

## BILLINGS GAZETTE

Thermopolis, Wyo. — Mikey (Appel) Quenzer, age 62, of Thermopolis, formerly of Glendive, Mont., passed away at her daughter's home in Fargo, N.D., on Saturday, Sept. 4, 2004, after an arduous battle against Metastatic Breast Cancer. She went peacefully to be with her Lord while surrounded by her loved ones.



**MICKEY  
QUENZER**

A vigil service will be held at 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 10, in the Chapel of the Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home in Glendive. Memorial Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 11, at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Glendive, with Father Joseph Ponessa officiating. Rite of Committal will be in the Prairie County Cemetery in Terry, Mont. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Glendive is entrusted with arrangements.

Mikey was born LaRae Michael McGraw in Terry, on June 12, 1942, the daughter of Delmar and Lucille (Hauk) McGraw. She lived in Terry and Miles City before settling in Glendive in 1955. She graduated from Dawson County High School with the class of 1960. She

married Bob Appel in 1960 and they had two children, Todd and Terri. She drove school bus for many years in the '70s and '80s — a job she absolutely loved, and her kids loved her as well. She was an active member of the local Jaycees for many years and enjoyed driving in the annual Demolition Derby (and winning!). She loved hunting with her family and was a great shot. Mikey was "mom" to all her children's friends, and her home and supper table were always open to all. She married Floyd Quenzer on April 1, 1984, and moved to Williston, N.D., where she attended and graduated from college. In 1990, Mikey and Floyd moved to Thermopolis. She worked for 11 years as a Case Manager for Bighorn Enterprises, Inc. She survived one fight with breast cancer while there and continued to work until the returning breast cancer disabled her. Mikey was cherished by all her coworkers, and especially by all the clients whom she loved and cared for very much. Anyone who knew Mikey loved her as she always showered people with kindness and had time for everyone. Her beautiful smile greeted all, even through the pain she endured.

Mikey loved driving the

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boating and weekend campouts with her children and grandchildren, and taking pictures — but she was best known as a garage sale addict. Her life was her children and grandchildren. She was always traveling to attend important events in their lives and forever making plans to spend time with them. She adored them, and they adored her — she was the best mom and grandma anyone would ever hope to have.

Survivors include her husband, Floyd Quenzer of Thermopolis; her son, Myron Todd Appel and his wife Rhonda of Glendive; her daughter, Terri Ulrich and her husband Ryan of Fargo; two stepsons, Troy Quenzer and his wife Des of Spearfish, S.D., and Chad Quenzer of Salt Lake City; her mom, Lucille McGraw of Glendive; two sisters, Patsy Nelson of Glendive and Karen Irigoin of Reno, Nev.; and her precious grandchildren, Garrett and Tasia, Damen, Erik and Dalton, Shannon and TerrieAnn; her numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts and uncles.

She is preceded in death by her brother Miles "Tweeter," and her dad, Delmar McGraw.

Mikey is at peace with the Angels, she is our Angel now.

Memorials may be sent to Todd or Terri and will be forwarded to Breast Cancer Research. Please add a note with your wishes.

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

**NOV 07 2004**

**BOZEMAN** — Donald E. Quigley, 80, of Bozeman, passed away Tuesday, Nov. 2, 2004.

He was born May 3, 1924, in Nitro, W.Va., the son of Earl and Nellie (McNee) Quigley. Don was raised in Long Island, N.Y., and graduated from Amityville High School. After moving to New Jersey, he attended Rutgers University.



**DONALD  
QUIGLEY**

Don married Laura Smith on Aug. 23, 1941. He served in the U.S. Army during WWII. Don was a well-respected business executive. He began his career at Republic Aviation Corporation in New York before moving to Carborundum Corporation in Perth Amboy, N.J.

After Carborundum, he decided to go into the film industry by working for Deluxe Laboratories, ultimately rising to executive vice president of 20th Century Fox. His final position was executive vice president of Yosemite Park and Curry Co. While in Yosemite, Don and Laura were surrogate parents to many young people who came to live and work in the park.

During his life he lived in Massapequa, N.Y.; Griggstown,

N.J.; Little Ferry, N.J.; Malibu, Calif.; Yosemite, Calif.; and Sonoma, Calif. Don and Laura moved to Bozeman in 1991, their final home.

Preceding Don in death were his parents; his wife Laura; and his granddaughter Erin.

Survivors include four children, Peter (Pat) Quigley of Mt. Laurel, N.J., Dennis (Janet) Quigley of Savannah, Ga., Donna DeGaetani of Los Angeles and Kim (Ken Stepanik) Quigley of Bozeman; seven grandchildren Richard Quigley, David Quigley, Kerry (David) Rutkiewicz, Reagan Quigley, Zach Quigley-Stepanik, Eli Quigley-Stepanik and Laura Quigley-Stepanik, as well as great-grandchildren Spencer Quigley, and Heather and Ryan Rutkiewicz.

There will be a gathering of family and friends at the family home, 3040 Branding Iron, Bozeman, beginning at 5 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 10. This will be an old-fashioned Irish wake, so bring a joke and a memory. A Celebration of Don's Life will follow at 6 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Bozeman Deaconess Hospice, c/o of the Bozeman Deaconess Foundation, 931 Highland Blvd. Suite 3200, Bozeman, MT 59715.

## Robert "Bob" Quigley

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JAN 16 2004

MILES CITY — Robert "Bob" Quigley, 78, passed away at his home on Tuesday, Jan. 13, 2004.

Visitation is on Friday at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home. Services are at 1 p.m. Saturday at the First Baptist Church with interment at 1 p.m. Monday at the Custer County Cemetery.

Jova Chino Quilico, 89, of Billings, passed away Sunday morning, Oct. 10, 2004, at his home.

He was born May 10, 1915, in Red Lodge, the son of Alberto and Catherine Quilico. Chino grew up in Red Lodge and moved briefly to Seattle before moving to Billings, where he has lived for over 50 years.

Chino served in the U.S. Navy during WWII. He had worked for Jasons for over 43 years. Even in his retirement, he continued serving his many loyal customers. He was known for being impeccably dressed, even to the point of wearing slacks to care for his roses.

Chino had a great love for people and always made everyone feel right at home. The love of his life was his wife Helen. Dancing was a passion to both of them. Together, they created a professional dance studio and touched the lives of many by teaching their passion. Dixieland, Sinatra and Dino could be heard in his home on many occasions. When not on the dance floor, Helen and Chino could be found meandering along the Stillwater, fishing and enjoying the outdoors. In addition, his love for



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QUILICO**

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flowers and roses is evident in his manicured yard.

He was preceded in death by his wife Helen; son Bryan; grandson Dennis Gorringer; sister Mary DeBourg and nephew Roger DeBourg.

He is survived by his six children, Beverly (Paul) Gorringer, Georgia (Don) Manning, Mimi (Nick) Schneider, Bernie (Joan) Quilico, Georgia Crow and Vicki (Rich) Pantoja. He is also survived by 16 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren; a nephew, John DeBourg (Linda); and niece Cathy O'Shea (Jim).

Sahuté Dad!

Cremation has taken place. Vigil services will be 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 14, at St. Thomas the Apostle Church. A Memorial Mass will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, Oct. 15, at the Church.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Big Sky Hospice.

Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary has charge of arrangements.

THE POWELL TRIBUNE  
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## Marie Quinn

Marie Quinn of Powell died at Cody on Saturday, Aug. 7. She was 85.

She was born Nov. 27, 1918, at Riverton to Georg and Margaret (Beleth) Rein. She was a graduate of Riverton High School and West Suburban Hospital in Oak Park, Ill.

She was a dedicated nurse. Following graduation from college, she entered the U.S. Army during World War II and served as a mash unit nurse in the European campaign. Following the war, she continued in the nursing field in the Riverton area, serving in the Riverton Memorial Hospital, the school district and on the ambulance service. She retired from nursing in 1989 to hunt rocks and enjoy her grandchildren.

Survivors include two sons, Georg Trosper (Ann) of Cody and Ed Trosper (Carla) of Mt. Vernon, Wash.; six granddaughters, Amy Williams and Holly Bratten of Mt. Vernon, Wash., Ti Trosper in the U.S. Navy, Sunny Trosper of Topeka, Kans., Haley Williams and Madison Williams of Mt. Vernon; and two brothers, Fritz and Robert Rein, both of Riverton.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Georg and Margaret Rein; her sisters, Ruth Dow and Gretchen Dose; and a brother, Georg Rein.

Should friends desire, memorials might be directed to the WW II Memorial in care of Powell High School.

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# Robert 'Tony' Anthony Raab

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KENT, Wash. — Tony was born March 8, 1937, and died peacefully at home on June 3, 2004, in Kent, after a courageous battle with cancer.

Tony grew up on Vashon Island and graduated from Vashon High School. He attended college in California, where he and his family lived part-time for many years in Palm Springs. He then moved to Billings, where he resided for over 30 years. He went to the Foster Tukwilla Presbyterian Church. His interests were real estate for the last 14 years; dealing, buying and selling cars; Long Haul truck driving; and he always enjoyed the race cars.

Tony leaves behind his sister, Shirley Gray and her sons, Lyold and Wayne Raab; his son, Doug Raab; daughter Tony and husband Danny Schwarzman; son Brad and wife Michelle Middling; daughter Debbie and husband David Long; daughter Linda and husband Robert Elfstrom; daughter Candy and husband Jerry Hoeper; son Steve Middling; and leaves behind several grandchildren and many family and friends.

The family gives special thanks to Fred Hutch Cancer Research Center for the care a

support. Also, thanks given to Kent Hospice of Seattle.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, June 11, at 2 p.m., at the Island Funeral Service on Vashon

Donations may be made to Fred Hutch Cancer Research Center. A gathering will be held at the sportsman club after the service.

## Mary K. Sprankle Lofing Radcliffe

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NOV 17 2004

HERMISTON, Ore. — Mary K. Sprankle Lofing Radcliffe, of Hermiston, was born on Nov. 30, 1926, in Watsonville, Calif., to parents, Fred and Mary Hopp Sprankle. She died on Nov. 12, 2004, at Legacy Emanuel Hospital in Portland, at the age of 77 years.

She was raised and attended schools in Huntley and Billings, Mont., until the age of 16, when she moved to Vancouver, Wash., and worked in the shipyards as a painter during WWII. She still has the pictures of all of the aircraft carriers that she worked on. She was always very proud that she helped our cause during the war. Mary moved to California with her two best friends and worked as a carhop until returning to Billings. She married Fred Lofing on March 5, 1946, and lived in Billings before moving to Park City, Mont. To this union a son, Dennis, and daughter, Sandy, were born. They later divorced and Mary went to work at Eastern Montana College in the book store. She met Wally Radcliffe and they moved to Prosser, Wash., in 1965, and she went to work as a waitress at the Town House Cafe. Mary married Wallace "Wally" Radcliffe on Feb. 11, 1966, in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. They moved to Umatilla in 1971 and a few years later to

Hermiston, where they have lived since. She worked at the Crossroads Cafe in Umatilla as a waitress from 1971 until 1986 when she retired. She enjoyed flowers, her animals, gardening dancing and playing pinochle. Mary was a loving mother and wife who loved to cook, have family gatherings, and always put her family first. She will be remembered with her beautiful smile and loving heart.

She is survived by her husband, Wally Radcliffe, Hermiston; son, Dennis Lofing, Hermiston; daughter, Sandy Hunter and her husband Steve, Hermiston; sisters, Molly Lynch, Billings, and Eva Ostermiller, Roundup; several nieces and nephews.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Fred and Alec Sprankle; and two infant brothers, Henry and Victor; sister, Annie Felde.

Funeral service will be held on Friday, Nov. 19, at 1 p.m., at Burns Mortuary Chapel, Hermiston.

Burial will follow at the Hermiston Cemetery, Hermiston.

Those who wish may make contributions in Mary's memory

to Pet Rescue in Hermiston or the  
Salvation Army in Pendleton, c/o  
Burns Mortuary of Hermiston at  
PO Box 289, Hermiston, OR  
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Burns Mortuary of Hermiston  
is in care of arrangements.

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## George 'Moe' Radovich

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JUL 29 2004

LAS VEGAS, Nev. — George "Moe" Radovich, 75, formerly of Powell, Wyo., died Friday, June 18, 2004.

Graveside committal services are at 2 p.m. Saturday at Crown Hill Cemetery in Powell. Miratsky-Easton Funeral Home in Powell is in charge.

## George (Moe) Radovich

George "Moe" Radovich, former University of Wyoming basketball great who went on to become head coach of the Cowboy basketball program, died Friday, June 18 in Las Vegas, Nev. at the age of 75.

He was born May 5, 1929, in Crosby, Wyo., outside of Thermopolis. He attended schools in Thermopolis and starred in basketball for the Thermopolis Bobcats. He attended junior college at then Northwest Center in Powell before transferring to UW where he graduated in 1952. He received his master's degree in 1955.

As a Cowboy basketball player, he was named most valuable player in the western regional playoffs and was selected to the Helms Foundation All-American team. He was a member of the college all stars who toured with the Harlem Globetrotters. He played one season with the NBA's Philadelphia Warriors.

He served as a lieutenant in the U.S. Army for two years during the Korean War and was wounded.

In his coaching career, he coached at Sheridan College and Wayne State in Nebraska before becoming an assistant coach at UW for five years. He was head basketball coach at Fullerton Jr. College in Fullerton, Calif., for one season and then was hired as head coach at UW from 1974-1976.

He moved to San Diego, Calif., where he was active in sports-related businesses. He and his wife retired in 1995 and moved to Las Vegas.

Survivors include his wife, the former Barbara (Bobbie) Kagi of Powell, two daughters, Tara Radovich and Toby James; one grandson; and two great-grandchildren of San Diego.

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Cremation has taken place. Memorial services were held June 21 in Las Vegas. Graveside services for burial of remains will be held at Crown Hill Cemetery in Powell on Saturday, July 31 at 2 p.m.

## Sheila Ann Radue

POPLAR — Sheila Ann Youngman Radue, 35, passed away on Jan. 3, 2004.

Wake will begin at 3 p.m. Friday at the Poplar Cultural Center with a prayer service at 7 p.m. The funeral Service will be at 10 a.m. on Saturday at the Poplar Cultural Center. Burial will be in the Box Elder Cemetery in Poplar. Clayton Stevenson Memorial Chapel is entrusted with arrangements.

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## Ordway Clinton 'Bud' Rafter

THE GREAT SUNDAY GAZETTE

JUN 01 2004

HOGELAND — Ordway Clinton "Bud" Rafter, 90, longtime Blaine County farmer/rancher, passed away May 29, 2004, at Central Montana Skilled Nursing Center in Lewistown, due to natural causes.

Burial will be June 3, at 10 a.m., in the Wing Cemetery, with services following at 11 a.m. in the Hogeland American Lutheran Church. Visitation will be Wednesday, June 2, at the Rafter farm, east of Hogeland, from 3 to 9 p.m.

Memorials may be sent to the Hogeland American Lutheran Church, Zion Lutheran Church in Lewistown, the Hogeland Fire Department or one's choice. Arrangements are by Edwards Funeral Home of Chinook.

