. He attended St. Lawrence School and Butte Central High School, graduating from BCBS in 1950. In 1951, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy, and served on the U.S.S. Henrico. He was honorably discharged in 1954 with the Korean



**JOE  
KENNEDY**

Service Medal and three other medals of service. Joe married Kathleen Ann Kelly on May 5, 1956, and together, they had four children. Joe continued to live in Butte and worked for the Anaconda Mining Company until moving to Billings in 1968, where he began a 26-year career as a plant operator for the Montana Power Company before retiring in 1994. His retirement years were filled with quality time with his grandchildren, traveling to visit family and working for a short time at Target.

Joe had a strong love of life

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and family. He was very proud of his 11 grandchildren, his latest grandson being born just days before his death. He was ever present at grandkids' school and athletic activities. He was an active member of St. Pius Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus, serving as the Grand Knight. Joe's spiritual commitment was an important part of his life, participating in prayer circles and visiting the homebound.

Joe was very proud of his Irish roots and of growing up in Butte. He reveled at having the opportunity of traveling to Ireland. Always ready to lend a hand, Joe was instilled with a solid work ethic, a strong moral character and a fantastic sense of humor. This was expressed at family gatherings, where Joe would amuse us with stories of antics with his brothers, the Shea and Leary cousins, and good neighbors from Butte's "good ol' days."

Joseph was preceded in death by his parents Marie and Peter; his sister Delores "Dodie" Rolando; and his niece Connie Jo Kennedy. He is survived by his wife, Kathy, of 48 years; son Larry (and Teresa Kozak) Kennedy; daughters Lynne (and Edward) Gillig, Kathy (and Darren)

Brockel, all of Billings; and son Patrick (and Tara Cloninger) Kennedy of Vancouver, Wash.; his 11 grandchildren, Devin, Sarah and Grace Kennedy, Cody and Landry Brockel, Edward and Paul Gillig, Taylor, McKenzie, Bailey and Sean Patrick Kennedy; his sister, Mildred Fleiner of Helena; his brothers, Mike (and Donna) Kennedy of Forsyth and Jack (and Phyllis) Kennedy of Wisconsin; and his many, many nieces, nephews and cousins.

The family would like to extend a thank you to the helpful nurses and staff at St. John's and Dr. Frank Michels for his care.

Vigil services will be held at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary on Thursday, Sept. 23, at 7 p.m. Memorial Mass will be held at St. Pius X Church on Friday, Sept. 24, at 11 a.m. Memorials may be sent to St. Pius X Church or to the charity of your choice.

# **Monto Rae (Ruple) Keough**

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LIVINGSTON — Monto Rae (Ruple) Keough, age 85, of Livingston, died Saturday evening, Dec. 27, 2003, at Livingston Memorial Hospital after a lengthy illness. Cremation has taken place at Franzen-Davis Crematory in Livingston. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, Jan. 10, at the Wilsall Senior Citizens Center with Pastor Dave Barnhart officiating.

Monto was born Jan. 4, 1918, at Electric, the daughter of George Phillip "Pat" and Josephine Mary (Billman) Ruple. When she was six years old, her stepfather moved to Wilsall to work for Walter Hill at Goat Mountain Ranch. Monto attended the Latt School. For a short time she also lived in Longmont, Ore.; Vernal, Utah, and up Brackett Creek near Clyde Park. She completed the eighth grade at Latt School and went to school for two years in Livingston.

On Aug. 18, 1940, she married Clarence George "Putt" Keough in Livingston, and they lived for a time up Trail Creek Road. During this period, they enjoyed going to their mine on Emigrant Gulch. In 1945, they moved to Wilsall to work on the Goat Mountain Ranch for Dorothy Hill Lord. They resided there and later purchased a portion of the ranch. Mr.

Keough died in December of 1992.

Mrs. Keough was a member of the Montana Angus Auxiliary and the Park County Pioneer Society. She loved being with her family, working in her yard, and raking hay which she did for 36 years. In 1999 she moved to Livingston Health and Rehab Center but also spent some time on the ranch.

Survivors include her son, Jack Curtis Keough, and her daughter, Sharon Rennie, both of Wilsall; two grandsons, Patrick Rennie and his wife, Dawn of Helena and Kip Rennie of Denver; a step-granddaughter, Jamie Pearson of Helena; a step-grandson, Michael (Jamie) Staton; a step-great-great-granddaughter, Lexy Staton of Fort Hood, Texas; a sister, Billie Dunn and her husband, Jack of Helena, and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her husband of 52 years she was preceded in death by her parents, a brother, Earl Bowers and a stepbrother, Edward Bowers.



# Sylvia J. Kent

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE  
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**RED LODGE** — Sylvia J. Kent, 84, of Red Lodge, died Saturday, Aug. 14, 2004, at St. Vincent Healthcare in Billings.



**SYLVIA KENT**

She was born on July 2, 1920, in Red Lodge, a daughter of John and Fiina Dahlgren. Sylvia spent her entire life in the Red Lodge area. On July 26, 1938, she married Armas Kent, and they operated the Kent Dairy until their retirement in 1969.

The round, brick barn built by Armas and his brothers is a Red Lodge landmark that was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1995. Sylvia was a hard worker; in addition to her house-keeping duties, she milked cows, delivered milk to homes and stores, and helped with a variety of farm chores. After their retirement, Sylvia and Armas enjoyed playing pinochle, pitching horseshoes and spending time with family and friends. She was a longtime member of the Red Lodge/Roberts Senior Citizens Center.

Sylvia was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She had an independent spirit, was steadfast in the face of challenges, and was loyal to her family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, one sister and three brothers.

Survivors include her two sons, Ray (Jane) Kent of Madison Wis., and Ron (Kay) Kent of Reno Nev.; one sister, Helen (Louis) Schrumph of Billings; five grandchildren, Laurel (Matt) Frazer of Waunakee Wis., Jason Kent of San Diego Calif., Cory (Becky) Kent of Boise Idaho, Jessica Kent of Boise, and Kristin Kent of Reno, Nev.; one great-grandson, Jordan Kent of Boise; and a number of nieces and nephews.

Cremation has taken place, and in accordance with Sylvia's wishes no service will be held. Interment will be in the Red Lodge Cemetery. Smith-Olcott Funeral Chapel of Red Lodge was in charge of arrangements.

The family suggests that memorials in Sylvia's name be made to the Red Lodge/Roberts Senior Citizens Center, P.O. Box 1293, Red Lodge MT 59068.

## Esther Keough

GLASGOW — Esther Grace Keough, 92, died Wednesday, Sept. 29, 2004, at Valley View Nursing Home in Glasgow.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, Oct. 4, in Highland Cemetery in Glasgow. Interment will be in Highland Cemetery in Glasgow. Bell Mortuary of Glasgow is in charge.

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**JERRY KERR**

## **Gerald Dean 'Jerry' Kerr**

Jerry passed away peacefully Sept. 28, 2004, at his home in Billings, at the age of 72. He was the grandson of Robert Kerr, who, along with the Benbows and Harts, came from Fort Collins in 1892 to settle in the Absarokee area. He grew up on Bridger Creek, where his dad owned and operated a sawmill.

Jerry served with the Army Corp of Engineers in Korea during the Korean Conflict. He married Thelma Senrud in 1952 and worked as a miner at the Mouat mine after his return from tour of duty. They lived at "upper camp," the now present Stillwater Mine. They had two children, Brenda and Steve. Later, they moved to Absarokee and Jerry worked road construction. He worked the last years of his career in Colstrip on a dozer. He and Thelma were later divorced and Jerry married Bonnie Lanier, who preceded him in death.

On Dec. 22, 1991, he married

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Betty Barba, and they made their home in Billings until the time of his death.

Jerry was a good son who took care of his parents and a good dad with a great sense of humor and a huge heart for people. He enjoyed fishing and hunting, and most years caught at least one big fish on his fly rod and special bait.

He had a lot of friends from his construction jobs and later after retirement he had many friends he toured around and visited every day.

Jerry was an honorary member of the Absarokee Volunteer Fire Department, Billings Eagles Club, the Billings Heights VFW #6774, Elks Club in Red Lodge and American Legion Post #4 of Billings.

Survivors include his wife Betty; son Steve (Sara) and daughter Brenda (Tom) Kircher of Absarokee. Also surviving are his sister Patricia Anderson of Powell, Wyo.; grandchildren Karmen, Kandi, Shawn, Jesse and Casey; great-grandson Isaiah; numerous nieces and nephews; and his dog Chichi. He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers and one sister.

Services will be held Friday, Oct. 1, at 2 p.m., at the Community Congregational Church in

**Absarokee. Rite of committal with military honors will follow at the Absarokee Rosebud Cemetery. Memorial services will also be held in Billings at 6 p.m. Friday, at the Billings Heights VFW. Smith Funeral Chapel is in charge of arrangements.**

**Memorials may be made to the Billings Heights VFW #6774, 637 Anchor St., Billings, MT 59105.**

**RED LODGE** — Thomas W. Kersich, 86, of Red Lodge, passed away Wednesday evening, Feb. 18, 2004, at his home.

Tom was born on Dec. 11, 1917, in Red Lodge, a son of John and Veronica Kersich. He was educated in Red Lodge and later in Detroit, where he graduated from high school in 1934. He returned to Red Lodge in 1935 and worked at various jobs until being inducted into the U.S. Army in 1942. Tom served in North Africa, Sicily and in Europe until the end of World War II.

After his discharge, Tom returned to Red Lodge and worked as a carpenter in the Billings area until retiring in 1980. He loved the mountains and the outdoors, and spent much of his leisure time hunting and fishing. Mr. Kersich was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the BPOE Lodge #394, both of Billings.

He was preceded in death by four brothers, Joe, John, Nick and Pete Kersich, and by one sister, Mary Kersich.

Survivors include one brother, Albert T. (JoAnne) Kersich of Billings; two nephews, Timothy (Katrina) Kersich of Salem, Ore., and Larry (LaVonne) Kersich of Henderson, Nev.; and one niece, Patti (Rusty) Gilbert of Hood River, Ore.

A vigil service with rosary will be held at 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 23 in St. Agnes Catholic Church. Funeral mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 24, in the church. Burial with military honors will be in the Red Lodge Cemetery. Smith-Olcott Funeral Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials may be given to the BPOE Lodge 394 Memorial Fund PO Box 20302, Billings, MT 59104.

## **Hubert L. Kersting**

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CODY, Wyo. — Hubert L. Kersting, 76, of Cody, died Monday, July 5, 2004, at his home.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial gathering will be at 11 a.m. Friday, July 9, at Crown Hill Cemetery in Powell. Interment of remains will be in Crown Hill Cemetery. Ballard Funeral Home of Cody is in charge.

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## **HUBERT LEROY KERSTING**

A former Powell resident, Hubert Leroy Kersting, 76, died Monday, July 5 at his Cody home.

He was born Aug. 4, 1927, in Endicott, Neb., son of Howard Joseph and Fern Gertrude (Lange) Kersting. He married Jessie Todd in Billings.

Mr. Kersting came to Wyoming as a child with his family. He attended schools in Powell and worked for a time at the Heart Mountain Relocation Camp. He later began trucking, primarily for Dick Jones Trucking, in the mountain states and the West Coast. He worked for Dick Jones for 23 years and then worked in construction until his retirement.

He enjoyed fishing and gardening. He was "Mr. Fix It" and loved working on small engines. He also enjoyed making trinkets for gardens and flower beds.

Survivors include his wife of 59 years, Jessie; a son and his wife, Allan and Sharma Kersting of Roy, Utah; a brother and sister-in-law, Harold and Betty Kersting of Garland; grandchildren Allan Kersting of Cody, Julie and Tracy Renner of Meeteetse and four others; nine great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a son, Hubert Dwain Kersting.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial gathering at Crown Hill Cemetery in Powell is set for Friday, July 9 at 11 a.m., with interment of cremains in Crown Hill.

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**Inez Grace Ketchem****MAY 19 2004**

Grace Ketchem, 85, of Billings, died Monday, May 17, 2004, at Valley Health Care Center.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Friday, May 21, at Cremation or Funeral Gallery. Interment will be at Loveland Burial Park in Loveland, Colo.



## ALVIN EARL KETTENACKER

Alvin was born in Rockford, Minn., March 2, 1920, to Fred and Johanna Weinhold Kettenacker. He was baptized April 4, 1920, and confirmed Aug. 27, 1933, at Cross Lutheran Church, Rockford. His confirmation verse was Matthew 6:33. He graduated from Rockford High School in 1938.

He married Ruth Lydia Marian Mueller on May 24, 1941, and they resided on a farm in rural Rockford until 1950, moved to Mora, Minn., for two years, Ogilvie, Minn., for one year, and then back to Watertown, Minn., until 1970. They then moved to Billings, and when they retired, they moved to Silesia.

In 2000, they moved to SR Housing in Joliet. They both entered the nursing home in Laurel and then moved to Eagle Cliff Manor in Billings, where he was when he passed away on Feb. 8, 2004, from complications of colon cancer.

Al and Ruth had two children, both born while living at Rockford: Janice Irene of Mound, Minn., and Jerome Alvin of Shepherd.

Preceded in death by parents and parents-in-law; son-in-law Ervin Beise; and brother Norman; sisters, Irene, Helen, Alyce, Ruby and Erna.

He is survived by wife Ruth; children Janice of Mound and Jerome of Shepherd; son-in-law, Edward Fahlstrom and daughter-in-law, Janie Kettenacker; grand-

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children, Jane Beise, Michael Beise John Besie and wife Kristin, all of Mound, and Tryel J. Kettenacker of Shepherd. Also survived by sister Gladys Snell of Delano; and brother-in-law Lawrence J. Muller and wife Alvinia of Watertown; sister-in-law Edith Kettenacker of Rockford; also many nieces nephews, relatives and friends.

Alvin worked for the Burlington Northern railroad after leaving the farm life. Alvin enjoyed his time spent in the beautiful mountains of Montana, hunting and sightseeing. He was an avid reader and usually had one to three books going at one time.

Cremation will take place. Smith Funeral Home-Laurel is in charge of local arrangements. No local services will be held. There will be a memorial service this summer in conjunction with a family reunion in Minnesota.

Memorials may be made to the family or of donor's choice.

**Arthur Emit 'Art' Keyes Jr.**

JUNE 21, 2004

**HAMILTON** -- Arthur Emit "Art" Keyes Jr., 97, of Hamilton, passed away Sunday, June 20, 2004, at the Valley View Estates. He was born to A.E. Keyes and Inez Kilmer Keyes Peters on March 16, 1907, in Hattisburg, Miss.

Art's family moved to Bozeman when he was a baby and on to Wilsall in 1914. Art resided there for 79 years. During his high school days, he worked in the Keyes Hotel until it burned down. Art played cornet in the high school band and the city band. On July 3, 1930, he married his sweetheart, Anna Howard. They had one son, Arthur Howard. Art owned and operated the Texaco gas station and bulk plant for 25 years. He and Howard started ranching on Cottonwood Bench before Howard graduated, continuing until Art retired in 1967, when Howard took over the ranch.

Art made several trips into the Crazy Mountains with the Forest

Service to plant fish. He belonged to the National Guard, and worked the Kalisite Mines during the war. Art was a member of the Odd Fellows Lodge in Wilsall. He was on the school board for over 25 years. In September on 1990 he was a Grand Marshall of the Ok Settlers Parade in Clyde Park.

Art and Anne spent their many winters in Phoenix. They enjoyed playing cards, dancing picnics, and enjoyed many friends. The two of them were members of the Shields Valley

Lutheran Church and after their move to Hamilton, they attended Faith Lutheran Church.

Art was an avid gardener and loved raising produce just to share and give away. He was ever faithful to his loving wife of 73 years. After the move to Hamilton, Anne was entered into the nursing home and he was in his own apartment at Sapphire Lutheran Homes. He enjoyed the activities there and one of the special times was the sing-a-longs where he was their lead singer. Art took his Anne a treat



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KEYES**

of some kind every day while she was in the nursing home.

Art is survived by his son Howard and wife Joyce of Hamilton; three grandchildren, Butch Keyes and wife Kathy of Livingston, Penny Lindell and husband Chuck of Rock Springs, Wyo., and Peggy Stewart of Hamilton; six great-grandchildren, Levi, Ryan and Robyn Keyes, Ashley and Cody Stewart and Kenneth Lindell; one great-great-grandson, Rodie Owen Keyes; one niece and four nephews.

Art was preceded in death by his wife Anna; his parents; sisters Alavee (Tommy) Bonney and Dora Schy; a grandson-in-law, Jack Stewart; and a great-great-granddaughter, Clara Jane Stewart.

A joint service for Anna and Arthur will be held Wednesday, July 7, at 2 p.m. at the Wilsall Senior Center, with Reverend Gregory Karlsgodt officiating. The family suggests that memorials be made to the Wilsall Cemetery Association, c/o Les Arthur, \* Wilsall, MT 59086. Arrangements are under the care and direction of the Daly-Leach Chapel.

## Leora 'Lee' Keys

Leora "Lee" Keys, 83, of Billings, a great and gracious lady, went to be with her Lord from the Horizon Hospice Home in Billings on Thursday, Oct. 21, 2004. She was born June 13, 1921, in Modesto, Calif., the daughter of Guy W. and Genevora L. Johnson Rasmussen.

Lee married Clarence "Bob" Keys in 1960 and in 1980, they moved to Billings, where she was a member of the Westside Baptist Church. She accepted the Lord when she was 12 years of age and taught Sunday school in many churches and worked to help Missionaries in Africa for many years. She loved to write, assemble and recite Christian Poetry and give testimonies about her Lord.

She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, friend and homemaker. Lee loved art, landscaping, camping and sound of rivers where she felt so close to her Lord. Lee was a devoted prayer warrior, always praying for people and their needs because she had come from a broken home herself. Her door was always open to any child; many a heart was mended within the



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walls of her home. She dearly loved all children.

Lee was always proud of her Danish heritage and of being related to Gutzon Borglum, the man who sculptured the heads on Mount Rushmore. She loved greeting and hugging people. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

Survivors include her husband, Bob; two daughters, Linda (Richard) Turner and Louise (James) Stensland; one foster daughter, Kimberly Smalley; two foster sons, Terry (Cheri) Bower and Michael (Willie) Ezell; her grandchildren, April, Angela, Barbara, Christine, Jamee and Taylor; one great-granddaughter, Makala; and one great-granddaughter to be born in January of 2005. Mrs. Keys was preceded in death by her first husband, Roy E. Lyall and a grandson, Anthony Willet.

Funeral service was held Monday, Oct. 25, at the Westside Baptist Church in Billings. Burial was held at Sunset Memorial Gardens. Memorials may be made to the Missionaries of the Westside Baptist Church. Arrangements were made by Cremation or Funeral Gallery.

## Donna Kiamas

FAIRVIEW — Donna Kiamas, 63, died Sunday evening, Jan. 11, 2004, in her home.

Memorial services will be 2 p.m. Friday, Jan. 16 at Zion Lutheran Church. Interment will be in the Fairview Cemetery. Fulkerson Funeral Home of Sidney is in charge of arrangements.

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**Dorothy M.  
Kienenberger**

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DODSON — Dorothy M. Kienenberger, 93, died Friday, Nov. 5, 2004, at the Phillips County Medical Center.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 10, at the Dodson Lutheran Church. Burial will follow in Hillside Cemetery. Edwards Funeral Home of Chinook.

## noten Kienlen

WORLAND, Wyo. — Helen Horsley Stevens Kienlen, 77, of Worland, died Monday, Dec. 27, 2004, at her daughter's home in Lander.

A service in remembrance of Helen will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 31, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Stake Center. Burial will follow at 2:30 p.m. in the Lovell Cemetery. Bryant Funeral Home of Worland is in charge.

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# Alma Lydia (Ellis) Kilfoy

Alma Lydia (Ellis) Kilfoy passed away Saturday morning, Feb. 14, 2004, at Parkview Care Center, where she had lived the last six and a half years.

She was born in Gettysburg, S.D., Sept. 26, 1905, to Robert and Maggie Ellis. She was raised in Faith, S.D.



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KILFOY**

Her father died when she was a young girl and she moved with her mother and brothers to Casper, Wyo., by wagon.

In 1925, she and her family moved to Billings.

She married LaVerne Kilfoy in Columbus, Feb. 3, 1933. They enjoyed many years of hunting and fishing with the family.

She worked at the Billings Laundry for a number of years.

