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**BUFFALO, Wyo.** — Rita Frances (Ackerman) Paden, 75, of Buffalo, died Monday, July 19, 2004, at her home, of cancer.

A vigil for the deceased will be at 7 p.m. Thursday, July 22, at Adams Funeral Home in Buffalo. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, July 23, at the Adams Funeral Home Chapel.

Burial will be in Willow Grove Cemetery, with graveside services to follow the funeral.

## **Anacleta Padilla**

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BILLINGS GAZETTE

LOVELL, Wyo. — Anacleta Padilla, of Lovell, died Saturday, Sept. 18, 2004, at Deaconess Billings Clinic.

Rosary will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 21, at Haskell Funeral Home in Lovell. Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 22, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Lovell. Burial will be in the Lovell Cemetery.

Anna Padilla, 78, of Lovell, died Saturday, Sept. 18, 2004, after a long hard battle of trying to recover from heart surgery this past summer. The second oldest of 11 children, she was born to Jose Cobos and Magdalena Hernandez on May 6, 1926, in Lambert, Texas.

On August 20, 1950, Anna married her life long love Eulio "Coke" Padilla in Lovell at St. Joseph's Catholic Church. This union soon created three beautiful children.

Anna enjoyed gardening and caring for her house plants. In her earlier years she also loved sewing. Most of all, she loved her family, who will miss her deeply.

She is preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Manuel and Alvino; sisters, Dolores and Eulalia; and one grandson Mark Padilla Jr.

Anna is survived by her husband of 54 years Coke Padilla; sons, Mark Padilla, Leon (Lydia) Padilla and Ross (Charlene) Padilla; daughter, Arlene

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(Roger) Haney; brothers, Ben (Rita) Cobos, Martin (Jackie) Cobos, both of Colorado, and Rudy (Tonja) Cobos of Chicago; sisters, Juanita Gonzales of Colorado, Margie Hernandez of Powell and Socorro Ramirez of Tacoma, Wash. She is also survived by her grandchildren, Jelli (Keith) McIntosh, Roger (Brenda) Haney, Kimo (Julie) Vasquez, Tessa (Danny) Jolley, Loni Padilla, Mia Padilla and Conor Padilla, and great-grandchildren MarKay, Ashlee and Mikkel McIntosh, Mercedes and Jazlyn Haney, Trecelle Jolley, Ross Jose Padilla, and Kane and Anamia Padilla.

Rosary services were held Tuesday, Sept. 22, 2004, at Haskell Funeral Home in Lovell. Funeral Mass was at 10 a.m. Wednesday morning at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Lovell. Haskell Funeral home was in charge of arrangements. Burial followed in the Lovell Cemetery.

**Antonio Arsenio Padilla****MAY 20 2004**

Antonio Arsenio "Tony" Padilla, 80, of Billings, passed away Tuesday, May 18, 2004, at his home.

Vigil services will be at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 20, at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary. The Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Friday, May 21, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church, with Rite of Committal at Holy Cross Cemetery.

# Robert 'RJ' Crable Padilla

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Robert "RJ" Crable Padilla, 14 was born June 10, 1989, in Billings to Connie Baca and Adam Padilla, and went to be with our Lord on May 9, 2004.

He attended elementary schools in Billings and Casper, Wyo., and was currently a freshman at Billings Senior High. He loved his friends, football, being with his granddad Bob and grandma Connie, and lifting weights. He was most proud of himself, as was his family, of his giving his life to God, his Young Life group and his family at Harvest Church.

RJ, we'll never forget your sense of humor, your smile and your love for everyone. Mom loves you more than beans and rice, baby.

He was preceded in death by his great-grandmother, Violet Maciel; and his dad, Adam Padilla.

He is survived by his mom; his stepfather, and the only dad he knew, Greg May; his sisters, Jessica, Erica and Veronica of

Billings, and Niki and Candaic of Washington; his grandparents, Connie and Bob Steele, and Barbara and Gene Padilla, all of Lockwood; numerous aunts, uncles, cousins; and his uncle, Brien Steele.

Services will be 10 a.m. Friday, May 14, at Smith West Chapel, 304 34th St. West. A celebration of life reception will be held at 324 S. 31st at the Hagstroms' and at Connie Steele's at 216 Old Hardin Road, #34. Both will be open for friends and family following the service.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Community Leadership Dev. Inc. in c/o Robert Crable Padilla.



RJ  
PADILLA

## David L. Painter

**LAS VEGAS** — Funeral services for David L. Painter, 46, of Las Vegas, formerly of Sidney, Mont., are at 2 p.m. Thursday, May 13, at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Sidney. Interment will be in the Richland Memorial Park Cemetery under the direction of Fulkerson Funeral Home of Sidney.

David Lowell Painter (Binski), 46, passed away Wednesday, May 5, 2004, at his home in Las Vegas, following a lengthy battle with heart disease.

He is survived by his daughter, Davi Jo Painter of Las Vegas, who was everything to him and he cherished dearly. He is also survived by his brothers, Lewis (Bette) Painter of Troutdale, Ore., Gary (Cherry) Painter of Keyes, Okla., Ryan Painter of Las Vegas; sisters, Sharon (Larry) Mindt, Carla (Terry) Houchen, Melody (Doug) Copeland, Ronda (Marvin) Welnel, all of Sidney, Patty (Jim) Lakey of Tioga, N.D., Marva (Rick) Herman, Lisa (Lance) Kalfell, all of Terry.



**DAVID  
PAINTER**

Mont.; and his best friend, Jeff Sifers, Las Vegas. He is also survived by 93 nieces and nephews whom he loved dearly.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Homer and Jean Painter; a brother, Lane Painter; an aunt, Gail Pierson Jensen; cousins Vance and Marcia Pierson; a nephew, Terry Jean Houchen; and a niece, Sophia Racquel Girard.

Cards and memorials may be sent to Davi Jo Painter, c/o Ronda Welnel, Rte. 1, Box 2420, Sidney, MT 59270, or Lisa Kalfell, 42 Mt Road, Terry, MT 59349.

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## Florence Mildred Painter

YUCCA VALLEY, Calif. — Florence Mildred Painter, 90, of Yucca Valley, died Jan. 10, 2004, at Sky Harbor Nursing Home in Yucca Valley.

She was born Dec. 12, 1913, to Irvin and Mildred Merritt in Hysham. She spent most of her life in her beloved Montana, moving with her son, Don Vincelette, to Yucca Valley in May of 2002.

She worked for several years in the kitchen of the Northern Hotel. During World War II, she moved to Clarkston, Wash., where she worked in the Potlatch Mill. After the war, she returned to Billings to work at Saint Vincent's Hospital in the cafeteria. She always shared fond memories of her years at the Northern Hotel and "Saint V's" as she called it. One of her favorite pastimes was playing the penny game with members of her family.

She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Don and Marsha Vincelette of Yucca Valley; daughter and son-in-law, Oscar "Buzz" and Jacqueline Bjorgum of Billings; numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held in Billings at a later date with Smith Funeral Chapels of Billings in charge of arrangements.

The family suggests a donation be made to the charity of choice.

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

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Cecil Palaoro, 70, passed away on Dec. 8, 2004. Cecil was born on April 2, 1934, in Helena, to Domenico Nicolo and Annie Crump Palaoro at St. John's Hospital.

Cecil served in the U.S. Navy from 1951 to 1955 with an honorable discharge.

On Nov. 3, 1956, he married Shirley Spurzem in Boulder. He began his long career of driving the "Big Trucks" back then, with many, many miles driven around the state and country. He said once that he had hauled everything except logs. In 1966, Cecil went to work for Garrett Freight Lines. He moved his young family to Billings, where he bought a house near the end of Broadwater Avenue. Here he resided until his death.



**CECIL  
PALAORO**

After his retirement, Cecil loved traveling to visit friends and family in his big motor home. It was his pride and joy, and he was always keeping it shiny and new! For Cecil, driving down the highway was his passion and his life. In 1999, Cecil visited the birthplace of his father in Sant'Orsola, Italy. His video documentary of this trip featured a great number of the big rigs on the Italian

super-highways.

Cecil was a very loving and giving man, always willing to help out where he could. Cecil is survived by his sons, Tony and wife Patty of Billings, and Tracy and wife Tina of Portland, Ore.; and his daughter, Terri and husband Jeff Hutzenbiler of Billings. Cecil was very proud of his grandchildren: Shaun, Kari, Thomas, Taylor and Haley of Billings, and Austin and Jacob of Portland. Cecil is also survived by his sister, Ruby and husband Dale Fenske of Portland; and cousin Luciano and his family of Sant'Orsola, Italy. He is also survived by many nieces, nephews and in-laws, and his very close friend and companion, Hazel Tanner.

Cecil was preceded in death by his wife of 41 years, Shirley; sister Florence; and his parents.

Cremation has taken place and a memorial service will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 14, at 11 a.m., at Smith West Chapel.

Memorials to Shrine Hospital for Crippled Children, PO Box 20673, Billings, MT 59104.

## Robert James Palke

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

MAR 3 2004

MILES CITY — Robert James Palke, 72, of Miles City, died Sunday, Feb. 29, 2004, at the Deaconess Billings Clinic.

Visitation will be Thursday, March 4, in the chapel of Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City. The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, at the funeral home. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, March 5, at the First United Methodist Church in Miles City. Interment will follow in the family lot in the Eastern Montana Veteran's Cemetery in Miles City.

## **Barry A. Palmer**

**THE BILLINGS GAZETTE**

JOLIET — Barry A. Palmer, 51, passed away at his home on Feb. 26, 2004.

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Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. on Monday, March 1, at Smith Funeral Chapel-Laurel. Cremation will take place. Memorials are suggested to the Joliet Ambulance Service or charity of choice.

## Gayla Palmer

WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY

Gayla Marie Palmer, 51, of Billings, formerly of Forsyth, died June 20, 2004, at Saint Vincent Healthcare in Billings.

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Funeral Mass will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, June 24, at the Immaculate Catholic Church in Forsyth. Interment will follow in the family lot in the Forsyth Cemetery. Stevenson Funeral Home is in charge.

**JUN 23 2004**

# Gayla Marie Palmer

Gayla Marie Palmer, age 51, left this earth to be with Jesus early Sunday morning, June 20, 2004. Gayla spent the last few days of her life surrounded by her loving family and friends. Her delightful sense of humor and great courage were evident even during those last days.

Gayla came into this world on Feb. 16, 1953, much to the joy of her parents, Robert and Shirley Palmer. As she grew, her love of animals and all living plants grew with her. Gayla



**GAYLA  
PALMER**

was an avid reader and loved puzzles. Her favorite hobby was crocheting beautiful afghans and doilies that she enjoyed giving to family and friends. Several years ago, Gayla purchased a computer and quickly learned her way around the world of the Internet. Corresponding with the many wonderful friends she met from all over the country was one of her greatest joys.

Gayla is survived by her parents of Forsyth; her beloved soul mate and partner, Donnell (Hippie) Barstad of Billings, his sister, Dava Barstad, also of Billings; her aunts Helen Palmer

of Forsyth and Dona Palmer of Deer Lodge; numerous cousins and all of her friends.

Services will be held Thursday, June 24, at 11 a.m. at the Immaculate Conception Church of Forsyth. Memorials for Gayla may be made to the charity of your choice.

Condolences can be made to the Palmer Family at [www.stevensonandson.com](http://www.stevensonandson.com)

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

# James Merrill Palmer

THE BIRMINGHAM GAZETTE

JAN 22 2004

ISLE OF PALMS, S.C. — James Merrill Palmer, born July 17, 1950, entered into his Father's Kingdom after a heroic battle with pancreatic cancer. He was born to the Rev. Joseph and Pearl Palmer in Stanton, Mich., and grew up in Lansing, Ill., where he graduated from high school in 1968.

He graduated from Central Missouri State University in 1972 and was a member of Phi Sigma Epsilon. He entered into a long and successful career in surgical sales, most recently as director of sales with Surgicon, Inc. in Stratford, Conn.

He is survived by his wife and the love of his life, Eileen, and their children, Jason and David Palmer and Brian and Robert Judson. He is also survived by his parents, Rev. Joseph and Pearl Palmer of Missouri, and his sisters, Kathy Hill of Montana, and Carolyn Hartley of North Carolina and their husbands, Stan Hill and Chris Hartley. He is survived by his brother, Stephen Palmer, and his wife, Liz, of Massachusetts. He is also survived by his loving nieces and nephews, Sarah and Jonathan Hill of Montana, Kristen Armstrong and her husband Michael and his great-niece, Michyla of Oklahoma, Laurie O'Brien and husband Erik of Missouri, Brian Palmer of Pennsylvania and Nathaniel Palmer of Massachusetts.

He is survived by his maternal

aunt, Violet Morrow of Michigan; maternal uncle Harold and his wife Vivian Youngberg of Illinois, and maternal cousin Muriel and her husband Norri Pearson of Nebraska, and their families. He is survived by maternal cousins, Robert Rohland of Michigan, Richard Rohland of Washington, D.C., Arlene Morrow of Michigan, Lillian Swanson of North Carolina, Larry Bensinger of Florida and Mark, Cathy and Tim Youngberg of Illinois.

He is also survived by his paternal aunt, Florence O'Brien, of New York, and paternal cousin, John O'Brien, of New York, and paternal cousins, Peter Wilson, of Ohio, and Penny Phares, of Michigan as well as his dear family in Canada.

He is survived by his dear circle of friends in Charleston who have been his family in South Carolina since 1988. He is also survived by his close professional associates, who also have been like family over the past 20 years.

He is most remembered for his devotion to family and friends, his great sense of humor, his kindness and generosity, his

# Mareita Lynch Palmersheim ; ~~6/2004~~

Oct. 7, 1933 — March 23, 2004

**RED LODGE** — Mareita stood for many things but the focus of her life was on faith, family, and community.

Mareita was the daughter of John F. and Mildred (Bell) Lynch, the first of six children. She had the greatest respect and admiration for her father who brought the family from Shelby to Belgrade in 1940, where he trained pilots during World War II. In 1944, the Lynchs moved to Billings where John established Lynch Flying Service. While attending high school at Billings Central, Mareita worked for the family business and earned her pilot's license.

A year after graduating from Central (Class of 1951), Mareita married her high school sweetheart - Bob Palmersheim. Bob and Mareita were married in St. Patrick's in Billings and celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary there on November 22, 2002.

In 1955, the Palmersheims lived in England where Bob was serving in the U.S. Army. More than anything, Mareita wanted to be a devoted wife and mother. Upon returning to Billings, Mareita and Bob brought six children into the world. In 1969, they found a large house on a small acreage north of Fromberg where they raised their family.



MAREITA  
PALMERSHEIM

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Mareita really loved her numerous nieces and nephews and always made them feel welcome at "the farm."

Mareita was at home in the Clarks Fork Valley and among the Beartooth Mountains. She especially delighted in the sunrises and sunsets that lit up the land and sky. Mareita loved horses and enjoyed teaching her children to ride. She looked forward to helping her neighbors move cattle and later shared her joy with her grandchildren. Mareita was a precious and loving mother and grandmother. She enjoyed canoeing and summer outings with her family in cherished places like Sawtooth, Cooke City, and Yellowstone Park.

After her youngest entered middle school, Mareita bought "The Store" in Fromberg and ran the local grocery for next 26 years. Until her retirement in 2003, she served the community with a personal touch and delivered groceries to anyone in need.

Mareita wanted to be remembered as a "Call to Action" Catholic. She was inspired by Vatican II and became a leader of the Cursillo movement from its inception in Billings. Over the years, she represented the Cursillo on a Diocesan level and participated in many workshops,



Utreayas and study groups. Mareita grew in faith and knowledge and particularly enjoyed advancing through religious studies via the Gonzaga-in-Billings program. Mareita gave hope and encouragement to many throughout the years including those she met through Al-Anon.

In Fromberg, Mareita was a leader at St. Joseph's and, with great faith and spiritual wisdom, helped to guide the community. She led us in prayer and led us in song and her voice raised our spirits high! Mareita came to know Jesus as her brother, and she did her best to treat everyone she encountered as if they, too, were the sons and daughters of an ever present, ever-loving God. Mareita's spirit touched the lives of everyone who knew her.

Mareita passed away peacefully, surrounded by her loving family, after a brief, courageous encounter with cancer.

Mareita is survived by her adoring husband, Bob Palmersheim; her children and grandchildren, John (Erin) Palmersheim and daughter, Maureen, of Darby; Anne Palmersheim and daughter, Katie, of Billings; Julie

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MARIETA LYNN  
PALMERSHEIM

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**Palmersheim and children, Elijah, Lucia, and Anica Wickenburg, of Billings; Tom Palmersheim, of Seattle; Rich Palmersheim and daughter Savannah, of Billings; and Elizabeth (Joe) Robillard and children, Stephanie, Trey, Tyler, and Nicole, of Billings. Mareita is also survived by her brothers, Denny Lynch, Tom (Rosalie) Lynch, and Pat (Carole) Lynch, of Billings; sisters Karen Neibauer, of Bozeman, and Loyola Weldon, of Seattle; sisters-in-law Lillian Palmersheim and Dolores (Dan) Donnelly, of Billings, and Mary Francis (Ray) Birgenheier, of Spokane. Her parents preceded her in death.**

**Mareita lived to her final hour with dignity and grace. Her life was filled with love and laughter and purpose and that is the way she will be remembered.**

**A celebration of Mareita's life will be held on Saturday, March 27, 2004, at 7:00 p.m. at St. Agnes Catholic Church in Red Lodge. A Mass will be held in her honor at St. Agnes on Sunday, March 28, 2004, at 2:00 p.m. with Rite of Committal to follow at the Red Lodge Cemetery.**

**Memorials may be sent to Beartooth Hospice or a charity of one's choice.**

## George Panasuk

**RAINVILLE** — Funeral services for longtime Bainville resident George Panasuk will be held Wednesday, Feb. 4, at 3 p.m. MST at the Bainville High School gymnasium. Pastor Lyle Thorpe of the Bainville Faith Fellowship will officiate and burial will follow in the Bainville Cemetery. Friends may call at the Everson Funeral Home of Williston, N.D., Tuesday, Feb. 3, from 9 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. CST, Wednesday from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. CST, and at the school for the hour preceding the service.



**GEORGE  
PANASUK**

George died on Thursday, Jan. 29, surrounded by family, on his farm northeast of Bainville, after a short battle with colon cancer.

George was born March 26, 1924, to Nazary M. and Katherine Panasuk, Ukrainian immigrants and early homesteaders near Bainville. The 10th of 13 children, George was born on the family farm, an original homestead only a few miles from the present Panasuk home where he passed away. George attended rural school through eighth grade and graduated from Bainville High School in 1943. Upon the death of his father when George was 19, he

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inherited 120 acres and began farming with strength and determination.

He won the affections of Irene Torgerson, and they married Feb. 5, 1949. They initially lived on the original Panasuk property, but subsequently built their own farm nearby over the next 55 years. They raised seven children with many achievements including several college degrees and two military service records. Three of the sons farm and ranch near Bainville, just as their father did. George was extremely proud of his family and their accomplishments.

George will be remembered by many people who knew him in a variety of ways. He knew nearly everyone in the town of Bainville and many people throughout Roosevelt County and the surrounding area. He was a lifelong farmer and rancher, and in the early 1960s, he began buying cattle for an Iowa feed lot as a livestock order buyer, an occupation that became a significant portion of his business.

His gregarious nature served him well, and he became a well-known personality in many

stockyards across the region. Throughout his life George fostered many friendships from his livestock work, many dating back to his first transactions.

When George wasn't working his farm, he could often be found enjoying one of his pastimes. Fishing was a particular favorite of his, and most years, he and some of his close friends traveled to Canada to catch walleye and northern pike. Long winter evenings were regularly spent playing pinochle, and his aptitude for the game resulted in the winning of several local tournaments. His social involvement was not limited to personal hobbies, but also included a number of community activities. He was a life-long member of the Culbertson Saddle Club and enjoyed the trail rides and cattle drives. He could regularly be seen in local parades driving a horse and buggy or even as grand marshal. He was also involved in community service and was an honorary member of the Bainville chapter of FFA and a supporter of 4H. In addition, George served on the Bainville school board for many years.

No doubt, many people will remember George's generosity and kindness. He was more than happy to lend equipment or help with crops or cows during times of need. He readily passed out his extensive knowledge of farming and ranching to those who asked.

George is survived by his wife, Irene M. Panasuk, of Bainville; five sons and two daughters, Dana G. (Brenna) Panasuk, Williston, Miles G. (Cyndy) Panasuk, Bainville, Mary K. (Gregory) Peed, Bend, Ore., Mark T. (Jan) Panasuk, Douglas, Wyo., Scot T. (Diane) Panasuk, Bainville, Todd M. (Brinda) Panasuk, Bainville, and Amy Beth M. (Kelly) Miller, Provo, Utah. He is also survived by four brothers and four sisters, Leda Hunter, Kelseyville, Calif., Eva Cottingham, San Rafael, Calif., Philip Panasuk, Minot, N.D., Sam (Ailsa) Panasuk, Auburn, Wash., Esther Shippe, Studio City, Calif., Edna (George) Hoynes, Malta, Willie Panasuk, Sidney, and Andrew E. Panasuk, Anaconda. Also surviving him are 16 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were his parents; four brothers, Alex, John, Paul and Peter.

The Everson Clayton Stevenson Chapel of Culbertson is in charge of arrangements.

## David Paul Pankratz

MALTA — David Paul Pankratz, 29, of Helena, formerly of Malta, died Tuesday, Aug. 24, 2004, at his home of a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

Wake services will be at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 26, at St. Mary's Catholic Church and funeral mass will be 11 a.m. Friday, Aug. 27, with burial in the Malta Cemetery. Adams Funeral Home & Crematory is in charge.

# Milton 'Mickey' Parent

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

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WHITEHALL — Milton "Mickey" Parent, 78, died Aug. 11, 2004, as a result of an automobile accident on Interstate 90 near Columbus.

Memorial services will be held at the convenience of the family at a later date when his wife Molly, who is recovering from the accident in St. Vincent Healthcare in Billings, is well enough to attend. K & L Mortuary Chapel in Whitehall is in charge of arrangements.

# Louise Irene Parenteau *THE BILLINGS GAZETTE*

AUG 28 2004

**LAUREL** — Louise Irene Parenteau passed away Aug. 15, 2004, at her home in Laurel, with her loving and caring daughter Diane at her side.

Louise was born Feb. 3, 1920, on her parents' homestead northeast of Rapelje. Louise was the third of six children born to Roy and Ethel Dawson.

Louise's early schooling was in Rapelje. In 1931, the family moved to Laurel, where she graduated from high school in 1937. While in Laurel, she took postgraduate courses in math, chemistry and biology in order to pursue her goal to become a nurse. Louise also attended the Billings Business College.

In 1943, Louise began working for the Northern Pacific Railroad and retired from the Burlington Northern in 1980. She started as a laborer in the car shop during WWII and retired as a yard clerk.

Louise passed away in her home that she and husband Mike and their children David and Diane built in 1951.

Louise enjoyed fishing, camping, traveling with Mike as well as crossword puzzles, playing the organ, jigsaw puzzles, playing 13 rummy, sewing, crocheting and embroidering many precious keepsakes.

Louise is survived by her daughters, Sharon Ward of Phoenix and Diane Sayler of Laurel, who cared for her until her death. She is also survived by her sister, Marie Motzko; brother Keith Dawson and Zane (Linda) Dawson of Laurel; grandchildren Dan, Jon and Tim Ward, Sarah and Leslie Sayler, Shauna, Lynn Jo, Rebecca Jo and Patricia Louise Parenteau.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Roy and Ethel Dawson; brother Russell Dawson; sister Francis Anderson; grandson Mark Ward; and her beloved son, David Parenteau.

Memorials can be sent to Big Sky Hospice or charity of choice.

Cremation has taken place. Graveside service will be held at 1 p.m. Monday, Aug. 30, at the Laurel Cemetery.

## **Cathryn Anne Paris**

**SEP 13 2004**  
**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

LIVINGSTON — Cathryn Anne Paris, 52, died Thursday evening, Sept. 9, 2004, at Livingston Memorial Hospital.

Cremation has taken place at Franzen-Davis Funeral Home. A celebration of Cathy's life will be 4 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 15, at Counterpoint's Milky Way Home, 603 Milky Way Drive, Livingston.



## **W. Maxine Parisi**

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**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**LIVINGSTON — W. Maxine Parisi, 84, of Livingston, died Thursday, Sept. 23, 2004, at Livingston Memorial Hospital.**

**Family and friends will gather at Franzen-Davis Funeral Home in Livingston prior to 9:30 a.m. Monday, Sept. 27, to proceed to Mountain View Cemetery. A graveside committal service and burial will take place at 10 a.m. Monday.**

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Ed Parsons was taken from his family and friends while exercising his dog on Thursday, Aug. 5, 2004. He walked a path in life that connected many people who will miss him greatly.

Ed was born in Springfield, Mass. on Dec. 1, 1933. He was the son of Esther (Tenney) and Harold Parsons. He was raised and attended schools in Northfield, Mass. He graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture in 1953 and served in the U S. Army as a military policeman on the island of Okinawa until 1956. After his discharge, he married his high school sweetheart, Nancy Miner. Shortly thereafter, he purchased Old Yankee Farm, a dairy farm in southern New Hampshire and operated it until 1959. At this time, he decided to continue his education and received a Bachelors Degree in animal husbandry and a Master of Science degree in Agricultural Economics from the University of Massachusetts. Ed later continued his economic studies working on a doctorate at Colorado State University.



**EDWARD PARSONS**

Ed had a variety of careers in his lifetime. He was an Extension

Agent in Sidney, Mont. from 1965 - 1968. He worked with the Bureau of Indian Affairs, studying natural resource issues in the Missouri River Basin. He spent the longest part of his public service with the Bureau of Land Management working in Montana, Colorado and Washington DC. Ed became a senior policy analyst working in developing rangeland policy for the BLM. He received much

recognition for his work that included a superior service award from the Director of BLM for his work in rangeland policy. Ed was known by his colleagues as a clear thinker with sound old fashioned horse sense and tough mindedness. He was missed by BLM when he retired in 1995.

After retirement Ed kept busy in community service and church work. His service included the Yellowstone County Conservation District, a BLM task force on the Upper Missouri Breaks National Monument,

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Board of Directors of the Frontier Heritage Alliance, Board of Directors of the Billings Rod and Gun Club, the Yellowstone County Republican Central Committee and Blue Creek Fire Department Board. Ed was an avid hunter and horseman. He was always busy in positive and constructive work. He seemed never to rest. Now he rests with his Father in Heaven above.