Mr. Rafter is survived by his daughter, Lynette (Brian) Sallee of Lewistown; grandsons, Del Sallee with the U.S. Army, Kale Sallee of Lewistown; step-grandsons, Ralph and Mike Wilks; sisters, Margaret Thronson of Bellevue, Wash., Garnett Sumner of Toano, Calif.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife Verna in 1996; son Lee Rafter in 1994; brothers Clayton and Richard; sisters Erma Klungland, Ruby Murphy, Beth Dolven and Grace Meitzel.



## JoAnn Frances Ragain

GLENDIVE — JoAnn Frances Ragain, 63, died Oct. 25, 2004, at Deaconess Billings Clinic after succumbing to a sudden illness.

Memorial services will be held 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 13, at the Zion Lutheran Church, with Pastor Avis Anderson and Pastor Paul Everett officiating. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home is entrusted with arrangements.

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# JoAnn Frances Ragain

OCT 27 2004

**GLENDIVE** — JoAnn Frances Ragain, beloved daughter and sister, loving wife and mother, died Oct. 25, 2004, at Billings Deaconess Hospital, after succumbing to a sudden illness.

She was born in McMinnville, Ore., on Aug. 5, 1941, grew up there, and graduated from McMinnville High in 1959. She attended Linfield College while simultaneously working in the Registrar's office on campus. She met her husband at the school, and married him in the spring of 1962 at the First Baptist Church in McMinnville.



**JOANN  
RAGAIN**

Between the years of 1967 and 1969, they adopted two children. The family then lived in the towns of Idaho Falls, Idaho; San Jose, California; Grants Pass, Ore.; and Glendive. She was a first-rate homemaker, committed volunteer worker and regarded community member wherever she went. Most of all, perhaps, she was a wife, mother and grandmother who gave of herself to those whom she loved. In her spare time, she loved to travel, especially for visits with her three grandchildren. Needlepointing, reading and doing crosswords were also some

**BILLINGS** ... of her favorite activities. She loved words, and was a formidable Scrabble player.

She is survived by her husband of 42 years, Kermit Ragain MD, of Glendive; and her parents Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wright of McMinnville, Ore. Also, her children, Lisa Ragain, of Arlington Va., and Kerry Ragain of Seattle survive, embracing her loving memory, and will continue to pass her legacy on with the grandchildren, including Liam, 7 years old, Quinn, 6, and Tobey, 1. Her sudden passing leaves her family members and community grieving an immeasurable loss. Her loving spirits, gentle sense of humor, caring, optimistic way and unending enthusiasm for life will be dearly missed by all.

Two memorial services will be held, the first being in McMinnville, at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 30, at the First Baptist Church, and then in Glendive. For information and questions regarding the service in Glendive, please contact Silvernale-Silha Funeral Homes at 1-800-368-2690 or visit their website at: [www.silvernale-silha-funeralhome.com](http://www.silvernale-silha-funeralhome.com).

Memorials are suggested to PEO's Scholars Fund in Glendive or the Ronald McDonald House in Portland, Ore.

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**BOZEMAN** — Kay Ragland, our dearly beloved friend and mother, was born in Lancaster, Pa., Oct. 17, 1944, to Merton and Murilla (Linnerooth) McCoy.

Though she moved west to find her permanent roots, she always held a deep love for her home in Pennsylvania as well as her Amish neighbors and their way of life. An



**KAY  
RAGLAND**

education degree at Montana State University brought her to Bozeman, interrupted by a near fatal motorcycle accident, which was the true beginning of her journey to God. Though she did teach for a while and ran a family restaurant, "The Union Hall", her real love, her real place, was in the home as "Mother." This was her true love, the love a mother has to offer her family through her home. There is nothing she wouldn't do, nothing she wouldn't sacrifice for her children and they remained always her first thought. But her love stretched far beyond her own family. Her heart opened, as well as did her home, to many in need of love in this world often devoid of caring hands; those in jail, those on the street, as well as those who had

plenty as far as this world is concerned, but lacked love.

Her journey to God took her to Medugorje in Bosnia, Herzegovina, the site of the ongoing apparitions of the Blessed Mother. There again her heart found home and brought the love and life there back with her, as well as introducing many others to this life through leading pilgrimages to Medugorje. The living message of Medugorje, (a return to the love of God,) and a deep devotion to the Blessed Mother were the source and direction of her love. Through the Rosary she found strength, purpose, and love to reflect on those around her. Her work in spreading the message of the Gospel was not one of words, but one of love, of living goodness, of giving herself to others and always pointing to God as the source.

Any who knew Kay personally were truly blessed by her insight, her advice, and most often, just her help. Kay was truly a woman of deep faith, a faith that echoes throughout her life and that of those who knew her, in the form of living love, a faith received and nourished through countless hours of prayer. We thank you, Kay, we love you, Kay, and we thank You, God, for sending us Kay.

Kay is survived by her very good friend, Louis Russell; her son, Donny, his wife, Holly and their children, Haylee, Julianna and Brooklynn; her son Jeff, and his wife Kristin, and their children Caleb and Taylor; her son Christopher Ty; her three brothers, Bill McCoy and his wife, Betty, Mike McCoy and his wife Diane, and Pat McCoy.

Kay would ask that any charitable contribution you might have go to someone you know who needs it.

## Joanne Raines

OCT 28 2004

EDGAR — Our loving wife, mother, sister, grandmother, aunt, cousin and friend has joined Jesus in heaven, peacefully, Oct. 26, 2004.

Joanne was rich in values. She had true passion for those in need. Her many loves in life were sewing, crocheting and camping. She couldn't resist a peach pie or any dessert for that matter. She truly lived life to the fullest.

*You're in our memory and hearts forever.*

She is survived by her loving husband, John Raines of Edgar; five children, Guy, Kellie, Kim, John and Gala; six grandchildren and one great-grandchild; brothers Jeff Humiston and Bob Humiston. She was preceded in death by parents Dorothy and Clint; brother Jim and sister Linda.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Beartooth Hospice and Edgar Fire Dept. Special thanks to Beartooth Hospice nurses Carol, Donna and Sheila and Dr. Cabell of Deaconess Billings Clinic.

Graveside services will be held 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 30, in the Rockvale Cemetery. Cremation has taken place.

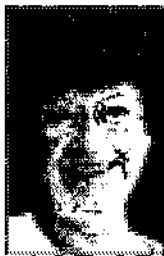
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# Joan Arlene Rambold

OCT 26 2004

Joan Arlene Rambold passed away on Oct. 24, 2004, at Deaconess Billings Clinic, from a rare brain disorder called Jakob Creutzfeldt Disease.

Joan was born on Jan. 18, 1928, to Keith and Blanche Culbertson in Fort Scott, Kan. The Culbertsons homesteaded in Pinedale, Wyo., where her father built them a two-room log home and raised sheep. She had one brother, Kayle, and two sisters, Jean and Juana. The family moved, after buying the Half Mile Ranch between Columbus and Absarokee.



**JOAN  
RAMBOLD**

Joan graduated from Columbus High School in 1946 and continued her education at MSU-Bozeman, graduating in 1950 with a BA degree in Art and English. That summer, she met the love of her life, Kenneth Calvin Rambold, in Billings. They were married Aug. 24, 1951, and had five beautiful children: Jeanne, Judy, Kenny, Stacey and Ginger.

Joan dedicated her life to her husband and raising her family. Our mother passed on many of her traditional values and wanted her children to have the same lov-

ing and supporting family she has always been surrounded by. She taught school in Whitehall, a Billings Central High, for the Billings School District and her own personal art classes. Joan had many interests other than her family and teaching. She was 4-H leader, avid bridge player, loved to read, a great cook, enjoyed scrapbooking and treasured her gardens. She loved to travel with her husband and was an excellent seamstress, making many clothes, costumes and formals for her children and 14 grandchildren. She was one of the founding members of the Mayflower Congregational Church, dedicating much of her time to Sunday school, archives, flower arrangements, and always willing to volunteer her time for her church.

Joan and Kenny have many wonderful groups of friends. Bridge clubs, Bobcat fans, golfing buddies, traveling companions and many lifelong friends! Mom always said "We are so lucky to have such special friends."

Joan's true passion was her art and she was an excellent water color artist. For the past 25 years, she met with her artist girlfriends every Thursday. They shared more than just their love for art. They shared their love for life as

well. She also donated many of her paintings and time to different fundraisers, most notable was Mayfair, Billings Studio Theater and the Saints. Joan had a contagious giggle and will always be remembered by the many people's lives she touched.

Joan is survived by her husband, Kenneth C. Rambold of Billings; five children, Jeanne Peterson (Mark Davies) of Billings, Judy (Francis) Rowland of Apple Valley, Calif, Kenneth (Anita) Rambold, Stacey (Jenna) Rambold and Ginger (Rowdy) Nelson, all of Billings; as well as 14 grandchildren. She is also survived by her two sisters, Jean and Leo Drain of Columbus, and Juana and Jim Hayfield of Pendleton, Ore. She was preceded in death by her parents and her brother.

Memorial services will be held at 11:15 a.m. on Thursday, Oct. 28, at Mayflower Congregational Church. A luncheon will follow at noon.

Memorials in Joan's name may be given to the Yellowstone Art Center, 401 N. 27th St, Billings, MT 59101, or Mayflower Congregational Church, 2940 Poly Drive, Billings, MT 59102, or the charity of one's choice.

Michelotti-Sawyers is in charge of arrangements.

## **Dolores Rambur**

**MAY 16 2004**

**TERRY — Dolores Rambur, 85, died on Friday, May 14, 2004 at the Holy Rosary Extended Care in Miles City.**

**Vigil services will be held at 7 p.m. on Monday, May 17, at the chapel of Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Terry. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, May 18, at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Terry. Interment will follow in the family lot of the Prairie County Cemetery.**



## Jose Ramirez, Sr.

Former Powell resident Jose Adonias Ramirez, Sr., 85, Worland, died at the Worland Healthcare & Rehabilitation Center Thursday, Dec. 2.

He was born on July 1, 1919 in Monero, N.M., to Jose A. and Senida (Garcia) Ramirez. At an early age, his family moved to Powell where he received his education and worked on farms in the area.

He served in the Army during WWII and was proud that he was able to serve his country. After his discharge he returned to Powell where he continued to work as a farm hand. He was married to Ann Gonzales in Powell on Sept. 17, 1947.

In 1963 the family moved to Worland where he worked on various farms until his retirement. Shortly after this he went to work for the City of Worland in the parks department. He retired for the final time in 2002.

Hobbies during his life included, hunting, gardening and his grandchildren. He was a member of St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two sons, Alfred and Jose Jr.; one brother and four sisters.

He is survived by his wife Ann of Worland, son; John (Teresa) Ramirez of Rockford, Ill., daughters; Esther (Jesus) Guzman of Worland, Rachel (Joaquin) Garcia of La Vernia, Texas, Barbara Monroy and Diana (Florencio) Deniz, both of Worland; brothers Frank, Philip, Joe A. and Eugene Ramirez; sisters, Susie Langel and Carmen Soto; grandchildren.

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ARCATA, Calif. — Dick Ramsey died on May 31, 2004, surrounded by friends and family in his home in Arcata, after an amazing five-year journey with metastatic melanoma. A memorial celebration will be held on this Friday, June 4, at 4 p.m., at the Unitarian Fellowship Hall, 24 Fellowship Way in Bayside, Calif., (707) 822-3793.

Dick was born on Nov. 21, 1936, in the home where his mother was born in the Mission District in San Francisco. Dick graduated from Lowell High School in San Francisco. He received his BS in Biology and his Ph.D. in Plant Pathology from University of California, Davis. Dick married his first wife, Lynn, and soon after moved to Billings, where he and Lynn raised their two children. Dick's career in education included Professor of Biology for 20 years at Rocky Mountain College in Montana, where he also was Dean of Academic Affairs. During his tenure at Rocky Mountain, Dick enjoyed two sabbaticals in Edinburgh, Scotland. Dick's final appointment was at



**DICK  
RAMSEY**

Northland College in Ashland, Wis., where he was Dean of the College of Letters, Arts and Sciences. Dick took early retirement at age 55, whereupon he moved to California to be nearer his parents, and chose Arcata as his new home.

During Dick's residence in Arcata, his contributions to the community were many. He became a Big Brother at Northcoast Big Brothers/Big Sisters, a member of the Board of Directors, and Executive Director. Dick worked at Lincoln and Jefferson elementary schools as a child advocate using non-directive play with young children. He helped to establish the Humboldt Botanical Garden Foundation where he was Executive Director and best known for his monthly newsletter article, "The Last Word," on plants and early plant collectors. In the last two years of his life, the circle felt complete when Dick was invited to enter college teaching again at College of the Redwoods. Dick always said that the closest thing to heaven was

making music with other people, especially with people one loves. He played tuba with the Bigfoot Stompers, Humboldt Bay Brass Society, All Seasons Orchestra, Hans' Oom-pah Band, and other groups at College of the Redwoods and Humboldt State University. A few months before he was diagnosed with melanoma, he started the Bayside Brass Quintet that met every Thursday night in his home. The quintet members became an anchor of friendship for him during the many transitions of his five years of cancer. Dick played with them for the last time last Thursday.

Dick loved life. He delighted in family, friends, reading, researching, cooking, gardening, traveling, charades and other games, biking, hiking, kayaking, sketching, and in his final months, easel painting. Dick enjoyed being in service to others and touched many with his kindheartedness. Dick was a teacher for us in the art of living life with compassion, thoughtfulness, joy and love.

Dick is survived by his wife, Jan; his son Eric Ramsey and grandson Derek from Montana; his daughter, Kristin Ramsey from Yosemite; his daughter, Shawn Thompson and her hus-

band Shawn Burger from Eureka; his sister, Shirley Shevchenko and her children Steve and Karen and their families from the East Bay. Harold and Matilda Ramsey, Dick's parents, who are in their 90s, are especially saddened by their loss.

Please join with family and friends in music and memories on Friday. Donations may be made to Big Brothers and Big Sisters and Hospice of Humboldt in memory of Dick's generous spirit.

## MARLIN D. RANDALL

Marlin passed away quietly in his sleep in the home of his daughter on Feb. 3, 2004, after a courageous battle with COPD.



**MARLIN  
RANDALL**

He was born June 25, 1929, on a farm outside Gering, Neb., to Henry Mac and Katherine Batt Randall. At the age of 4, he moved with his parents to Montana, where he received his schooling and graduated from Billings Senior High in 1947. He began his career out of high school as a painter with C & M Construction and married Delores Marie Frost in 1949. He continued his painting career and later was married to Joyce Babione of Sheridan, Wyo., from 1966 until 1989. He retired in 1991. He loved spending his retirement time traveling, playing golf and watching old movies.

He is survived by his four daughters and one son, Sharon Schutz (Dan) of Fromberg, Cookie Coats (Gary) of Billings, Cindy Smith (Larry) of Absarokee, Marlene "Sam" Randall (John Martinez) of Albuquerque, N.M., and Dennis Randall (Jean) of Billings; five grandchildren, Shelly Pierce (Jason), Kerri Zent (Greg), Dusty Coats, Kristina and Kimberley

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Randall of Billings; and three great-grandchildren, Tristan and Skylar Pierce and Hailey Zent. He is also survived by two sisters Barbara Fleming (Darrell) of Billings and Diane Hert (Ron) of Cody, Wyo.; and a half-sister, Henrietta Bradsby of Wheatland, Wyo., and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Henry and Katherine Randall; his sisters, Maxine Carpenter and Lois Bender.