Her husband preceded her in death, Jan. 6, 1982. After her husband's death, she became active at the Senior Citizens Center, where she met Rueben Haas, and he became her dancing partner for many years.

Alma's greatest joys were her children and grandchildren.

The family would like to thank everyone at Parkview for their loving care of Alma.

She was preceded in death

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by her parents; husband; daughter LaVina Zahn; great-grand daughter, Tess Elizabeth Paquin; sister, Alice Overacker brothers, Charlie "Buck," Roy "Powder" and Melvin "Babe" Ellis.

Survivors include her children, Luella Hoppe, LaVerne (Judy) Kilfoy, son-in-law, Joe Zahn, all of Billings, Jeannie (Gene) Cunningham of Fallon Nev.; 12 grandchildren; 34 great-grandchildren; eight great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 21, at Smith Downtown Chapel, with interment to follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Memorials may be made to The Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU), St. Vincent Foundations, PO Box 35200, Billings, MT 59107, or the Ronald McDonald House, 1144 N. 30th St., Billings, MT 59101.



## **Faye I. Killian**

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

DEC 07 2004

LEWISTOWN — Faye I. Killian, 90, of Lewistown, died Friday, Dec. 3, 2004, at the Central Montana Skilled Nursing Center.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10, at the Cloyd Funeral Home Chapel in Lewistown. Interment will follow in the Lewistown City Cemetery.

## **Regina Killsnight**

LAME DEER — Regina M. Killsnight, 81, of Lame Deer, died Wednesday, Oct. 13, 2004, at her home, following a short illness.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday, Oct. 18, in the Blessed Sacrament Church in Lame Deer. A wake will be start at 8 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 17, in the Blessed Sacrament Church in Lame Deer. Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Forsyth is in charge.

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# Regina May (Long Roach) Killsnight

The lord took our mother and grandmother, Regina May (Long Roach) Killsnight on Oct. 13, 2004, while surrounded by her family.

Regina, Hoo'ohta'e, was born to George Long Roach and Nellie R. Roundstone on Sept. 21, 1923, in Birney. She grew up in Birney and attended the school at St. Labre Mission.

On April 29, 1947, she married James Francis Killsnight and they made their home in Lame Deer. From this marriage she had 11 children: Marcian (Connie) Killsnight, Rosanne (Wayne) Headswift, Ferdinand Killsnight, Gertrude (Clovis) Killsnight, Drucella (Ambrose) Killsnight, Velesia (Dennis) Killsnight, Clement Killsnight of Lame Deer and Anthony (Betty) Killsnight Sr. and James Killsnight Jr. of Tulsa, Okla. She raised one of her grandsons, Abbram Walksnice and she leaves behind her new namesake, Mackenzie Bixby.

Her parents, brothers Harry, James, Frank and sisters May and Mary, sons Christopher and Xavier, grandchildren Tonya, Nellie and Francis preceded her in death.



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KILLSNIGHT**

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Regina had 42 grandchildren and 37 great-grandchildren who were all special to her in their own way. She would display their pictures according to the seasons and ages. Regina and her husband James, went in to the Sundance Ceremony in the 1960s. She worked as a home health aid when the program first began, and also at the Miles City Laundry. She also worked alongside her husband when he worked as a ranch hand in the Kirby, Sonnette and Ramchester areas. Most of her married life she was a housewife. Regina was a very faithful and devout Catholic who never missed Mass; she made it rain or shine. She especially enjoyed listening to spiritual music and hosting prayer meetings at her house.

The family would like to thank the people that stopped in to visit her during her short stay in St. Vincent Healthcare, Dr. David Christianson and Lisa and Lori for all their thoughtfulness and help, and a very big thank you to the staff of Blessed Sacrament Church.

Thanks to Rosella Pongah for always being there for her to interpret and transport and to Lois Campeau for being her friend.

Funeral Service will be held at 11 a.m., on Monday, Oct. 18, at the Blessed Sacrament Church in

Lame Deer, Mont.

Wake Service will be held at 8 a.m. on Sunday, Oct 17, 2004, at the Blessed Sacrament Church in Lame Deer, MT

Condolences may be sent to the family by visiting [www.stevensonandsons.com](http://www.stevensonandsons.com).

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

## Edward J. Kilzer, Sr.

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YUMA, Ariz. — Edward J. Kilzer, Sr. died Nov. 24, 2004, in Yuma.

He was born Nov. 13, 1923. He married Lorraine McCann May 3, 1943. Edward served in the U.S. Army. He retired from the Billings Police Dept. He also retired from the Montana Board of Crime Control.

Edward was preceded in death by his wife, Lorraine; and daughter Karen Gubeer. He is survived by his son, Ed, Jr.; sister Rosemary; two grandchildren; and Shirley Wells.

Cremation has taken place. Memorials to: Shrine Hospital for Crippled Children, Box 20673, Billings, MT 59104.

No services are planned.

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## **Ji Keun Kim**

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Ji Keun Kim, 70, of Sheridan, died Tuesday, June 15, 2004, at the Cancer Institute of America, Tulsa, Okla.

Graveside service will be at 12:30 p.m. Saturday, June 19, in the Sheridan Municipal Cemetery. Champion Ferries Funeral Home of Sheridan is in charge.

## Loyd L. 'Monty' Kimble

MORRISON, Colo. — Loyd L. (Monty) Kimble, age 86, born in White County, Ind., died March 11, 2004, at Bear Creek Nursing Home, Morrison.

Survived by his daughter, Kelly J. Friedrichsen, Littleton; and his son, Monty Lee Kimble, Nashville, Tenn.; his grandchildren, Tyson, Hannah and Christian Friedrichsen, Majel M. Kimble and Stephen and Brandon Whittaker; his great-grandchild, Lennon Lee Whittaker. Also survived by two sisters, Dorothy Hardin of Livingston, Mont., and Ethel McNeese of Louisville.

A memorial was held at the home of Joe and Nely Roorda on March 14.

Monty L. Kimble was a Cowboy, Rancher, Construction Engineer and Real Estate Developer. A man who never said "can't." His humor and vitality will be missed.

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**RED LODGE** — Specialist Justin Kindsfather passed away Sunday, July 11, 2004, in a motorcycle accident in North Carolina.

Justin was born in Billings on Nov. 6, 1981. He spent his childhood in Laurel and moved to Red Lodge in his early teens. In high school, he participated in several sports, including basketball, football and cross-country running. He had many talents: drawing, playing the drums and making people laugh.



**JUSTIN  
KINDSFATHER**

He loved the woods and all that the outdoors had to offer. Skiing, fly-fishing, backpacking and hunting were among his favorite pastimes. In the short time Justin was here, he experienced life to its fullest, getting the most out of every minute.

After graduation, Justin enlisted in the U.S. Army, serving in the 37th Engineer Battalion based at Fort Bragg, N.C. Justin spent two tours serving in both Iraq and Kuwait.

He was loved and will be missed by many.

Justin is survived by his father

and stepmother, Mark and Kari Kindsfather of Billings; his mother and stepfather, Christy and Pat Bone of Red Lodge; one sister, Danielle Kindsfather of Red Lodge; two brothers, Brandon Bone and Kyle Kindsfather of Billings; grandparents Jere and Shirlee Quinn of Red Lodge, Don and Ginger Kindsfather of Arizona, Judy Balzer of Billings, Myles and Elaine Egan of Billings, John Bone of Red Lodge, Mona Nutting of Silesia; great-grandparents John Balzer of Billings and Lydia Kindsfather of Laurel. Justin's girlfriend, Melissa Manwell and her son, Austin Peters, carried a special place in his heart. An infant sister, Ashley Kindsfather, preceded him in death.

Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. Monday, July 19, at Kaleva Park (turn east just south of mile marker 78 on Highway 212 on your way to Red Lodge.) Visitation will be at Smith-Olcott Funeral Chapel only from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, July 18, and 9 to 11 a.m. Monday. Following the service, a reception will be held at Kaleva Lodge.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to a scholarship fund set up at First Interstate Bank, PO Box 910, Red Lodge, MT 59068, or to your favorite charity.



## **Keith W. Kindsvogel**

SEP 22 2004  
BILLINGS GAZETTE

Keith W. Kindsvogel, 56, of Billings, formerly of Glendive, died Saturday, Sept. 18, 2004, at the Deaconess Billings Clinic in Billings.

Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Sept. 24, at the Dawson County Cemetery in Glendive. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Glendive is in charge.

## Barbara L. King

GLENDIVE — Barbara King was born to Olga and Otto King on Aug. 31, 1924, in Scobey. She graduated from Scobey High School in 1942. Barbara earned a bachelor's of business administration from the University of Minnesota in 1946.

Her first job was with the Minnesota Dental Association in St. Paul and then with the American Dental Association in Chicago. She worked in the U.S. Senate and then for the California Manufacturers Association in San Francisco. Barbara opened the King Stenographic Service in Williston, N.D., during the oil boom of the 1960s.

She made an unsuccessful bid for representative to the North Dakota Legislature in 1966. In 1969, she became the desk reporter for the North Dakota House of Representatives and continued to serve in that capacity until 1981. She served as a N.D. delegate to the 1972 Electoral College. While in Williston, Barbara was active in the Williston Chamber of Commerce, the Republican party, St. Peters Episcopal church, AAUW and various other community activities.

In 1983, she and her sister moved to Green Valley, Ariz., but returned to Montana in 1989. She resided in Billings until 2003 and loved her volunteer "job" as a Grandma at Head Start. She moved to Glendive in June 2003 to

be closer to her family.

Bobby enjoyed traveling worldwide, first with her father and then with her friends, nieces and nephew. Later on, she traveled closer to home in a small van camper and thoroughly enjoyed the red rock vistas of the American southwest as well as the north unit of Theodore Roosevelt National Park. She was an avid walker and painter.

Bobby died from natural causes with her family at the bedside in Glendive on Feb. 3, 2004. A private memorial service will be held in Billings on Feb. 9.

She is survived by her two nieces, Susan Dickson of Grand Junction, Colo., and Dr. Joan Dickson of Glendive. She is preceded in death by her sister, Kathryn King Dickson and nephew Dr. Richard Dickson.

If you wish to send a memorial, please make a contribution to a charity of your choice in lieu of flowers.

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## Dorothy King

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Dorothy King, 76, died Saturday, Jan. 3, 2004, in Memorial Hospital of Sheridan County.

Cremation has taken place, and memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Viele Mortuary in Worland. Committal of cremains will be in the Worland Cemetery. Champion Ferries Funeral Home was in charge of local arrangements.

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# Eugene W. King

Eugene W. King, 725 N. 25th  
St., Apt. 709, Billings, MT 59101

Eugene died March 1, 2004, at  
Columbia Falls.

He is survived by his wife,  
Marilyn; two sons, Marty and  
Eugene; one daughter, Atril; 10  
grandchildren; and six great-  
grandchildren. A son, Michael,  
preceded him in death.

Burial will be at Mountview  
Cemetery, Friday, March 5, at 10  
a.m.

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**HELEN KING**

## **Helen Knaub King**

Helen Knaub King, 82, went to be with her Lord, Tuesday, Nov. 9, 2004, at St Vincent Hospital in Billings.

She was born to Louis and Katherine (Schreiner) Knaub in Joliet on Aug. 8, 1922. Helen was baptized and confirmed in the Laurel Congregational Church. She married Roland King in her parents' home on July 3, 1941. She stayed home to raise her children until they were older and then went to work for the telephone company. After working at the phone company for a few years, Helen went to work at Bee Photo (Western Film Service/Transwestern Film Service). She performed a variety of jobs, including photo processing and mail order handling. Helen loved her work and made many good friends there. She retired from Bee Photo after 23 years to care for her husband.

Helen had many friends and they all thoroughly enjoyed her great sense of humor. She enjoyed

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dancing with her husband and th many parties that they gave i their home.

Helen especially enjoyed long friendship with her neighbors, Lyle and Lory Bender. Sh talked often of the pranks that he husband and Lory pulled on each other over the years. She cherished their friendship and wa very grateful for the help and support they gave her during he husband's long battle with cancer. They continued to be mode friends and neighbors afte Helen's husband's death.

Helen's last years were spen at Magnolia House. Shirley, Jar and all the ladies were especially kind to her and, like everyone else who knew Helen, enjoyed her sense of humor.

Survivors include her sor Galen King (wife Pat); daughter Linda Menholt (husband Denny); sisters Emma Frank and Molly Glantz all of Billings; grand-daughter Angie Randak (husband Andy); great-granddaughters Sophia and Madison Randak; great-grandson Samuel Randak, all of Salt Lake City.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Roland King; mother and father, Louis and Katherine

**Knaub, sisters, Elizabeth Fox, Katie Mikel, Mary Miller and Lydia Niebauer, all of Billings.**

Visitation is at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary and Crematory, Thursday, Nov. 11, 3:30 to 9 p.m. Funeral services will be held Friday, Nov. 12, at 1 p.m., at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary and Crematory, 1001 Alderson Ave., Billings. Graveside committal and burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

**MAR 21 2004**

## **Michael Dean King**

**POWELL, Wyo.** — Michael Dean King, 37, died Thursday, March 18, 2004, at Powell Valley HealthCare Center.

Per his wishes cremation has taken place. Memorial services

will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 25, at First Baptist Church in Powell.

Miratsky-Easton Funeral Home of Powell is in charge of arrangements.

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MAR 23 2004

## Michael Dean King

Michael Dean King, 37, died Thursday, March 18 at Powell Valley HealthCare Center due to cancer.

Affectionately known as Mike and Dino, he was born Jan. 2, 1967, in Wilmar, Minn., to James M. and Lillian Rozell (Cardin) King. He moved to Wyoming in 1980.

He was a self-employed carpet installer for many years. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, woodworking, ceramics and spending time with his children, family and friends.

Survivors include his mother, Lillian King of Evanston; longtime girlfriend, Wanda Vanderpool and children Ryan King, Jaymie King, Jealinda Patton, Jolene Vanderpool and Justin Vanderpool, and step-daughter Jeanna Andrews, all of Powell; brothers, Rockie King of Gillette, James H. King of Evanston, Troy King and wife Gayla of Golden, Colo.; sisters, Tonia Genereux of Denver and Margaret (Gina) Perks of Evanston.

His father, James M. King, and his grandparents preceded him in death.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial services will be Thursday, March 25 at 7 p.m. at First Baptist Church in Powell.



**Michael King**

Should friends desire, memorials may be made to the children's educational fund at Sunlight Federal Credit Union in Powell. Miratsky-Easton Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.



## **Nora Lee King**

SEP 11 2004  
FBI ALBANY GA/STATE

**THERMOPOLIS, Wyo. —**  
Nora Lee King, 81, died  
Wednesday, Sept. 8, 2004, at Hot  
Springs County Memorial  
Hospital in Thermopolis.

Funeral services will be at 2  
p.m. Monday, Sept. 13, at  
Mortimore Funeral Home in  
Thermopolis. Burial will follow in  
Monument Hill Cemetery.

# Perry Oscar King

## GLENDIVE

— On Dec. 30, 2003, our Lord God called upon Perry Oscar King. His battle with cancer has ended and may he rest in peace. Perry died in the comfort of his



**PERRY KING**

own home with his loving wife Karin by his side. Being home, surrounded by his wife, children and friends during his illness was one of his last wishes and was honored.

Funeral services will be held at 2:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 5, at the Chapel of the Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home in Glendive with Pastor James Hageman officiating. Interment with military honors will be in the Dawson County Cemetery in Glendive. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Glendive is entrusted with arrangements.

Perry was born on Aug. 7, 1937, in Fairview, N.D., and was the son of Russell V. and Ethel (Bickford) King. He graduated from Flaxville High School in 1955 after serving as the president of his senior class. Perry was a fine athlete, lettering in basketball all four years and football three years as well.

Following graduation Perry enlisted in the U.S. Navy in August of 1955 to serve our country and travel the world. He served as an

airman on the aircraft carrier USS Randolph, operating out of Naples, Italy. He was honorably discharged from the Navy on June 1, 1957.

Then on Aug. 9, 1958, Perry married the woman he chose to spend the rest of his life with Karin Hasselstrom. The next 45 years he embraced life with all of the love and vitality a husband, dad, uncle and grandpa could give each and every day. Perry retired from the banking profession after being senior vice-president of Community First Bank of Glendive and president of Production Credit Association in Glendive.

He was a member of the Elks Lodge and a volunteer of numerous youth organizations over the years.

He will be fondly remembered for his zest for life, hard work, compassion for all of mankind and love of the outdoors. He will be missed but is now serving God in a brand new capacity.

Perry is survived by his wife, Karin King of Glendive; his children, Susan King of Spokane, Wash., and Steven (Nancy) King of Reno, Nev.; three grandchildren, Austin King, Kaitlin King,

and Nathan King; two brothers, George Holom of Miles City and Duane Holom of Townsend; a sister, Darlene Hochhalter of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; and numerous relatives.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to Home on the Range-Big Sky Ranch for troubled children, Box 1128, Glendive, MT 59330.

The family would like to thank the following people for their wonderful care and friendship:

Soda and Etta Maher, Gordon and Arlene Turner, Ken and Grace Cress, Chuck and Krista Page, Winnie Culver, Penny Denning, Tammy Dinardi, Gail Eissenger, Noreen Turnquist and the rest of the staff at the Glendive Medical Center. Thank you also to Silvernale-Silha Funeral Homes for their professionalism and expertise.

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

## **Perry Oscar King**

**GLENDIVE —** Perry Oscar King, 66, died Dec. 30, 2003, at his home.

A memory service for family and friends will be at 4 p.m. Sunday at Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home. Funeral services are at 2:30 p.m. Monday at Our Savior Lutheran Church with Pastor James Hageman officiating. Interment with military honors is in Dawson County Cemetery.

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**JAN 3 2004**

# Dorothy Kinney

BILLINGS GAZETTE

DEC 07 2004

CLINTON — Dorothy Kinney, 70, of Clinton, passed away on Saturday, Dec. 4, 2004, at St. Patrick Hospital.

Dorothy was born on Jan. 26, 1934, to Henry and Katherine Weideman. Her

parents passed away when Dorothy was a young girl. Her sister, Lydia Pond and Willie Pond then raised her. She attended school in Missoula and worked at



**DOROTHY  
KINNEY**

the Mercantile Store before her marriage. In January 1953, she married Don Kinney. They raised three sons, Allen, Jerry and Jimmie. Dorothy had an unconditional love for all her family. She enjoyed the outdoors and loved fishing, camping and hunting, as well as stargazing and playing her accordion. She enjoyed her home, which was her cabin on Wallace Creek in Clinton.

Her husband, Don; and son, Allen, preceded Dorothy in death. She had a large family and is survived by her loving sons, Jerry and Jimmie; and a grandson, Donnie Kinney. She is also survived by a special nephew, Jimmie Pond, who was like a brother to her. Dorothy

had many brothers and sisters and many extended family members and friends. She was dearly loved and will be missed by all.

Memorials may be made to a charity of one's choice. Cremation has taken place under the care of Garden City Funeral Home & Crematory and at this time, no funeral services are planned.

## Duaine 'Jerry' Kinney

ELLENSBURG, Wash. — Duaine "Jerry" Kinney, age 37, died in a one car accident in Ellensburg on June 19, 2004.

He was born on June 1, 1967, in Columbus, Mont., the son of Jerry and Christine Kinney. Jerry graduated from Big Timber High School in 1985, followed by a stint in the Navy. He was a mechanic in Seattle, Ellensburg and California.

He married Julie Smith on July 10, 1995, in Seattle.

Jerry is most remembered for his great humor and love of children, especially his work during high school with the Special Olympic teams.

He is survived by his wife Julie; two sons, Keegan and Garry of Ellensburg; his grandmothers, Edith Kinney, Emily Schuman; grandfathers, Jim Neill, Jerry Spiczka; his mother and stepfather, Philip and Christine Schuman; three sisters, Tracey Stephens, Chantell Denson and Danette Warren, and two brothers, Chayne Popelka, Chuck Schuman; his Aunt Yvonne Riojas; uncles Stan Kinney and Harold Nelson; and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Jerry Kinney; his grandmother, Dolores Spiczka; his grandfathers Albert Kinney

and Philip Schuman; aunts Ali Kern and Kay Nelson.

Funeral services will be held: the Lowry Funeral Home on Thursday, June 24, at 10 a.m., with interment in the Park City Cemetery.

Memorials can be made to the Keegan and Garry Kinney Educational Fund at the Citizen's Bank in Big Timber.