Ed is survived by his wife, Nancy and three children, Lt. Col. Matthew (Kerry) Parsons of Atlanta, Ga.; Melissa Parsons of Littleton, Colo.; and Nathaniel Parsons of Alexandria, Va.; five grandchildren, Victoria, Alex, Ian, Andrew and Abbey Parsons of Atlanta; his mother, Mrs. Esther Parsons of Northfield, Mass.; sisters Rachel Drago and Martha (Ed) Pitts of San Diego, Calif., Linda Galeziowski of South Deerfield, Mass.; Judy (Larry) Underwood of Gill, Mass. and brother, Richard (Paula) Parsons of Northfield, Mass.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m., Monday, at Smith's Downtown Chapel. Interment will be at Yellowstone Valley Memorial Park with military rites. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to Blue Creek Baptist Church, 2337 Blue Creek Road, Billings, MT 59101.

## Rienold M. 'Ron' Pastian

Rienold M. "Ron" Pastian, 64, of Billings passed away on Wednesday, Nov. 10, 2004, at St. Vincent's Emergency Room.

Ron was born on Jan. 9, 1940, a son of Charles and Mary Pastian. He was educated in Billings and entered the Army as a young man. Throughout his life, he worked as a heavy equipment mechanic for various organizations, including the sugar factory.

Ron is survived by his wife, Marie Gandara Pastian.

Cremation is planned and no public services are scheduled. Smith Downtown Chapel assisted with arrangements.

BILLINGS GAZETTE

NOV 12 2004

## Lynne Partridge

COWLEY, Wyo. — Lynne Esther Smith Partridge, 61, of Salt Lake City, died Thursday, April 1, 2004, in Salt Lake City.

Committal services will be at 9:30 a.m. Monday, April 12, in the Cowley Cemetery. Haskell Funeral Home of Lovell is in charge.

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## **Lee M. Pasley**

Lee M. Pasley, 80, of Billings, died Tuesday, Feb. 17, 2004, at Deaconess Billings Clinic.

Lee was born Feb. 11, 1924, in Denver. He received a bachelor's degree from the University of Colorado and has made his home in Billings since the mid-1950s. Lee worked many years as a salesman for Midland Implement.

During WWII, Lee served as a Navy Pilot in the South Pacific. He had flown missions off the Carriers the Bennington and Yorktown. Lee became a prisoner of war when he was shot down over Japan.

An avid outdoors man, Lee was a member of the Billings Rod and Gun Club and the VFW.

He was preceded in death by

his companion of 40 years, Mary Fine, on Sept. 23, 1997.

Survivors include his stepson Joe Fine and his wife Sharon of Seattle; and three grandsons, Bill Fine, his wife Gloria and their children, Fernando, Benjamin and Lucas of Oakland, Calif., Gregory Fine of New York City and Drew Ackerlund, his wife Marsha and their children, Emily, Ethan, Ellan and Emmitt of Hillsboro, Ore.

Graveside services will be 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 21, at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

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

## **Elli Elisabeth Pass**

**MILES CITY** — Elli Elisabeth Pass, 88, of Miles City, died Monday, Feb. 23, 2004, at the Friendship Villa Care Center in Miles City.

Visitation will be Wednesday, Feb. 25, in the chapel of Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home

in Miles City. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 26, at Stevenson & Son Funeral Home in Miles City.

Interment will be held at a later date in the Eastern Montana State Veteran's Cemetery in Miles City.

# Elizabeth Rahn Pates

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On Feb. 22, 1928, Elizabeth Ann was born in Billings to Grace and Carl Rahn, coincidentally, on her father's birthday.

Betty attended local schools, graduating from Billings Senior High in 1946. She graduated from Stanford University in Palo Alto, Calif., in 1950. It was there she met her future husband, Seabrook Pates. They married in Billings on Dec. 5, 1950. Together, they had three children, Rahn, Randall (Jo) and Gary.



**ELIZABETH  
RAHN PATES**

Betty passed away on July 15, 2004, leaving behind her sons and several grandchildren, Alyssa, Sean (Molly), Kelsey, Brooke, Whitney, Jamie, Julien and Christian.

Though not actively involved in the family business, her entire life was devoted to Midland Implement, the company her father co-founded in 1920.

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Betty will be remembered as a contributor and volunteer. All her life, she devoted countless hours to a variety of her favorite organizations, including: American Cancer Society, Deaconess Billings Clinic, Deaconess Foundation, Junior League of Billings, Moss Mansion, Northern Rockies Cancer Center, PEO, United Way, Yellowstone Art Museum, YWCA and ZooMontana.

She is preceded in death by her parents and her husband of 40 years, Brooks Pates.

Cremation has taken place and private family services are planned.

Memorials in Betty's name may be made to Deaconess Cancer Research Endowment Fund, 2917 10th Ave. N, Billings, MT 59101, or the YWCA Gateway House Women's Shelter, 909 Wyoming Ave., Billings, MT 59102.

Michelotti-Sawyers is in charge of arrangements.



# George Patterson

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RENO, Nev. — George Patterson, age 94, passed away from natural causes, Thursday, Oct. 7, 2004, in Reno.

The oldest of six children, he was born in Laurelvale, Northern Ireland, on Sept. 21, 1910, to Henry and Jane (Cordner) Patterson. He immigrated to Montana in his late teens, after completing his education. George first settled at Pompeys Pillar, near Billings, and drove a milk truck. Soon he moved to work for the Manhattan Cattle Company. There, he married Alta Mae Cline on Feb. 2, 1934. Together, they raised two daughters, Mary Mae and Lois.

George had an extremely full life with friends and family, adventures and work experiences. He worked in a variety of capacities throughout his lifetime, always excelling in PR and especially known and loved for his quick wit, practical jokes and Irish humor. Among his favorite work experiences were: employee of the W.A. Hall Company in Gardiner, food products distributor for Sweet Bros. in Butte (how he appreciated Best Foods and S & W products!), owner of B.B. Grain Company in Butte, sales representative for Milam Greenhouse in Bozeman and Office Coordinator for the Montana State Highway Department in Great Falls. He and his family then moved to

Helena in 1968, where he became Project Director - Right of Way for the Montana State Highway Department. He retired from the Department in 1975.

Before he left Ireland, George was a well-known cricketer, "a Laurelvale Star of the Twenties," participating on the cup-winning team of 1929. After moving to Montana, he became a distinguished outdoorsman, an avid fisherman and hunter. In the 1950s, he and a friend even appeared on the cover of Outdoor Life for their famous trapping of crateloads of rattlesnakes.

A source of pride, joy and deep dedication was his participation as a Mason. On Nov. 10, 2002, he was recognized as a 50-Year Member, a Master Mason in good standing, of the Butte Masonic Lodge, No. 22.

George is survived by two sisters, Amelia and Eva Patterson of Laurelvale; three grandchildren, Bonnie Reed, Daniel Spogen of Reno, and Donna Uken of Reno, five great-grandchildren (Kristen, Desiree and Dana of Reno; Marilyn and Dusty of Montana); two great-great-grandchildren (Kaelyn and

Tanner of Reno); and several nieces and nephews in Ireland and the United States.

A family memorial service has been held at the South Reno United Methodist Church. A second memorial service and interment will be in Bozeman, in the spring. Date to be later announced. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Shodair Children's Hospital of Helena, PO Box 5539, Helena, MT 59604.

**James L. Patterson**

MAY 04 2004

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — James L. Patterson, 27, of Sheridan, died Saturday, May 1, 2004, in Lusk.

A viewing will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, May 5, at Kane Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, at Kane Funeral Home. A wake will be at 5 p.m. Friday, May 7, at St. Michael's Catholic Church. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 8, at St. Michael's Catholic Church in St. Michael's, N.D. Interment will follow in the St. Michael's Cemetery in St. Michael's. Kane Funeral Home of Sheridan is in charge of local arrangements. Gilbertson Funeral Home of Devils Lake, N.D., is in charge of North Dakota arrangements.

THERMOPOLIS, Wyo. — Richard "Dick" James Pauli, 62, died Saturday, Dec. 11, 2004, at Hot Springs County Memorial Hospital.

Memorial services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 16, at Risen Son Baptist Church. Mortimore Funeral Home of Thermopolis is in charge.

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## **Helen Marie Pawlowski**

**CIRCLE** — Helen Marie Pawlowski died Dec. 29, 2003, in California.

Memorial services will be at 1 p.m. Friday, Jan. 16, at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Circle with inurnment in Riverview Cemetery. Clayton Stevenson Memorial Chapel is in charge.

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**JUN 13 2004****Jenice Donn Pawlowski**

**CIRCLE** — Jenice Donn Pawlowski was born Feb. 17, 1945, in Billings, the oldest daughter of four, born to Leroy and Suzanne Spidel of Brockway. Jenice went to be with the Lord on June 9, 2004.



**JENICE  
PAWLOWSKI**

Jenice attended grade school in Brockway and graduated from Circle High School in 1983. She enjoyed singing in choir and the Blue Teens. She enjoyed track and basketball; she was a natural athlete and was very passionate about competition. She also enjoyed playing softball in the summer.

Jenice worked at the McCone County hospital as a nurse's aide and later at the Nursing Home in Circle. She loved visiting and helping people. She attended Carroll College in Helena and later Dickinson State in North Dakota. Jenice loved her parents and sisters and loved helping around the house and on the farm in Brockway. She was constantly in motion.

On June 29, 1985, Jenice mar-

ried her best friend and soul mate, Ryan Pawlowski. To this union were born three sons, Lee, David and Michael. She lived and loved to farm and ranch at their home north of Circle. Jenice loved her family, to work and play, and most especially loved spending time with her family. Jenice loved all outdoor activities with her family: hunting, fishing, snowmobiling, four-wheeler riding, gardening, boating and taking walks.

Jenice was a member of the Circle Evangelical Church and enjoyed lending a hand and was noted for her pies. Jenice was an avid member of the Circle Rifle Club and spent many years helping with the Junior Rifle Program.

Jenice is survived by her husband and sons, Ryan, Lee, David and Michael of Circle; her parents, Leroy and Suzanne Spidel of Moore; three sisters, Rhonda (Warren) and Amanda and Dylan Stenseth, LeeAnne (Keith) and Megan, Kaitlyn and Brooke Weinheimer, all of Moore; Steffanie (Todd) May of Yuma, Ariz. Her grandmother, Caroline

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Spidel of Lewistown, and many other aunts, uncles, nephews, nieces and friends also survive Jenice.

Visitation will be held on Sunday, June 13, from 4 to 6 p.m. with a private family service at 7 p.m., at the Circle Evangelical Church. Funeral services will be held on Monday, June 14, at the Circle Evangelical Church at 1 p.m. Interment will be held in Riverview Cemetery in Circle. Condolences may be sent to the family by visiting [www.stevensonadassons.com](http://www.stevensonadassons.com) or by e-mail to [esmc@nemonte.net](mailto:esmc@nemonte.net). Clayton Stevenson Memorial Chapel has been entrusted with arrangements.

# Peggy Pawluk

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

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LAUREL —  
Peggy Pawluk, devoted wife and mother, passed away Thursday, Feb 5, 2004.



**PEGGY  
PAWLUK**

Peggy was born in Columbus, N.D., on June 14, 1958, to Orville and Mavis Gillund. After

her father's tragic passing, she was raised in Stanley, N.D., by Bill and Mavis Roloff. Anyone who had the pleasure of knowing Peggy knew her as a selfless and loving woman.

Peggy is survived by her loving husband, Jerome "Jerry" Pawluk; loving daughter, Lindsey; sisters Marcia Britton of Billings and Mary Beth Clark of Powers Lake, N.D.; brothers, Ron Gillund of Sunburst and Kim Gillund of Indianapolis; father-in-law Jerome Pawluk, Sr. and mother-in-law, Gloria Pawluk; further survived by brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews and many friends.

Visitations may be made from 6 to 8 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 8, at the Smith Downtown Chapel in Billings. The casket will be closed at the church. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, Feb. 9, at the Laurel United Methodist Church, with cremation to follow. Smith Downtown Chapel is assisting with arrangements.



## Harry Payne

LIVINGSTON — Harry Payne, 93, of Livingston, died Friday, Sept. 24, 2004, at Evergreen Livingston Health & Rehab Center.

Graveside committal services and burial will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 28, at Mountain View Cemetery. Franzen-Davis Funeral Home in Livingston is in charge.

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# Henrietta A. Payne

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

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LIVINGSTON — Henrietta A. Payne, 83, of Livingston, died at her home early Monday morning, July 12, 2004.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Friday, July 16, at Franzen-Davis Funeral Home, 118 N. Third St., in Livingston. Rev. Harlan Durgan of Livingston Congregational Church and Rev. Stephen Bailey of Foothills Baptist Church in Dewey, Ariz., will officiate. Graveside committal and burial will follow in Mountain View Cemetery.

Henrietta was born Feb. 26, 1921, in Livingston, the daughter of Fabian and Mary Schnablegger, homesteaders to the Deep Creek area of Paradise Valley in the early 1900s. She spent her early life on the family homestead and attended Pine Creek School. On Sept. 20, 1937, she married Francis B. "Red" Payne in Livingston and they ranched in the Paradise Valley for many years. After 1964, they moved into Livingston and operated the Park Rock Shop until 1988. Mr. Payne died on Sept. 4, 1999, in Livingston.

Henrietta enjoyed making jewelry and working in her flower garden. She loved being with friends and family and, for many years, was an avid collector of photographs, greeting cards and newspaper articles for her

scrapbooks. Music was a very special part of Henrietta's life and she welcomed many to her home for festive jam sessions and also played the piano for many special events at Brisbin Hall, the Frontier Assisted Living Community, Livingston Senior Center and Park County Pioneer banquets. Henrietta enjoyed worshiping at Livingston Congregational Church.

Survivors include two sons, Robert Payne and his wife Dee of Livingston and John Payne and his wife Kay of Prescott Valley, Ariz.; six grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents, an infant sister and a brother, Fabian Schnablegger.

If so desired, memorials may be directed to the charity of the donor's choice.

# Paul Payovich

10/19/2004

**PARK CITY** — Paul Payovich, age 60, died in his sleep, Friday, Oct. 8, 2004.

Paul was born Feb. 3, 1944, to Chris and Mary Payovich in Red Lodge. He grew up in the area, graduating from Roberts High School in 1962.



**PAUL  
PAYOVICH**

He was a truck owner/operator and worked in road construction for over 40 years. He was currently leased to Schellinger Construction, working at Dutton, at the time of his death.

He was a member of Teamster Local 190, Moose Lodge 2190 and NRA.

Paul loved to hunt, fish and looked forward each year to the annual Elk Hunt with family and friends. Family gatherings were very important to him and he never missed the Family Picnic held each year at the end of July.

He is survived by his wife, Louise of Park City; daughter Brenda (Dana) and grandson Brandon Munroe of Spokane, Wash.; sisters, Dolly (AJ) Buening, Betty Dunbar of Billings, Marie (Sam) Giovetti of Red Lodge; brother, George Payovich of Billings; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a son, Paul Allen; his parents; two brothers, John and Bob Payovich; and a sister, Donnie.

Paul was a wonderful man who helped so many and he will be so very missed by all who knew him.

Cremation has taken place and a graveside service is planned for Oct. 23 at 11 a.m. at the Red Lodge Cemetery, with reception to follow at the Red Lodge Cafe.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial college fund for the family has been set up at the First Citizens Bank, 2812 First Ave. N., Billings, MT 59101.

## LaVerne Peabody

**EKALAKA** — Funeral Services for LaVerne Peabody, 82, of Ekalaka, are at 11 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 30, at the Ekalaka Bible Church. Visitation is 3 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 29, at Ekalaka Bible Church. Burial will follow at the Beaverlodge Cemetery. Stevenson Funeral Home in Baker & Ekalaka is in charge.

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WALLING GAZETTE

## Roy Pearl

LAUREL — Roy Pearl, 50, passed away June 14, 2004, peacefully at his home.

Roy was born July 29, 1953, in Monroe, Wash. When he was a young child, the family moved to Billings. Roy attended school in Billings prior to joining the Army in 1970 as a Radio Operator. He was honorably discharged in 1973. Carpentry and woodworking were his passion. He built several beautiful canoes. He was always eager to lend a helping hand to others, especially when it involved working with wood, remodeling or repairing a car. Roy always looked forward to the weekly Friday game night that he would host and prepare food. He could not pass up a bargain during his garage sale ventures. His humor was enjoyed by many friends and family and will be greatly missed. He will be missed by his puppies "Tigger" and "Precious," as well as many family and friends.



**ROY  
PEARL**

stepfather Steven Nachatelo; and sister-in-law Donna.

He is survived by his mother, Anna Pearl Nachatelo of Billings; his mate, Colleen and her daughter, Tara (Gregg and baby Kyriah); brothers, Gene (Carol) of Cape Coral, Fla., Vern, Leonard (Barbara), Ron (Jackie) of Billings; sisters, De Balzer, Dia Pearl of Worden, Irene (George) Robson, Ellen (Don) Kragt of Billings, Mary (Sonny) Greer of Bozeman and numerous nieces, nephews and lifelong friends.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial services will be held 10 a.m. Saturday, June 19, at Smith Funeral Chapel-Laurel.

Roy was preceded in death by his father Claire; brother, Terry;

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## Elysee Pearson

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Elysee Vernetta (Sheets) Pearson, 80, of Sheridan, died Saturday, Oct. 16, 2004, at Sheridan Manor.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 20, at Trinity Lutheran Church. Committal of cremains will be in the Oregon Trail State Veteran's Cemetery, Evansville, Wyo. Champion Ferries Funeral Home of Sheridan is in charge.

**MAR 17 2004****Ben Pease, Jr.**

Ben Pease, Jr., "Takes the Guns from Two Enemy Camps," died on March 15, 2004, after a month-long illness. He was born in Lodge Grass on June 15, 1923, to Ben and Tillie Whiteman Runs Him Pease. Consistent with Crow Tradition, he was raised by his grandparents, Ben Spotted Horse and Horse.

Ben attended schools in Lodge Grass and Crow Agency and graduated from Hardin High School in 1943. He went to Linfield College in Oregon and completed his bachelors of science degree in Education at Rocky Mountain College in 1947. He completed a masters of Education at Washington State University in 1954 and was among the first Crow Indians to obtain a masters degree.

In 1948, Ben married Margery Jordan in Butte, and together with their four children, they pursued careers in education commencing in Nespalem, Wash., on the Colville Indian Reservation, beginning a tradition of lifelong friendships with colleagues and Indian community members. Ben and Marge resided in seven communities in the States of Washington and Idaho, where Ben was a teacher and principal. Ben taught biology, art and physical education and coached basketball, football and track for both boys and girls at the high school level, among the greatest joys in his life. In 1964 and 1965, Mr. Pease directed the Black Canyon Youth

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Camp for Crow Tribe. He established a family tradition of accomplished scholar-athlete and was able to watch his own children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews perform at the top levels of high school and college academic and athletic competition.

In 1966, Mr. Pease entered the federal civil service as the Director of the Columbia Basin Job Corps in Moses Lake, Wash., and in 1974, became the regional Director of Equal Employment Opportunity for the United States Bureau of Reclamation in Boise, Idaho, retiring in 1984.

While in federal service, Ben was instrumental in developing an EEO manual utilized nationwide. In the early 1980s, he served on the Idaho State Human Rights Commission, commencing his long tradition of civil and human rights advocacy, including his work with Indian prison inmates in Washington, Idaho and Montana.

Upon his retirement to Billings, Mr. Pease served on the Friends of Chief Plenty Coups Committee, chaired the Big Sky Indian Market and participated in the "Not in Our Town" human rights campaign in Billings. He was recognized by the Rocky Mountain



**BEN  
PEASE**



Institute with the Jeannette Rankin Peace Award.

Teaching by example and encouragement, he imparted to his children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews, the best essentials of Crow Indian tradition and the value of education in the modern era.

Ben was a member of the Big Lodge Clan and a child of the Newly Made Lodge. From his paternal grandmother, Sarah Walker Pease, Ben was a child of the Black Cap Clan of the Hidatsa. A practicing traditionalist, he was a member of the Night Hawk Dance Society of Lodge Grass, and served as an official announcer for the Crow Fair, All American Indian Days at Sheridan, Wyo., and many college and university cultural celebrations throughout Montana and the Northwest. Mr. Pease was well known for his traditional dancing, especially team dancing with his sons, brother and grandsons, whom he outfitted in full Crow style regalia.

Mr. Pease was raised in the Crow Indian Baptist Mission at Lodge Grass and in 1974 became a member of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, the first in Boise, Idaho and upon retirement, in the Billings fellowship. Drawing on his Christianity, Crow traditions and Unitarian principles, his faith, family and friends sustained him through the loss of his son, Joel, and finally through his final illness.

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His son, Joel; and sisters, Josephine Russell and Beth Aneth Pease Iron, preceded Ben in death.

Mr. Ben Pease is survived by his wife, Margery, of 55 years; his daughters, Louella (Frank) Merchant, Dr. Janine Pease and Linda (Warren) Bell; and son, Dr. Ben (Kathy) Pease, III; daughter-in-law, Paulette Not Afraid; brothers, Oliver Pease, Joe Medicine Crow and Paul Spotted Horse, Sr.; sisters, Angela Russell, Sharon (Pat) Stands, Ramona (Chuck) Real Bird, Louella (Gary) Johnson, Regina Spotted Horse and Pauline Small; special nieces, Majel Russell (Tom Whitford) and Clarene (Tracy) Walters; nieces and nephews, Olivia (John Bill) Sierra, Cynthia Pease, Lynn (Joe) Walks Along, Sam Pease, Richard (Sheila) Pease, Russell (Donna) Stands and Jonathan (Lana) Stands, Shawn, Tim and Nicole Real Bird; grandchildren, Russell George, Roses (Jeromy) Holds, Vernon Windy Boy, Ian Pease, Sara Faith and Lori Ann Stewart, Darcy and Nicole Merchant, Bethyana Pease, Ben Jordan Pease, Lyndon Pease, Tana Stewart, Benji William, Daniel Fellows, Garrison and Stuart Pease. Adopted brothers include George (Midge) Williams, John Kirkby, Fred Labeau and Steve Saslow. His adopted daughters include Lori Big Horn, Margie Campbell, Julie Saluskin, Heidi Gerstenburger, Naomi Spencer (England) and Dulcie Wolfe. His adopted sons are Larry Burrows

(England) and Mark Humphries. Ben and Margery have 15 great-grandchildren. He is further survived by members of the Whitemanrunshim, Spotted Horse, Bull Over the Hill, Horn, Don't Mix, Gun Shows and Pease, Walker, Fredericks and Youngbird families.

Ben Pease, Jr. has now gone to the other side camp to be reunited with lost loved ones and with God.

Funeral services will be held 2 p.m. Thursday, March 18, in the Lodge Grass First Crow Indian Baptist Mission. Interment will follow in the Lodge Grass Cemetery. Bullis Mortuary of Hardin has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Should friends desire, memorial contributions may be made to the Rocky Mountain Chapter Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, 5353 W. Dartmouth Ave., Denver, CO 80227.

~~Ben Pease, Jr. 1911-2004~~

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## **Irene Pease**

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LAMBERT — Irene Pease, 72, of Lambert, died Friday, April 23, 2004, at the Sidney Health Center.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, April 29, at the St. Matthew's Catholic Church. Rosary will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 28, with the wake service following at 7:30 p.m. at the Fulkerson Funeral Home Memorial Chapel. Cremation will follow services.

# Betty Louise Pedersen

OCT 28 2004

WILLINGS GAZETTE

WIBAUX — Betty Louise Pedersen, 74, of Wibaux, died Thursday, Oct. 21, 2004, at her home.

Memorial services will be at 5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 31, at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Wibaux. Interment will be in the Lutheran Cemetery in Beach, N.D. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Wibaux is in charge.

## Lawrence Pedersen

OCT 26 2004  
BILLINGS GAZETTE

LEWISTOWN — Lawrence Pedersen, 50, died Saturday, Oct. 23, 2004, at his home, of a heart attack.

A vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 27, at St. Leo's Catholic Church. Funeral liturgy will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 28, at St. Leo's Catholic Church. Burial will be in Beaver Creek Cemetery. Creel Funeral Home of Lewistown is in charge.

**MAY 13 2004****Everett David Peery, BA, MS, ED.D**

**MILWAUKIE, Ore.** —Everett David Peery, BA, MS, ED.D, passed away Monday, May 10, 2004, at the age of 84. Dr. Peery died peacefully in his sleep.

A memorial service is planned for Friday, May 14, at 3 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall at Rose Villa Retirement Center. Interment is at Willamette National Cemetery at 10 a.m. Friday.

He was born in Weiser, Idaho, on Christmas Day, Dec. 25, 1919, to John Roy "Jack" and L.C. Peery. He married Lorys Nadine Jones on June 11, 1939, in Weiser. The family moved to Eugene, then to Klamath Falls, Billings, and then finally to Milwaukie to retire. Mrs. Lorys Peery died on March 11, 1998, after 49 years of marriage. Dr. Peery then married Frances Hunter on April 22, 2001. Dr. Peery was the Director of Special Education and Speech Therapy for the Klamath Falls

School District and held the position of Coordinator Director, Montana Center for Cerebral Palsy and Handicapped Children until his retirement in 1980, at which time he was granted Professor Emeritus status, Eastern Montana College.

Everett Peery is preceded in death by his parents; wife, Lorys; and brother, Cass. Dr. Peery is survived by his wife, Frances Hunter Peery; children Faith Nadine Hoffman of Milwaukie, David Clark Peery of Wisconsin Falls, Wis., and Donald James Peery of Oregon City; sister, E. Marie Medford of Stockton, Calif.; seven grandchildren, nieces, nephews and many friends and colleagues.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial gifts to the Oak Grove Methodist Building Fund.

# Daniel J. Peet

## THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

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BARNESVILLE, Minn. — Daniel J. Peet, 56, of Barnesville, formerly of Duluth, died of cancer, Wednesday, April 14, 2004, in the Barnesville Good Samaritan Center. He was cared for by the Hospice of the Red River Valley.



**DANIEL PEET**

Daniel, son of Theodore and Tenie (Matala) Peet, was born June 23, 1947, in Fargo, N.D. He attended school and grew to manhood in the Barnesville area and in Andover, Mass., where he was a 1964 graduate of Phillips Andover Academy. He attended Carleton College in Northfield, where he was graduated cum laude in 1969 with a degree in English and Dramatic Literature. Dan performed in numerous dramatic productions while at Carleton College. A Fulbright Scholarship took him to Hamburg, Germany, in 1969 and 1970. In the early 1970s, he returned to the United States to work as a teaching assistant in the graduate school of Kansas State University. Later, he moved to Minnesota where he lived for a number of years in a group home in Duluth. Dan worked with and volunteered for many dramatic theaters in Minnesota, most recently with the Duluth

Community Theater. Dan was a poet with three published works. In November of 2003, Dan became a resident of the Barnesville Good Samaritan Center, where he lived until the time of his death. He touched the hearts of many who knew him and worked with him.

Dan was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Moorhead.

