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## **Lillian Mae LaBelle**

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**BELLINGHAM GAZETTE**

**BAKER** — Lillian Mae LaBelle, 91, died Sunday, Oct. 24, 2004, at the Fallon Medical Complex in Baker.

A vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 27, at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Wibaux. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 28, at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Wibaux. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Wibaux is in charge.

## **Naola Mae Lacock**

GLASGOW — Naola Mae Lacock, 70, died Friday, March 12, 2004, at Valley View Nursing Home

Services will be at 1 p.m. on March 22, 2004, at the First Baptist Church in Glasgow. Interment will take place in the Highland Cemetery in Glasgow. Bell Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

# Linda Lou Lafferty

Linda Lou Lafferty, 54, died Feb. 12, 2004, in Billings.

Linda was born Feb. 15, 1949, to Arthur and Verla Lafferty at the Old Cheyenne Agency in South Dakota. She attended high school at Fort Yates, S.D., and graduated in 1967. She attended Aberdeen School of Business, where she received her business degree and then began working for Indian Health Services. In 1969, she married Jim Kennedy and had a baby girl, Kellee. The couple then divorced. Over the next few years, Kellee and her mom Linda moved around the surrounding areas until 1978, when Linda met Richard Oge. Linda married Richard in 1979, and the couple had a baby girl, Krista, the same year. The family lived in Aberdeen until 1981, when they moved to Billings, where Linda continued working for IHS. In 1982, they moved to Park City, where many wonderful memories happened. In 1992, Richard and Linda divorced but continued to be friends. Linda retired from IHS and moved to Billings in 2000.



LINDA  
LAFFERTY

WINGS GAZETTE

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Throughout the years, Linda became an incredible and accomplished artist. She also enjoyed many outdoor activities such as running, hiking, fishing and camping, especially with her family and friends. We have so many wonderful and fond memories of her, we can't begin to explain. Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Mom. We love you.

Linda is survived by her mother, Verla Lafferty (Gene Story) of Mobridge, S.D.; two daughters, Kellee Osgood (Dean) of Park City and Krista M. Oge-Kober (Lance) of Whitefish; a brother, John Lafferty of Mobridge; one sister, Julie Bison of Bismarck, N.D.; a grandchild, Taylor of Park City; various aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews and a host of friends. Her father preceded her.

Let your tears fall, and cry for a while;

I know that you'll miss her; her voice, touch and smile.

But, you all must go on, and stop grieving one day

For she's always, dear ones, just one prayer away.

It wasn't her choice to leave  
you so fast

If it were up to her, she would  
be the last,

Then the pain you are feeling  
would be hers alone;

She would be the one crying  
because you all were gone.

But our Father in heaven said,  
"Come Daughter, it's time.

"I need you now with me in  
My kingdom Divine."

So she had to leave quickly,  
without a goodbye

And go to her Father beyond  
the blue sky.

She didn't desert you, her  
soul's with you now,

Although she can't touch you,  
she's present somehow;

And she'll linger forever, until  
you join her someday

She'll always, dear ones, be  
just one prayer away.

So when you feel lonely, and  
need someone near,

Remember the good times  
when your joys brought a tear

She left all her memories;  
there were good ones I'd say,

And she'll wait for her dear  
ones, just one prayer away.

*Written by Linda Lafferty in  
loving memory of her dad.*

*Revised by her daughters In  
Loving Memory of our Wonderful  
Mother.*

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Deanne Big Man LaForge, 55, of Billings, member of the Ties the Bundle Clan and a child of the Piegan Clan, passed away July 5, 2004, of heart failure.

Gros Ventre Woman began her life on Oct. 26, 1948, in Crow Agency,

a daughter of Max Louis Big Man and Ida Mae Whiteman Rollins. She was raised in Hardin, Crow Agency and St. Xavier. In her earlier years, she enjoyed watching Indian relay races and



**DEANNA LAFORGE**

going to dances. She enjoyed the company of her friends and family. She really liked music, especially Motown and Elvis Presley. She graduated from Flandreau Indian School in 1967 and later attended the Haskell Institute in Lawrence, Kan. In her later years, she loved spending time with her children and grandchildren, often sharing fruit and conversation with them.

Deanne married Bailey LaForge, Sr. on May 4, 1988, after being together for five years. They made their home in Billings.

She leaves behind her husband, Bailey of Billings; her five children, Loren (Tara Whiteman Runs Him) Miller of Deer Lodge,

Ida Miller of Washington, Ma Mike Miller, Nicole (Gerard Black Crow and Angel Miller o Billings; three stepchildren Bailey (Linda) LaForge, Jr. of Nevada, Barbie LaForge of Crow Agency and Olive LaForge of Billings; an adopted son, Troy (Linda) Buckman of Billings; three brothers, Calvin (Alvina) Herrera, Ronald Big Man and Carl (Edwina) Venne; two sisters, Pat (Dale Pease) Lavendure and Dora (Jerome) Hugs, Sr., her special nieces, Chrystal Curfman and Adree (Justin) Hugs; her beloved grandchildren, Tawny, Lucy, Thorne, Talita, Jack, Calvin, Crispin, Oli-Rosa, Izzy, Angela, Nikkie, Twyla, Autumn, Tucker, Julianna, Little Deanne, Violetta, Isel, Christopher, Mary and Caven; she assisted in the raising of Lucy, Jack and Nikkie. She is also survived by her extended family, including the Whiteman, Big Man, Aiden, Morning, Roundface, LaForge, Well Known, Lone Bear, Ten Bear, Morrison, Jackson and the descendents of the Dancing Bull family.

Deanne went home to be with her parents, Max Big Man and Ida Whiteman; a sister Mitcheleen Big Man; stepfather, Leo Rollins; niece, Lucy Whiteman; and her special friends, Ethel Bellrock and Betty Gardner.

"Mom and Grandma, you were a loving and devoted person to us. There will always be a place in our hearts for you. We will miss you and will never be forgotten. Your kids and grandkids."

"To my ever-loving wife, I love you, cherished you, joke with you, I'll miss you always, you will always be in my heart. Someday, I'll meet you up there with Jesus. Your husband, always, Bailey."

The family would like to especially thank Jo Rowland, the Welch-Heart Center, Coumadin Clinic and Deaconess ICU for all of their care.

Viewing will be held 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday, July 8, and Friday, July 9, in the Bullis Funeral Chapel. Funeral services will be held 10 a.m. Saturday, July 10, in the Bullis Funeral Chapel. Interment will follow in the Hardin Fairview Cemetery. Bullis Mortuary of Hardin has been entrusted with the arrangements.

# Mildred Laing

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

AUG 10 2004

**BELGRADE** — Mildred "Mickie" Laing passed away Aug. 7, 2004.

She was born Dec. 11, 1923, the daughter of Otto Loessin and Mary (Eichler) Loessin. Mildred was raised on a farm at Hammer, S.D. As an adult, she moved to Hawthorne, Calif., to be near her future husband, Clayton. She worked at Northrup Aircraft factory as a secretary. On June 28, 1942, they were married in Yuma, Ariz. Their daughter Sharon was born Jan. 11, 1944.

They moved back to Sisseton, S.D., to be close to family when Clayton was drafted into the service. Her husband worked road construction and they traveled and moved to many places throughout the Dakotas and Montana. Mildred was a loving wife, mother and grandmother.

After retiring, Mildred and Clayton settled at Fromberg. In 1996, they moved to Belgrade to be near their daughter and son-in-law Sharon and Skip Shields.

Mildred was a member of the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church of Belgrade. She loved spending time with family, fishing, gardening and playing cards.

Mildred was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, four brothers and two sisters.

She is survived by her daughter, Sharon (Skip) Shields, of Belgrade; four grandchildren, Nichole (Shields) Roffler, Clayton Shields, Angela (Shields) Pierce, and Clinton Shields; seven great-grandchildren; brother, John Loessin, of Sisseton; sisters, Louella (Loessin) Larson and Vardean (Loessin) Stave.

Cremation has taken place and a memorial service will take place 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 12, at the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Belgrade. Interment of the urn will follow at Meadowview cemetery in Manhattan.

Memorial contributions may be made in Mildred's name to the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 102 N. Weaver, Belgrade, MT 59714.



## Edith Lamb

OCT 30 2004  
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BAKER — Edith Lamb, 78, of Baker, died Wednesday, Oct. 27, 2004, at the home of her daughter in Baker.

Family services will be at 6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 30, at Assembly of God Church.

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## **Evelyn Jody Lamb**

**CODY, Wyo. — Evelyn Jody Lamb, 68, of Cody, formerly of Burlington, died Thursday, May 6, 2004, at West Park Hospital, after a long illness.**

**Visitations will be from 9 a.m. until service time at 10 a.m. Monday, May 10, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Burlington. Interment will follow in Burlington Cemetery. Ballard Funeral Home of Cody is in charge.**

## Robert 'Bob' Lambert

POPLAR — Robert "Bob" Lambert, 67, died on March 11, 2004, at the Poplar Community Hospital.

A Prayer Service will be at 6 p.m. on Sunday, March 14, at Clayton Stevenson Chapel in Wolf Point. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Monday, March, 15, at the Poplar Culture Center. Clayton Stevenson Memorial Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

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## Tonya 'Taco' Lambert

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POPLAR — Tonya "Taco" Leigh Lambert, 28, died Tuesday, Dec. 21, 2004.

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A prayer service is at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 28, with a wake to follow. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 29.

Both services are at the Poplar Cultural Center. Interment will be in Ft. Kipp Cemetery.

Clayton Stevenson Memorial Chapel is in charge.

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**Paul S. Lambrecht**

Paul Lambrecht was born in Billings on Nov. 17, 1965. The son of George and Esther Lambrecht, he was raised in Billings and graduated from Billings Senior High in 1983. He attended one year at MSU. Most recently, he was employed at Wetzels Dry Cleaning.

He was the baby brother of eight siblings. Paul enjoyed photography and electronics.

At the young age of 38, our baby brother died from complications of a severe heart attack on Sunday, Oct. 17, 2004, at St. Vincent Hospital.

He is survived by his brothers and sisters, Larry Lambrecht of Billings, Audrey (Dave) Pierce Seeley of Billings, Edwin Lambrecht of Red Lodge, Tamara (Dewey) Weddle of Anacortes,

Wash., Jacob (Terri) Lambrecht of Laurel, Barbara (Ed) Argo of Bothell, Wash., and Pete Lambrecht of Billings; and niece and nephews, John (Heather) Pierce, Daniel (Sara) Pierce, Christopher Pierce, Katrina Davis, Adam Davis, Wynte (Josh) Hatzell, Lydia Weddle and Anika Esther Argo.

He was preceded in death by his parents; grandparents, Jacob and Lydia Lackman and Kaspe Lambrecht and Rose Lambrecht Skates; and his sister, Deborah Lambrecht Davis.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 20, at a Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary with interment in Mountview Cemetery.

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

# Walter L. Lamey

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**GLENDIVE** — Walter L. Lamey, age 84, of Glendive, formerly of Havre and Lakeside, died on Tuesday, Oct. 19, 2004, at the Eastern Montana Veterans Home in Glendive.

**Memorial Mass** will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 23, at the St. Jude's Catholic Church in Havre, with Father Jim O'Neil officiating. Rite of Committal with military honors will be in the Highland Cemetery in Havre. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Glendive is entrusted with arrangements.

Walter was born on July 18, 1920, in Havre, the son of John E. and Mary (Kennedy) Lamey. He was raised and educated in Havre, graduating from Havre High School with the class of 1939.

He worked for Great Northern Railroad for a couple of years before entering the U.S. Army in 1942. Walter served during World War II in the 8th Air Force.

Following his discharge from the military, he was united in marriage to Helen Seeley on Dec. 11, 1945, in Seattle. Walter and his wife returned to Havre where he again worked for Great



**WALTER  
LAMEY**

Northern/Burlington Northern Railroad until he retired in 1979 after 43 years of service. In 1985 Walter and his wife moved to Lakeside, where they resided until 2000, when they moved to Billings because of medical reasons.

During this time, Walter and his wife spent 21 winters in Mesa Ariz. Walter had been a resident of the Eastern Montana Veterans Home in Glendive for the past two years.

Walter was a member of the Knights of Columbus and Havre Eagles Club.

Walter enjoyed woodworking, painting and was an accomplished handyman.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Mary; all of his siblings, James, Kathleen, John, Joseph, Donald and David Lamey, Margaret Pike and Anne Thompson; great-granddaughter Shelby Molyneaux.

Survivors include his wife Helen Lamey of Glasgow; his children, Patrick Lamey and his wife Paula of Carlsbad, Calif. Janice Mires and her husband Larry of Glasgow, Gai Molyneaux and her husband John of Alliance, Neb., and Mary Bolender and her husband Steve

of Billings; eight grandchildren, Rebecca Lamey, Jim and Trish Mires, Brian Mires and Marjie Mires, Brandy and Mike Godfrey, Ross and Tracy Molyneaux, Janine and Chuck Fisher-Kirkham and Caitlin Bolender; six great-grandchildren.

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

# Oliver Altman Lammers

BAKERSFIELD, Calif. —

Oliver Altman Lammers died Jan. 15, 2004, in Bakersfield at age 94.

Oliver was born March 13, 1909, at the family farm home two miles east of Marion, S.D. In April, 1911, he came with parents, Esther Melinda White and Altman Lammers, to a Montana home-



**OLIVER  
LAMMERS**

stead, two miles east of Nihill, Mont. He finished grade school at Nihill and graduated from Hedgesville High School in 1927. Further education was at Montana State

College,

Bozeman, graduating in the depression year of 1931 with a B.S. degree in agronomy. In 1933, a teaching certificate was earned.

On June 15, 1936, he married Eunice H. Campbell at Wyola, Mont. They were married 56 years until her death in January, 1992. A daughter, Linda Low (Duncan) of Bakersfield; a son, Duane A. Lammers (Mary Ann) of Corvallis, Ore.; five grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren survive.

Oliver's lifetime was always associated with the land and agriculture. It included some "\$1 per day" employment. He was appointed "special agricultural agent" for Sheridan County,

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Montana, in April, 1934. He taught high school for a year at Fergus County High School. In 1935, Oliver accepted an appointment as assistant county agricultural agent for the Montana Extension Service. Oliver served temporarily in several Montana counties and was assigned to Garfield and Petroleum counties in May, 1936, as their "first ever" county agent.

Oliver was Dawson County agent in Glendive from 1939 to 1947. He was superintendent of the Huntley Montana Agricultural Research Station for four years before becoming managing partner for the Lammers Home Ranch at Hedgesville, Mont., in November, 1951. He retired from the ranch in 1974.

He was a member of and gave leadership to Kiwanis in Glendive, Billings and Harlowton. In 1947 he was Master of Glendive Lodge #31 of Masons, later transferring to Harlowton. In 1957, he joined Billings Scottish Rite and became an Al Bedoo Temple Shriner.

In 1954, he was president of the Wheatland County Farm Bureau and served on the Montana State Farm Bureau Board of Directors for six years. He was president of



the Wheatland County Stock-growers, on the Wheatland County Fair Board for 25 years and on the Harlowton Federated Church Board for many years.

Becoming a winter resident of Yuma, Ariz., in 1980 and a shareholder in the Wintergardens Co-op Park, he served four years as a director and was chairman of the board. He gave leadership to the Park and the "in-park" dances, greatly enjoying ballroom dancing.

In addition to wife, Eunice, he was preceded in death by his parents; his sisters, Henrietta Pirrie and Jean Ward, and brothers, Robert and Donald. Brothers Arthur and Ted survive.

Memorials may be sent to a Shriners Hospital. A memorial service will be held in late summer in Harlowton, Mont.

(This obituary was written by Oliver Lammers.)

# James Charles LaMont

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MAY 5 2004

**GREAT FALLS** — James Charles LaMont, 80, of 1215 2nd Ave. N., Great Falls, Mont., a retired architect and WWII Army veteran in the 503rd Parachute Infantry Regiment died peacefully, after an extended illness at his home.

A vigil service will be held at Hillcrest Lawn Chapel on Sunday, Dec. 5, 2004, at 7 p.m. The funeral liturgy will be held at St. Ann's Cathedral on Monday, Dec. 6, at noon. Cremation will follow the services. Schnider Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

Jim is survived by his wife Carole of Great Falls; daughters, Tami and husband Jim Kelly II of Great Falls, Amy of Great Falls; sons, Doug of Billings, Danny and wife Patty of Great Falls, Mike and wife Jenn of Great Falls; sister Sarah Jane Chapman of San Antonio, Texas; and thirteen grandchildren, Aaron, Tyler, Jacob, Augustus, Danny, Marissa, Samantha, Theresa, Katana, Eric, Krisalyn, Haley and Sean.

Jim was preceded in death by a son Richard Kent LaMont and a younger brother Herbert LaMont.

Jim was born May 10, 1924, to Charles and Irene (Tidball)



**JAMES  
LaMONT**

LaMont in Harrisburg, Pa. As a youngster, he was raised in Colorado. During WWII, Jim served as a paratrooper in the fledgling Army 503rd Parachute Infantry Regiment in the Pacific Theatre of Operations. He was wounded after parachute assault on Corregidor and earned numerous citations including the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart.

After his discharge, he attended the University of Denver, transferring to the University of Colorado at Boulder. In 1950, he graduated with a baccalaureate degree in architectural engineering. He interned with an architectural firm in Sheridan, Wyo. He then moved to Billings in the early '50s and established an architectural partnership. For the next 25 years, Jim practiced architecture in Billings. He moved to Great Falls in 1987 as a civilian architect in the Engineering Department at Malmstrom AFB. While being based at Malmstrom, Jim was called to serve two years overseas first in Okinawa and then in the Azores. He retired in May 2000.

In 1946, Jim married Elizabeth Anne Crichton in Denver, Colo. In 1970, they divorced. In 1971, Jim married Carole Scarborough in Cody, Wyo.

Jim served many years as Scoutmaster and devoted many hours to the work of the Billings Jaycee's. After retirement he volunteered at the Great Falls Visitors Center and the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Centre. Jim devoted himself for years to the activities and lay ministry of the Catholic Church.

Jim's hobbies and interests included barbershop singing, Montana history, crossword puzzles, big game hunting and chocolate milk shakes.

Jim was an extraordinarily kind and loving man with a huge heart. Jim raised two families and those of us he leaves behind feel gifted to have been a part of his life. He could always find the qualities in people that other didn't take the time to find.

Memorials are suggested to St. Restoration Fund or Pace Hospice of Montana.

**Mary Lamphere**

GILLETTE, Wyo. — Mary Lamphere, 88, of Gillette, died Monday, Feb. 2, 2004, at the Sheridan Hospital in Sheridan.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 6, at the Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home Chapel in Gillette. Interment will follow at the Mount Pisgah Cemetery in Gillette.

## Karen Lampman

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Karen left her worn out body to be with her Lord on Aug. 20, 2004. She died peacefully in her room at Westpark Village in the loving arms of a great niece. Karen had been at Westpark Village for about two years and she was loved by all who knew her there.



**KAREN  
LAMPMAN**

Karen (Wangsmo) Lampman was born in Trondheim, Norway, on Feb. 23, 1910. She came to the U.S. in 1928 with her parents and brother Magnar. They lived on various farms northeast of Big Timber. Karen attended local schools and learned to speak and write English. She worked on a ranch in her early years in Montana and then she worked at Wilcoxins in Livingston making candy. She worked as a clerk at Penney's in Livingston and then also worked at Gambles in Big Timber. She cooked for nuns in Billings and cooked at the Billings Senior High School cafeteria. Karen worked in a drug store in Billings for a few years. Karen loved picnics and being outdoors near a lake or stream. She married N. D. (Dell) Lampman Sept. 18, 1937. She accompanied her husband Dell

on many enjoyable fishing trips. Karen was in her true joy of life when she had family and friends in her home and she could serve them delicious meals topped off with Norwegian pastries she had made.

She loved her church and all of the activities that she involved herself in with the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Billings and Naomi Circle and also the St. John's Lutheran Home Auxiliary.

Auntie Karen will be missed by family and friends because of her love for life and her love for family and friends. She was a gracious, courageous, loving, stubborn lady who could have written the book on hospitality.

Karen was preceded in death by her husband Dell; brothers, Martin Wangsmo, Ole Rostad, Magnar Wangsmo, Albert Rostad; and her parents Lars Wangsmo and mother Annie (Rostad) Wangsmo.

She is survived by nephews Larry Rostad (Donna) of Fort Laramie, Wyo., Melvin Wangamo (Peggy) of Laurel, niece Margaret Forsythe (Howard) of Bridgeton, and five great-nephews and five great-nieces.

Michelotti-Sawyers is in charge of arrangements and visitation will be held on Monday, Aug. 23, from 4 to 8 p.m. at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary. A service of celebration of her life will be held on Tuesday, Aug. 24, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Billings at 1 p.m. Pastor Eric Thorson will be officiating. Memorials may be made to Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 40 10th St. West, Billings.

The family wishes to express their thanks to the staff at Westpark Village for their loving care and also to the loving people of Hospice.

## **Noah Matthew Landsrud**

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**WOLF POINT —** Noah Matthew Landsrud was born and died on Feb. 19, 2004, at Northeast Montana Health Services, Trinity Hospital in Wolf Point. He was born to Ken and Ann Landsrud.

He is survived by his parents; his two sisters, Jessica and Kendra Landsrud; grandparents, Willard and Lovella Landsrud, Diane Plane, all of Wolf Point, George and Roberta Budak of Poplar; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins. His grandpa Joe Plane preceded him in death.

Memorial services will be held on Monday, March 1, at 10 a.m., at Gospel Fellowship Church in Wolf Point. 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.

## JUN 03 2004

**THREE FORKS** — Leo Joseph Lane, beloved husband, father, and grandfather, passed away on June 1, 2004, at his home, surrounded by his family, after a courageous battle with lymphoma. He will be remembered for his quiet generosity and his gentle disposition carried from his Irish heritage. Leo was respected by all who knew him and will be greatly missed.



**LEO  
LANE**

The youngest of five children, Leo was born to Michael and Mary Grace Lane on Jan. 16, 1929, in Three Forks. He attended his first eight years of school at the Lane School House and graduated from Three Forks High School, where he was known for his tenacity and speed in football. After high school, Leo launched his well-known cattle buying career when he began working for the Producers, based in Utah. Leo's passion for ranching and cattle buying became a reality when he became a partner for the Montana Livestock Auction Yards in Butte. Being a lifelong resident of Montana, Leo felt his experience in agriculture and

business would be of considerable value in serving his community. Leo was elected as a Montana State Senator in 1982, where he served a four-year term. Leo was an active parishioner of Holy Family Parish. He was also active in the Montana Stockgrowers Association, the Gallatin County Historical Society and the Elks Club.

Leo married Florence Smet on June 19, 1954, at St. Peter's Church in Anaconda. The couple was going to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary this month. Together, they raised seven children. Leo's favorite pastime these past few years was taking Flo and his dog for rides to his beloved mountain summer pasture in Norris. He also loved to follow his children's and grandchildren's activities. Leo's patience and strength for his family was unyielding.

Leo is survived by his wife, Florence, seven children and 14 grandchildren, Monica, (Megan, Greg, and Scott) Guenther of Bozeman, Mary (Jerry) Chelsey,



Emilee and Katie Olson of Three Forks, Michele (David), Luke, Rebecca, Michaela, and Kerianne Forge of Leavenworth, Kan., Margy (Jim) Laird of Palm Harbor, Fla., Melinda (Shelby) Walls of Belgrade, Leo Joe (Kari) Keely, Larkin and Maggie of Three Forks, and Melanie (Shawn) Wilcox of Three Forks.

Other survivors include sister-in-law, Lonnie Lane of Three Forks; brothers-in-law Dale Cass of Eureka and Don Smet and wife, Peggy, of Spokane. He had close relationships with many cousins, nephews, nieces and friends who were very dear to him. He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Earl and Eugene; two sisters, Opal Cunningham and Inez Cass; and his son-in-law, Mark Guenther.

Vigil Service for Leo will be celebrated at Holy Family Parish in Three Forks at 7 p.m. Friday, June 4, with Deacon Robert Lane presiding. Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, June 5, at Holy Family Parish, with Father Gregory Burke and Father John Ward presiding. Donations may be made in Leo's name to Bozeman Deaconess Hospice, Holy Family Parish or to a charity of the donor's choice.

## Mary J. Lane

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HARLOWTON — Mary J. Lane, 72, passed away Wednesday, Jan. 7, 2004. Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 14, at Perkins Funeral Home.

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MISSOULA — Russell T. "Ted" Lane, 69, passed away Feb. 8, 2004, at home, from cancer.

Ted was born Oct. 11, 1934, in Three Forks, to Francis and Gladys Lane (Haasakker).

On June 9, 1953, Ted and Virginia G. Hale were married. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary June 9, 2003. There were four children born from this union: Virginia M., David R., Deborah J. and Robert Jack. Ted was a private pilot. He was the happiest flying and spending time with his family. He also loved fishing, boating, hunting and Democrats.

Ted was a loving husband and father. He was fair to everyone who knew him. Ted worked for the Milwaukee Road as a lineman, brakeman, conductor and locomotive engineer. Then in 1986, he joined Montana Rail Link as a locomotive engineer. He retired from Montana Rail Link in 1996 with 43 years and 3 months of dedicated service to the railroad.

He was preceded in death by his son, Robert Jack; his twin brother, Richard Darwin; and his father, James Francis; his mother, Gladys; and his stepfather, Dan Haasakker.

Ted is survived by his wife, Virginia G. Lane of Missoula; daughter Virginia M. Clark of Bonney Lake, Wash.; a son, David Lane of Forsyth; daughter Deborah I. Lane of Everett Wash.

Also surviving is his brother Don Lane, Washington, D.C.; a brother, Carl (Carol) Lane of Helena; brother Martin (Judy) Lane of Kennewick, Wash.; and a brother Dan (Wanda) Haasakker of Helena; and a sister Doris (Haasakker) Pinkerton (Mark) of Forsyth. Grandchildren that survive Ted are Don, Jessica, Crystal, Justin, James and Melissa. Great-grandchildren that are surviving are Jaden, Justin, Natallie and Daniel; and numerous friends and extended family members.

A special thanks to the doctors and medical staff for our outstanding Hospice care.

Services will be held at St. Francis Xavier Church, 420 Pine St., in Missoula, at 10:30 a.m., on Thursday, Feb. 12. Burial will be held on Friday, Feb. 13, at 2 p.m. at Mount Green Cemetery at Willow Creek. In lieu of flowers, donations could be made to the Montana School for the Deaf and Blind, 3911 Central Ave., Great Falls, MT 59405.

Arrangements are with the Cremation and Burial Society of The Rockies, 2510 Spurgin Road, Missoula.

Sarah Mae Langfelt, 72, passed away on Feb. 25, 2004, in her home. Sarah was born on March 27, 1931.

She married Henry Langfelt on Sept. 6, 1951. They had seven children and

### **Sarah Mae Langfelt**

three grandchildren, all of Montana. She had six brothers and sisters. She was preceded in death by her husband and parents.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. on March 1, 2004, at

Mountview Cemetery. Smith's Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

She will be missed by her siblings, children, grandchildren and friends. She will always be in our hearts.

# OBITUARY JONAS LANGHUS

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NOV 22 2004

**BIG TIMBER** — Samuel Jonas Langhus, 90, of Big Timber, passed away Friday, Nov. 19, 2004 on his ranch.

Sam was born Aug. 15, 1914 to Ole Jonas and Guri (Ueland) Langhus in Big Timber. Sam married Dorothy Marie Mysse on Nov. 13, 1942 in Billings. Sam and Dorothy raised Black Angus cattle for the past 50 years.

He enjoyed flying, hunting, trap shooting and fishing. While a member of the Montana Flying Farmers, Sam enjoyed traveling all over the United States as well as abroad including Australia, New Zealand and Norway. Sam also liked building little steam engines from scratch.

Sam was past president of the Montana Flying Farmers, a life member of the National Rifleman's Association and served on the Big Timber Airport Board for 40 years.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy; three sons, Gene, Lee and Scott Langhus; one daughter, Linda Langhus; and his sister, Olga Langhus, all of Big Timber. Five grandchildren also survive him.

In his later years, one of Sam's greatest pleasures was to come into town and have coffee at the Frosty Freeze.

Sam was cremated and no services will be held at his request. Lowy Funeral Home assisted the family with the services.

**JUNE LANGAGER**

## Montana June Langager

Montana June Langager was born July 5, 1921, in Cascade, daughter of Rufus and Alice Marsh. She was raised in the Fairfield area and moved to Great Falls, where she graduated from high school. She worked at General Motors in Great Falls and that is where she met Norven Langager. They were married on Dec. 20, 1943. In September of 1946, Norv and June moved to Wolf Point, where they owned and operated several businesses until retiring to Billings in 1988.

June was an avid golfer, she loved to bowl and she was a great dancer. Norv and June won many bridge marathons in Northeastern Montana and in Billings. She loved to watch her kids participate in sport and music events. June loved to entertain in her home. She was a great mother and cook, and she loved to prepare wonderful meals for family gatherings. June was raised by good Christian parents and she

loved the Lord. She never failed to take her children to church on Sunday. June was sealed to Norv and her family in the Idaho Falls temple.

Mrs. Langager passed away Wednesday, Nov. 3, 2004, in Billings.

She is survived by her five children, Carolynne Keller, Dennis Langager and wife Rita, Harvey Langager and wife Bonnie, all of Billings, JoAnn Langager Booth and husband Steve of Bothell, Wash., and Tana Langager Mayo and husband Rich of Belgrade; a brother, Jack Marsh of Orem, Utah; a sister, Rae Eyestone of California; 11 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Norven; her parents; and nine brothers and sisters.