# Frank Kinney

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Frank Kinney, 73, passed away Feb. 8, 2004, at the Deaconess Billings Clinic, Billings. He was born May 16, 1930, in Park City, to John W. and Alice M. (Koch) Kinney. He served in the Army during the Korean War from 1951 to 1953. On Jan. 14, 1956, he was united in marriage to Florence Gabert.



**FRANK  
KINNEY**

Frank lived in Kent, Wash., and Billings, where he worked as an iron worker for Local #708, spending several years working on the Colstrip Power plants. Frank enjoyed hunting, gardening, wood working and spending time at his cabin in Red Lodge.

Frank is survived by his children, Linda (Don) Adams of St. George, Utah, David (Mary) Kinney of Lake Havasu City, Ariz., Lori (Eric) Coobs of Billings; grandchildren, Jamie (Jeff) Thuneman, Jennifer Adams, Katie, Sarah, Emily, Maggie Coobs; great-grandson, Tyler David Thuneman; sister Mary Louise Wise of Columbus.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Florence; brothers, Ira, Albert and Austin; sisters, Georgie, Dorothy, Betty, Phyllis

and Ardis.

A private family graveside service will be held.

## **Patty Lea Kinney**

**HARDIN —** Patty Lea Kinney, 70, passed away peacefully Feb. 4, 2004, in the Heritage Acres Nursing Home, following a courageous 10-year battle with arthritis.

She was born Oct. 2, 1933, in Robinson, Kan., to James O. and Tilda Quinn, the youngest of three children.

In 1935, the family moved to Atchison, Kan., where she attended Trinity Lutheran School and graduated from Atchison High School in 1951.

She worked at Blish Mize & Sulliman until her marriage to John Willhardt in September of 1953; she was later divorced. She married Alfred B. Kinney in March of 1976 and the couple

resided in Hardin.

Her parents and a brother, Marion Quinn, preceded Patty in death.

Survivors include her husband, Alfred B. Kinney of Hardin; her sister, Delma Beardsley of Texas; daughter, Lisa (Henry) Maine of Hardin; one son, Garth Willhardt of Colorado; five grandsons, as well as many nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held from 7 to 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 6, at the Bullis Funeral Chapel. Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 7, in the Redeemer Lutheran Church. Interment will follow in the Fairview Cemetery. Bullis Mortuary has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Memorials may be made to Redeemer Lutheran Church, Hardin MT 59034, or the charity of one's choice.



**PATTY  
KINNEY**



## Elizabeth 'Bette' Kinsella

HAVRE — Elizabeth "Bette" Kinsella left her Bear Paw Mountain family to join her husband Joe on Monday, Nov. 8, 2004.

Bette, born March 29, 1914 in Geyser, was one of 13 children born to Thomas and Sanna Luoma. She attended school in Geyser, graduating as the class salutatorian. Following high school, Bette enrolled at Western Montana College, graduating with a degree in Elementary Education. While in college, Bette worked summers in Yellowstone National Park. Her teaching career began at the Lone Tree School near Judith Gap and led her to the Faber School, south of Havre in the Bear Paw Mountains.

In those mountains, Bette met the love of her life, Joe Kinsella, a rancher who lived down the road from the school. They married Aug. 31, 1940, and enjoyed 63 years of ranching together. They had six children: daughters Patricia Holman and her children Aaron and Krista; Lois Frerck and her children Willy, Coley and Jenny; sons Gerald (Laura Keller) and their children Tim (Michelle Johnson), Mike (Heidi Beach),



**BETTE  
KINSELLA**

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Kirk (Kathleen Damson) and Janna (Frank) Munson; son Ronald; Robert (Sanda Bitz) and their children Dustin (Jennifer Hoffman) and Darin (Karen Anderson); and Larry (Judith Kallenberger) and their children Jolene (Travis) Liddle and Crystal.

Survivors include her six children, 13 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren; twin sister Ann (Don) Houston of Great Falls; sisters Lillian (Floyd) Von Stein of Cascade, Vaitlena "Shonnie" (Henry) Rautio of Spokane Wash., and Elsie (Dale) Backa of Geyser; brother, David (Dorla) Luoma of Geyser; and sister-in-law Theresa Luoma of Great Falls.

Bette was preceded in death by her husband Joe in May 2004; great-granddaughter Neely Sue Kinsella; sisters Sally (Gus) Pistoria, Gladys (Bill) Croff, Alvina (Paul) Faber and Kay (Walter) Backa; and brothers Art (Olive), John (Theresa), and Waino Luoma.

Bette's friends and family will remember her best for her love of family, education, fashion, visiting friends of all ages, and dancing with Joe.

A prayer vigil to celebrate Bette's life will be held Thursday, Nov. 11, at 7 p.m., at the Rocky Boy Catholic Church. A funeral mass will be celebrated Friday, Nov. 12, at 11 a.m. at St. Jude's Catholic Church in Havre.

The family suggests memorials to the Rocky Boy Catholic Church, the Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch or a charity of one's choice.

## Joe Kinsella

## BILLINGS GAZETTE

MAY 06 2004

**HAVRE** — Joe Kinsella, life-long rancher in the Bear Paw Mountains south of Havre, passed away Sunday evening, May 2, 2004, at St. Vincent Healthcare in Billings, with his family at his side.

Joe was born Feb. 14, 1919, in Havre, to Lawrence and Anna (Pflepsen) Kinsella. Following the death of his parents, Joe assumed the responsibility of operating the family ranch at the age of 15. In the heart of the Bear Paw Mountains, Joe raised quality Hereford and Angus cattle. Joe married his life-long sweetheart, Elizabeth "Bette" Luoma on Aug. 31, 1940. He met Bette when she came to the Bear Paws to teach at the Faber School. Together, they shared the hard work and joy of ranching and treasured their neighbors and friends throughout Montana.

Joe is survived by his wife Bette; and six children, Jerry (Laura), Ron, Bob (Sanda), Patricia Holman, Larry (Judy), Lois Frerck; and his sister,



**JOE  
KINSELLA**

Eleanor. His parents, brother and sisters, and a great-granddaughter, Neely-Sue, preceded him in death.

Joe's siblings included one brother, Nikolas "Burke" (Rose); and five sisters, Rosemary (Bill) Shoenen, Pat (Al) Cummer, Gertude (Bill) Florin, Ceil (Reece) Barber-Keller and Eleanor (John) Kantola. The joys of his life were his 13 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren. Jerry's children and grandchildren: Tim (Michelle) Jessika, Ashlee and Patricia; Mike (Heidi) Mikell, Natalen, Rinnah, Joah and Jarah; Kirk (Kathleen) Addison; Janna (Frank) Brenden and Delleny. Bob's children and grandchildren: Dustin (Jennifer) Bryce; Darin (Karen) Dawson. Patricia's children: Aaron and Krista. Larry's children and grandchildren, Crystal; Jolene (Travis) Colton and Stacie. Lois' children: Willy, Coley and Jenny.

Joe appreciated good horses, quality cattle, dancing with his bride and fine conversation. His family and many friends of all ages will miss his wisdom, integrity and pioneer spirit. Joe

was a devoted family man, stockman and a legend to many.

Rotary will be held 7 p.m. Thursday, May 6, at the Rocky Boy Catholic Church. Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Friday, May 7, at the St. Jude's Catholic Church in Havre. The family suggests memorials be made in Joe's honor to the Rocky Boy Catholic Church, St. Vincent Hospital (Billings) Oncology and Acute Therapy Centers, R-Calf or the Yellowstone Boys & Girls Ranch.

## Dollie Kinsey

BAKER — Dollie Kinsey, 93, died Saturday Feb. 28, 2004, at Fallon Medical Complex.

A Prayer service will be 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 2, at the Chapel of Stevenson Funeral Home. Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 3, at the Baker Community Church.

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THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

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# Lola (Dodie) Faye Blanscet Kinsey

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**BIG TIMBER** — Dodie "Mom" passed away peacefully Aug. 26, 2004, at the Pioneer Medical Center in the Hospice room, from a brief fight with cancer.

Dodie was born in Miami, Texas, on Aug. 3, 1930, to Thomas and Jennie Freeman. She was the youngest of 10 children. Her mother passed away when Dodie was 14 months old and lovingly adopted by Lon L. and Mary (Vance) Blanscet. She spent her youth in Texas where her father was a sheriff, rodeo producer and an adventurer. She and her parents moved to Montana in the early '40s. She attended high school in Wibaux, Columbus, and graduated from Billings Senior High School. The family then bought a ranch up the East Boulder, south of Big Timber, where she met and then married Bill Kinsey on Oct. 21, 1948.

She is survived by her husband Bill; and their five children, Lonnie Lynn Kinsey of Bozeman, Elaine (Lawrence) Allestad of Big Timber, DeAnne (Steve) Jonas of Billings, Richard (Lori) Kinsey of Big Timber and Donna (John) Keller of Glendive. She also has 12 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren; one aunt Freida Vance of Texas and several nieces

and nephews. She was preceded in death by her biological parents and her brothers and sisters and her adopted parents.

She was a dedicated wife, mother and grandmother. She enjoyed all types of sports and watching all the kids play ball. She loved to play games, especially bridge. She is now in a better place and will be especially missed by her family and friends.

Memorial services will be 2 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 31, at Lowry Funeral Home, with Reverend Tim Hathaway officiating. Inurnment will be in Mountain View Cemetery. Lowry Funeral Home assisted the family with the services.

Memorials may be given to Pioneer Medical Center, PO Box 1228, Big Timber, MT 59011, or Hearts & Hands Hospice, PO Box 1337, Big Timber, MT 59011.

# Eugene Karel Kirchner *THE BILLINGS GAZETT*

JUL 13 2004

CIRCLE — Eugene Karel Kirchner, 74, of Circle, died July 6, 2004.

A rosary was held Sunday, July 11, and funeral services were held Monday, July 12, at St. Francis Xavier Parish in Circle. Clayton Stevenson Memorial Chapel of Circle was in charge.

## **Eugenia Genevieve Kirfel**

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Eugenia Genevieve Kirfel, 90, passed away Thursday, Oct. 7, 2004, in Billings. She is a former resident of Huntington, Long Island, N.Y.

She is preceded in death by her husband Joseph, son and daughter-in-law Richard and Margaret, three brothers and two sisters.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial services will be held at St. Bernard's Catholic Church at a later date with interment in Huntington, Long Island.

Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary has charge of arrangements.



**Douglas A. Kirkaldie**

MAY 28 2004

Douglas Arthur Kirkaldie, 51, of Billings, passed away Monday evening, May 24, 2004, of an apparent brain tumor. Doug was born in Billings on July 11, 1952, to Douglas and Betty Kirkaldie.

Doug was preceded in death by a son, Michael; a brother, Craig; and his sister, Judith.

Doug is survived by both his parents; his son, Anthony of Bozeman; his three brothers, Darryl, Jeff (Tammy), both of Billings, and David (Rebekah) of Salt Lake City; and his two sisters, Carolyn of Billings and Denise (Tony) Rios of Hardin.

Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, May 28, at Mountview Cemetery. Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

## **Phyllis B. Kirkemo**

**BELGRADE** — Phyllis B. Kirkemo, 64, passed away at her home on Feb. 14, 2004. She had battled COPD, emphysema and bronchiestasis for 21 years.

Phyllis was born in Billings on Feb. 15, 1939, to Fred and Caraline (Pleinis) Heckel. The family moved to the Hardin area when she was very young.

She married Harold E. Kirkemo at Fort Carson, Colo., on Dec. 31, 1955. They moved back to Hardin in 1957, where she started a family and became sec-

retary-bookkeeper for Triangle Motors Inc. They moved to Missoula in 1970 where she became bookkeeper for Bob Ward and Sons.

In 1974, the family moved to Kalispell where she eventually assumed the duties of Assistant Deputy Clerk of School District #5, which included nearly all the schools in Flathead County. In 1998, the Kirkemos moved to Belgrade.

Phyllis is survived by her husband Harold E.; two sons, Brian

and Kevin; four grandchildren, Zachary and Spencer of Belgrade, Victoria and Valerie of Englewood, Colo.; one brother, Rodger Heckle, of Great Falls; six sisters, Gladys Schmidt, Betty Elder, Janice Evenson, and Donna Feller, all of Billings, Carol Wilson of Phoenix, and Shirley Armfield of Great Falls.

Cremation has taken place at Dokken-Nelson Bozeman-Belgrade Crematory. As per Phyllis's request, there will be no services at this time.

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**EMMA KIRKALDIE****Emma Elizabeth  
Kirkaldie**

**FORSYTH** — Emma Elizabeth Kirkaldie, born on Aug. 22, 2004. Her Heavenly Father called upon her on Oct. 29, 2004, because of SIDS (Sudden Infant Death Syndrome).

Emma is survived by her parents, Amber Truelove and Derek Kirkaldie; her sister, Valerie Shiffer; her grandparents, Arlen and Barbie Kirkaldie, David and Lori Chaves all of Forsyth, Russell and LaNell Johnson of Rosebud.

Emma is also survived by her great-grandmother Barbara Mento of Massachusetts; great-grandfather Thomas Kirkaldie of Hays.

She is also survived by her great-aunts, Ione (Raymond) Snell and Patty Eagleman, all of Hays, Terry Lanigan of New Hampshire, Charlene Khalife of Massachusetts; her great-aunt Cheryl Hahne of Forsyth; her great-uncle Thomas (Pamm) MacRae of Massachusetts.

Emma has many aunts: Wanda Kirkaldie of New Hampshire Genny Kirkaldie, Christine Mulrooney, Sadie Porter and Tiff Brake, all of Forsyth, Kim Johnson and Joanie (Willy and Tynan) of Rosebud; special aunts Tisha, Tiffany and Nicky Roberts (Duane) of Deer Lodge.

Her uncles are Arlen Kirkaldie Jr., Mikey Kirkaldie, Luke Hahne and Chris Miller, all of Forsyth, Rylie Johnson of Rosebud, Levi Yager (Megan and Rain) of Billings and Jake (Mandy, T.J. and Jared) Mulrooney, also of Billings.

Emma is survived by her first cousin T'Niesha Kirkaldie of Forsyth and her first cousins Stevanie Berrigan, Steven Myers and Mathew Myers of California.

Emma's other surviving families of California are: uncles, Steven Myers, Steven Berrigan and Joe Porter. Her aunts are: Elizabeth Myers, Jamie Kish and great-aunt Joan Porter, all of Tuolumne County.

Emma was preceded in death by her great-grandmother Shirly Kirkaldie and cousin Wesly Kirkaldie of the U.S. Navy, both of Hays; her great-grandfather Chris Diaz; her grandparents Robert and Valerie Truelove; her great-

aunt Amillia Recardo; her auntie Christal Adibi, all of California.

Emma was also preceded in death by her baby cousin Gavin Tyler Yager of Rosebud.

Emma will always be dearly loved and missed by all of these people and many others as well.

"We Love You, Emma."

Funeral service will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 2, at 11 a.m., at the First Baptist Church in Forsyth. Presiding is Pastor Ken Kirby.

Condolences may be sent to the family by visiting [www.stevensonandsons.com](http://www.stevensonandsons.com).

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

**Gertrude Louise Kirsch** **BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**MAY 25 2004**

Gertrude Louise Kirsch, 83, died Thursday, May 13, 2004.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, May 28, at the Eastern Montana State Veteran's Cemetery in Miles City. Cremation has taken place. Interment will be in the Eastern Montana State Veteran's Cemetery with her late husband, Oliver LeRoy Kirsch. Cremation or Funeral Gallery was in charge.

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**HARDIN** — Frieda Marie Kirschenmann, 90, longtime Hardin area resident, passed away Wednesday, July 7, 2004 at St. Vincent Hospital, in Billings.

She was born Sept. 4, 1913, in Streeter, N.D., the eldest child of six born to John and Jacobina Weisenburger Knodel. She attended grade school in the Streeter area.

Frieda married John Kirschenmann, April 21, 1934, on her parents' farm in Streeter. In 1936, they moved to the Hardin area and farmed until moving to Hardin in 1961.

Frieda was a homemaker and also worked for the Hardin School District as a cook until retiring in 1973.

She dearly loved helping the children when she worked as a Kindergarten Aide under the Foster Grandparent Program at the Hardin Grade School from 1998 until 2001.

Her interests included playing her piano and accordion, crocheting, baking and writing letters to family and friends. After retirement, Frieda and John spent their time traveling and visiting with children and grandchildren.



**FRIEDA  
KIRSCHENMANN**

During their trips, they always seemed to find friends wherever they stopped along the way. Socializing with friends at home or in a restaurant were frequent occurrences for John and Frieda.

Until a few years ago, on Sunday mornings, she could be found leading the singing and participating in church services at Heritage Acres. She was a member of the Open Bible Church. She loved life and enjoyed the company of friends and relatives for Sunday dinner at their home.

Her parents; husband John; and brother Raymond Knodel preceded Frieda in death.

Survivors include her children, LeRoy (Susan) of Billings, Eugene (Ruthie) of Hardin and Johnny (Cristy) of Oregon, Deloris (Ed) Anderson and Darlene (Marlin) Anderson of Washington, Pricilla (Phil)

Newell and Annabelle (Darrel) Snyder of Oregon; one sister, Ruth Reich of Billings; three brothers, Ervin (Noreen) Knodel and Roy Knodel of California, Harry (Joyce) Knodel of Billings; 25 grandchildren; 48 great-grandchildren and 12 great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, July 13, the Church of the Open Bible in Hardin. Interment will follow in the Fairview Cemetery.

Should friends desire, memorials may be sent to the Church of the Open Bible, Heritage Acres Nursing Home or the charity of one's choice.

Frieda's family would like to express their sincere thanks to Heritage Acres Nursing Home in Hardin and the doctors and caregivers at the St. Vincent Hospital.

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**HARDIN** — John Kirschenmann, 94, longtime Hardin area resident, passed away Wednesday, Feb. 4, 2004, at the Big Horn County Memorial Hospital in Hardin. For the last several years, he resided at the Heritage Acres Nursing Home.

He was born June 3, 1909, in Jamestown, N.D., a son of Theaboldt and Rosena Schmidt Kirschenmann. He attended grade school in the Burnstead, N.D., area.



**JOHN  
KIRSCHEN-  
MANN**

John married Frieda Maria Knodel on April 21, 1934, on her parents' farm in Streeter, N.D. In 1936, they moved to Hardin, where John worked for the Holly Sugar beet factory and later farmed south of Hardin, until moving into town in 1961. He later worked for the Hardin School district until retiring in 1973.

After retirement, John and Frieda enjoyed traveling and visiting with their children and grandchildren. His interests included playing his banjo and omni cord. On Sundays, he would usually accompany his wife on his banjo while they sang and played at the Heritage Acres Nursing Home. He was a mem-

ber of the Church of the Open Bible.

John was a very social person. The couple's home was a place where friends and relatives were always welcome. You could also find John enjoying coffee and donuts at local restaurants, visiting with friends and acquaintances.

His parents, three sisters and four brothers preceded John in death.

He is survived by his wife, Frieda; seven children, Leroy (Sue) of Billings, Eugene (Ruthie) of Hardin, Deloris (Ed) Anderson of Plain, Wash., Darlene (Marlin) Anderson of Olympia, Wash., Priscilla (Phil) Newell of Portland, Ore., Annabell (Darrel) Snyder of Springfield, Ore., and Johnny Lee (Christy) of Springfield. Also surviving him is a brother, Alvin Kirschenmann of Billings; 25 grandchildren; 48 great-grandchildren and 10 great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held 2 p.m. Monday, Feb. 9, at the Church of the Open Bible. Interment will follow in the Fairview Cemetery. Bullis Mortuary has been entrusted with the arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, memorial may be sent to the Church of the Open Bible or Heritage Acres Nursing Home.



## **John W. Kiser**

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**MAY 08 2004**

WORLAND, Wyo. — John W. Kiser, 84, of Worland, died Thursday, May 6, 2004, at Worland Health Care and Rehabilitation Center.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, May 10, at the First Baptist Church. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. until service time Monday. Burial will be in Riverview Memorial Gardens following the services. Bryant Funeral Home of Worland is in charge.

# Richard Dale Kistler

THE BILLINGS GAZETT

SOUTH BROADUS

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Richard "Dick" Dale Kistler, 62, of South Broadus, died Wednesday, April 28, 2004.

At his request, no funeral services will be held. Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home of Broadus is in charge.

# Patricia Kittelson

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Patricia Hatfield Kittelson, 73, passed away July 28, 2004, at her home in Billings. She was born May 3, 1931, in South Pittsburgh, Tenn., the daughter of Clarence and Grace (Barofsky) Hatfield. She graduated from Billings Senior High School in 1949. On Dec. 17, 1955, she was united in marriage to Donald C. Kittelson.