He is survived by his mother Tenie L. Peet of Fargo; four siblings, Linda (John) Bowie of Rochester, Dr. Norton (Pat) Peet of Boston, Dr. Walter (Mary) Peet of Billings and Peggy Watson of Minnetonka.

He is preceded in death by his father, Theodore F. Peet.

*Memorials are preferred to the Barnesville Good Samaritan Center and the Hospice of the Red River Valley.*

Funeral Services Entrusted to the Care of Dobmeier Funeral Home, Barnesville.



## Hazel Irene Pegram

HARDIN — Hazel Irene Pegram, 82, of Hardin passed away Friday, March 26, 2004, after an extended battle with cancer.

Cremation has taken place in the Bullis-Eastern Montana Crematory. Memorial Funeral services will be held 10 a.m. Thursday, April 1 in the Bullis Funeral Chapel in Hardin. Inurnment will follow in the Fairview Cemetery. Bullis Mortuary of Hardin has been entrusted with the arrangements.

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Martha Brooke Pegram passed away April 22, 2004, after a long, courageous battle with cancer.

Martha, known to many of her friends as Marti, was born Dec. 13, 1952, in St. Ignatius. She was

the seventh child to Basil and Tene Brooke of Whitehall, with her uncle Murray Brooke as the attending doctor. Martha attended school in Whitehall and continued her



**MARTHA  
PEGRAM**

education at the Great Falls Vo-Tech, where she received her certification as a dental assistant. While studying in Great Falls, Martha met her husband, Cecil Pegram, and they were married in Great Falls on March 2, 1973.

Martha and Cecil moved to Greensboro, N.C., in 1974 to attend college. She became the first white student to receive a nursing degree from A & T State University, which at the time was a predominantly black school. Martha had to work very hard and faced many obstacles while at A & T but always was proud of her resourcefulness and determination in receiving her minority scholarship.

Martha enjoyed her time in

North Carolina and made life-long friends. However, she missed Montana and after receiving her degree, Martha moved to Billings to be closer to her family.

Martha worked for a short time at Deaconess Hospital and Yellowstone County Health Department, but found her true call as a school nurse. She worked as a school nurse for District 2 for 18 years, loving her work and becoming an important part of many young children's lives.

While working as a school nurse, Martha returned to school and completed the Nurse Practitioner program. She accomplished this not-small task while working full time, being a full-time wife and raising three daughters.

Martha's three girls were the love of her life and nothing brought Martha more pleasure than planning birthday parties and bragging about her darling daughters. Martha was blessed on April 7, 2004, with her first grandchild. Easter Sunday was an exceptional day for Martha as she was surrounded by family and friends and held her new grandson.

Martha was a longtime member of St. Bernard's Catholic Parish, an accomplished quilter and regular "spin class" attendee at the Y.

It was Martha's desire to join her departed sisters and, in particular, her father Basil in heaven. We know that today she and her Dad are once again "riding the range" together.

She is survived by her husband Cecil; daughters Kara and Helen of the family home, and Jessica of Cody, Wyo.; grandson David Jacob Pegram-Holt of Cody; mother Tene of Whitehall; brother Tom (Ann) Brooke of Helena; sisters Betty (Phil) McMillen of Tacoma, Wash., Rachel (Carl) Coutu of Great Falls, Janet Brooke and Jim Whaley of Helena; a brother-in-law, Bob Moes of Helena; her mother and father-in-law, Martha and Victor "Cecil" Pegram of High Point N.C.; sister-in-law Jan Pegram of High Point; and numerous nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her father, Basil Brooke; sisters Mary Corrine "Connie" Moes, Helen Skillestad, Katherine Brooke, and an infant brother, Thomas Brooke.

Vigil services will be held Sunday, April 25, at 6 p.m., at St. Bernard's Catholic Church. The Funeral Mass will be held Monday, April 26, at 10 a.m., fol-

lowed by a graveside services at the Whitehall Cemetery at 4 p.m. Memorials may be sent to the YMCA, 402 North 32nd, Billings, MT 59101, Billings Catholic School, PO Box 31158, Billings, MT 59107 or the Whitehall Museum. Smith Downtown Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

## Eric Pehringer

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BUFFALO, Wyo. — Eric Pehringer, 35, of Buffalo, died Wednesday, April 21, 2004, at the Christensen Mine, east of Buffalo.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, April 26, at the Adams Funeral Home Chapel in Buffalo. Visitation will be from 1 to 9 p.m. Sunday, April 25, and from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday, at the funeral home chapel. Burial will be in Willow Grove Cemetery.

## **Lois Marie Pehringer**

**THE DILLINGS GAZETTE**

BUFFALO, Wyo. — Lois Marie Pehringer, 79, died Thursday, Jan. 1, 2004, at her home.

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Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Buffalo Senior Center with burial in the Willow Grove Cemetery. Private family services will be held at a later date. Adams Funeral Home is in charge.

## Claude H. Peil

**THE BILLINGS GAZETTE**

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Claude H. Peil, 76, of Billings, passed away Jan. 18, 2004, at the Valley Health Care Home.

He was born Sept 16, 1927, in Roundup, a son of Samuel and Marie (Kellen) Peil. He was raised in Roundup. He served in the U.S. Army from 1945 to 1948.

On Aug. 1, 1952, he married Rachael E. Anderson in Havre. They have lived in Billings since 1960.

Claude retired from Roscoe Steel where he was a mechanic Aug. 28, 1992.

His hobbies were wood working, and auto mechanics.

He was a member of the First United Methodist Church, the American Legion Post No. 4 and a past member of the Moose Lodge.

Survivors include his wife, Rachael E. Peil of Billings; his daughter, Nancy K. and husband, Brent Walker, Powell, Wyo.; and grandson, Brent M. Walker of Austin, Texas; his sister, Molly Hamilton of Roundup; and sister-in-law, Ruth Peil of Shepherd; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Smith Downtown Chapel. Visitation will begin at 5 p.m. Monday, Jan 20, at Smith Downtown Chapel,

120 N. 26th. Interment will be in the Veterans section at Terrace Gardens Cemetery, 304 34th St. W.

## Mike V. Pekovich

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Mike V. Pekovich, 78, passed away on Oct. 27, 2004, of natural causes.

Mike is survived by his wife, Shirley (Davey). He is also survived by his sisters, Anne, Minnie, Evelyn and Jo (Frank) Sherman; and one brother, Steve (Darlene). He is also survived by his children, Greg (Becky) Pekovich, Mara (Mike) Williams, Luanne Pekovich, Lori Pekovich (John Romero), Stephanie (Cere) Marr and John Pekovich. He also has 10 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Susan G. Komen Cancer Foundation.

There will be no memorial services, as were Mike's wishes.

# Raymond W. Pelo

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HELENA — Raymond W. Pelo, 81, died peacefully in his sleep Sunday night, June 13, 2004, following a long battle with illness.

Ray was born May 20, 1923, in Red Lodge, the second of William and Bertha Cunningham Pelo's three sons. Ray and his brothers were raised and educated in the Red Lodge area where the family ranched, and where his father Bill worked in the Smith Mine until the 1942 mining disaster killed him and dozens of other men of the community, including several Pelo family relatives.

After the mining accident, Ray joined the World War II effort, serving with the U.S. Navy in the North Atlantic and Mediterranean. After release from the Navy in 1946, he worked at various jobs on his way from Key West, Fla., back to Montana. In 1946, he went to work in Billings for Mountain Bell, his employer for the next 31 years.

He married his high school sweetheart, Freida L. Hunter, on July 20, 1947. They had three children: Marilyn in 1948, Scott in 1952 and Russell in 1959. His increasing responsibility with Mountain Bell took the family from Billings to Great Falls in 1956, to Butte in 1958, back to Great Falls in 1960, then to Denver in 1967, and finally to

Helena in 1971. His beloved Freida was killed in an automobile accident near Winston in March of 1972.

Left alone with one young son, Russell, to raise, they moved into one of the few houses up Lump Gulch near Clancy and devoted their energies to Ray's lifelong dream, raising and training Arabian show horses. They successfully showed horses and won ribbons and trophies throughout the region.

In 1975 Ray married another Mountain Bell employee, Bernice Willing, mother of four grown children and widow of his coworker, Fred Willing. In 1977, they took early retirement and Ray and Russ put their backs into another dream of Ray's — building an Arabian horse breeding and training business at Hidden Hollow Ranch in the coastal mountains near Philomath, Ore.

Eventually Russ left to pursue his own life, and Ray and his wife traveled, putting down shallow roots in Corvallis and Tidewater, Ore., then Whitefish, and finally returning to Helena in late 1993 to live out their lives among their



children, stepchildren and grandchildren. Following Ray's second stroke Labor Day weekend, 2002, he and his wife moved to the Waterford. In April 2003, he moved to Shelby House in East Helena. Just five weeks ago his health dictated that he move to Evergreen Clancy Health and Rehabilitation Center where he died after spending the afternoon with his daughter and her husband while waiting for the results of an All Star baseball game in which his grandson, Tyler, was playing in Idaho Falls. He was anticipating the day soon when the tournament tour would be in Helena where he could see Tyler play and the day of the Vigilante Parade when he could see this granddaughter, Cassie, dance. Their next performances will be dedicated to their Grandpa.

Ray is survived by his brothers, Marvin of Red Lodge; and Dale and his family, "The Utah Pelos," wife, Renae, and family of 10 children and dozens of grandchildren; his biological children: daughter, Marilyn and son-in-law James Perdue; his son, Russell, daughter-in-law, Kimberly, and their children, Tyler and Cassie, all of Helena; his son Scott and daughter-in-law Winona of Burlington, Wash., and their daughters and families, Jessica and Jeff Barlow and great granddaughter Hunter; and Stacia and

Mike Sheelar and great granddaughter, Kayla, all of Forest Grove, Ore.

He is also survived by his second wife, Bernice Willing, who resides at the Waterford in Helena, and his stepchildren, Laura Willing Schroeder of West Yellowstone, Jean Willing Mehrens, and William Willing of Marysville, their spouses, and children, all of Helena. Ray requested that no public funeral be held. At the request of his wife, the Willing and Pelo families will each hold private memorial services. His children request donations in Ray's memory be contributed the American Lung Association or the St. Peter's Hospital Foundation.

**GLENDIVE** — Debra Jean Peltier, age 50, of Glendive, passed away on Tuesday, Sept. 28, 2004, at the Glendive Medical Center.

Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Oct. 1, at the Chapel of the Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home in Glendive, with Pastor Larry Phalen officiating. Interment will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 2, in the Fort Peck Cemetery in Fort Peck, with Reverend Marty Mock officiating. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Glendive is entrusted with arrangements.

Deb was born on Feb. 9, 1954, in Glasgow, the daughter of Ronald and Laura Alice (Dolson) Wallem. She attended school in Fort Peck until the eighth grade, when she continued her education in Glasgow, graduating from Glasgow High School with the class of 1972. Deb attended Dawson Community College in Glendive. Deb was married to Jim Peltier on March 6, 1984, in Elko, Nev. They moved to Glendive in 1995, where Deb worked for geological survey for a short time and at Eastmont Human Services Center. She also went to Justin Handran's home



**DEB  
PELTIER**

three days a week to help him. She cherished him very much.

Deb's hobbies included fishing, painting and she loved picking rocks and collecting frogs.

Survivors include her husband, Jim, of Glendive; two sons Jeremy Piley and his wife Heather of Fort Morgan, Colo. and Michael Peltier of Glendive two daughters, Amanda Peltier and Allison Peltier, both of Glendive; her parents, Ronald and Laura Wallem of Fort Peck; one brother, David Wallem of Renton, Wash.; two sisters, Cheryl Wallem Feezell of Mansfield, Texas, and Shelly Riggins of Glasgow; two granddaughters, Cora Whisper Wilke and Dacey Kathryn Piley, whom she loved very much.

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

# Robert L. Pelton

**FISHTAIL** — Longtime Fishtail rancher, Robert L. "Bob" Pelton, 78, passed away peacefully Saturday, Sept. 11, 2004, at Stillwater Community Hospital in Columbus.

Bob was born March 17, 1926, in the Rock House at the ranch on the West Rosebud River, a son of Charles Lyle and Gladys (Potts) Pelton. He attended West Rosebud Grade School and graduated from Absarokee High School in 1944.

He served his country with the U.S. Army during World War II, in both the Philippines and Japan, and was honorably discharged in 1946.

Bob and his brother, George, and their father, ranched in partnership for four years, and on Aug. 29, 1948, in Absarokee, Bob married Ethel Hufford. Bob and Ethel purchased a ranch adjoining the Pelton home place in 1950, and Bob continued to live and work on the ranch until his death. In the early years, he ran a dairy, and later raised Angus cattle and Targhee sheep. His joys in life were family, working and ranching.

Bob was the past president of



**BOB  
PELTON**

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the Stillwater Stockgrowers Association, was active in the Stillwater Woolgrowers Association, served on the Beartooth Electric REA Board, and was a member of the Absarokee Congregational Church, Stillwater Lodge AF&AM #62, past patron of Rock Rose Chapter #62 Order of Eastern Star, had served on the Stillwater Republican Central Committee, and was an Honorary State Farmer of the National FFA organization.

He is survived by his wife, Ethel; son, Stanley L. (Kathy) of Absarokee, son, David (Lee Kramer) of Seattle; two grandsons, Garth and Dirk of Absarokee; two sisters, Miriam (Mim) Weiler of Columbus and Marilyn Holbert of Billings; and his mother-in-law, Helen Hufford of Columbus. He was preceded in death by his parents; his brother, George Pelton; and his sister, Marjorie Hamilton.

A memorial service will be 1 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 14 at the Community Congregational Church in Absarokee. Interment will immediately follow at the Rosebud Cemetery, followed by a reception in the Kennedy Room at the church.

Memorials may be made in Bob's name to the Community

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Regina "Jean" Peltzer passed away April 1, 2004, in Billings. She was born Aug. 8, 1912, in Stanton, N.D., a daughter of John and Elizabeth Baisch.

She married Mat Peltzer on June 4, 1940, in Jordan. They followed construction and lived in many states, retiring to Billings in 1976.



**REGINA  
PELTZER**

Jean is survived by her sister, Dena Soare, of Glendive; a special caregiver, niece, Edith Ketterling and numerous nieces, nephews and great-nieces and nephews. Jean was preceded in death by her husband, on Dec. 1, 1991; parents; sisters and brothers.

Funeral services will be held 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 6, 2004, at Trinity Lutheran Church. Interment will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens. Memorials may be given to Trinity Lutheran Church, 537 Grand Ave., Billings 59102 or to the charity of one's choice.

## F. Hildred Pemberton

HARLOWTON — Memorial services for F. Hildred Pemberton, 87, who passed away Dec. 29, 2003, which were scheduled for Jan. 9, have been canceled and will be rescheduled at a later date.

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## **F. Hildred Pemberton**

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**HARLOWTON — A memorial service for F. Hildred Pemberton, 87, who passed away Dec. 29, 2003, will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 17, at Perkins Funeral Home in Harlowtown. Interment of ashes will follow the service at the Harlowton Cemetery. Lunch will be served at the Youth Center.**

## **Myra Jean Pena**

Myra Jean Pena, 79, of Billings, passed away Jan. 26, 2004, at the Horizon Hospice Home, following a long illness.

She was born April 29, 1924, in Rosebud County, the daughter of Kosichi and Akiyo (Shigezum) Kuwahara. She graduated as valedictorian in 1942 from the Custer County High School.

She received a bachelor of science in education at EMC. She reared five children, taught elementary school for 19 years, nine in public schools and 10 years with a Seventh-day Adventist School.

In July 1944, she married Salvador A. Pena in Miles City.

She had lived in Miles City; Sierra Vista, Ariz.; Kingman, Ariz.; Goodrich, N.D.; and Juneau, Alaska. She served three years as a part-time Literature Evangelist for the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Montana

and the Walla Walla, Wash., area.

Survivors include her daughters, Sandra L. Pena of Billings, Betty (Kevin) Costello of Harlowton, Susan Tonn of Billings, Virginia R. Pena of Billings and Mary A. Pena of Anaconda; three grandchildren; one brother, Wm. Y. Kuwahara, Milwaukee; and sisters, Ruth Gandara of Portland, Ore., and Frances Nanto of Moses Lake, Wash.

She was preceded in death by one sister and two brothers.

Funeral services will be 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 29, at the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Cremation will follow and interment will be in the Miles City Custer County Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Senior Helping Hand or the Big Sky Hospice. Smith Downtown Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

## **Ernest Pence**

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**JUN 29 2004**

CLEARMONT, Wyo. — Ernest Eugene Pence, 78, died Sunday, June 27, 2004, at his home.

Memorial services will be at 5 p.m. Wednesday, June 30, at the Pence Ranch north of Ucross. The roads will be marked. Kane Funeral Home of Sheridan is in charge.



# Margaret Pendill

**GARRYOWEN** — Margaret C. Pendill, 74, of Garryowen, passed away Wednesday, Dec. 22, 2004, following a short illness.

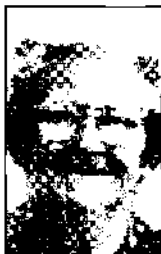
She was born Sept. 7, 1930, in Mandan, N.D., a daughter of Adolph and Cecelia Rix Kopp. She grew up and received her education in North Dakota.

Margaret married Samuel Pendill on Nov. 30, 1948, in Steele, N.D.

The couple made their home in North Dakota, before moving to Billings in 1950, while in Billings, she worked as a cook for the Horseshoe Club. The couple purchased a farm/ranch operation south of Garryowen in 1973. When she was not assisting with the farm, she worked as a cook at the Merry Mixer Cafe and for the Big Horn County Memorial Hospital.

She loved to travel, garden and play bingo. However, the joy of her life was cooking for family and friends, particularly her specialty fried chicken and potato salad. She was a sincere person who always thought of everyone else first.

Her parents; a son, Ron; sister, Cecelia; and brothers Joe and



**MARGARET  
PENDILL**

Fred preceded Margaret in death.

Survivors include her husband, Sam; three daughters, Linda (Glen) McClelland of Belt, Colleen (Daryl Gylten) Whalen of Livingston and Donna (Joe) Schabarker of Billings; her sons, Eugene of Billings and Sammy of Garryowen; sisters, Angie Ibarra of Colorado, Mary Goble and Caroline Mathews of Billings, Pat (Ron) Fletcher of Utah and Louise Warner; brothers, Adolf Kopp of Arizona, Stanley "Butch" and Henry Kopp of Billings; 13 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held 1 p.m. Monday, Dec. 27, in the Bullis Funeral Chapel. Cremation and private inurnment will follow the services.

Bullis Mortuary of Hardin has been entrusted with the arrangements.

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## **Judith Penkake**

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LEWISTOWN — Judith (Perrine) Penkake, 84, died Sunday, Oct. 17, 2004, at Central Montana Medical Center.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 19, at the First Christian Church. Interment will be at Central Montana Memorial Gardens. Creel Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

## George Pense

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

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SHERIDAN, Wyo. — George H. Pense, 81, of Sheridan, died Monday, Dec. 6, 2004, at Westview Health Care Center.

Cremation has taken place in Sheridan. No memorial services are scheduled. Kane Funeral Home of Sheridan is in charge.

## Sandy Percival

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GLASGOW — Sandra "Sandy" Percival, 60, of Glasgow, died Friday, Nov. 19, 2004, at her home.

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Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 24, at Bell Mortuary Chapel in Glasgow. Interment will be in Highland Cemetery in Glasgow.

## Robert Perkins

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BILLINGS GAZETTE

MILES CITY — Robert Perkins, 82, of Miles City, died Monday, Oct. 18, 2004, at the Holy Rosary Extended Care in Miles City.

Visitation will be Wednesday, Oct. 20, at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City. The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home, with a Masonic Service at 6 p.m. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 21, at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City. Interment will follow in the Eastern Montana State Veteran's Cemetery.

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**BOZEMAN** — Bernice S. Perlinski of Bozeman passed away Friday, April 23, 2004, at the age of 89. Bernice, along with her husband, Andy, founded Town & Country Warehouse Grocers in Bozeman in 1966. In 1971, they opened a grocery store on the present location of North 19th, which later became Town & Country Foods, where Bernie worked until she was 80.



**BERNICE  
PERLINSKI**

Bernice was born in Urbana, Mo., on Dec. 2, 1914. She was the daughter of Joseph W. and Faye (Bower) Lopp. Growing up on their family's self-sufficient farm, Bernie developed her strong work ethic. In 1937, because of the Great Depression and drought, her family moved to Wyoming. They farmed and raised cattle on the Blighorn River near Basin. Her first job off the farm was sorting beans in the local beanery. During World War II as women took on jobs traditionally held by men, she was employed by Alex's Market in Worland, Wyo., where she learned the grocery business. Remembering her employer's teachings, Bernie often reminded her own family. "You can only sell

an item for what someone is willing to pay for it," and "If you watch the pennies, the dollars will take care of themselves."

Bernice married Andrew A. Perlinski on Oct. 10, 1946. They started their family in Worland, Wyo., and within a few years owned a grocery store, A&R Supermarket, with Andy's brother, Roman. They sold the store in 1963 and moved to Billings where Bernie was a housewife and mother. In 1967, with their children approaching college age, they moved to Bozeman to enable their children to attend the university.

Bernie liked listening to country music and watching the Grand Ole Opry. Bernie taught herself to play the organ, a pastime she found relaxing. She always enjoyed the company of her kitties. She respected nature and enjoyed the outdoors whether spending time in the mountains or in her own yard. In her later years, she occupied her time in her gardens, tending her vegetables, roses and sweet peas. Her favorite color was pink.

Family was her greatest satisfaction. Her home was the gathering place and her children or grandchildren always found her

door open when they needed a home the most.

Bernie was a member of Holy Rosary Parish for over 35 years.

She lived and was cared for at Mountain View Care Center for the last two years of her life.

Bernice is survived by her husband of 57 years, Andrew A. Perlinski; sister, Erma Allison of Basin, Wyo.; daughter, Kay (Dr. Jimmie) Ashcraft of Billings; sons, Jim Perlinski and Jerry (Carol) Perlinski of Bozeman; grandchildren, Jennifer (Michael) Coad, Bozeman, Becky (Peter) Kuffa, Ann Arbor, Mich, David (fiancée Briget Nagorney) Ashcraft, Bozeman, Jamey (Kylie) Perlinski, Bozeman, Jeremy (Heather) Perlinski, Helena, Jessica Pertinski, Stamford, Conn., Adele (Jeff) Burgard, Bozeman, and Arianne Perlinski, Bozeman; great-grandchildren, Garrett and Kendall Coad, and Ian Burgard.

Bernice was preceded in death by sisters, Doris Crabtree and Ethel Cartright of Urbana, Mo.; brothers, Gerald Lopp of Basin, Wyo., and Wayne Lopp of Worland, Wyo.; and great-granddaughter, Alexandra Coad of Bozeman.

Graveside memorial services will be 3 p.m. today, Monday April 26, at Sunset Hills Cemetery in Bozeman. Family and friends will gather at Dokken-Nelson 113 S. Willson Ave. by 2:45 p.m. for a procession to the cemetery.

Should friends desire memorial contributions in Bernice's name may be made to the charity of the donors' choice.

**Betty R. Perrigo**

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RAPID CITY, S.D. — Betty R. Perrigo, 79, of Rapid City, died Friday, June 25, 2004, at a Rapid City nursing home. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, June 29, at the Blessed Sacrament Church. Inurnment will be in the Black Hills National Cemetery. Osheim-Catron Funeral Home of Rapid City is in charge.



## Jack O. Perry

JUDITH GAP — Jack O. Perry, 86, of Judith Gap, died Tuesday, Dec. 14, 2004, at the VA Medical Center in Fort Harrison.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 18, at the United Methodist Church in Judith Gap.

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## **Melvin M. Persinger**

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SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Melvin M. Persinger, 75, of Sheridan, died Monday, Aug. 9, 2004, in the VA Medical Center, Sheridan.

Private committal service will be later. Arrangements are with Champion Ferries Funeral Home.

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## **Florence Pesha**

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**BEACH, N.D. — Florence Pesha, 92, of Beach, died Sunday, June 6, 2004, at the Glendive, Mont., Medical Center.**

**Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, June 10, at the United Community Church in Beach. Burial will be in Beach Cemetery. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Beach is in charge.**

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**TILLIE PETERS**

## **Tillie Peters**

BRIDGER — Tillie Peters, 88, of Bridger, passed away Aug. 5, 2004, at the home of her great-niece Susan Buechler, along with Hospice as caregivers.

She was the daughter of Joseph and Magdalena Peters, born Dec. 15, 1915, in Dickinson, N.D. The family came to Montana in the early 1920s and worked for the Sugar Company in Fromberg.

Tillie married Tony Kroll, Nov. 26, 1935, and had two children, Evelyn of Idaho and Richard of Fromberg.

After retiring from farming in the Fromberg and Laurel areas, her interests included gardening, reading, crocheting, playing the accordion and organ and playing cards and crazy dice.

She is survived by Evelyn Kroll, Richard Kroll; six grandchildren, her great-grandchildren; her brother, John Peters of Park City; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her sister Mary Reichert; and eight brothers, George, Martin, Chris, Joe, Harry, Jack, Louie and Ralph.

Funeral Mass will be celebrated 10 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 10, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Bridger, with interment in Bridger Cemetery. Visitation will be Monday, Aug. 9 from 5 to 8 p.m. at Smith Funeral Chapel-Laurel.

## **Alvin Petersen**

**PLENTYWOOD** — Alvin Petersen, 82, died Sunday, Jan. 4, 2004, at Sheridan Memorial Hospital.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Nathanael Lutheran Church in Dagmar; interment will be in Nathanael Cemetery. Fulkerson Funeral Home is in charge.

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## Randall James Petersen

LA GRANDE, Ore. — Randall James Petersen, age 41, of La Grande, died Saturday, Dec. 11, 2004, at home from natural causes.

A celebration of life was held Friday, Dec. 17, at the United Methodist Church. Private interment was held at the Island City Cemetery.

Randy was born on April 5, 1963, the son of James and Shirley (Fulkerson) Petersen in Billings. The family moved to La Grande in 1967. He graduated from La Grande High School with the class of 1981. He then moved to Billings and worked at Village Shoes for a few years before moving to Seattle, where he worked in the women's shoe department at Nordstroms. In 1986, he returned to La Grande to attend Eastern Oregon University. While at EOU he worked for Student Activities, 10 Depot Street, Fitzgerald Flowers and was Student Body President. He graduated in 1991 with a degree in General Studies with an emphasis in Economics. After graduation he worked as a financial consultant for Hermann Financial Service. He then went to work at EOU for Chartwell's Catering. On July 25, 1998, he married Vivian Tucker in La Grande. He went to work for Sysco Food Services in August of 1998 as a salesperson. He primarily serviced Wallowa County and

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in his first year on the job was Rookie of the Year. He went on to earn many awards for Top Salesman over the years and a trip to Mexico. Randy enjoyed skiing, camping, traveling and loved doing things with his family. He was a very likable people person and loved to buy cars.