We, his family, wish to express our deepest gratitude and thanks to Dr. Robert Pueringer of Deaconess Billings Clinic for his years of professional caring and concern, and to Jackie, Joyce and Beth of Big Sky Hospice.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorials be sent to Big Sky Hospice, PO Box 35033, Billings, MT 59107-5033.

Be at Peace, Dad, We'll Always Love You.

Cremation arrangements are being handled by Cremation or Funeral Gallery, Eighth St. West, Billings. Services will be held at First Congregational UCC, 1127 N. 27th St., Billings, Friday, Feb. 6, 11 a.m., with a reception to follow.

## Robert W. Randall

NEWS GAZETTE

APR 24 2004

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Robert W. Randall, 82, of Sheridan, died Wednesday, April 21, 2004, at Memorial Hospital of Sheridan County.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Monday, April 26, at the First United Methodist Church. Burial will be in the Masonic #43 section of the Sheridan Municipal Cemetery. Champion Ferries Funeral Home of Sheridan is in charge.

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## Robert W. Randall

Funeral services were Monday at Sheridan's First United Methodist Church for Robert W. Randall, 82, who died Wednesday, April 21 in Memorial Hospital of Sheridan County.

Pastor Don Derryberry officiated. Burial was in the Masonic #43 section of the Sheridan Municipal Cemetery, with military honors by the John Donald Garbutt Post No. 7 of Sheridan and the Wyoming National Guard.

Mr. Randall was born Sept. 2, 1921, on the family homestead north of Sheridan to Fred and Perle (Hill) Randall.

He grew up in the Sheridan area and graduated from Sheridan High School in 1939. He enlisted in the U.S. Army and was sent to Fort Lewis, Wash. He served in the Philippines and Japan during World War II and watched the signing of the peace treaty on the U.S. Missouri on Sept. 2, 1945, from the shores of Tokyo Bay.

He returned to Sheridan where he was a carpenter working under the Carpenters Union headquartered in Casper. During his years as a carpenter, he worked for various Sheridan area construction companies, including Nelson Construction and Randall Construction Co. He retired in 1984 and received his 50-year pin with the Carpenters Union.

He married Anna L. Kester Jan. 13, 1946, in Sheridan.

He was a member of First United Methodist Church in Sheridan, Big Horn Mt. Lodge #43, Elks Lodge #520 and the Carpenters Union. He enjoyed working on the apartments he owned in Sheridan, going to his wife's family ranch on Ash Creek to be around the cattle, repairing fence on the ranch, fishing and spending time with his family.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Anna; four brothers and a sister.

Survivors include one son, Gregg Randall of Powell; one daughter, Deborah Sanders of Houston, Texas; and four grandchildren.

For those who wish, memorials to First United Methodist Church, 215 W. Works Street, Sheridan, WY 82801 would be appreciated by the family.

# John Aaron Rangitsch

Farewell to a much-loved son, brother, uncle and husband.

John's life was tragically cut short on Sept. 24, 2004, in Billings. All of his family and friends will miss him greatly.



**JOHN  
RANGITSCH**

John was born Dec. 8, 1975, to James A. and Dorothy B. (Peters) Rangitsch in Billings. He was the seventh child brought by God to a loving family. He attended elementary school at Little Flower and graduated from Billings Central High School in 1994.

John's greatest joy was baking and he was a very accomplished baker in his career choice. His passions were the Pittsburgh Steelers, his Harp Seals collection and his dogs. He made sure we all knew that the remains of his "Sandy" pup will go with him into eternity.

John leaves behind his wife, Kristen Klimper Rangitsch, who he shared life with for the past five years; his mother, Dorothy of the family home; brothers and sisters, Jackie (Chuck) Belden, James (Lynn) Rangitsch, Julie (Dale) Swoboda, Jeanne (Dave) Vogeles, Jeff Rangitsch, Jerry (Tammy) Rangitsch; numerous

nieces, nephews, and two great nephews.

John was preceded in death by his dad and will be buried next to him.

All of John's friends are invited to join his family at a celebration of his life. A Vigil Service will be 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 28, with a Funeral Mass 10 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 29, both at Little Flower Catholic Church. Committal will be in Holy Cross Cemetery.

As we come together in sorrow to mourn our loss, let us remember: John would want us to remember him with love and joy to keep his memory alive as life goes on. Go Steelers!

In lieu of flowers, please send memorials in John's name to St. Vincent DePaul, 2610 Montana Ave., Billings, 59101 or Little Flower Church, 209 S. 35th Billings, 59101. Dahl Funeral Chapel is handling the arrangements.

## Tuf Ranum

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**BAKER** — Funeral Services for Tuf Ranum, infant son of Shawn and Brandye Ranum of Baker, are 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 12, at the Chapel of Stevenson Funeral Home in Baker.

Tuf Ranum was stillborn at 9:35 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 6, 2004, at the Deaconess Hospital in Billings.

Survivors include his parents, Shawn and Brandye (Benjamin) Ranum, Baker; grandparents, Deb Ranum of Baker, Vernon and Phyllis Benjamin, Lewiston, Idaho; great-grandparents, Dorothy Ranum, Miles City; Clyde and Rose Crawford, Baker.

He was preceded in death by his grandpa, Dave Ranum; great-grandparents, Joe Ranum, Phillip and June Miller, Vernon Benjamin and Etta Marie Brown.

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

Stevenson Funeral Homes of Baker & Ekalaka are in charge of the arrangements.



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CUSTER — Lewis Rapstad, 78, of Custer, passed away Friday, April 23, 2004, at his home, due to natural causes.

He was born on June 17, 1925, in Ingomar. He was the fourth of nine children of Mathias and Nora Rapstad. After attending Huntley Project High School, he enlisted in the army at the age of 18. During that time, he served in World War II and was called back in 1950 to serve in the Korean War. Throughout his life, he periodically worked in the oil fields where he earned the nickname "Whitey." He started out working as a roughneck and eventually worked his way up to a consultant.

Lewis married Ramona Lutz on May 20, 1954. In 1963, they settled in Livingston, where they owned and operated The Cave nightclub for nine years. In 1972, they moved to Billings where he once again pursued a job in the oil fields. In 2001, he married Jackie Jones of Billings.

Lewis was a generous individual who would always give to others even at times when he did not have it to give. He loved gardening and canning, which he loved to share with his family and friends. Another one of his favorite hobbies was fishing; he was always willing to take anyone who wanted to go.

Survivors include his wife, Jackie; his son Larry and wife

Cindy of Great Falls; daughter Debbie and husband Charles Eisele of Huntley; daughter Jean

**LEWIS  
RAPSTAD**

Ellen Feinstine; three stepchildren, six grandchildren; Jennifer, Benjamin, Amanda, Nathan, Rebecca and Jenna; one great-grandchild, Dalton; sisters Thelma Kratochvil and Elva Gunn of Billings, and Connie Durfee of Apple Valley, Calif.; sisters-in-law, Jeanette of Sheridan, Wyo., and Sally Jo of Roseville, Calif.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; former wife Ramona; sons Alan, Monte and Danny; brothers Harold, Arthur, Theodore, David; and sister Pat Kaiser.

Services will be held at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 28, at Faith Chapel, followed by graveside services at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Memorials may be made to Big Sky Hospice or The Ronald McDonald House.

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Mortuary is in charge of the  
arrangements.

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

## Richard (Dick) Rasky

Richard (Dick) Rasky, age 75, died peacefully at home at 720 Ave. F at 12:30 a.m. on Jan. 11, 2004, after a short but heroic battle against stomach cancer. He was surrounded by his family members at the time of his death.

Dick was born in Duluth, Minn. on April 12, 1928, the second son of Joseph J. Rasky and Helen Dacbyk. He lived in Duluth until age 14, at which time the family moved to Tacoma, Wash., where his father worked in the shipyards during WWII.

Dick attended schools in Tacoma before entering the Merchant Marines in April 1945, just as the war was ending. He made a number of voyages to Japan, Alaska and through the Panama Canal to New York City, serving at various times as a wiper, a food handler, and a bedroom steward. He sampled the work world in various fields such as lumber jack, apple picker, postal worker, and radio repairman before coming to Billings in June 1949, "just to see what Montana was like." Intending to stay only briefly, he rode with a friend, Jack Grantier, rather than



**RICHARD  
RASKY**

drive his own car. Fate intervened however, when he met the love of his life, Connie McKeever, at the young people's club at St. Patrick's Church. He ended up remaining in Billings for the rest of his life.

Dick and Constance were married at the Church of The Immaculate Conception in Forsyth on Sunday, July 2, 1950. They bought their home at 720 Ave. F in July 1952, shortly after the birth of their oldest daughter, Janice, and were still living there at the time of his death.

Dick worked as a sound technician and radio engineer, first with J.M. Hamilton Radio & Sound, until 1959, and then with Television and Electronic Supply, a division of Midland Implement until his retirement in 1993. As the family grew, Dick also worked a second job as a radio maintenance engineer for Station KOYN and Y93 from 1960 to 1980.

Under Dick's skilled hands, the family home was enlarged and remodeled as the family grew. Additions included three new bedrooms, a second bath and a completely enlarged and remodeled kitchen. Special enhancements included a bay window, a sky light and a plant window.

Dick was a devoted and affectionate husband, father, and grandfather. A quiet, gentle man, Dick found his greatest joy in doing things for others. After his retirement in 1993, he started building custom-made furniture as gifts for his wife, children, and grandchildren. He also adapted numerous pieces of equipment for use by Karen, his special daughter, who has cerebral palsy.

Dick brought joy to many lives through his wonderful music abilities. A quiet and unassuming man, he brought many a party to life by sitting down at the piano and playing songs on request. His children especially enjoyed dancing in the living room when he and friend, Art Reinhardt, played all their favorite music.

Richard is survived by his wife, Connie; his daughters, Jan Siemers (Randy) and children, Jennifer, Ryan, and Lisa, Linda (Mark) Tucker and children, Natalie Tucker Evenson, Scott, Bridger, and Pam; and great-granddaughter, Emma Evenson, of Red Lodge; son, Dan (Veronique) Rasky and children, Emily and Jerome of Palo Alto, Calif.; daughter, Teresa (Jeff) Hogan and children, Coleen and Brynn of Olympia, Wash., daughter, Nancy Rasky of Issaquah, Wash.; son, Edward (Margaret) Rasky and children, Bethany and Steven, of Nampa, Idaho; and daughter, Karen Rasky, of Billings. He is also survived by his brothers, Don Rasky of Central Point,

Ore., Joe Rasky of Tacoma; and his sister, Arlene Iseberg (Marshall) of Tacoma; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, and a multitude of friends.

Dick was a wonderful role model to his children and grandchildren by his life devoted to family, friends, and faith.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, memorials be made to Yellowstone Association of Retired Citizens, the Billings Food Bank, or to the charity of one's choice.

The family wishes to thank all the doctors, nurses, and staff at Deaconess Billings Clinic and Hospice Services for the care and concern they provided to Dick during his illness.

Vigil Service will be 7 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 12, in Dahl Funeral Chapel. Funeral Mass is at 12 noon on Tuesday, Jan. 13, in St. Patrick's Co-Cathedral, with interment to follow in Holy Cross Cemetery. Dahl Funeral Chapel is entrusted with arrangements.

## Edward L. Ratcliff

THE GAZETTE

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Edward L. Ratcliff, 79, of Billings, died peacefully at his home, surrounded by his family, on Wednesday, Dec. 15, 2004.

Ed was born the son of Roy and Mary (Carroll) Ratcliff on Aug. 16, 1925, in Princeville, Ill. He grew up on the family farm and graduated from Bradford High School in 1943.



**ED  
RATCLIFF**

Shortly after graduation, he enlisted in the Army Air Corps and began pilot training. He earned the American Theater Service Ribbon and the European African Middle Eastern Theater Service Ribbon along with the Good Conduct Medal. As the war drew to an end, the need for pilots lessened and he transferred to aircraft systems mechanics. This vocation eventually brought him to work for the Civil Aeronautics Administration in Cold Bay, Alaska, area during the late 1940s and 1950s.

After the demobilization of World War II, Ed worked his way from Texas to Park City by motorcycle. He grew fond of the area and worked on various farms and at a local service station. In 1954, mutual friends introduced him to Gloria Orlando and they were

soon united in marriage on Jan. 8, 1955, in Billings, where they have resided since. In November of 1955, they were blessed with a son, Dave, and in 1960 with another son, Joe. In 1984, Ed and Gloria became grandparents to their only grandchild, Joel, son of Dave and Molly Ratcliff. There has always been a special bond between "Papa" and Joel since his birth.

Ed was blessed with a great mechanical instinct and was always the one who family and friends called on when advice or a repair was needed. He loved motorcycles and worked with his sons as a mentor and pit crewmember during their competition days. Ed began working for the U.S. Postal Service in the early 1960s and eventually became Superintending Engineer for the Billings facility. His work included boiler and elevator inspections throughout the Northwest and he routinely attended specialized schooling at the Postal Facility in Norman, Okla.

After retirement in 1985, Ed loved working alongside his son Joe at Ratco Traller and Hitch in Billings. He loved the outdoors, hiking and camping in the deep wilderness areas of the Beartooth

Mountains. He was an avid rock hound and loved making agate jewelry, which he shared with family and friends alike. Ed also had a special place for Joe's dog "Ace," a lab chow mix. They had been inseparable over the last 12 years.

Immediate survivors include his wife of 49 years, Gloria; son Dave (wife Ellen) and grandson Joel of Ellensburg, Wash.; and son Joe of Billings. He is also survived by brothers Vincent and John, sisters Margery and Helen-Anne, all from Illinois, and Mary Jane from New York. Ed was preceded in death by his parents; brothers Phillip, Mike and Buddy; and daughter-in-law Molly.

Visitation will be 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 18, 3 to 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 19, with a vigil service at 7 p.m. Sunday, at the Dahl Funeral Chapel. Funeral Mass will be 11 a.m. Monday, Dec. 20, at St. Thomas the Apostle Church. Committal will be in Mountview Cemetery.

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**Annie Rath**

PLEVNA — Annie Rath, 87, of the Baker and Plevna area, died Monday, May 3, 2004 at the Fallon Medical Complex in Baker.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, May 7, at the Emanuel Evangelical Free Church in Plevna. Interment will follow in the Plevna Community Cemetery. Visitation will be from 1 to 9 p.m. Thursday, May 6, at Stevenson Chapel in Baker.

## Doris Rath

COLSTRIP — Doris Rath, 64, died Friday, Sept. 17, 2004, at the Rosebud County Hospital in Forsyth.

Funeral services will be 4 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 21, at the Colstrip High School Auditorium. Interment will follow on Thursday, Sept. 23, in Tuttle, N.D. Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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## Vera F. Rauchle

Vera F. Rauchle, 96, formerly of Worden, passed away Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 31, 2003, at the Eagle Cliff Care Center in Billings.

Vera was born on March 24, 1907, in Kearney, Neb., the daughter of James R. and Edna (Whittlesey) Larimer. At an early age she moved with her family to the Huntley Project where she received her education.

As a young woman, Vera worked for Huntley Project Telephone. On June 24, 1928, she married Fred W. Rauchle. She and Fred eventually purchased the Rauchle homestead and continued to farm while they raised their family.

Fred died on Dec. 31, 1982, and Vera has been a resident of the Eagle Cliff Care Center for several years.

Vera liked crocheting and tating, playing cards and caring for her gardens of vegetables and flowers. She was involved in several community organizations including the Eastern Star, the Ladies Aid, the Sewing Circle and the Hobby Club.