**PAT  
KITTELSON**

Pat enjoyed reading, word puzzles and game shows. She recently became a member of the Red Hat Society and was a Deaconess Gift Shop volunteer for the last 15 years.

Pat is survived by her husband, Donald C. Kittelson; children, Steve (Kathy) Kittelson of Gilbert, Ariz., Kit (Charis) Kittelson of Beaverton, Ore., Kurt (Sara) Kittelson of Helena and Clair Kittelson of Billings; 10 grandchildren; one great-granddaughter and several special nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her son, Stu Kittelson; brother, Harold Hatfield, and sisters, Catherine "Sissy" Sommerville and Chris Schiavon.

visitation for Pat will begin at 2 p.m. with the funeral service at 2:30 p.m. Saturday at the Dahl Funeral Chapel. Interment will be in Sunset Memorial Gardens. A reception will be held at the family home. Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association, 2812 First Ave. N., Ste. 216, Blgs, MT 59101, or the charity of one's choice.

# Beverly J. Kittleson

EUGENE, Ore. — Beverly J. Kittleson died Sept. 25, 2004, of cancer. She was 76 years old and had lived in Eugene for the past 25 years.

She was born on Sept. 10, 1928, in Livingston, Mont., to Gary J. and Margaret (McCulloch) Matson. She graduated from high school in Billings, where she edited the school newspaper and received the DAR Good Citizen Award.



**BEVERLY  
KITTLESON**

She married G.V. "Kit" Kittleson in Billings on Dec. 2, 1949, and were both employed by Exxon Corp. They have lived in Cody, Wyo.; Portland, Ore.; Los Angeles; Bellevue and Puyallup, Wash., before moving to Eugene in 1979.

She enjoyed people and, at age 30, was the youngest person in Montana to receive an award for outstanding service to the community for her endeavors with the Young Woman's Christian Association. Kittleson also taught Sunday School, was a youth advisor and served as chairman of Fish, Puyallup Valley.

Locally, she belonged to Our Saviour's Lutheran Church and two interdenominational Bible

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study and prayer groups. She organized a Bible Class for developmentally disabled adult "Saturday Saints." Her hobbies included sewing and craft antiques and writing poems.

She is survived by her husband of 55 years; two daughters, Linda Watkins of Bonny Lake, Wash., Brenda Storaasli of Springfield; two sons, Brian Kittleson, Maple Valley, Wash. and Darin of Eugene; and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Oct. 2, at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church. Interment was at the Willamette National Cemetery in Portland. Memorial contributions may be made and sent to Our Saviour's Lutheran Church for the (Beverly Kittleson Memorial Fund) and used for the proclamation of the Christian Faith, the work dearest to Bev's heart.

## **Blaine L. Kittleson**

**THE BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**4 2004**

**BIG TIMBER — Blaine L. Kittleson, 18, of Big Timber, died Sunday, Dec. 12, 2004.**

Cremation has taken place. Services will be held at a later date. Lowry Funeral Home of Big Timber is in charge.

## Adolph Klaus

Adolph Klaus passed away in the evening on March 9, 2004, surrounded by his family.

He was born on Sept. 11, 1917, in Dunn Center, N.D. He lived on the family farm and was a cowboy at heart. He married Blanche Dixon on June 3, 1944, in Miles City. He was a plumber and pipefitter working across Montana and several other states.

They had two children: Dixie (Dan) Barta, Lavina, and Roxie (Tracy) Klaus, Hawaii.

Adolph and Blanche lived some years in Nashville, Tenn., where they enjoyed listening to the good ol' country music and Adolph playing the pedal steel guitar. Adolph was a musician since childhood and enjoyed sharing his love for music.

He is survived by his wife, two children, six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Cremation will take place at Cremation or Funeral Gallery and a memorial service will be in May in North Dakota on the family farm.

## **Robert John Klesalek**

Robert John Klesalek, 47, of Billings, passed away Saturday, March 13, 2004, at his home of cancer.

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Cremation has taken place. Inurnment of Robert's remains in the veterans' cemetery in Mandan, N.D., will be held at a later date. Arrangements were made by Cremation or Funeral Gallery.

## **Fred H. Klier**

RANCHESTER, Wyo. — Fred H. "Fritz" Klier, 77, of Ranchester, died Saturday, Jan. 31, 2004, at Memorial Hospital of Sheridan County.

Viewing will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 5, at Champion Ferries Funeral Home in Sheridan. Memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, at Ranchester Community Church.

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## Henry W. Klindt

BIG TIMBER — Henry W. Klindt, 88, of Big Timber, died Friday, April 2, 2004, at the Pioneer Medical Center.

Memorial services will be 2 p.m. Saturday, April 10, at Lowry Funeral Home in Big Timber.

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**Karen Marie  
Klinkhammer**

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**  
**MAY 05 2004**

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Karen Marie Klinkhammer, 53, of Sheridan, died Wednesday, April 28, 2004, at Memorial Hospital of Sheridan County.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 8, at First Baptist Church. Kane Funeral Home of Sheridan is in charge.

## Joseph J. Klinkosh

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Joseph J. Klinkosh, 85, died Thursday, Oct. 21, 2004, at Sheridan County Memorial Hospital.

Cremation has taken place locally, and private family memorial services will be held at a later date. Kane Funeral Home handled the arrangements.

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Bruno E. Kluge, 90, passed away Sunday, July 4, 2004, at Eagle Cliff Manor.

He was born March 6, 1914, to Max and Elfriede Kluge in Billings. He attended schools in Billings and graduated from Billings Senior High School in 1932. After high school, Bruno attended the University of Illinois and



**BRUNO  
KLUGE**

Northwestern University, from which he obtained his degree as Doctor of Dental Surgery in 1937. He did his internship at the Eastman Dental Dispensary in Rochester, N.Y.

Upon completion of his internship, Dr. Kluge practiced dentistry in Great Falls until 1942, when he was called to serve in the U.S. Army and was stationed at Merced, Calif. After he was discharged from the Army, Dr. Kluge returned to Montana and started his dental practice in Choteau. He later moved to Billings to set up a dental practice and continued his practice until he retired in 1992.

Bruno married Doris Boyce in the early 1940s in Reno, Nev. Doris died in 1989. On Aug. 12, 1995, Bruno married Clara Tschirgi Thomas in Billings.

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Bruno was preceded in death by his first wife Doris, his parents and two sisters.

He is survived by his wife Clara; a stepson, David (Patricia) Thomas of Shepherd, their children, Twylla (Eric) Kirchen of Fayetteville, N.C., Matthew Thomas of Wichita, Kan., and great-grandchildren, Cole and Megan Kirchen.

Cremation has taken place and a memorial service will be held at Eagle Cliff Manor at a later date. Arrangements are by Cremation or Funeral Gallery.

# Douglas C. 'Bucky' Klundt

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

AUG 24 2004

HELENA — Douglas C. "Bucky" Klundt, 78, of Helena, died early Saturday afternoon, Aug. 21, 2004, at the VA Medical Center, Ft. Harrison, following an extended illness. He was born April 9, 1926, in Streeter, N.D., to the Late George G. and Katherine M. Klundt.

Bucky worked as a carpenter throughout Montana and mostly in the Billings and Columbus area. He served in the U.S. Navy during WWII. Enjoyed the great outdoors of Montana as an ardent hunter and fisherman. He was member of American Legion Post # 2 and the FOE Lodge # 16, both of Helena. Also was a member to Montana Wyoming and Idaho Carpenter's Union in Spokane, Wash.

In addition to his parents, his first wife Bertha in 1989; and one brother and two sisters preceded him in death. Survivors include his wife Zella of Helena; a son, Wayne D. (Connie) Klundt; three

daughters, Georgia L. (Donald) Larson, Candace C. Lehman and Tracy A. (Bruce) Thoricht, all of Billings. He is also survived by eight grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren; stepchildren, Rosella Dugan of Santa Maria, Calif., Barbara Hauge of Helena, Clyde (Judy) Ferguson of Roseberg, Ore., Aldred (Jody) Ferguson Denver, Sylvia Grooms of Cody, Wyo., Margaret Benabiees of Elizabeth City, N.C., and Roni (Tao) Jaure of Rawlings, Wyo. He had numerous step-grandchildren, and step-great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Graveside services are scheduled for Tuesday, Aug. 24, 2 p.m. at Mountain View Cemetery in Columbus, with full military honors. Family prefers memorials to the Liberty House Foundation, P.O. Box 81, Fort Harrison, MT 59636. Hagler-Anderson Mortuary of Helena was entrusted with local arrangements.

# Agnes Rose Knapp

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

FEB 01 2004

CODY, Wyo. — Agnes "Midge" Rose Knapp, 67, died Thursday, Jan. 29, 2004, in Cody.

Cremation has taken place and in accordance with her wishes no services are planned.

## **Fern M. Knapp**

LIVINGSTON — Fern M. Knapp, 76, died Monday, Jan. 19, 2004, at Deaconess Billings Clinic.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Livingston Seventh Day Adventist Church. Graveside committal and burial will be at a later date in Mountain View Cemetery. Franzen-Davis Funeral Home is in charge.

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## Robert "Bob" Knapp

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE  
FEB 14 2004

LEBANON, Mo. — Robert "Bob" Knapp was born March 6, 1945, near Sleeper, Mo. He departed this life, Jan. 12, 2004, at his home near Lebanon, Mo.



**BOB KNAPP**

Four children survive: Jeff Nash, Bobby Knapp, Jr., Kim Stallings and Denise Fullington. Also surviving are 14 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; two brothers, Richard Knapp and Darrell Knapp; and a sister, Anna May (Ronnie) Dean.

Bob was born and raised in the Sleeper community and lived in and around Lebanon. He was employed as lineman for Laclede Electric in Lebanon. He moved to Montana, where he worked for Montana Power in Billings for several years before returning to Springfield, Mo. He was employed as a truck driver for the Bear Trailer Co. and for Circle F. Cattle Co. before retiring because of health.

Bob had made his profession of faith in Christ and was a member of the Silver Springs New Hope Church. He worked at the church, caring for the building. He enjoyed visiting the elderly.

Bob was loving father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother and uncle, and was a caring neighbor and friend. We celebrate his life and his accomplishments and cherish the memories he created for us.



**Voletta Knapp****JUN 08 2004**

**CASPER, Wyo. — Voletta Jeanne Knapp, 68, of Casper, died Thursday, June 3, 2004, at the Hospice Home in Casper.**

**A memorial service will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, June 9, at the Harold Jarred Park in Kaycee. A graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, in the Mt. Hope Cemetery in Big Horn. Champion Ferries Funeral Home of Sheridan is in charge.**

# Marie Elizabeth Rehms Knaub

**WILLIAMSBURG GAZETTE**

**MAR 26 2004**

CODY, Wyo. — Marie Elizabeth Rehms Knaub, 94, of Cody, passed away Wednesday, March 24, 2004, at the Long Term Care Center in Cody. She was



**MARIE  
KNAUB**

born Aug. 4, 1909, in Billings, daughter of Henry Rehm and mother Anna Hein Rehm. Marie grew up and had her schooling in Billings. She married Alex Knaub, Jan. 27,

1929, in Laurel. They moved to Billings in 1929 and lived most of their lives there. They moved to Cody in 1994 to be near their daughter.

Marie was a loving person, made friends easily and continued those friendships throughout her life. Her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren and her husband Alex Knaub were very special to her and she loved and cherished them all her life.

Marie loved to cook and bake all those good old German dishes and breads, which were always shared with family and friends and neighbors. She was always ready for coffee and a visit.

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Together, Marie and Alex raised beautiful flowers and a garden to also share with others.

Marie belonged to the Pilgrim Congregational Church all her life and the Ladies Aid, where she was President for two years. She also belonged to the Eagles Auxiliary #176 over 50 years, was President and served as Secretary for 16 years.

Marie was preceded in death by her husband, Alex Knaub; son Richard Alex Knaub; parents; and two brothers, Harold Rehms and George Rehms.

Survivors are daughter Doreen and husband Jack Skates; daughter-in-law Evelyn Knaub; four granddaughters, Juele Laramie, Shelly Parkhurst, Marcie (Dale) Johnson and Pam (Jim) Betters; two grandsons, Mark Skates and Kevin (Connie) Skates; 15 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren; one aunt, Mrs. George (Katherine) Heins; a niece, Betty (Jake) Yerger, and a nephew, Jim (Joyce) Rehms and their families; two sisters-in-law, Lydia Fox and Rose Bartholamew; numerous special nieces, nephews and families that meant so much to Marie, which was her husband Alex's family: Gladys and Leo Besel were best friends all these years. Many cousins and special friends that made her life so enjoyable.

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Visitations will begin Saturday evening, March 27, at Smith Downtown Chapel. The funeral service will be at 10 a.m. on Monday, March 29, at Pilgrim Congregational Church, with interment to follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Memorials may be made in Marie's name to the Pilgrim Congregational Church in Billings and in Cody at the Trinity Lutheran Church.

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# Thomas E. Knaub

Thomas E. Knaub, 68, of Billings, passed away Tuesday evening, Sept. 28, 2004, at the St. Vincent Hospital.

Tom was born Aug. 17, 1936, on the family farm between Huntley and Worden, the son of Alex and Amelia (Herzog) Knaub. He was raised and attended school on the Huntley Project and moved to Billings following his marriage.



**TOM  
KNAUB**

Tom enjoyed fishing, watching Westerns on TV and working crossword puzzles. He worked for years as a truck driver for Allied Van Lines and for Gauger Transport.

Tom was preceded in death by his companion of several years, Rosie Lopez, in March of 2004. He also was preceded in death by his mother, father, son Tommy and brother Jim.

Survivors include his children, Vickie Hernandez, Laura Marshall and Joe Knaub of California and Donald Knaub of Billings; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; his sister, Lillian A. Karst and brother Bill Knaub, both of Billings; and two aunts, Molly Karst of Ballantine and Mary Herzog of

Buffalo, Wyo.; and numerous cousins.

Graveside services will be 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 2, at the Pleasantview Cemetery in Ballantine. Smith West Chapel in charge of arrangements. Memorials to the charity of your choice.

# Dr. John Knebel

THE BILLYS GUEST

BUFFALO, Wyo. — Dr. John Knebel, 85, died Saturday, Aug. 7, 2004, at his home.

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Mass of Christian burial will be 10 a.m. Aug. 11 at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church. A vigil will be 7 p.m. Tuesday at the church. Visitation will be 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday at Adams Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will be in Willow Grove Cemetery.

## RONALD CURTIS KNIER JR.

BILLINGS GAZETTE

NOV 11 2004

On Nov. 5, 2004, Ron passed away quietly in his sleep, after a long illness.

Ron was born March 15, 1960, in Olean, N.Y., to Ronald Sr. and Jane (Cornwall) Knier.



**RON  
KNIER**

Ron was a jack of all trades, but the job he enjoyed the most was being a sawyer (fire-fighter) for the California Department of Forestry and the U.S. Forest Service.

Ron is preceded in death by his father Ron Sr.; maternal and paternal grandparents; and his uncles Earl and Roy Sr. He is survived by his wife, Ellen, of 17 years; children, Matthew Paul, Cheryl Jane and Sierra Roberta, all of Billings, Jolee Roberts of Weed, Calif., Laureen Weresch, Justin Knier of Dunsmeara, Calif., and Ashley Ann Miner-Knier of Medford, Ore.; parents Paul and Jane Gannon of Weed; brothers Charles Gannon, Eureka, Calif., and Gary Gannon; favorite mother-in-law, Bobbie Aderholt of Snowflake, Ariz.; father-in-law Bill Allison, Stockton, Calif.; brother-in-law Keith and Nicole Allison of Denver; Miss Sally Knier and Mr. Curtis Knier, Olean; along with numerous

cousins along the East Coast; and many close friends.

Cards may be sent to POB 438, Billings, MT 59103.

Memorial service will be on Nov. 12, at 11 a.m. in Central Park, Billings. Cremation has taken place.

## Nicholas Lee Knigge

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CUSHING, Okla. — Nicholas "Nick" Lee Knigge, 42, of Cushing, formerly of Casper, Wyo., died Saturday, June 26, 2004, north of Cushing, as a result of a helicopter accident.

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Celebration services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, July 3, at the First Freewill Baptist Church in Cushing. Memorial services will be held at a later date in Wyoming. Palmer Funeral Home of Cushing is in charge.



# Ivy Leonard Knight

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GLASGOW — Ivy Leonard Knight, 84, of Glasgow, passed away on June 14, 2004, from natural causes at Valley View Nursing Home.

He was born on Groundhog's Day, Feb. 2, 1920, in Wolf Point, the third son of railroader father Leonard and Norwegian mother Lucia Ellingsen Knight. He was raised with six brothers, a favorite dog named Rover and a bunch of rabbits. At the age of 6, he moved with his family to Glasgow.



IVY  
KNIGHT

Ivy graduated from Glasgow High School in 1938 and four years later began his military service in the 66th Infantry Division during World War II. He manned an anti-aircraft gun position on the coast of New Jersey before being sent overseas to England. He did his part to liberate southern France from the Germans. He was honorably discharged in 1946.

On June 2, 1949, Ivy married Mildred Rosemary Sonsteng of Lustre. Four daughters were born to this union: Laura Lee (Hal) Haefer, elementary librarian in Poplar; Julie Ann (Charles) Swanson, mathematics

teacher/farmer's wife in Corvallis; Sharleen Rae Arnold, billing clerk in Glasgow; and Doris Mildred (Rick) Leader, Certified Public Accountant in Glasgow.

Years of loyal service were given to the Glasgow Courier. His employment began as a paperboy at the age of 6. He retired from the Glasgow Courier at the age of 65, but continued to work until 1994. He was a pressman for many years, working as the Heidelberg operator and then, for 10 years beginning in 1966, he was co-owner of Courier Printing, located in the Courier building.

He was a confirmed member of the First Lutheran Church of Glasgow. He served on the church council and was an active member of the Lutheran Brotherhood. He was a charter member of Kogodus, a Christian outreach ministry.

Ivy became a lifetime member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #3107 in 1974. He held the commander's post at both the district (District 5) and local (Post #3107) levels in the VFW.

He served as a city council alderman, a member of the local police commission, and as president of the Valley County Senior Citizens. His favorite pastimes included hunting, travel, reading the newspapers and the card game whist.

Ivy is grandfather to Odena Rae Arnold Dopp, Charla Marie and Lukas Knight Swanson, RaeLynn Ivy Arnold, and Russell Jon, Curtis Leonard and Nicholas Aaron Leader.

Survivors include Ivy's wife of 55 years, Mildred Rosemary, of Glasgow; as well as his daughters, their husbands, and children. Ivy has four surviving brothers: Jasper (Helen) of Libby, John (Marge) of Perham, Minn., Richard (Norma) of Bremerton, Wash., and Carl (JoAnn) of San Francisco. Numerous cousins, nieces and nephews also survive him. His parents and two brothers preceded him in death.

Funeral services with full military rites are scheduled at First Lutheran Church of Glasgow on Wednesday, June 23, at 2 p.m., with Pastor Martin Mock officiating. Internment will be at the Highland Cemetery of Glasgow. Bell Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

## JOYCE A. KNIGHT

Joyce Knight, 80, passed away Nov. 30, 2004, after a short battle with cancer.

Joyce was born in Billings, April 13, 1924, to Earl and Manda Hickson. After graduating from Billings Senior High School, she moved to Utah, Calif., and then Washington, where she gave birth to her two daughters. In the late '50s, she moved back to her hometown and worked in accounting. She was a person



**JOYCE  
KNIGHT**

who craved learning and at the age of 50 decided to go back to school. After four years, she graduated with honors from EMC (now MSU-B).

In 1964, she met the love of her life — her perfect partner and companion, Jim Knight. They were married in 1966 and enjoyed a life of travel, gardening and socializing.

Joyce belonged to the Billings Garden Club, the Central Terry Park Task Force and was a volunteer AARP tax aide. She enjoyed weaving, working on the computer and reading.

Survivors include her husband, Jim Knight; her daughters, Jinel Molodecki and Gaylin Frei; her stepchildren, Darlynn Durfee,

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James Knight, Ken Knight and Kathy Sciabarassi; as well as 16 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

A celebration of Joyce's life will be held at Cremation or Funeral Gallery on Monday, Dec. 6, at 2 p.m. The family asks that in lieu of flowers, memorials be made to the American Cancer Society, 550 N. 31st, Suite 103, Billings, MT 59101.