Survivors include his mother, Shirley Petersen; sisters, Joni Petersen-Simonis and Kris Petersen; brother, Steve Simonis; nephew, Justin Simonis, former wife, Vivian Petersen, all of La Grande; grandmother, Elizabeth Petersen Iwen of Billings; uncles and aunts, Terry and Jill Petersen of Salem and Nancy and Joe Hubbard of Helena; numerous cousins; best friend, Laura Haefer of La Grande; and other relatives and many, many friends. He was preceded in death by his father, James Petersen in 1992. He was also preceded in death by grandfather, Earle Petersen, grandparents, Pearl and Grover Fulkerson; uncles, Gene and Clint Fulkerson and aunts, Marge Robke and Pam Thomas.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions to the

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**Randy Petersen Memorial Fund  
in care of Daniels Chapel of the  
Valley, 1502 Seventh Street, La  
Grande, OR 97850. To view the  
obituary, sign the guest book or  
leave a condolence online, visit  
[www.danielschapel.com](http://www.danielschapel.com) .**

# Barbara Lynne Peterson *THE BILLINGS GAZETTE*

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Barbara Lynne Peterson, 47, passed away peacefully at home on Thursday, Aug. 19, 2004, from cancer.

Barbara was born in Billings on Dec. 6, 1956, to Robert and Mary (McLees) Healow. She was the youngest of their six children. Barbara attended school in Billings and graduated from West High. After graduation, Barbara was employed as a draftsman for several companies in Billings, including Intrasearch and Petro Lewis. She met her husband, Mike Peterson, in the spring of 1982, and they were married that fall, on Nov. 26, 1982. Soon after, Barbara "retired" from drafting in order to make a home for their two boys. Barbara was always there to help Matt and Chris with schoolwork, classroom activities, after-school playgroups and whatever else her boys needed. She attended many music lessons and ballgames over the years, and was one of "the girls" who would sit together and try to keep out of trouble during the games. This worked most of the time, but every once in a while, the Irish in her would come out if

she took exception to what happened on the field. Barbara was also a volunteer mother for her boys' classrooms at Central Heights Elementary. Barbara was a proud member of the A.N. chapter of PEO.

She was preceded in death by her father. Survivors include her husband and best friend, Mike; her two sons, Matthew and Christopher; her mother, Mary G. (McLees) Healow; her three sisters, Patricia (Don) Roberts of Billings, Michal Gilpin of Bozeman, Pamela (Kevin) Thane of Bozeman; her two brothers, John (Patty) Healow of Bozeman and Timothy (Kin) Healow of San Francisco; and numerous cousins, nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews.

A vigil service will be held at 7 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 22, at St. Pius X Catholic Church. The memorial mass will be at 4 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 23, at St. Pius, with Rite of Committal at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 24, at Mountview Cemetery. Cremation has taken place. Smith West Chapel is assisting with arrangements.



Beloved father, grandfather, uncle and friend died early Tuesday morning, Oct. 5, 2004. He was 95.

He was born in Magrath, Alberta, Canada, on Feb. 25, 1909. He was born to Amos Claude Peterson and Estelle Patrea Johnson. His parents had immigrated from Utah to Canada. He had one older brother, Claude, who preceded him, and a sister who died in infancy.



**CLARENCE  
PETERSON**

He married Gladys Card on Aug. 28, 1934, at her parents' home in Cardston, Alberta, Canada. They made their first home in Babb. They were blessed with two fine sons, Kenneth D. Peterson and C. Denis Peterson. In addition, they helped raise a nephew, James C. Peterson, who was a fine man and as close to them as their sons. Gladys preceded Clarence in death by six months. She died on April 2, 2004. James preceded both Clarence and Gladys in death. Gladys and Clarence would have celebrated 70 years of marriage in August of 2004. They were devoted to each other and are now once again together for eternity.

Clarence spent his early days

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in southern Alberta with his family. In about 1923, they moved to Montana, after the winter of 1919 wiped out all of their cattle and sheep. They moved to the Babb, Glacier County, Mont., area. The family was involved in the trucking, logging and construction business, and farming and ranching. Clarence, as a young boy and young man, rode horseback with his friends all over the Blackfeet Indian Reservation and back and forth to Canada to attend dances. At one of the dances, he met his eternal sweetheart. Clarence particularly loved that part of Montana in which he grew up. He was a poet and wrote several poems about his love of Montana. Except for the first few years in Canada, he lived all of his life in Montana.

He was a self-educated man with an appetite for reading. He could discuss and discourse with knowledge on many subjects with anyone. He came from a musical family and he loved good and great music. He even wrote the lyrics to a song that was written by one of the family friends. He engaged those with whom he came in contact with conversation whenever the opportunity permitted. He held many jobs and positions in his life. He enjoyed working in the woods.

He particularly liked the drawing by Charles Russell called the "Woodhawk." He would tell stories of getting out wood in the winter, sleeping in a tent and waking when the temperature was minus 40 degrees. He could tell stories about bear encounters. He drove truck and heavy construction equipment. They dropped a truck through the ice on Sherburne lake while getting out logs one spring. He worked on the Going-To-The-Sun-Road when it was being built in Glacier Park. He helped build the school at Babb. He was clerk of the school board. He dug ditches by hand. Later he moved his family to Conrad, where he worked in the Monarch Lumber Yard. He later moved to Chester, where he ran and managed the Monarch Lumber Yard. When it was closed, he stayed in Chester doing odd jobs, including caring for the cemetery. He became the hospital administrator for the Chester hospital. While in Chester, he was on the Town Council and he, with some others, in face of great and heated opposition, approved piping water from Tiber Dam to Chester. The water was wonderful for the town. He was hired as hospital administrator for Cut Bank hospital and was back in Glacier County. He retired from that position and moved to Billings to be close to his son and his family.

After he moved to Billings, he

and his wife served a mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in California. He lived in Billings for over 25 years. He always made friends wherever he lived of all people he came in contact with. He enjoyed life and was always positive and upbeat. He was willing to serve whenever asked, and even when not asked. He never tired of serving in the Temple in Billings. He loved his service there, particularly after his beloved Gladys had passed. He lived independently in his own house until about a week before his death. He was still driving his car about three weeks before his passing. He loved to drive and look at the scenery and the land.

He is survived by his two sons and his many grandchildren, S. Thais Peterson, Michelle and Steven Lightfoot, Colleen and Jim Feltis, Denise and John Carrsquilla, Nicole Cattaneo, Lynette and David Ballard, Andrea Aldous, Kasia and Justin Hampton, Erik and Ashley Peterson, Kirk Peterson and Danielle Peterson. He is also survived by many great-grandchildren. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews who affectionately referred to him as Uncle Clarence. He loved his posterity and relatives.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 9, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-

day Saints Monad Chapel, 3595  
Monad Road, Billings. Interment  
will be at 10 a.m. Monday, Oct. 11,  
at the Cardston Cemetery in  
Cardston, Alberta, Canada —  
within view of his beloved Chief  
Mountain on the Blackfeet  
Indian Reservation in Montana.

father  
he taught me  
more about integrity  
by living true to his beliefs  
every single day of his life.

he taught me  
more about forgiveness  
by loving me unconditionally  
even in my most unworthy  
hours.

he taught me  
more about courage  
by setting heavenly goals  
reaching for them with all of  
his earthly might.

he taught me  
more about life  
by laughing often and being  
unafraid to surrender at times  
to tears.

oh father, your earliest prayers  
follow me still  
and your steadfast, unfailing  
love,

the finest earthly treasure I  
posses,  
is manifest in the meager  
human heart  
of a child forever and always  
in your loving debt.

— J. D. Deutchendorf  
Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary  
is in charge of arrangements.

**Clarence M. "Pete"  
Peterson**

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**AUG 30 2004**

GLASGOW — Clarence M. "Pete" Peterson, 69, died Friday, Aug. 27, 2004, at the Frances Mahon Deaconess Hospital.

Funeral services will be 1 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 1, 2004 at St. Mathews Episcopal Church. Burial will be in the Highland Cemetery. Bell Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

# CLIFFORD WILLIAM "CLIFF" PETERSON

PLENTYWOOD — Clifford William "Cliff" Peterson, of Plentywood, passed away early Sunday morning July 4, 2004

(patriotic to the end!), 12 hours after a fall that caused a broken hip. He was 98.

The public is invited to join Cliff's family in a time of prayer, reflection and remembrance at 7 p.m. Thursday,

July 8, at Fulkerson's in Plentywood. Pastor Larry Pierson will officiate at funeral services 2 p.m. Friday, July 9, at the First Congregational UCC Church. Burial, with the Masonic Apron lecture at graveside, will be at the Plentywood Memorial Cemetery

Cliff was born in Souris, N.D., on April 7, 1906, to Henry and Jennie (Norgren) Peterson. Cliff attended grade school there until 1916, when, due to his father's ill health, the family moved to Minnesota to live with Henry's parents on a farm in Ottertail county. While there, Cliff and his sisters attended a country school until his father passed away that October. His mother then moved the family to Vergas, Minn., where Cliff finished grade school. He attended high school at Detroit Lakes, Minn., graduat-



**CLIFF  
PETERSON**

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ing in 1923. During these school years, Cliff worked in a grocery store owned by two of his uncles, Cal and Alfred Peterson, delivering groceries by motor boat to the homes around the lake.

In the fall of 1926, he came though Plentywood on his way to Scobey to work for his uncle Ernest Peterson at the Peterson-Bartleson Co., a general store. Also working there was the lovely young woman Myrtle Hanson, who became Cliff's wife on Oct. 31, 1930. They continued working in Scobey until February of 1936, when they moved to Plentywood after purchasing a small General store from Mollie Johnson. They converted it into an exclusive woman's apparel shop, which was managed by Myrtle and known as "Peterson's Ready to Wear." Cliff then worked for another uncle, Len Peterson at Peterson Hardware. He later became partners with Maurice Plaisance, selling cars and machinery for a few years.

In 1952, Cliff and Myrtle built a new building on Main Street for Peterson's Ready to Wear, which included a ladies shoe department that Cliff managed for several years. It became a family business when their son Bill and wife Eunice bought in and operated the store until closing it in 1997.

Cliff, a lifelong pillar of his community, was very active in civic and fraternal organizations. In 1943, during the war, he served his country by working a year in a civilian defense position at a military parts warehouse for North West Airline in Billings. He also was a member of the Plentywood Ration Board during WWII.

In 1944, he and fellow businessmen Cal Peterson, K.D. Collins and Roland Wilson formed the "Plentywood Development Company." They purchased and resold property, thus developing the Sunnyside Addition of west Plentywood. In 1947, they donated a block of land to the Sheridan Memorial Hospital on which to build a new building.

Cliff was mayor of Plentywood from 1953 to '54 and also served as a city councilman for many years. e was a Director on the Board of Security State Bank for 14 years and Director/Treasurer of the Pioneer Manor Board for 40 years. He was past president of

several organizations, which included Lions Club, Shrine Club, Golf Club, Athletic and Booster Club, and the Sportsmen Club. He was a member and past moderator of the First Congregational United Church of Christ, member and past master of the Masonic Lodge, and member of the Scottish Rite. He was parade Marshall for the 40th Annual Fair Parade.

From the Jaycees, he received the "Boss of the Year Award" in 1974, and also their "Distinguished Service Award" in 1976. The Plentywood Lions Club presented him their "Certificate of Appreciation" in 1972 and honored him again in June of 2003 by presenting him with the "Melvin Jones Fellowship Award" for his lifetime of community service. Cliff and Dr. Gaylen Stoner share the honor of being the only two local recipients of this award.

His lifetime passion for golfing, hunting and fishing provided him many enjoyable times spanning five generations of Petersons. As a dedicated family man, Cliff was very proud of his children, grandchildren and especially his great-grandchildren.

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Peterson

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Cliff had a happy and positive attitude towards life, always finding the silver lining of any situation. He was always thoughtful of others, lifting their spirits with his sense of humor, a sincere compliment or a quick-witted joke. He was a true gentleman, a genuine nice guy and will be dearly missed by his family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Myrtle, of 60 years; and sister Fern Buscher. Cliff is survived by one son, Bill (Eunice) Peterson of Plentywood; one daughter, Karrol Kay (Bruce) Gardiner of Kirkland, Wash.; four grandsons, Casey (Michelle) Peterson and children Karli and Chase of Plentywood, Chad Peterson of Plentywood, Todd Gardiner of Kirkland and Kevin (Mandy) Gardiner and their daughters Kayla, Megan and Kiele of Colorado Springs, Colo.; two sisters Doris Albright of Crookston, Minn, and Henrietta Nelson of Livingston; and numerous nieces and nephews and their families.

Memorials may be made to the First Congregational Church, the Sheridan Health Care Foundation, the Montana Pioneer Manor, or to the charity of the sender's choice.

Friends may call at Fulkerson's in Plentywood.

**Clyde Evert Peterson****JUN 28 2004**

EMBLEM, Wyo. — Clyde Evert Peterson, 85, died Friday, June 25, 2004.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Tuesday, June 29, at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Greybull Ward. Burial will follow at the Mount View Cemetery at Basin, Wyo. Viewing will be from 1 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 9 p.m. on Monday and one hour prior to services on Tuesday. Atwood Family Funeral Directors Inc. are in charge of arrangements.



## Deodora Peterson

POWELL, Wyo. — Deodora "Dory" C. Letran Peterson, 49, died at her home on Jan. 19, 2004.

Per her wishes, cremation has taken place. Memorial services are at 6 p.m. Friday at Miratsky-Easton Funeral Home.

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# Gladys Card Peterson

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**GLADYS PETERSON**

Gladys Card Peterson was beloved and loving of all those who came into her life. She taught us all to love with her great heart. She was tender and kind to all she met. Her long and happy life commenced on June 9, 1908, in Preston, Idaho. She was born to Sarah Hochstrasser Card and DeWilton Booth Card. She died on April, 2, 2004. She had 10 brothers and sisters, all but her dear brother, Ken Card, have preceded her in death, Rhoda Sloan, Frankie Ellison, Dee Card, Lee Card, Booth Card, Emma Larson, Roy Card and Reed Card. We know that a wonderful reunion is taking place as she sees her family, especially her loved and always remembered, mother.

Gladys married Clarence J. Peterson on the 28th of August 1934. They were blessed with two fine sons, Kenneth Douglas Peterson and Clarence Denis Peterson. Another wonderful man was part of their family for some time, James Claude

Peterson, a nephew who also preceded Gladys in death. Gladys and Clarence would have celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary this year in August. They were devoted to each other and their deep love was apparent to all who knew them.

She grew up in Cardston, Alberta, Canada and the surrounding area. She worked during her early years in that area and in Waterton Park. She enjoyed her life and her association with family and friends. Her married life began in Babb. She and her eternal sweetheart also lived in Conrad, Chester, Cut Bank and Billings. Gladys and Clarence have lived in Billings for nearly 30 years. They spent almost two years in California, serving a mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Gladys delighted in her family and serving them. She was a wonderful cook and teacher. She delighted in entertaining others and prepared many sumptuous meals for friends and relatives. Her grandchildren always knew they could count on a treat if Grandma were near. Children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren were taught the difference between right and wrong at her knee.

Gladys is survived by her loving husband Clarence; her two sons, Kenneth and Denis and her many grandchildren, S. Thais Peterson, Michelle and Steven Lightfoot, Colleen and Jim Feltis, Denise and John Carrsquella, Nicole Cattaneo, Lynette and David Ballard, Andrea Aldous, Kasia and Justin Hampton, Erik and Ashley Peterson, Kirk Peterson, and Danielle Peterson. One grandson, Jason Devier Peterson preceded her in death. She also is survived by a myriad of great-grandchildren, who loved their Grandma G.G., Lisa and Jordan Fuller, Cassandra Neylor, Tallia Feltis, Marcus Neylor, A. Tel Cattaneo, Sam Feltis, Hannah Feltis, Helen Ballard, Anne Ballard, Emma Ballard, Braeden Avis, Abby Feltis, Bronson Avis, Nathan Lightfoot, Peter Ballard, Vincent Ballard, and McCall Peterson. Gladys was preceded in death by one great-grandson, Shawn Erik Bundy. Gladys is also survived by many nieces and nephews, cousins, and friends. We, who knew her, feel blessed to have loved her.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m., Tuesday, April 6, at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints-Monad Chapel, 3595 Monad Road. Interment will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday, April 7, at the Cardston Cemetery in Cardston, Alberta, Canada.

Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

*Epitaph for Helen Joy Davidson*

*Here the whole world (stars, water air,*

*And field, and forest, at they were*

*Reflected in a single mind)*

*Like cast off clothes was left behind*

*In ashes, yet with hope that she,*

*Re-born from holy poverty,*

*In lenten lands, hereafter may*

*Resume them on her Easter Day.*

*-C.S. Lewis-*

# Harold L. Peterson

**THE BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**MAR 19 2004**

**COLSTRIP** — Harold L. Peterson, age 73, of Colstrip, passed away March 17, 2004, at Deaconess-Billings Clinic.

Harold was born in Andes, Mont., on Feb. 26, 1931, the son of Henry and Fern (Thompson) Peterson. He attended country school near Andes and high school in Culbertson. He then worked for Jennison's Coal Mine until he entered the United States Navy during the Korean Conflict, where he served until 1956, when he was honorably discharged.

Harold married Betty Bertino on Nov. 3, 1956, in Sidney. They then moved to Seattle and later returned to Culbertson, where he operated the local service station. They later moved to Billings, where he worked for Long Construction until 1970, when they moved to Colstrip, where he continued to work for Long Construction, which later became Western Energy, from which he retired in 1993.

Harold loved to go camping and attend sporting events. He enjoyed going to the Senior Citizen's Center, where he loved to play games.

Harold is survived by his wife, Betty J. Peterson of Colstrip; two sons, Gary L. Peterson and his wife Joanne of Bozeman and Mike H. Peterson

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and his wife Dicki of Colstrip; a daughter, Joyce Marie Peterson of Belgrade; a brother, Corky Peterson of Billings; and five grandchildren, Ted, Christina, Shawna, LJ and Trey. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Visitation will be held on Sunday, March 21, in the chapel of Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Forsyth until 3 p.m. Family will receive friends on Sunday, March 21, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the United Community Church in Colstrip, with a family prayer service at 7 p.m. Funeral services will be held on Monday, March 22, at 2 p.m., at the St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church in Colstrip. Interment will follow in the Colstrip Cemetery. Condolences may be sent to the family by visiting [www.stevensonandsons.com](http://www.stevensonandsons.com).

Should friends desire, memorials may be made to the charity of one's choice.

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## Jacqueline May Peterson

Jacqueline May Peterson, 74, passed away on Easter Sunday, April 11, 2004, at Deaconess Billings Clinic. Jackie was born May 20, 1929, to Theodore and Ella Schessler of Park City. She graduated from Laurel High School in 1948 and from the Montana State College School of Nursing in 1951.

Jackie was a nurturing and compassionate friend, mother, wife and grandmother. She



**JACKIE  
PETERSON**

loved to spend time playing cards and games with her friends and family, and fishing with her husband Swede. Some of her happiest moments were enjoyed during camping and fishing trips with Swede and their friends. Jackie devoted herself to caring for others in her years of surgical and obstetrical nursing, and after retirement focused her attention on her family. Her granddaughters brought happiness and laughter, which brightened her days.

She is preceded in death by her parents; brothers Jim and

Teddy; sister Betty Jean; and her husband Otto "Swede" Peterson. Survivors include daughters Patti (Kevin) Conroy, Joji (Bruce) Aronson; granddaughters Kourtney Conroy, Kirby Conroy, Danelle Weaver; step-grandchildren Glen and Sarah Aronson; stepdaughter Georgia (Dan) Hensley; stepson Butch Peterson and their children Leigh, Daena and Jessica; niece and nephew, Barbara and Gordon Schessler; and sister-in-law Irma Schessler. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends and her special cousin Gerry Sielbach.

"God saw the road was getting rough, the hill was hard to climb. He gently closed her tired eyes and whispered, 'Peace be thine.'"

Cremation has taken place. In accordance with Jackie's wishes, no services are planned. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society at 550 N. 31st Street, Suite 103, Billings, MT 59101 or Big Sky Hospice at 123 S. 27th Street, Billings, MT 59101.

A special thank you goes out to Dr. Tom Purcell and the caring staff at the Deaconess Billings Clinic Oncology Department.

# Leah Peterson

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MILES CITY — Leah Peterson, 85, died Friday, Oct. 15, 2004, at the Friendship Villa Care Center in Miles City.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 20, at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 21. Interment will follow in the Eastern Montana State Veteran's Cemetery.



# LaDean Hightower Peterson

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

JAN 18 2004

WORLAND, Wyo. — LaDean Hightower Peterson, 81, formerly of Absarokee, died Jan. 13, 2004, in Worland.

Cremation has taken place and her memorial service will be held in Worland at 11 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 22, at the United Methodist Church. Burial of the cremains will take place at the Absarokee Cemetery at a later date. Veile Mortuary of Worland is in charge of the arrangements.

## **Lanora Mae Peterson**

**THE BILLINGS GAZETTE**

APR 24 2004

WILLOW CREEK — Lanora Mae (Williams) Peterson, 90, of Willow Creek, died Tuesday, April 13, 2004, at Frontier Personal Care Center in Livingston.

Cremation has taken place at Franzen-Davis Crematory in Livingston. A memorial service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 24, at the Willow Creek Methodist Church in Willow Creek.

JUL 22 2004

Louise R. Peterson, 95, of Billings, passed away July 15, 2004.

Born Rachel Louise Davis to James Trenton and Edna Marie (Kirby) Davis on Sept. 26, 1908, in Merna, Neb., she was the fourth of six children. Her family moved to Absarokee in 1918, where she had many fond memories of growing up on the ranch.

After graduating from Absarokee High School, she married Arnold K. Peterson on June 29, 1927.

The couple lived primarily in the Columbus/Absarokee area, but Louise also managed to graduate from the Los Angeles School of Cosmetology in 1931. Their one child, Beverly Ann, was born March 10, 1932.



**LOUISE  
PETERSON**

The couple and their daughter then settled in Billings in 1936, where Louise worked as a seamstress for St. Vincent's Hospital until her retirement. She enjoyed working with the Sisters, sewing many of their habits and much of the drapery for the hospital.

Louise was preceded in death by her husband, daughter, parents, brother and two sisters. Her surviving family, granddaughter Tamara (Domingo) Galon; grandsons Bret and Scott Rae; sisters Maxine McClelland and Geraldine Polley; and numerous nieces and nephews, mourn the loss of a much loved woman.

A heartfelt thanks to everyone at Edgewood Vista who showed so much compassion and caring towards Gram in her later years.

A memorial service will be held 10 a.m. Saturday, July 31, at the Dahl Funeral Chapel in Billings. Private family burial of ashes in the Rosebud Cemetery in Absarokee.

MAR 10 2004

# Mabel L. M. Lawrenz Peterson

Mabel Louise Minnie Lawrenz Peterson, 96, of Billings, died early Saturday evening, March 6, 2004, at her home, following a brief illness.



**MABEL  
PETERSON**

Mabel and her twin brother Oscar were born on Sept. 9, 1907, in Maddock, N.D., the daughter and son of Ernest and Karen Bergoust Lawrenz. They were the first pair of twins born in Maddock.

Mrs. Peterson lived in Maddock until the family moved to Brainerd, Minn., where she graduated from Mayville State Teachers College. Mabel later returned to college and graduated from Eastern Montana College.

Mabel taught school at various schools in Minnesota and North Dakota during her early teaching career. She then taught school north of Columbus, Dean and Nye. She married Axel Glenn Peterson in Columbus on Sept. 14, 1940. They moved to the Los Angeles area while her husband was in the service and her first daughter, Deanna, was born.

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After WWII, the family moved to Laurel, where her second daughter and son were born. During this time in her life, she taught school in Laurel and at the Byam school.

Mabel was a member of the Modern Club and the Fireside Club, of which she was a charter member.

The family moved to Billings in 1956, where Mabel continued her teaching career at the Eldergrove School until her retirement. Mrs. Peterson taught school for 46 years and retired so she and Glenn could have time for themselves. They enjoyed their cabin near Nye, where they hosted many family outings. They also enjoyed their annual trips to California and Arizona during the winter months.

Mabel became quite the crafter over the years and somehow managed to involve her family in her hobbies. People lined up at the teacher's bazaar to buy her very reasonably priced products. People were amazed at how fast her little hands went as she crocheted her doilies. Mabel loved to play cards with friends and family, especially the game of pinochle. Picking chokecherries during her life was also a highlight. She took great pride in the fact that she never had any stems or leaves in her bucket!

Mourning her passing is her son, Don Peterson of Billings; her daughter, Glennine (Bob) Schoen of Hardin; her grandson, Mark

Schoen of Hardin; her granddaughter, Michelle (Kevin) Nelson of Billings; and two great-grandchildren, Sydney and Ryan Nelson; and many relatives and friends. She was preceded in death by her husband Glenn in 1999; her daughter Deanna in 2001; her brothers Oscar and Mayo; and her parents.

Smith Downtown Funeral Chapel of Billings entrusted with final arrangements. A celebration of Mabel's life will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 13, at Smith's Downtown Chapel in Billings. Graveside services will follow at 2 p.m. Saturday, at the Nye Cemetery, Nye. A reception will follow the graveside services at the Nye Community Church. Should friends desire, memorials may be made to the Nye School, Box 472, Nye, MT 59061; Big Sky Hospice, Box 35033, Billings, MT 59107; or donate blood at United Blood Services in her honor.

Mabel would conclude her Christmas letter with this quote. It is fitting that her obituary end with the same: "Life is what we make it, always has been, always will be."  
...Grandma Moses

~~Billings, Montana~~  
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PETERSON

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**Margaret Peterson**

MAY 13 2004

STORY, Wyo. — Margaret "Maggie" Peterson, 74, of Story, died Monday, May 10, 2004, at Sheridan Manor, of cancer.

Memorial services will be at 3 p.m. Friday, May 14, at Kane Funeral Home in Sheridan.

MAY 04 2004

# Myrle Peterson

## (Shunk Ska Wiyan)

**POPLAR** — Myrle Faye Peterson, of Poplar, a Fort Peck Tribal Executive Board member and former teacher, died suddenly Tuesday morning, April 27, 2004, at the age of 38.

She carried the Indian name Shunk Ska Wiyan (White Horse Woman), given to her by her late grandmother, Mary Eagleman Youngman.

A viewing took place in the Tribal complex rotunda in Poplar on Monday, May 3, followed by evening services at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church. Funeral services are set for 10 a.m. Tuesday, May 4, in the Poplar High School gymnasium, followed by burial in Poplar city cemetery.

Myrle was born in Poplar on Oct. 29, 1965, to Helmer "Fats" and Faye Youngman Peterson. She attended schools in Poplar and graduated from Poplar High School in 1984.