Visitation will be Sunday, Nov. 7, from 4 to 6 p.m., at the Smith West Chapel. Funeral services will be held Monday, Nov. 8, at 11 a.m., in the LDS Stake Center, 1640 Broadmoor Drive (The Heights), with interment at Terrace Garden Cemetery at 2:30 p.m.

## **Thelma Lanham**

GILLETTE, Wyo. — Thelma Lanham, 97, of Broadus, Mont., formerly of Campbell County, died Saturday, Feb. 21, 2004, at the Powder River Manor Nursing Home in Broadus.

Visitation will be from 3 to 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 27, at the Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home Chapel in Gillette. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 28, at the Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home Chapel. Interment will follow at the Mount Pisgah Cemetery in Gillette.

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# LeighAnn Lanter

July 24, 1959 — April 17, 2004

LeighAnn suffered a long-term liver disease and now is at peace.

LeighAnn grew up in Billings. She spent her life doing what she liked best. She brought happiness and laughter to so many. She loved to be stylish in so many ways. She enjoyed her work as a CNA and loved spending time with her grandchildren, who were the brightness of her days.

LeighAnn will be remembered for her cooking and loving, caring heart along with her beautiful smile. As LeighAnn begins her journey to meet her father, Richard W. Lanter, in Heaven, she will also prepare a place for us.

She leaves behind her ex-husband, Steven Nava, Sr., and their children, Steven Nava Jr., Linea Nava and Amerika Nava; three stepsons, Mondo, Fernando and Monico Nava; three stepdaughters, Cassandra, Tosie and Stephanie; and her grandchildren, John, Mia, Saul Jr., Marivel, Angelika, Jahneia, Leiona, Esteban and Mariann. We love



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you, Grammal She is also survived by her mother and stepfather, MaryAnn and Robert Schaak; two brothers, Bill and Tom; two sisters, Elaine and Krissy; her very special aunt and best friend, Julie Sandige and many other loved ones. We love you, Mom, and we know we now have an angel watching over us.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Cremation of Funeral Gallery, 29 Eighth St. W.



## **Ronald J. LaPierre**

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**JUL 28 2004**

**GLENDIVE** — Ronald J. LaPierre, 68, of Glendive, passed away July 24, 2004, at St. Vincent Healthcare. Ron was born in Laconia, N.H., on March 5, 1936. He served four years in the Air Force during the Korean War.

After his years in the military, he attended court reporting school in Boston and was number one in his class and number two in the nation. He served as court reporter in Butte for the federal government and for Dawson County for 30 years.

Ron loved to fish and hunt and taught all his children these wonderful skills.

He is survived by his wife, Sharon of Glendive; his former wife, Charlene LaPierre, the mother of his 12 children — Michael LaPierre of Belgrade, John LaPierre (Barbara) of Roundup, Joan Mangum of Glendive, Mark LaPierre (Linda) of Colorado Springs, Colo., David LaPierre of Lolo, Vicki Friesz (Brian) of Whitehall, Dan LaPierre of Dillon, Stephen LaPierre of Belgrade, Rachel Clapp (Mark) of Glendive; Tony LaPierre (Amy) of Miles City, Chris LaPierre (Amber) of Belgrade and Beth LaPierre of Findlay, Ohio. Ron is also sur-

vived by 25 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Cremation has taken place. A memorial mass will be celebrated Saturday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Glendive.

Memorials can be sent to the American Cancer Society Montana Division, located at 550 North 31st St. Suite #103, Billings, MT 59101. Smith's Downtown Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

# Raymond J. Lapke

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**WOLF POINT** — Raymond J. Lapke, age 76, of Wolf Point, died of natural causes on March 16, 2004, at Faith Lutheran Home. He was born Nov. 19, 1927, in Madoc, to John and Elveda Lapke.

He grew up in Madoc and Scobey area, attending school in Madoc and high school in Scobey. After his junior year in high school, he attended St. Edwards Seminary in Kenmore, Wash.



**RAYMOND  
LAPKE**

He received a master's degree from the University of Montana in Missoula in education and administration. He was a parish priest and pastor for 19 years, serving at Sacred Heart Parish in Miles City. He was assistant principal at Great Falls Central High School and St. Francis in Saco, and returned to Sacred Heart Parish in Miles City. He then went to Our Lady of Lourdes in Poplar and finished building the church and center, including the altars, while pastoring there. He then went to St. Raphael's in Glasgow.

He was granted dispensation

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from his priestly duties and married Sylvia (Charlene) Matejovsky in 1973. They resided in the Denver area for about 20 years. He retired in 1992 and came back to the farm north of Wolf Point and lived there since.

Raymond enjoyed wood-working, crochet and made hundreds of caps for children and newborns for hospitals from Wolf Point to Oregon to Colorado. He liked doing jigsaw and crossword puzzles. He was an active member of the Immaculate Conception Church in Wolf Point.

He is survived by his wife, Sylvia P. (Charlene) of Wolf Point; a brother, Louie Lapke of Scobey; two sisters, Evelyn (Walt) Dill of Elk Grove, Calif., and Edna (Hal) Rickman of Sublimity, Ore.; and many nieces and nephews. His parents; a brother, Dean; and sister Norma Zimmer preceded him in death.

Visitation was on Friday, March 19, with a vigil service at Clayton Stevenson Memorial Chapel. Funeral services were held on Saturday, March 20, at the Immaculate Conception Church in Wolf Point. Interment will be in Greenwood Cemetery. Condolences may be sent to the family at [csmc@nemontel.net](mailto:csmc@nemontel.net) or [www.stevensonandsons.com](http://www.stevensonandsons.com).

# Freida Buxbaum Lapp

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**GLENDIVE** — Freida Buxbaum Lapp, 83, of Glendive, died Sunday, Feb. 22, 2004, at the Glendive Medical Center Extended Care Facility.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, Feb. 27, at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Glendive. Interment will be in the Dawson Memorial Cemetery in Glendive. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Glendive is in charge.

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## **Richard Dean LaPrath**

**LAUREL —** Richard Dean LaPrath was born March 14, 1936, in Gregory, S.D. Richard was the third oldest of eight children born to Hans and Frieda (Manke) LaPrath. The LaPrath family moved to Sandpoint, Idaho, for a short time then returned to South Dakota and began a farm south of Dallas.

Richard enjoyed his time on the family farm, especially tending to the hogs. In later years, Richard went with his dad into the mountains around Ronan, where he helped his dad pan for gold. In Montana, Richard loved fishing and listening to his dad play the fiddle and tell stories. Richard then spent several years in Laurel with his sister Virginia when his health began to fail. Richard enjoyed being a part of The Billings Activity Center. His last few years were spent at The

Billings Health and Rehab. On Aug. 23, 2004, while in Deaconess Hospital, his battle with kidney failure peacefully ended.

Richard is preceded in death by his parents, brother Herman and sister Mary. Richard is survived by one sister, Virginia Gordon of Laurel; four brothers, Hans, Bill, Tom and Fred of Dallas, S.D.; six nephews, Paul, Bob, Sam, Ben, Tom and James; four nieces, Chris, Marsha, Esther and Amy, and numerous cousins.

Richard will be missed by those who cared for him, from his family to those who gave such great care to him at The Billings Health and Rehab, The Billings Activity Center and The Rocky Mountain Kidney Center.

Cremation has taken place and services are pending in Gregory, S.D.

**AUG 24 2004****SENTINEL BUTTE, N.D. —**

**Kenneth A. Lardy, 56, of Sentinel Butte, died Sunday, Aug. 22, 2004, at his home, of natural causes.**

**A Vigil will be at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 26, in the Chapel of the Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home in Beach. A Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. Friday, Aug. 27, at St. John The Baptist Catholic Church in Beach. Rite of Committal will be in St. Michael's Cemetery in Sentinel Butte.**

## James Large

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POWELL, Wyo. — James "Neil" Large, 82, of Powell, died Wednesday, April 28, 2004, at St. Vincent Healthcare in Billings.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Monday, May 3, at Union Presbyterian Church in Powell. Interment will follow in Crown Hill Cemetery. Miratsky-Easton Funeral Home of Powell is in charge.

## James Neal Large

Funeral services for former superintendent of schools, J. Neal Large, were Monday morning, May 3 at the Union Presbyterian Church in Powell. Mr. Large, 82, Powell, died Wednesday, April 28 in Billings, Mont.

He was born March 6, 1922, in Birmingham, Ala., son of William Jefferson Large and Mabel Leigh (English) Large. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and married Janet Ruth Dunson in Traverse City, Mich., on Aug. 6, 1944.

He was an educator by profession, earning a master's degree in education. He served as superintendent of schools at Encampment, Lingle and then Powell. Previous to his appointment as superintendent at Powell, he was principal at Cheyenne Central High School. He became a principal again in two Alaskan schools after leaving Powell.

He and his wife Janet retired in Fraser Lake, British Columbia, Canada, in 1987. After her death, he returned to Powell.

He enjoyed golf, fishing, smoking game animals and local activism. At one time, he was a founding team member of the Denver Nuggets basketball organization. He was also a founding member of the National Education Association and a fervent supporter of men's and women's athletics.

He spent his later years enjoying his family and friends and smoking game/fish meats. Survivors include two sons, James R. Large (Flora Isabel) of Guaymas, Sonora, Mexico, and Timothy Large (Janet) of Powell; one daughter, Pamela A. Large of Bellingham, Wash.; two brothers, Bill Large and Jack Large (Hazel); a sister, Helen Nelson; five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his beloved

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wife, Janet.

Pastor David Hunter officiated at services and burial in Crown Hill Cemetery. Pallbearers at the funeral were Matt Elliott, Don Adams, Butch Hanson, Pam Large, Chris Large and John DeVoss. Honorary pallbearers included Lloyd Snider, Mert Rustad, Sherb Blake, Harold Robirds, Luther Sparks, Willard Large and Don Moewes.

For those who wish, the family would appreciate memorials to Rocky Mountain Cancer Center, Cody and Billings. Miratsky-Easton Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

# Mary Miller Humphreys Larison

SEP 20 2004

HELENA — Mary Miller Humphreys Larison, 712 Monroe, a good citizen of her community, died Friday, Sept. 17, 2004.

"Miller," as she was known to

her friends, was born in Henderson, Ky., April 7, 1912, to the Reverend Llewellyn and Luella Ward Humphreys. She attended Sayre School in Lexington, Ky., graduating in



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1930. She attended Georgetown College in Georgetown, Ky., graduating cum laude in 1934. From 1935 to 1936, she completed training to become a certified Laboratory Technician. As a teen living in Georgetown, she attended the film "Moon over Montana"; she afterward vowed that she would one day live there.

She married Lee Hoyt Larison, a prominent Helena and Montana industrialist; co-founder of American Chemet Corporation and Columbia Paint Company, on June 16, 1939, in Mt. Horeb Church near Lexington, Ky. Hoyt preceded her in death June 14, 1981. Their son, Hoyt Humphreys Larison "Larry," is currently president of Columbia Paint Company and

chairman of the board of American Chemet.

Since moving to Helena in 1947, Mrs. Larison was active in St Peter's Cathedral Episcopal Church as Senior Warden; member of the Junior Cathedral Guild Sunday school teacher; acolyte mother; altar guild, and Daughters of the King, a prayer and service organization of the Catholic and Episcopal Church. She served as a Cub Scout den mother; was elected to the Girl Scout Board; a member of the St. Peter's Hospital Association; Parent Teachers' Association of Central School; and Board of Trustees of Helena School District # 1 for two terms (1953-1956, and 1956-1959). She served on the Helena Symphony Board in its early years. She was a member of Chapter O of the PEO Sisterhood; the Oro Fino Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Fortnightly Book Club, Lewis & Clark Republican Women's Club, the Montana Club, Green Meadow Country Club, Helena Navy League, Montana Historical Society and the Holter Museum of Art. She was also a generous supporter of many arts and charitable organizations in the area.

"One of the most rewarding things I've done in this communi-

ty was to work under the Helena Council of Churches on the Indian Affairs Committee, providing services to the Native American population in the Helena area. I feel that my reason for being here on earth is to show kindness and to be of help to others." — Miller Larison

Survivors include her son, Hoyt Humphreys "Larry" Larison, Spokane, Wash.; granddaughter Pamela Sue Larison and husband Kevin Douglass, North Bend, Wash.; granddaughter Mary Lee Larison and husband Doug Turman, Helena; nephew, Bill Shropshire and his wife Harlan, Evanston, Ill.; and Helena, Sandra Sue Larison, Sedona, Ariz.; as well as many beloved nieces, nephews, cousins and great-grandchildren.

Members of her immediate family who preceded her in death include Sue and Basil Owens, Edwin and Susan Humphreys, Nell Humphreys Shropshire and Wallace Shropshire.

Memorial services will be held at the Cathedral of St. Helena, Wednesday, Sept. 22, at 2 p.m.

Memorials in lieu of flowers may be made to St. Peter's Cathedral, 511 N. Park, Helena, Hospice of St. Peter's Community Hospital or the charity of your choosing. Organizations Mrs. Larison strongly supported include: Habitat for Humanity, God's Love Inc., Helena Food Share, Helena area Red Cross and Salvation Army, Helena

Symphony, Holter Museum of Art, Grandstreet Theatre and the Montana Historical Society.

## Nyna Larmer

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Word has been received here of the death May 11 in Snow Flake, Ariz., of long-time Powell resident, Nyna Larmer, 91.

She was born in Springfield, Ark., on Sept. 11, 1912, to Ray G. Myers and Nydia Armagost Myers. At the age of 3, she and her brother Roy, then 21 months old, lost their mother. They were raised by their maternal grandparents, Alfred and Sophronia Armagost, in Iron River, Wisc.

After the deaths of their grandparents, their father brought them to Powell in 1928, where Nyna lived for the next 75 years.

On April 4, 1932, she married Sidney W. Larmer, who preceded her in death in 1986 after 54 years of marriage.

She was an avid rockhound and nature lover and spent many hours with friends exploring areas in Wyoming and Montana.

In July, 1998, she suffered a stroke and moved into the Bee Hive Home in Powell. In November, 2003, it was necessary to move her to Arizona to be closer to family members.

Survivors include two daughters, Ellen Munoz (Andrew) of Sierra Madre, Calif., and Luella Wilcock (Kennard) of Show Low, Ariz.; seven grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren and four great-great grandchildren. She is also survived by two half brothers, Lloyd Myers, Powell, and Glenn Myers, Meeteetse; and a half sister, Betty Workman, Tahlequah, Okla.

Special people who were important in Nyna's life, particularly in her later years, include Christine M. Shuffield, Powell, the granddaughter of Nyna's friend, Elizabeth Whaley, who drove for Nyna after she lost her eyesight to masular degeneration, as well as spending many hours visiting and reading to her; Lynn

Belford, Powell, who handled her bookkeeping and letter writing for many years; Eleanor Hofer, Laurel, Mont., who kept in contact with Nyna, visiting and taking her many places; and Lloyd and Janine Myers, Powell, who assisted in many ways.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her brother, Roy, a World War II naval hero; a half sister, Ramona Hoffman; and three great-grandchildren.

Her cremated remains will be buried in Osceola, Iowa, near her mother, maternal grandparents and brother Roy.

## BETTY JO LARSEN

Betty Jo Larsen, 66, passed away on Tuesday, Dec. 14, 2004, at Deaconess Billings Clinic, after a hard-fought battle with cancer.

Betty was born Aug. 9, 1938, in Savage, to Frank and Velma Redding. She met and married the love of her life, Virgil Larsen, June 10, 1954. Betty was the loving mother of four children and, after a wonderful career of mother-

hood, she was employed for 16 years at Western Security Bank. Following retirement, Mom and Dad celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary, traveled and spent special times with family and friends.



**BETTY  
LARSEN**

She will long be remembered for her love for her husband, her children and her grandchildren. Betty is survived by her husband Virgil; daughter Shirleen Feller and her daughter Summer; daughter Star Larsen and David Oberg; son Troy and wife Parti and their sons James and Sean; and son Arlon and wife Dianna and their children Misty and Tucker.

A celebration of her life will be held at Smith's West Funeral Chapel, 304 34th St. West, Saturday, Dec. 18, 11 a.m., with

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lunch to follow.

In lieu of flowers, memorial may be sent to Cancer Research at Deaconess Billings Clinic Foundation, 2917 10th Ave. N. Billings, MT 59103.

**Charles Morgan Larsen**

Charles Morgan Larsen, 80, of Billings, died Sunday evening, March 7, 2004, at his home.

The son of Lars P. and Christina (Thormahlen) Larsen, Chuck was born Sept. 27, 1923, in Bridger.

In 1942, shortly after graduation from high school in Bridger, he joined the U.S. Navy. Most of his time was spent aboard the Destroyer, USS LaVallette, in the South Pacific. After serving three years and three months, he was honorably discharged.

Chuck made a career of driving bus and truck for 38 years, most of which was with Northern Pacific Transport and BN Transport of Billings.

On Dec. 24, 1950, he married Betty Jean Lucas.

He enjoyed rafting the rivers in his rubber boat and hunting for deer on the islands with his children. Fishing was a very special time for Chuck, as this is where he felt close to his God. He had fond memories of the wonderful trip into the Bob Marshall Wilderness on horseback and fishing in Mexico and Canada.

Chuck loved to travel, anywhere, anytime so he and Betty shared many memorable trips.

**CHARLES LARSEN**

Survivors include his wife Betty Jean Larsen of 53 years; two daughters, Donnie Jean (Jack) Galloway of Spokane, Wash., and Shawnda (Rory) Goodson of Vancouver, Wash.; his son, William (Lorri) Larsen

of Spokane; and daughter-in-law Sue (Wayne) Larsen of Hillsboro, Ore., and seven grandchildren. Chuck's son Wayne has preceded him in death.

He enjoyed a wonderful relationship with his brothers and sisters throughout his life and is also survived by his sister Lucille (Earle) Philips of Hamilton. In addition to his son, he was preceded in death by his parents; seven brothers, Wallace K., of Red Lodge, Wilbur P., of Pasadena, Calif., Lars P. Jr., of Denver, Clarence of Bridger, Arthur (Boots) of Powell, Wyo., Alfred (Jim) and Elmer (Buster) of Bridger; and three sisters, Ethel Lapp of Billings, Gladys Ballinger of Billings and Clara McClure of Bridger.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Thursday, March 11, at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary, with interment at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Memorials may be made to Big Sky Hospice or the Boys and Girls Club.



# Ella Veara (Smith) Larsen

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POWELL, Wyo. — Ella Veara (Smith) Larsen, age 78, a longtime Powell resident, passed away in the evening hours on Friday, June 11, 204, at the Powell Valley Care Center in Powell.

She was born on July 30, 1925, in Kulm, N.D., to Daniel and Emily (Eberle) Hartman. She was a Powell High School graduate. In

1946, she married Luther Ray Smith and they later divorced.

She married Oscar John Larsen on Dec. 21, 1954, in

Powell. He preceded her in death on Sept. 9, 1980. She was a



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clerk for the Powell Coast to Coast Store for 25 years. She was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church and the VFW Auxilliary. She was raised on the Hartman homestead since 1935. She lived on the Willwood the rest of her life. She was a loving wife and mother, delighted in her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She will be remembered for her many loving acts and especially for her love of Christmas and decorating inside and outside. She enjoyed gardening, camping, fish-

ing, traveling to visit family and friends, and crocheting. Her love of Christmas made her passionate about collecting Santas. She was a beautiful and special lady.

She is survived by her sons, Luther Ray Smith and wife Bobette of Powell, Michael D. Smith and wife Lori of Billings, Patrick James Smith of Powell and Larry Larsen of Seattle; daughters Jean Paul and husband Ernie of Powell and Paulette Johnson and husband Terry of Ogden, Utah; one sister, Mildred "Midge" Albert and husband Les of Billings; a brother-in-law, Jack Logan of Powell; 15 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren. Her parents, husband, sisters Linda Muller, Alfreida Logan, Laura Turnbough and a brother, Arnold Hartman, preceded her in death.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, June 15, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Miratsky-Easton Funeral Home, and one hour prior to Wednesday funeral services at Immanuel Lutheran Church. Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, June 16, 11 a.m., at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 223 E. Fifth St., Powell, with Pastor

**Brett Balfour officiating.**

Interment will follow in Crown Hill Cemetery, Powell. Should friends desire, memorials might be made to Immanuel Lutheran Church, 223 E. Fifth St., Powell, WY 82435; the Powell VFW Auxiliary; or to a charity of one's choice.

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

# Kathy Larsen

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**CROW AGENCY** — Funeral services for Kathy Larsen 42, of Crow Agency, formerly of Culbertson, will be Thursday, Oct. 7, at 10 a.m. MDT, at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Culbertson. Father Greg Staudinger will officiate and burial will be in the Ebenezer Churchyard Cemetery. A wake service will be held Wednesday evening, Oct. 6, at 7 p.m. MDT, at St. Anthony's Catholic Church.

Kathy Lynn Larsen was born on July 12, 1962, to Arlie and Phoebe (Lambert) Larsen in Culbertson. She passed away on Oct. 1, 2004, in Billings, from a brain aneurysm.

Kathy grew up and attended schools in Culbertson. After high school, she moved to Miles City, attended Miles Community College and earned her first college degree as a medical secretary. She went to work at the Indian Development and Educational Alliance for 18 years. Kathy was very passionate about her work and helped hundreds of people to further their education, as mentor and friend. It was during that time that Kathy met and worked with Ernie Bighorn and



**KATHY  
LARSEN**

Leona "Lee" Harn, these two people forever became her special extended family. After many years of working in Miles City, Kathy went back to college and earned a degree in radiology technology and went to work in the medical field. This new line of work took her to Glendive, Wolf Point, Poplar and Crow Agency where many new and lasting friendships were formed.

Kathy's family and friends were her focal point. She had the biggest heart and always put everyone else's needs first. She was the first in line to donate her time and her energy to help others who were less fortunate or in need. No matter where Kathy went or what she did, she was accepted, loved and treasured because of her never-ending love and compassion.

On Dec. 13, 1999, Kathy and Greg were blessed with a wonderful little boy they named Shawn. He was Kathy's world. Kathy was the most giving mother, sister, niece, aunt and friend. Her life was dedicated to her family and friends. Her nephews and nieces, Austin (Christie) Knudsen, Jordan Knudsen, Kylan, Samantha, Dillon, Jacoby and Ted (T.J.) Engelke, and Amanda,

Joshua and Katelyn Hansen, were very special to her.

Kathy is survived by her son Shawn of the family home; her sisters, Rhonda (Miles) Knudsen of Culbertson, Lana (Keenan) Engelke of Culbertson, Dina (Joe) Hansen of Billings and Cynthia Larsen of Billings; her brother, Jonathon Larsen of Billings; adopted brother Ernie Bighorn; numerous aunts and uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Kathy was preceded in death by her husband Greg Olson; her parents, Arlie and Phoebe; her grandparents; and her "other" mother Lee Harn.

Friends may call at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Culbertson on Wednesday, from 3 until 7 p.m., and for one hour before service time at the church on Thursday.

Fulkerson Funeral Home of Williston, N.D., is in charge of arrangements.

## Dorothy Emma Larson

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MAR 29 2004

GLASGOW — Dorothy Emma Larson, 91, died Saturday, March 27, 2004, at France Mahon Deaconess Hospital in Glasgow.

Services will be at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, March 30, at Vale View Chapel in Glasgow. Interment will take place in Faith Lutheran Cemetery in Mentor, Minn. Bell Mortuary in Glasgow is in charge of arrangements.

## EDITH U. LARSON

Edith Orley Larson, 88, of Billings, died of cancer on Friday, Dec. 10, 2004, at St. John's Lutheran Home.

She was born in Michigan, N.D., to Adelbert and Pansy Wright on Aug. 13, 1916.

Edith grew up on a farm one half mile from Michigan.

There, she met and married Carl Leif Larson on Oct. 2, 1937.

Together, they farmed near Park River, N.D., for a year, then returned to the farm Carl was raised on near Michigan and later moved to Lakota, N.D.

Edith was a successful homemaker all her life. When her children were grown, she began working at the Gronna Nursing Home in Lakota, eventually becoming the Activities Director, a job she really loved. She was also an active member of the Lakota Lutheran Church.

In 1976, when Carl retired, he and Edith moved to Billings. After Carl contracted Alzheimer's disease, Edith became quite active in the Alzheimer's support group, giving numerous talks around Billings about the disease and her experiences.



**EDITH  
LARSON**

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Edith was a member of the Emmanuel Baptist Church. She loved her family dearly and unconditionally.

Edith loved church, music, crafts (especially crocheting) and people. She truly enjoyed life.

She is survived by her three sons, Gaylord of Bloomington, Ill.; Terry (Melody) and Cameron (Holly), both of Billings; seven grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren, plus one more to be born in January. She was preceded in death by her husband, Carl; her parents; one brother; one sister; and an infant son, Owen.

Memorial services will be held at Emmanuel Baptist Church at 11 a.m. Monday, Jan. 10, 2005.

Memorials may be made to Emmanuel Baptist Church Building Fund or St. John's Lutheran Ministries. Smith Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

## GLADYS L. LARSON

Our sweet angel of a mother, Gladys Lenora Larson, 90, of Billings, formerly of Lavina, received her wings on Friday, Sept. 24, 2004, surrounded by her family.

Gladys was born Feb. 11, 1914, in Yukon, Okla., the youngest of four children born to Charles and Anna Otis Hubatka.

In 1915, she traveled with her parents to a homestead in the Lake Mason area, north of Roundup. She attended Hathaway Country School and graduated from Roundup High School in 1931.

Following graduation, Gladys attended Normal School in Billings and received a teaching certificate. She taught at several area country schools, including Devil's Basin and Emory. She worked for the J.C. Penney company in Roundup for several years and received recognition for being the best sales clerk in the four-state area.

On Sept. 19, 1934, Gladys married Willard Harden in Roundup. From this union, one child, Don, was born. They were later divorced.

Gladys and Lloyd Larson were



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married on Jan. 21, 1947, at Roundup, and spent most of the 53 years at Lavina. Together, they had three children: Carol, Jim and Doris. Lloyd passed away in Apr. 2000.

In 1969, at the age of 55, Gladys received her bachelor of science degree from Eastern Montana College. She taught several years at Sumatra and retired from Lavina School District. She touched many lives during her teaching career and mentioned that she loved every child she taught.

Gladys enjoyed family gatherings, cooking, rodeos, flowers, the mountains and joyriding with her kids. Mom's treasures in life were her children. There is nothing she would not do or sacrifice for her children and they remained always her very first thought.

Her deep faith and love of the Lord carried her through many trials in life. In her own words, "the good Lord will take care of me."

Gladys was a member of the National Education Association and the American Lutheran Church of Lavina.

Preceding her in death were her husband Lloyd; her parents; and siblings, Lillian, Nellie and Charles. She is survived by her sons, Don Harden (Sherry), Jim Larson (Irene), both of Billings;

and daughters, Carol Hansen (Gene) of Roundup, Doris Van Dyke (Gene) of Acton; and a step-daughter, Carleen Goodrow (Bill) of Colorado. She is also survived by numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, brother-in-law Ted Crouse of Roundup, nieces and nephews; and a special niece, Jean Krause of Laurel.

We will miss you so much, Mom. Now you are in the Lord's hands forever.

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

Viewing begins Wednesday, Sept. 29, from noon to 5 p.m., at the Gallery. Funeral services will be held 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 30, at Cremation or Funeral Gallery. Interment following at Lavina Cemetery.



## Lorraine Larson

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

AUG 13 2004

Lorraine Larson, 82, of Billings, died Wednesday, Aug. 11, 2004, in her home.

Cremation has taken place. At her request, no services will be held.

In lieu of flowers, donations to Hospice would be appreciated. Big Sky Hospice, P.O. Box 35033, Billings, MT 59107.

**FEB 12 2004**

**BALLANTINE** — Orville R. Larson, 82, of Ballantine, passed away Feb. 9, 2004, at the Deaconess Billings Clinic.

Orville was born June 14, 1921, in Wibaux, the son of Oscar and Inga (Wolla) Larson. After moving to the Huntley Project in 1937, Orville attended and graduated from Huntley Project High School in 1940 with the new high school's first graduating class. He entered the U.S. Army in February 1945 and served in Hawaii until July of 1946. Orville married Violet Fisher, June 28, 1947 in Columbus.



**ORVILLE  
LARSON**

Orville farmed and ranched in the Huntley Project area for better than 60 years. He was employed at the Great Western Sugar factory and in 1966, began work as a plumbing, heating and electrical technician for Mid Valley Lumber Co. of Worden. He formed Orville's Repair Service in 1981 and worked up until the time of his death.

He was an active member of the Ballantine United Church of Christ.

Orville was preceded in death by his parents, Oscar and Inga (Wolla) Larson, as well as his sis-

ter, Vivian Sura. Survivors include his wife of 56 years, Vi; and three sons, Ron (Sally) of Belgrade, Jim (Carol) of Columbus, Jack (Marian) of Miles City; and eight grandchildren, Tara, Mike, Derek, Ben (Brielle), Luke (Amy), Garrett, Jordan and Inga.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 14, at the Huntley Project Elementary Gym. Interment will be at Pleasantview Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Ballantine Congregational United Church of Christ. Smith Downtown Chapels is assisting with arrangements.

## Pearl Margaret Duncan Larson

FORSYTH — Pearl Margaret Duncan Larson, 87, died Friday, Oct. 15, 2004, at the Rosebud Health Care Center.

Visitation will be from 1-7 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 19, in the Chapel of Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home of Forsyth. Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 20, in the Federated Church in Forsyth. Burial will follow in the family lot of the Forsyth Cemetery. Memorials can be made to the Forsyth Federated Church or to a charity of one's choice.