## Daniel C. Knighten

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SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Dan Knighten, 65, of Sheridan, died Thursday, April 15, 2004, at the VA Medical Center in Sheridan.

Visitation will be from 1 to 10 p.m. Sunday, April 18, and from 9 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. Monday, April 19, at the Adams Funeral Home Chapel in Buffalo. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, at the Adams Funeral Home Chapel. Graveside services will be in the Willow Grove Cemetery, with the VFW and American Legion in charge of military graveside services.

# Phil Kniss

Phil Kniss, 65 of Billings, passed away Saturday, Sept. 18, 2004, in Boise, Idaho, result of a motorcycle accident.

Phil was born on Nov. 15, 1938, in Portland, Ore., the son of Dolores and Philip Kniss.

Graduating from Portland High School and later he served in the military. He

owned Phil's Auto Supply in Reedsport, Ore., and later sold the business and moved to

Montana. He

met and married Ethel Jandt, February of 1989. He was employed by Carquest Auto Supply at the time of his death. He was a member of Rainmakers Motorcycle Club, the Goldwing Road Rider Association and American Motorcycle Association. He enjoyed riding his motorcycle with his wife and friends, and he was also a NASCAR fan.



**PHIL  
KNISS**

Phil is survived by his wife, Ethel Kniss of Billings; one son, Randy (Stephanie) Kniss of Helena; one daughter, Julie (Roger) Vanderwall of Lewiston, Calif.; five stepchildren, Sandy Applegate of Beach, N.D., Sharon (Curt) VanVleet of Temecula,

Calif., Kathleen (Chris) Eccles of San Marcos, Calif., Gary (Nancy) Jandt of Ada, Minn., Kevin (Jackie) Jandt of Fargo, N.D.; two sisters, Geri Barnes of Aloha Ore., and Jo Ann Peterson of Portland; 15 grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Visitation will be Thursday, Sept. 23, 5 to 9 p.m. at Smith's West Chapel. Funeral service will be held 11 a.m. Friday, Sept. 24, at Smith's West Chapel, 3034th St. West. Cremation will follow the service.

# Donald R. Knoll

Donald R. Knoll, 77, of Billings, passed away Friday afternoon, Oct. 15, 2004, at the Hospice House in Billings.

Don was born Oct. 7, 1927, in Glendive, to John and Irene (Murphy) Knoll. He and his family later moved to Lewistown before finally settling in Billings in 1942.

Don attended Billings Senior High, graduating in 1945. Upon his graduation, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy and subsequently attended the University of Montana, where he earned his pharmacy degree. Don was a registered pharmacist at Skaggs (later Osco) for 35 years. After his retirement, he filled in at the Red Lodge pharmacy on an occasional basis. Don had one son, Richard. Camping was the family passion, often spending time in the Flathead area. Don spent time with his son, hiking in the woods, reading articles on aviation and keeping up to date on the latest news of his three grandchildren.

Don was preceded in death by his son, Richard; and his brothers, Jim of Billings and Ray of Amarillo, Texas. He is survived by



**DON  
KNOLL**

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his three grandchildren Benjamin, Michael and Jennifer and their mother, Lora, all of Hyde Park, Utah; and his sister-in-law, Jo Lou Knoll of Billings along with devoted nieces and nephew.

His family would like to thank the Hospice House in Billings for their caring in the last days of his life. Cremation has taken place. Memorials may be directed to the Hospice House of Billings.

## Emma Knopp

McPHERSON, Kan. — Emma Sackman Knopp, 99, of McPherson, died Wednesday, Sept. 22, 2004.

Visitation will be from 1 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 29, at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Terry, Mont. Funeral services will be at 2:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 30, at the Fallon Evangelical Church in Fallon. Interment will follow at the Fallon Cemetery.

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**CROW AGENCY** — Frederick Paul Knows Gun, Sr., 90, of Crow Agency, passed away Monday, Nov. 29, 2004, in the Crow-Northern Cheyenne IHS Hospital.

Ichalassashish "Stirrups" was born Aug. 3, 1914, in Lodge Grass, a son of Knows His Gun and Among the Sheep. Steve and Lucy Old Bull Driftwood, Sr. raised him in the Lodge Grass area. After completing his education at the Chemawa Indian School in Oregon, he began the life of a cowboy, becoming an excellent rider, horse wrangler and rodeo rider, all the time farming and ranching in the Wyola area and later in the Dunmore area.



**FREDERICK KNOWS GUN**

Fred married Frances Hogan and she preceded him in death. He married Mamie Hogan in June of 1954 and the couple made their home in Crow Agency. Mrs. Knows Gun died in 1992.

He was a member of the Catholic Church, Ties the Bundle Clan and a child of the Greasy Mouth Clan. He was a hard worker who worked for the railroad,

sugar factory, Crow Tribe as a jailer and policeman. He was a sharpshooter who was designated by the Tribe to use his hunting skills to obtain buffalo.

In his younger years, Fred was known for his athletic abilities and excelled in boxing and wrestling, competing in the Northwestern United States. His prowess was passed on to his family. He was a Crow man who was a traditional and fancy dancer, often teaching and mentoring others. He participated in Sun Dances, Sweat Lodges and was frequently called upon to sing Peyote songs during numerous ceremonies.

He was the first Crow certified Tribal Judge and served in the Chief Judge capacity for nearly 18 years. He never lost an election bid. In later years, he mentored many youth and young adults in the area of his numerous skills.

His counseling helped salvage many near broken marriages that he often presided over in his court.

His parents; daughters, Verna and Maxine; sons, Richard and Mitchell; sister, Mary He Does It; and brothers, Hector, Franklin and Porter, preceded Frederick in death.



Survivors include his daughters, Donna (Pete) Chavez and Beulah Hamburg of Crow Agency, Mary (Poncho) Knows Gun, Alma McCormick, Valerie Spint and Cheryl Not Afraid of Hardin; his sons, Frederick Paul Knows Gun Jr., Daniel (Arna) Takes Enemy, Cameron T. (Lauren) and Richard McCormick Sr. of Crow Agency, Ellis "Rabbit" (Diana Carroll) Knows Gun of Billings, Ted (Christine) Hogan of Arizona, Frank (Marva) Knows His Gun, Sr., of Dunmore, John Knows His Gun and Elijah Not Afraid of Hardin; 54 grandchildren; 65 great-grandchildren and members of his extended family, including the Driftwood, He Does It, Pretty on Top, Big Hair, Bird, Jefferson, Stops, Bravo, Left Hand, Spotted Horse, Bear Cloud, Old Horn, Bad Bear, Stands, Old Bear, Bear Below and Stewart families. If we have inadvertently left your name from the family list, please accept our sincere apology.

Rosary will be recited 4 p.m. Friday, Dec. 3, in the Bullis Funeral Chapel. Funeral Mass will be celebrated 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4, in the Crow Agency St. Dennis Catholic Church. Horse riders are invited to follow the Funeral Coach to the cemetery. Interment will follow in the Crow Agency Cemetery. Bullis Mortuary of Hardin has been entrusted with the arrangements.

# STEVEN ROBERT "Beef" Knudson

**GLENDIVE** — Steven Robert "Beef" Knudson, age 54, of Glendive, passed away on Friday, Oct. 15, 2004, at his home, peacefully during his afternoon nap.

Steve was born on Sept. 5, 1950, in Wolf Point, the son of Robert and Lillian (Boje) Knudson. He was raised on a farm northwest of Richey and attended grade school in Richey and Circle. He was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran Church.



**STEVE  
KNUDSON**

He graduated from Circle High School in 1968, where he acquired the name Beef. Murray Vester and Steve played truck drivers in a school play; Steve's character was named Beef and he improvised the smashing of a cigar in Murray's face. The name has been with him since. He attended college in Bozeman and Billings and then moved to Glendive, where he worked at Alken Motors. He sold cars for many years before becoming a real estate broker. You can take the boy out of the country but not the country out of the boy, so he tried his hand in other fields over

the years, trying to return to his love of farming and ranching. He was currently working as an insurance adjustor. He was often heard to say that when he grew up, he wanted to be a cowboy. When asked when he was planning on growing up, he replied he wasn't in a hurry. In life, you can get busy living or you can get busy dying. Beef got busy living; he wasn't here for a long time, but he had a good time.

He married Debra Schaffel in 1975 and had a son, Eric Robert. Steve and Debra separated when Eric was young, but he remained very active in raising his son. He was an excellent father and taught his son many of life's important lessons; from passing on his love for cooking to always holding doors open to remembering to tip waitresses and bartenders. Eric never had to ask for anything because his father was always giving more than he needed.

Steve was preceded in death by his father, Robert. Survivors include his son, Eric of Glendive; his mother Lillian of Richey; his sister, Clarice and Dappy Beery of Richey; his brother Curt and Melissa Knudson of Glendive; his nephews, Rondel and Lanette Beery and children David and Danielle of Richey, Jess and Angie

## **Kolbjorn Knutson**

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MILES CITY — Kolbjorn Knutson, 87, of Miles City, died Wednesday, Dec. 8, 2004, due to complications from Guillain Barre Syndrome.

A memorial service will be at 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City. A reception will follow at the VFW.

**POWELL, Wyo.** — Maurice H. Knutson, age 93, passed away Saturday, Oct. 9, 2004, at the Powell Valley Care Center. He was born Aug. 24, 1912, the son of Clarence M. and Lillie J. Nelson Knutson in Climax, Minn.

His life was a rich one and he had many loves, among which were banking, ranching, implement dealership and Lutheran College Administration. He had many stories to tell about these years. One of the most traumatic things in his life was the Earl Durand robbery in 1939 and he was the last survivor of this terrible day.

Maury was a multi-faceted man who was so very generous and kind, and his best moments were being with friends and telling stories. He had music in his soul and no one could interfere with his Saturday night date with Lawrence Welk.

He is survived by a sister, Ruth Behrend of Watertown, Wis.; daughter Louise Haggerty of Denver; four grandchildren and one great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by his wife Lillian; a daughter, Dorothy; a brother, Charles; and his parents.

Memorial services will be 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 16, at Hope Lutheran Church. Memorial contributions may be made to Hope Lutheran Church in Powell or the charity of one's choice.

MAURICE H. KNUTSON

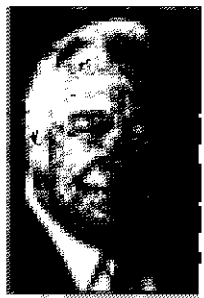
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A memorial service will be conducted Saturday, Oct. 16 at Hope Lutheran Church in Powell at 2 p.m. for Maurice H. (Maury) Knutson, 92, who died Saturday, Oct. 9 at the Powell Nursing Home.

He was born Aug. 24, 1912, the son of Clarence M. and Lillie J. Nelson Knutson, in Climax, Minn.

His rich career in business and education included banking, ranching, implement dealership and Lutheran College administration. He had many stories to tell from his years' experiences.

One of the most traumatic things in his life was his involvement in the Earl Durand robbery at First National Bank in Powell in March of 1939. He was forced at gunpoint by Durand to open the bank vault and then was tied together in a human hostage chain with two others as Durand attempted to escape the bank. Later he would say, "I saw very, very little chance of getting out of this (alive)."



**Maurice Knutson**

He did survive, and at his death, he was the last survivor of the events of that terrible day.

His family will remember him as a multi-faceted man, generous and kind, whose best moments were being with friends and telling stories. He had music in his soul and no one could interfere with his Saturday night date with Lawrence Welk. He played instruments by ear. If you could hum it, he could play it. Music and endless time on the lathe were his enjoyments, and family members will treasure

mementos from those years.

Powell was his home of choice. His love of Powell started when he became cashier of the First National Bank in the Depression year of 1936. Though subsequent career experiences took him away, he always came home.

His career in banking began in 1929 in Rosholt, Wisc. After marrying Lillian Grosfield on Jan. 10, 1935, it didn't take long for her to say, "Small town Wisconsin is ok, but we will go West, young man." He never looked back.

Survivors include a daughter, Louise Haggerty of Denver; a sister, Ruth Behrend of Watertown, Wisc.; four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his wife Lillian; a daughter, Dorothy; a brother, Charles; and his parents.

Memorial contributions to Hope Lutheran Church or a charity of choice would be appreciated by the family.

# Clifford G. 'Cliff' Kober

**ROBERTS** — Clifford Kober, 69, passed away Sunday morning, Jan. 11, 2004, at his home in Roberts after a courageous year-long battle.



**CLIFF  
KOB**

There he graduated and became a lifelong resident.

Cliff was a working man. He loved construction work and was an expert heavy equipment operator. He was known as "Blue Topper" to his co-workers.

Cliff married Joyce Marshall, his high school sweetheart on Sept. 13, 1953, and they recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. This union was blessed with four children, seven grandchildren, and two great-granddaughters, plus four step-grandchildren.

Cliff was a skilled craftsman. He loved working with wood and created some amazing projects for his home and for others. He loved tending his garden greenhouse and sharing his fresh vegetables with family and friends. Cliff loved classic country music. He loved reading. crosswords

Clifford Kober was born in Fromberg to Emil and Emily Kober on Sept. 20, 1934. Cliff attended school in Bridger until the sixth grade when the family moved to

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jigsaw puzzles and auctions. He was especially fond of children telling him stories or hearing others tell cute things the grandchildren were doing. Always busy with a new idea or something new to work on, he was rarely idle. Cliff was a sincere friend, a kind man with integrity and a huge heart.

Cliff was preceded in death by his father Emil.

Survivors include his wife, Joyce of Roberts; his mother, Emily of Las Vegas; daughter, Lorene (Marty) Harmala of Billings; daughter, Karla Kober of Red Lodge; son, Keith (Cindy) Kober of Billings, and daughter, Rhonda Kober of Shepherd; grandchildren, Jeremy (Amy) Harmala of Billings, Eric Harmala of Belfair, Wash., Nathan Harmala of Benton City, Wash., Devin and Kiara Kober of Billings, and Lindsey Kokkeler of Billings; great-granddaughters, Teya Harmala and Sofia Harmala; step-grandchildren, Melissa (Jeremy) Aszia, Rynzi Hernandez and Octavia Hatch. Clifford is also survived by his two sisters, Marlene (Gordon) Forster of Billings and Loretta (Ira) Dutton

of Las Vegas; several aunts, an uncle, many wonderful in-laws, nieces, nephews and cousins.

We will miss you so very much!

Cremation has taken place. A service in Cliff's memory will be held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday at the Smith-Olcott Funeral Chapel in Red Lodge.

Memorials may be made to the Roberts Community Foundation, Beartooth Hospice or charity of one's choice.



## **Robert Kober**

DOUGLAS, Wyo. — Robert Frederick "Buzz" Kober, 49, of Douglas, formerly of Billings, died Tuesday, Sept. 21, 2004, near Casper, of a heart attack.

At his request, no funeral service will be held. Gorman Funeral Homes - Converse Chapel of Douglas is in charge.

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## Marion Iait Koch

Marion T. Koch peacefully passed away of natural causes July 8, 2004, at St. Vincent Healthcare.


She was born Aug. 16, 1904, on the family homestead in Bottineau, N.D., to Robert and Catherine Tait. Marion was educated in Bottineau, graduating from high school in three years. While in high school, she earned college credit from the University of North Dakota School of Forestry in Bottineau. Later, she transferred to Mozier College in Chicago, where she received a degree in accounting.

As a young woman, Marion was a traveling accountant for both Ford and General Motors. At that time, this was a position generally reserved for men. She left the business world April 20, 1938, to marry W.F. (Bill) Koch in Bismarck, N.D. They moved to Billings the next day, where Bill was installed as district manager of International Harvester Company. Marion was a devoted wife and a loving mother to Bill's two sons, Bill Jr. and Bob. A daughter, Susan, joined the family in 1941.

During their marriage, Bill and Marion traveled extensively. Family and friends will remember the wonderful weekends spent at their cabin at Camp Senia. Marion volunteered many hours serving various organizations in

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the Billings area. She was an avid bridge player. Despite her limited vision because of macular degeneration, Marion won bridge marathons well into her 90s.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband Bill; son W.F. Koch Jr.; sisters Margaret Tait, Doris Hansen and Grace Burgess; brothers George Tait and Harold Tait; and grandson James B. Koch.

Marion is survived by her son, Dr. Robert M. (Mary Jane) Koch of Lincoln, Neb.; daughter Susan (L. Brooke) Henderson of Billings; sister Olive Benson of Bottineau, N.D.; grandsons James B. Suiter III and Christopher T. Suiter of Phoenix, William T. (Jean) Koch of Colorado Springs, Colo., James R. (Mary) Koch of Arvada, Colo., Dr. Richard L. Koch of Tacoma, Wash., and Brian J. (Lyn) Koch of Riverside, Calif.; granddaughter Mary Gen (David) Fallquist of Spokane, Wash.; and nine great-grandchildren.

Marion was an elegant lady with a keen intellect and a determined spirit. She lived independently to the end of her long, fulfilling life.

Cremation has taken place. A private graveside service will be held at a later date in Bottineau. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be directed to the Chad Hooker Relief Fund, PO Box 23595, Billings, MT 59104 or the charity of one's choice.

Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

## Virginia Koch

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**SIDNEY** — Funeral service for Virginia Koch, 70, Sidney, will be 10 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 6, at the Lonsdale United Methodist Church, with Pastor Dan Ashton officiating. Interment will be in the Sidney Cemetery, under the direction of Fulkerson Funeral Home of Sidney.

Virginia died Thursday, Sept. 30, 2004, in Sidney.

Virginia is survived by her husband, Bob, Sidney; mother, Mabel Jones, Sidney; daughters, Cindy (Jerry) Tippett, Sidney, Roxie (Dennis) Foster, Morrison, Fla., Pam (Rockie) Taylor, Sidney, Tana (Larry) Staal, Killdeer, N.D., and Shelly (Chuck) Fratzke, Grand Junction, Colo.

## **Carma Asay Kocherhans**

LOVELL, Wyo. — Carma Asay Kocherhans, of Lovell, died Monday, Aug. 23, 2004, at North Big Horn Hospital in Lovell.

A viewing will be from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 27, at Haskell Funeral Home in Lovell. Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 28, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Lovell. Burial will be in the Lovell Cemetery.

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Carma Asay Harper Kocherhans, beloved wife, mother, sister, grandmother and great-grandmother died quietly in her sleep August 23, 2004, at North Big Horn Hospital in Lovell.

She came into this world just minutes after her twin sister, Norma (Eyre), December 12, 1922, in Lovell, the daughter of Irvin and Dovetta Asay. Irvin said they had only one chance to order girls, so they ordered two. Five sons followed: Arnold I. (Hazel); Donald R. (Betty) preceded her in death; Ivan C. Lovell; Ernest R.; Gary J. (Glenda), Lovell.

She married Roy Thorne Harper April 28, 1943 in Pleasant Grove, Utah. They were sealed together for all eternity one year later, April 28, 1944, in the Salt Lake City LDS Temple. Six children blessed their union: Carolyn (David) Cutcher of New Zealand; Roy Lynn (Robyn) Harper of Cowley; Todd Asay (Linda) Harper of Gilbert, Ariz.; Samuel Dean

(Bobbi) Harper of Ever-son, Wash.; Carma Dawn (Wayne) Bond of Lawrenceville, Georgia. She is preceded in death by her little son, John David, who died as an infant; and her husband, Roy, who died December 11, 1994, in Lovell.

Carma and Henry Ammon Kocherhans rekindled a friendship from their youth, fell in love, and were married March 15, 2000, in the Billings, Mont. LDS Temple. They had four short but wonderful years together, filled with happiness and devotion to one another and their families.

Carma served in many church callings, including Primary and Relief Society Presidents. She was a faithful visiting teacher until her health prevented her from accomplishing her tasks. She also did great work in geneology.

She established a house of order, of peace and love for her companions

and posterity which included 25 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren. She will be missed but there is assurance that she is establishing just such a place for loved ones in her new home.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Aug. 28, at the Lovell LDS Stake Center. Burial followed in the Lovell Cemetery.

## **Anthony J. Kochivar**

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WINDHAM — Anthony J. "Tony" Kochivar, 87, of Windham, died Monday, March 22, 2004, at his home.

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Memorial Mass will be at 2 p.m. Friday, March 26, at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Stanford. Inurnment will follow in the Stanford Cemetery. Cremation has taken place. Cloyd Funeral Home of Lewistown is in charge.