She was involved in basketball, track and spent her summers with her family and friends.



**MYRLE  
PETERSON**

She attended Rocky Mountain College in Billings and graduated with a bachelor's degree in elementary education in 1994. She was involved in Education Club, Native American Club, International Club and was the Billings Rotary's Student of the Month in October 1994, and was awarded four scholarships while attending the college. She was named to Who's Who among American College and University Students in 1994.

After college, her first teaching job was at Brockton schools. In 1997, she took a fourth grade teaching position at Poplar Elementary School.

She was appointed to the board of directors of the Northwest Regional Lab from 1999 to 2001, and served on the curriculum committee for the National Education Association.

She left teaching in 2003 and work as the diabetes curriculum developer at Fort Peck Community College in Poplar. In her first run for political office, she won a seat on the Fort Peck Tribal Executive Board on Oct. 25, 2003. She served as chair-



woman of the council's Health, Education and Welfare Committee.

Myrle enjoyed helping and listening to people, and took on those responsibilities as a teacher and council member. She followed in the footsteps of her grandfather, Lewis Youngman Sr., who served on the tribal council in the 1950s. He died in 1955 while also serving in office.

On the morning of her death, Myrle was preparing to travel to Missoula to lobby for health and housing funds for the Fort Peck Tribes.

Throughout her life, she was involved in several activities, including an Iron Ring committee member and a member of the Post 54 Women's Legion Auxiliary.

Myrle enjoyed attending and dancing in powwows, and had the chance to dance in the Smithsonian's Powwow on the National Mall in 2003. She enjoyed spending time with her family and friends.

Myrle is survived by her mother, Faye Peterson of Poplar, and her special family, Boyd Clark and his daughter Samantha, also of Poplar. Also surviving are her brothers, Richard Peterson of Poplar, and Louis (Wendy) Peterson of Regina, Sask., Canada. Her surviving sisters are Lucille (Richard) Holen of Poplar and Lesley (Donny) Moran of Billings.

She was preceded in death by her father, her brother, Guy, and a sister, Janet Rose.

**JUN 08 2004****Olga Peterson**

Olga Peterson, 81, of Billings, passed away Sunday, June 6, 2004, at Billings Health and Rehabilitation Center.

The daughter of Steve and Martha Krievsky, Olga was born Jan. 13, 1923, in St. Paul, Minn., where she was raised and educated. She married Clifford Peterson, Jr., on June 4, 1949. Cliff worked for the railroad and they were eventually transferred to Livingston in the early 1960s and then to Billings.

Olga loved to socialize and travel. She enjoyed dancing and had been a member of the Big Sky polka Club.

Survivors include her sons, Kirk S., and his wife Michelle of Tigard, Ore., and Joel M., and his wife Cynthia of Woodbridge, Va.; four grandchildren, Brandon S. and Aaron K. of Tigard, and Eric M. of Flagstaff, Ariz., and Kelly V. of Woodbridge; and two sisters, Anne Davidoff of Laurel, Md., and Alexandra Thompson of Maplewood, Minn.

Olga was preceded in death by

her husband Cliff on Dec. 21, 1983; and two brothers, Daniel and William Krievsky.

Visitation will be 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, June 9, at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary. Memorial services will be 11 a.m. Thursday, June 10, at Atonement Lutheran Church.

Memorials may be made to Atonement Lutheran Church Van Fund.



**OLGA  
PETERSON**

**Phemie Peterson****MAY 14 2004**

PLENTYWOOD — Phemie Peterson, 82, died Wednesday, May 12, 2004, at Sheridan Memorial Hospital in Plentywood, of heart failure.

A funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 15, at Plentywood Lutheran Church. Burial will be in Plentywood Cemetery. A luncheon will be served following the interment. Fulkerson Funeral Home of Plentywood is in charge.

## **Raymond J. Peterson**

**GREYBULL, Wyo. —**

Raymond J. Peterson, 78, died Tuesday, Jan. 6, 2004, at the Bonnie Bluejacket Memorial Nursing Home.

Viewing is from noon to 5 p.m. Friday at Atwood Family Chapel and on Saturday in the Relief Society Room of the Basin/Greybull Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Services will be at the church at 11 a.m. Saturday. Burial is in Mount View Cemetery in Basin.

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**JAN 09 2004**

# Ronald Peterson

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FEB 24 2004

Ronald Peterson passed away Feb. 20, 2004, at the Deaconess Billings Clinic.

Ronald Frands Peterson was born May 18, 1910, on the family homestead in Utah. He grew up there, attending school and graduating from high school. He then attended college in Logan, Utah, graduating with a degree in Soil Conservation.

Ronald worked for the United States Government in the Bureau of Land Management in such areas as North Dakota, South Dakota and Wyoming. He finally was able to settle in Billings. He served in the United States Army from 1943 to 1945 in the chemical warfare dept., stationed in India and Burma. Upon his discharge, he returned to Billings and his work at the BLM. He traveled from there to his various assignments. Because of his fair skin, he had trouble with skin cancer in later life because he was out in the sun much of the time.

Ronald was a member of the Riverside Optimist Club and NARFE (National Association of Retired Federal Employees), serving one year as president. He took part in all of their fundraising activities and was a very active member.

He collected coins and stamps and spent many hours working with these hobbies; he also read a great deal.

After his retirement from the BLM, he spent his time traveling

and visiting most areas of the world. He spent time with his nieces and nephews in Washington state and they were always very excited when "Uncle Ronald" came to visit because they knew there would be many gifts and treats.

In 1986, he married Arlene Gulbraa in the Salt Lake Temple, after which came a honeymoon cruise along the East Coast, stopping each day to visit old houses and plantations, and then over to the Bahamas.

Upon their return to Billings, they continued to be active in the church, at one point being managers of the Church Employment Service for 18 months, which was the equivalent of a church mission.

When their health began to fail, Ron went into a nursing home and Arlene moved to smaller quarters and spent her time with doctors and hospitals.

Ronald is survived by his wife, Arlene; and several nieces and nephews.

A special thanks to Cindy Johnson and her staff at Primrose House for the care and special attention given to Ron. It is greatly appreciated by his family.

Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 26, at the LDS Church at Sixth and Avenue D. Interment will follow at the Fairview Cemetery in Hardin.

## Ruth Anita Peterson

BILLINGS GAZETTE

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Ruth Peterson passed away peacefully on Nov. 8, 2004, surrounded by her family. Ruth was born on Dec. 1, 1920, in Raymond, to Albert and Rose (Stadstad) Vold. Ruth was raised by her uncle and aunt, Alfred and Clara Stadstad, north of Raymond.

On Feb. 5, 1941, she married Irvin V. Peterson, in Scobey. They lived and farmed north of Plentywood until 1957, when they moved to Great Falls.

She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents and her brothers, Edward and Daniel.

She is survived by her children, Billie (Annamae Siegfried-Derrick), Phillip (Susan Youngstrom), Mary (Bryan Steele), Kari (Michael Mauch) and Donald (Linda); her grandchildren, Doana, Brandi, Billie, Max and Jesse; her great-grandchildren, Tawni, Duncan, Jaxson and Gannon; her sister, Blanche Olsen; her sisters-in-law, Elma Skerritt and Ellen Peterson; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family will have a private gathering. Memorials may be made in her name to a charity of your choice.

Michelotti-Sawyers is in charge of arrangements.

## **Theador Peterson**

**OCT 13 2004**  
**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

GREYBULL, Wyo. — Theador R. "Ted" Peterson, Sr., 72, of Yucaipa, Calif., died Sept. 7, 2004, at his home in Yucaipa.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 16, at Grace Lutheran Church in Greybull. Private services were held in Yucaipa.



## Walter R. Peterson

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BILLINGS GAZETTE

Walter was born on March 7, 1915, at Martinsburg, Neb., to Alfred and Elizabeth Peterson. He married Violet Lindgren on Sept. 4, 1940, at Dixon, Neb., where they owned and operated a meat market and grocery store until 1950. They farmed in Nebraska for several years before moving to Billings in 1962. Walter was employed as a meat cutter and managed the meat department at the Billings Heights IGA and was also employed by the same store in Colstrip before his retirement in 1980.

Part of their retirement years were spent in Joliet, where they enjoyed camping, fishing and quiet small town living. The moved back to Billings in 1996. Walter was lifelong member of the Methodist Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one sister and four brothers.

Walter is survived by his wife, Violet; sons Darwyn (Carole) of Billings, Scott (Melody) of Shelton, Wash., and Tim (Nancy) of Great Falls; eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; sister Ruth Mitchell, Modesto, Calif.; and brother Glen of Heron Lake, Minn.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial services will be 2 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 22, at Grace United Methodist Church, with

interment in Yellowstone Valley Memorial Park.

Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary has charge of arrangements.

# Norma Jean Petro

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BILLINGS, MONTANA

**LAUREL.**— Norma Jean Petro, of Laurel, was led into glory by her savior, Jesus Christ, on Oct. 6, 2004, at Horizon Hospice House, following a courageous battle with cancer. She was born on Oct. 8, 1940, in Fargo, N.D., to Myles and Myrtle Johnson.

A dedicated wife, mother and grandmother, Norma devoted her life to her family, Jesus Christ, and working with her husband in the operation of the Duck Creek Ranch.

Norma was preceded in death by her father, Myles Johnson, and grandson, David Skaar.

She is survived by her husband, Ken Petro of Laurel; children, Douglas Petro (Nikki) of Laurel, Wayne Petro of Seattle, Wyman Petro of Missoula, Melody (Jim) Gallup of Billings, DeLana Skaar (Dave) of Sidney; mother and stepfather, Myrtle and Lyle Hensel of Billings; sisters Betty Hanson of Joliet and Linda Brodie (Robert) of Sultan, Wash.; and 10 grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held for family and close friends at 2 p.m. Friday, Oct. 8, at Apostles Lutheran Church on 32nd and Broadwater. Private family inurnment will be in Yellowstone Valley Memorial Park following the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to Horizon Hospice House, 1019 Neptune, Billings, MT 59105 or Apostles Lutheran Church, 3140 Broadwater, Billings, MT 59102.

Norma's family would like to express their sincere appreciation to the staff at Horizon Hospice House, Northern Rockies Cancer Center, her doctors and all her friends who visited and cared so much.

**PETERSON** — Elsie C.,  
87, of Billings. No services are  
planned and interment of her  
remains will be in Hettinger,  
North Dakota.(11/28)

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# Alice Pettit

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

JAN 10 2004

Alice Pettit, beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, aunt and friend, died Friday, Jan. 9, 2004, at Deaconess Billings Clinic.

Born March 5, 1918, to Anna and Joseph Baide in Absher, she graduated from Roundup High School. She married Joe Pettit and had three children. Alice was preceded in death by her husband Joe Pettit; her sisters, Frances Douglas and Joey Hole; and her mother and father, Anna and Joseph Baide.

She leaves behind son, Mitch Pettit of Billings; son, Russ Pettit and spouse Yvonne of Huntley; daughter, Wallis Robertson and spouse John of Lolo; brothers, Don, Joseph and Al Baide, and sister Ann Weyrick. She also leaves behind her grandchildren, Tanya, Jake and Tanner and great-granddaughter, Jordan.

Cremation has taken place. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday at First Assembly Life Center, 550 32nd St. W. Interment will follow at Sunser Memorial Gardens.

## **Robert L. Pettit**

**THE BILLINGS GAZETTE**  
**JAN 30 2004**

**BANNER, Wyo. — Robert L. Pettit, 70, of Banner, died Tuesday, Jan. 27, 2004, at Westview Health Care Center.**

**At his request, cremation has taken place. Friends may call between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 31, at the Champion Ferries Funeral Home in Sheridan.**

# Lawrence E. Petty

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE  
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AUBURN, Ala. — Lawrence E. Petty, "Dode," formerly of Wyoming, died April 21, 2004 in Auburn.

# John Pfaff

**THE BILLINGS GAZETTE**

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**MILES CITY —** John Pfaff, 84, of Miles City, died Wednesday, Dec. 22, 2004, at his home.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 27, at the Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City. Interment will follow in the Custer County Cemetery in Miles City.

# JOHN PFAFF

MILES CITY — John Pfaff, age 84, of Miles City passed away on Dec. 22, 2004, at his home.

John was born on June 10, 1920, to Magdalena and John Pfaff in Miles City. He attended rural schools in the Crow Rock Area.

John had a ranch in the Richey area and returned to the home ranch after his father's death. John and Mary Hill were married on Nov. 1, 1953. They raised four children at the family ranch: Mark, Beverly, Lenore and Sharon.

John belonged to the Montana Stockgrowers and later R. Calf. He was on the board of The Montana Association of State Grazing District, serving the last two years as president. John was also a member of the Terry Masonic Lodge.

John is survived by his wife Mary; four children, Mark Pfaff of the family ranch, Beverly (Steve) Simon of Billings and their daughter Nikki, Lenore (Mike) Bricco of Miles City and Sharon Pfaff of the family ranch; one sister, Adeline Kiss of Billings and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews. He was preceded in



**JOHN  
PFAFF**

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death by his parents, one brother Quinsen of California, and Melinda Kelly of Helena.

Funeral services will be held on Monday at 2 p.m. at the Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City. Interment will follow in the Custer County Cemetery in Miles City. Condolences may be made to the family by visiting [www.stevensonandsons.com](http://www.stevensonandsons.com).

Should friends desire, memorials may be made to the Eastern Montana Cancer Center, 2600 Main St., Miles City, MT 59301 or to the charity of ones choice.



# Lt. Col. (Ret.) Charles Pfeifer

BILLINGS GAZETTE  
DEC. 28 2004

ST. LOUIS — Charles R. “Chuck” Pfeifer, formerly of Sheridan, Wyo., died Dec. 17, 2004, in St. Louis.

Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 29, at First United Methodist Church in Sheridan. Interment will be in the Sheridan Municipal Cemetery. A reception will be held at the church immediately following the interment. Champion Ferries Funeral Home of Sheridan is in charge.

## **Jeremy Lee Pfeifer**

*THE BILLINGS GAZETTE*

LIVINGSTON — Jeremy Lee Pfeifer, 33, of Livingston, died Monday, March 29, 2004, near Cedar City, Utah, as the result of injuries he sustained in a single vehicle automobile accident.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 3, at Franzen-Davis Funeral Home in Livingston. Cremation will follow.

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**APR 27 2004**

**GREAT FALLS —** Jackie "Jack" L. Pfeiffer, 59, 1601 23rd St. S., formerly of Billings, died Saturday, April 24, 2004, at the Peace Hospice Residence of a heart condition.

A memorial service will be held at Hillcrest Lawn Chapel at 1 p.m. Thursday, April 29, with Rev. Ken Waag officiating. The burial of ashes will be at the



**JACKIE  
PFEIFFER**

Redstone Cemetery on Monday, May 3, at 10 a.m. Schnider Funeral Home in Great Falls is handling arrangements. Following the services and a brief reception at the funeral home, friends are invited to join together at the Flamingo Lounge. Memorials are suggested to donor's choice.

He is survived by two sons, Jason and his wife Renaye, and Jared of Billings; a daughter, Tisha Pfeiffer of Billings; three stepdaughters, Kelly Herning, Chris Stoddard and Dana Collins; two brothers, Roger of Bismarck, N.D., and Larry Pfeiffer of Great Falls; 10 grandchildren, Destiny, Calvin, Izabella, Johnathan, Breanna, Mikayla, Madison, Lauren, Ashley and Makenna; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

His parents preceded him in death.

Jackie was born May 26, 1944, in Scobey, the son of Linden and Emma (Severson) Pfeiffer. He grew up in Redstone and Outlook, graduating from high school in Outlook. For six months, he served in Army Reserves before attending Dawson Community College. Jackie then began his career with Frontier Airlines living in various places in North Dakota, Montana, California and Nevada for 16 years. In 1992, he moved to Great Falls and drove for Foss Trucking for a short time. He worked for Big Sky Bus and then for Russ Walden during harvest for a couple of years before he retired.

He married Linda LaCounte in Bainville and was later divorced. He then married Noela DerManuelian in Reno, Nev., and was later divorced.

Jackie enjoyed hanging out and playing cards with his very close friends at the Flamingo Lounge. He looked forward to harvest every year, when he would go to George and Marvin Severson's farm in Redstone to run combine with his close cousin Vernon. Jackie loved spending quality time with his many family members.

# **Martina Degele Pfeiffer**

MAY 09 2004

**BRIDGER — Graveside  
memorial service to be held at 11  
a.m. May 15 at Bridger Cemetery.  
Luncheon to follow at Sacred  
Heart Catholic Church, 203 S.  
Fourth St., Bridger.**

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## **Martina Degele Pfeiffer**

Martina, a longtime Roundup resident, passed away in Billings, Jan. 28, 2004, at the age of 90. Martina was born May 21, 1913, in Glen Ullin, N.D., to George and Barbara Degele. In 1940, she married Martin Pfeiffer at St. Joseph's Church in Fromberg. Martin passed away in 1982.

Martina was preceded in death by her husband, both parents, four brothers, five sisters and one son-in-law.

Survivors include two daughters, Anna (Edward) Armstrong of Roundup and Eva Munyan of Cresswell, Ore.; nine grandchildren, Angela (Dan) Davis of Roundup, Lorrie (John) Miller of St. Xavier and Edward Armstrong of F.E. Warren Air Force Base in Cheyenne, Wyo., Pamela Munyan of Roundup,

Brenda (Brent) Miller of Stanford, William Munyan of Landis, N.C., Theresa (Fred) Claycomb of Cutbank, Kathy (Jerry) Self of Eugene, Ore., and Karen (Damon) Morris of Eugene; 18 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren; two sisters, Tillie Heiser of Laurel and Molly Degele of Billings; one sister-in-law, Mary Degele of Billings; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Our family would like to thank Billings Health and Rehabilitation Center for the loving care and compassion they gave to her during her last days. We love you, Mom and Grandma, and always will.

Cremation has taken place at Smith's Crematory. Memorial services will be held in the spring at the Bridger Cemetery.

## **DARRELL E. PFIRSCH**

CLAZETTE  
DEC 04 2004

**LAUREL — Darrell Pfirsch passed away on Dec. 1, 2004, after an extended illness. He was born Oct. 11, 1931, at Bucyrus, Ohio, a son of Henry and Effie Pfirsch.**

**He is survived by his three children, Gerald Pfirsch of Frederick, Colo., Tresa Larson of Butte and Allen Pfirsch of Eugene, Ore. He is also survived by his six grandchildren, Victoria Pfirsch, Elizabeth Pfirsch, Eleanor Pfirsch and Aaron Pfirsch, all of Laurel; Kimberly Larson of Yankton, S.D., and Sarah Pfirsch of Joliet.**

**Darrell was an avid sportsman and loved to fish and hunt. He was a U.S. Army Veteran in the Korean War.**

**Cremation has taken place and no service is planned at this time. Memorials may be made to the Brain and Spine Center at St. Vincent's Hospital and the National Diabetes Foundation. Smith Funeral Chapel-Laurel was in charge of arrangements.**

## Daniel Lemar Phillips

JAN 18 2004

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — Daniel Lemar Phillips, 31, formerly of Lewistown and Great Falls, died of bacterial meningitis, a complication from pneumonia, on Monday, Jan. 12, 2004, in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Jan. 22, at the Creel Funeral Chapel in Lewistown. Burial will be at Lewiston City Cemetery. Creel Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

## **Daniel L. Phillips**

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — Funeral services for Daniel L. Phillips, age 31, who passed away on Jan. 12, 2004, in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., are postponed until further notice due to family illness.

Creel Funeral Home of Lewistown is in charge of arrangements.

**THE HITCHING GAZETTE**

**JAN 20 2004**



## **Daniel L. Phillips**

**THE BILLYMAW GAZETTE**

LEWISTOWN — Daniel L. Phillips, 31, died Jan. 12, 2004, in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

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Funeral services have been rescheduled for 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 31, at the Creel Funeral Chapel in Lewistown. Burial will be in the Lewistown City Cemetery.

# Muriel Margaret Phillips

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE  
JAN 10 2004

PORT ANGELES, Wash. — Muriel Margaret Phillips, 87, formerly of Billings, died Jan. 8, 2004, in Port Angeles at her daughter's home after a long illness.

At her request, no services will be held.

# Opal Phillips

Jan. 28, 2004

**BUFFALO, Wyo.** — Funeral services for Opal Phillips, 77-year-old Buffalo woman who passed away Wednesday morning, Jan. 28, 2004, at her home in Buffalo, were held Saturday, Jan. 31, at 10:30 a.m., from the First United Methodist Church in Buffalo with Reverend Su DeBree officiating. A private family interment took place in Deaver. Friends may donate in Opal's memory to the Johnson County Library for large print books, in care of the Adams Funeral Home who are in charge of local arrangements.

Opal Jean Phillips was born on July 15, 1926, in Frannie. She grew up in a small community surrounded by family. She graduated from Deaver High School in Deaver in 1944. After high school, she attended Rocky Mountain College for one year. On May 4, 1946, she was married to Benjamin Franklin Gillam in Frannie, and they made their home in many places in Wyoming as well as living in Utah, New Mexico, Montana and Canada. Opal and Ben divorced in 1966. Opal married Les Phillips in 1969 and began a busy life of building or remodeling homes, along with raising West Highland Terriers. Opi, as Les so fondly called her, and Les built their last home on Flathead Lake in Montana. They lived on Flathead for eight years

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before retiring to Canon City, Colo., to be near Les's family. Les passed away in 1988 and joined his beloved mother, and at age 65, Opal began a new life on her own.

While still living in Canon City among her many friends, she took up line dancing, playing the organ and volunteering for such organizations as the Fremont Center for the Arts and Meals on Wheels. Line dancing became so much fun that the group began to entertain for different groups, organizations and nursing homes. When forced to give up line dancing 10 years later, she was the oldest dancer still performing.



**OPAL  
PHILLIPS**

She moved to Buffalo in October of 2001 to live with her youngest son so that she could be closer to loved ones to fight the last fight of her life. She spent her last years in Buffalo meeting new people, renewing old acquaintances, and thoroughly enjoying both of her sons and their families. She never lost her sense of humor or her love of dancing.

She is survived by two sons, Bill Gillam and his wife Mickey of Hulett and Tom Gillam and his wife Nancy of Buffalo; one brother, Chester Zwemer of Powell; two sisters, Mary Ann Booth of Veteran and Polly Lehman of Bridger, Mont.; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Les, and two brothers, Virgil and Dick Zwemer.

## **Robert Ray Phillips**

RANCHESTER, Wyo. — Robert Ray Phillips, 72, of Rancheater, died Sunday, March 14, 2004, at Sheridan Memorial Hospital.

Memorial services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, March 18, at First United Methodist Church in Sheridan. Cremation will take place, with interment in Whitesboro, Texas, at a later date. Kane Funeral Home of Sheridan is in charge.

**THE SHERIDAN PRESS**

**MAR 18 2004**

April 11, 1931 — Dec. 24, 2004

DEC 29 2004

Ted Phillips of Billings passed away unexpectedly late Christmas Eve.

He was born April 11, 1931, in New York City, and lived there with his mother, Blanche, until the age of 18. Ted moved to Bozeman in 1949 to attend Montana State College.



TED PHILLIPS

Ted found his professional passion in education, first as a science teacher and drama coach in Richey, then spent the rest of his career as a school administrator in Westby, Arlee, Lima and Huntley Project. For 28 years, he touched the lives of many Montana students and teachers. In retirement, he continued to serve students as an MHSA volleyball official and as the safety coordinator and bus driver for First Student Transportation until he suffered a stroke in early October.

At Trinity Episcopal High School in New York City, Ted was a standout athlete, captaining the basketball and baseball teams and playing on the New York All-City Scholastic Soccer team. As an adult, he played handball and won the Montana State Doubles

Championship in the '60s. Ted loved Montana. He was a consummate fly fisherman, and enjoyed camping, golfing, boating and sporting events. Go Dodgers!!

Ted's wife and family loved him dearly and will forever miss his playfulness and youthful outlook.

He is survived by his wife, Candy of Billings; daughter Paula Fox of Helena and husband Greg; son Dave Phillips of Kennewick, Wash., and wife Kathleen; daughter Suzan Scott of Otis Orchards, Wash., and husband Peter; son Mark Phillips of Chicago; stepdaughter Joan Mathurin of Jersey City, NJ; and five grandchildren, Ben, Sarah and Lauren Fox, and Ted and Simon Scott.

A celebration of Ted's life will be held at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church at 1241 Crawford Drive on Wednesday, Dec. 29, at 2 p.m. A reception will follow in the fellowship hall.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be made to the Arthritis Foundation.

# Francis J. Philp

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WEST MONTANA GAZETTE

TOWNER, N.D. — Francis J. Philp, 89, of Towner, formerly of the Central Montana area, died Friday, April 23, 2004, at Souris Valley Care Center in Velva. ..

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Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 1, at the Cloyd Funeral Home Chapel in Lewistown. Cremation has taken place. A lunch will be served immediately following the services at the Moose Lodge in Lewistown.

## Claude Joseph Piccioni

Claude Joseph Piccioni, of Billings, passed away Monday, Feb. 2, 2004, at the age of 87.

He was born July 26, 1916, to Eligio Piccioni and Rosina



**CLAUDE  
PICCIONI**

Veronosi Piccioni, on the family's ranch in Santa Barbara, Calif. Claude entered the Army around the age of 23. During his military career, he served in a multitude of capacities,

including Airborne coastal patrol off California and Search and Rescue.

Claude married Constance Lehde on June 14, 1942, while he was stationed at Fort Lewis, Wash. The couple resided in Washington, California and Montana. In 1956, the couple moved to Bozeman, where Claude owned and operated a landscaping and gardening business. During the great 1959 earthquake near Bozeman, Claude again worked search and rescue.

In 1971, Claude began working for Rocky Mountain College as a groundskeeper until he retired about 1984.

Since his retirement, he has owned a small landscaping business for private estates. Claude

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has been a long-standing member of Elks Lodge 394. He was also a member of the Little Goose Gang who enjoyed fishing together.

Survivors include sons, Steven of Englewood, Colo., Gerold (LeAnn) of Billings; daughters, Kathryn Wood (Dan) of Billings and Kristine Bond (Randy) of Spokane, Wash. He also had 10 grandchildren, Alana Huck, Kori Bassett (Bobby), Andrew (Kristin) Piccioni, Dameon (Anita), Aimee, Melissa and Micheal Wood, Stephanie, Jennifer and Kimberly Bond.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial mass will be held at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 4, at St. Pius X Catholic Church.



# Janie Pickett

On Wednesday, Sept. 8, 2004, Janie Pickett, 50, died peacefully at St. Vincent's Healthcare, surrounded by her family after a short courageous battle with cancer.

Janie was born Nov. 16, 1953, in Billings, the daughter of Margaret (Orlando) and Jim Pickett. She attended the Montana Center for Handicapped Children for six years; Burlington School for two years; Garfield Special Education classes for several years. Janie took courses at Billings Senior High School, graduating from there in 1974.