# Pearl Margaret (Duncan) Larson

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**FORSYTH** — Pearl Margaret (Duncan) Larson, age 87, of Forsyth, passed away quietly, Oct. 15, 2004, at the Rosebud Health Care Center in Forsyth.

Pearl was born on Oct. 19, 1916, in Windham, the daughter of William and Lizzie (Malcolm) Duncan. Pearl grew up in the Windham area and graduated from Windham High School. Following graduation, Pearl was united in marriage to Henry G. Larson on March 2, 1934, in Harlowton. To this marriage, seven children were born: Patricia, Joan "Jodi," Margo, Ted, Carmen, Lars and Jim. Together, Pearl and Henry lived and raised their family in Pleasant Valley. Pearl and Henry moved to Custer in 1957 and later to Forsyth. Pearl was employed as a cook at Rosebud Health Care Center and retired after 25 years of service.



**PEARL  
LARSON**

Pearl enjoyed traveling with her husband, listening to country music and cooking for family and friends. Pearl's greatest enjoyment was her family and her grandchildren.

Pearl will be missed by all.

Pearl is survived by her children, Patricia Witzel and her husband Theodore of Lake Havasu City, Ariz., Joan "Jodi" Steiger and her husband Harlin of Forsyth, Margo Roan and her husband Jack of Billings, Carmen Mers and her husband Allen of Southlake, Texas, Lars Larson and his wife Adell of Scappoose, Ore., Jim Larson and his wife Karen of Hysham; her daughter-in-law Judy Larson of Columbus; 11 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; six great-great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Pearl was preceded in death by her parents; her husband Henry; one son, Ted; two brothers, Dave and Alick; three sisters, Isabelle, Francis and Jennette.

Funeral Service will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 20, at 2 p.m., in the Federated Church in Forsyth. Burial will follow in the family lot of the Forsyth Cemetery.

Memorials can be made to the Forsyth Federated Church or to a charity of your choice.

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

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

## Clarence Lathrop

*THE BILLINGS GAZETTE*

STANFORD — Clarence L. Lathrop, 71, of Stanford, died Monday, July 5, 2004, in Great Falls Benefis East Medical Center.

Visitation will begin Wednesday, July 7, at the Creel Funeral Home of Lewistown. Funeral Liturgy will be 3 p.m. Thursday, July 8, at St. Leo's Catholic Church in Lewistown. Interment will follow in Central Montana Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

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## **Dorothy Louise Lathrop**

**BELLINGS GAZETTE**

**DEC 06 2004**

LOVELL, Wyo. — Dorothy Louise Lathrop, 81, died Saturday, Dec. 4, 2004, at North Big Horn Hospital.

Cremation has taken place. No services are planned at this time. Haskell Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

## Douglas Lee Lattimer

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Douglas Lee Lattimer, 74, of Billings, passed away Oct. 5, 2004, from heart and respiratory problems.

He was born Sept. 29, 1930, to Robert and Marie (Loh) Lattimer in Milwaukee.

Douglas attended Garfield Elementary and graduated from Billings Senior High School in 1948. After graduating from high school, he worked for the Billings Gazette before entering the U.S. Air Force in 1951 and serving his country in Japan and Korea. Douglas was honorably discharged in 1955. He married Delores Sexe on June 14, 1954. He then went back to work for the Billings Gazette, retiring after 35 years.

He is survived by his mother, Marie; and son, Stephen, both of Billings; his brother, Wayne (Marlene) of Ojai, Calif.; nephew, David of Moreno Valley, Calif.; and his niece, Elizabeth of Orange, Calif. He was preceded in death by his wife, Delores "Dee" and his father, Robert Lattimer.

Graveside inurnment will be held 11 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 12, at Mountview Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to American Heart Association or St. Vincent Intensive Care Unit.

Arrangements are by Cremation or Funeral Gallery.

## Lucile Turco Lattimer

KALISPELL — Lucile Turco Lattimer, age 92, passed away on Feb. 15, 2004, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

Lucile was born on Dec. 29, 1911, in Fishtail, to Lawrence and Jessie Turco. She graduated from high school in Livingston, then went on to attend Billings Business College in Billings. She worked as an office worker at the Artificial Ice Co., then went to work at the Property Division of the Bureau of Reclamation in Billings for 27 years. She married Harley Nelson, whom she later divorced, then married Woodrow Lattimer in 1952; they were married for 42 years.

Lucile lived her entire life in Montana, over 60 years in Billings. She loved gardening, reading, sewing, traveling, and especially visiting her relatives. She was a longtime treasurer of the Oil Workers Auxiliary in Billings and had worked as a volunteer at the Billings Deaconess Hospital.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband Woodrow Lattimer; and four brothers, Ted, Paul, Bob and William.

She is survived by a daughter, Carol and her husband Neil Eliason of Bigfork; stepson Robert Lattimer of Honolulu; stepdaughters Pat Roach and her husband Jay of Palmetto, Fla., and Bonnie Morgan

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of Seneca, N.Y.; grandchildren, Lauri Miron of Billings, Rich Eliason of Elko, Nev., John Eliason of Philadelphia; and several step-grandchildren; great-grandchildren, Erik and Patrick Miron of Billings and Sophia Eliason of Philadelphia.

Urn burial will be at Mountview Cemetery in Billings at a later date. Memorials are requested to the Intermountain Children's Home, 500 S. Lamborn St., Helena, MT 59601.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory caring for the family.



JAN 17 2004

BOTHELL, Wash. — Richard "Tiny" Lauch, 67, formerly of Billings, Mont., died Sept. 18, 2003, with his new wife Katie by his side, after a brave fight against cancer.

He was born Aug. 10, 1936. Dick left behind three children, four grandchildren, two sisters and a brother. He was loved by all, and we enjoyed his humor right up to the end.

## Robert G. Laughery

THE BILLINGS GAZET.

SEGUIN, Texas — Robert G. Laughery, 80, of Seguin, died at his home on June 7, 2004.

Bob, son of Mark and Eva Miller Laughery, was born in Joliet, Mont., on Aug. 26, 1923.

The family moved to Canyon in December of 1923, where Bob lived until joining the U.S. Army in 1942.

On Nov. 19, 1944, Bob and Imogene Hobbs of Vega were united in marriage.

After discharge from the army in 1946, Bob and Imogene moved to Billings, where Bob managed Center Bowling Lanes and then was rate-clerk for Northwest Freight Lines.

In January 1952, Bob went back into the army, retiring after more than 24 years of meritorious service.

Both parents and a sister, Dorothy, precede Bob in death.

He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Imogene of Seguin; two sons, Lewis of Seguin and Gerald (Brenda) of Dallas; three grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and his sister, Ann Kosel of Billings.

Military funeral and burial took place at Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery, San Antonio, on June 11.

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## Lewella Laur

BUFFALO, Wyo. — Lewella Laur, 106, died Saturday, Sept. 11, 2004, at the Army Holt Care Center in Buffalo.

Visitation will be from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 16, at Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home in Gillette. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Sept. 17, at the Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home Chapel. Interment will follow at Gillette's Mt. Pisgah Cemetery.

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# Marsha Gerene LaVance *THE BILLINGS GAZETTE*

CODY, Wyo. — Marsha Gerene LaVance, 45, died, Thursday, July 1, 2004, of natural causes.

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Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, July 7, at Ballard Funeral Home. Interment will follow in Riverside Cemetery. ■

JUL 15 2004

WINNEBAGO, Neb. — Lillian S. LaVerdure, 92, of Brighton, Colo., formerly of Winnebago, passed away Friday, July 9, 2004, in Jackson. Due to poor health, and at her request, she had just recently returned to Nebraska to live with her great-niece.

Memorial services will be at a later date and burial of the cremated ashes will be in the Winnebago Indian Cemetery beside her late husband George Becker — Hunt Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Lillian was born Nov. 4, 1911, in Winnebago, the last of five children born to Levi and Anna (Frenchman) St. Cyr. She graduated from the South Sioux City High School in 1930, on the date her mother suddenly passed away. She entered the federal service shortly after graduation at Winnebago as a secretary and stenographer. She married George A. LaVerdure, a fellow employee, July 6, 1940, in Dakota City. During WWII, she served as an accountant at the Flandreau Indian School in Flandreau, S.D. She ended her federal career at the end of WWII to devote full time to homemaking.

She is survived by her son, Doyle LaVerdure of Brighton, Colo.; three granddaughters and three great-grandsons, one great-granddaughter, nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews, cousins and many friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, George, of 58 years, on March 27, 1999 in Thornton, Colo.; her parents and a sister.

# Janis Kay Lawrence

July 14, 1959 - Oct. 4, 2004

Our daughter, sister, mother and friend, Janis Kay Lawrence, passed away on Oct. 4, 2004, after a long courageous battle with cancer.

Janis was born on July 14, 1959, in Billings, the second daughter of Francis and Shirley Lawrence. She was married to Mark Thompson and has two beautiful daughters, Heather Joy and Skye Michelle Thompson. She also has a loving son, Mikol Tyler Eberle. She was a beautiful woman who endured a very trying life. She had many dreams and hopes for a better tomorrow. She was a great friend and had a smile that lit up any room she was in. Her laughter was contagious and you could always feel her presence. She had a heart of gold and would make sure her opinion was heard. She was an amazing woman who will be dearly missed by all.

She is survived by her mother, Shirley Lawrence, and father, Francis (Lynn) Lawrence; sisters, Lynn (Greg) Luck, Kelly Lawrence; her daughters, Heather and Skye Thompson; son, Mikol Eberle; grandchildren, Robert and Serenity Thompson; and nephews, Troy and Wes Phares. She also leaves behind her loving soul mate, Carl Barrett, and so many loving family members and friends.

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"Spread your wings Mom,  
You can fly now,  
Everlasting freedom.  
It's all yours in Heaven.  
We love you!"

Donations can be made to Horizon Hospice or Northern Rockies Radiation Oncology Center.

Memorial services will be at 2:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 7, at Cremation or Funeral Gallery at 29 Eighth St. West.

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BOZEMAN — At 4:35 p.m. in the afternoon of Sept. 23, 2004, as a beautiful rainbow appeared over the Bridger Mountains, the Lord Jesus stretched out his hand to lead our beloved mother home, to dwell with him in a place free of pain and suffering, her husband, John, holding her hand as her last minutes slipped away.



**JOYCE  
LAWSON**

Joyce was born an American citizen on Sept. 12, 1921, in Hillsprings, Alberta, Canada, to Elmo and Anne Jehzell Hendrickson. At the age of 5, the family moved to Fort Shaw, where she attended the first grade. The family then moved to La Grande, Ore., where they settled in permanence. Joyce graduated from La Grande High School in 1939. She had a beautiful singing voice, and attended Eastern Oregon College under a music scholarship for two years. During the war, Joyce worked at the Ordinance Depot in Hermiston, Ore. She then moved for several years to San Francisco, to work for the MG West Company.

Returning home to her beloved northwest, she moved to Billings to work for Montana

Oliver Machinery. There she met her husband of almost 56 years, John P. Lawson, and they were married on Oct. 2, 1948. Over the next few years, the family moved often to different job sites, where John worked as a lineman for Montana Bell Telephone Company, and during this period she gave birth to her three children, Jay, Jill and Jan.

The family settled in Bozeman in 1953, where Joyce went to work as a Civil Servant for the Soil Conservation Service, and later the U.S. Forest Service. She retired as the Office Manager of the Forestry Sciences Lab, U.S. Forest Service, in 1984. She later worked part time for the Potato Lab, Montana State University.

Joyce loved music, especially light classical and musicals, and she was an avid reader. She enjoyed activities which stimulated her mind, playing bridge with her friends and doing crossword puzzles. She was a gifted piano player, and could play almost any tune on sight. During her retirement, she and her husband were able to travel, touring Europe several times and traveling to Hawaii for Bobcat Football games, but she always enjoyed returning to her beloved mountains of Montana.

Most of all, Joyce loved and enjoyed her family, giving freely

of herself to her husband, children and grandchildren. She also enjoyed returning every other year for a reunion of her large Hendrickson family, hosting several of these events in the Hyalite Canyon.

During her last years, Joyce suffered a stroke and later a broken hip. While she was in constant pain, she was nonetheless a joy to those around her at the Mountain View Care Center. She was especially overjoyed by the birth of her first two great-grandchildren, Corbyn and Katherine Marie. She was able to visit with both before her passing.

Joyce is survived by her husband, John Lawson; her children, Jay Lawson (Belva), Jill Stevens (Dave) and Jan Lawson; her grandchildren, John, Wayne, Kristin, Cary, Shane and Shannon; and her great-grandchildren, Corbyn and Katherine Marie. She was preceded in death by her parents, Elmo and Anne Jehzell Hendrickson; and brother and sisters, Jack Hendrickson, Jean Jenson, Anne Isaacson and Betty Waite of La Grande. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, Sept. 30, at 2 p.m., at Dahl Funeral Service, followed by interment at Sunset Hills Cemetery.



**Olaf Lawson****JUN 13 2004**

**GILLETTE, Wyo. — Olaf "Ole" Lawson, 64, of Gillette, died Thursday, June 10, 2004, at his home, of cancer.**

**Visitation will be from 3 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, June 16, at the Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home in Gillette. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, June 17, at the New Life Wesleyan Church in Gillette.**

## Gerald T. Laya

THE RIFLE NEWS GAZETTE

AUG 24 2004

RANCHESTER, Wyo. — Gerald T. "Jerry" Laya, 77, of Ranchester, died Thursday, Aug. 19, 2004, at Memorial Hospital of Sheridan County.

Cremation has taken place in Sheridan. A celebration of life will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 28, in the Ranchester Park Kane Funeral Home of Sheridan is in charge.

**Donald Byrn Leach**

APR 13 2004

Donald Byrn Leach, 84, died Thursday, April 1 at St. Patrick Hospital in Frenchtown, Mont., of cancer.

**Donald Leach**

He was born February 1, 1920 in Lewiston, Idaho, to Floyd and Mary (Parks) Leach. He graduated high school in Grangeville, Idaho, and served with the Air Force during WWII. In 1949, he married Virginia Mitchell. She passed away in 1969. In 1972, he married Leona Lovercheck, of Powell.

He enjoyed hunting for sapphires and loved his garden. He was a true gentleman farmer. His friends called him the "Tomato Man."

He was preceded in death by his sister Violet; his brother Robert; his parents Floyd and Mary; and his mother and father-in-law Frank and Phyllis Lovercheck. He is survived by his wife of 31 years, Leona; seven children (his and hers), Sharon, Larry (Marcie), John, DeAnn (Dan), Ken (Bonnie), Phyllis (Kevin), and Marty; his sister Louerene (Lester) Shaw; his brothers, Earl (Marie), Wayne (Carol), and Lawrence (Marilyn); several grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and cousins, Totsie, Ellen, and Louise.

Memorial services were held on Tuesday, April 6 at 2 p.m., at the Frenchtown Community Church with Rev. Bill Jackson officiating. Memorials are preferred to Camp Make-A-Dream. Arrangements were under the direction of Garden City Funeral Home.

# Helen Syslo Leach

**LAUREL** — Helen Syslo Leach passed away Friday, Oct. 22, 2004, surrounded by family members, at Evergreen, Laurel.

Helen was born Feb. 17, 1912, at the family farm outside of Roundup. She was second of five children born to Wladyslawia (Marcinkowski) and Peter Syslo. She attended country school and graduated from Roundup High School in 1931.

She married Harold Leach on Nov. 25, 1931, in Roundup. They lived in Ingomar for several months and then moved to Applegate, Ore. They returned to Ingomar for several years before moving permanently to Laurel in 1937. She lived there since, with the exception of three years spent in Bozeman, where Harold's work took him.

Helen was a homemaker. She worked with the Boy Scouts as a den mother. She was an accomplished seamstress and also knitted and crocheted for family and friends. In addition, Helen enjoyed her neighborhood coffee club.

She and Harold enjoyed bowling and she held many offices in both the Laurel and Montana bowling associations. She was the first woman from Laurel inducted into the State Bowling Hall of Fame. She and Harold went to various states to bowling tournaments.

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In later years, she was asked to work for two weeks at Elliot's Furniture in Billings sewing drapes. The two weeks became three years.

Other interests included camping, fishing, reading and playing cards with family and friends. She always had a big garden and shared produce with family and friends. Due to macular degeneration, she began to lose her sight and was forced to give up many hobbies. Bowling and gardening were the last things she gave up. She also enjoyed visiting family and friends in various states.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Harold; an infant daughter, Shirley; a son, Gene; two sisters, Tillie Megowan of Burbank, Calif., and Julia Siemion of Roundup; and a brother, Edward Syslo of Tacoma, Wash.

Survivors include a daughter, Hazel Storck of Laurel; a son Harley (Karla) Leach of Bozeman; seven grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; a sister, Clara Young of Colorado Springs, Colo.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, Oct. 29, at Smith Funeral Chapel in Laurel. A reception will

be held at the United Methodist Church in Laurel immediately following the service. In lieu of flowers, donations maybe made to the charities of choice.

# Robert Leon Leavell

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

FEB 06 2004

Robert Leavell, 55, of Billings, died Wednesday, Feb. 4, 2004, at his home.



**ROBERT  
LEAVELL**

Robert was born Sept. 13, 1948, in Lynwood, Calif. Robert was the son of Beatrice

and Paul Eugene Leavell. Robert received his education in Southgate, Calif.

In 1975, Robert moved to Billings and fell in love with Montana. On Nov. 10, 1984, Robert was united in marriage to his loving wife, Judy Ann Wilkinson, in Billings.

Robert loved his sons and daughters and grandchildren. Robert spent much of his life working on railroads in Southern California and enjoyed his time with the railroad very much. Robert also loved to fish and enjoy the wilderness of Montana. Robert was also an avid reader. His church and his love of the Lord were a major part of his life.

Survivors include his loving wife Judy; sons, Robert Leavell Jr., Glen Leavell and Shawn Leavell; and his daughters, Cindy Leavell, Joy Leavell, Charmon Wallace and Peaches

Hemphill; and his brother, Gene Leavell; and 12 grandchildren.

Robert was preceded in death by his parents and a grandson, Anthony Leach.

Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 7, at the LDS Church, 1000 Wicks Lane, and burial will follow in Fairview Cemetery in Hardin.

Smith Downtown Chapel in charge of arrangements.

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Corinna Marie Lechner, 78, passed away Dec. 23, 2004, with God, her loving family and her dedicated companion Russel Householder at her side.

Corinna was born in Worden Aug. 24, 1926, to Alva and Emma (Horstman) Walker, and graduated from Huntley Project High School. She married Marcus Lechner on Dec. 21, 1946, and soon afterward their own family flourished with four children.

Corinna was a loving and devoted wife, mother, grandmother, caregiver and gardener who led

an active and fulfilling life by seizing every opportunity to go dancing and for long walks.

Corinna supported her children's participation in sports, music and any other interests they expressed. A high school basketball player herself, it was a special treat for her to watch her grandchildren play basketball, volleyball and football.

A kind and social person, Corinna loved having lots of family, friends, and neighbors in her life. Working as a custodian for the Billings School District in her later years provided opportunity for her to get to know some won-



**CORINNA  
LECHNER**

derful people whose friendships she treasured.

A younger brother, Edward, a foster brother, Walter Hargrove whose bond was stronger-than-blood, and her beloved husband, Marcus, preceded Corinna in death.

Her survivors include her daughter, Marie (Howard) Hailstone (grandson Adam); son, Larry (Beth); son, Dan (Teresa) (granddaughters Amanda and Jessica); and daughter, Lorrie (John) Inge (grandchildren Marcus and Victoria), as well as many family members and friends whose lives she touched.

Corinna's warm smile and loving ways will be greatly missed by all those who knew her; however, she will remain in our hearts as we have all been blessed by the joy of her spirit.

Memorial services will be at 2 pm. on Wednesday, Dec. 29, at Trinity Lutheran Church with interment to follow at Pleasantview Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Trinity Lutheran Church or a charity of choice.



## Antonio 'Tony' Ledesma

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MAY 24 2004

Antonio "Tony" Ledesma, age 78, of Billings, died Thursday, May 20, 2004, at the Billings Health and Rehabilitation community.

Tony was born Feb. 28, 1926, in Colorado, Texas, the son of Jesse and Ysabel (Soto) Ledesma. He lived with his family in Wyoming and after his father's death, they moved to Billings.

Tony served in the U.S. Army from 1944 to 1945 and also the Army Reserve. He married Sarah Rodriguez on Aug. 5, 1945. He worked with the Montana Migrant and Seasonal Farmworker Council for many years as an outreach specialist until his retirement.

He enjoyed gardening and working with his tools in his garage, and the love of his life was his grandchildren.

Survivors include his son, Daniel (Teresa) Ledesma; and daughter, Kristy (Brian) Ledesma, both of Billings; two sisters, Felipa Gandara of Mesa, Ariz. and Virginia Lujan of Downey, Calif.; 13 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Tony was preceded in death by his wife, Sarah in 2002; his parents; four children, Doloris, Jesse, Robert and Gloria; two sisters, Nach and Socorro; and a brother, John.

The Vigil service will be 7 p.m. Monday, May 24, at Smith Downtown Chapel. The Funeral mass will be 10 a.m. Tuesday Our Lady of Guadalupe Church. Interment with military honors will follow at Mountview Cemetery.

GREYBULL, Wyo. — Mabel Jean LeDuc, alias Mabel, 78, of Greybull, died Tuesday, Feb. 17, 2004, at her home.

Memorial funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 21, at the Elks BPOE #1431 in Greybull. Cremation has taken place. Burial of cremains will be at a later date in the Hillside Cemetery in Greybull. Atwood Family Funeral Directors, Inc. is in charge.

MAY 11 2004

**Jeannette M. Lee**

**POWELL, Wyo.** — Jeannette M. Lee, 86, died Wednesday, May 12, 2004, at the Powell Valley Care Center, Hospice Care Unit.

Wake services will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 19, at Miratsky-Easton Funeral Home in Powell. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, May 20, at St. Barbara's Catholic Church in Powell. Private interment will be in Crown Hill Cemetery at a later time.

## **Jeannette M. Lee**

THE POWELL  
TRIBUNE

MAY 18 2004

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Thursday, May 20 at 10 a.m. at St. Barbara's Catholic Church for Jeannette M. Lee, 86, who died Wednesday evening, May 12 at the Powell Valley Care Center, hospice care unit.

Wake services will be Wednesday, May 19 at 7 p.m. at Miratsky-Easton Funeral Home. Private burial of cremains will be held at Crown Hill Cemetery at a later date.

She was born April 29, 1918, in Salmon, Idaho, daughter of Frank C. and Marie H. (Crowley) Miller. She attended public schools in Salmon and then attended Idaho State University at Pocatello where she received her B.S. degree in education. She then taught at a country school for one year. The next three years she taught in the Salmon, Idaho, public schools.

Later, she attended Kinman Business College in Spokane, Wash.

She married Weldon R. Lee in Salmon on July 31, 1944. For two years they lived in Pullman, Wash., where he received his degree in veterinary medicine at Washington State University. She worked in the accounting department at the college.

They moved to Salmon, Idaho, for two years, then moved to Powell where she lived until her death.

She was a member of St. Barbara's Catholic Church and for several years was active in the Altar Society and Saint Mary's Circle. She was president of the Wyoming Veterinary Medical Association Auxiliary for one year and a life member of the Powell Benevolent Order of Does #187.

For many years she was active in helping her husband, Dr. W.R. Lee, at the veterinary clinic. She was an avid gardener.

Survivors include her son, James Lee and two granddaughters, Jennifer Lee and Andrea Lee, all of Great Falls, Mont.; several nieces and one nephew; one sister-in-law, Fay Miller, of Pocatello, Idaho; and several cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; one daughter, Marie; and one son, Raymond.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to St. Barbara's Poor or the charity of choice.

## **Jewel Bernice Lee**

LOVELL, Wyo. — Jewel Bernice Lee, 94, died Friday, March 12, 2004, at New Horizons Care Center.

Visitation will be Monday, March 15, from 5 to 8 p.m. at Haskell Funeral Home. Funeral services will be 1 p.m. Tuesday, March 16, at Haskell Funeral Home. Interment will be in the Lovell Cemetery.

MAR 15 2004

# Marian Fong Lee

April 10, 1924 — Sept. 22, 2004

OCT 24 2004

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CAMARILLO, Calif. — Marian Fong Lee, 80, passed away on Sept. 22, 2004, in Camarillo.

Marian is survived by her loving husband, Thomas of 53 years; sons, Richard and Raymond; daughters, Janet, Nancy and Joyce; and seven grandchildren. She is also survived by her brother, Bill Y. Fong and sister Margaret Louie.



**MARIAN LEE**

Marian and Thomas owned and operated the Chinese Kitchen Restaurant in Billings for more than 20 years. After retiring, they moved to Camarillo.

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MERRILL LEE

## Merrill LaVon Lee

**ROUNDUP** — Papa is gone. Sure the paddock and the stable are dear to the heart, the greening grass and the prospect of a new crop of foals has never been better. But no spread is so good that God cannot make one better. So when the Head Boss called, our Papa laid down his work and moved on to The Greenest Pasture.

His name was Merrill LaVon Lee, born in Panaca, Nev., Nov. 29, 1912, the first of six children. His fond childhood memories were of hunting trips with his father, camping out, gathering piñon pine nuts and cutting posts. His love of horses started while chasing wild mustangs with his younger brother Arshal while still in their teens.

Merrill graduated from Panaca High School. He then served in the CCC camps in Yellowstone Park before enlisting in the Army Air Corp. In 1941, Merrill was stationed in the Philippine Islands prior to the

U.S. entering World War II. After being captured on the Baton Peninsula, April 9, 1942, Merrill endured the death march and 42 months as a Japanese POW. After being liberated in August 1945, Merrill came to Montana to attend good friend and fellow POW Ben Steele's wedding. While there, he met the love of his life, Virginia Spidel. They married Sept. 2, 1948. Three children quickly followed: Susan, Elton and Robert. They traveled the country for the next 12 years, living at various air force bases, including three years in Germany, until Merrill's retirement in 1964. Coming home to Virginia's family ranch near Roundup, they built a home and pursued their lifelong dream of raising quarter horses. Merrill strongly believed in Churchill's words that the outside of a horse was good for the inside of a man.

Merrill never lost his love for the outdoors, hunting and camping well into his 80s. He had a story to tell about every pasture, spring, winter storm, neighbor, mare and season of his life. We will miss the family gatherings, with his telling of his stories, but they will always be a part of our remembrances.



In his later years, he was still able to enjoy the thrill of watching their horses run on the track and fellowship with the friends at the LDS church in Roundup. Merrill was excited to frequently visit the temple in Billings while he was still able.

He celebrated his 91st birthday last November, and lived to enjoy another Montana spring. While out in the pasture preparing the ground for seeding on Tuesday, April 20, 2004, he breathed his last breath and died with his boots on with the wide Montana sky above him.

Merrill is survived by his wife, Virginia; daughter Susan and husband Rod Dahl, their children, Christopher (Leslie), Zachary (Sandy) and Toby (Jody); son Elton, daughter-in-law Barbara, their children Ezra (Kristy), Amos (Sandra), Ruth Perry (Jack), Isaiah, Esther, Peter, Zephaniah, Abigail, Moriah, Tabitha and Hannah; son Robert and wife Jayne, their children Edward, Elizabeth and Rebecca; great-grandchildren, Samantha Dahl, Augustus Dahl, Sophie Lee, Cayman Lee, Brigem Dahl and James Perry; brother Cecil (Genevieve); sister Gail; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be from 5 to 9 p.m. Friday, April 23, at the Wier Funeral Chapel.

Funeral services will be held at Wier Funeral Home in Roundup at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 24. LDS Brother Joseph Ingalls will be presiding. Interment with military honors will be at the family cemetery on the Dahl ranch immediately following the service. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to the Roundup 4-H Council or your local VFW.

## Dorothy Leek

**THE BILLINGS GAZETTE**

RECLUSE, Wyo. — Dorothy Leek, age 88, died Thursday, February 19, 2004, at the Pioneer Manor Nursing Home in Gillette, Wyoming. At her request, no services will be held. Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home of Gillette, Wyo., is in charge of arrangements.

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**Jim Leenhuis****JUN 04 2004**

**FORSYTH —** Jim Leenhuis, 59, of Forsyth, died Tuesday, June 1, 2004, at his home, of cancer.

A graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, June 5, in the family lot of the Forsyth Cemetery. Stevenson and Sons Funeral Home in Forsyth is in charge.

## Robert R. Lefler

LAUREL — Robert R. Lefler, 76, of Laurel, passed away at his home Tuesday, April 20, 2004. He was born Dec. 20, 1927, in Harrold, S.D., a son of Ralph and Gertrude Lefler. He attended school in Highmore and Forestburg, S.D.

He served in the U.S. Navy from 1945 to 1947 aboard the carrier USS Saipan. After his military service, he attended college at Huron, S.D. For several years, he and his brothers Bill and



**ROBERT  
LEFLER**

Ben owned and operated Lefler's Plumbing and Heating in Missoula. In 1961, he moved his family to Laurel and began driving for Convoy Co., retiring in 1988. He earned awards for 2 million miles and 20 years accident free driving.

Robert and Eva Lanning were married in 1951 and had four children. They were divorced several years later. He married Bobbie Bennett in 1973 and acquired four more children.

During his retirement years,

he loved to golf every day and he helped establish and was a partner in Elk Horn Construction LLC. He loved horses, and as a hobby, began training draft horses and earned a reputation for his excellent teams and sold them in several states. He was proud to have had them driven in Cheyenne Days. One team earned several blue and red ribbons in Oklahoma fairs.