Survivors include a daughter, Phyllis (Walter) Cleveland; a sister, Louise Rauchle; six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband Fred; a son, Richard Rauchle; a daughter, Delores Bray; three sisters and a brother.

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Cremation has taken place and a memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 4, at the Bethlehem Congregational Church in Worden. Interment of the urn will be at 1 p.m. in the Pleasantview Cemetery. Smith Downtown Chapel is assisting with arrangements.

## **Mel Rauschendorfer**

**SIDNEY** — Mel Rauschendorfer, 79, of Sidney, died Thursday, June 24, 2004, at the Hospice Room Sidney Health Center Extended Care Facility in Sidney.

Wake service will be at 7 p.m. Sunday, June 27, at the Fulkerson Funeral Home Memorial Chapel. Mass of the Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. Monday, June 28, at the Saint Matthew's Catholic Church in Sidney. Interment will be in the Richland Memorial Park Cemetery in Sidney.

**DEATHS**

**JUN 26 2004**

## Francis Rawlings

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Francis "Cap" Rawlings, 89, of Sheridan, died Monday, Oct. 11, 2004, at his home.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, Oct. 15, at Kane Funeral Home in Sheridan.

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JERI LYNN RAY

THE LOVELL  
CHRONICLE

NOV 04 2004

Jeri Lynn Ray, 41, died Friday, Oct. 29, 2004, in Rapid City, S.D.

Jeri is the daughter of Webby Jarrett of Springfield, Neb., and Lola Stewart of Casper and the granddaughter of the late Alice and Roy Forbes of Lovell.

Funeral services are pending with Haskell Funeral Home in Lovell.

# Michelle Marie Ray BILLINGS GAZETTE

POWELL, Wyo. —Michelle Marie Ray, 48, died Friday, May 21, at her home.

Graveside funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, May 27, at Crown Hill Cemetery in Powell. Miratsky-Easton Funeral Home of Powell is in charge.

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# Betty Buryle (late) Raymond

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Betty Buryle (late) Raymond of Billings passed away April 12, 2004, after a long, courageous battle with diabetes, and a short, brave battle with cancer.

Betty was born May 24, 1948, in Butte, to Maurice and Patricia Tate. After their untimely death in 1952, Betty



**BETTY  
RAYMOND**

and her sisters went to live with their aunt, Lauretta McGregor of the Sleeping Child area in Hamilton. Betty graduated from Hamilton High School in 1966 and attended Beauty College in Missoula. Betty worked for several hair salons before opening her own business in 1983.

Betty married Don Yerian in 1969 and they had two children, La Dona Michelle and James Isham. Don and Betty were later divorced. Betty married John Raymond in 1986 and they had one child, Brogan Yardley. John and Betty were later divorced.

Betty enjoyed her kids thoroughly. She got them involved in 4-H, gymkhana, baseball, basketball, wrestling, soccer and softball. She was a real sports fan and enthusiast. She could often be

heard and seen cheering loudly. Betty also had an avid love for hunting and fishing and could always be seen fishing in Sleeping Child Creek. Betty had a love for sheep and horses, enjoying 4-H shows at the Ravall County Fair, gymkhanas, horse racing and organizing Draft Horse Pulling contests.

Betty is preceded in death by her parents; her aunt, Lauretta McGregor; and her sister, Lauretta Rice. She is survived by her children, La Dona Yerian of Custer, Jim Yerian of Hamilton and Brogan Raymond of Billings; her sister, Joan (Russ) Axtell of Corvallis; and many nieces and nephews, Randi Craun and Randy Colston of Corvallis, Maurice (Susan) Craun of Florence, David (Kelli) Craun of Corvallis, Buryle (Jerry) Williams of Darby, Patty (Rooster) Gallup of Anchorage, Alaska, Rett Novak of San Antonio, Fla., Wade Rice of San Antonio, Fla., and Frank Rice of Virginia; and many great-nieces and nephews.

"Mom, Bumps, Aunt Buryle, we love you and we will miss you."

Upon Betty's request, there will be no services. A private family spreading of ashes will be conducted.

Memorials can be sent to Big Sky Hospice, 123 S. 27th St., Billings, MT 59101.

**JUN 08 2004****LaVergne Rea**

**POWELL, Wyo. — LaVergne "Vernie" Rea, 78, of Powell, died June 6, 2004, at Powell Hospital, after a lengthy illness.**

**At her request, cremation has taken place. Memorial services will be held at a later date. Haskell Funeral Home of Lovell is in charge.**



# Cordelia Real Bird

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MAR 8 2004

7 WYOLA — Cordelia Real Bird, 78, of Wyola, died on Saturday, March 6, 2004, at Deaconess Billings Clinic after courageously dealing with a lengthy illness.

A'latidaliilee "Raven That Walks" was born March 2, 1926, in Crow Agency, a daughter of Levi Yellowmule and Virginia Plenty Buffalo.



**CORDELIA  
REAL BIRD**

She and her husband, Pius Real Bird, were married on Sept. 13, 1944, in Crow Agency and would have been married 60 years this September.

Cordelia was highly regarded as a strong and constant presence in the Crow communities participating in all cultural activities including religious and social. As a respected member of the Real Bird and Yellowmule families, she lived her life as an example, knowing that children learned best through example.

As a wife, mother, grandmother, sister and sister-in-law, her presence was a strong inspiration with her humor and wit. She was considered to be a very intelligent conversationalist, as well as having a true and deep knowledge of all the customs and

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traditions of the Crow people. Cordelia took care of livestock, especially the calves. She was fond of cooking and serving the ranch hands and people who helped during various seasons. She was also an avid basketball

fan and followed very closely the coaching career and experiences of her son, Gordon, as well as being a strong supporter of the school and sporting events of her children and grandchildren.

Two sons, Loren and Elliott Real Bird; three brothers, Milton, Louis and Cyrus Yellow Mule; and two sisters, Naomi Yellow Mule and Anne Marie Old Elk; and her Tobacco Society parents, John and Amy Whiteman preceded Cordelia in death.

Survivors include her husband, Pius; a daughter, Virginia (Girl) Real Bird of Wyola; four sons, Gordon and wife, Bernadine Real Bird Sr. of Wyola, Putt and wife, Jill Thompson, Samuel Takes the Horse and Clayton and wife, Falistus Mountain Pocket of Crow Agency; grandchildren, Rana and Steve Amyotte, Gordon and Noranne Real Bird Jr., Patricia and Bryson Rogers, Polly and Isaac Yarlott, Callie Real Bird, Tristan Real Bird, Kristi and Richard Old Coyote, Boogie and Melvette Jefferson, Tasha Jefferson, Casey and Judd Thompson; and great-grandchildren, Heather, Tanner, Tonna, TaNeel, Sierra, Elijah, Bryson,

Taylor, Hayley, Tyrell, Monica  
and Tammy.

Rosary will be recited 4 p.m.  
Tuesday in the Bullis Funeral  
Chapel. Funeral Mass will be cele-  
brated 11 a.m. Wednesday in the  
Crow Agency St. Dennis Catholic  
Church. Interment will follow in  
the Crow Agency Cemetery.  
Bullis Mortuary has been entrusted  
with the arrangements.

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## Jacqueline Redding

**BIGHORN** — Jacqueline Lee "Jackie" Redding, 70, Tullock Creek and Sarpy area historian, passed away at her home, March 20, 2004.

She was born Jan. 1, 1934, in Hardin, the only daughter of



**JACKIE  
REDDING**

John Mathew "Jack" Newell and Cleo Rexine Bryan Newell. She was raised by her grandparents, Joe and Susie Carr Newell, and grew up with her aunts, uncles and cousins.

Joe and Susie lived on the Jack Davis place by Ella Mae Woodley's. Living on the farm in the little log house, she had vivid memories of family dinners, fried chicken, homemade ice cream and the big garden that always needed hoeing and the chicken house that always needed cleaning.

After attending schools in Hardin, she married Coil "June" Redding on Jan. 10, 1951. They worked on area ranches and bought their ranch on Tullock Creek in 1956, not far from the Redding homestead on Sarpy Creek. She worked on the ranch, in the hay fields, drove school bus and was an active 4-H leader.

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Jackie was a founding leader of the Ridge Runners 4-H Club, a charter member of Undercover Gals Quilt Guild and the Jail House Gallery, where she taught classes in painting and quilting. She was a former member of the Eastern Montana Health Care Board and the Big Horn Hospital Board. She always had an interest in history and started working on family histories and genealogy in 1957. Family history of the Newells and a book of the Sarpy area were just the start of putting everything in order.

She was very creative ... loved to paint, draw, sew, play musical instruments, quilt and garden. All the while, raising three kids, a couple of June's brothers and sisters, five Edwards' boys and whoever else needed a place to call home. She was devoted to her husband, children and grandchildren.

In 1987, she began work in the Historical Preservation Office in Hardin, helping to preserve older buildings and the history of Hardin and Big Horn County.

Her parents and a brother, Tom Newell, preceded Jackie in death.

Survivors include her husband, Coil "June" Redding of the family ranch; her daughter, Billie (Cecil) Noyes of Tullock Creek; two sons, Sam (Shirley) Redding of Fort Smith and Cleve (Cecilia) Redding of Wyoming.

JACQUELINE REDDING

her adopted sisters, Jodie (Carl) Yarbrough of Texas and Susan (Al) VanDyne of Arizona; her adopted brothers, Bobby (Shirley) and Michael (Kathy) Hoffman of Arizona; a sister-in-law, Darlene Newell of Washington; a half-sister, Janet (Lon) Rusk of Arizona; a half-brother, Ray (Jeannie) Newell of Billings; her grandchildren, Matt J (Sarah), Dee (Jennifer), Skeeter, Seth (Stacey), Ashlea, Hale (Alicia) and Alexa (Steve); seven great-grandchildren and numerous nieces, nephews and a host of friends.

Funeral services will be held 1 p.m. Thursday, March 25, in the Hardin First Congregational Church. Interment will follow in the Fairview Cemetery.

Bullis Mortuary of Hardin has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Should friends desire, memorial contributions may be made to the Jail House Gallery, Hardin, MT 59034.

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## **Alison Mae Reddog**

**WOLF POINT — Alison Mae Reddog, 39, of Wolf Point, died Monday, Sept. 20, 2004, in Portland, Ore., of natural causes.**

**Visitation will be from 2 to 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 26, at Clayton Stevenson Memorial Chapel in Wolf Point, with a vigil service will at 7 p.m. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Monday, Sept. 27, at Clayton Stevenson Memorial Chapel. Interment will be in King Memorial Cemetery following services.**

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**Frank Leslie 'Buster'  
Redfield**

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OPHIEM — Frank Leslie "Buster" Redfield, 79, died Sunday, Oct. 31, 2004, at Odyssey Hospice Medical Center in Chandler, Ariz., of natural causes.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 12, at United Methodist Church. Interment will be at the Redfield Family Cemetery. Bell Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.



## Mary Ellen Redlin

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MOSCOW, Idaho — Mary Ellen Redlin, 76, of Moscow, formerly of Sidney, Mont., died Saturday, Dec. 4, 2004, in Moscow.

Wake services will be at 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12, at the Fulkerson Memorial Chapel in Sidney. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. Monday, Dec. 13, at the St. Matthew's Catholic Church in Sidney. Interment will be in the Sidney Cemetery.

## Calvin Red Thunder, Sr.

**POPLAR** — Calvin William Red Thunder, Sr. was called home on Feb. 13, 2004, after a brave and courageous battle with cancer. He was born to Seth and Ione (LaPlant) Red Thunder on June 7, 1949, in Poplar. He was raised in the Chelsea area and was a 1967 graduate of Poplar High School.

Calvin married Sharon Youpee on Dec. 12, 1967, in Wolf Point. They lived in Brockton and Poplar, eventually making their home in Poplar. Together, they had three children.

He enjoyed life, but most of all he enjoyed his grandchildren. His hobbies were hunting, fishing, camping and working on and restoring old Ford trucks. He also worked on and researched endlessly on the computer.

Calvin's career and accomplishments string out in Law Enforcement for over 20 years, specifically the corrections field for the past nine years. His strive to help the youth with more empathetic and holistic philosophies was proven through his dedication and continuous commitment for the betterment of our combined law enforcement services and cultural sensitivity. He believed in the success of individuals and always could see prospect and hope where most could not. He had a gift many people would like to have but don't have the courage and patience to claim...with that we can only hold

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up to the confidence and prospect he saw in us.

He was preceded in passing by his parents and his brothers James, Leroy, John Sr. and Darrell.

He is survived by his wife and his children, Calvin, Jr., Denise and Angeline (Mike); adopted sons, Asad (Lisa) and Jared; granddaughters, Jenette and Shanel; grandsons, Tommy, Brandon, Seth, Shane, Gabriel and Ahmed, all of Poplar; his sisters, Mary Ann Richardson of Williston, N.D., Olivia Buckles of Spokane, Wash., Delores Kim of Billings, Florine Williams of Grand Junction, Colo., Karla Ahlstrand and Margaret Hamilton of Poplar; his adopted brothers, Tommy Christian of Poplar, Earl Bull Head of Mobridge, S.D., Larry Reinlasoder of Billings and Jerome Main of Harlem; adopted uncle Malcom Mick Smith of Poplar, father-in-law, Jim Youpee; and a special niece, Sheryl Bitter; along with several relatives too numerous to mention.

Calvin will be dearly missed by all family, friends and colleagues.

Funeral services will be on Thursday, Feb. 19, beginning at 10

a.m. at Our Lady of Lourdes  
Catholic Church in Poplar with  
Father Michael Schneider officiat-  
ing. Interment will be in Poplar  
City Cemetery. Condolences may  
be sent to the family at  
[csmc@nemontel.net](mailto:csmc@nemontel.net) or  
[www.stevensonandsons.com](http://www.stevensonandsons.com).  
Clayton Stevenson Memorial  
Chapel is in charge of arrange-  
ments.

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*"Anything that has reminded you of how precious life is and has taught you to treasure the relations — is a blessing."*

**POPLAR — Denise Kay Red**

Thunder left this world unexpectedly on July 17, 2004. She was born on Jan. 1, 1972, to Calvin and Sharon (Youpee) Red Thunder. Being born and raised in Poplar, she graduated from Poplar High School in 1990.

**DENISE  
RED THUNDER**

She married her high school sweetheart Errol Standing in Wolf Point. They later divorced but remained friends.

Denise was a descendant of the late Red Thunder and Owl Bull, and her family lineage included the Minneconjou, Hunkpapa, Santee and Oglala Sioux bands.

Denise enjoyed chatting on her computer where she met many new friends; her evening car rides with Donelle; visiting for hours with her mother and sister; reading; and most of all, she loved to be with her children.

Those surviving Denise are her son (adopted brother) Jared Wade; her daughters JenEtte Cailen Tione and Shanel

Angelique; her mother Sharon her brothers Sheldon (Ilenda) and Calvin Jr.; her only sister Angeline (Mike); nephews Tommy, Brandon, Sean, Jim Shane, and Seth; and her niece Maria. Also surviving her are her maternal grandfather Jim Youpee; numerous aunts and uncles, a special cousin/sister Sharon Kidman. Through Indian custom, her adopted bothers and sisters include, Asad Mushtaq, Donelle Buckles, Janene Shigley and Connie Thompson.