Janie had been employed part time at Rose Park School as a helper's aide in the Library. The job she enjoyed the most was working at Stella's Bakery for over 23 years. The family would like to extend a special thanks to Stella and Ziggy and all of her co-workers for the patience and kindness they extended to Janie over the years. The Zigglers taught Janie so much, and made her feel like part of the family. She loved to be around people, was a very kind and loving person and would lend a helping hand whenever she could to those around her. When



**JANIE  
PICKETT**

SEP 10 2004

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Janie had a day off on Tuesday, she would have her breakfast, go to church at St. Pius, then to the bus stop and ride the bus, sometimes riding the route twice just to enjoy the ride with her favorite bus driver, Ann Bauer. She loved to embroidery and crochet afghans; paint by numbers; she loved to watch baseball on TV and root for her favorite team; enjoyed playing Knights of Columbus Bingo, working puzzles, and bowling with her YARC friends.

Survivors include her parents, Margaret and Jim; one brother, Mike (LaDeen) and their children Jessica and Eva Pickett; as well as numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Visitation will be at Dahl Funeral Chapel on Saturday, Sept. 11, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Sunday, Sept. 12, from 1 to 5 p.m. and Monday, Sept. 13, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Vigil services for Janie will be 7 p.m. Monday, at Dahl Funeral Chapel. Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 14, at St. Pius X Catholic Church. Janie will be laid to rest in Mountview Cemetery.

In Janie's honor, memorials may be made to St. Pius X Building Fund, 717 18th St. W., Billings 59102.

## **Ruby Esther Pickett**

CASPER, Wyo. — Ruby Esther Pickett, 98, died Friday, Jan. 9, 2004, at the Poplar Living Center.

Interment of cremains will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Mount View Cemetery in Basin. Atwood Family Funeral Directors, Inc. is in charge.

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**JAN 13 2004**

# Frances 'Fran' Picotte

## THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

APRIL 30 2004

Frances "Fran" Picotte, 88, of Billings, passed away Monday, April 26, 2004, at St. John's Lutheran Nursing Home, after a long struggle with cancer.

Fran was born at Bayfield, Colo., on Feb. 25, 1916, the daughter of Edgar and Agnes Copeland. She was raised and educated in Ignacio, Colo. On Jan. 2, 1936, Fran married Leslie B. Picotte in Pagosa Springs, Colo. Following their marriage, they lived in Colorado, Wyoming and Montana, both working for the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Her husband preceded her in death on April 28, 1957, while they resided in Harlem.

Fran relocated to Billings in June 1957, and began working for pediatricians in the Children's Clinic. After some years she returned to the BIA once again until retiring in 1980.

Besides being an avid golfer, Fran loved her bowling and bowled in leagues for over 40 years. She was very handy at crocheting and doing crossword puzzles and always ready for a good game of bridge. Fran was always called upon from different organizations, church groups,



**FRAN  
PICOTTE**

etc., to play the organ. She thoroughly enjoyed a cruise or traveling somewhere with her friends. As you can tell, she wasn't an idle person.

She was a member of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church and the Beta Sigma Phi Sorority and OES (Order of the Eastern Star).

Frances was preceded in death by her husband, Leslie; a grandson, Tony; brothers, Dick and Ray; and a sister, Ruth. Her survivors include her daughter, Charlotte Rued of Deadwood, S.D.; three grandchildren, Tere Stoll (Paul) of Kasson, Minn., Leroy Anderson Jr. (Kelly) of Ft. Collins, Colo., and Lisa Jablonski, of Belfield, N.D.; and several great-grandchildren.

Cremation has taken place and memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, May 7, at Lillis Chapel at Mission Ridge. Interment will take place at Little Bighorn Battlefield in Crow Agency, following the service.

Memorials may be made to St. John's Lutheran Foundation, 3940 Rimrock Road, Billings, MT 59102, or the charity of one's choice.

Michelotti-Sawyers is in charge of arrangements.

**MAR 7 2004**

SALT LAKE CITY — Former Wyoming resident Bruce Norman Pierce, 77, died Jan. 31, 2004, in Salt Lake City, with family present, from complications of pneumonia.

Born March 11, 1926, in Bridger, Mont., he was the son of Paul and Myra Pierce, and started working in the family business at age 12, delivering supplies with his own Ford Model T.

He joined the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II and served in the European Theater.

In 1950, he graduated from Montana State University.

From 1958 to 1977, he worked in the family well-servicing business, primarily in Thermopolis, Wyo. He then sold it and worked as a consultant in the oil and gas industry in Casper and Riverton, Wyo. In 1985, he retired to Story, Wyo.

Survivors include his children and their spouses, Connie Howard and Mark Pierce; and five grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his brother Roy; and beloved wife Pat, who died Jan. 11.

A memorial service in honor of the couple will begin at 2 p.m. June 26, in Story.

Correspondence may be sent to Connie Howard, 6489 S. Castlefield Lane, Salt Lake City, UT 84107.

**Geraldine Pierce****MAY 20 2004**

**PRAY —** Geraldine "Jerry" Powell Dudley Pierce, 80, of Pray, formerly of Burley, Idaho, died Tuesday, May 18, 2004, at the Evergreen Livingston Health and Rehab Center.

Visitation will be 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, May 20, at Franzen-Davis Funeral Home in Livingston. Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Friday, May 21, at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Livingston. Graveside committal and burial will follow at Gem Memorial Gardens in Burley.

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## Patricia Helgerson Pierce

STORY, Wyo. — Story resident Patricia Helgerson Pierce, 73, died Jan. 11, 2004, in Tucson, Ariz. She had been injured on Jan. 3 and never regained consciousness.

Memorial services are planned for June in Story.

Born Aug. 26, 1930, in McIntosh, S.D., she was the daughter of homesteaders Helge and Julia Helgerson and attended a one-room school near Hump Butte, S.D., until the family sold the farm and moved into town.

She was homecoming queen and graduated from McIntosh High School in 1948. Working as an assistant postmistress, she saved enough money to attend South Dakota Teachers College in Aberdeen, where she graduated with a teaching certificate in 1953.

While in college, she and four friends visited Europe, which sparked a lifelong love for travel.

She returned to McIntosh and taught in a one-room school until moving to Baker, Mont., to teach

second grade. She then moved to Fromberg, Mont., to teach fourth grade and met Bruce Pierce. The couple married in 1956.

They moved to Thermopolis and maintained a home and business until 1977.

She was active in the Community Church, Girl Scouts of America, Town and Country Bridge Club and Beta Sigma Phi Sorority.

After leaving Thermopolis in 1977, they lived in Casper and Riverton before retiring to Story, where she was active in Story Community Church, Story Women's Club and BSP.

Survivors include her husband of 48 years; two children and their spouses, Connie Howard and Mark Pierce; five grandchildren; two brothers and their wives, Russell and Forrest; sister, Noma Olson; and other relatives.

Correspondence may be sent to Bruce Pierce, 6489 S. Castlefield Lane, Salt Lake City, UT 84107. 41

**MAY 07 2004****Joe Pierson**

**KAYCEE, Wyo. — Joe Pierson, 64, of Kaycee, died Thursday, May 6, 2004, at the Johnson County Health Care Center.**

**A rosary will be at 7 p.m. Sunday, May 9, at the Adams Funeral Home Chapel in Buffalo. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. Monday, May 10, at the Harold Jarrard Park Building in Kaycee. Burial will be in the Kaycee Cemetery with graveside services to follow the Mass**

**DEC 21 2004**

Gerald Clifton Pike passed away at his home on Dec. 18, 2004. He was born to Earl and Grace Pike on Sept. 20, 1944, in Superior. Gerry spent his youth in Superior and graduated from high school in 1963. Following

high school, he attended college at the University of Eastern Washington and graduated with a degree in Biology. Gerald then returned to Superior, where he taught and coached for one



**GERALD  
PIKE**

year before returning to graduate school at the University of Montana. He earned his master's degree in Education and then moved to Billings, where he met and married his wife Dixine.

Gerald taught in the Billings school system for 10 years and then in 1976, he and Dixine opened the Oak Tree Furniture Store, which expanded in 1991 into a Pennsylvania Furniture Gallery. In 1999, Gerry and Dixine opened Gerald's Furniture Gallery on 16th Ave. West, which operated until retirement in 2002.

Gerald had been a member of the Breakfast Exchange Club, Downtown Rotary and Hilands Golf Club. He is also a member of St. Bernard's Parish.

Gerald loved participating in athletic competitions, especially triathlons, excelling in the swimming and biking portions of the events. He participated in many of these events until, due to failing health, he could no longer compete.

Gerald is preceded in death by his father Earl and brother Steve. He is survived by wife, Dixine of Billings; mother Grace of Superior; sister Win Branning (Ashley) of Helena; brother Dr. Earl Pike, Jr. (Judy) of Bisbe, Ariz.; brother-in-law Jerry LaSeur (Karen) of Billings; and several nieces and nephews.

Cremation has taken place. The Funeral Mass will be 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 8, 2005, at St. Bernard's Catholic Church. Memorials may be made to the Boys and Girls Club or the YMCA. Michelotti-Sawyers has charge of arrangements.



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## **Herbert Pike**

CODY, Wyo. — Herbert William Pike, 66, died Thursday, March 11, 2004, at the Wyoming Retirement Center in Basin.

No services are planned. Cremation has taken place. Ballard Funeral Home of Cody is in charge.

**MAR 13 2004**

# Don 'Whitey' Pilcher

Don "Whitey" Pilcher, 85, of Billings, passed away on Wednesday, Sept. 15, 2004. He was born on June 26, 1919, to Lewis and Bessie Pilcher in Simpson.

Upon leaving school, he worked as a lumberjack in the Swan Valley. On March 18, 1942, he enlisted into the Army. After basic training at Fort Lewis, Wash., he became a Combat Infantryman, where he served in the Asiatic-Pacific during WWII. He was involved in the battle campaigns of the Aleutian Islands, Eastern Mandates and the Southern Philippines, with the 7th Infantry Division. During the course of these battles, Don received the rank of Staff Sergeant. In February 1945, he received a bronze star, a medal of good conduct and a Philippine Liberation medal.

For 33 years, Don worked as a freight handler for Burlington Northern Railroad.

On Sept. 1, 1951, Don married Dolores Rogers.

Don is survived by his wife, Dolores; five children, Doug (Doran) Pilcher, Dwyn (Dean) Barnhart, Michelle (Les) Diede, Maureen Collett and Carleen



**DON  
PILCHER**

(Rich) Worley; 11 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; two sisters, Opal Greenland and Inez Baldwin; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and five siblings.

Cremation has taken place. Graveside memorial services with military honors will be held at 2:30 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 20, at Mountview Cemetery Veterans Section.

**As another Soldier reaches the gates of heaven, St. Peter asks "Why are you here so soon?" And he said "Just another Soldier coming home, Sir, I've served my time in Hell." — Love, your grandson, Scott**

# Harold "Buttons"

## Pilkington

**LODGE GRASS** — Harold "Buttons" Pilkington, 64, of Lodge Grass, died suddenly at his home, Friday evening Feb. 20, 2004.

He was born July 13, 1939, in Sheridan, Wyo., to Harold and Grace Mae Pilkington, Sr. He attended schools on Rotten Grass before graduating from Lodge Grass High School in 1959.



**HAROLD  
PILKINGTON**

He served two years in the US Army during the Korea conflict.

Harold married Karen Link in Hardin and the couple made their home in the Lodge Grass area before she died in 2001. He married Letha McGovern April 20, 2002, in Billings and the couple made their home in Lodge Grass.

For the past 23 years Harold worked tirelessly for the Lodge Grass High School as their Maintenance Engineer. He enjoyed the outdoors and the time he could spend flying.

Harold will be remembered for his generous loving heart and his love for his grandchildren.

His son Billy preceded him in death.

Survivors include his wife, Letha; his children, Sherrie (Eugene) Painter of Utah, Lisa

**FEB 23 2004**

(Donald) Henderson of Billings and Brad Pilkington; his stepchildren, Christine Willoughby of Billings, Ronda (Ryan) Hogg of Colorado, Cameron Curry and Joel Johannes of California; his sisters, Christine (Butch) Small, and Betty (John) Small of Busby, Billie Timar of Glendive and Lorraine Hudson of Wisconsin; his brother, Darrell (Pat) Pilkington of Busby; and 14 grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held 2 p.m. Tuesday Feb. 24 in the Lodge Grass First Crow Indian Church. Interment will follow in the Lodge Grass Cemetery.

Bullis Mortuary of Hardin has been entrusted with the arrangements.

**JUN 23 2004**

**CODY, Wyo.** — Catharine Pinckard, 91, died Saturday, June 19, 2004, at West Park Long Term Care Center.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Friday, June 25, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints Wyoming Avenue Chapel. Interment will follow in Riverside Cemetery. Ballard Funeral Home of Cody is in charge.

JAN 16 2004

STANWOOD, Wash. — Helen Virginia Cantrell Ferguson Pingree, 75, passed away peacefully at the Josephine Sunset Home in Stanwood on Dec. 11, 2004. She is survived by her four children, Kathleen Quiniola of Kirkland, Steven Ferguson of Stanwood, Gary Ferguson of Bellevue and Diane Moore of Marysville, in addition to six grandchildren and many other family members.

Helen was born Sept. 17, 1928, in Billings, Mont., to J.M. and Gertrude Cantrell, the only daughter amid six loving brothers. She grew up and attended schools in Billings and graduated in 1946 from Billings Senior High. She attended Linfield College for two years, then took a job in the music department at the University of Montana in Missoula.

Helen met Harold Ferguson in high school, and on Nov. 11, 1950, they were married. After a stint in the army, the family moved back to Billings and purchased the house on Hewitt Drive that the children think of as their childhood home.

Helen was happiest working as a homemaker, wife and mother. She was very involved with activities of the First Baptist Church in Billings. In 1965 she became a widow after the sudden death of Harold.

After her husband's death, Helen went to work in retail to

support her family. She later met William "Bill" Pingree. They married in 1969 in Seattle, and the family moved to Redmond to begin a new era.

In the late 1980s, the symptoms of Alzheimer's disease began to appear. Bill and son Steve cared for Helen with amazing patience and love for as long as they were able. Bill then researched and found the best possible home for her, and that was Josephine Sunset Home in Stanwood.

Helen loved spring, flowers and Christmas. Her smile lit up every room. Even after she was no longer able to recognize people, we all felt a visit was a success when she smiled.

Helen always expected the best from people and usually got it. She was extremely proud of all her children for accomplishments large and small.

We will all miss her. It helps to know that she is in a place where her mind is whole and she can recognize those who love her.

A memorial service will be held Sunday, Jan. 18, 2004, at the Josephine Sunset Home in Stanwood at 1:30 p.m.

Memorial donations may be made to the Josephine Sunset Home, Starwood, WA, your local Alzheimer's organization or the charity of your choice.

Arrangements are under the direction of Gilbertson Funeral Home in Starwood.

**Leo A. Pinnick**

MAY 09 2004

RIVERTON, Wyo. — Leo Pinnick, 56, of Riverton, died Tuesday evening, April 20, 2004, of complications from a brain tumor.

He and his twin sister, Linda, were born Nov. 6, 1947, to Leo and Morryeen Pinnick. He attended Billings schools and graduated from Billings West High School in 1966. He was a member of the Billings Royals Baseball Team and was drafted by the Minnesota Twins. He joined their organization in 1967 and played in their farm system for three years. He attended Eastern Montana College and was a member of the Army Reserve in Billings. Leo became a pipe fitter and worked at Cenex Refinery, East Boulder Mine and most recently was working for TIC/Exxon out of Kemmerer.

Leo is survived by his wife Anita; a son, Leo; stepchildren, Rick Slowarp and Tracey Maki; five grandchildren; a sister, Linda (Jim) Boyd; and a brother, Charles (Beverly) Pinnick.

Memorials may be made to the Billings American Legion Baseball Program, PO Box 22535, Billings, MT 59104.

# Louise A. Pinter

June 17, 1920–January 3, 2004

WINGS GAZETTE

JAN 06 2004

Louise was born in Gebo, Wyo., a small mining community, on June 17, 1920, to Louise and Ray Dixon where she spent her early years. She often talked about her father and the good times they had hunting and fishing together. It was during this time that her mother taught her the important things about family life.

Louise met Ted Pinter in Gebo. They married in 1940 and after living in Ohio a short time, they moved to Billings and eventually settled just west of town where they built their home and made their life together.

Here they built the Shiloh Barn in about 1965 where they enjoyed square dancing for many years.

Her crafts, ceramics and crocheting were an important part of her life. She belonged to a craft club that met monthly, time spent with some of her closest friends. One of her most favorite hobbies was working with ceramics. When she wasn't busy with her crafts, she was visited with the neighbors or curled up with a good book.

Louise worked at MDU for many years until retirement. She enjoyed her work and the coworkers with some becoming



**LOUISE  
PINTER**

lifelong friends. 1

She leaves behind a loving family: sister, Dorothy Lanfear and niece Sandy, of Kalispell; daughter, Sharon Sampson and her husband Robert of

Billings; son, Tim and his wife Patty of Billings; granddaughter, Brooke Risa, her husband Dean, and two daughters, Sami Jo and Brandi Jay of Billings; grandson, Jason and his wife Kristin and son Jaxon Timothy of Billings; grandson, Rob Stern and two children, Sam and Sarah of Whitefish; grandson, Bob Stern and two children, Aaron and Cassandra of Billings; and grandson Rick Stern of Billings.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her stepfather, Thomas Erickson, and her husband.

Memorial services will be 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 10, at Smith's Downtown Chapel with graveside service to follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens. Memorials can be made to St. John's Lutheran Home or to the charity of your choice.



# Ethel Piper

BILLINGS GAZETTE

JUN 02 2004

Ethel "Emmy" Grace Piper left this life at age 101 on May 29, 2004. She was born Nov. 5, 1902, in Garner, Iowa, the daughter of Thomas and Etta Pascoe Hocking. Raised in Galena, Ill., she moved to Billings in 1914. Here, she married Albert McCoy Piper. Their only child, Dean, was born a year later.



**ETHEL  
PIPER**

They lived in San Francisco from 1940 to 1944 where she worked at the Navy yard.

She and Albert returned to Billings for 10 years, then moved to Worland, Wyo., where she worked for Simon's grocery. Upon their return to Billings, Emmy worked at Sweetheart Bakery until her retirement in 1968.

Emmy was preceded in death by husband Albert; son Dean; nephews Eldon Piper and Robert Hocking; niece Verna Alice Nash; great-niece Sandra Piper Ostermiller and great-nephew Will Nash.

Survivors include nieces Martha Piper and Toddy

Wertepney; great-nieces Pamela Russell, Penny Piper and Dodie Hudson; great-nephews Vern Nash and Kim Nash; numerous great-great-nieces and nephews; and many loving friends.

The funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. on Thursday, June 3, at the Smith West Chapel, 304 34th St. West, with interment to follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens. Memorials may be made to the charity of one's choice. Smith West Chapel is assisting with arrangements.

## Kenny Pirman

SEP 28 2004  
BILLINGS GAZETTE

GILLETTE, Wyo. — Kenneth "Kenny" Pirman, 55, of Gillette, died Friday, Sept. 24, 2004, at the Campbell County Memorial Hospital, of lung cancer.

Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 28, at the Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow at Gillette's Mt. Pisgah Cemetery.

## **Kellys Jo Piseno**

**FORSYTH — Kellys Jo Piseno, 54, of Forsyth, died Tuesday, Nov. 16, 2004, at the Rosebud Health Care Center in Forsyth.**

**A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 20, at the Federated Church in Forsyth. Burial will be in the Forsyth Cemetery. Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home of Forsyth is in charge.**

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**NOV 18 2004**

# Roger Michael Pitet

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

APR 20 2004

Roger Michael Pitet, 64, of Billings, formerly Sheridan, Wyo., died Tuesday, April 13, 2004, at his home.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, April 20, at Kane Funeral Home in Sheridan, Wyo.

APR 18 2004

## Roger Michael Pitet

1940 — 2004

Roger Michael Pitet, age 64, passed away on April 13, 2004, at his residence in Billings. He was born in Sheridan, Wyo., on March 27, 1940, the son of Dr. Marcel R. Pitet and Monica (Nooan) Pitet.

His parents preceded him in death, as did his sister, Mary, in August 2000, and his brother, Mickey, in January 2003.

Roger graduated from Holy Name grade school in Sheridan in 1953, and from Billings Central High School in 1958. He subsequently obtained both a B.A. and Masters degree in English and History at San Francisco State College in California.



**ROGER PITET**

He began his teaching career at Eastern Montana College in Billings, and then in the San Mateo School District in California for many years before retiring in 1996, at which time he returned to Billings.

Roger is survived by his brother, Larry of Sheridan, sister, Michelle Pitet Rosenthal (Frank) of Sheridan; brother, Pat (Lynn) of Cody, Wyo.; nieces, Laurie Pitet Canevaro (Mike) of Irvine, Calif, Heidi Rosenthal Parker (Shaun) of Sheridan; nephews, Christopher Pitet (Rebecca) of Laguna Niguel, Calif., Colin Pitet, Louis Pitet; brother-in-law Wayne Tennell, and many cousins and friends.

Cremation has taken place, and memorial services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 20, 2004, at Kane Funeral Home with the Reverend David Duprey officiating. Kane Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

The family has requested that memorials be made in Roger's name to the Sheridan or Billings Dog & Cat Shelter or to the charity of the donor's choice in care of Karen Green, First Interstate Bank, P.O. Box 2007, Sheridan, WY 82801.

## Warren Pitman

NOV 25 2004

BELGRADE — Warren Pitman, 68, of Belgrade, died Wednesday, Nov. 24, 2004, at his home.

No services are planned at this time. Cremation or Funeral Gallery of Belgrade is in charge.

# Taryn Marie Pitsch

THE BILLINGS GAZETT

AUG 5 - 2004

**BROADVIEW** — On July 30, 2004, our beloved Taryn was taken from us suddenly while flying in on a fishing and hunting trip in Alaska; something she loved to do. She died along with her mother Jolene and stepdad Chris.

Reuben Pitsch, Jr. and Joleen (Pitsch) Dyess were blessed with the birth of their daughter on May 22, 1987, in Billings. She started

school at Elysian Elementary for a short time and then transferred to Broadview High School, where she was looking forward to her Senior year. Taryn was very active in volleyball, track and basketball.



**TARYN  
PITSCH**

She also loved to hunt and fish.

Taryn always had a goal and that was to do her best. In her freshman, sophomore and junior years, she went all the way to State in track. She was a very bright and talented young lady who had everything going for her. Her smile and her love for everyone brightened our days.

She leaves behind a special friend, Chris Seitz, and numerous friends and classmates who have had the honor to get to know her during her short time with us.

~~Taryn, you will always be in our hearts.~~

Taryn, you will always be in our hearts.

Survivors include her father, R.J. (Candy) Pitsch of Ryegate; her sister, Tori Pitsch; her little brother, Tanner James; a little sister, Sage; a stepsister, Samantha; and a stepbrother, Ryan. Other family includes her grandparents, Reuben (Lavone) Pitsch of Ryegate, Dorothy (Gary) Zander of Nebraska, and Jerald Glass of Broadview; her aunts and uncles, Sheila (Clint) Stovall and their children Clint Jr., Seth and Zane of Shepherd, Jeralee (Tim) Wangler and daughter Karly of Nebraska; Charles Glass and his son Kyle of Nebraska, and Sheryl Sheldon of Florida. She also leaves behind numerous other cousins, aunts, uncles and other loving relatives.

May the road rise to meet you;  
May the wind be always at your back;  
May the sunshine warm your face;  
May the rain fall soft upon your fields;  
and until we meet again,  
May God hold you in the palm of his hand.

A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 7, at the Lavina High School Gym, with interment to follow at the Ryegate Cemetery. A reception will be held at the Ryegate Gym following the burial. A memorial fund has been established in her sister's name, Tori Pitsch, at the Continental National Bank in Ryegate.

God has made you a beautiful angel, given you wings. The special time that God has given us to spend with you will always be cherished in our hearts forever and always. Until we meet again, our sweet little Angel.

## **Edna Mae Pitt**

**THE BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**AUG 10 2004**

ROCK SPRINGS, Wyo. — Edna Mae Pitt, 83, of Rock Springs, died Saturday, Aug. 7, 2004, at her home.

Graveside services and inurnment will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 11, at Monument Hill Cemetery in Thermopolis. Mortimore Funeral Home of Thermopolis is in charge.



## Myrtle Pittman

LAME DEER — Myrtle Pittman, Ma'veehpota'e (Red Leaf Woman), 90, of Lame Deer, passed away March 31, 2004, at her home, surrounded by family and friends.

She was born to Lucy Eastman on Aug. 30, 1913, on Kirby Creek on the Northern Cheyenne Reservation. She received her education in Lodge Grass, Busby and a boarding school in Rapid City, S.D.



**MYRTLE  
PITTMAN**

Myrtle married Royal Harvey Pittman in Forsyth on July 20, 1932, and they moved to his homestead on O'Dell Creek near Birney. They later resided in Lame Deer, Custer and Busby while working and owning a variety of businesses, settling in Lame Deer, where they both worked for the Lame Deer Public School. The couple was married for 57 years, until Roy died in March of 1989 at the age of 98.

Myrtle was a cook for the Lame Deer School for 15 years retiring in 1973. She was an active community volunteer serving for extensive years as a board member for the Baptist Church and the Lame Deer

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VFW Auxiliary. She was an avid gardener and seamstress and enjoyed cutting and styling hair. She was a devoted mother, grandmother and great-grandmother who actively encouraged prayer to all she knew.

Myrtle was baptized in the Little Big Horn River near Lodge Grass in the summer of 1926 at the age of 13 and remained devoted to her Christian faith all the years of her life.

Her husband, Roy; son, Robert; daughter, Patsy; sisters, Gladys and Alice; and brothers, Kenneth and Jerome preceded Myrtle in death.

She is survived by her two daughters, June (Jim) Dahle of Muddy Creek and Ruby (Alfred) Braine of Ashland; two sons, Leland (Jeannette) Pittman of Dillon and William (Kathy) Pittman of Colstrip; one sister, Bertha Freeman of Lame Deer; 13 grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren. She will be greatly missed by all.

Wake services will be held 6 p.m. Sunday, April 4, at the Lame Deer Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church. Funeral services will be held 10 a.m.

Monday, April 5, at the Allen Rowland Gymnasium in Lame Deer. Interment will follow in the Little Big Horn National Cemetery, Crow Agency.

Bullis Mortuary of Hardin has been entrusted with the arrangements.