Survivors include his wife, Bobbie; and all his children, Marilyn Minch, Carolyn (Craig) Christner, Bruce (Rhonda) Lefler, Yvonne (Lester) Adams, Cassandra Richardson, Bobbie June (Rick) Carmack, Leslie Wright and Scott (Nancy) Bennett; nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; his mother, Gertrude Lefler; and his sisters Jean (Leonard) Knutson and Marjorie Lefler.

Robert was a very special person and will be greatly missed not only by his family, but by his vast number of friends.

Memorial services will be held 2 p.m. Saturday, April 24, at Smith Funeral Chapel-Laurel. Visitation 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, April 23. Memorials are suggested to Special K Ranch.

## Tamera Jean Legerski

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MAPLE LAKE, Minn. — Tamera Jean "Tammy" Legerski, 37, of rural Maple Lake, formerly of Sheridan, Wyo., died Tuesday, July 27, 2004, at Hennepin County Medical Center in Minneapolis.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 3, at Kane Funeral Home in Sheridan. Interment will follow in the Sheridan Municipal Cemetery.

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## Thomas Legerski, Sr.

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Thomas Michael Legerski, Sr., 82, of Sheridan, died Tuesday, Dec. 14, 2004, at Memorial Hospital of Sheridan County.

The rosary will be at 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 16, at Kane Funeral Home in Sheridan. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 17, at Holy Name Catholic Church. Interment will follow in Sheridan Municipal Cemetery.

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## Lillie D. Leggate

Lillian Daisy Leggate, age 89, passed away of natural causes, Sunday, Aug. 15, 2004.

Lillian Daisy Leggate was born April 25, 1915, in Pierre, S. D., the third of seven children of William Archibald Urquhart and Vera Frances Carmack. Her family moved to Hensler, N.D., and later Mandan, N.D., when the Northern Pacific Railroad hired her father. In 1937, Lillie came to Billings to attend Eastern Montana College. She married Justus Wayne Leggate of Billings, June 23, 1940, her husband of 48 years. Lillie resided in an assisted living home in Billings since her husband's death in 1989.

Lillie enjoyed camping with the family, playing the piano, fancy work and quilting. She also enjoyed dancing, playing cards and social activities with friends and family. She had been a long-time member of First United Methodist Women and Compass Club. Lillie was past president of the County Extension Society, and Worthy Matron of Order of Eastern Star, Edna Hedges Chapter No. 15, was a page in Bath Zabbia Temple No. 21 Daughters of the Nile and a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Lillie was preceded in death by her husband; her parents; three brothers, James David Urquhart, Malcolm William Urquhart and Fremont Zack

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Urquhart; and two sisters, Vera Carrie Dooley and Vera Vella Urquhart.

Lillie is survived by a sister, Pansy Violet (Clifford) Atwood of Seattle; and four sons, J. Warren (Barbara) Leggate of Louisville, Colo., Kenneth L. (Eloise) Leggate of Dickinson, N.D., Charles W. (Cynthia) Leggate and Jerry N. (Laura) Leggate, both of Billings. Lillie has nine grandchildren: Tadd Leggate of Charlotte, N.C., Tracey Leggate of Breckenridge, Colo., Tyson Leggate of Fort Collins, Colo., Karl (Leslie) Leggate of Thornton, Colo., Julie Leggate of Jamestown, N.D., Marcus Leggate of Rapid City, S.D., Heather (Jonathan) Stiles of Spokane, Wash., Melissa and Eric Leggate, both of Billings. Lillie's great-grandson is Karl's son, Kristopher Leggate.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 21, at the Smith Downtown Chapel. Public visitation will be Saturday until service time. Private interment will be in the Mountview Cemetery, Billings.

In lieu of flowers, send memorials to the ESTARL Scholarship Fund, Order of Eastern Star at PO Box 21036, Billings, MT 59104 or to the memorial fund of First United Methodist Church, 2800 Fourth Ave. N.; Billings, MT 59101.

# Roberta "Bobbie" Lou Lehfeldt

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Roberta "Bobbie" Lou Lehfeldt of Billings, formerly of Butte and Colstrip, passed away quietly in her sleep at the Mission Ridge Independent Living complex Feb. 2, 2004.



**ROBERTA  
LEHFELDT**

Bobbie was born on June 21, 1932, in Hamilton, the daughter of Herbert and Eda Slack. With her family, she moved to Missoula and later to Butte where she graduated from Butte High.

While attending high school, she began her working career with the Montana Power Company.

On Jan. 13, 1951, Bobbie married Jack Lehfeldt and together they moved to San Diego while Jack was deployed to the Korean War. During her stay in San Diego, Bobbie's job sparked her interest in computers. After Jack was discharged from the Navy, the family moved to Missoula, where Jack completed his mechanic apprenticeship. Because of job opportunities, the family moved back to Butte and Bobbie returned to work at Montana Power and raised her family. Jack and Bobbie would eventually settle in

Colstrip and in 1994 both retired from the Montana Power. Bobbie's 35-year career with MPC spanned various departments, but all involved some type of computer. Following retirement, they remained in Colstrip and enjoyed fishing and camping with friends and family at Fort Smith as well as traveling. Bobbie was an avid baseball fan and enjoyed helping her husband coach Little League. She loved dogs and at one point her and Jack had 21 Siberian Huskies sled dogs participating in various races in the state. Their lead dog was a Canadian and American champion show dog. Bobbie was able to balance a working career with lovingly raising her family.

Bobbie is survived by her three children; daughters, Sandy, and husband, Steve Perusich, of Colstrip; Shirley, and husband, John Snell, of Deer Lodge; a son, John Steven Lehfeldt of Krum, Texas; and daughter-in-law, Cindy Lehfeldt, of Euless, Texas; six grandsons, Justin, and wife Sarah Perusich; Ryan, and wife, Chazzney Perusich; John, and wife, Elisha Snell; Shawn, Steve, and Jack Snell; five granddaughters, Stephanie and husband,



Kevin Norman; Nicole, and husband, Doug Donegan; Alicia Lehfeldt; Stephanie Searce; and Erica, and husband, Raymond Buckley; 12 great-grandchildren; sister, Gay Brynie of Bozeman; brother-in-law, Gerald Lehfeldt, of Tacoma, Wash.; nieces, Tammy Brynie, of Boston, Barbara Williams of Tacoma, and nephew, Kevin Brynie of Bristol, England. She was preceded in death by her parents; brother, Eugene Slack, and husband of 50 years, Jack.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. on Feb. 10, 2004, in Colstrip at the St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church.

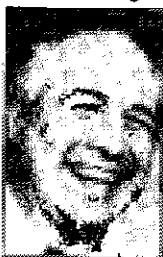
Memorials can be made to the Ladies of the Rockies, Colstrip Medical Center or the St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church.

Condolences can be made to the Lehfeldt family at [www.stevensonandson.com](http://www.stevensonandson.com). Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home of Forsyth is in charge of the arrangements.

## Larry Lehman

Larry was born April 4, 1947, the son of Solomon and Mildred Lehman. He was raised in Bridger

and graduated from Bridger High School in 1966. After graduation, he attended Kinman Business University in Spokane, Wash., graduating with a Business Administration/Accounting degree. Following graduation, he entered the U.S. Army and served in Vietnam.



**LARRY  
LEHMAN**

In June 1968, he married Janice Loyning. From this union, two children were born: Jeremy Todd and Chad Wayne.

He was discharged from the Army in October 1969 and went to work for NP Railroad Energy and Minerals division (later known as BN Railroad Energy and Minerals, MilesStone Petroleum and Meridian Oil) as an accountant, where he worked until he was forced to retire because of multiple sclerosis. In 1989, he became a resident of the Parkview Convalescent Center in Billings, where he lived until his death.

Until the ravages of MS took over his body, Larry loved to hunt, fish, go camping with his family,

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play golf and dance. When he could no longer participate physically, he became his children's most enthusiastic spectator. Until the very end, he loved to go skiing with Eagle Mount. Larry always had a smile and made everyone laugh because of some wisecrack he made.

Larry is survived by his children, Jeremy (Kerri) Lehman (granddaughter Maddilynn) of Sioux Falls, S.D., and Chad Lehman of Billings; and their mother Janice Lehman of Laurel; sisters, Carol Baker of Marysville, Wash., and Coro (Milan) Aleksich of Surrey, Canada; several nieces and nephews, cousins, aunts and uncles and a large extended family at Parkview. His parents and his grandparents preceded him in death.

Dad, Grandpa, we love you and will miss you, but know you are in Heaven, singing with the angels, and no longer in pain. In God's time, we will meet again.

Memorials may be made to Eagle Mount, 2822 Third Ave. N., Billings, MT 59101, St. John's Lutheran Church or a memorial of your choice.

A memorial service will be held 11 a.m. Monday, April 26, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Laurel, with military rites to follow.

## Twila Marie Leis

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SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Twila Marie Leis, 65, of Sheridan, died Sunday, Feb. 29, 2004, at Sheridan Manor.

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Memorial services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, March 5, at Kane Funeral Home in Sheridan.

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## MARI LYNNE LEKARCZYK

Memorial services were held in Colorado Springs, Colo., Nov. 3 for Mari Lynne Huhnke Wesnitzer Lekarczyk, 42, a former Worland resident, who died Sunday, Oct. 31 in Colorado Springs after an extended illness.

She was born May 17, 1962, in Worland to Billy Gene Huhnke and Sharon Dusenberry Fech. Her childhood years were spent in Worland, Sheridan and Rock Springs, and she moved to Colorado Springs in 1984.

She received her high school education in Wyoming and graduated from Blair Junior College in Colorado Springs with an associates degree as a legal assistant/paralegal in 1993. During her years in Colorado Springs, she worked for eight years at Schriever Air Force Base as a property accountant, at Voice Messaging of America, SOS staffing, as a bartender and as a paralegal.

Her favorite activities included taking care of her children and family; being a homemaker and paying special attention to her children's friends. Some of her favorite pastimes were sewing, crafts, music, pottery, raising African violets, gardening, canning and "going out and having a good time." She had a special place in her heart for the Big Horn Mountains where she wished for her ashes to be spread.

She will be greatly missed by her husband, Brian Lekarczyk, and her children, Justin, Matthew and Amanda Wesnitzer, all of Colorado Springs. She is also survived by her mother and stepfather, Joe and Sharon Fech of Meeteetse; father,

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Bill Huhnke of Branson, Mo.; her father and mother-in-law, Robert and Dolores Lekarczyk of Melbourne, Fla.; brothers, Carl (Ann) Huhnke of Lander and David (Cindy) Huhnke of Worland; brothers-in-law, Mark (Mary) and Randy Lekarczyk of Colorado Springs and Eric (Oahn Tran) Lekarczyk of Westminster, Colo.; her former husband, Joe Wesnitzer of Colorado Springs; numerous nieces and nephews; grandparents, Fred and Nola Silvernale of Powell; and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

# Mary Rae Campbell Lemka

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CLARENCE GAZETTE

GLENDALE, Ariz. — Mary Rae Campbell Lemka, 50, died Friday, Sept. 25, 2004, in Glendale.

Services will be 2 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 6, at New Beginnings Church in Frazer. Interment will be in St. Joseph's Cemetery in Frazer. Bell Mortuary of Glasgow is in charge.

**CAROL LEMON****THE BILLINGS GAZETTE****JAN 18 2004**

**LIVINGSTON —** Carol Lemon, 63, of Livingston, died Thursday, Jan. 15, 2004, at Billings Deaconess Medical Center.

Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Jan. 19, at Franzen-Davis Funeral Home, 118 N. Third St., in Livingston. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 20, at American Lutheran Church, corner of F and Lewis, in Livingston. Graveside Committal and burial will follow in Wilsall Cemetery.

## **EVA O. LENNON**

**THE BILLINGS GAZETTE**

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**ROUNDUP**—Eva O. Lennon, longtime resident of Roundup, passed away peacefully at her daughter Helen's home in Livingston. She was 99 years old at the time of her death.

Eva Wagner was born in Camden, Ind., on March 17, 1904. She married David Merle Lennon on Sept. 9, 1922. They moved west to Roundup in 1924, where she has lived these many years.

She had four children, Norma Jean Wacker, Helen Louise Devine, Donald Merle "Bud" Lennon and Joseph Edward Lennon.

She was preceded in death by her husband Merle and two of her children, Jean and Bud.

Her survivors include her daughter Helen and her son Joseph. She has numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and several great-great-grandchildren.

She was a beautiful person and she blessed many lives with her great love of life. She will be missed.

Visitation will be 5 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 12, at the Wier Funeral Chapel. Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 13, at the Wier Funeral Chapel, with interment to follow at the New Miners Cemetery. Wier Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.



# John William Lentz

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BASIN, Wyo. — John William Lentz, 83, died Saturday, Feb. 21, 2004, at the Wyoming Retirement Center in Basin.

Cremation has taken place. No services are planned at this time. Atwood Family Funeral Directors, Inc., are in charge.

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**Patrick Alan Leonard**

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Patrick Alan Leonard, 54, of Sheridan, died Wednesday, Feb. 4, 2004, at Memorial Hospital of Sheridan County, after a lengthy illness.

His body has been donated to the University of Colorado Medical School. Memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 6, at First United Methodist Church. Champion Ferries Funeral Home of Sheridan is in charge.

GILLETTE, Wyo. — Robert "Bobby" Leonard, 61, died Thursday, Aug. 5, 2004, at the Campbell County Memorial Hospital of natural causes.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 12, at the Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral services will be 10 a.m., Friday, Aug. 13, with Father Thomas Kadera of the St. Matthew's Catholic Church officiating. Interment will follow at the New Haven Cemetery in Hulett, Wyo.

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**ISABELLA MARIE LEONE**

## **Isabella Marie Leone**

Isabella Marie Leone was born April 14, 2004, in Billings, to Nick and Mollie Leone. Her name, Isabella, means consecrated to God, dedicated to a sacred purpose, sanctified and made holy.

Her infectious smile would always make the room light up. She loved her Johnnie Juniper and is now doing her "river dance" with Jesus.

Isabella touched so many lives, bringing many people and families together in such a short time. We know Isabella was a gift to us. We are thankful for the time she was shared with us and know she accomplished what God had in mind for her. We are blessed to be

her parents.

Isabella passed away Monday, Dec. 13, 2004.

She is survived by her parents, Nick and Mollie of Billings; grandparents, Ed and Jeanette White of Billings, Mary Valley of Billings and Tony Leone of Fargo, N.D.; great-grandparents, Bill and Bernadette Krentz, Anthony Leone, Iris White, Lola Richie and Doris and Paul Frye. Also surviving are aunts and uncles, Scott and Alicia Homer, Erik and Kari Leone, and Kent and Dawn White; Isabella's caregiver Holly Charette; and many cousins, great aunts, uncles and family.

Funeral services will be 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 18, at Harvest Church, 1235 W. Wicks Lane, with interment in Yellowstone Valley Memorial Park. Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary has charge of arrangements.

A memorial has been established at First Citizens Bank.

## Ed Leppien

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**SIDNEY** — Funeral services for Ed Leppien, 73, of Sidney, will be 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 30, at the Pella Lutheran Church of Sidney. Interment will be in the Sidney Cemetery, under the direction of Fulkerson Funeral Home of Sidney.

Ed was Regional Manager for Steiger Tractor for over 25 years.

Ed died Tuesday, Oct. 26, 2004, at the Sidney Health Center, Extended Care Facility.

Ed is survived by his beloved wife of 53 years, Marion, of Sidney; his sons, Ed Leppien and wife Jann of Great Falls, Jim Leppien and wife Terry of Tracy, Calif.; his daughter, Ann Brunston and husband Ben of Medford, Ore.; granddaughter, Jennifer Brunston of Medford; and grandson, Drew Leppien of Tracy.

Masonic and Eastern Star services will be held 6:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 29, at the Fulkerson Memorial Chapel in Sidney.

## Frances Gormley Leslie

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LOVELL, Wyo. — Frances Gormley Leslie, 88, died Sunday, Aug. 8, 2004, at the West Park Long Term Care Center in Cody.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 11, at the Burlington Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Viewing will be from 10 to 10:50 a.m. in the Relief Society room of the church. A viewing will also be held from 4 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 10, at Haskell Funeral Home in Lovell. Burial will be in the Burlington Cemetery.

## Frances Gormley Leslie

Funeral services were held Wednesday, Aug. 11 in the Burlington Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints for Frances Gormley Leslie, long-time Big Horn Basin resident who died Sunday, Aug. 8 at West Park Long Term Care Center in Cody. She was 88.

She was born Aug. 7, 1916, in Burlington and attended Burlington schools. She married Harry Anthony Leslie in the Idaho Falls, Idaho Temple on July 7, 1950.

They made their home in Byron for many years where she taught school. She and her husband served an LDS mission in Tennessee in 1979.

Survivors include a son, Gary Leslie of Rock Springs; two brothers, Wesley and Richard Gormley, both of Burlington; a sister, Evelyn Mobley of Casper; five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harry, on Sept. 5, 1984.

Burial was in the Burlington Cemetery.

The family would appreciate memorials to the West Park Long Term Care Center or Gary Leslie, P.O. Box 153, Rock Springs, WY 82902.

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On Wednesday, July 28, 2004, a great lady left this earth to be with her beloved husband, Clarence. Inga Lesman was 96 years old and slipped away peacefully in sleep. She lived a long life of service to family and people of her community, healing and counseling, teaching and giving. Her church, Lockwood Evangelical, was a very important part of her life. She provided countless acquaintances with natural healing vitamins. She gave from her heart to anyone in need. She and her husband ran Lesman Iron Works for 25 years in Billings.



**INGA  
LESMAN**

She was a registered nurse, having graduated from the first class of the Deaconess Nursing School in 1931, after which she and another nurse ran the Big Timber Hospital for three years.

Inga was born of Norwegian immigrant parents on a farm 20 miles from Melville. She graduated from high school in Big Timber, as her mom opened a restaurant there. Inga was the last surviving sibling of a family of nine. Her passing closes a wonderful book of her generation in rural Montana.

Inga is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Mana and James Seward; one granddaughter, Asifa Pasin, and one great-grandson, Kendon.

A service for her will be on Monday at 2 p.m. at Smith's Downtown Chapel, Second Ave. N. and 26th Street. Memorials may be sent to the Scottish Rite Childhood Language Disorder Clinic in Billings or to Crazy Mountain Museum in Big Timber.



# Leslie Leroy Lessard

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**HARDIN** — Leslie Leroy "Skee" Lessard, 62, passed away on Friday Aug. 6, 2004, at the Awe Kualawaache Care Center in Crow Agency.

Skee was born on October 11, 1941, in Crow Agency, a son of Leslie Earl and Grace Schlippler Lessard. He was

raised in Hardin and received his education in Hardin. "Skee" loved the outdoors, hunting, fishing, camping and considered himself as a Mountain Man.



**LESLIE  
LESSARD**

He worked for many area ranchers and farmers. He was known as a very kind hearted person and his home was always open to everyone.

Skee married Margaret Flippin and was later divorced. He married Ella Deputy and was later divorced. He was a member of the Baptist Church.

He is survived by his five children, Tina Bear Cloud of Sheridan, Wyo., Lonnie Lessard of Cheyenne, Wyo., Rowena Lessard and Kenneth Lessard, both of Hardin and Mariam Shane of Crow Agency; two adopted grandchildren, Myers Brien of Crow Agency and Amber Deputy of Hardin; his parents, Leslie and Grace; a brother, Larry, all of Hardin; 13 grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held 1 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 11, at the Bullis Funeral Chapel. Cremation will take place following the services. Bullis Mortuary of Hardin has been entrusted with the arrangements.

# Robert 'Bob' Lester

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JAN 26 2004

Robert "Bob" Lester, 63, passed away Wednesday, Jan. 21, 2004, at St. Vincent Healthcare after a short but courageous battle with cancer.



**ROBERT  
LESTER**

Bob was born in Livingston on Oct. 18, 1940, the son of Charles A. and Mabel G. Lester. He attended school in Bozeman and Billings. On April 20, 1968, he married his long-time sweetheart, Shirley Melville. Together they had two sons, Robert Charles and Jeffrey Charles.

Self-employed most of his life, Bob focused mainly on the boating industry, repairing boats and propellers. His curiosity, however, led him to endeavors where his creativity worked for him. He was a true craftsman who could fix just about anything. In his spare time, Bob enjoyed reading and spending time boating and fishing at his second home at Buffalo Bill Reservoir in Cody, Wyo. He was also a huge animal lover.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Marylou and stepbrother, Jim Lester. He is survived by his wife, Shirley; sons, Robert and Jeff; sister, Patricia

Patterson; sisters-in-law, Natalie Lester and Barbara Lester; brother-in-law, Chuck Schlegel; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral Services for Bob will be held at 1 p.m. Monday, Jan. 26, 2004, at the Dahl Funeral Chapel in Billings. Burial of ashes will be in Sunset Memorial Gardens at a later time.

Memorials may be made to the Humane Society, 4902 Helfrick Road, Billings MT 59101, or Spokane Shriner's Hospital, 911 W. Fifth Ave., Spokane, WA 99204-2901.

## Lydia Letellier

SEP 21 2004  
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THERMOPOLIS, Wyo. — Lydia Ann Letellier, 76, died Friday, Sept. 17, 2004, at Hot Springs County Memorial Hospital.

Memorial services will be at 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 26, at Mortimore Funeral Home in Thermopolis. Additional services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 3, at the Senior Citizen Center in Dubois.

**MAY 13 2004****Leah J. Leuchea**

Leah J. Leuchea, 45, of Billings, died Tuesday, May 11, 2004, at Deaconess Billings Clinic, of natural causes.

Cremation as taken place. At her request, no services are planned. Cremation or Funeral Gallery was in charge.

# Hazel Coles Leuthold

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Surrounded by her children and grandchildren, Hazel Coles Leuthold went to be with her precious Savior early in the morning of March 1, 2004, at St. John's Nursing Home where she was a resident for over 11 years. During this time, she made many friends among the residents and staff.



**HAZEL  
LEUTHOLD**

She was born to Benjamin T. and Katy Coles on July 24, 1911, in Oak, Neb. The Coles family moved to the Molt area in 1920, where they farmed. Hazel attended schools in Nebraska and Molt.

She was employed at various jobs in the Molt and Billings area before marrying William (Bill) Leuthold on Nov. 10, 1934, in Billings. Bill and Hazel settled on their wheat and cattle ranch south of Molt. They devoted their lives to ranching and raising their four children, especially enjoying their grandchildren. Hazel kept busy as she raised large gardens, lots of chickens and preserved food for the winter. Her many nieces and nephews have fond memories of the wonderful meals she prepared.

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During the winter, she relaxed by braiding throw rugs, making quilts, embroidering pillowcases and tablecloths and crocheting afghans. She loved to share the results of her handiwork with her family.

Bill and Hazel believed in the importance of education. Although it was a decision which added to their responsibilities, Hazel moved to Columbus to be with her children while they were in school. She was a member of the Molt Congregation Church and Eastern Star.

Hazel's mother, father, husband, son (Dale Leuthold), brothers (Ross, Lester, Alfred and Albert Coles), and sister (Bernice Boddy) preceded her in death.

Hazel's survivors include sisters, Lucile (Allen) Johnson of Billings and Leota Belcher of Washington; brother, James Coles of Hardin; son, William (Loretta) Leuthold of Billings; and daughters, Delores Shelton and Nancy McFate of Laurel. She is survived by 12 grandchildren, Terry Leuthold, Wes Leuthold of Molt, Twyla (Aubrey) Oviatt of Rapid City, S.D., Carey (Lisa) Leuthold of Harlowton, Gary and Cindy Leuthold of Billings, Carlos (Therese) Shelton of Laurel and Willy Shelton of Billings, Rich (Tami) McFate and Stacene (Lars) Straley of Laurel, Coy (Darryl) Weidner of Salem, Ore., and Marla (Steve) Brackman of

Missoula. She is also survived by 19 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be given to the Molt Congregational Church or St. John Lutheran Home or a charity of your choice.

Memorial services will be at 10 a.m. on Friday, March 5, at Smith Funeral Chapel in Billings, followed by interment at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

# William E. Leuthold

SEP 16 2004

~~BILLINGS~~

William E. "Bill" Leuthold, 66, of Billings, formerly of Harlowton, passed away Tuesday, Sept. 14, 2004, at his home, after an extended illness of cancer.

He was born in Billings, the son of William Robert and Hazel

May Coles

Leuthold. He

went to the

Leuthold school

in Molt to fifth

grade and then

to Columbus,

where he gradu-

ated in 1957. Bill

married Loretta

Gibbs in Laurel

on June 9, 1961.



**BILL  
LEUTHOLD**

After marriage, they ranched near Columbus and moved to Billings, where he managed the Vale Creek Feed Lot. In 1981, they moved to Harlowton, where he and Loretta owned and operated the Corral Motel & Argonaut Supper Club until 2002, when they moved to Billings to retire. He loved to fish and travel and enjoyed family and grandchildren.

Survivors include his wife Loretta; son Carey (Lisa) Leuthold of Harlowton; twins Gary and Cindy Leuthold (Wayne Schmitt), all of Billings; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; two sisters, Delores Shelton and Nancy

McFate, both of Laurel; numerous nieces and nephews; and his special doggie friend, Angel.

Memorial service will be 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 18, at Cremation or Funeral Gallery, Eighth and St. Johns. Private family scattering will be at a later date. Memorials may be made to the charity of choice.

## Georgia Levanger

BUTTE — Georgia Burt Levanger, 77, died Sunday, Feb. 15, 2004, in Butte.

Visitation will be Wednesday, Feb. 19, in the Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home chapel in Miles City. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 19, in the chapel of Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City. Interment will follow in the Custer County Cemetery.

THE BUTTE GAZETTE

FEB 17 2004



## **Marilyn Brady Emick Leverett**

ODESSA, Texas — Marilyn Brady Emick Leverett went to be with Our Lord and Savior on Monday, May 17, 2004, at her daughter's home in Odessa, after a courageous battle with cancer.

Marilyn was born in Hot Springs, S.D., on Feb. 26, 1941. Her father, Stanley Edward Brady, precedes her in death. Marilyn was a Christian dedicated to the Lord. She enjoyed watercolor painting and fishing in the Black Hills of South Dakota.

Marilyn is survived by her two children, Patrick Charles Emick of Billings and Dawn Marie Ellis of Odessa; grandsons Alexander Emick of Billings, Charles Ellis of Norman, Okla., and Austin Ellis of Odessa; her mother, Prudence Pickel of Reedsburg, Wis.; sister, Patricia Brown of Hanford, Calif.; stepsisters Kay Lindgren of Rapid City, S.D., Mary Jean Lunne of Fountain, Colo.; stepbrothers Jim Lindgren of Spokane, Wash., and William Lindgren of Slippery Rock, Pa.; half-sisters Jenny Mangels of Sheboygan, Wis., Susan Yamamoto of Honolulu and Barbara Isaacson of Tucson,

Ariz.; and half-brother John Brady of Yankton, S.D.

Marilyn was a loving mother, grandmother, daughter, sister and friend to many.

Services are scheduled for the first week in July in Hot Springs.

**Charles N. 'Lew'  
Lewallen**

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**  
**APR 12 2004**

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Charles N. "Lew" Lewallen, 72, died Friday, April 9, 2004, at Memorial Hospital of Sheridan County.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Monday, April 12, at Kane Funeral Home. Interment will follow in the Sheridan Municipal Cemetery.

## **Jennie Lewis**

LOVELL, Wyo. — Jennie Nicholls Lewis, 81, died Tuesday, April 6, 2004, at North Big Horn Hospital in Lovell.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, April 9, in the Cowley Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Viewing will be held one hour prior to services in the Relief Society room of the church. Interment will be in the Cowley Cemetery. Haskell Funeral Home of Lovell is in charge.

**KILLINGS GAZETTE**

**APR 07 2004**

## John Lewis

MEETEETSE, Wyo. — John Joseph "Jack" Lewis, 84, longtime Meeteetse resident, died Wednesday, March 31, 2004, at Powell Valley Healthcare.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, April 6, at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Meeteetse. Interment of cremains will follow in the Meeteetse Cemetery. Ballard Funeral Home of Cody is in charge.

THE MEETEETSE GAZETTE

APR 03 2004

## **Louise M. Ley**

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Louise M. Ley, 95, of Sheridan, died Wednesday, Feb. 18, 2004, at Sheridan Manor.

Graveside service will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday, Feb. 23, in Sheridan Municipal Cemetery. Champion Ferries Funeral Home of Sheridan is in charge.

**THE BILLINGS GAZETTE**  
FEB 21 2004

**Idamaria Liddell**

Idamaria Liddell, 45, of Billings, died Friday, March 12, 2004, at the Deaconess Billings Clinic.

**MAR 20 2004**

Cremation has taken place and graveside services were held at Mounview Cemetery. Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary was in charge.

# Eldora Lien

Eldora Lien, beloved wife, mother and grandmother, passed to God's care on Sunday, Oct. 17, 2004. She was born March 19, 1929, in Wolf Point as the only child of William Pearl and Gertrude Harlow. She brought joy to all who knew her. She was the

business partner and soulmate of her husband of 56 years, Edward.

They farmed south of Wolf Point on Redwater Creek for 49 years. For several years, Eldora owned and operated a fabric store in Circle. She was an independent beauty consultant and loved making her customers feel better about themselves. In 1995, she and Edward retired to Billings where she loved her rose garden and spending time with her family.