## Mary Jane Koerper

Mrs. Mary Jane Koerper passed away on Jan 20, 2004, at Aspen Meadows.

She was born April 7, 1931, in Lewistown, the daughter of Lottie and Henry Amundson. She attended South Dakota State University where she met and later married Robert Koerper. They lived in Los Angeles, and Wichita, Kan., and in 1951, moved to Helena, where they settled for 19 years. In 1970, the family moved to Billings.

Mary had two sons, Robert J. of Golden, Colo., and Samuel J. of Half Moon Bay, Calif.

Mary had many obstacles to overcome in life, but challenged them with courage, perseverance and resilience. She responded to them by serving others with the lessons she had learned. She was a devoted wife and mother and served her family with much love and faithfulness. She never gave up.

Her first interest was politics, and she participated in campaigns for her favorites. Later, sports became her main interest. She became an avid golfer and belonged to the Laurel Country Club. She was always an enthusiastic fan of professional sports.

She is survived by her husband, her two sons, five grandchildren, and a sister, Hankie Treadway of Rapid City, S.D.

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Memorials may be sent to the giver's favorite personal charity.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary. Interment is in Yellowstone Valley Memorial Park.

## Karl A. Kolb

On Oct. 24, 2004, Karl Kolb, 56, died in a plane crash in San Diego. As a young boy, Karl always wanted to be a pilot. He died living his childhood dream.

In 1980, his love for the great outdoors brought his family to Billings. Karl loved to work on his '68 Mustang and was restoring a '69 Chevelle with his son. He was an incredible person.

Karl enjoyed his family. Karl and Linda enjoyed their Saturday morning runs, following up with coffee and long conversations. He spent hours upon hours practicing baseball, softball and basketball with his children. He took his family all over Montana, camping, fishing, hiking and cross-country skiing. He loved to play with and tease his granddaughters and make them hot cocoa and toast in the mornings.

Karl was born Oct. 9, 1948, in Oak Park, Ill. He is survived by his wife of 28 years, Linda; his daughter Renee; son Brett; and granddaughters Madisyn and Halle. His mother, Kathryn Kolb; four sisters and one brother; and several



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nieces and nephews also survive him. His father, Carl Kolb, preceded him in death.

Services will be held on Monday, Nov. 8, at 10 a.m., at St. Bernard's Catholic Church, 226 Wicks.

If so desired, memorials can be made to the National MS Society, 1629 Ave. D, Suite 2C, Billings, MT 59102.

Smith's Downtown Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

## **Grace N. Kolence**

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**JUN 04 2004**

**LIVINGSTON —** Grace N. Kolence, 72, of Livingston, died Tuesday, June 1, 2004, at the Evergreen Livingston Health and Rehabilitation Center.

Cremation has taken place at Franzen-Davis Crematory in Livingston. No services are planned.

# Martin John Kolence

THE ROLLINGS GAZETTE

JAN 04 2004

LIVINGSTON — Martin John Kolence, 92, died Thursday, Jan. 1, 2004, at Livingston Memorial Hospital.

Cremation has taken place at Franzen-Davis Crematory in Livingston and a memorial will be held in late May of this year.

**NOV 11 2004**

Emil A. Koliha passed away on Tuesday, Nov. 9, 2004, at the age of 94. The eldest son of Anton and Emma (Kosmata) Koliha, Emil was born in Wilson, Kan., on Nov. 3, 1910. At the age of 4, he came to live on a homestead near Roy with his parents and sister Evelyn. There, he was raised along with his two brothers and two sisters.



**EMIL A.  
KOLIHA**

Upon graduation from Roy High School, Emil entered The Billings Polytechnic Institute (Rocky Mountain College) on a work/study program in automotive mechanics. Upon completion of his studies and after a few years of employment with Chrysler Rowan Motor Company and Pasley-Spitzer, Emil began his own automotive repair shop at home. It became his lifelong vocation to which he dedicated himself with the utmost in pride, high integrity and ethics. Throughout the country, Emil was admired and sought after for his exceptional skill and talent in the field of mechanics. He enjoyed many, many happy satisfied customers, all of whom became his good friends as well.

With a passion and admiration

for fine workmanship and beautiful automobiles, Emil was a participant in the Concourse d'Elegance division of numerous Sports Car events, most often proudly bringing home the First Place Trophy. Vintage cars found him at many Horseless Carriage events too.

On June 28, 1936, Emil married Marie Walter in Billings, where they always made their home and raised a family. Throughout their 62 years of marriage, they worked together inseparably and lovingly. They joyfully shared their mutual Czech heritage, both loved music (Emil was a violinist) and enjoyed dancing during their wonderful years together. Marie passed away May 17, 1998.

Despite a long and progressive physical debilitation, Emil lived his life with enthusiasm and joy. He met the challenge with admirable strength and perseverance. With Carley's unwavering devotion and loving care, Emil enjoyed a happy and meaningful life in his own home.

Daddy,  
I little knew that morning  
God was going to call your  
name.

In life I loved you dearly,  
In death I do the same.

It broke my heart to lose you,  
You did not go alone,  
For part of me went with you,  
The day God called you home.

You left me beautiful memo-  
ries,

Your love is still my guide,  
And though I cannot see you,  
You are always by my side.

Emil is predeceased by his wife Marie, his parents and one sister, Evelyn Lohse. He is survived by his two brothers, Charles E. Koliha (Jean) of Stockton, Calif., Milfred D. Koliha of Yakima, Wash.; and one sister, Adelpia Landheim (Elliot) of Lewistown; his son, Emil J. Koliha (Sharon) of Billings; and one daughter, Carley M. Koliha, also of Billings.

Visitations may be made between 10 a.m. and 9 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 11, and prior to noon Friday, Nov. 12, at Smith Downtown Chapel.

Private burial will take place.

## **Paul H. Kollmann**

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**  
**NOV 04 2004**

LEWISTOWN — Paul H. Kollmann, 59, of Lewistown, died Monday, Nov. 1, 2004, at the Central Montana Medical Center, of natural causes.

Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Friday, Nov. 5, in the Pleasant Prairie Cemetery near Flaxville. Cloyd Funeral Home of Lewistown is in charge.

## **Florence Kolstad**

GLENDIVE — Florence Kolstad, 90, of Glendive, died Monday, March 1, 2004, at the Glendive Medical Center.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, March 8, at the United Methodist Church in Glendive. Interment will be in the Dawson County Cemetery in Glendive. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Glendive is in charge.

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**MAR 5 2004**



# George Koltiska

*THE BILLINGS GAZETTE*

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — George Koltiska, 83, of Sheridan, died Aug. 7, 2004.

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Funeral liturgy will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 11, at Holy

Name Catholic Church.  
Interment will be in Sheridan Elks Cemetery. Champion Ferries Funeral Home is in charge.

# Joan Louise Koltiska

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

2004

Joan L. Koltiska, 59, passed away at her home in Billings on Nov. 18, 2004, of cancer.

She was the daughter of Roscoe "Jack" and Ines (Miller) Greenfield. Joan was born in Miles City on June 15, 1945.

The family moved to Hardin, and that is where Joan attended grade school and graduated from Hardin High School. In



August of 1963, Joan married her first husband Randy James Colgan. Randy passed away March 26, 1967. On June 21, 1968, she married Paul G. Koltiska. Paul passed away in August of 1998. Joan lived in Sheridan, Wyo., for a number of years, where she was employed as a bookkeeper at K.B. Tractor Company and lived on the AC Ranch. Joan moved to Billings in 2000 where she had lived until her death.

**JOAN  
KOLTISKA**

She is survived by her three children, Mark and Traci of Sheridan and Paul of Raceland, La. Joan is also survived by her two sisters, Betty J. Watts of Billings and Alice F. Weyerbacher of Miles City, and her three brothers, Chester R and Robert E.

Greenfield, both of Billings, and Raymond V. Greenfield of Mondovi, Wis.

Cremation has taken place and by Joan's request no services are planned. Private family inurnment will be held at a later date in Worland, Wyo., at Worland Memorial Gardens.

Arrangements are by Cremation or Funeral Gallery.

## JOE KOMBOL

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

JUL 13 2004

**ROUNDUP** — Joe Kombol entered this world Sept. 9, 1923, and departed it on July 10, 2004, to continue his life in a new realm, with his bride of 57 years holding his hand. He was born the fifth child of Matt and Mary Snoj Kombol on the homestead northwest of Roundup.



**JOE  
KOMBOL**

Joe attended Darrel School. On March 21, 1947, Joe married Dolores Ann Murray. They lived on the Tongue River for a while and then went to work for the Pronghorn Ranch in 1948 and moved back to his birthplace. There, they raised a family at the best place in the world there is to raise a family.

Joe is very much missed by his wife, Dolores; daughters, Vicki Jo Kombol of Roundup, Peggy and husband Steve Stephenson of Molt, Rett and husband Wally Papez of Bridger, son Terry and wife Cathy Kombol of Roundup; daughters Kimberly and husband Don DeVincent of Ormond Beach, Fla., Kristie Corbett of Missoula; and special niece Tamie Kuckler and husband Rick; brother Bill Kombol of Roundup; sisters Mary Tilman of San Francisco and Margareta Snoj of

Seattle; 10 grandsons, four granddaughters and 10 great-grandchildren.

Joe was preceded in death by brother Matt and Frank, and sister Rose Gauthier of Maple Valley, Wash.

Joe is taking much pleasure in singing, dancing, laughing and playing his guitar and squeezebox in heaven, waiting for his family. Most of us feel he has taken playing the harp.

Visitation will be from 6 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, July 14, at the Wier Funeral Chapel. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, July 15, at the Wier Funeral Chapel. Burial will follow at the Kombol Ranch Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Musselshell Valley 4-H Council, 26 Main St., Roundup, MT 59072; or the charity of one's choice.

# Linda Lucylle Koncilya

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE  
DEC 20 2004

**GLENDIVE** — Linda Lucylle Koncilya, 55, of Glendive, died Friday, Dec. 17, 2004, of injuries sustained in a one vehicle accident near Glendive. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 22, at the Glendive Alliance Church with the Rev. Joel Arndt officiating. Interment will be in the Dawson County Cemetery. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Glendive is entrusted with the arrangements.



**LINDA  
KONCILYA**

Linda was born on April 29, 1949, in Glendive, the daughter of Carl and Lucylle (Nelson) Colbrese. She received her early education in the Sacred Heart Catholic School in Miles City and graduated from Sacred Heart Catholic High School there with the class of 1967. Linda attended Dawson Community College in Glendive from 1967 until 1969, graduating with an associate's degree. She moved to Denver, where she was employed by Armstrong Carpets as a consultant until 1975 when she returned to Miles City to serve as manager of the Radio Shack Stores in Miles City and Glendive. Linda married Alan Koncilya on April 15, 1979, in

Miles City. They moved to Glendive and from 1980 until 1982, Linda owned and operated the Jukebox Music Store in Glendive. Linda and Alan made their home in Glendive until 1989 when they moved to Dickinson, N.D.

In 1989, Linda was the recipient of the Ester V. Jepson Scholarship to attend Dickinson State University in Dickinson, N.D. She graduated from Dickinson State University in 1991 with a degree in elementary education. Linda taught school in the Dickinson public school system from 1991 until 1994 when she and her family returned to Glendive where she worked as a substitute teacher in the Dawson County school system. Linda became the executive director of the Glendive Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture in 1997, a position that she held until the time of her death.

Linda had served as the spokesperson for the Eastern Montana Custer Country Lewis & Clark project, she was a member of Makoshika Promotions, the Lower Yellowstone Chapter of ABATE, the Job Service Employer Committee, ACT Committee, she had served as a past president of the Cottonwood Ladies Golf Association and had been featured

in Who's Who Magazine for the 1978 Young Careerist of BPW. Linda had been instrumental in developing Glendive as a Superhost Community with the Montana Department of Tourism.

Linda's philosophy was always "make things better" and she always seemed to find something positive in everything that happened. She had great love for her family and enjoyed their company. Linda was an avid reader who also enjoyed motorcycle riding and cross-stitching. Linda was preceded in death by her father in 1996.

Survivors include her husband, Alan of Glendive; three daughters, Heddi Ann Trotman and her husband, Jason of Okinawa, Japan, Mary Kathleen "Katie" Koncilya and Andrea Dawn Koncilya, both of Glendive; one granddaughter, Calais Mia Trotman of Okinawa, Japan; two brothers, David Colbrese of Glendive and Kerry Colbrese of Mesa, Ariz; two sisters, Alane Hemphill and her husband, James of North Carolina and Kim Trangmoe and her husband, Daryl of Glendive; and her mother, Lucille Colbrese of Glendive.

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

## Olga Bertina Korenko

Olga Bertina Korenko passed away on Feb. 5, 2004, at Tender Nest. She would have celebrated her 92nd birthday on Feb. 17. Olga was born in 1912 at Finley, N.D., to Nels and Dina Johnson. She had 11 brothers



**OLGA  
KORENKO**

and sisters and attended school in Shepherd and graduated in Billings.

Olga married Steve Korenko on Aug. 16, 1934. They lived and worked for many years in California and Butte. Olga worked in the Yellowstone County assessor's office for many years and retired in August of 1977. Reading, knitting and crocheting were her favorite pastimes. Olga lived the last four years at Aspen View and Tender Nest, enjoying meals and conversations with many residents.

She is survived by her sisters, Frances Ivie of Billings, Jonnie Tippetts of Anaconda, June Tweedy of Claremont, Calif.; and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held 10 a.m. Monday, Feb. 9, at the Smith Downtown Chapel. Memorials may be given to American Lutheran Church, 5 Lewis Ave., Billings, MT 59101, or to the charity of one's choice.

# John Alan Kormylo

LOGAN GAZETTE  
MAY 14 2004

LOGAN, Utah — John Alan Kormylo, 49, of Logan, passed away May 11, 2004, after a valiant battle with colon cancer.

He was born on July 1, 1955, in Minneapolis, to Anne and John Kormylo. John spent most of his childhood in Thermopolis, Wyo., where he inherited a love of fishing and the outdoors.

John attended Brigham University, where he met his wife, Joyce Lovell, after returning from a mission to Milan, Italy. A talented athlete, John played defense for the BYU Cougars.



**JOHN  
KORMYLO**

He was an active member of the LDS church and served in many callings, including bishopric counselor, teacher, and several years as a scout leader, where he became a favorite science and wilderness guide.

John loved working with his hands. He enjoyed painting, wood and metal workings, playing the guitar, and was naturally expressive in each medium. Shortly before his illness, John had crafted one of his favorite instruments: a violin.

John worked in the prosthetics and orthotics medical field, and was a blessing to many that he was able to work with. John had an infectious personality and even through adversity would joke with the doctors and nurses that supported him.

He is survived and missed by his wife, Joyce, of Logan; son, Brad, of Spokane, Wash.; daughters, Jill, Susanne and Melissa, of Logan; mother, Anne, Boise, Idaho; brothers, Gene (Trudy) Kormylo, of Cape Cod, Fla., Dan (Sue) Kormylo, of Baton Rouge, La., Phil (Jean) Kormylo, of Boise; and many extended family members. John is preceded in death by father, John Kormylo Sr, and sister Bonnie (Paul) Brenchley.

Funeral services will be Saturday, May 15, at 11 a.m. in the Logan South Stake Center, 340 West 700 South in Logan. Friends may call Friday, May 14, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at Allen-Hall Mortuary, 34 East Center St., Logan, and Saturday at 10 to 10:45 a.m. at the stake center. Interment will be at the Evergreen Cemetery, 1997 South 400 East, Springville, Utah on Saturday at 3:30 p.m. Condolences may be sent to the family by e-mail at [mortuary-obits@yahoo.com](mailto:mortuary-obits@yahoo.com).

# Joseph Louis Kosorok

1916-2003



**JK KOSOROK**

**RED LODGE** — Joseph Louis Kosorok, a very popular, cantankerous and downright funny man, peacefully passed away in the presence of family members at 10 a.m. on Dec. 30, 2003. Musical "JK" and his store were legendary on Main Street of Red Lodge for 26 years.

JK, the son of John and Paula Kosorok, was born on Jan. 8, 1916, in Red Lodge. He was a 1934 graduate of Carbon County High School, and, aside from a time in the 77th Army Division at Camp Roberts, Calif., he spent all his life in Red Lodge.

In 1941, he married Mary Anne "Toots" Naglich. With their teamwork, Toots and JK were

able to create a variety of occupations. JK became a coal miner, cafe owner, sign painter, the first Pepsi Cola distributor in Red Lodge and the owner of Five and Ten Variety and JK's stores on Main Street. At JK's Store, he became an acclaimed accordion player extraordinaire. Through his music and unique store, he befriended numerous people from around the world. With all of the unsolicited videos and written articles about JK, his legacy will endure.

Joe and Toots were proudly among the founders of the Red Lodge Festival of Nations. He never missed a chance to take part in the festivities, dancing and playing his accordion for many years. He most recently started an event called "The Big Squeeze" for fellow accordion enthusiasts. Almost all family members gave him great satisfaction and pride as they carried on his showmanship with their talents regarding the Festival.

JK was quite resourceful in simplifying difficult tasks. His clever insight created a brush holder which prevented paint from dripping for which he received a patent in the early 1950s. He loved painting signs,

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especially the ones which were spelled right the first time!

A typical "JK moment" happened in his cafe when he and his crew (Toots and her brother, Mike Naglich) were to make a large order of sandwiches. After seeing the last bag out the door, JK noticed that half the necessary ingredients were still on the grill, although the crew found out later that the customers really liked the sandwiches!

JK was a bowling enthusiast and was on the men's bowling league for at least 40 years, carrying a respectable average. He always dreamed of the "perfect game" but never achieved it.

Dad, you might not have bowled a 300, but we believe that you lived it.

The family recognizes the Beartooth Hospital and Health Center for its extraordinary care, concern and love.

Joe Louis Kosorok was preceded in death by his wife Mary Anne in December 1982. He is survived by his three children, Judy Hugelen and her children, Dan (Julie) and Deanna; Mike (Birgit) and their children Tonya and Chris; and Nick (Karen) and children Janna (Greg) Orum, Jessie Kosorok, Lindsey Hayes and Ivan Kosorok. He is also survived by four great-grandchildren, Rex Lewis, Jade Hugelen, Solomon Orum and Jessica Hugelen.

Dad, we will always love and miss you!

Memorial mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Agnes Catholic Church. Cremation has taken place, and interment will be at a later date in the Bearcreek Cemetery. Smith-Olcott Funeral Chapel assisted with the arrangements. Memorials may be given to Beartooth Hospital & Health Center, P.O. Box 590, Red Lodge MT 59068.

MAY 16 2004



VICTOR KOSTY

## Victor Kosty

June 14, 1916 – May 14, 2004

MILES CITY — Victor Kosty, age 87, passed away in Billings on May 14, 2004.

Vic was born in Miles City, the fourth of eight children to John and Mary (Trian) Kosty, Greek-Macedonian immigrants. He led a full and prosperous life as a farmer, grocer, County Commissioner, husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, uncle, and friend to all.

As a young child Vic chose to support his mother and family due to the untimely death of his father. He worked many jobs throughout southeastern Montana raising and selling produce from his truck farm and winning the hearts of many old-timers. As time went on he worked as a butcher and produce manager in the grocery business in the old Trading Post and Haley's.

Vic fell in love with Jean

Stoner and were happily married for 47 years until Jean's untimely death in 1988. Together they had five children, bought and sold farms, and eventually landed on the Eichorn property south of Miles City. Trying to make a living on the farm was tough and they eventually bought and ran the Bean Bag grocery for 22 years. Based on his knowledge of the area and the old-timers, Vic was asked to serve as County Commissioner eventually serving multiple terms at the local and state levels as a public servant.

Vic and Jean eventually sold the store and their farm to become Arizona snowbirds. Over the next decade they enjoyed traveling extensively and visiting their children and grandchildren.

Vic was re-married in 1993 to Alex Magnuson, who along with her late husband Harold, was a long-time family friend of the Kostys. The union of Vic and Alex brought joy to the Kosty and Magnuson families with memories of many holidays and other gatherings which included both families. During their eleven years of marriage they spent

many happy years traveling and visiting family and friends.