## Edward D. Plowman

DEC 22 2004

**JOLIET** — Edward D. Plowman, 78, of Joliet, passed away Tuesday, Dec. 21, 2004, at St. John's Lutheran Nursing Home.

Ed was born Aug. 24, 1926, at Jewell, Kan., a son of John and Etta (Kemmerer) Plowman. He graduated from Pharmacy School at Washington State University, Pullman, Wash., in 1949. He married Geraldine Schmitt, June 5, 1949, at Boyd. They operated a drug store for 25 years at Killdeer, N.D., before moving to Joliet in 1980. Ed had worked at several pharmacies in Montana.

Ed was a deacon at Joliet Baptist Church and served on the missions committee. He had made a couple short term mission trips to Venezuela and Brazil. His church was very important to him. He was very interested in his grandchildren and liked hunting and gardening.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Susan; his twin sister, Mary Jean; his parents; and his wife of 54 years, Geraldine, on May 29, 2003. He is survived by a son, Art (Pat) Plowman of Boyd; daughter, Anita (John) Koeshall of Brussels, Belgium; a son, Tony Plowman of Farmington, N.M.; 12 grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held 10 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 23, at Joliet Baptist Church, with interment in Joliet Cemetery. Memorials may

be made to Joliet Baptist Church, Joliet Community Center, Gideons International or charity of one's choice. Visitation will be 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 22, at Smith Funeral Chapel-Laurel.

## **Louie F. Plum**

**BELLINGS GAZETTE**

**NOV 16 2004**

LEWISTOWN — Louie F. Plum, 94, of Lewistown, died Saturday, Nov. 13, 2004, at Valle Vista Manor.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 19, at the Cloyd Funeral Home Chapel in Lewistown. Cremation has taken place and inurnment will be in the Musselshell County Cemetery at a later date.

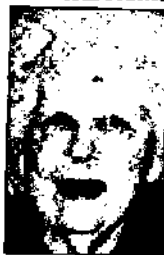
# Edna Plummer

OCT 19 2004

**BAKER** — Funeral Services for Edna Olivia Plummer, 67, of Baker, are 10 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 21, at the Baker Community Church in Baker. Burial will be in the Bonnievale Cemetery in Baker.

Visitation will be on Wednesday, Oct. 20, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., with a Prayer Service at 7 p.m. at Stevenson Funeral Home in Baker.

Edna passed away Sunday, Oct. 17, 2004, at the Wibaux Nursing Home.



**EDNA  
PLUMMER**

She was born Nov. 22, 1916, at Lake Park, Minn., the daughter of Oscar and Anna (Steen) Berg. Edna resided in Minnesota until 1924 when she moved with her mother, sister, Alma, and brother, Victor, to Ollie, Mont. She attended school there, graduating from the Ollie High School. On Dec. 2, 1935, she was married to Pat Plummer at Glendive. They lived near Ollie, where they ranched and raised their family. Edna was a member of the Ollie EUB Church, Gotva square dance club and was clerk of the Ollie School board. She worked several years at T & M Electric as a bookkeeper in Baker and as a part-time clerk at the

Mandan Drug Store in Mandan, N.D. For several years, Pat and Edna wintered in Phoenix and spent the remainder of the year in Baker. Edna was a loving daughter, wife, mother and neighbor. During her life, she always enjoyed babysitting and later all the visits with her nieces, nephews and grandchildren. Edna's family greatly appreciated the care given to her during her stay at the Wibaux County Nursing Home.

Survivors include her husband of 69 years, Patrick of Beach, N.D.; a son, Douglas (Judy) Plummer of Mandan, N.D.; a daughter, Loretta (Harold) Schlothauer of Fairview; grandchildren, Sherry and Keith Plummer of Dickinson, N.D.; Kevin (Kim) Plummer of Ollie; Dirk (Laurie) Schlothauer of Fairview; Lonna (Michael) Quasi of Bismarck; two step-grandsons, Cory and Jayme Glaser of Bismarck; five great-grandchildren, Justin, Sheyenne and McKenzi Plummer of Ollie, and Jade and BayLee Schlothauer of Fairview; a step-great-granddaughter, Ashley Briggs of Fairview; three brothers, Lee Roy Wang and Dulane (Annet-Mae) Wang of Ollie and Allan (Ruth) Wang of Baker.

She was preceded in death by her father, Oscar Berg; her mother and stepfather, Anna and Elmer Wang; a sister, Alma Thoemke; a brother, Victor Berg; a niece, Lorraine Thoemke; nephews, Barry Plummer and Mike Wang, and a daughter-in-law, Myra (Corbitt) Plummer.

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

## **M. Roberta (Bert) Poll**

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — M. Roberta (Bert) Poll, 79, died Sunday, Oct. 31, 2004, near Meeker, Colo.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 9, at St. Peter's Episcopal Church. Interment will be in the Masonic #8 Section of Sheridan Municipal Cemetery. Champion Ferris Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

**BILLINGS GAZET**  
**NOV 08 2004**

FEB 28 2004

Gary M. Pollari died on Feb. 25, 2004, at St. Vincent Healthcare, of compounded health problems.

He was born June 2, 1932, in Red Lodge, to Elma (Hanni) (Renner) and Toivo (Tob)

Pollari. He graduated from Carbon County High School in Red Lodge in 1950 and married his high school sweetheart, Barbara E. Schrumphf, on July 13, 1950. He worked at Castagne's Meat Market in Red Lodge, as well as meat packing plants in Lovell and Worland, Wyo., until he moved to Billings, where he worked for Midland and Pierce Packing. He later owned and operated Frontier Meat Market. Most recently, he worked for Guardian Security and New Day School.

"No hour of life was lost spent in the saddle." He was a real old fashioned horse trader. Horses came in second only to his family and especially his grandchildren and great-grandchildren, who he dearly loved. He showed his deep concern for others through his active involvement in AA. No life was too tattered or torn to heal; he truly believed in "diamonds in



**GARY  
POLLARI**

the rough."

His parents preceded him in death.

He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Barbara; two sons, Michael (Peggy) of Billings, Frank (Joan) of Guelph, Ontario; four grandchildren, Nikole (Dan) Markle, Eve (Dan) Brubaker, Carolyn and Zachary Pollari; and five great-grandchildren, Toby and Rory Markle, and Halee, Livvie and Matthew Brubaker.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be held Monday, March 1, at 11 a.m., at Cremation or Funeral Gallery. Reception will follow at Hope United Methodist Church.

Memorials may be made to Hope United Methodist Church in Billings or charity of your choice.

"He doth nothing but talk of his horses."

William Shakespeare, *The Merchant of Venice*



# Mary Pollet

BIFFINGS GAZETTE

MAY 30 2004

**BYRON, Wyo.** — Mary Naomi Wilson Felix Pollet made her last earthly journey, (she so loved to travel!), to rejoin her many loved ones and friends, in the early morning hours on May 26, 2004.

She was born on Dec. 12, 1908, the fourth daughter of six to Jason Crichton and Millesant Wheelock Wilson. Her birthplace was a ranch near Fort Bridger, Wyo. Though she lived many places, Bridger Valley and Mountain View were always home.



**MARY POLLET**

A firm believer in continued learning through living and study, her education began in Mountain View and Robertson, Wyo., and she completed her formal education and received her teaching certificate from Laramie, Wyo. She was the last living member of her Mountain View High graduating class of 1925.

Naomi was married to Johnie Felix on May 23, 1926, in Evanston, Wyo. They were soon joined by sons Wilson J. and Jerry Dwayne. Tragically, Johnie's life was short because of ill health.

On March 14, 1945, Naomi married Charles Burl Pollet (Buck) in Ely, Nev. Soon there were new additions to the family. Pete, was stillborn, a very sad occurrence, then daughters, Christy Ellen and Jicki Val, came along followed by another much-welcome son, Charles Burl Jr. (Chuck).

Following the oil booms, the family lived many places in Wyoming, Texas, Nebraska, Utah, Montana, Colorado and the Dakotas. They always returned to Mountain View, finally retiring there. As age and ill health took its toll, Naomi and Buck decided to relocate closer to some family members. After much thought, it was decided to move to Powell, Wyo. They have been in Powell about 12 years. Naomi resided at the Powell Valley Care Center for 4 1/2 years after breaking her hip. She gained new friends and had great care while living there. She looked forward to the many visits of family members and the Happy Hour music. The LDS sacrament meetings were so important to her until she became very ill.

Naomi was an active member of the LDS church most of her life, serving in many capacities. She loved to dance and sing, play basketball, ride horses, working with

her dad as a child, genealogy research, writing poems and stories, and was always the "family communicator" until her eyesight failed. Most of all, she loved her family and husband. Her support and loyalty has always been there for all of us. She and Buck enjoyed many a card game the last few years.

Naomi was preceded in death by her parents, and her five sisters, Ouida Mae Wilson, Juanita Finnegan (Bill), Harriet Maude (Peggy) Wood (Charles), Dorothea May Sumner (Keith), and Edney Foy Schanche (Otto); her husband, Johnie Felix, in 1944; daughter-in-law, Gladys Mae Felix; several nieces and nephews and grandson, Jerry Brionne Tanner, and many other dear relatives and friends.

She is survived by her husband of 59 years, Buck; her children, Wilson Felix, Jerry Felix (Flo), Christy Petrich (John), Jicki Brown (Mike), and Chuck Pollet (Gloria); 16 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; one great-great-granddaughter and many extended family members.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, June 1, at the Byron LDS chapel. Burial will follow at the Byron cemetery. Haskell Funeral Home in Lovell, Wyo., is in charge of services. Though she often sang "Take Me Back to Bridger Valley," she and Buck decided some years ago that they liked the Byron cemetery. And with agreement from the rest of the family, that's as it will be.

JUN 03 2004

## Mary Naomi Wilson Felix Pollet

Funeral services were Tuesday, June 1 at the Byron LDS Chapel for Mary Naomi Wilson Felix Pollet, 95, who died Wednesday, May 26 at Powell Valley Care Center.

She was born Dec. 12, 1908, the fourth daughter of six born to Jason Crichton and Millesant Wheelock Wilson. Her birthplace was a ranch near Fort Bridger. Though she lived many places, the Bridger Valley and Mountain View were always home.

Her education began in Mountain View and Robertson. She was the last living member of the Mountain View High School graduating class of 1925. She completed her formal education with a teaching certificate from Laramie.

She married Johnie Felix on May 23, 1926, in Evanston. They were joined by sons Wilson J. and Jerry Dwayne. Tragically, Johnie's life was short due to ill health.

On March 14, 1945, she married Charles Burl Pollet (Buck) in Ely, Nev. Soon, there were new additions to the family. Pete was stillborn, a sad occurrence; then came daughters Christy Ellen and Jicki Val, followed by another much-welcomed son, Charles Burl Jr. (Chuck).



**Mary Pollet**

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Mounrain View, finally retiring there.

As age and ill health took its toll, Naomi and Buck decided to relocate closer to family. They moved to Powell 12 years ago, and Naomi resided at the Powell Valley Care Center for four and a half years after breaking her hip. She gained new friends and had great care there. She looked forward to the many visits of family members and the Happy Hour music. The LDS sacrament meetings were so important to her until she became very ill.

She was an active member of the LDS Church most of her life. She loved to dance and sing, play basketball and ride horses. She enjoyed genealogy research, wrote poems and stories and was the "family communicator" until her eyesight failed. Most of all, she loved her family and husband. She and Buck enjoyed many a card game in the last few years.

Survivors include her husband of 59 years, Buck Pollet; her children, Wilson Felix, Jerry Felix (Flo), Christy Petrich (John), Jicki Brown (Mike) and Chuck Pollet (Gloria); 16 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren, one great-great granddaughter and many extended family members.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her five sisters, Ouida Mae Wilson, Juanita Finnegan (Bill), Harriet Maude (Peggy) Wood (Charles), Dorothea May Sumner (Keith) and Edney Foy Schanche (Otto); her husband, Johnnie Felix, in 1944; daughter-in-law Gladys Mae Felix; several nieces and nephews and grandson, Jerry Brionne Tanner.

Burial was in Byron Cemetery. Haskell Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Andrew "Andy" Pollock passed away Sept. 24, 2004, peacefully, at Billings Health and Rehab, after a long battle with COPD. Andy was born March 4, 1916, at his grandparents' home in Scotch Coulee in Bearcreek, to Andrew and May (Darrow) Pollock.

He attended grade school in Bearcreek, and one year of high school in Red Lodge before joining the Civilian Conservation Corps. He later worked for various farmers, and as a lumberjack and sawyer in Red Lodge.



**ANDY  
POLLOCK**

Andy and Elsie (Brickman) were married at the Methodist Parsonage in Red Lodge in 1943. In 1954, Andy and his family moved to Billings,

where he went to work for Consolidated Freightways. He worked there until 1977, when he retired on a medical disability.

Andy's hobbies were fishing, rock hounding and bowling. Andy and Elsie joined the First United Methodist Church in the fall of 1954.

His parents; his brothers, Frank, Dave and Bill; and his sister Alice preceded him in death. He is survived by his wife, Elsie; his brother, Leroy (Shirley) of Pompeys Pillar; his sister, Margaret (Dale) Cox of Weippe, Idaho; his sons, James (Evelyn) Pollock of Duluth, Minn., John (Diana) Pollock of Billings and Lee (Linda) Pollock of Bartlesville, Okla.; his grandchildren, Miranda (Jonathan) Edel, Drew (JoAnn) Pollock, Brenna (Aaron) Nelson, Shawn (Francie) Pollock, Heather (Tiny) Lee, Brian (Tiena) Pollock, Jennifer (Andrew) Haas; his aunt, Jessie Wallis of Red Lodge; seven

great-grandchildren; and numerous cousins.

Cremation has taken place and a memorial service will be at the First Methodist Church, 2800 Fourth Ave. N., on Monday, Sept. 27, at 1 p.m.

Memorials may be made to the church, the Rescue Mission, PO Box 3232, 59103, or any charity of your choice.

# Pauline Pomrenke

THE GREAT SOUTHERN

MAR 4 2008

FISHTAIL — Pauline Pomrenke, of Fishtail, 75, died March 1, 2004, at the Beartooth Manor, Columbus.

Pauline was born in Absarokee, July 6, 1928, daughter of Joe and Florence Bare. Pauline graduated from Reed Point High School and then taught school at Cow Creek.

On April 6, 1946, Pauline married Charles Patrich. To this union were born J. Oliver Patrich, who now resides in Germany, and Joan Stadtmiller of Billings.

Pauline and Charles owned and successfully operated several restaurants in the area. Later Pauline completed her four-year degree in elementary education and taught school in Montana and California for six years. In California, she took night classes in computer sciences and worked in the computer field for eight years. She then moved to Arkansas to retire, but taught classes in computer science on an honorary master's degree at a local college. In 1987, Pauline moved back to Montana to retire again. She lived in Fishtail with her husband Herman Pomrenke, who predeceased her.

Pauline was an avid quilter who was very active in the community. She was also a gardener and either canned the fruits of her labor or shared with her friends.

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Pauline is survived by a son, J. Oliver Patrich of Ulm, Germany; a daughter, Joan Stadtmiller of Billings; four grandchildren, Christine Patrich of Ulm, Germany, Sharon Young, Diane Miller and Gary Stadtmiller of Hanford, Calif.; five great-grandchildren; sisters Donna Bue, Minnie Horsman; brothers, Roger Bare, Clifford Bare, Dick Bare, Raymond Guthrie; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held 1 p.m. Saturday, March 6, at Nye Community Church. Interment will be in Nye Cemetery. Visitation will be 3 to 5 p.m. Friday, March 5, at Smith Funeral Chapel in Columbus.



# Gladys Marie Poodry

WALTONS GAZETTE

MAY 07 2004

**GREAT FALLS —** Gladys Marie Poodry, 80, formerly of 1332 Ave. C N.W., died on Tuesday, May 25, 2004, at Peace Hospice, of cancer. Cremation has taken place. A private family service will be held at a later date. Schnider Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. The family suggests memorials to Peace Hospice, 1501 26th St. S.

Gladys Marie Poodry was born to Charles and Emma (Hook) Hafer, Dec. 12, 1923, in Pontiac, Mich. She was married to Sgt. Maj. Francis E. Poodry (USMC RET) in Escondido, Calif., on March 25, 1950. He passed away on March 24, 2000.

She was a military wife and mom and volunteered at the Great Falls library for many years.

Gladys was an avid reader, gardener and walker and enjoyed collecting art. She was the master at peanut brittle and fudge making at Christmastime.

Surviving Gladys are her daughter Michel C. Poodry-Favero of Billings; son Col. Mitch (Louise) Poodry of Springfield, Ill., and granddaughters Kristine Favero and Karie Favero.

Preceding her in death were her husband, Francis E. Poodry; grandparents Thomas and Carrie O'Connell; and her brother, Floyd Donald Hafer.

## Randy E. Popescu

THE BILLINGS GAZET

AUG 5 - 2004

HUNTLEY — Randy E. "Hammer" Popescu, 56, passed away peacefully at his Huntley home Monday, Aug. 2, 2004, after a short illness with cancer.

Randy was born Aug. 18, 1947, to Gene and Jane (Johansen)

Popescu of Plentywood. He was raised and educated in Plentywood and graduated in 1965. He then attended EMC and BBC in Billings. After



**RANDY  
POPESCU**

military service in Vietnam, he returned to Billings and worked for the Conoco Refinery business department. He had worked at The Blue Cat in Huntley for many years.

"Hammer" loved sports, socializing with people, and his dog D.J.

Randy is survived by his son Randy Cole (Felicia) Popescu and grandchildren Dyllon and Joslynn of Colorado Springs; and sisters Barbara (John) Murray of Reserve and Jeanie (Mike) Ullman of Billings and their families, as well as numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Cremation has taken place. A celebration of life will be held at the Huntley Park at 2 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 5, with a graveside service at Plentywood Cemetery at 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 7.

# FREDA POPP

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE  
AUG 21 2004

Freda Popp, age 87, of Billings, died Thursday, Aug. 19, 2004, at Deaconess Billings Clinic, of an aneurysm. Her family and friends were with her when she died.

She was born Feb. 13, 1917, at Plevna, the daughter of Martin and Karolina (Quenzer) Fuchs. The family moved to Olds, Alberta, Canada, when she was young. She moved to the Billings area on May 9, 1949.

Freda married Herman Popp on June 5, 1954, in Billings. She became a U.S. Citizen in 1955. She worked for School District #2 from 1964 until retiring in 1983. After her retirement, she took care of children in her home for several years. Freda moved to St. John's Lutheran Home in 1991. She did a lot of volunteer work at St. John's.

Freda had a great sense of humor. She was alert to the time



**FREDA  
POPP**

of her passing and was looking forward to being with her Lord and Savior.

Freda is survived by her sisters-in-law, Zita Fuchs of Kelowna, B.C., Canada, Bertha Popp of Billings and Evelyn (Vic) Hergett of Laurel; brothers-in-law, Edward R. (Sarah) Popp and Walter F. Popp of Billings; numerous nieces and nephews; and special friends, Verna Remington and Kathy Wagner of Billings.

Freda was preceded in death by her husband Herman on Sept. 20, 1977; her parents; and a brother, Ted Fuchs.

Funeral services will be 1 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 24, at the Ocee Johnson Chapel at St. John's Lutheran Home, 3940 Rimrock Road. Interment will be in Mounview Cemetery. Visitation will be 12 noon to 8 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 22, and 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday, Aug. 23, at Smith's West Chapel, 304 34th St. West.

Memorials may be made to St. John's Lutheran Home or the charity of choice.

Doris Swords Poppler, 80, passed away at her home Sunday morning, Dec. 12, 2004, surrounded by her family. Doris Poppler was born on Nov. 10, 1924, daughter of Lloyd and Edna Swords. After graduating from Billings

Senior High School in 1942, she attended the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis. While an undergraduate student, she joined Alpha Chi Omega Sorority. On her 20th



**DORIS  
POPPLER**

birthday, Doris left school to join the W.A.V.E.S. After completing her service in the United States Navy, Doris returned to Montana, affiliated with the Montana chapter of Alpha Chi Omega, and enrolled at the University of Montana Law School, the only female in her class.

After graduating from law school in 1948, she married her law school classmate Louis Eugene Poppler. Doris practiced law with her father in Billings before she and Lou started their family. While raising six children, Doris devoted countless hours to her community, volunteering her time as President of the Billings Junior Service League, President of Billings Junior Achievement, the Boys and Girls Club of

Billings and Yellowstone County, Chairman of the Yellowstone Metra Exhibition Commission and Chairman of the Billings School Board. When Lou died in 1972, Doris resumed her legal career by joining the Yellowstone County Attorney's Office. During this time, Doris met fellow attorney, Diane Barz, and together they formed the Poppler and Barz Law Firm, the first women's law firm in Montana. When Diane was elected to District Judge in 1975, Doris joined the law firm of Davidson, Veeder, Baugh, Broeder and Poppler, PC.

In 1991, President George H. W. Bush appointed Doris as U.S. Attorney for the District of Montana, the first woman to hold this office. After completion of her term as U.S. Attorney, Doris became a Senior Field Agent for the National Indian Gaming Commission. When Doris retired from the NIGC in 2002, she was elected to the Billings City Council, where she was voted Deputy Mayor of Billings by her fellow council members.

During her many years of professional service to the community, Doris was honored to act as legal consultant for the Northern Cheyenne and Crow Indian

Nations, served on many boards including the Board of Directors of Rocky Mountain College, the Rimrock Foundation, the Miss Montana Pageant, Billings Junior Achievement, Midland Bank of Billings and the J.K. Raiston Studio, and was appointed to serve on the Montana Human Rights Commission. Doris was a member of the Y Chapter of PEO, and was active in the 1st Congregational Church, and especially loved singing in the choir.

Doris is survived by her six children, Louis Poppler (Dorothea) of Sparks, N.Y., Kris Lowthian (Leonard) of Nashville, Tenn., Mark Poppler (Twila) of Boise, Idaho, Blaine Poppler (Lauri) of Billings, Claire Poppler of Billings and Minda Brough (Craig Packard) of Belle Fourche, S.D.; sister, Army Evans of Billings; her nephews, Dave Evans of Billings, George Swords of Portland, Ore., and Lloyd Swords (Joanie) of Billings; grandchildren, Katie, Susan, Emily and Andrew Zachariasen, Louis, Sunny and Max Poppler, Blaine, Rose and Austin Poppler and Elizabeth Brough.

Visitation will begin 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 14, at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary. Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 16, at First Congregational United Church of Christ. Interment with military honors will be in Mountview Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Doris Poppler Scholarship Endowment at the University of Montana School of Law c/o UM Foundation, PO Box 7159, Missoula, MT 59807 or to the First Congregational United Church of Christ, 310 North 27th, Billings, MT 59101.

# Earl Peter Poskin

OCT 19 2004

## BILLINGS GAZETTE

Earl Peter Poskin, 85, passed away Oct. 17, 2004, in Billings. He was born Aug. 29, 1919, the son of Harvey and Rosabelle (Keller) Poskin in Frankfurt, Ill. During WWII, he served in the Navy on the aircraft carrier USS Bunker Hill. On March 28, 1942, he married Mabel Wittnebel. Together, they raised their three children. Following his discharge, he returned to his job at McDonald-Douglas aircraft in Long Beach, Calif.



**EARL  
POSKIN**

He retired to Las Vegas, where he worked at the Aladdin Casino. In 1995, Earl moved to Billings. In 1997, his wife Mabel passed away.

Earl is survived by two of his children, Phyllis (Don) Hayes of Billings and Sharon Harsh of Long Beach; one granddaughter, three great-granddaughters and three great-great-grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his wife; and his son Harvey.

A graveside service will be held 2 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 21, at Sunset Memorial Gardens. Memorials may be made to the charity of your choice. Dahl Funeral Chapel is in charge of making arrangements.

# **Sister Maurita Postlewait**

**THE BILLINGS GAZETTE**  
**AUG 7 - 2004**

LEAVENWORTH, Kan. — Sister Maurita Postlewait, 91, a Sister of Charity of Leavenworth, formerly of Billings, Butte and Helena, Mont., died Thursday, Aug. 5, 2004, at Ross Hall, Mother House, Leavenworth.

A vigil will be at 7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 8, in Ross Chapel of the Sisters of Charity Mother House in Leavenworth, where friends may call after 4 p.m. The Mass of Resurrection will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday, Aug. 9, in Ross Chapel. Interment will follow in Mount Olivet Cemetery on the Mother House grounds. Davis Funeral Home is in charge.

## **Clyde Potter**

GILLETTE, Wyo. — Clyde O. Potter, 88, of Gillette, died Sunday, Jan. 25, 2004, at the Pioneer Manor Nursing Home in Gillette of leukemia.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 28, at the First Christian Church. Interment will follow at the Mount Pisgah Cemetery. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the First Christian Church. Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home of Gillette is in charge.

**THE BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**JAN 28 2004**



# Linda Ann Campbell Potter

APR 04 2004

WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS  
— Linda Ann Campbell Potter, 58, passed away April 2, 2004, at Mountainview Medical Center of cancer.

Linda was born Jan. 18, 1946, in Idaho Falls, Idaho. Linda was one of four daughters born to Charles and Martha (Martin)



LINDA  
POTTER

Campbell. She owned and operated The Connexion since 1994.

Not only was she a businesswoman, but a homemaker, mother and wife. She loved cooking, sewing, gardening and children. Linda's home always had an open door for all.

Survivors include her husband of 31 years, John V. Potter Jr.; daughter, Bonnie Lower, of Willow Creek and her children, Haliday, Abbey, Parker and Brandy; daughter, Janie Barfuss, and her husband, Kirk, of White Sulphur Springs, and their sons, Logan, Morgan and Jordan; son, Charlie Lower, and his wife, Sherri, of Willow Creek and their children, Brandi, Bryant and Chance; step-daughter Mariys Granlund, Craig Granlund, and their children,

Danielle and Melissa. Three sisters, Fern Bailey and Mary Helburn of Los Altos, Calif., and Bonnie Steingruber of Three Forks; three brothers, Jack Lane of Three Forks, Marvin Lane of Hungary Horse, and Russell Lane of Billings and numerous nieces and nephews also survive Linda.

Funeral services will be 3 p.m. Tuesday, April 6, 2004, in the White Sulphur Springs High School gymnasium. Graveside committal will follow at Mayn Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to Mountainview Medical Center, PO Box Q, Diamond City Lodge No. 7, PO Box 349, Yoked Parish Good News Club, PO Box 732, all of White Sulphur Springs, MT 59645, or United Methodist Church, PO Box 196, Willow Creek, MT 59760. A coffee hour will follow at The Connexion. Twichel Funeral Home assisted the family with the services.

# Adeline Carmen Potts

May 16, 1932-Aug. 27, 2004

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

AUG 31 2004

SHERWOOD, Ore. — Services will be held 11 a.m. Thursday at Young's Funeral Home in Tigard for Adeline Carmen Potts, who died Aug. 27, 2004, in Sherwood.