Denise, we know it could never be said enough just how much we love and care for you. We know we took for granted that you would always be here. We can't imagine what life is going to be like without your smile, your voice and your touch. We will always love you. Mom, Babe, Chic, Jared, JenEtte and Shanel.

Viewing will be at 4 p.m. Thursday, July 22, at Our Lady of Lourdes in Poplar, with a vigil beginning at 7 p.m. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, July 23, at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church. Interment will follow in the Poplar City Cemetery. Condolences may be sent to the family at [csmc@nemontel.net](mailto:csmc@nemontel.net) or [www.stevensonsonandsons.com](http://www.stevensonsonandsons.com). Clayton Stevenson Memorial Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

## Vera Mae Reddeman

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Vera Mae Reddeman, 99, of Billings passed away Sunday evening, July 25, 2004, at her residence.

Vera was born on Oct. 22, 1904, in Kirkville, Iowa, to Jacob and Louie Roquette. She was raised and educated in Minnesota. She married Wallace Lee on Nov. 14, 1922, in Alexandria, Minn. Following their marriage, they moved to Seattle, Wash., where they owned and operated the Pioneer Canvas Co. Wallace passed away on Sept. 6, 1968.

On Sept. 1, 1971, Vera married Frank Reddeman in Everett, Wash. They owned and operated a logging business in the Seattle area. Frank passed away in 1982. Following Frank's death, Vera moved to Billings to be near her family.

Vera was preceded in death by her husbands; her son, James Lee; her daughter, Elizabeth Issacson; her grandson, Gary Lee; her great-granddaughter, Lisa Issacson and nine brothers and sisters.

Vera is survived by two brothers, one sister, four grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and seven great-great-grandchildren.

A private family service and burial will take place at a later date in Seattle at Washington Memorial Park.

Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

The family wishes to extend their sincere gratitude to her friends at Canyon Ridge for the great care and support that they provided to Vera.

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**'Bia Shille'**

**CROW AGENCY** — Debra Ten Bear-Reed, "Bia Shille" (Light Complexioned Woman), 50, of Crow Agency, lost her battle with cancer July 9, 2004, at St. Vincent's Hospital in Billings.

She was born to Ellsworth and Darilyne (Beaulieu) Ten Bear, Oct. 15, 1953, in Crow Agency. She grew up in Crow Agency, eventually attending United Tribes Vocational School, where she earned a degree in nursing. On April 12, 1982, she married Anthony R. Reed, Sr., also of Crow Agency. Together, they had five children. Her nursing career lasted over 20 years with the Indian Health Service in Crow Agency and nursing homes in Minneapolis.



**DEBRA  
TEN BEAR-  
REED**

Debbie enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren and also camping during Crow Fair. As a young girl, she was a traditional dancer and was designated "Little Miss Indian America." Her favorite dance was the Crow Hop. She also enjoyed singing Indian songs. Debbie was also a Bingo Supervisor at the Little Big Horn Casino.

Debbie is survived by her husband of 22 years, Anthony Reed Sr.; children, Scott Ten Bear and Becky Ten Bear-Reed of Minneapolis, Tony Joe Reed of Billings, Lennis and Nathaniel Jay Reed of Crow Agency; four grandchildren, Megan Bellanger of Minneapolis, Terran of Crow Agency and "Little" Debbie Reed of Billings and Jayme Lynn Reed of Billings; many adopted grandchildren, nieces and nephews; brothers, Orville (Lynette) St. Clair of Wyoming, Gary Ten Bear of Alaska, Ellsworth "P-nut" Ten Bear of Shakopee, Minn., Bently Ten Bear of Minneapolis, Shawn (Evelyn) Backbone of Hardin; sisters, Carole (Noé) Arreguin of Minneapolis, Jackie (Larry) Blacksmith of Lodge Grass and Trivian Ten Bear of Billings; uncles Alonzo (Veronica) Ten Bear of Hardin, James Onion, Tyrone (Linda) Ten Bear, Donald (Lavina) Passes, Marlon (Debbie) Passes, Frank (Calli) Backbone, Jr., all of Crow Agency, Art

(Lillian) Beaulieu of Minneapolis; aunts Mary (Gale) Three Irons, Francine (David) Camden of Hardin, Noreen Big Hair, Darlene Backbone, Arlene (Robert) Fitch, Nadine (Dean) Dawes, Donna (Danny) Brien, all of Crow Agency, Kathy (Benito) Morrison of Utah, Patricia (Dave) Maxwell of Hardin, Lucille Ocher Medicine of Crow Agency; grandmothers, Ruby Swank and Danetta Falls Down; grandfather, Frank Backbone, Sr.

Also surviving are nieces, Jude, Angie, Darlene, Cindy Rose, Vestal, Marilyn, Marcia, Sissy St. Clair, Cynthia, Rae Dawn, Donna Lee and Shawna; nephews, Gary Dean, Gary Nakia, Chase, Lance, Jose, Shawn, Bentley, Duran, Evan, ET, Charlie, Brian and Dwayne; extended families, Real Bird, Moccasin, Bear Ground, Beaulieu, Onion, Reed, Lucy Yarlott family, Williamson, Half, Longtail; Packineau's and Charging families of North Dakota, Defender family of North and South Dakota, Stewart and Stops families.

A wake service was held 7 p.m. Monday, July 12, and funeral services will be 10 a.m. Tuesday, July 13, both at St. Dennis Catholic Church in Crow Agency. Committal will be in Crow Agency Cemetery. Dahl Funeral Chapel of Hardin is making the arrangements.

## Katherine B. Reed

SANTA MARIA, Calif. — Our beloved sister and aunt, Katherine B. Reed of Santa Maria, entered into Eternal Life on Oct. 9, 2004, at the age of 93.

Born Nov. 30, 1910, in Garden City, Kan., a daughter of George C. and Katherine (Bott) Bender, she was raised and educated in Laurel, Mont. After attending beauty school in Billings, Katherine was employed as a beautician. In 1942, she moved to Long Beach, where she was employed by Douglas Aircraft, often referring to herself as "Rosie the Riveter."

Following her marriage to Frank Reed, they moved to Santa Barbara in 1955. She later moved to Santa Maria.

She is survived by her sister, Marie Schindler of Billings. Also surviving are five nieces, Mildred Weber, Darlene Zimmerman and her husband Bill, Dagny Hedin and her husband Lyle, all of Billings; Kathleen Schindler of Basin, Mont., and Carmen Kyle of Santa Maria, who was also her caregiver.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1959, her parents and sister, Elizabeth Bourne Priest.

At her request, no services were held. Cremation, followed by interment, has taken place in the Santa Barbara Cemetery.

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Dudley-Hoffman Mortuary and Crematory was in charge of arrangements.



## Margaret Jane Reed

BILLINGS GAZETT

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Margaret Jane Reed, 76, of Billings, died Sunday, Dec. 5, 2004, at Deaconess Billings Clinic, of cancer.

Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 8, at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary. Interment will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

## Margaret Jane Reed

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Margaret Jane Reed, 76, of Billings, passed away on Dec. 5, 2004, at Deaconess Billings Clinic, surrounded by her family. Margaret had been battling cancer for 10 years.

She was born in Worland, Wyo., on Jan. 3, 1928, to Manuel and Margaret Rel. She married William Reed in Red Lodge in 1946.

Margaret enjoyed the company of her friends and family. When she was not visiting, Margaret would spend her time reading or working crossword puzzles.

Margaret is survived by her children, Patricia (Charles) Hampton of Valley Center, Calif., William Reed of Casa Grande, Ariz., and Kathleen (Don) Krueger of Eugene, Ore.; sister Emma Belong of California; brother, Alac Rel of Miles City; nine grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; and son, Timothy.

Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 8, at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary. Interment will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Memorials may be made in her name to the American Cancer Society, 3021 Sixth Ave. N., Suite 202, Billings, MT 59101.

Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

## **Marianne Reed**

**THE BILLINGS GAZETT.**

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POWELL, Wyo. — Marianne Frances Reed, 81, of Powell, died Wednesday, April 7, 2004, at the Powell Valley Care Center.

Visitation will be from 5:30 p.m. until service time Monday, April 12, at St. Barbara's Catholic Church in Powell. Christian Wake Services with the rosary being recited will be at 7 p.m. Monday, at St. Barbara's Catholic Church. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, April 13, at St. Barbara's Catholic Church. Burial will follow in Crown Hill Cemetery. Mixatsky-Easton Funeral Home of Powell is in charge.

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## **Marianne Frances Reed**

Marianne Frances Reed, 81, Powell, died Wednesday morning, April 7 at the Powell Valley Care Center after an extended illness.

She was born to Polish immigrant parents, Frank and Anna (Kaczmarek) Kosmider on Jan. 5, 1923, in Milwaukee, Wisc. She studied voice and piano at the Wisconsin Conservatory of Music. She worked as head timekeeper at Globe Union.

Also involved at the YWCA as club director, she met Niles Wilbur Reed of Powell on April 1, 1945. They were married July 20, 1946.

She was active in the Catholic Church, singing in the choir and at weddings and funerals. She also taught catechism at St. Barbara's Catholic Church for 19 years and was involved

in fundraising and memberships for Community Concerts. She loved to read and enjoyed canning and cooking the rewards of her gardening.

Married for 57 years, she is survived by her husband, N. Wilbur Reed of Powell; five children: Ted Reed of Los Alamos, N.M., Linda Brabec of Libby, Mont., Kathleen Brakke of Denver, Anthony Reed of Seattle, Wash., and Jocelyn Reed of Denver; 10 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Four siblings also survive her: Esther Gajewki of Sun City West, Ariz., Anthony Kosmider, Bernadette Kolacki and Rosie Berweiler, all of Milwaukee.

Visitation will be held Monday from 5:30 p.m. until the time of Christian Wake Services and Rosary at St. Barbara's Catholic Church at 7 p.m., Father Pete Johnson presiding.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held Tuesday at 10 a.m. at St. Barbara's Church. Burial will follow in Crown Hill Cemetery. Miratsky-Easton Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Marshall Wayne Reed passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday, Oct. 20, 2004, in his sleep from heart failure. He was 69 years old.

Marshall "Wayne" Reed was born Jan. 28, 1935, in Tahoka, Texas, the only child of Luther and Matilda Reed. The family farmed near Tahoka and later moved to California.



**MARSHALL  
REED**

In California, Marshall met the love of his life, Shirley Hill, and they were married in Ceres, Calif., on Feb. 27, 1953. Marshall then served four years in the U.S. Air Force. After military service, Marshall worked briefly for Aero Jet and then worked for the U.S. Department of Transportation with the Federal Aviation Agency. While working for the FAA, the Reeds lived in Fallon, Nev.; Cedar City, Utah; Billings and in Rock Springs, Wyo., for 21 years. After 35 years with the FAA, Marshall took a well deserved retirement in 1991. In 1995, Marshall and Shirley returned to Billings.

Marshall was a kind, generous, thoughtful man. The most important thing in his life was his family. A lifelong "shutterbug," he loved taking pictures of the fami-

ly, and when he got a computer, editing his photos. An expert craftsman, Marshall could build anything from houses to patio covers to cedar "hoop" chests and intricately scroll sawed clocks. Marshall enjoyed bowling, playing pool, pinochle and especially square dancing. He kept busy going for walks, riding his bicycle, volunteering for "Meals on Wheels" and Habitat for Humanity. He loved milkshakes and always kept the pantry stocked with Snickers bars for himself or anyone who wanted a treat. Marshall and Shirley enjoyed traveling.

Marshall is survived by his wife of 51 years, Shirley; and two children Doyle Reed of Rock Springs and Laurie Avery of Billings. Doyle and his wife Frances have six children: Shawn, Robert, Eli (Jenni), Stevven (Jenny), Larry and Stephanie (Sonny Bagnus). Laurie and husband Joel Avery have six children: Rachel (Jesse Jennings), Carrie (Steven Lindberg), Jeanette (Shane Davis), Becky, Amanda and Joel Jr. Avery. Marshall and Shirley also have 12 great-grandchildren, Jessica, Baylee, Todd Jennings; Karli, Kelsi, Kaden Lindberg; Jaxson and Avery Davis; and Ryleigh Avery;

Zackary, Empriss, and Jade Keen. He is also survived by numerous uncles, aunts and cousins.

Dad, we are sorry you had to leave us so quickly. You were both liked and loved by all who knew you. You have left the world a better place because you were here. Our physical bond is temporary, only love is eternal.

Viewing is Saturday and Sunday at Smith Downtown Chapel, 120 N. 26th St., and prior to the service Monday at the church.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, Oct. 25, at the First Presbyterian Church, 2420 13th St. West in Billings. Interment with military honors will follow at the Yellowstone Valley Memorial Park. Memorials suggested are to Habitat for Humanity, the First Presbyterian Church or the charity of your choice.

## Willis F. Reed

BRIDGER — Willis F. Reed, 93, of Bridger, passed away on Sept. 15, 2004, at Beartooth Hospital and Health Center in Red Lodge.

He was born in Spring Green, Wis., on June 5, 1911, to Louis and Maude Reed. He moved to Sheridan, Wyo., in 1918, where he made his home and went to Sheridan Schools until his sophomore year in high school. He then quit school and worked on ranches around Sheridan.

Willis married Erma Miller in 1936. She was the daughter of George and Eva Miller. They made their home in Sheridan. Willis worked on WPA and Defense work, then went to work on the CB and Q railroad. He got laid off and moved to Billings to work on the Northern Pacific and Burlington Northern Railroad. He worked in Billings until the passenger trains were gone, then went to the Laurel car shops.

After his wife died in 1976, he moved to Bridger to be near his son Charles Reed and close to his cabin in the Pryors.

He is survived by his two sons Melvin and wife Mary Reed of Helena, and Charles and wife Janice of Edger; his five grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and one step-grandchild. He was preceded in death by his parents; wife; brothers, Les Reed and

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Donald Reed; and stepbrother Dick Long.

Willis liked to work with wood and stay at his cabin during the summer. In the winter, he lived in Bridger and went downtown to drink coffee with his friends.

Cremation has taken place and memorial services will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 18, at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary. Interment will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

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

Michelotti-Sawyers is in charge of arrangements.

## Dale O. Reese

BILLINGS GAZETTE

NOV 16 2004

THERMOPOLIS, Wyo. — Dale O. Reese, 55, of Hot Springs County, died Saturday, Nov. 13, 2004, at his home.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial services will be at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 17, at the First Baptist Church in Thermopolis. Mortimore Funeral Home of Thermopolis is in charge.



## Stanley Reetz

**KILLDEER, N.D.** — Funeral services for Stanley Reetz, 83, of Killdeer, are 10 a.m. on Saturday, June 5, at St. John's Lutheran Church, Killdeer, with Pastor Aanen Gjovik officiating. Interment will follow in Oakdale Cemetery.

Visitation is Friday, June 4, from 1 to 5 p.m. at Stevenson-Mischel-Olson Chapel, Killdeer, continuing at 6 p.m., with a prayer service at 7 p.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church, Killdeer.

Stanley passed away on June 2, 2004, at St. Joseph's Hospital and Health Center.

Stanley was born April 27, 1921, in Hebron, to Gustav and Ruby (Groth) Reetz. He was raised in the Hebron area and attended

Farmers Valley School and the State College of Science, Wahpeton. On Oct. 15, 1991, Stanley married Cordella Sandvick in Sidney, Mont. The couple resided in Killdeer since their marriage. Stanley constructed a replica of Theodore Roosevelt's Cabin for the



**STANLEY  
REETZ**

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Theodore Roosevelt's National Park Visitor Center at Medora. His creativity made him a skilled craftsman; he was a western artist, welding sculptures for many years. Stanley was a 4-H leader for over 25 years. In 1959, he was awarded the Mechanics Illustrated Golden Hammer Award. He was a very loving and giving man.