Vic was preceded in death by his parents; sisters, Johnna and Georgia; brothers, Chris and Ernie; wife, Jean and daughter, Sue. He is survived by wife, Alex; sisters, Katherine Kalianov, Emma Zawada, and Eva Henley; sister-in-law, Thelma Kosty; children, Kurt, and his wife, Jill Kosty, Doug, and his wife, Cindy Kosty, Clark, and his wife, Mary Kosty, Norma Jean and her husband, Bob Brown; son-in-law Chuck Rude', stepdaughters, Sharon, and her husband, Orrin Ferris, and Linda, and her husband, Vern Erlenbusch, 16 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers are Kurt, Doug and Clark Kosty, Bob Brown, Chuck Rude', Orrin Ferris and Vern Erlenbusch. All of Vic's family and friends are considered honorary pallbearers.

Visitation will be held on Monday, May 17, 2004, at the Chapel of Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City. Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, May 18, 2004, at First Presbyterian Church in

Miles City. Interment will follow in the family lot of the Custer County Cemetery. Condolences may be sent to the family by visiting.

Should friends desire, memorials may be made to the First Presbyterian Church; 1401 Main, Miles City, MT 59301 or to the charity of ones choice.

# Emanuel Kraft

18 1307 E. 17th St. Billings, MT 16101

MAR 21 2004

Emanuel Kraft, 88, of Billings, formerly of Absarokee, was surrounded by family when he passed away March 19, 2004, at Valley Health Care Center. He was born on December 10, 1915, in Bluegrass, N.D., son of Jacob and Ann-Marie Kraft.



**EMANUEL  
KRAFT**

He was raised in Belfry and married Olga Hergenrider on December 19, 1937, in Belfry. Together they had four sons, Elmer, Ed, Dan and Larry.

Emanuel and Olga lived in Absarokee for 50 years. Emanuel ranched in Absarokee, then later worked for the Absarokee school system. He and Olga moved to Billings in 1998. Emanuel loved taking care of his beloved garden and spending time in his saw sharpening shop.

He is survived by his three sons and their wives, Elmer and Beverly of Bigarm, Ed and Peg of Billings, and Dan, also of Billings; eight grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; his two brothers, Albert and Bruce (Boots) and his sister, Peggy.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Olga; his son, Larry; seven brothers, Henry, John, Herman, Bill, Jake, John and Ed, and six sisters, Pauline, Frieda, Anna, Cecelia, Alice, and Katherine.

Funeral services will be held at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, March 23, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Absarokee. Interment will follow at the Rosebud Cemetery.

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

Michelotti-Sawyers is in charge of arrangements.

AUG 27 2004

Funeral services for Billings and former Greybull, Wyo. resident, Lydia Kraft, age 95, will be held on Saturday, Aug. 28, 10 a.m., at the Grace Lutheran Church of Greybull, with Reverend Phil Grovenstein officiating. Burial will follow at the Hillside Cemetery, Greybull. Visitation will be from noon to 5 p.m. Friday, Aug. 27, at the Atwood Family Chapel in Greybull.

Lydia passed away on Tuesday, Aug. 24, 2004, at the Deaconess Billings Clinic. Lydia had been a resident of the West Park Village Senior Residence in Billings since November 1995.

Lydia was born in Lincoln, Neb., on July 11, 1909, the daughter of Peter and Amalia (Greenwald) Becker. She received her education at Lincoln.

She married Jacob Kraft on July 17, 1930, at Lincoln. They moved to Greybull in 1944.

She enjoyed quilting, sewing, cake decorating and visiting with friends.

Lydia was a member of Grace Lutheran Church of Greybull and was a member of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League.

She is preceded in death by her parents; her three brothers, Alex, Peter and John; her husband, Jacob Kraft, on Dec. 18, 1995; her son, Edward John Kraft, on Feb. 23, 2000; and her sister, Marie Worster, in April 2004.

Lydia is survived by her two daughters, Marylyn Kraft of Denver and Jeanne Barnett of Las Vegas; one daughter-in-law Barbara Kraft of Billings; four granddaughters; one grandson; seven great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandson; three step-great-grandchildren; and one niece.

A memorial fund has been established at the Bank of Greybull, 601 Greybull Ave., Greybull, WY 82426, with proceeds to go to the Greybull Senior Citizens Center.

Atwood Family Funeral Directors, Inc., are in charge of arrangements.

## Mary Jane Kramer

After a brief battle with cancer, Mary Jane Kramer is at peace. She passed away April 21, 2004. She was a longtime resident of Rapelje, where she was active in Eastern Star and various other community activities. She greatly enjoyed her days with family and friends.



**MARY JANE  
KRAMER**

Mary Jane was born April 16, 1922, at Rapelje, to Laura and Howard Hemphill. She graduated from Rapelje High School in 1940. She was married to Dan Kramer on April 7, 1951. To this union, four children were born: Jerry, Leanne, Dianne and Jodi.

She is survived and will be sadly missed by husband Dan; children Jerry (Carol) Kramer of Casper, Wyo., Leanne (Ray) Lind of Billings, Dianne (Doug) Watson of Havre and Jodi (Mark) Pedersen of Riverside, Calif.; grandchildren Amy (Josh) Ensign of Hanford, Calif., Jay (Jessica) Watson of Cummings, Ga., Clint (Heather) Parker of Billings, Sara (Eric) Dowd of Perry, Iowa, Chad (Christal)

Watson of Lethbridge, Alberta, Melissa Kramer of Casper, Ryan Cossitt of Riverside, Ron Lind of Billings, Mark Pedersen of Tigard, Ore., and Ryan Pedersen of Laramie, Wyo.; great-grandchildren Dylan Springer, Andrew Dowd, Abrielle Watson and Tyler Jackson; brothers Don Hemphill (Gert) of Columbus, Richard "Dick" Hemphill (Marjorie) of Los Alamos, N.M.; and sister-in-law, Alice (Camie) Hemphill of Billings; and nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death: father, Howard S. Hemphill; mother Laura Lumsdon Hemphill; brother Howard R. Hemphill; sister Ethel Hemphill Hageman; granddaughter Watson.

Memorials may be made to Big Sky Hospice or the Rapelje Community Development.

It broke our hearts to lose you, but you didn't go alone...Part of us went with you the day you left our home.

A memorial service will be 2 p.m. Saturday, April 24, at the Rapelje School Gym. Interment of the urn will follow at the Rapelje Cemetery.

Smith's Downtown Chapel in Billings is in charge of arrangements.

## Friedl Berta Kratz

OCT 26 2004  
MILLING GAZETTE

THERMOPOLIS, Wyo. —  
Friedl Berta Kratz, 84, died  
Sunday, Oct. 24, at Hot Springs  
County Memorial Hospital.

Memorial services will be at 2  
p.m. Friday, Oct. 29, at  
Community Federated Church.  
Mortimore Funeral Home of  
Thermopolis is in charge.



## **LEONA MAE KRAUSE**

THE POWELL

TRIBUNE

MAY 18 2004

Leona Mae Krause, 86, the wife of the late John Krause, died peacefully on Wednesday, May 12 in Colorado Springs, Colo., at the Pikes Peak Care Center where she had moved a month ago to be close to her sons.

She had battled Parkinson's Disease for several years.

She was born in Powell on Aug. 31, 1917, and graduated from Powell High School in 1935. She was a mother and housewife for nearly 50 years in the O'Donnell community and a lifelong member of the Presbyterian Church.

She is survived by three sons, Jerry and Jim from Denver and Ken from Colorado Springs; and a daughter, Sharon Nitz, who lives in Pullman, Wash.

Memorial services are planned for Wednesday, June 2 at the Presbyterian Church. A full obituary will follow.

## **Lauretta Krebs**

SEP 10 2004

**MILES CITY —** Lauretta Krebs, 95, of Miles City, formerly of Regent, N.D., died Tuesday, Sept. 7, 2004, at the Holy Rosary Extended Care in Miles City.

Visitation will be Friday, Sept. 10, and Saturday, Sept. 11, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City. A vigil service will be at 10 a.m. Monday, Sept. 13, at St. Henry's Catholic Church in Regent. Funeral services will follow at 11 a.m. Monday, at St. Henry's Catholic Church. Interment will follow in the Regent Cemetery in Regent.

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DEC 30 2004

## **Herman Kreger**

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SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Herman Kreger, 90, died Monday, Dec. 27, 2004, at the VA Medical Center in Sheridan.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 30, at Immanuel

Lutheran Church.

Burial of cremains will be in Sheridan Municipal Cemetery.

Kane Funeral Home of Sheridan is in charge of arrangements.

## Eleanor Kress

NASHUA — Eleanor Kress, 63, died Saturday, Feb. 7, 2004, at Valley View Nursing Home in Glasgow, of cancer.

Eleanor Kress was born April 23, 1940, in Glasgow, to Hugh Vaughan and Emily (Peterson) Vaughan. Eleanor was raised and attended schools in Circle and graduated from Circle High School. She then attended beauty school and ran her own beauty shop in Billings.

On July 2, 1966, Eleanor married Ralph J. Kress in Laurel. They moved to Augusta, where they owned and operated the Elk Horn Grocery Store. In 1988, they moved to Choteau, where Eleanor worked as a certified nurse assistant in the Choteau Nursing Home. They moved to Nashua in the summer of 1991, where she worked at Buttrey's, at the Valley View Nursing Home and for Home Health. She became ill in 1996 and moved to the farm 35 miles south of Nashua.

She loved to dance, bake cookies for her grandchildren, crocheting, knitting, sewing clothes for her kids, gardening, growing flowers, riding horses and shopping. She has lived with her daughter Jennifer since 2002 and in November of 2003, moved into



**ELEANOR  
KRESS**

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the Valley View Nursing Home in Glasgow. She also enjoyed playing hunting and coloring with her grandchildren, and camping and fishing with her family.

Survivors are son, Ralph Kress, Jr., of Nashua; daughters, Dorothy Kress of Boulder, Colo., Theresa Vogel and Rod of Bozeman, Jennifer Nickels and Jesse of Nashua; five grandchildren, Lane Cordelia Nickels and Jace Nickels of Nashua, Cara Vogel and Elise Vogel of Bozeman, Jesse Dreikosen of Culbertson; sisters, Jean Wagner and Victor of Circle, Eileen Hahn and Jim of Billings; brother, Gary Vaughan and Gloria of Billings. She was preceded in death by her husband Ralph J. Kress on March 21, 2003; and two siblings, Denise Vaughan and Howard Vaughan; and by her parents, Hugh and Emily.

Services are pending at a later date. Interment will be in Nashua Cemetery in Nashua. Ralph and Eleanor will be buried together. Bell Mortuary of Glasgow is in charge of arrangements.

## Walter Thomas Krimmer

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JUL 10 2004

Walter Thomas Krimmer, 76, of Billings, died July 5, 2004, at his home, of natural causes.

He was born, raised and attended schools in Anaconda. He attended Western Montana

College in Dillon and received his teaching degree. He taught in Kevin, Red Lodge and School District 2 in Billings until retiring in the late '80s. Central Heights was his last school to



**WALTER  
KRIMMER**

teach in. Also while living in Red Lodge, he started working for the Forest Service in Red Lodge part-time and was looking forward to more work with them this summer.

He loved fishing (ice and warm weather), hunting, working in his yard and gardening, and backpacking in the mountains. His visits to the Billings Athletic Club to chat with longtime friends was his favorite daily activity.

Walter married Ellen Josephine Sapp in Anaconda, Aug. 20, 1958, and she preceded him in death on Aug. 28, 1998.

Survivors include his son, Dean E. (Sandy) Krimmer of Meridian, Idaho; daughter, Bonnie (Melvin) Willis; grandchildren, Krista (Jerry) Moyer, Walt (Megan) Krimmer, Shannon Krimmer, James Cruse, Richard Cruse and Samantha Cruse; great-grandchildren, Alexander, Nicholas, Emily Moyer, Alanis Cruse and Trevor Locken.

Memorial services will be held Saturday, July 10, 1 p.m., at Smith West Chapel, 304 34th St. West. Interment of his cremains will be at Terrace Gardens Cemetery. Cremation has taken place.

**Kenneth Kristanson****JUN 01 2004**

**MILES CITY —** Kenneth Kristenson, 36, of Wichita, Kan., formerly of Miles City, died Friday, May 28, 2004, in Wichita.

Visitation will be from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Thursday, June 3, at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City. Funeral services will be at 1:30 p.m. Friday, June 4, at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home. Interment will follow at the Eastern Montana Veteran's Cemetery.

**William Krkosa****MAY 31 2004**

**BALLANTINE** — William Krkosa, 94, died Saturday, May 29, 2004, at Deaconess Billings Clinic.

A Vigil service will be 7 p.m. Wednesday at St. Cyril and Methodius Church of Ballantine. Funeral Mass will be 2 p.m. Thursday, June 3, at St. Cyril and Methodius with Rite of Committal to follow at the Pleasantview Cemetery. Smith Downtown Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

# Merle Krogedal

## THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

FEB 21 2004

FROID — Funeral services for Merle Krogedal will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, Feb. 23. Pastor Carol Karres will officiate at the service at Froid Lutheran Church in Froid; interment will be in Kvile Cemetery at Froid. Merle died at St. Alexius Medical Center in Bismarck, N.D., Tuesday, Feb. 17, 2004, surrounded by his loving family, following a three month battle after surgery for lung cancer.

Merle was born June 3, 1934, in Williston, N.D., to Art and Martha (Hansen) Krogedal. He attended the Hammond School and then the Beverly School, where he graduated from the eighth grade. Following this, he attended Froid High School until March, when he went home to help his dad on the farm. Merle farmed all his life and raised cattle as well. He started raising elk in 1984, one of the first in this area to diversify in this way. Merle raised the largest bull elk in the nation! His favorite pastime was to drive in the pasture and check his elk and calves. Merle married Sharon Tasa, Nov. 23, 1960. To this union were born two children, David and Kristi.

Merle enjoyed hunting, fishing, riding on his pontoon boat, camping, playing cards, working in his shop, and restoring antique tractors. He served on the Froid Lutheran Church Board, the Roosevelt County Soil Conservation District Board, and

the Volunteer Fire Department. He was a charter member of the North Eastern Montana Threshers and Antique Association, and held most offices within the organization. Merle was always willing to help friends and neighbors; any project always saw Merle's grin and willing hand.

Merle's love of his family was boundless, as is theirs for him. We love and miss you, but we know we will see you again.

Preceded in death by his parents and a brother-in-law, Farrel Lien, Merle is survived by his wife, Sharon; son David and his wife Allison; and daughter Kristi Clark and her husband Dave, all of Froid; as well as by five special grandchildren, Justin, Bradley and Hunter Krogedal, and Shane and Melissa Clark. He is also survived by two sisters and one brother, Bernadine "Bernie" Grovom and her husband Harold of Helena, Gordon Krogedal of Lewistown and Linda Lien of Helena. Also surviving is a brother-in-law, Vernon Tasa and his wife Linda, of Williston, N.D.; and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

Fulkerson Funeral Home of Plentywood has charge of arrangements.



## **Pearl W. Kropp**

**THE BELLINGS GAZETTE**

MALTA — Pearl W. Kropp, 86, of Malta, died Monday, Aug. 23, 2004, at her home.

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Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 26, at the Adams Funeral Home in Malta. Burial will follow in the Malta Cemetery.

# **Minnie Krueger**

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

FORSYTH — Minnie Krueger, 88, of Forsyth, died Saturday, Feb. 28, 2004, at the Rosebud Health Care Center, following a short illness.

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Visitation will be from 1 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, March 3, in the Chapel of Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, March 4, in the Chapel of Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Forsyth.

Burial will be in the family lot of the Forsyth Cemetery.

APR 25 2004

**LAUREL** — Dustin James Krug, 18, died unexpectedly in his sleep at his home April 23, 2004.

Dusty was born Jan. 31, 1986, in Billings to Randy and Vicki Krug of Laurel. He attended Laurel Public schools. He played football during middle school, but after snow boarding he found out that snow boarding was the sport for him. He also

**DUSTIN KRUG**

enjoyed hunting and fishing. With his dad's help he learned and enjoyed mechanic work. Many hours were spent with his friends fixing and rebuilding vehicles.

Many hours were also spent four wheeling and working with his computer. When Dusty met a challenge he faced it, when he saw something to be fixed, he found a way to fix it, when his friends needed help, he was there.

Dusty had a sensitive side and wrote many poems for his own enjoyment.

Dusty was preceded in death by two infant brothers, Tommy and Derick, and maternal grandfather, Thomas Diede.

He is survived by his parents, Randy and Vicki; step-brother,

Chad Swanson; fraternal grandparents, William and Marlene Krug; maternal grandmother, Charlotte Diede and maternal grandfather, Dale Butts. Three aunts, Carolyn Krug, Sandra Sievers and Kaye Butts; uncles Chuck and Mike Krug; cousins, Bridgett and Danielle Krug, Jeff and Cody Butts and Michael Sievers, also survive Dustin.

Services will be held 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, April 28, at St. John's Lutheran Church, Laurel. Interment will be in Laurel Cemetery. Smith Funeral Chapel-Laurel is in charge of arrangements.

# Margaret L. Krug

LEWIS GAZET

MAR 18 2004

HAILEY, Idaho — Margaret L. Krug, 64, of Hailey, died early Thursday, March 11, 2004, at St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center in Ketchum, with all her children by her side, following a courageous battle with cancer.

She was born Oct. 3, 1939, in Hardin, Mont., the youngest and only daughter of Viola Miller DeVore and Ralph E. DeVore. She graduated from Hardin High School.



**MARGARET  
KRUG**

Margaret worked at the sugar beet factory when she lived in Hardin, then for the Great Beginnings Perfect Ending Bakery in Billings, and for the past 13 years, at the Sawtooth Animal Center in Bellevue.

She married George Krug on Sept. 3, 1971 in Las Vegas, Nev.

Margaret's special interests included gardening, bowling, cooking, knitting, fishing and yard sale-ing.

She adored her children and grandchildren, and she loved animals and her extended family at the Animal Center. She

always enjoyed her annual flower shopping on Mother's Day.

Surviving family members include her husband, George Krug of Gooding; her children, Tracy Krug of Houston, Karen (and Bob) Zuck of Halley, Bill Pierce of Hailey, Karla (and Ty) Westcoat of Bozeman, Mont., and Sharla (and Jack) Allen of Hailey; grandchildren, Josh and Kate Zuck of Hailey, Wade and Grace Allen of Hailey, and Ashley and Alex Krug of Houston; and three brothers, Ralph DeVore of Pensicola, Fla., Fritz DeVore of Scio, Ore., and Bob DeVore of Billings. She was preceded in death by her parents and one brother, Gordon DeVore.

Memorial services were held on Monday at the Valley of Peace Lutheran Church in Hailey. Rev. Wendy Collins was the special speaker, and Margaret's favorite hymns were played. Cremation preceded the services under the care of Wood River Chapel of Hailey, Idaho.

The family suggests that any memorial gifts be made to the Hospice of the Wood River Valley, PO Box 4320, Ketchum, ID 83340.

FEB 29 2004

**BAKER** — Rose Ellen Kruger, 84, passed away on Thursday, Feb. 26, 2004, at Fallon Medical Complex. She was born on June 3, 1919, in Huron, S.D., the daughter of William and Corrinne Hackett. Rose moved with her family to Montana in 1920, and attended schools at Ollie, Ismay, Lame Jones and Baker. She graduated from Baker High School in 1936. Rose married Ernie Kruger on Aug. 29, 1937, and six children were born to this union. Together they resided in Baker. In October of 2003, Rose moved into Quality Care in Baker.

Over the years, she enjoyed baking. Often, Rose would provide baked goods for the Frost Bowl, Lawler's, and numerous people in the late 1950s and '60s. She loved to read, play cards, and especially watch her baseball team, the Atlanta Braves. Rose enjoyed spending time with her children, grandchildren and her very special friend, Lolita Cameron. She also enjoyed the company and community of the people of Quality Personal Care. Rose was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Ernie; an infant daughter, JoAnn; daughter, Nancy Court and a brother, Dan Hackett.

She is survived by four chil-

dren, Jean Walker of Billings; James (Carolyn) Kruger of Spokane, Wash., Shirley (Randy) Martens of Baker and Robert (Kris) also of Baker; 13 grandchildren; 25 great grandchildren; and 12 great-great grandchildren.

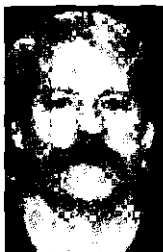
Graveside services will take place at 2 p.m. on Monday, March 1, 2004, at the Bonnievale Cemetery. A reception will be held after the service at the American Legion Hall. Stevenson Funeral Homes, Inc. are in charge of the arrangements. Remembrances and condolences can be sent to the family online at [www.stevensonfuneralhome.com](http://www.stevensonfuneralhome.com).