She is survived by her husband, Edward of Billings; sisters-in-law, Prudence Draeger of Albany, Ore. and Shirley (Russell) Zimmerman of Wolf Point; brother-in-law, Eldon (Delores) Lien of Wolf Point; her son, Russell Edward (Dixie) Lien of Butte; and daughters, Nancy Lien Griffin of Ennis and Nora Kathryn (Neil) Mann of Peoria, Ariz.; her much loved grandchildren, Kevin, Brian



**ELDORA LIEN**

OCT 18 2004

## BILLINGS GAZETTE

and Laura Mann, Benjamin, Emily, Patrick and Julia Griffin and William (Katy) Lien; and great-grandson, Michael Lien.

Eldora was preceded in death by her parents and brothers-in-law, Harold Lien and Walter Draeger.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be 2 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 20, at the Micholetti-Sawyer Mortuary on Alderson Ave. A reception will be held at Eldora's home after the service. No flowers please; memorials may be made to the charity of your choice or to Horizon Hospice House in Billings.

Michelotti-Sawyers is in charge of arrangements.

# Bertie Leona Light

**TWIN FALLS, Idaho** — Leona Light, 93, of Twin Falls, died Oct. 5, 2004, in Billings, of an extended illness.

Leona was born Sept. 15, 1911, in Bartonville, Ill., to Martin and Bertie Boyt Rose. She attended school in Bartonville and there married Harry H. Light. In 1944, they moved to Grandview Drive, Twin Falls, where she resided until recently. They were divorced in 1960. Leona was a longtime employee of Simplots, Haney Seed Co. and Idaho Frozen Foods until her retirement. She was an active supporter of her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren's activities. She took great pleasure in helping them with their 4-H projects, Junior Riding Club, just teaching them how to fish or creating handcrafts or quilt keepsakes for her family.

Leona is survived by one son, Donald J. Light of Lewiston; and three daughters, Nancee L. (Dr. Robert) Jones of Starkville, Miss., Jeanee L. Panoke of Annandale, Md., and Patricia R. (Dr. Randall) Given of Galveston, Texas; one



**LEONA  
LIGHT**

brother, George Rose of Bartonville; close friends, Nelda Jansson, Nancy Assel and Roma and Charles Kimball; 15 grandchildren, 29 great-grandchildren, and four great-great-grandchildren. She is preceded in death by two brothers and one infant daughter.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, Oct. 9, at Smith's Funeral Chapel in Billings. Inurnment will be at Lakeside Cemetery, Pekin, Ill.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be made to the American Lung association or their favorite charity.



# Henry M. 'Hank' Lillejord

THE BELLINGHAM GAZETTE

AUG 24 2004

GLENDIVE — Henry M. "Hank" Lillejord, age 78, of Glendive, passed away on Saturday, Aug. 21, 2004, at the Glendive Medical Center in Glendive.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 26, at the Zion Lutheran Church in Glendive, with Pastor Paul Everett officiating. Interment with military honors will be in the Dawson Memorial Cemetery in Glendive. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Glendive is entrusted with arrangements.

Henry was born on Jan. 24, 1926, on a farm outside of Bellingham, Minn., the son of Henry and Milda (Hofstad) Lillejord. He was raised and educated in Madison, Minn. In high school, not only was he an avid athlete and captain of his basketball team, he participated in class plays and mixed chorus. Hank graduated from Madison High School with the class of 1944 and entered the U.S. Army. He served in the European Theater during World War II and was discharged in 1946. Hank attended Yankton



**HANK  
LILLEJORD**

College in South Dakota, met Ruth Johnson and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree on June 6, 1949. The two united in marriage in Belle Fourche, S.D., on July 31, 1949. Hank was recalled to active duty at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., in 1950. The highlight of his service was camp basketball games where he was known as "Octopus" Lillejord. A favorite memory was when he was soundly schooled while attempting to take on the Harlem Globetrotters.

Hank and Ruth moved to Minneapolis, where they started their family and Hank worked for Midland Bank. In 1958, they moved to Glendive along with their first two children, Bruce and Jane. Hank became the Vice President of the Exchange State Bank, which later became the First Security Bank, and welcomed their third child, Dale. Hank was very active in civil affairs and was affiliated with numerous community organizations, including the Montana Bankers Association, Independent Bankers

Association of America, Lions Club, Glendive Chamber of Commerce, Glendive Hospital Board, Bucs Booster Club, Red Devil Booster Club and the Elks Club. But most important to Hank was his family. He said "our lives would have been boring without the kids." Hank retired from First Security Bank in 1989 as President.

Hank was an avid golfer and goose hunter. He enjoyed wood-working and remodeling their home. Hank and Ruth were very social, enjoying both music and dance. For those of you who knew him, he fancied himself as an excellent dancer and first rate tenor.

Survivors include his wife, Ruth, of Glendive; two sons, Bruce Lillejord and his wife Renee of Cheyenne, Wyo., and Dale Lillejord and his companion Jennifer and her daughter Morgan of Bozeman; his daughter, Jane Lillejord of Redondo Beach, Calif.; one sister, Muriel Jacobson and her husband Jake of St. Paul, Minn.; one grandson, Jordan Boren of Round Rock, Texas; and a host of friends, including his 1944 District Championship Teammates.

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

# Glenn Lillibridge

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE  
AUGUST 14, 2004

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Glenn Lillibridge, 92, of Sheridan, died Friday, Aug. 13, 2004, at Memorial Hospital of Sheridan County.

At his request, cremation has taken place and no services are planned. Champion Ferries Funeral Home of Sheridan is in charge.

**Nadine Lillibridge**

**MAY 07 2004**

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Nadine Lillibridge, 91, of Sheridan, died Saturday, May 1, 2004, at Westview Health Care Center.

No services are planned. Champion Ferries Funeral Home of Sheridan is in charge.

# Esther Lind

HARDIN — Esther Lind, 81, longtime North Valley resident, passed away June 9, 2004, in the Deaconess Billings Clinic, surrounded by her loving family.

She was born March 4, 1923, in Billings, a daughter of Henry and Katherine Stahley Frickle. She grew up and received her education in Hardin.

Following her education, she worked for the Holly Sugar Corporation.

Esther was united in marriage to Fred Lind on Jan. 20, 1944, in Hardin, and the couple made their home on the family farm north of Hardin. The



**ESTHER  
LIND**

couple celebrated 60 years of marriage this past January. She was the matriarch of her family, always providing love and support to her husband, children and grandchildren. Her home was always open to visitors who were greeted with cups of coffee and her famous baked goods.

She was a bulwark of the Christ Evangelical and Reformed Church in Hardin and a member of the church circle. She enjoyed quilting, gardening and tending to her beautiful flowers beds.

THE SUNDAY GAZETTE

JUN 12 2004

Her parents, two sisters and five brothers preceded Esther in death.

Survivors include her husband, Fred; her daughter, Susan (Dan) Bailey-Anderson of Helena; her sons, Dennis (Angela) Lind of Missoula and Kevin (Christina) Lind of Sheridan, Wyoming; her sister, Clara Hochhalter of Washington; and her 12 grandchildren, Liberty, Jordan (Tara), Kiley, Tanner, Larson and Rhanden Lind, Kelsey (Jeremy) Petersen, Byron and Tasha Cooper, MacKenzie Bailey, Jordan and Erin Anderson; as well as numerous relatives and countless friends.

Funeral services will be held 2 p.m. Monday, June 14, in the Christ E and R Church. 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, Hardin, MT 59034.

**Mildred E. 'Quest'  
Guptill-Lind**

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**MAY 19 2004**

**BAKERSFIELD, Calif. —**  
Mildred E. "Quest" Guptill-Lind,  
79, formerly of Custer, Mont.,  
died May 13, 2004, in Bakersfield,  
after a courageous battle with  
cancer.

Graveside services will be  
held on June 15, at 2 p.m. at the  
Custer Cemetery in Custer.

# Mildred Eloise (Quest) Guptill Lind

BILLINGS GAZETTE

JUN 11 2004

BAKERSFIELD, Calif. — Mildred Eloise (Quest) Guptill Lind, 79, formerly of Custer, Mont., passed away on May 13, 2004, at the Bakersfield Memorial Hospital in Bakersfield, after a courageous battle with cancer.

Mildred was born Nov. 11, 1924, in Hardin, to Glen Truman Quest and Margaret Doris (Cooper) Quest. She was the third child of two sisters and one brother.

Mildred was raised in Sorrel Horse Valley, Big Horn County, Mont., where she attended grade school and later graduated from Hardin High School in 1943.

Mildred married Fred Guptill on Jan. 23, 1943, in Billings. The couple had two children, Paulette Ann and Monte Lee. The couple later divorced.

Mildred was a member of the VFW Auxiliary in Hardin.

In her early years, Mildred was an avid horse woman and barrel racer. She was the first queen chosen for the Forsyth Horse Show.



**MILDRED  
LIND**

Mildred loved flowers and enjoyed working in her garden and rock gardens. She enjoyed her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and their many birthday parties at Chuck E. Cheese.

Survivors include her daughter, Paulette Ann "Pauly" Wren of Bakersfield; her son, Monte Lee Guptill of Arizona; sister, Peg (Quest) Kuntz of Custer; and brother, Glen "Bud" Truman Quest, Jr., and wife Mary of Hysham, Mont.

Mildred is survived by grandchildren, Leasa (Chris) Arvig and their three sons, Dylan, Hunter and Ty; John (Marina) Wren and their sons, Gader and Gunner, and granddaughter Natalie, all of Bakersfield; Jennifer (Laramie) Baumann and their sons, Lane and Trevin; grandson, Chad Guptill, all of Hardin; and great-grandson Kyle Harsch of The Dalles, Ore.

Mildred is also survived by many nieces and nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews who

had the pleasure in knowing their "Aunt Millie."

Her grandson Scott Marsch; her parents; and sister, Lillian (Quest) Koch, preceded her in death.

Inurnment services were provide by cremation at the Greenlawn Southwest Mortuary in Bakersfield.

Graveside services will be held on June 15, at 2 p.m., at the Custer Cemetery in Custer.

Memorials may be sent to the Custer Cemetery, c/o Marlan Grammens, PO Box 15, Custer, MT, or to a charity of your choice.



# D. Douglas Lindal

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE  
NOV 7 9 2004

D. Douglas Lindal, 84, passed away at the Billings Deaconess Clinic on Nov. 17, 2004, which was his late wife's 80th birthday.



DOUGLAS  
LINDAL

He was the son of Fred and Lydia Lindal. Douglas was born in Anaconda on July 18, 1920, but always considered Butte his hometown.

After graduating from Butte High School, he entered the Navy and served in World War II and the Korean Conflict, living in Hawaii for four years.

On July 17, 1943, he married the love of his life, Jean Miller, in San Francisco. After the service, he worked as a teamster driver in the Bay Area, residing in Fremont, Calif. until 1971. He and his family returned to Montana, where he worked at Shipton's Big R until his retirement. With his unique sense of humor, Doug affected everyone he met — nobody was a stranger. He was a character and was often the life of the party. He enjoyed tinkering with projects and fixing things.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 61 years, Jean, who passed away six months ago. Douglas is survived by his two

daughters, Jan and her husband Beau, Helen and her husband Brad; also two grandchildren, Kevin and Nicole; and a very special friend, Bern Ball.

Cremation has taken place with inurnment at Mt. Marriah Cemetery in Butte. There will be a private celebration of Doug's life with family and friends.

Arrangements are by Cremation or Funeral Gallery.

## **Jean M. Lindal**

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**MAY 29 2004**

Jean M. Lindal, 79, of Billings, passed away Friday, May 28, 2004, at the Deaconess Billings Clinic, of kidney failure.

She was born in Seattle to Herbert and Jeanette Sterud Miller. She moved to the Bay Area of California shortly after. On July 18, 1943, she married D. Douglas Lindal in San Francisco. They moved to Butte in 1970 and to Billings in 1972. She worked as a loan officer for First Interstate Bank until her retirement in 1989.

She is survived by her husband, Doug, of 60 years; her two daughters, Janet Lindal and husband Beau of Billings and Helen Peterman and husband Brad and two grandchildren, Kevin and Nicole of Golden, Colo.; a sister, Ruth Harrell of Durham, N.C. She has been preceded in death by her parents and three brothers.

She will be remembered lovingly. She had a laugh and smile that would light up a room and everyone around her.

Memorial service will be 1 p.m. Tuesday, June 1, at Cremation or Funeral Gallery, Eighth and St. Johns Ave. Private inurnment will be at a later date in the Mt. Moriah Columbarium in Butte. Memorials may be made to the charity of choice.

## **Sharon K. Lindberg**

PLENTYWOOD — Sharon K. Lindberg, 65, of Plentywood, died Monday, Nov. 8, 2004, at Sheridan Memorial Nursing Home in Plentywood.

Cremation has taken place. A private interment with family attending will be held at a later date. Fulkerson Funeral Home of Plentywood is in charge.

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**NOV 09 2004**

# Marvin Linder

SEP 14 2004

MISSOULA GAZETTE

**SIDNEY —** Funeral services

for Marvin Linder, age 75, of Sidney, will be held 10 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 15, at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Sidney. Burial will be in the Sidney



**MARVIN  
LINDER**

Cemetery under the direction of Fulkerson Funeral Home of Sidney.

Marvin died Saturday morning, Sept. 11, 2004, at the Sidney Health Center Extended Care Facility.

Marvin is survived by his wife, Florence of Sidney; sons, Bill Linder of Sidney, Bruce Linder of Glendive; daughter Carla (Tom) Verhasselt of Sidney; and stepson Barry Mohl of Missoula; and eight grandchildren.

## Norman Lindevig

OCT 28 2004  
BELLINGHAM GAZETTE

SIDNEY — Norman Lindevig, 82, of Spokane, Wash., formerly of Sidney, died Tuesday, Oct. 26, 2004, in Spokane.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, Nov. 1, at the Faith Alliance Church. Fulkerson Funeral Home of Sidney is in charge.

**Lucille V. Lindgren****MAR 28 2004**

GLASGOW — Lucille V. Lindgren, 89, died Thursday, March 25, 2004.

Services will be at 10 a.m. on Monday March 29, 2004, at First Congregational Church in Glasgow. Interment will be in Highland Cemetery in Glasgow. Bell Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

## Clarence T. Lindo

**THE BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**JAN 30 2004**

**LEWISTOWN — Clarence T. Lindo, 87, of Lewistown, died Wednesday, Jan. 21, 2004, at the Central Montana Medical Center.**

**Graveside services will be at a later date at Westlawn Memorial Park in Racine, Wis. At his request, cremation has taken place. Cloyd Funeral Home of Lewistown is in charge.**

## **Archie W. Lindsey**

**THE BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**AUG 4 - 2004**

POWELL, Wyo. — Archie W. Lindsey died July 30, 2004, at Powell Valley Care Center.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Monday, Aug. 9, at Mt. Pisgah Cemetery in Gillette. Miratsky-Easton Funeral Home of Powell is in charge.



# John S. 'Jack' Lindsey Jr.

## BILLINGS GAZETTE

### JUN 13 2004

*"If the Army or the Navy should  
happen upon Heavens golden  
scenes*

*They will find the streets are  
guarded by United States Marines."*

John S. "Jack" Lindsey Jr., having slipped the surly bonds of earth, left June 11, 2004, at St. Vincent Healthcare. He fought a courageous fight against emphysema and now resides in Heaven.



**JOHN  
LINDSEY**

Jack was born July 7, 1933, to John and Amanda (Allerdice) Lindsey in Denver. He graduated from South High School in Denver in 1951 and joined the United States Marine Corps at 17 during the Korean conflict in 1951. He also married his high school sweetheart, Patricia Greene, in 1951 and from that union, three children were born. He graduated from Denver University with a BA degree in business and accounting with a minor in psychology. Jack also received a degree in law at a later date. Few people knew that Jack was a concert pianist for the Denver Symphony.

He moved to Billings in 1960, where he worked for a lumber company until he became deputy sheriff and truant officer. He was a member of Saint Luke's Episcopal Church, where he served on the board and led the youth groups.

In 1976, Jack married the love of his life, "His Lee," and gained his third daughter in a package deal.

Jack worked for the Moses Law Firm for 30 years as their investigator, pilot, office manager and bookkeeper. He became co-owner of Billings Bronze in 1989 and opened his own investigation office in 1999. Jack was the first legal and private investigator in Montana and paved the way for all others. Jack, along with Tom Morrow and Elmer Link, opened the first pheasant farm in Montana in 1980. He was a great pilot and loved to fly. He liked hunting, pool, darts, arm wrestling and was an excellent fly-fisherman.

Jack knew how to get just a little bit more out of life than most of us. He touched the lives of hundreds of people from all walks of life. Jack was a big man, but the biggest thing about him was his heart. He never said "no" to a

favor.

Jack had a way of making you feel that you were special to him because you were. Jack will be remembered for his great stories, his deep voice and gripping handshake. Those who really knew him will remember his humility, kindness and genuine love and appreciation for people closest to him.

Jack is survived by his beloved wife, Lee, Billings; his son, William "Kelly" Lindsey, Roundup; daughters Kristi Lindsey, Bozeman, Kerrie (Tim) Foote, Bozeman; stepdaughter Rane (Cal) Paulson, Billings; and his six grandchildren, Elliot Lindsey, Santa Barbara, Calif., Lindsey and Bowie Foote, Bozeman, Brant, Brenna and Bryan Paulson, Billings.

Preceding him in death were his parents and brother James.

You will always be with me...Jack of my Heart.

Services will be held Saturday, June 19, 1 p.m., at Atonement Lutheran Church, 407 Wicks Lane, Billings Heights. Farewell Party at Montana Chads, 3953 Montana Ave., following the service.

## Byron Lindstrom

SEP 22 2004  
BILLINGS GAZETTE

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Byron "Bud" Wilbur Lindstrom, 70, of Sheridan, died Sunday, Sept. 19, 2004, at Sheridan County Memorial Hospital.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 22, at Kane Funeral Home in Sheridan. A reception will follow at the Elk Lodge #520 in Sheridan.

## Jack Linse

WILLINGS GAZETTE

NOV 10 2004

GREYBULL, Wyo. — ~~Funer~~  
Jacob "Jack" Linse, 90, of  
Greybull, died Monday, Nov. 8,  
2004, at his home.

Cremation has taken place. A  
memorial event will be  
announced at a later date.  
Atwood Family Funeral  
Directors, Inc. are in charge.

## Lena Linquist

SCOBEEY — Lena Linquist, 92, died Thursday, May 27, 2004, at the Daniels Memorial Hospital in Scobey.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, May 31, at the Scobey Assembly of God Church. Burial will be in the Scobey Cemetery. Waller Funeral Home of Scobey is in charge.

SCOBEEY — LENA LINQUIST

MAY 27 2004

# Juanda Lee Lion Shows

**BOZEMAN** — Juanda Lee Lion Shows went home to be with our creator on Sunday, Sept. 26, 2004. She fought a difficult but courageous fight against cancer with her soul mate, always beside her. Her strength never faltering.

She met her soul mate, Isaac Lion Shows, in Billings, fell in love and married on Aug. 19, 1992. Together, they conquered many trials, never leaving each other's side for 16 years.



**JUANDA  
LION SHOWS**

Juanda accepted the Indian way of life and defended the culture and beliefs without hesitation.

She is loved by all who came in contact with her loving personality, humor, kindness and contagious laughter.

She left behind her soul mate, Isaac Lion Shows; brother-in-law, Jr. Lion Shows; children Curt (Eryn) Peralta, Nikkole (Doug) Ward Peralta; granddaughter Alex Ward; mother and stepfather "Billie" and Larry Thomas, all of Bozeman; brother Larry; sisters Teri, Leslie, Robin and Linda; other family, including Edna Deafy, Jeff and Diana Baysinger, James and Nila Seymour, Alice and Grady Hunts Arrow; friends Camillia High

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Pine, Mr. and Mrs. Miller from South Dakota and many others.

Juanda, we love you and we'll see you again on those open prairies where harmony, happiness and peace know no bounds. Until then our dear Juanda, this is not goodbye, but a mere temporary separation of paths.

Funeral services for Juanda will be on Friday, Oct. 1, at 1 p.m. at the Crow Mountain Worship Center, Pryor. Burial will follow at the Lion Show Family Cemetery, Pryor. Dahl Funeral Chapel is making arrangements.

# Thomas Lippert

**HARDIN** — Thomas L. Lippert, 78, of Hardin, passed away Monday, April 5, 2004, at the Big Horn County Memorial Nursing Home.

He was born Oct. 21, 1925, in Selby, S.D., a son of Lorenz Carl and Madeline Partlow McKennett Lippert.

At the age of 5, the family moved to Ft. Yates, N.D., where Tom spent his youth. He enlisted in the Navy in 1943. He trained as a frogman and served in the Philippines until his discharge as a "Seabee" in 1946. He received his Bachelor of Science degree from South Dakota State College, Brookings.

His teaching experience was at Lemmon, S.D., and Culbertson.

Tom married Joyce Olson at the Crow Agency Baptist Church. From 1963 to 1967, Tom served as the Big Horn County Superintendent of schools. In 1967, he became Tri-County Sanitarian supervising sanitarians in Big Horn, Treasure and Rosebud counties.

He was a 50-year member of the Masonic Lodge and Eastern Star. He was also a member of



**THOMAS  
LIPPERT**

## THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

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the Scottish Rite, Al Beedo Shrine, Oriental Band, Order of Jesters and American Legion.

His parents; sister, Yudora; brother, Herbert Arthur; and daughter, Alberta Ann, preceded him in death.

Survivors include his wife, Joyce, of 54 years; sister, Barbara (Lamar) Schofield; son-in-law, Tom Schroeder; sisters-in-law, Enid Smith and Cherry Lippert; granddaughter, Kimberley (Dustin) Will; grandson, Aaron (Tiffany) Schroeder and great-grandson, Stetson Will, as well as several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held 1 p.m. Thursday, April 8, in the Bullis Funeral Chapel.

Interment with Military and Masonic Honors will follow in the Hardin Fairview Cemetery. Bullis Mortuary has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Should friends desire, memorial contributions may be made to the Al Beedo Shrine Transportation Fund or charity of choice.

## Sally Listerud

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PHILADELPHIA — Sarah "Sally" Marie Mooney Listerud died Monday, March 22, 2004, after a series of increasingly serious pneumonias. She was born the youngest of four girls, Nov. 15, 1922, in Auburn, Wash., daughter to Sarah (Cunningham) and Mathew Mooney. She completed a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing and enlisted during World War II in the U.S. Army. She was stationed in the Philippines and served as a scrub nurse in the surgical suite of an Army field hospital there.

At the end of the war, Sally returned to pursue graduate studies in nursing, with a minor in anthropology, eventually working at Harborview, the large county hospital in Seattle. There she met and was wooed by Dr. Mark Listerud during his surgical residency. They married May 27, 1953. During the remainder of his residency, she gave birth prematurely to twin girls who died in childbirth, and had two boys, John and Mathew. Accompanied by her sister, Cece, also a proficient scrub nurse, Sally and Mark returned to his hometown of Wolf Point, to build a surgical practice. More children, Ann, Mark, Sarah and Dick, followed.

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Recollecting the verdant trees of the rain forest of the Pacific Coast, Sally learned to plant the species that would thrive on the high plains — the crab apple, cottonwood, scrub pine and Russian olive. She, herself, became what her husband described as a "successful prairie transplant." She was active in St. Mary's Altar Society at Immaculate Conception parish in Wolf Point. In 1971, Sally and Mark adopted a boy, Terrance. She promoted careers in nursing, and she and Mark funded the further education in nursing for several local women. Sally was elected to the Wolf Point School Board and served consecutive terms for almost 30 years.

She was appointed to the Montana State Board of Public Education by Governor Ted Schwinden. She was counseled by her husband to remain quiet initially, and reserve her opinion till she understood "the lay of the land," advice she discarded almost immediately as she began commuting to Helena. She advocated passionately for the arts in education and was a strong supporter of the Fort Peck Theater and The Montana Repertory Theater Company.

In her final years, she was a resident first of the Faith Lutheran Home and then the Harada House in Wolf Point, finally moving to the Penn

WILLIAM MOONEY  
Home in Philadelphia to be nearer to her children and grandchildren. The family is immensely grateful to the staff of these institutions, where she was treated with tenderness and respect.

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She is pre-deceased by her sisters, Katherine Mooney, Mary Mooney Loughney, and Cecelia Mooney; by twin daughters Mary and Cecilia who died in childbirth; her son, Mark Donald and by her husband, Mark Boyd Listerud. She is survived by a beloved brother-in-law, Dick Loughney, and by her children, John, of Philadelphia, Mathew of New York City, Ann of Philadelphia, Sarah of Chicago, Dick of Whitensville, Mass., and Terrance of Havre; daughter-in-law, Shall Jue of Portland, Ore., and by eight grandchildren.

A funeral mass was offered at Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church of Philadelphia by Monsignor Gregory Parlante on March 26, 2004. A memorial mass will be offered by Father Steve Zabrocki at the Immaculate Conception Church of Wolf Point, at 10:00 a.m. on April 5, 2004, to be followed shortly thereafter by interment

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beside her beloved husband.

The family requests that donations in her name be sent to the "100 Club" care of Eileen Karge, III Johnson St. in Wolf Point, MT 59201. The "100 Club" provides needed medical equipment for the hospital and nursing home in Wolf Point. Alternately, gifts may be sent to the Montana Repertory Theatre Company, care of Mary Ann Riddle, The Performing Arts and Radio/Television Building, Room 101, University of Montana, Missoula MT, 59812.

# Clara Littlewhirlwind

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

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LAME DEER — Clara Littlewhirlwind, 64, died Wednesday, Jan. 7, 2004, at Deaconess Billings Clinic.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Lame Deer Mennonite Church with burial in the Lame Deer Cemetery. Rausch Funeral Home is in charge.

# **Leona White Dirt Little Wolff**

**SEP 4 2004  
BILLINGS GAZETTE**

LAME DEER — Leona White Dirt Little Wolff, 75, died Thursday, Sept. 2, 2004.

Wake service will be held at 7 p.m. Sunday, and the funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Monday, both at Corliss White Dirt's residence in Lame Deer. Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home of Forsyth is in charge.

# Leona White Dirt Little Wolf

**LAME DEER** — Leona White Dirt Little Wolf, age 75, of Lame Deer passed away on Thursday, Sept. 2, 2004, at her home of natural causes.

Leona was born the daughter of Charles White Dirt and Julia Whistling Elk, on Dec. 7, 1928, at her home near Muddy Creek. Leona was a direct descendent of Chief William Crazyhead, on her father's side, and Charles Whistling Elk Braided Hair, on her mother's side. She grew up and attended school in the Muddy Creek area. She married Mike Little Wolf and together they made their home in the Muddy Creek area as well.



**LEONA  
WHITE DIRT  
LITTLE WOLF**

Leona was known for her beadwork, dry-meat, fry-bread making, as well as quilting. She was a traditional woman. Everyone was welcome in her home and she treated everyone with kindness and respect. She also raised many children as her own. Her husband, William, was a cattle rancher in the Kirby area and she worked along side him in all of the daily chores.

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Leona is survived by her daughters Susan L. Little Wolf, Corliss A. Little Wolf-High Bull, and Beatrice Hart; two sons Perry Little Coyote, and Leforce Lone Bear; one brother Glibert White Dirt of Muddy Creek; and three sisters May White Dirt of Lame Deer, Imogene Dewey of Lame Deer and Lena Sooktis of Muddy Creek. She is also survived by her seven grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m., on Monday, Sept. 6, at the Corliss Little Wolf-High Bull's residence. A wake will be at 7 p.m., on Sunday, Sept. 5, at the Corliss Little Wolf-High Bull's residence. Burial will be in the Little Wolf family cemetery on Muddy Creek.

Condolences can be sent to the Little Wolf family at [www.stevensonandsons.com](http://www.stevensonandsons.com).

## **Laurel Jane Litton**

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

CODY, Wyo. — Laurel Jane Litton, 43, died Wednesday, June 16, 2004, at the West Park Long Term Care Center.

At her request, no services will be held. Private family interment will take place.

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## **Alice Lium**

**WOLF POINT —** Alice I. Trinder Lium, 91, died Thursday, Feb. 26, 2004, at Faith Lutheran Home in Wolf Point, of a severe stroke.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, March 3, at the Lindsey Memorial Presbyterian Church in Poplar. Visitation will be from 3 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 2, at the church, with a prayer service at 7 p.m. Clayton Stevenson Memorial Chapel is in charge.

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**SHERIDAN, Wyo. —**

DuWayne Kermit Livengood was born 15 minutes before midnight on March 31, 1941. The nurses at Holy Rosary Hospital in Miles City, Mont., teased his mother that her first born would be an April Fool baby. Her first response was not, "What did I have? Boy or girl?" but "What time was it?"

He was the first child of Kermit and Marian (Good) Livengood. DuWayne died of cancer on Aug. 27, 2004, at the Sheridan Manor.



**DuWAYNE  
LIVENGOOD**

DuWayne attended Plevna (Mont.) Grade School and dropped out of Plevna High School his senior year. He completed a tooling leather class years later in Helena, Mont.

On June 2, 1961, in Ekalaka, Mont., he was married to Marjorie Ann Wiseman. Two children were born to this union: Keneon DuWayne on Aug. 7, 1963, and Angela Dianne on Aug. 31, 1977. They later were divorced.

DuWayne married Joyce Elgin in Miles City, and to this union a boy Kadean DuWayne was born on Aug. 31, 1978. They divorced later.

DuWayne's passion was hors-

es. He enjoyed the cowboy life and was called "Cowboy" by several. He could be seen with his black hat, Levis and boots whenever he may be working, or whenever there was need of a roper or helper for branding. He was employed by various ranches and farms in the area. He worked to the oilfields and was employed for a time at the O&M Elevator in Baker. Due to a disability, he was unemployed at the time of his death.