Stanley is survived by his wife, Cordella, Killdeer; five sons, Dennis (Deb) Reetz, St. Charles, Minn., Rod (Cec) Reetz, Bismarck, Robert (Lois) Reetz, Mandan, Harvey (Renae) Reetz, Baker, Mont., Gregg Reetz, San Francisco; three daughters, Nancy (Paul) Treib, Canyon Creek, Mont., Claudia (Doug) Pierce, Sidney, Shari Moran, Billings; stepson, Andrew (Anita) Mjølhus, Killdeer; stepdaughters, Jane Vaagen, Mesa, Ariz., Susan (Gary) Mittlestadt, Dickinson, Karen Wiesz, Bismarck; 15 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; sister, Shirley Severson, Taylor; and brother, Virgil Reetz, Spokane, Wash. He is preceded in death by his parents; brother, Reginald Reetz; and grandson, Jason Treib.

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

## **Frieda E. Reeves**

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

APR 11 2004

**GREAT FALLS —** Frieda E. Reeves, formerly of Lewistown, died Thursday, April 8, 2004, at Benefis Hospital in Great Falls.

Memorial Services will be at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, April 13, at the First Presbyterian Church in Lewistown. Inurnment will follow at the Lewistown City Cemetery.

Creel Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

## Velma F. Reeves

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DOUGLAS, Wyo. — Velma F. Reeves, 88, died Sunday, Feb. 15, 2004, at the Shepherd of the Valley Care Center in Casper.

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Family and friends may call from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 18, at the Gorman Funeral Homes-Converse Chapel in Douglas. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 19, at the Gorman Funeral Homes-Converse Chapel. Interment will be in the Douglas Park Cemetery.

## Mary Regan

MILES CITY — Mary Regan, 90, died on Nov. 20, 2004, at the Friendship Villa in Miles City.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 23, at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home, with a Vigil service at 7 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 24, at 10 a.m., at the Sacred Heart Church. Rite of Committal will follow in the Calvary Cemetery.

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# Mary Bernardine Regan

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**MILES CITY** — Mary Bernardine Regan died quietly Saturday, Nov. 20, 2004, in Miles City.

Mary was born to Mae and Clem Sheridan on May 25, 1914. She spent her formative years in Minneapolis.



**MARY  
REGAN**

After graduating from high school, she sang professionally and worked as a secretary. While visiting relatives (the George and Gretchen Carr family in Miles City), she met, corresponded with, fell in love with and married Robert T. Regan.

During their 64 years together, they created a family and a community of lively and fun-loving friends and companions. Mary actively encouraged her extended family's involvement in academics, music, arts and sports. She expressed her deep faith by selfless participation in church and community service.

Mary is survived by her husband, Robert; sons Robert, Jr. (Mary) of Nashville, Tenn., Joseph (Barb) of Miles City, Michael (Melissa) of Eureka, Calif., John of Livingston, Pat (Cathy) of Cle Elum, Wash., and Dan of Livingston; nine grandchildren; four great-grandchil-

dren; and many cousins, niece and nephews.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents (Clem and Mae), two loving maternal aunts (Gretchen Carr and Elizabeth "Biddy" Neuwirth); and brother (Joe and Charles).

Mary genuinely loved and cared for others and, in turn, was deeply loved and respected. She had a contagious gift for sharing happiness and delight in life.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 24, at 10 a.m., at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Miles City. Rite of Committal will follow in the Calvary Cemetery in Miles City. Condolences may be sent to the family by visiting [www.stevensonandsons.com](http://www.stevensonandsons.com).

Should friends desire, flowers, masses and memorials may be sent to the charity of one's choice.

## Lyle S. Regester

THE CHINO VALLEY GAZETTE  
NOV 19 2004

CHINO VALLEY, Ariz. — Lyle S. Regester passed away in Chino Valley, Nov. 15, 2004. He celebrated his 92nd birthday on June 24.

Lyle was raised on the family homestead north of Forsyth, Mont., and married Rose Dietz in 1933. Except for the year he worked on the AlCan Highway, the couple lived in Forsyth until relocating to California in the 1950s.

Lyle retired from the State of California and spent many years prospecting for gold, gardening and tinkering in his shop.

He is survived by Bernice, his wife of 14 years; daughters Bonnie Kohlmyer, Midge Uffman, Lila (Roy) Howe, Sandra Slade, Judith (Dean) Gardner, and stepdaughter Sherrie (Gary) Wilder; 14 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

At his request, no service will be held.

# Pete Reichert

Pete Reichert, 84, Billings, passed away on Tuesday, July 20, 2004, at Valley Health Care Center.

He was born Feb. 19, 1920, at Silesia, the son of David and Katherine Elizabeth (Krug) Reichert, the second oldest of 13 children in the family.

He attended school first in Silesia and continued through grade eight in Forsyth and was also confirmed there. His father died when Pete was only 21 years old, so he took over the farming operations and helped care for his siblings.

On June 15, 1943, he married Marie Quinlan in Miles City. They lived in Forsyth. He was drafted to serve in the Army in December of 1945, during World War II. Following basic training, he was sent to Wiesbaden, Germany, and spent six months there before being honorably discharged in 1946. He returned to Forsyth, where he got to see his firstborn, David Joe, who was born one month after he was drafted.

Pete was a sugar beet farmer for a good part of his life. They farmed in various areas, includ-



**PETE  
REICHERT**

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ing Forsyth, Big Timber, Edgar and Laurel. They moved to Billings in 1966, retiring from farming in 1986. They then moved to a home west of Billings. Pete lived there until January of 2004, when ill health forced him to enter the nursing home.

Pete was a hardworking, honest man who will be missed by his family and many friends. He was an accomplished, self-taught musician on the accordion, guitar, harmonica, spoons and dulcimer. He enjoyed his family and time together was well spent. Pete and Marie just celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary.

He is survived by his wife, Marie; son, David Joe (Judy) Reichert, Airdrie, Alberta, Canada; daughters, Joanne (Les) King, Minot, N.D., and Kathy (Bernie) Kyhl, Billings; grandchildren, Master Sgt. Arlen (Diane) Kyhl, Randy Kyhl, Todd (Dena) King, Amy (Doug) Miller, Jeff Reichert, Jeni Reichert and Jodi (Derek) Barnsfield;

great-grandchildren; brothers, Dave (Irene) and John (Lyda), both of Billings, and George (Joan) Reichert, Colorado; sisters, Mollie Lentz, Miles City, Betty (Herman) Popp, Billings, and Emma Dern, Kalispell; and brother-in-law, Henry Watts, Miles City. He was preceded in death by his parents; sisters, Katherine Myers, Lydia Watts, Clara May and Elizabeth Reichert; and twin brothers, John and George.

Funeral will be Friday, July 23, 2:30 p.m., at St. John's Lutheran Church, Laurel. Visitation will be Thursday, July 22, from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. at Smith Funeral Chapel West. Burial will Friday, at 5 p.m., at Sunset Memorial Gardens, Billings.



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Peter Reichert, 89, passed away Thursday, July 15, 2004, in Billings, due to a lengthy illness.

Peter was born on April 7, 1915, in Lefor, N.D. He spent his childhood in Golden, Mont., and



**PETER REICHERT**

Bridger. In 1937, he moved to Fromberg, where met his future wife, Elizabeth Kuntz. In 1940, he and Liz were married. They soon moved to Billings, where they raised their family. For

many years, Peter worked for Buck Sales. He enjoyed attending Mustang baseball games, tending his yard, listening to polka music and playing card games with family and friends.

Peter was preceded in death by his brothers and sisters, Tony, John, Frank, Paul, Rose, Maggie, Annie and Thelma. His wife, Liz, passed away in 1995.

Peter is survived by his brother, Martin (Marge) of Arizona.

He is also survived by his children, Betty (Robert) Schaefer of Billings, Barbara (Kenneth) Iffland of Shepherd and Peter (Kelly) Reichert of Lancaster, Calif. He is also survived by his grandchildren, Robert Schaefer of Billings, Renee (Jay) Bowers or Spanaway, Wash., Kevin (Angi) Iffland of Shepherd, Aaron Iffland of Billings, Dana Reichert of Lancaster and Leah Reichert of Lancaster. Peter had six great-grandchildren: Matthew, Blaze, Janae, Bryce, Keena and Zach.

Peter also leaves behind by his dear friend, Ruby, of Billings.

Visitation for Peter will be Saturday, July 17, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Sunday, July 18, from 1 to 7 p.m. A vigil service will be 7 p.m. Sunday, July 18, at Dahl Funeral Chapel. Funeral Mass will be 11 a.m. Monday, July 19, at Holy Rosary Parish. Peter will be laid to rest in Holy Cross Cemetery. There will be a luncheon following the committal.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to Holy Rosary Church.

# Olga Wilhelmina (Egeland) Reid

**THE BILLINGS GAZET**

**AUG 1 - 2004**

**LIVINGSTON** — Olga Wilhelmina (Egeland) Reid, 96, long time Livingston resident died July 29, 2004, at Beartooth Manor in Columbus.

Funeral services will be held 10 a.m. Tuesday at the American Lutheran Church in Livingston with Rev. Cliff Gronneberg officiating. Burial



**OLGA REID**

will be at 1:30 p.m. at Mountain View Cemetery in Big Timber.

Olga was born Aug. 1, 1907, in Big Timber, the daughter of Peder and Kari (Anderson) Egeland. Her parents were among the founders of the Big Timber Lutheran Church. She graduated from Big Timber High School at the age of 16. After graduating from Western Montana College in Dillon, she taught school in Sweet Grass County. On April 18, 1927, she married Harry "Scotty" Reid in Big Timber, he preceded her in death on Dec. 10, 1991. They resided in Livingston, enjoying hunting, fishing, gardening and dancing. Olga was a member of the American Lutheran Church. She was also a member of the

Livingston Senior Citizens, Park County Pioneer Society and Orient Chapter Order of Eastern Star.

Survivors include her daughter Carol and husband Wayne Fagerli of Livingston; granddaughter Cheryl Olson and her husband Mike Meyer and their children Angelique, Sharda, Damini, Kaylene and Melissa of Billings, and grandson Brett and his wife DiAnna Fagerli and their daughter Breanna of Boerne, Texas. Lowry Funeral Home assisted the family with the services.

**Dennis J. Reikofski**

MAY 04 2004

**ROUNDUP** — Dennis "Rike" J. Reikofski, 54, of Roundup, died Saturday, May 1, 2004, at the Roundup Memorial Hospital, of natural causes.

Visitation will be from 5 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, May 5, at the Wier Funeral Chapel. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, May 6, at the Roundup City Cemetery. Reception will follow at the ODD Fellows Hall in Roundup. Wier Funeral Home is in charge.

## Dennis 'Rike' Reikofski

MAY 16 2004

**ROUNDUP** — Dennis "Rike" Reikofski went home to be with the Lord May 1, 2004. He was born in Helena in 1949. Rike attended Shiloh School, Billings West High and Montana Tech in Butte.

He served a total of 12 years in the U.S. Marine Corps and was a highly decorated veteran.

Dennis, who was in construction for most of his life, was also a firefighter for seven years for O'Donnell Fire Service until an injury forced him into construction full time.

In the 1990s, Dennis and his wife of 32 years, Mary, moved to Roundup. Rike's love of and for the Lord called him to the ministry. He was pastoring the Bible Church of Roundup upon his death.

His love for his wife was unbounded, as was hers for him. Their mutual love of the Lord and desire to spread the Gospel message together made them quite a team.

Dennis enjoyed horses, a good sense of humor, guns, fishing, and his friends and his congregation. He will be sorely missed.

"We miss you, Rike, and look forward to seeing you again, when we are all in the presence of the Lord."

Gravestone services were held with marine military honors at Roundup Cemetery.

**GODFREY, III.** — Hubert Gerald Reimer, 69, of Traverse City, Mich., passed away at 5:50 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 4, 2004, in Godfrey.

He was born April 8, 1935, in Benzie County, Mich., a son of the late Gerald William and Ada (Snow) Reimer.

He retired from the U.S. Civil Service as a civil engineer in 1992, and was a member of the NRA, Benzie County Sportsman Club and will be remembered for the love of his family, and had a special passion for hunting, fly fishing and sporting clays throughout his lifetime.

He is survived by three sons and two daughters-in-law, Shawn and Tammy Reimer of Billings, Allen Reimer of Maryland, Gerald and Kathy Reimer of Godfrey; one daughter and son-in-law, Jennifer and Christopher Gregorio of Charleston, S.C.; seven grandchildren, Olivia, Lucas, Austin, Zachary, Travis, Angie, Jami; one brother and sister-in-law, Dale and Sandra Reimer of Traverse City; other extended family and friends.

In addition to his beloved parents, he was preceded in death by one infant sister.

Private family services will be held.

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Memorials may be made to American Diabetes Association. Elias-Smith Funeral Homes and Crematory in Godfrey are in charge of arrangements.

**Coral Aida (Lockrem)**

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**CIRCLE** — Coral, 80, of Circle, beloved mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend, was called home Tuesday, Oct. 26, 2004, as a result of injuries from a traffic accident near Circle.

Coral was born on Nov. 3, 1923, in Flaxville, the daughter of Orville and Gina Lockrem. She graduated from Circle High School and attended Concordia College, graduating from the Fairview Hospital nursing program.

She married J.R.P. Reinemer, Sept. 25, 1946, and to this union, two daughters and a son were born. Coral worked for many years as a registered nurse at the McCone County Hospital, where she was known for her compassion and gentle care. Her calling to nurse those who needed her did not stop with retirement, as she continued to care for many throughout the community.

Coral was a devoted member of First Lutheran Church, WELCA and Eastern Star, and served on the Council on Aging for several years. She touched many lives by actively living her



**CORAL  
REINEMER**

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faith in service to others. She will be deeply missed.

Survivors include her three children, Connie (Roger Eissinger of Brockway, Lind (Robert) Stone of Red Lodge, Phi (Marilyn) Reinemer; six grandchildren, Ty Eissinger of Circle, Jessica Eissinger of Missoula, Taw Eissinger of Brockway, Holly Reinemer of Bozeman, Russel Reinemer and Kelly Reinemer of Billings; a brother, Garland (Elaine) Lockrem of Burnsville, Minn.; a sister-in-law Jean Lockrem of Kalispell; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Coral was preceded in death by her beloved husband Reinie; her parents; a sister Mildred Harding; a brother, Maynard Lockrem; and a niece, Christy Lockrem.

Funeral services are at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 30, at the First Lutheran Church, Circle. Interment will follow in the Riverview Veterans Cemetery. Condolences may be sent to the family at [csmc@nemontel.net](mailto:csmc@nemontel.net) or [www.stevensonandsons.com](http://www.stevensonandsons.com). Clayton Stevenson Memorial Chapel has been entrusted with arrangements.

## Marie S. Reinke

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EMBLEM, Wyo. — Marie S. Reinke, 95, died Thursday, Nov. 18, 2004, at the Bonnie Bluejacket Memorial Nursing Home between Greybull and Basin.