She was born May 16, 1932, in Walsenburg, Colo., to Fred and Epifania (Vigil) Montoya. Adeline and her family moved to Billings, Mont., when she was 14 years of age and later she moved to Long Beach, Calif., where she married her present husband, Donald, in 1976. Adeline and Donald moved to Sherwood in 1987. Adeline loved to cook, garden, play bingo with her friends and spend time with her grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her son, Adolph "Sonny" Melendrez Jr.; sister, Rosalie DeWald, and granddaughter, Rene Melendrez. Survivors include her husband, Donald of Sherwood; daughters, Loretta and Elizabeth Melendrez, both of Pendleton; sister, Naida Guzman of Idaho Falls, Idaho; three grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggest contributions to the Ronald McDonald House, c/o American Burial & Cremation, 11825 SW Pacific Hwy, Tigard, OR 97223.

## Louis 'Louie' Poulos

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

FEB 21 2004

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Louis "Louie" Poulos, 85, of Sheridan, died Wednesday, Feb. 18, 2004, at his home.

Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 23, at Champion Ferries Funeral Home in Sheridan. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 24, at First Baptist Church. Burial will be in the Sheridan Municipal Cemetery.

## Lee Powell

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**MAY 27 2004**

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Lee Powell, 63, of Sheridan, died Sunday, May 23, 2004, at his home.

Cremation has taken place locally. Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, May 28, at First United Methodist Church. Kane Funeral Home of Sheridan is in charge.

## Marci Powell

LOVELL, Wyo. — Marci Powell, 22, formerly of Lovell, died Wednesday, March 10, 2004, in Sioux Falls, S.D.

Viewing will be from 9 to 9:45 a.m. Monday, March 15, at the west chapel of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Lovell. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. in the east chapel of the church. Interment will be in the Lovell Cemetery. Haskell Funeral Home of Lovell is in charge.

## **Nancy (Hansen) Powell**

**EKALAKA — Nancy (Hansen) Powell, 55, of Ekalaka, died Wednesday, April 7, 2004, at Holy Rosary Healthcare in Miles City.**

**Service will be held at a later date at Beaverlodge Cemetery in Ekalaka. Stevenson Funeral Home is in charge.**

**THE MILES CITY GAZETTE**

**APR 09 2004**

## Lawrence Powers

CODY, Wyo. — Lawrence E. "Larry" Powers, 88, of Cody, formerly of Powell, died Saturday, Sept. 4, 2004, at West Park Long Term Care Center in Cody.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Sept. 10, at Crown Hill Cemetery in Powell. Ballard Funeral Home of Cody is in charge.

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BILLINGS GAZETTE

## Lawrence E. Powers

A graveside service will be held at Crown Hill Cemetery Friday, Sept. 10 at 11 a.m. for Lawrence E. (Larry) Powers, 88, who died Saturday, Sept. 4 at West Park Long Term Care Center in Cody.

He was born Oct. 1, 1915, in Larned, Kans., to Ancil Powers and Florence (Evans) Powers. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He married Georgina Lee Brown in Kearny, N.J.

The couple farmed near Ralston for many years. They built a new log home on their property in Ralston. Following their retirement from farming they moved to Powell and later to Cody. He also worked for the National Park Service at Lake and Mammoth for numerous years.

He is survived by several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Georgina; a son, Richard Paul Powers, who was killed in Vietnam in 1969; and a daughter, Candy Lee Powers.

THE POWELL  
TRIBUNE

SEP 09 2004



# Margaret Powers

Oct 20 2004  
BILLINGS GAZETT

SHERIDAN, Wyo. —  
Margaret Powers, 74, of Sheridan, died Sunday, Oct. 17, 2004, at Sheridan County Memorial Hospital.

Rosary services will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 20, at Kane Funeral Home in Sheridan. Mass of the Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 21, at Holy Name Catholic Church. Interment will follow in the Sheridan Elks Cemetery.

# Margaret Holloway Powers

Margaret Holloway Powers, 79, born in Suffolk, Va., long time resident of Billings, passed away suddenly Dec. 20, 2003, while visiting her daughter in California. She was a teacher and Billings' first woman of color to be hired by the Billings public school system. She taught first grade at Taft Elementary School her first 10 years. She then taught in Canada for almost 15 years. She returned to Billings where she taught until she retired in 1992.

Mrs. Powers was a lifetime member of NEA, MEA, BEA, Montana PTA and was a member of Delta Kappa Gamma, a professional organization of Montana teachers. She acquired many friends in various places.

She is the late wife of Bernard Conrad Powers, a noted civil engineer. She is survived by her sister, Elizabeth Holloway Clarke of Newport News, Va.; two daughters, Eleanor Powers Crawford of Framingham, Mass., and Margo Powers of Northridge, Calif.; her grandson, Conrad Crawford of Somerville, Mass., and various nieces and nephews.

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A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday at First Congregational Church in Billings. All friends are invited. Cards and flowers may be sent to First Congregational Church, 310 N. 27th St., Billings, MT 59101.

## Robert Prazma

BILLINGS GAZETTE  
NOV 14 2004

GILLETTE, Wyo. — Robert Prazma, 73, died Nov. 11, 2004, at the Campbell County Memorial Hospital of cancer.

Visitation will be from 2 to 7 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 14, at the Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m., Monday, Nov. 15, at the First Presbyterian Church, with Pastor Marty Crump of the Family Life Church officiating. Interment will follow at the Mount Pisgah Cemetery.

# **Ruth Frances Lemaster Preator**

**7-6-1919 to 4-15-2004**

CODY, Wyo. — Our dear mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend quietly slipped away April 15, 2004, 2 p.m., surrounded by her three sons.

Ruth was born July 6, 1919, on a homestead, 16 miles from Burns, to Orville Harvey Lemaster and Carrie Amelia Bickford. She graduated from Cheyenne High School and took teacher training at the University of Wyoming. Her first school was at Spring Creek, near Ten Sleep. Later, she taught at Fenton School, where she met Joseph Guy Preator. They were married in Salt Lake City on Nov. 24, 1943. They moved to Cody in 1946, loved it and have lived here ever since. Ruth called Cody "peaceful acres."

Ruth is survived by her sisters, Dorothy Dunston and Osa Kepford; her children, Margaret Neilson, Joe Preator, Richard and Phyllis Preator, Randy and Lea Preator and Nancy Preator; as well as 14 grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and a myriad of friends that she has cherished and cared for over the years.

Ruth was a devoted mother and wonderful caregiver. She loved the homemaking arts. She

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**APR 17 2004**

taught 4-H for many years, helping a number of young women learn to sew and cook. She had a soft heart and wanted to make the world a happy place for all those she knew and loved. She would often appear at the door of someone in need with a casserole or dessert. In her last few years, her son Richard planted a field of corn for her to give away and she found great joy in distributing it.

She was preceded in death by her husband Guy; her son Bruce; her brothers, Roy, Ralph and Bert Lemaster; and her sister, Hazel Meredith.

She was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Funeral services will be held at the LDS Stake Center, 1407 Heart Mountain St., Cody, on Monday, April 19, at 11 a.m. Friends may call Sunday evening, April 18, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Ballard Funeral Home, 636 19th St., Cody. Interment for Ruth will take place immediately following her funeral at the Riverside Cemetery in Cody.

## **Eleanor J. Prell**

**THE BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**JAN 10 2004**

**FORSYTH** — Eleanor J. Prell, 73, died Wednesday, Jan. 7, 2004, at the Rosebud Health Care Center.

Memorial services for Eleanor and Lyle will be held Jan. 23 in North Platte, Neb., at the Carpenter's Memorial Chapel in North Platte with burial in Ft. McPherson National Cemetery. Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home is in charge.

# Leroy Dean Prescott

## THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

FEB 20 2004

Leroy Dean Prescott, 50, departed this life Feb. 16, 2004, in Birmingham, Ala.



**LEROY  
PRESCOTT**

Leroy Dean Prescott was born Dec. 4, 1953, in Denver, son of Elza Raymond Prescott and Lorraine Blanch (Poovey).

His early school years were spent at Daniels Gardens Elementary in Colorado. He attended middle school and the first two years of high school in Lakewood, Colo. His final two years of high school were in Grand Valley, Colo.

He served in the army from 1969 to 1973 in Vietnam.

He did various jobs, such as airplane mechanic, auto body mechanic and carpentry until his health forced him to retire early.

In his free time, he enjoyed concerts in the park, hiking in the mountains and hunting. He enjoyed to cook and barbecue and was good at it. He also did some taxidermy work. He loved working at the Temple.

He moved to Cody, Wyo., several years ago. There, he

joined the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. In 2003, he moved to Billings, where he continued to labor diligently in his church calling.

He married Donna Kay Donley on Jan. 17, 2004, in the Billings Montana Temple. They were enjoying their honeymoon in Alabama when the Lord called him home.

He was preceded in death by both parents and a brother, John Rodney Prescott.

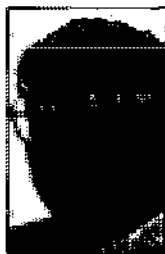
He is survived by his wife, Donna; two brothers, Ray Robert Prescott of Stigler, Okla., and David Mario Prescott of Brighton, Colo.; two sisters, Nancy Lee Tarpein of Denver and Loreena Elizabeth Lintt of Greeley, Colo. He is also survived by a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and aunts.

Services will be held 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 21, at the LDS Church at Sixth and Avenue D. Interment will follow at Terrace Gardens Cemetery.

**GAITHERSBURG, Md.** — Roderick Random Pressly died of natural causes in the early morning of Aug. 27, 2004, in Galtersburg. He was 79 years old.

He was born in Havre, Mont., on Nov. 30, 1924, to Hector "Jack" and Bertha Pressly. Over the

years, he told many stories about growing up in Havre with his friends, especially Ben Kampf. The tales usually involved broken glass, a few bloody noses and a lot of laughs.



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He left Havre High School to fight in World War II. Because of poor eyesight, he was turned down by every branch of the service except the Army. They promptly trained him to be a sniper. He was a sergeant in Gen. Patton's Third Army. Like many veterans of WWII, he didn't talk much about his combat years in Europe. After the war, he returned to Havre and briefly attended Northern Montana College.

He married Margaret "Peggy" Blashfield on May 13, 1954. He began working for the Mountain States Telephone & Telegraph Company and started a family. A

daughter, Carrie, was born in 195 and a son, Rod in 1958. He and Peggy quietly celebrated their 50th anniversary last spring.

His career with the telephone company and AT&T spanned more than 37 years, taking him to Helena and Billings in Montana; Colorado Springs and Denver in Colorado; and Salt Lake City. He

fondly remembered his work stringing telephone wires in Yellowstone National Park and the time he spent working on the team developing the NORAD Center inside Cheyenne Mountain outside Colorado Springs.

His mother-in-law, Carolyn Ergenbright, came to live with them at the age of 82 in Salt Lake City and, upon his retirement in 1984, they moved to Arizona. He was surprised Carolyn was able to live with them for 22 years. They spent the winter months in Scottsdale and returned to Whitefish, Mont., for the summers. His two favorite places on Earth were Lake McDonald and the Hi-Line Trail in Glacier National Park.

Due to their declining health, he and Peggy moved to Maryland to be closer to their daughter and her family. During the past year, he spent his time making sure

Peggy received the care she needed and enjoying every minute he was able to spend with his grandchildren Ben and Katie. He spoke often of their achievements in sports, school and life.

Rod Pressly was a good man. He loved his family and everything Montana. His family loves and misses him.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Jack. He is survived by his wife, Peggy; daughter, Carrie Bazyluk and her husband, Terry; son, Rod Pressly and his wife Stephanie; grandchildren, Ben and Katie Bazyluk, Kate and Rory Pressly; brother Vern Volbright and his son Garth.

Should anyone wish to make a memorial donation, please send it to The Glacier Fund, Glacier National Park, West Glacier, MT 59936.



## Aline Pretty on Top

**LODGE GRASS** — Marjorie Aline Pretty on Top, 64, of Lodge Grass, passed away Sunday, Oct. 31, 2004, in the Crow-Northern Cheyenne Indian Hospital in Crow Agency.

IiKaa'xciiasash: "Shining Star" was born Oct. 19, 1940, in Crow Agency, a daughter of David Plenty Hoops, Sr. and Amanda Old Crow. Her grandparents, Simon and Annie Plenty Good Old Crow of Lodge Grass, and her stepfather, Paul J. Bad Horse, Sr. raised her. She attended Lodge Grass public schools.

Aline married Buckley Pretty on Top in June of 1961 in Sheridan, Wyo., and the couple made their home in Lodge Grass.

Aline cared for her dad, Simon, at home for many years, until his death. She began work for the Head Start Program as a cook and later as a Certified Nurse Assistant in the area hospitals, later retiring due to ill health.

She and her husband enjoyed attending horse races in Montana. She also enjoyed area culture events and was a frequent participant, such as Sun Dance and serving as the Lodge Grass District Committee. However, she most enjoyed raising her grandchildren and watching them participate in sporting events.

She was a faithful member of

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the Catholic Church, Big Lodge Clan and was a child of the Big Lodge Clan.

Her parents; grandparents; stepfather; son, Leon Jude Old Crow; sisters, Eleanor Plenty Hawk, Eloise White Clay, Lucy Yellowmule Stops Susanna One Bear; brothers, David Plenty Hoops, Jr., Donald Stewart and Ross Old Crow, preceded Aline in death.

Survivors include her husband of 44 years, Buckley; sons, Bruce of Billings, Tony of Mexico, Jonathan (Lisa) and Evan (Lisa) of Lodge Grass; daughters, Myrna (Fred) Small of Lame Deer, Regina (Leonard) Bends, Ellie Rides Horse, Rachel and Dorothy Anna Pretty on Top of Lodge Grass; her sisters, Fatima Bad Horse of Wyola, Ursula Bad Horse of Billings, Sandra (Myron) Shields of Garryowen, Colleen (Walter) Old Elk and Gladys Jefferson of Crow Agency, Roxanne Old Crow and Lauren Medicine Horse of Lodge Grass; brothers, Newton (Georgette) Old Crow, Jr. of Lodge Grass and Kenneth (Fannie) Plenty of Crow Agency; her adopted sons, Cliff Birdinground, Marlin "Camel" Yarlott, Eugene Red Star, Jr., Conrad (CJ) Stewart, and Gary

Gardner; adopted daughter, Terry Collette Little Light; adopted sisters, Mavis Covers Up and Clarice Kindness; her sister/aunts, Joy (Paul) Matt, Sr. and Kathryn Old Crow; grandmothers, Laura Singer and Mildred Old Crow; her aunts, Alice Mae Tobacco, Carol White Clay, Beverly (Tommy) Pretty On Top and Katie Pretty Weasel; brother/uncles, Rev. Newton (Amelia) Old Crow, David and Reuben (Elizabeth) Stewart; adopted brothers, Henry (Alma) Real Bird, Paul Bad Horse, Jr. and David (Bernadine) Bad Bear; adopted sister, Mercy (Maynard) Hill; her special friend, Mary Ann Bear Below; her 19 grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren, who referred to her as "Baby Kaala"; and her loving pets, "Friend" and "Tequila." She is also related to the Otter Stays in the Water, Levi Yellowmule, Star Black Hawk and the Brass families from her maternal side. Our family is very large. If we have forgotten you, please accept our apology.

Rosary will be recited 4 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 3, in the Bullis Funeral Chapel.

Funeral mass will be celebrated 10 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 4, in the Lodge Grass Our Lady of Loretto Catholic Church. Rite of Committal will follow in the Lodge Grass Cemetery. Bullis Mortuary of Hardin has been entrusted with the arrangements.

## **Richard Preuninger**

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**LAS VEGAS — Richard Preuninger, 69, of Las Vegas, formerly of Billings and Deaver, Wyo., died Thursday, Oct. 14, 2004, at his home in Las Vegas.**

**Cremation has taken place with private family memorial pending. Desert Memorial Cremation was in charge of arrangements in Las Vegas.**

**Gerald O. Prindle 'Jerry'**

SEBRING, Fla. — Gerald O. Prindle "Jerry," of Sebring, died Nov. 21, 2004, in Sebring.

He was born in Billings on June 20, 1924. He joined the Army Air Corps in 1942, later transferring to the Air Force. Jerry was a veteran of WWII, Korea and Vietnam, and retired in 1969 as a M/Sgt. After retiring, he opened a western store in Apple Valley, Calif., where Roy Rogers was a customer. After leaving California in 1972 and traveling, he settled in Sebring in 1974 working in construction locally in the winter and in Yellowstone Park, Colstrip, Mont., and North Dakota in the summer. He later became a long-distance truck driver, along with his wife, who was his co-driver.

Jerry was an avid woodworker and carver, and a life member of VFW Post #4300 in Sebring. He loved reading, watching game shows, crossword puzzles, keeping up with current events, and morning coffee with his friends. He took great pleasure in watching the squirrels eating from the feeders he made for them. He especially missed "Peanuts," a nearly tame squirrel

who would eat peanuts from his hand but was lost during Hurricane Jeanne in September.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Alvin Gilbert Prindle and Marietta LeMay Prindle, and his brother Alvin L. Prindle.

Jerry married Vernetta Zentner (Vernie) in Columbus, Mont., on Aug. 31, 1946. He leaves behind his loving wife of 58 years, Vernetta, of Sebring; daughters Kathy Doerr of Sebring and Linda Crawford of Las Vegas; son-in-law Dennis Crawford, stationed in Iraq; sister Joyce Madsen and brother Ronald Prindle, both of Billings; grandsons Thomas Crawford of Las Vegas, and S/Sgt. Dennis Crawford Jr., stationed in Kuwait; great-granddaughter Katalynn Crawford of Illinois; many nieces and nephews; best friend and buddy, Don Glessing, of Sebring; and his beloved dog, Gizmo.

A memorial was held on Nov. 26, at Morris Funeral Chapel in Sebring, where the VFW Post #4300 Honor Guard played "Taps" and presented the flag to Jerry's wife.

# Edward L. Prior

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Longtime and well known lease broker Edward L. Prior, 81, of Billings, passed away May 13, 2004. Eddie, as he was known, was born Feb. 12, 1923, in Columbus, Ohio, to Imo and Edward Prior, Jr. The family later moved to Mount Pleasant, Mich., where Eddie graduated high school.

He served in the army in Europe during World War II from 1942 to 1945. Upon returning from the war, Eddie attended Central Michigan University where he earned a BS degree in Psychology. After graduation, he entered the oil business and moved to Calgary, Alberta, where he met and married Grace Eleanor Oake in 1950.

After their marriage, Eddie and Grace moved to Denver and settled in Billings in 1952, where Eddie worked as an independent lease broker until his retirement in the mid-'80s.

Eddie was a social man and a member of the Petroleum Club, Yellowstone Country Club, the Landman's Association and St.



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Stephen's Episcopal Church.

He started caddying at the age of 8 and was an avid golfer most of his life. In addition to golf, Eddie enjoyed hunting and fishing and loved Montana.

He will be remembered as a loving and devoted father and a man who was extremely generous to his family, friends and his church.

Eddie was preceded in death by his beloved wife Grace in 1993.

He is survived by daughters, Susan Prior Smith and Eleanor Lynn (Wayne B.) Merry, all of Bozeman; sister Marjorie Breiden, of St. Claire, Mich.; brother Herbert (Rita) Prior of Tacoma, Wash.; grandchildren Erin Lynne Smith and Stephanie Suzanne Smith, both of Las Vegas, and Colt Emerson Merry of Bozeman. Eddie is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be held 2:30 p.m. Monday, May 17, at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Billings.

Memorial contributions may be made in his name to St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 1241 Crawford Drive, Billings, MT 59102.

# Marilyn Blair-Proffitt *The BILLINGS GAZETTE*

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CODY, Wyo. — Marilyn Blair-Proffitt, 58, died on March 3, 2004, of a complicated illness. She was born in Cody, on July 11, 1945, to Quinn Blair and Elizabeth Horstman Blair. She graduated from Cody High School in 1963. She attended Westminster College in Salt Lake City and Northwest Community College in Powell, and went on to work in the counseling field and helped many people throughout her life.

She is survived by her husband Jim Proffitt of Powell; daughter Angela Spradlin of Cody; son Jason (Jessica) Hogg of Carson, Wash.; son Ty (Danette) Nay of El Centro, Calif.; stepdaughter Lynette Hessenthaler of Boise, Idaho; stepson Danny Proffitt of Billings; father Quinn (Ruth) Blair; mother Elizabeth Horstman Blair; sisters Elizabeth (Keith) Kendall-Browne, Barbara Smith; brother Ted (Judy) Blair. She enjoyed her grandchildren, Madison, Joshua, Jace, Derrick, Autumn, Douglas, Hannah and Raven. She is also survived by aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews and many friends.

The cremation has already taken place and the memorial service will be held March 10, 3 p.m., at the Christ Episcopal Church. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the Marilyn Blair-Proffitt memorial fund at the Community

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First National Bank in Cody. The donations will be given, in Marilyn's name, to her favorite charities and organizations.

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**FRUITT** — Charlie H., 87,  
of Bozeman, passed away  
Sunday. There will be a  
memorial service 11 a.m.  
Saturday, at Grand Avenue  
Christian Church.(12/4)

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# Henry M. 'Hank' Pruitt

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LAUREL — Henry M. "Hank" Pruitt, 75, passed away Tuesday, April 6, 2004, at his home in Laurel. Hank was born Dec. 18, 1928, in Chicago. The family moved to Denver, where he was raised. He married Elaine Desanto. Later, he married Carol Moore, who preceded him in death. He married Rosalee Miller in 1988 and she survives him.

Hank worked as a steeple jack and later as a truck driver for Empire Sand & Gravel. He raced sled dogs for many years when he lived in Colorado. He loved hunting and fishing.



**HANK PRUITT**

Hank had a wonderful sense of humor. He was generous from his heart in aiding those who needed assistance of any type. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

Survivors include his wife, Rosalee; seven daughters, Claudia Pruitt of Loveland, Colo., Julie Dressler, Lisa Clarke, Kimberly Redding, all of Billings, Robin Langman of Shepherd, Kimberly Heiser of Laurel and Sandra Smith of Wyoming; four sons, Mark Allen Pruitt of Laurel, Mike Miller, Charlie Miller, Jim Sheets, all of Billings. Also surviv-

ing are two brothers, Richard James Pruitt of Denver and Thomas R. Pruitt of Thornton, Colo.; a sister, Mildred Millett of Colorado; 14 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Cremation has taken place. A private family service will be held. Smith Funeral Chapel is in charge of arrangements. Memorials may be made to Special K Ranch or Big Sky Hospice.

## Wayne Pryde

LOVELL, Wyo. — Wayne Pryde, 69, died Monday, March 22, 2004, at Powell Valley Nursing Home in Powell.

Cremation has taken place. A graveside memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Friday, March 26, in the Byron Cemetery. Haskell Funeral Home of Lovell is in charge.

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# Leila Jeanette Psenda

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EAST HELENA — Leila Jeanette Psenda, 80, of East Helena, beloved mother, grandmother, sister and friend, went to be with her Lord on April 26, 2004, after a brief illness.

Leila was born in Laurel on Aug. 27, 1923, to Maurice William Baker and Meredith Richardson Baker. She graduated from Laurel High School in 1942 and in September of that year, married Richard J. Harris Jr. in Park City. Together, they built and operated the Park City Locker Plant and then the Harris Lumber Co. and the Welcome Travelers Motel in Laurel. They divorced in 1957. Leila then went to work for the BN Railroad office in Billings and Laurel. In 1959, she married Louis Psenda in Billings. In 1961, they moved to Glendive to manage the Glen Bowl Lanes. Two years later, they opened the L and L Bowling Lanes in the basement of the Moose Lodge in Glendive and in 1968, became part of a corporation that purchased the Glen Bowl Lanes. Upon Louis' death in 1990, Leila moved to East Helena to live near her three children.

Leila was a devoted mother, grandmother and homemaker. She enjoyed fishing, camping, bowling, golfing, crocheting, knitting, cross-stitch and bridge. Leila belonged to the ACBL Duplicate Bridge Club of Glendive and since 1991 to the

Florence Crittenton Charity Bridge Group of Helena. She was a member of the Canyon Ferry Road Baptist Church.

Leila was preceded in death by her parents; two infant brothers; her husband Louis; and two grandsons, Doug and Darrell. She is survived by a sister and brother-in-law, Lois and Henry Kaiser of Laurel; a sister-in-law, Katherine Egeness of Red Lodge; two daughters and sons-in-law, Sandra and Clifford Jackson and Dixie and James Gleich of East Helena; a son and daughter-in-law, Richard and Sharon Harris of East Helena; three stepchildren, Richard Psenda of Houston, George Psenda of Grand Junction, Colo., Kay Louene Thomlin of Las Vegas; six grandsons, Robin (Marilyn) Jackson, Shawn (Katherine) Jackson, Tyson Jackson, Heath (Jackie) Gradwohl, Wolfer and Mathew Harris of East Helena; 13 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; a niece and a nephew and several grandnieces and nephews.

Cremation has taken place. A celebration of Leila's life will be held at the Canyon Ferry Road Baptist Church on Friday, April

30, at 2 p.m., with the Reverend Dave Howeth officiating.

Memorials may be sent to the Florence Crittenton Home, 901 Harris, Helena, MT 59601; to the CTB fund of the Canyon Ferry Road Baptist Church, 3384 Canyon Ferry Road, East Helena, MT 59635, or to the charity of your choice.

Retz Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

# Mary Grace Pugliano

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LIVINGSTON — Mary Grace Pugliano, 98, of Livingston, died at Frontier Assisted Living Community, early Tuesday morning, July 13, 2004.

Rosary will be 7 p.m. Thursday, July 15, led by Pastoral Minister Joannie Lee, and Mass of the Christian Burial will be 10 a.m. Friday, July 16, both at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Livingston. The Rev. John Ward will officiate. Graveside committal and burial will follow in Calvary Cemetery.

Mary was born Nov. 19, 1905, in Livingston, the daughter of Thomas and Antonietta (DiBuono) Giordano. She spent her early life in Livingston and attended St. Mary's School. At an early age, she went to work in Livingston's overall pants factory, at the site of what would become Lincoln School. On Jan. 8, 1922, she married Louis Pugliano in Livingston. In 1934, the family moved to Twin Falls, Idaho, where they lived until returning to Livingston in 1938. She was then employed as a housekeeper at Long's Motel until her retirement. Mr. Pugliano died on May 11, 1957.

Mary was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church and St. Mary's Altar Society. She was very devoted to her family. She enjoyed doing handiwork, but especially crocheting.

Survivors include two daughters, Lorraine Peterson and her husband Walter of Livingston and Gloria Thatcher and her husband Clark of El Paso, Texas; four grandchildren, Christine Glueckart of Williston, N.D., Corinne Kirscher and her husband Ralph of Missoula, Paula Bettes and her husband Harold of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Tony Thatcher and his wife Kate of Midland, Texas; 16 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

If so desired, memorials may be directed to St. Mary's School Scholarship Fund, PO Box 646, Livingston, MT 59047, or to the charity of the donor's choice.