DuWayne was preceded in death by his parents, Kermit and Marian Livengood. He is survived by his son, Keneon Livengood of Los Angeles, Calif.; son, Kadean Livengood of Vermont; and daughter Angie and her husband Kerry Simac of Huntley, Mont. Also surviving DuWayne are his two brothers and their wives, Dwight and Carla Livengood of Miles City and Ross and Brenda Livengood of Billings, Mont.; and one sister and her husband, Bonita and Jack Phillips of Lebanon, Ore.

These nieces and nephews will not be able to witness his horse skills. They are Jenny Livengood of Spearfish, S.D., Nikki Zimmer of Worden, Mont., and Katrina Nahikian of Torrence, Calif., and his four nephews, Joel Livengood of Lead,

S.D., Jeffrey Livengood of Spearfish, S.D., Paul Livengood of Billings and Lydell Phillips of Lebanon, Ore. He had two grandnephews Sebastian Phillips and Tanner Livengood, and three grandnieces, Jordan Livengood, Jordyn Zimmer, and Kaylee Phillips.

Memorial services will be held Thursday at 2 p.m. at the Chapel of Stevenson Funeral Home in Baker, Mont., and Friday at 1 p.m. in Sheridan, Wyo., at the First Congregational United Church of Christ.

**Robert C. Livermore** *THE BILLINGS GAZETTE*

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CODY, Wyo. — Robert C. Livermore, 72, died Wednesday, Dec. 8, 2004, at his home.

Memorial services will be 10 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 16, at Ballard Funeral Home in Cody.

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Christina J. Livingston, 81, of Billings, passed away Saturday morning, Jan. 31, 2004, surrounded by her family.

The daughter of John and Margaret Scanlon, Christina was born Nov. 27, 1922, in Boston, Mass., where she was raised and educated. She married Herbert H. Livingston in Boston on June 5, 1947. They enjoyed 56 wonderful years together. They lived in a variety of communities while Herb served in the Marine Corps, coming to Billings in 1967.

Christina was a member of St. Pius X Church and the American Legion Auxiliary.

Her life was centered around her family and friends. She would always remember your name and was able to make everyone feel welcome and included.

We will miss the goofy hats she loved to wear.

Survivors include her husband, Herbert, of Billings, her daughter, Donna Tauscher and her husband, John, of Colstrip; her son, Bob Livingston and his wife, Jo, of Reno, Nev.; two grandchildren, Bob Livingston Jr., his wife, Sasha, and their daughter, Allura Sky, of Molokai, Hawaii, and Jennifer Livingston of Eugene, Ore.; and two sisters, Margaret Snadasky and her husband, Woodrow, of Ft. Smith, Ark., and Josephine Doyle of Dorchester, Mass.

Vigil services will be 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 2, at St. Pius X Church. The Funeral Mass will be 11 a.m. Tuesday at St. Pius Church with cremation to follow. Private interment services will be held at Mountview Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Pius X Church or the Handicapped Scouting Program of the Marine Corps League.

Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary has charge of arrangements.

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Alfred "Togo" P. Lizotte Jr. passed away in Billings on March 4, 2004, at the age of 69. Alfred was born on Nov. 20, 1934 in Poplar, to Alfred Lizotte Sr. and Fannie Red Fox. His family and friends will dearly miss him.

Alfred worked in many fields during his lifetime. In 1974, he worked at the Spotted Bull Treatment Center; in 1976 for the Fort Peck Tribal Police Department; in the mid 1980s, he became the Chief Game Warden for Fish & Game; in 1995, he worked as the supervisory guard at the Ft. Peck Detention Center. He was vice chairman in 2000. He also worked as the director of Highway Safety at one time, and in 2002, he became a game warden and elderly liaison for the Fish & Game Department. Earlier in his life he served his country in the United States Army as a paratrooper during the Korean War. During his lifetime, Togo enjoyed taking part in hunting, fishing, and cruising.

He is survived by his wife, Karen Lizotte of Poplar; a brother, Raymond Dolezilek of Poplar; and four sisters, Maria Decker of Billings, Betty Kirm, Mercy Knowlton of Poplar, and Myrna Lauter of Billings; four sons, Meade, James and Fred Lizotte, and Terry Dolezilek, all of Poplar; one step son, Anthony Hamilton

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of Poplar; seven adopted sons, Arlyn Headdress of Wolf Point, Lonnie Headdress of Wolf Point, Pete Dupree, Babes Pritchard, Eddy Walking Eagle, and Charlie Four Bear, all of Poplar, and Rodney Burshia of Brockton;

three step-daughters, Thomasine Hamilton of New Mexico, Nannette Hamilton of Poplar, and Deanna First of Billings; five adopted daughters, Neva Loudermilk of Billings, Francine LeMay, Doreen Ferguson, and Judy Grey Bear, all of Poplar, and Linnel Rising Sun of Ft. Yates, N.D.; an adopted sister, Odessa Four Star of Poplar; an adopted brother, Clifford "Hindu" Thompson of Canada; two grandchildren he raised, Ariann and Anthony Mazawashuna of Poplar; five more grandchildren, LaFaye Lizotte, Jordan Lizotte, Amber Buckles, Terise Dolezilek, and Joe Dupree, all of Poplar. Togo has two more grandchildren who were outstanding athletes, Kayla and Joyce Lambert of Brockton, and numerous nieces and nephews. Alfred is also survived by Tommy and Georgia Atkinson, who were lovingly thought of as "Li Mom and Dad" by Togo.

Alfred was preceded in death by his parents, Fannie Red Fox and Pete Lizotte and an adopted sister, Artie Crazy Bull.

A prayer service will be held for Alfred at 7 p.m. Monday, March 8, at the Poplar Cultural Center in Poplar, with funeral services to follow at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, March 9, also at the Poplar Cultural Center. The Rev. Enright Bighorn will be officiating. Condolences may be sent for the family to [esmc@nemontel.net](mailto:esmc@nemontel.net) or posted online at [www.stevensonandsons.com](http://www.stevensonandsons.com).

Clayton Stevenson Memorial Chapel has been entrusted with the arrangements.

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LIZOTTE, JR

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# Skip Lloyd

SUN LAKES, Ariz. — Lyness "Skip" Lloyd, Jr., 73, of Sun Lakes, passed away peacefully on Dec. 20, 2004, after a long courageous battle with cancer. He was a devoted and loving husband, father and grandfather.

He was born Oct. 16, 1931, in Fargo, N.D., to Lyness Sr. and Rose (Mutz) Lloyd. Skip graduated from Saint Mary's High School in Bismarck, N.D., in 1949, attended St. John's University in Minnesota and graduated from North Dakota State University in 1953 with a degree in pharmacy. He married the love of his life and his life-long companion DeVonne Neldeffer in 1955.

After graduation, he worked as a pharmacist in Bismarck until 1962, Miles City, Mont., until 1965, operated the F & G Drug in Glendive, Mont., until 1987 and Bremerton, Wash., until 1998. He practiced for a total of 44 years in the pharmacy field.

Skip and DeVonne retired to Sun Lakes in 1998, where he was a member of Saint Stephen's Church. In addition to spending time with his family, over the years he served as PTA President, School Board Member, Booster Club President, Bismarck Jaycee President, Chairman and Business Manager of the Miss

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North Dakota Pageant President of the South East Montana Pharmacy Association, President of the Central North Dakota Pharmacy Association, 16 years as a Glendive City Council Member and 14 years as President of the Glendive City Council. Skip's hobbies included hunting, fishing, boating, travel, genealogy and sports of all types. He enjoyed gathering and sharing knowledge of the things he enjoyed.

He is survived by his loving wife of 49 years, DeVonne Lloyd, Sun Lakes; sons and daughters-in-law, Lynn and Linda Lloyd, Butte, Mont., Tom and Yolanda Lloyd, Ahwatukee, Ariz., Tim and Carrie Lloyd, Jefferson City, Mont., David Lloyd and Jennifer Keene, Butte; sister and brother-in-law, Gloria and Paul Irsfield, Tacoma, Wash.; brother and sister-in-law, John "Jay" and Sandy Lloyd, Yakima, Wash.; grandchildren, Kristen Lloyd, Jonathan Quinn, Danielle Lloyd, Kendra Lloyd, Taylor Lloyd and Trevor Lloyd; numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and his



youngest son, Michael Lloyd.  
He will be missed but not forgotten.

His remains are in Wayrynen-Richards Funeral Home in Butte, where prayers will be recited Monday, Dec. 27, at 9:30 a.m., proceeding to St. Patrick's Catholic Church, where Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Interment will be in Mountain View Cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home beginning Sunday afternoon, Dec. 26, at 5 p.m. Parish Rosary will be Sunday evening at 7 p.m. in the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, 2929 E. Thomas Road, Phoenix, AZ 85016 or to Hospice of the Valley, 1510 E. Flower St., Phoenix, AZ 85014.

# FRANCES McNEES Beery Lobdell

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

AUG 31 2004

**RICHEY** — Our mother, Frances McNees Beery Lobdell, age 83, of Richey, went to her heavenly home to meet our Maker and join the loved ones who had gone before, her parents, husband, three brothers, a sister, three precious grandchildren and a precious great-granddaughter. Frances passed away on Saturday, Aug. 28, 2004, in Circle.



**FRANCES  
LOBDELL**

Visitation will be on Tuesday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at the Silvernale-Silha Funeral Chapel in Richey. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the United Methodist Church in Richey with the Rev. Tim Hathaway officiating. Interment with Eastern Star services will be in the Dawson Memorial Cemetery in Glendive. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Glendive is entrusted with arrangements.

Frances Irene came into this world on a Tuesday morning, Sept. 21, 1920, at the farm home of her parents, George P. and Mary (Fast) McNees east of Bedford, Iowa. She joined siblings, George

Eldon, John Harold, Walter Cleo and Dorothy Jane. She received her education at rural Gay Center, then graduated from Bedford High in 1937 at the age of 16. She became employed at the AAA office, now FSA, operating a plinimeter to measure the fields on the aerial maps. On Jan. 7, 1939, she was wed to Harold A.C. "Peck" Beery at Troy, Kan. Four children were born to this union, Sharon Kay, Danny A.C., Richard J. and Thomas Wayne. They farmed in Iowa until moving to their farm, known as the Fox Farm, west of Richey, in 1948. Harold passed away in 1983. On June 21, 1992, she was married to Dayton Lobdell.

Mom was a community-minded person. She was an active member of the United Methodist Church, having served as treasurer since 1978, a 50-year member of Eastern Star, a member of the Rebekah Lodge, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, a 40-year volunteer for the American Cancer Society, besides other civic duties. She had been a 4-H

leader in Iowa. She loved to play bridge and other card games, do crossword puzzles, crochet and sew. She was a great lover of animals and instilled that gift in her children and grandchildren. She will be remembered for her loving kindness. Everyone will remember the fight in this strong lady. She was not afraid to have her say to anyone about anything. She was always interested in her children's and grandchildren's activities and very proud of their accomplishments.

She liked to travel, having been to most of the U.S. states, Europe, Hawaii, Canada and Mexico.

Frances was preceded in death by her parents; first husband; four siblings; three grandchildren, Mary Frances, Troy David and Michelle Kay Wilson, and a great-granddaughter, Skylar Rai Herrera.

Survivors include her husband, Dayton Lodbell of Richey; her children, Sharon Wilson and her husband Norman of Black Hawk, S.D., Danny Beery and his wife Clarice of Richey, Richard "Dick" Beery and his wife Phyllis of Circle and Thomas "Tom" Beery and his wife JoAnn of Hazen, N.D. She is also survived by grandchildren, Tracy and Melinda Wilson, Rondel, Jess, Rick, Jack, Robert, Buffy, Brooke, Brandon, Cory, Jenna and Rachel Beery, and 17 great-grandchildren.

Memorials are suggested to the Golden Hammer Award, c/o Richey High School, Richey, MT 59259.

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

**FEB 16 2004**

Mel Loberg died at his home in Billings on Thursday, Feb. 12, 2004. He was 86 years old.

Mel was born in Butte on Jan. 26, 1918, the only child of John and Fiina Loberg. His father periodically worked in the Butte mines to earn money for their homestead claim south of Hins-

**MELVIN  
LOBERG**

dale. In 1918, Fiina came to Butte with John, and Mel was born on East Granite Street in the "FinnTown" area of Butte. Mel was very proud of his Finnish heritage and could still read and speak the language. And of course, the first building that was built on the homestead had a Finnish sauna that is still functional today.

Mel was an accomplished saxophone player. He shared his love of music with his wife, Lorraine, who played the piano and accordion. Together they enjoyed playing for dances on the Hi-Line. They loved polka music, and in their later years would sit in on jam sessions with their friends all around Montana. Lorraine died in November 2000, and Mel never fully recovered from losing her.

Mel was a veteran of World War II and was a Past Master of Kyle Masonic Lodge #96. He was

a successful regional sales manager for White Farm Equipment in Michigan, Wisconsin and Montana.

In his retirement years, Mel enjoyed wheat farming on the ranch south of Hinsdale, traveling in his motorhome, and fishing with his friends and family. Being a farmer at heart, he had an inherent talent for tinkering and would spend hours fixing anything that was broken.

Mel had a dry sense of humor and would surprise anyone with his quick wit. He was an avid Green Bay Packer fan and he was thrilled when the Packers won the Super Bowl in 1997.

Survivors include his children, Linda Vance of Billings, Tom and Kim Loberg of Butte, Marsha and Kirk Johnson of Helena, Cheryl Loberg and husband, Doug Robinson, of Missoula; and grandchildren, John and Rebecca Loberg of Butte and Cole Johnson of Helena.

At Mel's request, cremation has taken place, and a special memorial is planned at the Hinsdale family ranch in the spring. The family welcomes you to join them at an open house on Monday, Feb. 16,

between 4 and 7:00 p.m. at 3012 Lee Ann Blvd. to share memories of Mel's life.

We would like to thank the staff of Big Sky Hospice, with a special thank you to Heather, Beth and Stephanie for their kindness and compassion. Memorials can be made to Big Sky Hospice, PO Box 35033, Billings, MT 59107.

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# Thelma Bertha Lode

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**HARLOWTON** — Thelma Bertha Lode was called to heaven on Saturday, Oct. 16, 2004, while sleeping, at Wheatland Memorial Nursing Home in Harlowton. She was 90.

little puppies and horses were more of her favorites. In addition to helping with the animals and chores on the ranch, Thelma worked at Schemling Cok Storage, Wade's Drive Inn and IGA grocery store, all in Harlowton. She was a member of the Federated Church, Women of the Moose and Senior Citizens all in Harlowton. She worked with the Girl Scouts and FFA girls and helped get 4-H started in Harlowton.

She was preceded by her parents and three brothers, Milton, Henry and Elmer Kenley, and infant daughter June Adell.

Survivors include her husband Harold of Harlowton; daughter Joyce (Ron) Ingram of Billings; sons Ken (Linda) Lode of Helena and Ron Lode of Billings. Other survivors include eight grandchildren, Kevin Barnhart, Billings; Robb (Tina) Barnhart, Harlowton; Pat Barnhart, Billings; Jay (Theresa) Lode, Helena; Kenda (Bob) Biegler of Shanghai, China; Kyle Lode, Harlowton; Michelle (Chris) Lorash, Belgrade, and Carrie Lode of Washington State; 11 great-grandchildren, Sandra, Jeremiah, Joshua, Daniel, Chris, Alex, Daniel, Molly, Caleb, Emily and Jackson; and many other relatives and friends.

Thelma was born Nov. 13, 1913,

in Lewistown, the youngest child of George and Amelia Kenley. The family ranched near Judith Gap and she attended school in Garneill and country schools near Judith Gap.



**THELMA  
LODE**

She graduated from Judith Gap High School in 1932, where she loved playing basketball.

On Aug. 1, 1936, she married Harold Lode in Harlowton. They ranched near the Belt Mountains 25 miles north of Harlowton for many years and built their home closer to town in 1948. Thelma's life centered on her family, always cooking and baking for them, but she had many interests. She knitted sweaters, was an avid quilt maker, crocheted afghans and items for the home. She loved to take the grandkids fishing or rock hunting and playing games with them. She enjoyed playing pool and pinochle with family and friends. Bingo, garage sales, square dancing, old time fiddling

Thelma was a thoughtful and caring lady, so full of love for everyone she knew. She blessed so many lives. May we all find peace knowing she has reached eternal happiness. Until we see you again, how we will miss you making us smile. You are truly our angel.

Services will be held 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 23, at Perkins Funeral Home. Memorials suggested to charity of one's choice. Perkins Funeral Home assisted the family with the services.

Lawrence Carl Loegering, 78, of Billings, passed away at his home on Oct. 27, 2004, surrounded by his family.

Larry was born in Long Prairie Township, Minn., on Aug. 27, 1926, to John and Olivia (Krueger)

Loegering. He attended school in Browerville, Minn., graduating in May 1944. Following high school, Larry enlisted in the United States Navy in August 1944. After serving three years over seas, he was honorably discharged on July 11, 1947.



**LAWRENCE  
LOEGERING**

Upon his separation from the service, Larry moved to north-eastern Montana and began ranching and farming. He supplemented his income in the cold winter months by working in the oilfields. His part-time work in the Williston Basin led to full-time and he gave up farming and ranching. He continued his work in the oil and gas business for the next 48 years. During his tenure he worked for and consulted with many companies throughout the U.S. He developed many strong and lasting relationships throughout his career and came to be well respected and in

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demand by many. He consulted through May 2004 working for Petroleum Experience, Inc. and was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in June 2004. He fought a courageous and determined battle with cancer to the very end.

Larry is survived by his loving wife of 22 years, Eileen (Struckman) Loegering, of Billings; sons, Tim (Paula) Loegering of Dickinson, N.D., and Cory (Susan) Loegering of Houston; daughters, Cindy Hockett of Havre and Tammy Loegering of Poplar; stepdaughters, Vickie Struckman of Billings, Jo-Dee (Don) Bergerson of Billings and Brenda Struckman of Rapid City, S.D.; stepson, Tim Struckman of Albuquerque, N.M.; grandchildren, Brittany and Brian of Austin, Texas, and Matthew of Houston, Michele of Havre, Andrew and Thomas of Dickinson, and Joshua, serving in the Navy in Baghdad, and Jesse of Billings; as well as numerous other relatives, friends and neighbors.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Norman and Peter; two sisters, Ramona and Florence; and two grandsons, Tyler and Daniel.

A celebration of life vigil will be held at 7 p.m. on Friday, Oct.



29, 2004, at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary, 1001 Alderson Ave in Billings. Funeral Mass will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 30, at St. Thomas the Apostle Church at 2055 Woody Drive, Billings. Military Honors will be provided for the Rite of Committal by the American Legion Post 4 at Yellowstone Valley Memorial Park immediately following services.

Memorials may be sent to Big Sky Hospice, PO Box 35033, Billings, MT 59107-5033 or the American Cancer Society.

Larry found his way into each of our hearts. We will never forget his sense of humor and his creative mind. Farewell, Husband, Dad, Papa, Grandpa, Uncle Larry, we love you.

**GLENDIVE** — Albert D. Loendorf, age 90, of Glendive, formerly of Vida, passed away peacefully in his sleep on Aug. 22, 2004, at the Northeastern Montana Veteran's Home in Glendive.

Albert was born on Aug. 4, 1914, at the family homestead near Vida to Hubert and Christina (Neustal) Loendorf. He worked at various farms in the Vida area before going into the Army in November 1941. He served the United States Army in the 583rd Signal Air Warning Battalion as a mechanic in Italy, France and Germany. Albert was honorably discharged in 1945 and returned home to farm/ranch near Vida. On Oct. 30, 1950, he and Angela



**ALBERT  
LOENDORF**

Dougherty were married in Wolf Point. Together, they farmed and ranched in the Vida area, until moving to Wolf Point in 1995 and then to Great Falls in 2001. In November of 2003, Albert moved into the Northeastern Montana Veterans Home in Glendive.

Albert loved to play baseball in his early years in the Vida and Richey areas with his brothers and friends. He enjoyed bowling,

hunting and fishing. Albert was especially proud that he was able to teach his granddaughters to fish. He had a wonderful sense of humor that was apparent in everything he did.

He was very active in the communities of which he lived. He was secretary for 30 years of the Equity Co-Op Association, a lifetime charter member of the Elks Club in Wolf Point and a life member of the KC's, and a member of the American Legion. Albert was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and a lifetime member of the Wolf Point Historical Society. He served on the Vida School Board for several years, and was proud that he was there when they built the new school in 1956.

Albert is survived by his wife, Angela, of almost 54 years, of Glendive; his sons, Alan Loendorf of Miles City and Arthur (Sandra) Loendorf of Billings; his beloved granddaughters, Venissa

Loendorf of Billings and Jacqueline (Brian) Pillman of Spokane, Wash.; and a brother, Charles (Cecile) of Wolf Point; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, Aug. 25, at Clayton Stevenson Memorial Chapel in Wolf Point. A vigil service will be held on Wednesday, Aug. 25, at 7 p.m. at the Clayton Stevenson Memorial Chapel. Funeral services will be held on Thursday, Aug. 26, at 10 a.m. at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Wolf Point. Graveside services will follow at the Greenwood Cemetery with full military honors. To send your condolences to the family, please visit: [www.stevenson-andsons.com](http://www.stevenson-andsons.com).

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Wolf Point Historical Society, 220 Second Ave. S., Wolf Point, MT 59201; Northeastern Montana Veterans Home, 2000 Montana Ave; Glendive, MT 59301; or to the charity of one's choice. Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home of Miles City has been entrusted with the arrangements.

## Margaret Logan

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**BIG HORN —** Margaret Derrickson Logan, 92, of Big Horn, died Friday, April 16, 2004, in Cheyenne.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 24, at the Sheridan Municipal Cemetery. A luncheon will be held at the Big Horn Women's Club in Big Horn after the service. Champion Ferries Funeral Home of Sheridan is in charge.

# Mary V. Logan

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LEWISTOWN — Mary V. Logan, 86, died Saturday, Feb. 28, 2004, at the Central Montana Skilled Nursing Center.

Mary was born April 19, 1917, in Culbertson, to Art and Helen (Hupman) Strom. She received her schooling in Scobey. She attended St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minn., and graduated from Northwestern College in Chicago, in 1940. On Aug. 26, 1942, in Glasgow, she was united in marriage to Ernest R. Logan. He preceded her in death on Dec. 10, 2000.



MARY  
LOGAN

She and her husband owned and operated Strom Logan Hardware in Glasgow for many years, retiring in 1979. Upon retirement, they moved to Lewistown.

Mary was a member of St. James Episcopal Church in Lewistown, St. Matthews Episcopal Church in Glasgow, a past worthy matron of Valley Chapter #29 Order of Eastern Star, a 4-H leader, a member of AAUW, PEO, Valley County Extension Homemakers Club and also was a member of the bridge club.

She enjoyed homemaking, gardening, needlework, reading and spending lots of time with her

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children and grandchildren. She was always a very elegant lady who loved to entertain and do things for others. She was a real animal lover and enjoyed raising many baby animals on their place south of Glasgow.

Survivors include a daughter, Kathy (Tom) Block in Whiteriver, Ariz., and four sons, Michael (Virginia) Logan of Denver, N.C., Pat (Maureen) Logan of Lewistown, Tim (Diana) Logan of Valley City, N.D., Dennis (Judy) Logan of Richmond Hill, Ga.; 12 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ernest; a great-grandson, John Colton Logan; and her parents.

A memorial service for Mary V. Logan will be held at St. James Episcopal Church in Lewistown on Wednesday, March 24, at 11 a.m. Cremation has taken place and inurnment of ashes will be at Highland Cemetery in Glasgow.

Memorials are suggested to St. James Episcopal Church in Lewistown or to St. Matthews Episcopal Church in Glasgow or to the charity of the donor's choice.

O'Creel Funeral Home of Lewistown is in charge of the arrangements.

## **Ethel M. Lohse**

GLENDIVE — Ethel M. Lohse, 86, of Glendive, died Wednesday, Nov. 3, 2004, at the Glendive Medical Center.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, Nov. 8, at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Glendive. Interment will be in the Dawson Memorial Cemetery in Glendive. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Glendive is in charge.

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# Taryn Ryan Lonebear (Thunder In The Sky)

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ASHLAND — The Creator needed a new Angel and called Taryn Home on June 12, 2004.

Taryn (Thunder In The Sky) was born on Feb. 1, 1991, to Roxanne Braine and Richard Lonebear. He was raised in

Ashland and was to be an eighth grader at St. Labre Indian School. He was his mother's "littleman" who fixed the car, repaired plumbing fixtures, installed car stereos and



**TARYN  
LONEBEAR**

amplifiers, mowed lawns and babysat his siblings. Throughout his years at St. Labre, Taryn participated in every activity possible. He was a member of the basketball, swimming, track and cross-country teams, Middle School Drum Group, Destination Imagination, Indian Club, Horsemanship Program and Science Club.

Taryn, a member of the Northern Cheyenne Tribe, was raised within his large extended family to love his culture and traditions and respect all of life.

He enjoyed beading, sweats, ceremonies, singing and dancing,

making hand drums and drum sticks, riding horses and participating in the Ft. Robinson and Sand Creek Memorial runs. He chose to wear braids and had never cut his hair. He enjoyed attending and participating in powwows and had friends throughout Indian Country.

Taryn was a vivacious, generous, happy, friendly, helpful and active young man who would do whatever was asked of him. He developed a very early love for tinkering on anything mechanical and was known for fixing broken gadgets which earned him the family nickname of "Gadget." His numerous other hobbies included rebuilding demolition cars, wrestling calves, fishing, hunting, building "pimpin'" bikes, jammin' to all styles of music, drawing, cooking and earning money.

Taryn is survived by his mother and brothers Danny, Tristan, Talon, Torey; and sisters Skye, Taliyah and Tianna of the family home in Ashland; his father, Richard (Michelle) of Hardin and brother Peter Freeman of Lane



Deer. He is also survived by his grandparents, Alfred and Ruby Braine; grandmother Laura Lonebear; great-grandfather Carl Braine; and traditional grandparents Evelyn Flying, Geraldine Fisher, LaForce (Juanita) Lonebear, George (Carmen) Scalpcane, Gertrude (Joe) Firecrow Sr., Leah (Roy) Dolbear, Cleveland (Corliss) HolyElkBoy, Richard Morrison, Mary Faye Bailey and Robert (Sue) Shotgun. He is also survived by numerous aunts and uncles, including Carrie Braine, Dean (Kelly) Braine, Terry Braine, Gary (Blue) and Susan Braine, JoAnn Elliott, Ben (Rae Dawn) Sanders, Brian (Anna) Sanders, Rich Sanders, Kim Dahle, Faith (Kenny) Merrick Jr., Bridgette, Melissa, Kevin, Robert, Reilly, Don and Eli (Terri) Lonebear, August (Annette) Scalpcane, Roberta and Stella Ashley, LaVonne Firecrow, Sherri Ewing, LaVonne (Harry) Scalpcane, Shane (Elia) Ewing, Marti Ewing, June (Jim) Dahle, Leland (Jeanette) Pittman, Bill (Kathy) Pittman, Bonnie, Misty and Jennie Pipe, Trina Nash, Melissa, Donna (Oscar), Leslie and Thelma, Virgil, Vernon, Arlin Fisher, Richard, Virgil, Tommy McCormick, Ryan Kaline, Willie, Gordy and Evol HighBull; special cousins, Crystal, Peyton, Jenna,

Kasey, Kori, Kaden, Jade, Craig, Aryn, Joanna, Liz, Francis, Chris, Randy, Tashenna, Trevon, Tasia, Keeanu, Millen, Shug, Velma, Erin, Shawn, Kasey, Jamsie, Daryl, Brijen and many, many additional adopted relatives whom he acknowledged regardless of where he was or who he was with.

Taryn was always surrounded by friends and family. He will be greatly missed by all he touched and those who loved him.

Wake services will be held at the St. Labre Social Room at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, June 15. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. at the Soaring Eagle Gymnasium on Wednesday, June 16. Interment will take place at the St. Labre Cemetery. Bullis Funeral Chapels of Hardin has been entrusted with the arrangements.

## Terry DeWitt Long

VENTURA, Calif. — Terry DeWitt Long, of Ventura, passed away in the early morning of Aug. 22, 2004, at his home.

He was born Oct. 29, 1941, in Great Falls, Mont., to Evelyn C. and Clifford D. Long. Terry graduated from Billings Senior High School in Billings in 1959. Following high school, he honorably served in the United States Navy as a Medical Corpsman from 1960 until 1963. He then married Loretta Hazel Nugent in Cerritos, Calif., and the couple had three children, Jerry, Jana and Julie. They later divorced.

In 1969, Terry graduated from the Rio Hondo Police Academy and served as a member of the El Monte Police Department from 1968 until he was injured in the line of duty in 1970.

With characteristic resiliency and determination, he went on to graduate from the Ventura College of Law in 1975. Terry practiced law in Ventura, earning the respect of his peers in the profession. An inspiration to many, he was honored as the Disabled Citizen of the Year by Ventura Community College in 1983. Terry carried on his father's love for cars and speed by becoming a member of the National Hot Rod Association.

Terry Long had a great pride in his family, starting with his deep love and respect for his

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mother, and an intense love and admiration for his brothers, Vance and Dean, and for his children.

Along with his love for family, he held the highest value for his many friendships. A man of sharp intellect and wit, Terry was born with the gift and passion for talk, telling stories and for entering dialogues on the widest array of subjects, seeking clarity and understanding.