Viewing is from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday at the Atwood Family Chapel in Greybull and at the Zion Lutheran Church in Emblem a half hour prior to the 10:30 a.m. service on Wednesday. Burial will be in the Emblem Cemetery.

## **Eva Caroline Reintsma**

**BROADVIEW** — Eva Caroline Reintsma, 82, passed away April 4, 2004, peacefully at her home in Broadview.

Eva was born Aug. 27, 1921, in Rapelje, daughter of William and Elizabeth Zindler.

She married Harold Reintsma on Jan 1, 1943, and celebrated 50 happy years before she was preceded in death by him on Dec. 1, 1993.

Though she wasn't able to get out as much as she would have liked as time passed by, she remained diligent in her service and devotion to the Lord through praying for others, calling to check up on them, learning from sermons on television, as well as through her tender, loving heart in many other ways.

Family was another important part of her life as she is survived by her five children, Arthur (Janey) Reintsma of Broadview, Harvey Reintsma of Broadview, Herb (Debbie) Reintsma of Bozeman, Thelma (Sidney) Hendrichs of North Dakota, Mary (Stuart) Baasch of Broadview; 13 grandchildren;



**EVA  
REINTSMA**

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seven great-grandchildren; and sister Katie Osborne (of 13 siblings) of Big Timber.

Funeral services will be held at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 7, at Lockwood Evangelical Church, and interment will be held at Sunset Memorial Gardens Cemetery, and reception following at church. Memorials may be made out to Broadview Community Center or Lockwood Evangelical Church.



**DEC 03 2004**

Donald Dale Reiser, 80, formerly of Belgrade, passed away Monday, Nov. 29, 2004, at his home in Billings, following a short battle with cancer.

Don was born on March 21, 1924, in Giltner, Neb., the second child of Edward and Ruth (Bucher) Reiser. His family moved to a ranch southeast of Gallatin Gateway in March of 1937. He attend-

ed Little Bear School and graduated from Gallatin County High School in 1941. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1943 and served aboard the USS Boise, bringing troops home to the U.S. during WWII. After his discharge, he returned to the family farm.



**DON  
REISER**

In 1951, Don was the weigh master working with Bob Ellerd at Bozeman Livestock Yards. He learned the livestock brokerage business under the mentoring of Norman Grant of Butte. His focus on buying sheep started in the late 1950s when Kennedy Trucking would haul pigs to Denver and then return with a load of sheep.

Don and his brother Bob, together with Louie Ward and his brothers, were instrumental in starting the Gallatin Gateway

Baseball League. The Reiser brothers, together with the Durham brothers of Belgrade, then formed the Gallatin Valley Baseball League. Baseball remained a love throughout his life.

On May 8, 1958, Don married Ginger Martin in Bozeman and moved to Belgrade. He purchased the Gambles Hardware Store in 1959, and his brother-in-law, Don Brenner, ran the store until it was sold in 1970. Don continued to work with many local farmers and ranchers in the area as an associate of B&J Cattle Company. Belgrade was the family home until 1980, when after the youngest graduated from High School, Don decided that moving to Billings would be more convenient for his business.

Don was an avid golfer whose favorite golf partner was his wife, Ginger. He had many fond memories of the "Ma and Pa" league at Riverside Country Club. When he moved to Billings, they became members of Hilands Country Club and Pryor Creek Golf Course. He also enjoyed his many friends at the Heights VFW Club, and always looked forward to his late afternoons there in front of the TV with total

control of the "clicker."

Don will be remembered as a hard-working and extremely honest man. He never retired, continuing to track his sheep up until his death. He developed a loyal clientele who knew that he was to be trusted and would always treat them fairly.

His family will always remember him as a loving and generous husband, father and grandfather. He always felt that we were the most important people in his life. His love and devotion to Ginger was apparent to all who knew them. We feel blessed to have had this wonderful man in our life.

Don was predeceased by his parents; an infant brother; his son-in-law Don Ehresman; and his nephew Mike Brenner.

He is survived by his wife, Ginger, of Billings; his daughters, Terri Ehresman of Belgrade, Penny (Brad) Towner of Belgrade; and his son Dale (Insa) Reiser of Sacramento, Calif. He is also survived by his grandchildren, Brooke (Cody) Crawford, Tucker and Lana of Bozeman, Katie (Drew Campbell) Ehresman and Maizee of Bozeman, Nicholas and Stephanie Towner of Belgrade, and Brigid Crawford and Jason LeBleu of Sacramento.

He is survived by his brother Robert (Theresa) of Townsend; and sisters, Dorothy (Edward) Hinman of Bozeman, Marie

Reiser of Bozeman and Jean (Don) Brenner of Hagerman, Idaho.

Celebration of his life will be on Monday, Dec. 6. Procession for the graveside service will leave from Belgrade Alliance Church at 12:45 p.m., with military honors at Sunset Memorial Park. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. at Belgrade Alliance Church.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Montana Woolgrowers, PO Box 1693, Helena, MT 59624 or Montana Rescue Mission, 2822 Minnesota Ave., Billings, MT 59101.

## Duane Melvin Reitan

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Our cowboy has finally gone home to do what he loves best at the feet of his Jesus. We rejoice for him, but we are going to miss him dearly. He was so much a part of our lives and who we are. He was loved and liked by all he met. He truly loved life, his family, and friends.



**DUANE  
REITAN**

He started out life at the hospital in Malta, on July 17, 1940, the first born son of Melvin and Alice Reitan. He was raised on the family farm that was started by his grandparents Andrew and Helene Reitan.

Duane took over the farming and ranching when he married Bonnie Beth Fite in 1983. They had a good life and raised their children, Cassandra, Amanda, and Sam, into fine adults he was proud of.

Duane and Bonnie moved to Billings in 2000 and, although Duane missed the farm and ranch, his true pride and joy were his grandchildren, Dakota, Evan and Venessa. They had entwined their little hearts with his and he cherished every moment.

Survivors include his wife Bonnie; three children, Cassandra (Brent) Schmidt, Amanda (William) Slis, and Sam (Tammy) Reitan; three grandchildren Dakota, Evan and Venessa; and his brother, Rodney (Bonnie Lou) Reitan and their children Nathan and Sarah Marie.

He was loved and will be missed, but he is being blessed in a wonderful place. He had his grandparents, Andreas Andrew (Solestad) Reitan and Gunhild Helene (Midly) Reitan and Edwin Milo Reed and Charlotte Henrietta Hjellming and parents there to meet him at the gate. Goodbye cowboy, till we meet again.

Cremation is planned. Memorial services will be 11am Tuesday at First Assembly Life Center, Billings and 11am, Wednesday at the Assembly of God Church, Saco.

Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association.

Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary has charge of arrangements.

## David Reiter

David Reiter, 73, died Friday, Aug. 20, 2004, at the Billings Health and Rehab Center.

As he requested, David will be cremated and no memorial service is scheduled. Smith Downtown Chapel is arranging the cremation.

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Our dad and husband, Herman A. Reiter, passed away very suddenly Wednesday, July 14, 2004, at the age of 75, from a very short battle with liver cancer. All his children, his wife and most of his family were at his side when he left us for that "great campground."

Born July 17, 1928, in Worden, to Alex and Elizabeth Reiter, he went to school at Huntley Project. Most of his life, he worked as a general contractor, building homes. He married Shirley Jones on June 26, 1949, and has four children: Sheri (Dick) Weidinger, Larry (Beth) Reiter, Debbie (Gary) Ahlgren and Cindy (Jim) Stephenson. He also has seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He was divorced from Shirley in 1990.

On May 16, 1998, Herman married Jean Whitney and expanded his family by five children: Janey (Dave) Eames, Michael Lewis, Dean (Dana)

**HERMAN  
REITER**

Lewis, Kristie Woodard and Jill (Jess) Knerr and many more grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Herman loved to create and make things for others. After retiring from the construction business, he worked even more doing odd jobs, repairs and additions. He always said he was "real tired," not "retired"! Herman loved spending time with his family...camping, fishing and playing ring toss. He also loved to play pinochle and loved to "dump" on unsuspecting opponents! He was a 50-year member of the Rapelje Masonic Lodge #122.

Dad was preceded in death by his mother and father, and a brother, Lawrence, who died in infancy... and now they are finally all together. He is deeply loved and will be forever missed.

A memorial service will be held at 4 p.m. Saturday, July 17, at Dahl Funeral Chapel. In lieu of flowers, please send memorials to the American Diabetes Association, 3203 Third Ave. N., Billings, MT 59101, or American Cancer Society at 1-800-252-5470.

**Garvin Wendell 'G.W.' Remme Sr.**

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Garv was born in Hallock, Minn., on March 20, 1939, the son of the late Ranz O. Remme and Wanda L. Fering. Garv waltzed his way to heaven on March 3, 2004, while at home, with his family by his side.

In 1952, his mother and siblings moved to Billings, where he received his education. He returned to Minnesota in 1959 and there is where he fell in love with Beverly Moore.

They soon married and had a beautiful daughter, Stephanie. Stephanie now resides in Germany with her husband and two children.

During his life in Minnesota, as Garv once stated, "I was piddling around until I met an old fart that was a welder." Garv immediately felt this is what he was to do the rest of his life, which he did.

He moved back to Billings in 1968, where he worked at various sites, including Great Western Sugar. Garv later went on his own and continued welding, doing every job with immense dedication and enthusiasm. He earned the reputation of an "ornery old fart, but boy he would take on any welding challenges that most would not lo."



**GARVIN  
REMME**

Some would go on to say, "he could weld circles around most!" His hobbies were his passions of welding, working on vehicles, teaching the trade to his children and listening to Waylon Jennings. Waylon was his idol (say "hi" to him for us. Oh, and grandma too!).

In 1976, he married the ultimate love of his life, Augustina "Auggie" Slevira, who was raising eight children, five from her previous marriage, and three nephews.

Garv provided the best of what he had to offer during their 13-year marriage, but the love was never lost for her and the children...

Survivors include six sons, Garvin Remme Jr., Rance (Brandi) Remme, Jim Slevira, Jr., T.J. (Julie) Slevira, Vincent (Val) Slevira and Clayton Mascarena, all of Billings;

three daughters, Augustina (Bob) Valenzuela, Bernadine Slevira of Billings and Stephanie of Germany; the three nephews, Tony, Tom and Ernie Martinez, also of Billings; two brothers, Dennis Remme of Billings, Bill (Garv) Remme of Minnesota;

sister Mavis Derrick of Virginia; 22 special grandchildren; two special great-grandchildren; and other nieces and nephews.

Garv was preceded in death

by his parents and sister Gloria.

The family wishes to thank Billings Hospice, especially Jacque and Becky, for their support and compassion (he loved you gals).

We would also like to thank Jason Schmidt, MD, for his commendable work ethics, understanding, support and the home visits. We will forever be grateful to each of you.

A funeral mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, March 9, at 10 a.m., at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, with rite of committal to follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens. Smith Chapels is assisting with arrangements.

No words can ever express our personal love or the memories that each of us shared with you. Together, forever, we are family.... Vaya Con Dios.

~~Billings Hospice~~

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Garden Memorial

"G.W." Remm, Jr.

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## **BRUCE REMMICH**

Bruce Remmich died at home in his sleep on Nov. 4, 2004, in Billings.

He was born on Oct. 18, 1951, to Arthur and Alma (Buechler) Remmich in Wolf Point. He grew up on a ranch near Lindsay and graduated from Dawson County



**BRUCE  
REMMICH**

High School. He graduated with an AA from Dawson Community College and received a BS in Special Education and Art from Eastern Montana College in 1973. Bruce married Susan Squires of Glendive in 1976. Together, they had two sons: Seth and Dean. He taught special education, and most recently industrial arts at Shepherd High School.

Bruce was known for his wonderful sense of humor and free spirit. He enjoyed photography, wood carving, and was an honorary member of the Crow Tribe. He trained hunting dogs and loved the outdoors, hunting, boating, fishing and camping. He was deeply involved in AA. He was a passionate person who made an impression on all those he met.

Bruce loved to make loud noises with incendiary devices —

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a trait passed on to his son Dean. He possessed an uncanny mechanical talent and also a love of art and beauty, a trait carried on by his son Seth.

He was loved by children and dogs, a true test of a man's character.

Bruce is survived by his wife and sons, Seth of Newington, Conn., and Dean of Billings; his sister, Donna Mae Beutler of Billings; brother Sherald (Connie) of Billings; brother Raymond (Ann) of Sun Prairie, Wis.; a nephew, Jason of Sun Prairie; and numerous other nieces and nephews; and his faithful dog Schwartz.

Bruce was preceded in death by his parents, Art and Alma Remmich.

A celebration and sharing of Bruce's life will be held Thursday, Nov. 11, 3 p.m., at Dahl Funeral Chapel, Billings.

# Geraldine Esther (Kunz) Remmick

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Those who are left behind have lost a very dearly loved daughter, mother, grandmother, sister, companion and friend.

Geraldine was born April 27, 1943, a daughter of Irvin Fred and Esther Rose (Schuler) Kunz. She died at her home in Billings on Oct. 17, 2004.

Gerry loved the outdoors and could often be found camping and fishing with her special companion or caring for her many rose gardens. You might find her at her grandson's baseball games cheering him on or at her granddaughter's dance recitals. She was a member of Greyhounds Pets of America and helped rescue and find adoptive homes for retired racing greyhounds. Gerry was a very loving and generous person who will be missed by many.

Geraldine is survived by her mother, Esther R. Kunz; a son, Stephen (Chantel) Remmick; and special companion, Leonard Hinton, all of Billings; two brothers, Kenneth I. Kunz of Nye and Leroy S. (Carmen) Kunz of Elmore, Minn.; a sister, Joann (Daryl) Sweet of Littleton, Colo.; two grandchildren, Matthew and LaRissa Remmick of Billings; and nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her father, Irvin Fred Kunz; paternal grandparents, Henry Fred and Eva Grace

(Wilcox) Kunz; and maternal grandparents, Rudolph and Martha (Moos) Schuler.

Visitations will begin at Smith Downtown Chapel at noon on Tuesday, Oct. 19. Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 20, at the Smith Downtown Chapel, with cremation to follow. Interment of the urn will be at 3 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 22, at Sunset Memorial Gardens. Memorials are suggested to Big Sky Hospice or Greyhound Pets of America.

## Berniece T. Rennie

STORY, Wyo. — Berniece T. Rennie, 95, of Story, died Wednesday, March 17, 2004, at her home.

At her request, no funeral service will be held. Champion Ferries Funeral Home of Sheridan is in charge.

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## Ina Renie

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BUFFALO, Wyo. — Ina Renie, 87, of Buffalo, died Tuesday, April 20, 2004, at the Sheridan Manor in Sheridan.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 24, at the Adams Funeral Home Chapel in Buffalo. Visitation will be from 1 to 9 p.m. Friday, April 23, and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, at Adams Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will be in Willow Grove Cemetery, with graveside services to be held following the funeral.

## **Phyllis Renne**

**SHERIDAN, Wyo.** — Phyllis Renne, 75, of Sheridan, died Friday, Nov. 5, 2004, at Westview Health Care Center.

Cremation has taken place in Sheridan. Kane Funeral Home of Sheridan is in charge.

## Billye Maxine Proctor Renner

MEETEETSE, Wyo. — Billye Maxine Proctor Renner, 63, passed away Monday, Feb. 16, 2004, at her home in Meeteetse, following an extended illness.