# Marvin Dale Krum

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BILLINGS GAZETTE

Marvin Dale Krum passed away at his home on Wednesday, Sept. 29, 2004.

Marvin was born Oct. 10, 1959, in Billings, a son of Elmer and Carolyn (Oxenrider) Krum. He attended school at Huntley Project, where he was active in FFA, the Drama Club and served as class treasurer his sophomore year. Marvin graduated from the Huntley Project High School at Worden in 1978.



**MARVIN  
KRUM**

Marvin's travels took him from Billings to Seattle, Denver and Tallahassee. He loved working on computers and had most recently worked for Beartooth Computers.

He is survived by his mother, Carolyn; a sister, Debbie Jett; two brothers, Myron and Larry (Missy) Krum; five nieces and nephews; and his grandmother, Susan Chamberlin. He was preceded in death by his father, Elmer; a sister, Rhonda; and grandparents, Jay Oxenrider, and Henry and Kathern Krum.

A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m., Tuesday, Oct. 5, at the Smith Downtown Chapel. Cremation has taken place.

# Elden P. Krusee

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Elden P. Krusee, 91, of San Jose, formerly of Greybull, Wyo., died Wednesday, March 3, 2004, at the Good Samaritan Hospital in San Jose.

A viewing will be from 1 to 5 p.m. Friday, March 12, at Atwood Family Funeral Chapel in Greybull. Graveside funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 13, at the Hillside Cemetery in Greybull. Burial will immediately follow.

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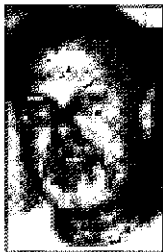


# LOUIE ANDREW KUCHERA

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Louie Kuchera passed away on Wednesday, Dec. 15, 2004, in Denver.

Louie is survived by his daughter, Kyndle Katrina. He is also survived by his wife, Susan and stepson Justin; a brother, Rudy; three sisters, Barbara, Carol and Judy. Also surviving are several cousins, with a special closeness that was shared with Mike Kuchera.



**LOUIE  
KUCHERA**

He was born March 25, 1957, son of Katherine D. and Rudolph M. Kuchera, in Billings. He attended and graduated from schools in Las Vegas. Louie married Joddi Register in 1982. They divorced in 1990. Louie then married Susan Henneberry in August, 1995.

Louie was a prominent businessman in the Billings area for many years.

Louie's passion was his love for cars and Harleys. His whole life revolved around the "Car Business" from his father's lots, to wholesaling, to his present business, Auto Market.

Louie will be deeply missed by his family and friends. All that knew Louie appreciated his sense of humor, the laughs, jokes and

stories and his undiminished smile, but most of all, his huge and giving heart. You always knew where you stood with Louie.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 28, at Smith West Chapel, 304 34th St. West. Burial will be at Holy Cross Cemetery. We will be celebrating his life at Stroker's in Huntley, immediately following.

# Edwin A. Kudrna

BILLINGS GAZETTE

MAY 31 2004

Edwin A. Kudrna, 78, of Billings passed away Friday evening, May 28, 2004, at St. Vincent Healthcare.

Edwin was born on April 1, 1926, in Dickinson, N.D., a son of Anton A. and Anna (Simek) Kudrna. He received his schooling at a Catholic school in New Hradec, N.D., and it was there that he learned to speak, read and write the Bohemian language.



EDWIN  
KUDRNA

Following his formal education, Edwin stayed on the family farm until drafted into the Army in 1951. He was discharged at the rank of sergeant in March of 1953.

On Sept. 28, 1954, Edwin married Delores Mayer at the St. Thomas Catholic Church in Gladstone, N.D. They lived in the Dickinson area until moving with their family to Billings in 1959.

Edwin is survived by his wife, Delores of Billings; two daughters, Debbie (Scott) Balsam of Seattle, and Denise (Kim) Kaupish of Laurel; three sons, Dean of Billings, Daryl (Shelly) of Utah, and Darin (Betsy Malm) of Seattle; six grandchildren; a brother, Albert (Lorraine) of Bismarck,

N.D.; and his mother-in-law, Katie Mayer. He was preceded in death by his parents; and two sisters, Mildred Kostelecky and Dorothy Kostelecky.

A vigil service will be 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 1, at the Smith West Chapel, 304 34th St. West. The funeral mass will be 10 a.m. on Wednesday, June 2 at St. Pius X Catholic Church, 18th Street West and Broadwater, with rite of committal to follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

# **Sarah Kuecks**

GLASGOW — Sarah T. Friesen Kuecks, 93, died Thursday, Dec. 16, 2004, at Our Place Retirement Home in Glasgow.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 21, at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Nashua. Interment will be in Nashua Cemetery in Nashua. Bell Mortuary of Glasgow is in charge.

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# Valborg Serina Staatveit Kuhl

Valborg Serina Staatveit Kuhl, 92, of Billings, passed away at Horizon Hospice Home on Oct. 28, 2004.

Val was born on Nov. 11, 1911, at the family sheep ranch on Volney Creek near Luther, to Torger and Bergitte Staatveit. Her parents came from Norway, homesteaded the ranch and helped build St. Olaf Lutheran Church nearby. Her father died, leaving her mother with five young children to raise and keep the ranch going, so life was difficult for them. She attended the Stewart School and graduated from Carbon County High School in Red Lodge. Val worked her way through high school and the Teachers College at Dillon, where she graduated with a two-year degree. She then taught school at Luther for six years in a one-room schoolhouse.

She married Sydney Kuhl on Nov. 23, 1934, at Absarokee, and they moved to Billings a year later. When Syd was drafted in WWII, she started working as a bookkeeper and continued for 25 years. Val returned to school and



**VALBORG  
KUHL**

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graduated from Eastern Montana College in 1965 with a BS degree in elementary education. She loved teaching third grade at North Park School and substitute teaching before her retirement.

Val is survived by her husband of nearly 70 years, Sydney Kuhl of Billings; daughter Lois Smith (Pete) of San Antonio, Texas; four grandchildren, Mike Kuhl of Denver, Ross Smith (Luisa) of Shreveport, La., Dana Smith (Brent) of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Ryan Smith (Brenya) of San Antonio; and eight great-grandchildren, Marissa, Dallin, Derek, Kayla, Nathan, Jenna, Jake, and Kylie. She is also survived by two sisters, Cora Hyem of Red Lodge and Norma Young of Everett, Wash., and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her son, Norman Kuhl; granddaughter, Jodi Kuhl; her parents; brother, Knut Staatveit; and sister, Borghild Sessions.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 3, at American Lutheran Church. Interment will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens. Visitation will begin at 12 p.m. on Sunday at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary.

Memorials may be made to the Leukemia Society of America,

Rocky Mountain Chapter, 5353 W  
Dartmouth Ave., Denver, CO  
80227, or a charity of one's choice.

Michelotti-Sawyers is in  
charge of arrangements.

## Nellie Marie Kujath

WYOMING GAZETTE

JAN 12 2004

Nellie Marie Kujath, 66, of Billings, passed away Saturday, Jan. 10, 2004, at St. Vincent Healthcare.

Nellie was born May 15, 1937, near Bridger, a daughter of John and Zela (Barnett) Kujath. Her mother died when Nellie was a young girl. She had lived in the Bridger and Fromberg areas until moving to Billings, where she has lived at Sage Towers and Billings Health and Rehabilitation Center.

She enjoyed crafts, especially macramé and had participated at Billings Activities Program at least three times each week.

Nellie's faith in God was a major part of her life and she enjoyed fellowship with others sharing that same faith.

She was preceded in death by her parents. She is survived by a sister, Marilyn Kujath of Chile; a brother, Johnnie Doyle Kujath of Vancouver, Wash.; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 15, at Smith Funeral Chapel-Laurel. Interment will be at Crown Hill Cemetery at Powell, Wyo. Visitation will be Wednesday afternoon and evening at Smith Funeral Chapel-Laurel.

# Larry Kukowski

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FEB 12 2004

After a long struggle with heart disease, Larry Eugene Kukowski, 68, went to be with the Lord, Monday, Feb. 9, 2004, at the Deaconess Billings Clinic in Billings.

He was born Feb. 4, 1936, in Beach, N.D., to Harry and Gladys (Tangen) Kukowski. He grew up in Beach working on the family farm.

Larry married Arlene Brown, Oct. 25, 1957, and they had two daughters, Virginia and Kimberly. They were later divorced. On Dec. 8, 1979, Larry married Betty Jean Sankovich and adopted her two children, Nikki and Brian.

Larry was a partner in a welding supply business from 1969 until retiring in 1992. Larry and Betty then purchased their home on wheels and traveled, making many friends as they went.

Larry's greatest joys were his children and grandchildren. He enjoyed being outdoors, running cattle and riding his horse "Bucky." Larry was a kindhearted man who cared deeply for his family and others.

Preceding him in death were his mother and father. Survivors include his wife, Betty; four children, Virginia (Doug) Schreiner of Laurel, Kimberly Kukowski, Nikki Kukowski and Brian Kukowski, all of Billings; six

grandsons, Greg, Kris and Casey Schreiner, Zach Wyles, Tevin Kukowski, Jakeb Mullins; and one granddaughter, Kayleigh Grace Mullins; two brothers, Donald (Arlene) Kukowski of California and Burt (Helen) Kukowski of New Mexico. Also surviving Larry is his little dog, Razin.

A Vigil Service for Larry will be 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 12, at the Dahl Funeral Chapel. Funeral Mass will be 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 13, at St. Pius X Catholic Church. Committal will be in Calvary Cemetery.

# Vera Viola Kukowski

BEACH, N.D. — Vera Viola (Siler) Kukowski, age 88, of Wibaux, Mont., formerly of Beach, passed away on Saturday evening, Jan. 3, 2004, at St. Vincent Healthcare in Billings.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Saturday at St. John's Baptist Catholic Church in Beach, with Rev. Fr. David Richter as celebrant. Rite of



**VERA  
KUKOWSKI**

Committal will follow services at St. John's Cemetery in Beach. A Vigil will be held at 7 p.m. Friday in the Chapel of the Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home in Beach. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Wibaux County Nursing Home. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Beach is entrusted with arrangements.

Vera was born March 15, 1915, in Darling Springs, in Adams County, N.D., the daughter of Alfred and Minnie (Wier) Kukowski. In 1927 Vera moved with her family to Ellingson, S.D. She graduated from Hettinger High School in 1933 and attended Lampton Beauty School in Bismarck. After completing beauty school, Vera went to work for Gladys Smith in Beach. In 1936 Vera's family moved to Sumas

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Wash., and she decided to make the move with them. She started working for Velen Cosmetics and traveled from coast to coast selling cosmetics.

In 1938 Vera was married to Frank Kukowski. After their marriage, they moved to a farm north of Beach. In 1957 after Frank's death, Vera moved to Tempe, Ariz., to attend business college. After her business training, Vera moved back to Beach and worked for Dr. Bush from 1959 to 1975.

Vera was preceded in death by her husband Frank; her parents; four brothers, Kenneth, Vernal, Floyd and Glenn Siler, and one sister, Florence

Vera is survived by a daughter Marcia Sheats of Winston-Salem, N.C.; one son, Reid Kukowski and his wife Lila of Colstrip, Mont.; two granddaughters, Autum Kukowski and Amy Kukowski, both of Colstrip, and one brother, Grant Siler of Jenison, Mich.

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



**Dennis**

## **Peter Kuntz**

Dennis Peter Kuntz, 52, of 2252 Greenbriar Road, Billings, passed away on Saturday, Feb. 28, 2004, at the Deaconess Billings Clinic, where he had been a patient since Wednesday. A resident of Billings for the past 14 years and a former longtime resident of Rock Springs, Wyo., Mr. Kuntz died following a sudden illness.

He was born on May 17, 1951, in Miles City, the son of Andrew and Josephine Berger Kuntz.

Mr. Kuntz attended schools in Rock Springs at the Saints Cyril and Methodius Catholic Church.

Mr. Kuntz was employed as branch manager for Yellow Freight Transportation for the past 18 years.

He was a member of the Roman Catholic Church.

His greatest joy in life was his family.

Survivors include his wife, Shelia Kuntz of Billings; three daughters, Tiffany Salveson and husband Gary of Billings, Traci Erhardt and husband Doug and Toni Madison and husband Ryan, all of Denver; his mother, Josephine Kuntz of Rock Springs; three sisters, Beatrice Turcato and husband Bruce, Brenda Jensen and husband Tom and Berna McWhorter and husband Steve, all of Rock

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Springs; four grandchildren, Alex Erhardt and Zachary Erhardt, both of Denver, and Nicholas Salveson and Morgan Salveson, both of Billings; several aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Andrew Kuntz, and one sister, Bernetta Kuntz.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 1 p.m. Thursday, March 4, at the Saints Cyril and Methodius Catholic Church, 633 Bridger Ave., Rock Springs. Father Dennis Cloonan will officiate. A Parish Rosary will be recited at 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 3, at the Saints Cyril and Methodius Catholic Church. Graveside services and interment will be in the Paul J. Wataha Memorial Park Section of the Rock Springs Municipal Cemetery. Friends may call at the Vase Funeral Chapel, 154 Elk St., Rock Springs, Wednesday afternoon until 4 p.m., and from 5 until 8 p.m., and again Thursday morning at the church until time of services.

The family of Dennis Peter Kuntz will be receiving relatives and friends at the home of his mother at 107 Morning Glory Way, Rock Springs.

# Eugene 'Gene' W. Kuntz

# BILLINGS GAZETTE

# NOV 11 2004

Eugene "Gene" W. Kuntz, 80, passed away Nov. 9, 2004, at St. Vincent Hospital in Billings. He was born on March 31, 1924, to Valentine and Helen (Hockstein) Kuntz in Richardton, N.D. He grew up on the family farm south of Richardton, graduating from Assumption Abbey in 1941.

A funeral Mass will be held on Friday, Nov. 12, at 11 a.m. at St. Pius X Catholic Church. A vigil rosary service is scheduled at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 11, in the church.



**GENE  
KUNTZ**

Gene married Irene Fraase on May 26, 1943, in Richardton. The family lived in the Richardton, Dickinson and Taylor area before moving to Glendive in 1959. Gene spent most of his life working as a tradesman/craftsman, earning both a Master Electrician's rating and a Master Carpenter's rating. Construction projects throughout Eastern Montana and much of North Dakota bear evidence of his handiwork. Ultimately Gene became a project Foreman for Sletten Construction Company in their bridge division.

After an early retirement due to health reasons, Gene enjoyed his garden(s), politics, his wood-

shop projects, travel and getting his family together. He also continued to serve as Financial Secretary to Local #2425 of the Brotherhood of Carpenter Union of America, a post he held for over 30 years.

Gene was a longtime active member of the Glendive Elks and American Legion before he and Irene moved to Billings in 1998.

Gene is survived by his wife Irene; children Tim (Lynn) of Belgrade, Dennis (Erlene) of Boise, Idaho, Clayton (Roxanne) of Billings, Eugene Jr. (Laura) of Bozeman, Janice (Ed) Allen of Billings, Judy (Tom) Lohrenz of South Jordan, Utah, Mary (Orin) Bailey of Missoula, Kathy (John) McNulty of Stayton, Ore., Valerie (Dennis) Olson of Boise, Debbie (Dan) Vincelette of Marysville, Wash., and Sharon Kuntz of Kirkland, Wash.; 27 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren; and one brother, Richard, who remains on the family farm near Richardton.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers Ed and Simon; and two grandsons, Tim and Michael.

Memorials may be made to St. Pius X Catholic Church, 717 18th St. W., Billings, MT 59102.

# Vince Kuntz

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APRIL FEB 29 2004

Vince Kuntz was born May 23, 1940 in the family home in Mandan, N.D., a son of Matt and Eva Kuntz. He peacefully passed away in his home on April 27, 2004, after a long battle with strokes and congestive heart failure. He is now pain-free and back at his home in Heaven.

Vince enjoyed driving truck from the age of 17 to 54, hauling cows, reefers, road oil, etc., throughout 49 states in the U.S. and many Canadian provinces. He always wanted to see Hawaii but never went because he couldn't drive his truck. He missed driving truck since he became ill.

Vince was a funny "comedian" to all since a very young age, even in his last hours. He made us laugh. He also loved to go dancing.

He was preceded in death by his mother, father, big brother, Leo Kuntz, and a son, Danny. He is survived by a younger sister, Angie Carlson of Billings; a son, Allen of Twin Falls, Idaho; a granddaughter; his sister-in-law, Mary Jo Kuntz; three nieces and four nephews, all from Billings; four great-nieces and five great-nephews, all of Billings, except one great-niece in college.

He will be greatly missed by all as he smiles down on us while driving his 18 wheeler again back to Heaven.

Cremation is planned and a graveside service with military rites will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 1, at Holy Cross Cemetery. Smith Downtown Chapel is assisting with arrangements.

## **Bradley Allen Kunzler**

**THE BILLINGS GAZETTE**

CODY, Wyo. — Bradley Allen Kunzler, 23, of Cody, died Sunday, Aug. 15, 2004, at his home.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, Aug. 20, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Cody Stake Center. Ballard Funeral Home of Cody is in charge.

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## **Aileen Kuzara**

SEP 4 2004  
WILLINGS GAZETTE

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Aileen Garson Kuzara, 80, formerly of Buffalo, Wyo., died Dec. 10, 2003, at her home.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 11, in Willow Grove Cemetery in Buffalo. Adams Funeral Home is in charge.

# Marian Elizabeth Redle Kuzma

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

JUL 31 2004

Marian Elizabeth Redle Kuzma died of complications related to congestive heart failure on Wednesday, July 28, 2004.

Marian was the youngest of

seven children born to Marion and Frank Redle in Sheridan, Wyo., Dec. 1, 1929. She attended Holy Name School and graduated from Sheridan High School. Marian earned her B.A.



**MARIAN  
KUZMAN**

degree with a major in English from Saint Mary College in Leavenworth, Kan., where she graduated cum laude in 1953. After graduating, she worked in public relations at Firestone Tire and Rubber Company in Akron, Ohio. Marian then returned to Sheridan, where she worked in public relations for a local radio station.

Marian met John David Kuzma of Monarch, Wyo., and they were married on Dec. 27, 1956, at Holy Name Church in Sheridan. The couple moved to Great Falls and, in 1959, to Billings, where they settled and raised their six children. Marian devoted her time to caring for her family, staying home while her husband

traveled extensively in connection with his work. She actively encouraged and supported their children's studies and extracurricular activities at St. Pius X and Billings Central Catholic High Schools.

Marian returned to work in November of 1977, working part-time for Easter Seals as an administrative assistant until her retirement on June 18, 1999. She enjoyed the variety of duties she performed in support of the organization's audiology, educational and fundraising activities.

Marian had eight grandchildren and enjoyed encouraging them in their studies and outside interests. After John's death in 1997, Marian continued to play an active role in family activities. She was always willing to listen to her children and to help them when they sought her guidance, giving them motherly advice and counsel.

Marian had a broad range of interests. She was an avid sports fan, having grown up with five brothers. She enjoyed attending her children's and grandchildren's sporting events. She enjoyed reading and listening to music, especially American standards and musicals, and watching classic movies. She was interested in history and current events. She was also fond of animals, especially cats. She shared these interests with her children and grandchildren and encouraged them in pursuing their own interests.

Marian Kuzma is survived by one brother, David Redle, in Akron; her daughters Judy Kuzma of Gaithersburg, Md., Barbara Akers of Kansas City, Mo., Grace (Gene) Reif of Shepherd, Veronica (Roni) Kuzma of Billings and Beth Kuzma in El Paso, Texas; her son, Bill Kuzma of Billings, and grandchildren, Jenelle, Matt, Seth and Lucas Reif, Charlie and Marcus D. Johnson, Kali Kuzma and Sarah Akers.

Preceding her in death were her husband John Kuzma, her grandchild Rachel Reif, siblings, Rosal, Bill, Austin, Frank and Ed Redle.

Visitation for Marian will be at Dahl Funeral Chapel, 10 Yellowstone Ave., Billings, on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., and on Sunday from 1 p.m. to 5

p.m. A Rosary Vigil will be held on Monday at 7 p.m. at Dahl Funeral Chapel. The Funeral Mass will be at St. Pius X Church, Billings, on Tuesday at 10 a.m. The family requests that any donations be made to Easter Seal Society, 1130 16th St. W., Billings 59102 or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital 501 St. Jude Pl. Memphis, TN 38105. Dahl Funeral Chapel is in charge of arrangements.