He is survived by his beloved mother, Evelyn Long; his children, Jerome D. Long, Jana M. Patterson and Julie Long-Coleman; grandchildren, Miranda McNair, Tameron Long, Jerome Long, Jordan Patterson, Olivia Patterson and Anisa Patterson.

Terry is preceded in death by his father, Clifford Long, and his brothers, Vance Long and Dean Long.

Burial will take place at Highland Cemetery in Great Falls, where Terry will be laid to rest next to his brother.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent in Terry's name to the Ventura County Chapter of the American Cancer Society, 250 West Citrus Grove, Suite 200, Oxnard, CA 93036.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Ted Mayr Funeral Home, 3150 Loma Vista Road, Ventura.

**JUL 27 2004**

Thelma Gibbs Long was born on Aug. 19, 1909, in Readfield Depot, Maine, a daughter to Harry Marsten Gibbs and Florence Pike Gibbs. She passed away on Saturday, July 24, 2004, at her home.

Thelma attended Kents Hill Academy, graduating in 1927. She then spent the next year in Boston attending the Curry School. In 1932, Thelma graduated from the University of Maine.



**THELMA  
LONG**

On Sept. 9, 1933, Thelma married Malcolm Graham Long in Holbrook, Ariz. Following their marriage, they moved to Billings and have lived here ever since (except for a few years during the war). Malcolm preceded her in death on June 21, 1988.

Survivors include her three children, Cynthia Foster (Paul

Milan), Constance Studer (Dean) and Joel Long (Andrea); 14 grandchildren and 37 great-grandchildren. To them she will always be remembered as "Mimi," a name given to her by her first grandchild. Mimi had a special place in all of their lives and will be remembered with love.

Thelma was an active volunteer over the last 50 years in many community organizations and most recently was a founding member of the Alberta Bair Theatre Board. She was a long time active member of First Congregational Church-UCC and the Hilands Golf Club.

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m., Thursday at the First Congregational United Church of Christ. Cremation has taken place.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Shrine Transportation Fund or the charity of one's choice.

Michelotti-Sawyers is in charge of arrangements.

**W.A. 'Bill' Long**

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W.A. "Bill" Long, 74, of Billings, died peacefully on May 26, 2004, following a diligent two-year battle with cancer.

He was born on Oct. 16, 1929, in Byers, Texas, the son of Ollie and Nora Long. He moved to Montana when he was 12 years of age, and married Mary, Jean Stovall at the young age of 15. He is survived by their three children, Larry Long, Boni Braumbeck and Joe of Lewistown, and Connie McCarthy and Steve of Billings; and one sister, Geraldine Erickson of Laurel.

Bill's life is reflected in his avid enjoyment of music, his support of and commitment to the Hawthorne Evangelical United Brethren Church, his intense involvement in the AA program, and his willingness to help many friends in need.

Graveside services were held at Fort Rockvale on May 28. Memorials may be left to the charity of your choice.

# Shelly Lynn (Fortune) Longfox

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HAYS — Shelly Lynn (Fortune) Longfox, age 44, of Hays, formerly of Miles City, a substitute teacher, passed away on Sunday, July 4, 2004, at the Benefis East Hospital in Great Falls, of multiple organ failure.



**SHELLY  
LONGFOX**

Wake services will start at 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 6, at the Medicine Bear Lodge in Lodge Pole. Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Wednesday, July 7, at the Medicine Bear Lodge, with interment in the Longfox Family Cemetery at the family ranch. Memorials may be made to the charity of one's choice. Adams Funeral Home of Malta is in charge of arrangements.

Shelly is survived by her husband, Leon, her son, Brandon, her daughter, Morganna, all of Hays; her mother, Wildene Fortune of Miles City; her father and step-mother, Vern and Bea Fortune of Kyle, S.D.; her grandmother, Vernice White of Miles City; five sisters, Susan Wells and her husband Ron of Miles City, Janice Fortune of Billings, Cathy Baugatz and her husband Lee of Miles

City, Darcy Boggs and her husband Les of Baker and Stacy Butts and her husband Stacy of Billings; stepchildren, Kelly Longfox and Kathy Poast and her husband Ron of Council Bluffs, Iowa, Tammy Kelsch and her husband Steve of Beulah, N.D., Bobbi Zueger of Bismarck, N.D., Shawn Duckett of Billings, Terri Longfox of Billings; nine step-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her grandparents; a sister, Denise Fortune; a brother, Todd Fortune; a stepson, Leon Longfox Jr; a brother-in-law, Bill Pauley; and a niece, Abby Jo Michal.

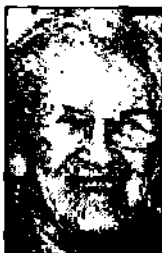
Shelly was born in Quinn, S.D., on July 2, 1960, the daughter of Vern and Wildene (White) Fortune. In 1962, she moved with her family from South Dakota to the family ranch near Miles City, where she loved raising her 4-H steers and working cattle. She attended Garland Country School and graduated from Custer

County High School. Following her schooling, she remained in Miles City, where she worked with racehorses and met and married Leon Longfox. They made their home in Billings and in 1996, they moved to Hays, where they had lived since.

Shelly loved to do crafts, work in her flower gardens and tell jokes. Shelly was very encouraging and supporting of her children and their activities, Morgann with her piano lessons, basketball, Indian Dancing, and Brandon with his FFA, Rodeo and Football. Shelly truly loved all of her nieces and nephews. Shelly took pride in being a homemaker and ranch woman. She enjoyed volunteering for many activities in her community.

**BELGRADE** — Elsie Armstrong-Longley, 83, of Belgrade, our beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and sister passed into the waiting arms of our Lord, Oct. 14, 2004, at Billings Deaconess Hospital, as a result of heart complications.

She was born Elsie Watson Gray on Feb. 27, 1921, to John E. Gray and Louise Duff Gray of Forsyth, Mont. Elsie was raised, along with her five siblings, on the Gray home-  
stead north of



**ELSIE  
ARMSTRONG-  
LONGLEY**

Forsyth. She attended school in Forsyth and graduated from Forsyth High School. She worked at Lane Deer prior to marrying Ralph W. Armstrong, of Forsyth, on July 23, 1941. They farmed the Armstrong ranch on the Yellowstone until purchasing and moving to the current Armstrong ranch north of Bozeman at Reese Creek in December of 1943.

She was the consummate wife and mother, always baking, cooking, sewing and caring for the needs of her family. She enjoyed the country dances, women's club and 4-H activities and dearly loved cooking large wonderful

meals for her family, neighbors and numerous visitors to the ranch.

Ralph passed away while serving as county commissioner on Jan. 10, 1974. Mother worked in the Bozeman area for about 10 years before marrying long-time family friend, Whitman Longley of Forsyth, on July 13, 1985. They lived 17 wonderful years in Forsyth at the Longley Ranch. Whitman passed away on May 7, 2002. Elsie returned to Reese Creek and lived with her son, Harry and granddaughter, Elizabeth, before moving to Churchill Retirement Center and finally to High Country Care in Bozeman.

Elsie is survived by her son, Harry Armstrong of Belgrade; daughter, Judy (Harold) Millage of Belgrade; brother, George Gray of Miles City; sister, Mary (Lowell) Fisher of Mesa, Ariz.; six grandchildren, John (Sarah) Armstrong of Minnesota; Matt Armstrong of Belgrade; Anna (Jeff) Stine of California; Elizabeth Armstrong of Belgrade; Gregg (Kari) Dennison of Colorado; Julie (Mike) Johnson of Colorado and 10 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents and brothers, John "Bus" Gray, Woodrow Gray and Bill Gray.

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Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 20, at Springhill Presbyterian Church. Memorials may be made to the Pioneer Museum, 317 W. Main St., Bozeman 59715; or to the Springhill Presbyterian Church Youth Group, 985 Walker Rd., Belgrade, MT 59714.



**Stanley L. Lonsbery****MAY 31 2004**

Stanley L. Lonsbery, 68, of Billings passed away Thursday, May 27, 2004, at St. Vincent Healthcare after a short illness.

He was born June 10, 1935, in Port Angeles, Wash., the son of Leland and Marjorie Stanley Lonsbery and served in the Army during the Korean War. On July 4, 1954, he married Dorothy Link in Hardin. They have lived in Billings where Stan has been self employed in his own sales business.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy, of 50 years; four sons; a daughter; 13 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and one brother. Stanley was preceded in death by his parents and one son.

A gathering of friends will be from noon to 4 p.m. on Monday at the family home at 1900 Sunrise St. in Lockwood.

Cremation has taken place. Arrangements are by Cremation or Funeral Gallery.

**Wendell E. Loomis**

**BIG HORN, Wyo.** — Wendell E. Loomis, 87, of Big Horn, died Sunday, Sept. 5, 2004, at Memorial Hospital of Sheridan County.

Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 8, at Champion Ferries Funeral Home in Sheridan. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 9, at Champion Ferries Funeral Home. Burial will be in Mt. Hope Cemetery in Big Horn.

## Angel Lopez

POWELL, Wyo. — Angel Lopez, 64, died Wednesday, Oct. 20, 2004, at the Powell Valley Hospital.

Rosary Service will be at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 22, at St. Barbara's Catholic Church in Powell. Mass will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 23, at St. Barbara's. Burial will be in the Crown Hill Cemetery. Miratsky-Easton Funeral Home of Powell is in charge.

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## Angel Lopez

Funeral Mass was celebrated Saturday, Oct. 23 at St. Barbara's Catholic Church for Angel Lopez, 64, who died Wednesday, Oct. 20 in Powell.

He was born Oct. 1, 1940, in La Gralla, Texas, son of Jose Lopez and Juana Garcia Lopez. He attended high school at Rio Grande City and married Antonia Juarez in Powell on Aug. 29, 1964.

He was a farmer by trade and lived in Powell where he enjoyed hunting, fishing and spending time with his family.

Survivors include his wife, Antonia Lopez of Powell; four daughters and sons-in-law, Imelda and Jorge Chapa, Norma and Blake Ford and Sylvia and Michael Snyder, all of Idaho Falls, Idaho, and Udelia and Bryan Taggart of Sandy, Utah; three brothers, Manuel (Irma) Lopez of Powell, Jose (Ofelia) Lopez, Jr. and Guadalupe (Ela) Lopez, both of La Gralla, Texas; two sisters, Beatrice Solis (Adolfo) of La Gralla, Texas, and Celedina Juarez (Delfino) of Powell; and 10 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his older sister, Petra Lopez.

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

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## **John Lopez III**

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**BUFFALO, Wyo. —** Funeral services for John Lopez, 15-year-old Buffalo youth who died accidentally at his home in Buffalo early Thursday morning, June 17, 2004, will be held at 10 a.m. Monday from the Adams Funeral Home Chapel with Father Charles Taylor officiating. Visitation will be held from the Adams Funeral Home Chapel from 1 to 9 p.m. Sunday and from 8 to 9:30 a.m. Monday. A Rosary will be recited at 7 p.m. Sunday from the Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will be in Willow Grove Cemetery with graveside services to follow the funeral. Donations may be made in his memory to the John Lopez Memorial Fund to help his family with expenses.

# Rosie Marie Lopez

November 30, 1928 —

March 22, 2004

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Rosie Marie Lopez went to be with our Lord on Monday, March 20, 2004.

She was born in Las Vegas, N.M., to Mr. and Mrs. Sisto Archibeque and raised by Bessie and Eufarcio Bustos. They moved to California following migrant work, and Rosie



**ROSIE LOPEZ**

was taken from school to work and help the family. She made it to the ninth grade only due to this, and was married at the very young age of 14 to Doroteo Castillo. Rosie then moved to Montana to follow her family and since then has lived here in Billings.

In 1950, Rosie met and married Arturo Lopez who died in 1980. There was never a day go by that she didn't talk about him. They loved each other very much.

Rosie was preceded in death by her parents; her husband of 29 years; her son, Tony; her brother, Jose Bustos, Sr.; and her adopted daughter, Erma Jean Hoops. Survivors include two sons, Fred (Maria) Castillo of Watsonville,

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Calif., and Jose (Melissa) Lopez of Billings; a daughter, Julia Castillo of Watsonville; her sisters, Louise (Pablo) Gonzalez of Billings and Mary (Bennie) Archibeque of Las Vegas, N. M. Rosie has six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. She loved them all but the boys were very special to her. Her longtime companion of 15 years, Tom Knaub, will greatly miss her. They were always together anywhere they went.

Mom, we will miss you more than words can say. Mi amor para ti momma, por siempre. Tu Hijo, Jose.

The family will recite a Rosary at 7 p.m. on Sunday, March 28, at Smith Downtown Chapel. The Funeral Mass will be at 1 p.m. on Monday at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church with Rite of Committal to follow at Holy Cross Cemetery.

## **Rosana R. Lorenz**

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**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**FAIRVIEW —** Rosana R. Lorenz, 35, died Saturday, Oct. 2, 2004, in Sidney.

Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. Friday, Oct. 8, at the Falkerson Funeral Home Memorial Chapel in Sidney.





**TRISTEN LORENZ**

## **Tristen Edward Lorenz**

**GLENDIVE** — Tristen Edward Lorenz, infant son of Jason Edward Lorenz and Tiffany M. Perkins, passed away at home on Sunday, Sept. 26, 2004, in Glendive.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 2, in the Chapel of the Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home in Glendive. Interment will be in the Dawson County Cemetery in Glendive. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Glendive is entrusted with arrangements.

Tristen was born on Aug. 5, 2004, at the Glendive Medical Center. Tristen was born into this world with great complications but went through each day of his life with a big smile and lots of happiness. Tristen was very special and greatly loved by his parents. He will be missed dearly.

Tristen was preceded in death by his maternal great-grandmother, Winnie Perkins and his paternal great-grandfather, Pete Judge.

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Survivors include his parents of Glendive; paternal grandfather, DuWayne Edward Lorenz; paternal grandmother, Gail V. Judge; maternal grandmother, Rebecca Perkins; maternal grandfather, Marshall Sanders; paternal great grandparents, Edward and Elma Lorenz and Audry Judge; maternal great-grandfather, James Perkins; paternal uncle, Daniel Lorenz; three aunts, Deanna Lorenz, Christi Lorenz and Shari Prenz, all of Texas; four paternal aunts, Jennifer Lorenz, Jessica Lorenz, Erica Lorenz and Shannon Lorenz, all of Glendive; two maternal aunts, Shayla Staggs and April Altis; one maternal uncle, Jessie Perkins of Texas.

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

## **James E. Loritz**

**MAR 30 2004**

**LEWISTOWN —** James E. Loritz, 69, of Lewistown, died Wednesday, March 24, 2004, at St. Vincent Healthcare in Billings, following surgery.

Memorial graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, March 30, at Mount Calvary Cemetery. Cloyd Funeral Home of Lewistown is in charge.

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ALDEN LOSE

## Alden Lose

Alden Lose, age 74, of Billings, formerly of Belfry, lost his brief and sudden battle with cancer June 25, 2004 at Deaconess Billings Clinic.

Alden was born March 9, 1930, in Belfry, the son of Paul and Nellie Lose. After completing high school in Kelso, Wash., he served our country in the United States Navy from 1949 to 1950. He was united in marriage to Maxine Thom on Feb. 13, 1952, in Red Lodge. The young couple farmed in Belfry from 1952 to 1955. They moved to Longview (Kelso), Wash., in 1955, where Alden worked at Red & White Grocery. In 1956, they moved to Billings. Alden worked at Yellowstone County Implement (John Deere) from 1956 until his retirement in 1984.

Alden had a zest for life and a love for the outdoors. Hunting, fishing, hiking and camping

throughout his beloved Beartooths were his favorite things. His lifelong passion for fishing always had him walking the banks of any one of a number of his favorite "cricks." Ask anyone. He knew all the best fishing spots. One thing he liked as much as catching his limit was a good game of cards. He would play for hours with family and friends. Alden also had knack for finding treasures at garage sales.

Yes, Alden was an excellent outdoorsman, but in his neighborhood he was really known for his acts of kindness. A walk through his neighborhood would harvest story after story about how he has helped his neighbors with everything from snow removal to home repairs. He was honored as the Billings Gazette Neighbor of the Year in 1981 and 1999. As a member of the "Deaconess Deacons," he could be found in the cafeteria at Deaconess Hospital early every morning. He and his fellow deacons would say they were just

meeting for coffee, but if you asked around you would find that this group was friend and counselor to staff, patient and visitors as well.

Alden was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Paul (Bud) Lose and Bill Lose; and sister Grace (Ullarich) Cadwell. Survivors include his wife, Maxine Lose; son, Tom Lose; daughter-in-law, Sharon Lose; daughter, Marilee Nichols; son-in-law, Daniel Nichols; grandchildren, Nathan Lose and Danielle Nichols, all of Billings. Alden is also survived by four sisters, Lorna Frandsen and Helen (Leo) Eckhardt, both of Billings, Claris (Herman) Ungefug of Belfry, and Greta Leonard of Boulder City, Nev.; brother-in-law, Orville Thom of Red Lodge; cousin, Charles (Chuck) Crockett of California; and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be 1 p.m. Thursday, July 1, at the Smith-Olcott Funeral Chapel in Red Lodge. Interment will follow at the Bridger Cemetery. Visitation will be 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday, June 29, at Smith's Downtown Chapel, 120 N. 26th St. in Billings. Visitation will be at Smith Olcott Chapel 1 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, June 30.

Memorials may be made to the Deaconess Billings Clinic Foundation.

## Kathryn Loucks

WOLF POINT GAZETTE

WOLF POINT — Kathryn Loucks, 95, of Wolf Point, died Wednesday, March 10, 2004, at Trinity Lutheran Hospital in Wolf Point.

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A graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Monday, March 15, at the "old" Plentywood Cemetery. If there is bad weather, graveside rites will be at the Fulkerson Funeral Home Memorial Chapel in Plentywood. Otherwise, meet at the cemetery.

## SHIRLEY A. LOUCKS

**PLENTYWOOD** — A funeral service for Shirley A. Loucks will be held at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Aug. 26, at the Redstone Hall in Redstone. Johnette Grefe will officiate and burial will be in Redstone Cemetery. Shirley, 76, died Aug. 22, 2004, at Sheridan Memorial Nursing Home in Plentywood.

Shirley was born Sept. 7, 1927, in Plentywood, a daughter of Jesse and Riborg (Bentsen) Bedwell. She attended school in Redstone and graduated in 1945 from Redstone High School, the Valedictorian of her class. She taught school for two years at Two Tree School in the Wanso Community. On Oct. 9, 1948, she married Harry D. Loucks, Jr. in Scobey. They made their home in Redstone and raised two daughters and Harry's son.

She was a woman of many talents and abilities. She was a substitute teacher and cook at the Redstone School for many years and the school kids remember her for her homemade bread, buns and raised doughnuts. During that same time, she was also a substitute rural mail carrier. Shirley worked as a parts person at Nash Brothers Garage in Redstone from 1974 to 1984, at which time she retired.

In 1990, Shirley and Harry moved to Plentywood, where they made their home. Shirley loved to sew, read and do crafts and was an excellent cook. She enjoyed spending time with her husband,

children, grandchildren and most recently, her great-granddaughter. She loved little dogs, butterflies and roses.

Shirley was a caregiver all of her life, putting everyone else's needs ahead of her own. She was a devoted and loving wife, taking care of Harry until his death in 2001. She loved the people of the Redstone Community and was glad to call that place her home.

She was a member of Redstone Ladies Aide, Redstone Methodist Church, The Order of Eastern Star in Plentywood and was at one time Worthy Matron.

Survivors include her stepson, Roger "Skip" Loucks and his wife LeeAnn of Glendive; daughters, Shari Dee Boe of Brookings, S.D., and Jody Wallick and her husband Bill of Miles City. Also surviving are five grandchildren, Kelly Sillerud and her husband Norm of Glasgow, Andrea Boe of Minnesota, Miranda Boe of California, Doug Boe of South Dakota, Cami Weichel and her husband Craig of Eaton, Colo., and their daughter, Shirley's great-granddaughter, Allyson Weichel. She is also survived by her brother, Jesse Bedwell and his wife Rachel of Glasgow. Also surviving are numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Shirley is preceded in death by her parents and her husband, Harry. Fulkerson Funeral Home of Plentywood is in charge of arrangements.

## RAY LOVE

**EAST HELENA** — Ray Love, of East Helena, Mont., passed away peacefully in his sleep at the home of a caring friend in Helena on Dec. 15, 2004.

Ray was born in Billings, Mont., on Dec. 25, 1939, to Ernest and Lenora Love. Ray was married to Margaret Brady of Worden, Mont., in 1961. Together they had three children, Monte Ray Love of Boise Idaho, Colleen



**RAY LOVE**

Rene Schell-Berg of Billings and Ross Daniel Love of Billings. In 1969, Ray married Carol Deschon of Helena. Ray enlisted in the service when he was 17 years old and worked for the Montana National Guard and the Washington National Guard in Seattle. He returned to Montana and spent the rest of his career, until he retired, in Helena with The Montana Air National Guard in 1991. Ray took great pleasure working parties and gathering at the National Guard Service Club, where he would whip up some of the best Food ever cook in the military. He won many Special Achievement Awards in his 35 years with the guard, many in his area of expertise 'food.' Ray loved to please people with his cooking and often

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shared his love by cooking for various charity events, which included the Governors Cup Run that he cooked for many years. Even while he was busy with so many things he seemed to always find time to pull some kind of a practical joke on some unsuspecting person. Ray enjoyed having fun with people.

In his spare time he was an avid softball player and coach. He played with great passion and intensity to win. It was those driving forces that caused Ray to lead his girls softball teams to many wins and several championship titles, local and regional, taking him and his girls all over the Northwest. Ray will be inducted into the Montana Softball Hall of Fame in the Spring of 2005.

Along through the years he enjoyed many types of hobbies, he loved all kinds of music especially Country and Hits of the '50s and '60s. Ray also loved to fish, and it didn't matter what the weather was like, he would go fishing. He also developed a talent to fix and repair VCRs and if anybody ever needed one fixed Ray was quick to offer his services without any thing in return, just because he loved to help peo-

ple. But of all the things he loved, he loved spending time with his family, kids and grandchildren. They were his Pride and Joy.

Ray was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers and a sister. Ray is survived by a brother, Wayne of Billings; two sons, Monte of Boise Idaho, Ross of Billings; a daughter, Colleen of Billings; six grandchildren; and his adopted mother, Ma Betty, of Billings.

The Family of Ray Love would like to extend a big Thank You to the faithful friends that helped Ray so much over the last several years of his life when his physical condition was worsening.

A memorial service will be held Dec. 21, at 2 p.m., at Jubilee Christian Center, 3611 Hwy 312, Billings MT. Reverend Monte Ray Love will be officiating the service.

Flowers or Contributions may be sent to The Love Family, 3225 Central Ave., Billings MT, 59101.



## Odes 'Ode' Lovec

BILLINGS GAZETTE  
FEB 16 2004

BAKER — Odes "Ode" Lovec, 82, died Feb. 14, 2004, at Holy Rosary Health Care in Miles City.

Prayer Service will be 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Chapel of Stevenson Funeral Home. Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 18, at American Lutheran Church. Burial will be in the Bonnievale Cemetery.

Stevenson Funeral Home of Baker in charge of arrangements.

# Odes J. Lovec

**BAKER** — Funeral services for Odes J. Lovec, of Baker, will be held 11 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 18, at the American Lutheran Church, with Pastor Peggy Paugh Leuzinger officiating. Burial will



**ODES  
LOVEC**

be in the Bonnievale Cemetery in Baker. Visitation will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 17, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., following a prayer service at 7 p.m. in the Stevenson Funeral Home in

Baker. Visitation will continue on Wednesday, one hour prior to the service at the American Lutheran Church.

Odes J. Lovec, 82, passed away on Saturday, Feb. 14, 2004, at Holy Rosary Healthcare in Miles City.

"Ode," as his friends called him, was born at Mill Iron, the son of Joseph and Mary (Vales) Lovec. He grew up and attended the Brence Country School. Ode continued to work on the family ranch until 1947, when he moved to Baker. He began work for the WBI on the pipeline crew in the summer and would read meters on the gas wells during the winter. In the early years, Ode would ride a horse to get to all the wells. He was married to Orva Mae Clocksin in Miles City on Feb. 19, 1951. During his 39 years with WBI

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he finished working in the materials warehouse and also assisted in building the meter run buildings. Ode retired in 1986 and has continued to live in Baker.

He was very proud of Baker and the Baker Spartans, especially the football and basketball teams. You would get a stirring response from Ode should you find any fault with either. Ode could be found at any home game and a lot of the away games as well, cheering on his favorite Spartans for many years. Ode would begin each day with going down to the C & S Garage and having coffee with the gang. He also enjoyed following the St. Louis Cardinals, working in his garden or building the next year's Spartan yard signs for the athletes in his wood shop.

Ode was a member of the Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Union #958.

Survivors include three daughters, Dianne (Larry) Moser, Dayton, Wyo., Connie (Ron) Sequra, Elk Ridge, Utah, and Tami (Steve) Baldwin, Baker; grandchildren, Lindsay Moser and her fiancé Shane Schaffner, Basin, Wyo., Brent Moser, Laramie, Wyo., Jared (Sharee) Chapman,

Payson, Utah, Michelle (Tyson)  
Taber, Draper, Utah, Dustin  
Baldwin, Billings, Trisha (Jarett)  
Graham, Baker; great-grandchildren,  
Brookelyn Chapman,  
Mallory Chapman, Maleah  
Graham, Paiton Graham and  
Kennedy Taber.

He was preceded in death by  
his parents; his wife; four brothers,  
Edward, Rudy, Joe and Emil; and  
three sisters, Mary Lovec, Celia  
Zupanik and Helen Hetland.

Remembrance and condolences may be shared with the family at [stevensonfuneralhome.com](http://stevensonfuneralhome.com). Stevenson Funeral Home of Baker is in charge of the arrangements.

## Chris S. Lovejoy

GLENDIVE — Chris S. Lovejoy, 46, of Glendive, died Thursday, March 25, 2004, from injuries sustained in a motor vehicle accident near Circle.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, April 2, at the Glendive Alliance Church. Interment will be in the Dawson Memorial Cemetery in Glendive. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Glendive is in charge.

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## **Ann Lovercheck**

**THERMOPOLIS, Wyo.** — Ann Beatrice Lovercheck, 90, died Sunday, March 28, 2004, at Hot Springs County Memorial Hospital in Thermopolis.

Memorial services will be held at a later date at Miratsky-Easton Funeral Home in Powell.

Cremation has taken place. Mortimore Funeral Home of Thermopolis was in charge.

**THE POWELL TRIBUNE**  
**APR 01 2004**

## **Ann Lovercheck**

Memorial services for Ann Beatrice Lovercheck, 90, will be held at a later date at Miratsky-Easton Funeral Home with interment at Crown Hill Cemetery.

Mrs. Lovercheck died Sunday, March 28 at Hot Springs County Memorial Hospital.

She was born Dec. 16, 1913 in Stoutland, Mo., to Harry Parker and Ada (Boystun) Bell. The family moved to Yuma, Ariz., where she completed her education, graduating valedictorian of her class.

While visiting in Buckland, Mo., she met and married Verne Lafayette Fields Dec. 24, 1933. They traveled through many western states while he worked for Service Pipeline and finally settled in Elk Basin in 1955. Verne preceded her in death in 1959.

Ann worked at Elders Hardware, Chuck's Modern Electric and Kopriva's Hardware stores in Powell, retiring in 1977.

She married Corrie E. Lovercheck in 1962. He preceded her in death in 1999.

She was active in First Baptist Church, Eastern Star, Rebekahs, Modern Home Club and many other activities in the community. She was recently a resident of the Wyoming Pioneer Home.

Survivors included three stepchildren: Corrie L. Lovercheck of Jackson, Lawrence Lovercheck of Palo Alto, Calif., and Joyce Kelley of Thermopolis; 10 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews; sister-in-law Mary Lovercheck Randolph of DeSota, Texas; and a host of friends.

Moritmore Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

# Raymond Culver Loveridge Sr.

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**COLSTRIP** — Raymond Culver Loveridge Sr., age 71, of Colstrip, journeyed to his home with the Lord on June 26, 2004, following a valiant struggle with illness.



**RAY  
LOVERIDGE**

Ray was born to the union of Morris Glenn Loveridge and Loretta Bell Thomas in Carlisle, Pa., on Oct. 17, 1932. The family moved to Billings in 1938, and settled in Ramsay in 1942. Ray attended schools in Ramsay and Butte. Ray enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1951 and served as a sonar man on the destroyer Harry S. Hubbard. Ray received a commendation for his involvement in operation Wig Wam, the first underwater atomic bomb tests. Ray was very proud of his service to his country during the Korean War.

Ray married the love of his life, Mabel Ellen Miller, on May 26, 1956, in Billings. The couple moved to Dillon, where Ray worked for his father's propane business. The family later returned to Billings, where in 1962, their son, Raymond Jr., was born. The family relocated to Absarokee, and then to

Columbus, where their daughter Denise was born in 1971. In 1975, the family moved to Colstrip, where Ray worked as a pipe fitter on Units 1 & 2. Ray was always an innovator and entrepreneur, starting, owning and operating several businesses, going clear back to his candy stand, "The Diaper Club," he owned as a youth. The most prominent of these was Culver Entertainment Center, with which Ray and his family enjoyed many years of serving the public. Culver's was an incredibly popular business, selling espresso, movies, candy, ice cream and more. Culver's served as a meeting place and a source of enjoyment for many of Colstrip's residents. Despite the popularity of the business, the family decided to close the business in 2003 due to Ray's failing health and the businesses financial struggles.

Ray was very involved in his community, and helped promote numerous events. He was direct-

ly involved in many activities, including circuses, carnivals, pageants and the annual motorcycle toy and food drive. He gave of himself freely, often buying gifts and donating his time and money. Ray was always Culver's "Candy Man" and gave away candy to generations of children. Ray's favorite times were spent with his grandchildren Melissa, Adla and Nathan.

Ray was preceded in death by his parents, and his brothers James and Morris.

He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Mabel; children Ray Jr. and his wife Twila; his daughter Denise Baker and her husband David; as well as his grandchildren. He is also survived by his siblings, Gay (Norman) Ashcraft, Gloria (William) Hazlett and Robert (Jan) Loveridge.

The family would like to thank the community for so many years of incredible support, love and friendship. A special thank-you also to the staff of the Colstrip Medical Center and Deaconess Hospital. The love Ray shared with all of you has been returned in so many ways. There are no words that can express our gratitude to you all.

Funeral services will be on Thursday, July 1, at 2 p.m., in the

Colstrip High School. Interment will follow the service at the Colstrip Cemetery.

Memorials can be made to a youth charity of your choice.

Condolences can be made to the Loveridge family at [www.stevensonandsons.com](http://www.stevensonandsons.com).

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



## Barbara A. Lowe

— SERVICES CONTINUED

CODY, Wyo. — Barbara A. Lowe, 66, formerly of Billings, Mont., died Thursday, Dec. 26, 2003, at the Memorial Hospital of Sweetwater County in Rock Springs.

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Graveside services will be Monday, 11 a.m. at the Rugged Cross Chapel in Cheyenne Memorial Gardens. Wiederspahn-Radomsky Chapel of the Chimes in Cheyenne is in charge.

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## Naomi Yoland Lowman

CODY, Wyo. — Naomi Yoland Lowman, 71, died Sunday, Sept. 26, 2004 at West Park Long Term Care Center.

Memorial services will be 4 p.m. Monday, Sept. 27, at Christ

the King Lutheran Church. A memorial service will also be 4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 1 at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Torrington. Ballard Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

**NOV 02 2004**

June Marie Lowney, 68, of Billings, passed away Saturday, Oct. 30, 2004, at her home surrounded by her family. She was born on June 26, 1936, at St. James Hospital in Butte, to James A. And Lorene (Dillon) Lowney.



**JUNE  
LOWNEY**

June was the oldest of three daughters. She graduated from Girls Central High School, Butte, in 1954 and left home to attend St. Mary College in Leavenworth, Kan. She graduated from St. Mary with bachelor's degree in Elementary Education and minors in English and Music. In 1970, she graduated from MSU-Billings with a master's degree in Elementary Education and in 1974 from MSU-Bozeman with a master's degree in School Administration.

June devoted 18 years in the Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth. During that time, she taught in Denver, Billings, Chicago, Kansas City, Mo., and Grand Junction, Colo. She returned to Billings in 1970 as the Principal of St. Pius X School. In 1974, she joined the Billings Public School System, where she taught in The Title One

Program, the Alternative Evening High School and Rose Park Elementary. She was then assigned as the Principal at Ponderosa Elementary, Sandstone Elementary (which she opened in 1978) and Meadowlark Elementary. During the last 11 years of her 40-year career, she served as the Executive Director of Elementary Education for Billings Public Schools.

June was a member of St. Thomas Parish, where she played the organ for 21 years at the Saturday evening Mass.

She was a member of the Billings Association of Elementary School Principals, National Association of Elementary School Principals, National Reading Association and had been a member of Gamma Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma for 25 years.

Her two great loves were family and teaching. She never ran out of stories to share about her years in the classroom. Poetry and music were also two loves of her life.

June was preceded in death by her parents and grandparents and several aunts and uncles.

She is survived by her sisters, Georgia (Bill) Peterson of Butte, Lue (Ed) Rogers of Billings; her longtime friend and confidant of over 35 years, Father Nat Bourke; and several nieces and nephews, Judi Coulombe, Cyndi (Matt) Johnson, Dan (Laurie) Peterson, Bill (Kristy) Peterson all of Butte, Connie (Ron) Beck of Winnemucca, Nev., Milke Rogers and Jim (Chris) Rogers, all of Billings. She also has 11 grand-nieces and nephews.

A Vigil service will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 3, at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary. The Funeral Mass will be offered at 3:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 4, at St. Thomas Parish. Cremation will follow the services. Family inurnment will be at Yellowstone Valley Memorial Park.

Memorials may be made to Big Sky Hospice, PO Box 35033, Billings, MT 59107, or to the charity of one's choice.

Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

## **Milton Lowry**

SIDNEY — Milton Lowry, 68, of Sidney, died Thursday, Feb. 26, 2004, at the Sidney Health Center.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, March 2, at the Lonsdale United Methodist Church in Sidney. Cremation will follow the services. Fulkerson Funeral Home of Sidney is in charge.

**THE BILLINGS GAZETTE**

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Bette Loyning, 82, of Billings, died Sunday, Nov. 28, 2004, at St. Vincent Hospital and Healthcare Center.

Bette was born March 26, 1922, in Billings, the daughter of David and Elizabeth Mae (White) Nicoll. The family moved to Circle, where she graduated from high school. She moved to California, where she worked for the Union Pacific Railroad.



**BETTE  
LOYNING**

After returning to Billings, Bette married Ronald H. Loyning on May 15, 1948. She worked for Billings Shipping, Burlington Northern Railroad and, for many years, worked with School District #2 in the food service department.

Bette was a member of the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd Altar Guild, Friendship Chapter #124, OES, and was very active and a Past Queen of the Daughters of the Nile. Betty had a large collection of plates.

She is survived by her husband, Ron; a daughter, Laurie (Ronald) Yesda of Billings; and a brother, David Todd (Lois) Nicoll of Plymouth, Minn. Bette was preceded in death by her parents; and her son, Paul Alan Loyning.

in 1963.

Funeral services will be held 10:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 3, at the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, located at the corner of Lewis Avenue and 24th Street West. Interment will follow at Mountview Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Daughters of the Nile, PO Box 21288, Billings, MT 59104-1288.

Smith's West Funeral Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

## **Vic Lubkeman**

SEP 18 2004

GILLETTE, Wyo. — Victor B. Lubkeman, 68, of Gillette, died Friday, Sept. 17, 2004, in Buffalo.

Private family services will be held in the Big Horn Mountains. Adams Funeral Home of Buffalo is in charge.

**MAY 27 2004****Rita Lubken**

GILLETTE, Wyo. — Rita Lubken, 81, died Sunday, May 23, 2004, at her family's homestead near Savageton.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. Friday, May 28, at St. Matthew's Catholic Church in Gillette. Interment will follow a luncheon at the Savageton Cemetery in Savageton. A vigil/prayer service will be at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, May 27, in the chapel of the Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home in Gillette. Visitation will be from 2 p.m. until the time of service.



## Del Lucas

PLENTYWOOD — Del Lucas, 70, died Monday, Feb. 2, 2004, at Sheridan Memorial Nursing Home.

A funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 5, at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Plentywood. Burial will be in Trinity Cemetery. Fulkerson Funeral Home of Plentywood is in charge.

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## **Larry A. Lucas**

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**JAN 24 2004**

**LEWISTOWN —** Larry A. Lucas, 54, died Thursday, Jan. 22, 2004, at the Lucas Ranch.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at the Denton High School gymnasium with burial at Deerfield Cemetery. Creel Funeral Home is in charge.

## Pearl Lucas

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Pearl Lucas, 95, of Sheridan, died Monday, Aug. 16, 2004, at Sheridan Manor.

Memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 19, at Sheridan Wesleyan Church. Champion Ferries Funeral Home of Sheridan is in charge.

# Lloyd H. Ludington

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

JUL 5 " 2004

SIDNEY — Funeral services for Lloyd H. Ludington, age 95, of Sidney will be 10 a.m. Wednesday, July 7, at the Community Presbyterian Church in Fairview. Burial will be in the Richland Memorial Park under the direction of Fulkerson Funeral Home of Sidney.

Lloyd Harold Ludington was born on Sept. 30, 1908 on the family homestead south of Alexander, N.D., to parents, Emery J. and Ida O. (Patterson) Ludington. Lloyd completed the eighth grade at schools in rural Alexander and in Alexander. He lived and worked on his parents' homestead until April 1927, when the family moved to the Yellowstone Valley south of Fairview. It was a family decision to move when his father asked the children if they wanted to stay on the dryland homestead and starve to death or move to an irrigated farm and work themselves to death. The decision was made to move and hard work awaited them. Lloyd married Martha Langwald on Feb. 20, 1938 at the Methodist parsonage in Sidney. Together they lived and worked on the valley farm until 1974, when they retired and moved into Sidney. With his hard work and management, Lloyd was a successful farmer and livestock feeder of cattle, hogs and

~~sheep.~~ His livestock feeding operation was carried out with a team of horses until 1966. He and Martha were 4-H leaders while their three younger children participated. They were good role models for their children and grandchildren. Lloyd was a member of the Farm Bureau and the Sugarbeet Growers Association. In the 1960's, he was an active supporter of efforts to establish an alfalfa pelleting operation in the Lower Yellowstone Valley. He was an avid reader of newspapers, magazines and books, and was always interested in local, state, national and world news. After Martha passed away in August 1997, Lloyd remained at home in Sidney until entering the SHC Extended Care Facility in October 2000. He enjoyed watching television, especially athletic events and comedy. Bus rides out into the community and surrounding areas were enjoyed as well.

Lloyd died Friday afternoon, July 2, 2004 at the SHC Extended Care Facility.

Lloyd is survived by one son, Ralph N. (Lynette) Ludington of Cumberland Center, Maine; two daughters, Marilyn Lorenz and Ruth (Dale) Reidle, both of Sidney; grandchildren, Laura Potter, Fairview, Brian Thomas, Raleigh, N.C., Douglas (Mary Jo) Reidle, Bainville, David (Becky) Reidle, Sidney, Jeffrey (Trish) Ludington, Sioux Falls, S.D., Joel (Elizabeth) Ludington, San Diego, Calif., and Jan (Matt) Lavallee, Sabattus, Maine; great-grandchildren, Lloyd and Aaron Thomas, Raleigh, N.C., Somer and Abby Reidle, Bainville, Shelby and Shanyn Reidle, Sidney, Samantha, Alexandria and Daniel Ludington, Sioux Falls, S.D., Kaithyn and Jarod Lavallee, Sabattus, Maine; and two sisters, Lois Houchen Hebert, West Jordan, Utah, and Luella Spencer, Centralia, Wash.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife; son, Gary; son-in-law, Walter Lorenz; sister, Fern; and brothers, Merrill, Warren and Raymond.

**HARDIN** — Irma D. Ludrick, 97, longtime Hardin area resident, passed away Tuesday, July 13, 2004, in the St. Johns Lutheran Nursing Home.

She was born Nov. 16, 1906, on a farm near Bangor, Wis., a daughter of Henry and Caroline Stratman Kastenschmidt. Her father died when she was 3 years old. She attended a country school near Bangor and Luther School

in Bangor, before graduating from West Salem Wisconsin High School in 1925. Following her graduation, she worked for the Pearl Button Company and the Montague Candy Company in LaCross, Wis.

Irma married Clifford Ludrick on July 3, 1929, in West Salem and that same year, the couple moved to Hardin. Clifford worked for the Fish Construction Company and Saunders Lumber, while Irma worked for the Reibeth's Third Street Candy Store, Weirs



**IRMA  
LUDRICK**

Clothing and the Kelly Grocery and Dry Goods Store. In 1949, the couple moved to Lodge Grass to operate the Johnson Brothers Lumber Company, returning to Hardin in 1953 and established the Ludrick Clothing Store.

They retired in 1969 and traveled throughout the United States. When not traveling, Irma could be found working in her yard or flower garden. Cliff died in 1990.

She was a faithful member of the First American Lutheran Church, 50-year member of the Jasmine Chapter Order of Eastern Star, Hardin Senior Citizens and the Big Horn County Historical Society. A memorable note of Irma will always be her famous pies.

Survivors include her daughter Judy and her husband Everett Winburn of Billings; six grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held 2 p.m. Friday, July 16, in the First American Lutheran Church. Interment will follow in the Fairview Cemetery. Bullis Mortuary of Hardin has been entrusted with the arrangements.

## Amanda Luedtke

GILLETTE, Wyo. — Amanda Luedtke, 88, of Gillette, died Monday, March 8, 2004, at her home.

Visitation will be from 3 to 7 p.m. Thursday, March 12, at the Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home Chapel in Gillette. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, March 12, at the Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home Chapel. Interment will follow at Gillette's Mt. Pisgah Cemetery.

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## Kent Lueschow

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

APR 22 2004

GILLETTE, Wyo. — Kent Lueschow, 44, of Gillette, died Saturday, April 17, 2004, at the Campbell County Memorial Hospital, from injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

Visitation will be from 4 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 21, at the Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home Chapel in Gillette. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, April 22, at the Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Gillette. Interment will be in Oak Lawn Cemetery in Cresco, Iowa, at a later date.



# **Kathleen Ann (Marsh) Lukkes**

THE DAILY GAZETTE  
DEC 15 2004

**COLUMBUS** — Kathleen Lukkes passed away Dec. 14, 2004, at the Stillwater Community Hospital, due to complications with pneumonia.

Kathleen was born on Oct. 14, 1939, to Claude and Frances Marsh of Rapelje. Kathleen graduated from Rapelje High in 1957.

After marrying Eugene Lukkes on Sept. 18, 1958, they made their home in Absarokee. For several years, Kathleen worked for Stillwater Abstract in Columbus and drove school bus in Absarokee. She also owned and operated Absarokee Antiques.

Kathleen is survived by her husband of 46 years, Eugene Lukkes; son, Gordon (Georgia) Lukkes; and daughter, Susie (Mark) Schreiner; two sisters, Darlene Noble and Jean Freeman; one brother, George (Roberta) Marsh; and mother, Frances Barrett. She is also survived by grandchildren and great-grandchildren, including Kristi (Felipe) and Alex Sanchez, Jeremy Lukkes (Rachel), Alexandria and Isaac, Melony (Chad) and Cameron Lorenz, Jaimie (Jeremiah) and Jakob Richardson and Lana and Morgan Scott. Kathleen was preceded in death by her father, Claude Marsh; and brother, "Sonny" Olen Marsh.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be held at Smith Funeral Chapel in Columbus, at 2 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 17.

Kathleen's oldest grandson, Alex Sanchez, was born with Cystic Fibrosis. If one wishes, a memorial may be sent to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation at 1445 Avenue B, Suite 2B, Billings, MT 59102, or the memorial of one's choice. Smith Funeral Chapel-Columbus was in charge of arrangements.

## **Eric Scott Luman**

**BASIN, Wyo. — Eric Scott Luman, 26, of Basin, died Wednesday, May 5, 2004, in a one-vehicle accident, south of Greybull.**

**Memorial funeral services will be at 6 p.m. Tuesday, May 11, at the Elks BPOE #1431, Greybull. Atwood Family Funeral Directors is in charge.**

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**MAY 11 2004**

# Gerard 'Jerry' Lund

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

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MILES CITY — Gerard Christian "Jerry" Lund, age 48, of Miles City, passed away on Wednesday, Aug. 18, 2004, as a result of a plane accident.

Jerry was born in Miles City on June 28, 1956, the son of

Christian Jr. and Betty Colleen (Fadhl) Lund. He was raised in Miles City, where he attended schools and graduated from Custer County District High School in 1974. Following



**JERRY  
LUND**

his schooling, he returned to the Lund Ranch on Deadman's Road, where he has farmed his entire life. Jerry married Ann Haughian on Nov. 28, 1981. They later divorced in 2001.

Jerry loved to fly his plane. He also loved to see a good rain, check his cows, and enjoyed hay-ing.

Jerry is survived by his parents, Christian and Betty Lund of Miles City; his daughter, Breanna Lund of Miles City; his fiancée Jo Beaty of Coronado, Calif.; two sisters, Lori Trimmer and her husband David of Spokane, Wash., and his twin sister, Janice Young and her husband Randy of

Belgrade; his ex-wife, Ann Haughian of Miles City; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his grandparents and his uncle, Ray Lundby.

Visitation will be held on Sunday, Aug. 22, from 1 to 7 p.m. Family will receive friends on Sunday from 4 to 7 p.m. in the chapel in Miles City. Funeral services will be held on Monday, Aug. 23, at 11 a.m. at the Grace Bible Church in Miles City. Interment will follow in the family lot in the Custer County Cemetery in Miles City. Condolences may be sent to the family by visiting [www.stevens-nandsons.com](http://www.stevens-nandsons.com).

Should friends desire, memorials may be made to the charity of one's choice.

## Loren Lund

**THE BILLINGS GAZETTE.**

**MAR 28 2004**

BUFFALO, Wyo. — Loren Lund, 52, died Thursday, March 25, 2004, at his home in Buffalo.

Visitation will be held from 1 to 9 p.m. on Monday, March 29, at the Adams Funeral Home Chapel in Buffalo. Private funeral services will be held by his family and friends. Friends may donate in Loren's memory to a fund to help his family with expenses, in care of the Adam's Funeral Home.

## **Donald E. Lundberg**

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Donald E. Lundberg, 79, of Sheridan, died Friday, March 19, 2004, at the Sheridan VA Medical Center.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 27, at Sorenson-Root-Thompson Funeral Home in Aitken, Minn. Interment will be in the Forrest Cemetery, Aitken. Champion Ferries Funeral Home of Sheridan is in charge of local arrangements.

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# Delbert L. Lundby

**BROADVIEW** — Delbert L. Lundby, born Nov. 15, 1921, in Sherwood, N.D., passed away Oct. 3, 2004, at Deaconess Billings Clinic.

He is survived by wife Nina of Broadview; daughter Linda, husband Cliff and grandsons Matt and Mitch of Musselshell.

He family moved to Billings in 1938. He graduated from Billings Senior High in 1940. He served in the Army during World War II. He returned to Billings, marrying Nina Brown, Aug. 31, 1946. He worked for Railway Express, Service Candy Company and Sweetheart Bakery prior to moving to the family farm at Broadview in 1955.

One of seven children, he is preceded in death by his parents, Albert and Amelia Ludby; sister Hildur; brothers Ray, Harold and Walter. Survived by brothers Gerald (Lillie) of Carol Stream, Ill., David of Brinnon, Wash.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Dad was a dedicated, loving husband, father and grandfather. He took great pride in the farm and the crops he raised. He served on the local school board and as a committeeman on the



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ASCS for years. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to charity of choice or American Heart Association.

Visitation will be prior to funeral service only. Funeral service will be 2 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 6, at Smith West Chapel, 304 34th St. West. Interment, Sunset Memorial Gardens.

## **Dixie Lundby**

**Feb. 28, 1929-Nov. 29, 2003**

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TUCSON, Ariz. — A beloved daughter, mother and friend, Dixie Lundby, 74, passed away peacefully on Saturday, Nov. 29, 2003, at her home in Tucson. Dixie, born on Feb. 28, 1929, in Billings, was the youngest of three daughters to Albert Dixon and Marion Blee of Billings.

Dixie Lundby was a loving mother and friend to many. She taught her children many great lessons about life. She was always helpful to others and strived to do her best in everything.

Dixie is survived by her five children, Dana Bay and Derek Simmons, both of Sierra Vista, David Simmons of Tucson, Darla Simmons of Prescott and Dennis Simmons of Vancouver, Wash.; her sister, A. Dixon Gleason of Pacific City, Ore.; two granddaughters, Ashley Simmons and Haley Simmons of San Antonio, Texas; one grandson, Daniel Jones of Vancouver, Wash.

The family has held a private service in Tucson. There will be a service held in Dixie's memory this summer at the family plot in Musselshell, Mont. Those wishing to pay their respects may call Darla Simmons at (602) 369-3164.

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## Violet Lundby

Violet (Foss) Lundby passed away on Sunday, Oct. 17, 2004, at St. John's Nursing Home in Billings.

She was born Jan. 4, 1915, in Milnor, N.D., and spent her early years in Fairview. Violet married Chris Lundby on March 1, 1936. They resided in Williston, N.D., for many years, where they raised their family.

She was very active in the First Lutheran Church, where she served for a time as president of the Ladies' Aid. She was active in working with the Williston Boy Scouts and served as President of the Williston Campfire Girl Counsel. She enjoyed golfing and boating, and after retiring in the early '70s, they settled in Barefoot Bay, Fla. In 1993, they returned to Billings.

Violet was a woman of great Christian faith, a wonderful homemaker and mother. She had a warm and loving spirit and had many good and lasting friends throughout her life. She was creative and artistic, and while living in Florida, she became known for

her pine needle baskets. She won awards at art shows in the Orlando area and her baskets are displayed with pride in many homes today.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Chris; and her granddaughter, Terri Kay Lundby; and two brothers, Gilman and Larry Foss. She is survived by her sister, Viola Gay of Seattle; by her sons, Dale Lundby of Billings, Neil Lundby of Colorado Springs; and her daughter, Nancy McCarthy of Sanford, Fla.; five grandchildren, Michael, David and Sandee Lundby, Shellee Ager and John Marion; and eight great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, Oct. 20, at 10 a.m., at the Yellowstone Lutheran Brethren Church in Billings, with burial in Grenora, N.D. Visitation will be from noon to 9 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 19, at Smith Downtown Chapel.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to St. Johns Nursing Home in Billings.



## **Thelma I. Lungren**

POWELL, Wyo. — Thelma I. "Tomie" Lungren, 75, of Powell, formerly of Worland, died March 25, 2004, at the Powell Hospital.

Cremation has taken place. A graveside memorial service was held Tuesday, March 30, at Riverview Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Worland. Veile Mortuary of Worland is in charge.

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## **Thelma Lungren**

Thelma I. "Tomie" Lungren, 75, of Powell died at Powell Hospital on Thursday, March 25.

She was born Sept. 7, 1928 in Lander to Verne L. and Mary I. (Clark) McLane.

Mrs. Lungren married John Harold Lungren, Jr., in Worland on April 25, 1948.

She was raised in Worland and graduated from Washakie County High School in 1946. She worked for Van's Food Market for several years before taking time out to raise her family. She returned to work in 1958 for PureGro Fertilizer Co., retiring in 1992.

In September 2001, she and her sister Dorothy moved to Powell to be near Tomie's daughter.

She was a member of Zion Lutheran Church and the Worland Eagles Auxiliary, VFW Auxiliary and the American Legion Auxiliary. She was an avid bowler who also enjoyed crocheting and being with her grandkids.

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She is survived by daughters Lynn Ellen (Lynn) Bebee of Omaha, Neb., and twin daughters Kathy M. (Brian) Blane of Parker, Colo., and Kristy M (Berton) Agee of Powell; brother Richard V. (Yvonne) McLane of Cheyenne; sisters Dorothy Tidemann of Powell and Shirley (Clare) Weber of Sheridan; grandchildren Darcy Terry, Shanna Blane and Kailee Blane all of Parker, Colo., and Seth Agee of Powell; great grandchildren Dominik John Blane of Parker, Colo.; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Mrs. Lungren was preceded in death by her husband in 1982 and by her parents and in-laws John and Louise Lungren.

Cremation has taken place and a graveside memorial service was held March 30 at River-view Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Worland with the Rev. L.E. "Bud" Surles officiating.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society in care of Connie Bowers at 316 South 21st, Worland, WY 82401.

Veile Mortuary of Worland was in charge of arrangements.

## Charlotte 'Penny' Blankenship Luper

LAUREL — Penny Luper, 81, of Laurel Gardens, went home to be with her Lord and Savior peacefully during the evening on Jan. 16, 2004, after a brief illness.

Penny, a daughter of Leonard and Rose Kennedy Blankenship, was born in West Virginia on July 26, 1923. She and her seven brothers and sisters moved with their parents to Montana and settled in Billings.

After the death of her mother, Penny went to work at St. Vincent Hospital. Shortly after, Penny moved to California to live with her sister and then decided to return home to Montana.

Penny met and married John D. Luper and together raised their two daughters, Sylvia and Kathy. A baby boy was born but passed away at birth. During their married life, they lived in Billings and Penny was known throughout town as one of "best waitresses around." One such place the long established Muzzle Loader Cafe. After working there, they moved to Portland, Ore., to work and live. Upon the death of her husband, Penny returned to Montana and lived by her sister and loving aunt near Park City.

While living near Park City, Penny, her sister Katherine and Aunt Margie enjoyed going to church, studying the Bible, listening to gospel music and enjoying

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Penny moved to the Laurel Gardens which has been her "home." She has made many close friends there, and we would like them to know how much they meant to her. Her family sends many thanks to special friends June, Carol, Diane and Marie.

One of Penny's special traits was her wonderful home-cooked meals that she willingly shared with anyone. She also enjoyed coffee time with "the girls" in the yard under the tree sharing coffee, treats and a story or two from Penny.

Penny is preceded in death by her parents; husband, John Luper; daughter, Kathy McKay; Aunt Margie Sheldon; sister, Mary Jane Roe, and brothers, Lawrence, Albert and William Blankenship. She is survived by her daughter Sylvia Priest of Washington; sisters, Verda Blankenship of Billings, Katherine Jansma of Laurel, Connie Jerke of South Dakota; brother, Don Blankenship of Oregon; granddaughters, Gina Maldonado of Texas, Chrisie Swenson of Florida; grandsons, Bryan DeBorde and John and Doug McKay, all of Oregon. Penny has two great-grandchildren, as well as many nieces and

nephews and friends.

We will miss our mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend and will be looking forward to meeting her in heaven to sit under the tree with coffee and stories.

Memorials may be made to the Laurel Senior Center in Penny's name.

Cremation has taken place. A gathering of family and friends will be 2 p.m. Friday at Laurel Gardens.

Arrangements are by  
Cremation or Funeral Gallery.

## Fred J. Luth

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PASS CREEK, Wyo. — Fred J. Luth, 89, of Pass Creek, died Tuesday, March 30, 2004, at Memorial Hospital of Sheridan County.

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At the family's request, cremation has taken place and a private family service will be held at a later date. Champion Ferries Funeral Home of Sheridan is in charge.

**Sara Lutsch**

Sara Lutsch, 90, of Billings, passed away Friday, June 4, 2004.

She is survived by four children: two sons, John Lutsch, Jr., of Ohio, and Walter Lutsch of Massachusetts; and two daughters, Susanne Birac of Billings and Katherina Brown and her husband Bob of Billings.

Cremation has taken place.

Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary has charge of arrangements.

## Mildred Riley Lyman

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TEN SLEEP — Mildred Riley Lyman, 90, passed away on Friday March 19, 2004, at Washakie Medical Center.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. on Monday, March 22, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Stake Center. Burial will follow the services in Ten Sleep Cemetery. Bryant Funeral Home of Worland, Wyo., is in charge of arrangements.

## Gertrude 'Gertie' Lynch

Gertrude "Gertie" Lynch, 90, of Billings, died peacefully on Saturday, Feb. 28, 2004, at the home of her nephew, Terry McCoy, in Thorp, Wash. Prior to her recent illness, she was enjoying her sunny winter residence in Mesa, Ariz.

She was born Feb. 25, 1914, in Billings, the third of 10 children of Tressa Loomis McCoy and Ernest McCoy. She started first grade at the Broadwater School, moved with the family to Lovell, Wyo., and later to Basin, where she graduated from high school with the class of 1935. She married James Lynch in Billings in 1937 and began her married life in Thermopolis, Wyo.

Billings residents may remember watching her craft shows on TV from the Toy Chest during the 1960s. She had worked for the U.S. Health Dept. in Alaska in the 1950s and during WWII, was a riveter in the shipyards of Tacoma.

She is survived by a sister, Carolyn McCoy Marcanio of McMurry, Pa.; a brother, Edwin



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McCoy of Powell, Wyo.; and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, James Lynch; and seven siblings, M y r t l e

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Funeral service will be 2 p.m. Friday, March 5, at the Smith Downtown Chapel. Interment will be in Sunset Memorial Gardens. A visitation will be held at Smith Downtown Chapel from 1 to 9 p.m. Thursday evening, March 4.



# Lorraine Lynn

**BELFRY** — Lorraine Lynn, passed away on Thursday, Oct. 14, 2004. Lorraine was born July 2, 1917, the daughter of Jesse Shepherd and H. Wertz in Goodland, Kan. She was reared in a sod cabin during the Dust Bowl years and attended school in rural Kansas.

Lorraine moved to Colorado where she met and married Melvin L. Lynn on Jan. 30, 1938. Lorraine and Melvin were married for over 50 years until Melvin's death in 1989. Lorraine enjoyed needlework, sewing, baking and cooking while raising her children. She always looked forward to playing cards with her many friends. Lorraine took great pleasure working in her yard as often as possible. She was very active with the Belfry Senior Citizens, serving as secretary/treasurer.

Lorraine spent her life in service to people. She was never as happy as when serving someone — always laughing, always happy in her service. She spent many years in service at the Belfry Senior Center and did it in a beautiful, quiet way. Her reknown as a specialty cook was well known, enjoyed by many and will be missed. All who knew her, loved her.

Lorraine was preceded in death by her parents; two children, Patricia and Carey; brothers, Cecil, Vern, Earl, and Claude Wertz; and

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sister, Lenora. She is survived by her sisters-in-law, Fern Wertz of Pueblo, Colo. and Francis Wertz of Sharon Springs, Kan.; two sons, Cliff Lynn of Red Lodge and Roy (Jody) Lynn of Marana, Ariz.; daughter, Diana (Tony) Cestnik of Anchorage, Alaska; four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren, along with numerous nieces and nephews.

Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 19, 2004, with friends and family to meet at Bridger Cemetery. Visitation will be held at Dahl Chapel in Red Lodge Monday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. A reception will follow graveside services at the Belfry Senior Citizens Center. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Belfry Senior Citizens Center.