She was the daughter of Albert and Myrtle Graham Proctor and was born Aug. 21, 1940, at Hulett. She married Paddy Renner, Nov. 6, 1965. They later separated. She attended high school in Hulett and continued her education at the University of Wyoming, earning bachelor's and master's degrees in journalism.

Billye began her career in journalism by working at the Wyoming Eagle in Cheyenne as a political reporter. She later worked at the Billings Gazette as a reporter and as a copy editor. She also wrote articles on a freelance basis, which appeared in Time, Travel and Leisure and the Billings Gazette. Billye began her teaching career in 1977 in Meeteetse, teaching all grade levels and many subjects, including Wyoming history, journalism, reading, English and social studies. She was the advisor for the high school newspaper, The M-Brand News, for 21 years. She retired in 2000.

She was a charter member of the Meeteetse Cow-Belles orga-

nization and continued her service work when she was appointed to the Wyoming Beef Council, where she was an active member and served as chairman. She was also Wyoming's representative to the Meat Export Federation.

Billye enjoyed reading, sewing, history and traveling. As well, she enjoyed genealogy and compiling family history.

Survivors include her mother, Myrtle Proctor from near Hulett; children, Rori and Albert of Meeteetse, and Patrick (Michelle) and their children Nicole and Sami Jo of Greeley, Colo.; and brothers Frank (Marlys) Proctor of Carlile and Jack (Vi) Proctor of Edgemont, S.D.; and many nieces, nephews and cousins. She was preceded in death by her father, Albert Proctor.

Visitation will be 4 until 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 19, at Ballard Funeral Home. Graveside services are planned for 1 p.m. Friday, Feb. 20, at the Meeteetse Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be made to the Sunlight Federal Credit Union, 1601 S. Park Drive, Cody, WY 82414 for a scholarship fund in Billye's memory.

## Grayce Renner

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MEETEETSE, Wyo. — Grayce H. Renner, 96, of Meeteetse, died Sunday, Sept. 26, 2004, at West Park Long Term Care Center in Cody.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Oct. 1, at the Meeteetse Cemetery. Ballard Funeral Home of Cody is in charge.

## Hans Hoover Renner

WORLAND, Wyo. — Hans Hoover Renner, 86, passed away Jan. 6, 2004, at the Washakie County Memorial Hospital from complications after surgery.

Hoover was born in Fenton, Wyo., on Oct. 11, 1917, to George and Kristensa (Nielsen) Renner, the eighth of 11 children. He attended elementary school in Fenton and was a member of the graduating class at Worland High School in 1936.

He and Wilma Allen were married in Basin on Oct. 9, 1939, and shortly thereafter they moved to the Renner family ranch on the Greybull River near Burlington. He managed the ranch for many years, raising farm crops and livestock and became the sole owner in 1952. He and Wilma raised their family on the ranch and enjoyed the lifestyle for many years.

After moving to Worland in 1972, he continuing the ranching and farming business, loving his work and lifestyle and never really retired. In addition, he worked as a member of the board of directors of Stockgrowers' State Bank from 1972 until he retired in March of 2000.

Hoover was involved in many agriculture-related organizations, including the Wyoming Stockgrowers' Association, the National Stockgrowers' Association, the Wyoming Wool Growers' Association, the National

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Wool Growers' Association and the Wyoming Farm Bureau. He served on the Predator Control Board and the Washakie County Republican Committee. Hoover was an active member of the community and participated in many ways through his lifetime membership at the Elks and as a Shriner.

While raising livestock was Hoover's profession, he considered it his major hobby. He thoroughly enjoyed the many sight-seeing trips he and Wilma shared, and he looked forward to spending time with family.

Hoover was preceded in death by his wife, Wilma; son, Nielsen Hoover; great-grandson, Andrew James Middleton; brothers, Clifton, Bill and Everett, and sisters, Daisy Love, Etta Hillberry, Carsie Peterson, Georgie Hillberry and Virginia LeMaster. He is survived by his brothers, Marion Renner of Livingston, Mont., and Thomas A. "Tuff" Renner of Meeteetse; four daughters, Kristy Clark of Colleyville, Texas, Beverley (Bob) Williams of Lake Havasu City, Ariz., Karene (Ron) Smith of Rock Springs and Joan (Stanley)



Skinner of Worland; seven grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday at the Zion Lutheran Church, 1500 Circle Road, Worland, with the Rev. "Bud" Searles presiding. Graveside services will take place at the Meeteetse Cemetery at noon Monday. Veile Mortuary of Worland is in charge of arrangements.

## Daniel Rewers

CODY GAZETTE  
Feb 13 2004

MEETEETSE, Wyo. — Daniel Edward Rewers, 61, died Thursday, Feb. 12, 2004, at St. Vincent Healthcare in Billings.

Visitation will be 5 to 8 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 16, at Ballard Funeral Home. Mass of the Christian Burial will be 10 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 17, at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Cody. Interment will follow in Riverside Cemetery with military honors.

## Betty Jane Reynolds

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CODY, Wyo. — Betty Jane Reynolds, 65, died Sunday, Nov. 21, 2004, at her home.

Memorial services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, Nov. 29, at the Cody Missionary Alliance Church.

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# Donald Robert Reynolds

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JAN 21 2004

PASO ROBLES, Calif. — Don Reynolds, 69, of Paso Robles, met an untimely death in his pickup on Monday, Jan. 19, 2004.

Don was born Oct. 13, 1934, in Billings, Mont., a son of John Clarence and Margaret Reed Reynolds. He grew up in the Fromberg area, attended Fromberg school for 12 years, graduating in 1952. He was active in FFA and 4-H. He went to Eastern Montana College and also served in the military from 1957-1960. Following his discharge, he farmed and ranched in the Molt area for 18 years. In 1968, he was honored as "Farmer of the Year" by the local Jaycees. He was known for his work ethics, loyalty and dry humor. He always talked of returning to farming in Montana.

Don married Ona Lee Harris Dec. 29, 1973, in Pasadena, Calif. For the past 20 years, he was employed as a security guard for the Diablo Canyon Nuclear Plant near San Luis Obispo, Calif.

Don is survived by his wife, Ona; a brother, Keith (Mae) of Molt; a sister, Barbara (Jerry) Harden of Phoenix, Arz.; five nieces; three nephews, and many great-nieces and great-nephews.

He was preceded in death by both of his parents.

Funeral services will be held in Paso Robles at the Kuchl-Nicoloy Funeral Chapel on Saturday. A memorial service will be held in Billings at a later date.



**DON REYNOLDS**

Memorial services for Don Reynolds, 69, will be held on Monday, Feb. 16, at 2 p.m., at the Shiloh United Methodist Church, 1810 Shiloh Road, in Billings. Don passed away on Jan. 19, 2004, near his home in Paso Robles, Calif., from a heart attack.

He ranched in the Molt area for 20 years prior to moving to California. For the past 20 years, he worked as a security guard at the Diablo Canyon Nuclear Plant.

He is survived by his wife Ona of Paso Robles; a brother, Keith (Mae) of Molt; a sister Barbara (Jerry) of Phoenix; five nieces and three nephews; great-nephews, great-nieces and one great-great-niece. He was preceded in death by his parents, Clarence and Margaret Reynolds, of Fromberg and Billings.

Military honors will be held at Sunset Memorial Gardens. Memorials may be made to charity of choice.

DEC 22 2004



**JUSTIN REYNOLDS**

## **Justin Reynolds, Jr.**

GILLETTE, Wyo. — Funeral services for Justin Reynolds, Jr. will be 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 22, at the Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home Chapel in Gillette, with Pastor Marty Crump of the Family Life Church officiating. Interment will follow at the Mount Pisgah Cemetery in Gillette. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, at the Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home Chapel in Gillette.

Justin Lee Reynolds, Jr. was born Dec. 12, 2004, the son of Justin Reynolds and Stephanie Duffy in Gillette, and passed away with his family by his side on Dec. 19, 2004, at their home in Gillette, of heart complications.

Justin is survived by his parents of Gillette; his maternal

grandparents, Angelina and Steven Duffy of Gillette; his paternal grandparents, Kelly Reynolds of Gillette and Cheryl Reynolds of Denver; two uncles, Chism Duffy of Gillette and Kelly Stone of Gillette; two aunts, Stephanie Reynolds-Stone of Gillette and Shyrya Duffy of Gillette.

He was preceded in death by five great-grandparents.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established in Justin's name to benefit the Angel Burial Fund for Campbell County Infants or the American Heart Association.

Condolences and/or donations may be sent in care of Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home, 210 W. Fifth Street, Gillette, WY 82716 or via the Internet at [www.stevensonandsons.com](http://www.stevensonandsons.com).

**AUG 8 - 2004**

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah — Wesley A. Reynolds, 63, passed away at the VA Hospital in Salt Lake City, July 30, 2004, of pneumonia, after battling lymphoma cancer for several months.

He was born April 9, 1941, in Lewistown, Mont., to Orville and Ethel Reynolds, who preceded him in death.

Wes graduated from Fergus County High School in 1959. He was then stationed at Fairchild Air Force Base in Spokane, Wash.,



**WESLEY A.  
REYNOLDS**

from 1959 to 1962. In 1963, Wes went to trade school in Springfield, Mo., for one year. In 1964, he went to work for Anderson Office Equipment in Great Falls.

On June 25, 1966, he married Patricia Trawick and lived in Great Falls for 38 years.

In 2002, Wes was able to retire after 35 years as a service technician of business machines.

He is survived by his wife and two children, Allen Reynolds of Billings and Staci Reynolds of Great Falls.

Wes enjoyed spending time at the cabin and taking drives in his Corvette. He took pride in having everything working to perfection. He will be missed tremendously by his family and friends who loved him so much.

The memorial will be held at Redeemer Lutheran Church at 11 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 14. Memorials may be given to the Shriners Children Hospital in Spokane or the donor's choice.

## **Ruth M. Rhiner**

CODY, Wyo. — Ruth M. Rhiner, 100, died Saturday, March 13, 2004, at the West Park Long Term Care Center.

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

**THE BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**MAR 16 2004**



# Vicki Lynn Rhoads

THE ILLINOIS GAZETTE

JAN 05 2004

JOLIET — Vicki Lynn Rhoads, 52, of rural Joliet, passed away Sunday, Jan. 4, 2004, at home with her family at her side, after a long and courageous battle with cancer.

Vicki was born April 13, 1951, the fifth child of Einar and Edna Kolden, in Wolf Point, where she was raised and graduated from high school.



**VICKI  
RHOADS**

On May 29, 1969, she married Rod Rhoads, the love of her life since grade school. They were married 34 wonderful years and raised three children.

Vicki is survived by her loving husband, Rod; two daughters, Tesa Rhoads, and Tacy (Dion) Desjarlais; and son, Tad (Kelly) Rhoads; seven grandchildren, LaCai, Tyler, Dakota, Kaylee, Tate, Zachary and Caden; mother-in-law, Darlene Rhoads; three sisters, Rita Pellersels, Clea Presser and Kristi Ferguson; one brother, James Kolden; and extended family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents Einar and Edna Kolden; and father-in-law, Zeke Rhoads.

Services will be 2 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 7, at Smith Funeral Chapel-Laurel. Interment will be in the Laurel Cemetery.

# Albert Raymond Rhodes

OCT 24 2004

**MILES CITY** — Albert Raymond Rhodes, 84, passed away Oct. 21, 2004, in Miles City, Mont. Born Aug. 31, 1920, in Butte's Meaderville, he was the son of the Rev. Charles and Beatrice Rhodes. Al spent most of his childhood years in Fromberg. He graduated from Carbon County High School and later from Billings Polytechnic Institute, now Rocky Mountain College.

He served in World War II, assigned to an Army Aviation Signal Command unit stationed in India. Married to Margaret Erb of Huntley, they had two children, Raymonda Jean and Curtiss Earl. With an aptitude for mathematics in the age before computers, he was a career employee of Midland National Bank, now FirstBank.

Al was an avid sports fan who attended many local events, favoring West High, Rocky Mountain College and the Billings Mustangs. A 14-year resident of the V.A. Nursing Home Care Unit in Miles City, he enjoyed outings and playing cards and bingo.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Margaret (1996); his sisters, Mary and Dorothy; and his brothers, Wes and Paul. Al is survived by his daughter, Rae Cleveland (and Bob Huddleston) of Billings; his son, Curt Rhodes

**ALLAN CARSTEN**  
of Chandler Ariz.; his grandson Michael (and Colleen) Cleveland of Seattle Wash.; and by sisters-in-law Eloise (and Jim) McClair of Bend Ore., Velma (and Vic) Bruski of Huntley, Gerry Cleveland of Billings and Nar Rhodes of Great Falls; and brother-in-law, Don (and Avis) Erb of Billings, and by many nieces and nephews.

He lived a long life in spite of a 45-year affliction with Multiple Sclerosis, and we loved him dearly and will miss him. Memorial gifts may be made to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, 1629 Ave D, Billings MT, or to a charity of your choice.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m., on Tuesday, Oct. 26, at the Smith Downtown Chapel with interment to follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens. Smith Downtown Chapel is assisting with arrangements.

## Dolores L. Rhodes

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE  
NOV 28 2004

WALLINGFORD, Pa.

Dolores L. Rhodes (nee Kostelic) age 62, of Wallingford, died at home on Saturday, Nov. 20, 2004, of breast cancer. Born Nov. 1, 1942, to Frank and Bertha (nee DiPasquale) Kostelic in Billings.

Dolores graduated from Billings Senior High School in 1961 and Roosevelt University in 1980.

She is survived by her husband, Douglas Rhodes of Wallingford; her children, Norm and Bruce Portis, both of Chicago; her sister, Louise Merring of Arizona; and her brothers, Donald Kostelic of Montana and Kenneth Kostelic of Idaho.

Relatives and friends invited to her memorial service Saturday, Dec. 4, 2 p.m., at the Swarthmore Meeting House, Swarthmore College Campus, 12 Whittier Place, Swarthmore.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Dolores' memory may be made to Philadelphia Ronald McDonald House, 3925 Chestnut St, Philadelphia, PA 19014.

Arrangements by D'Anjole Memorial Homes.

**Verna Bernice Rhyneer**

MAY 04 2004

**TOWNSEND** — Verna Rhyneer passed away April 30, 2004, at Broadwater Health Center in Townsend.

Verna Bernice Bassett was born Aug. 12, 1914, in Belgrade, to Lester M. and Emma Bassett. Verna graduated from Absarokee High School in 1933 and married E.J. "Junkie" Rhyneer on Nov. 24, 1934. Together, they operated Inland Super Service gas & service station in the center of Absarokee for over 30 years. They retired to Absarokee in 1980 after spending some years managing Gas-O-Mats in Great Falls and Billings.

Verna was preceded in death by Junkie in 1998. She is survived by her son Perry Rhyneer and Linda of Indio, Calif.; grandson Dean Rhyneer and Shannon of Townsend; and great-grandson Zane Rhyneer of Billings.

Graveside memorial service will be held Friday, May 7, at 1 p.m., at Rosebud Cemetery in Absarokee. A lunch will be provided after the service at the United Church of Christ in Absarokee.

Arrangements were assisted by Townsend Funeral Chapel.

Memorials may be sent to Broadwater Health Center or the charity of your choice.

# Karolyn Anne Rice

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WORLD NEWS SERVICE

PLENTYWOOD — Funeral services for Karolyn Anne Rice will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Oct. 8. Father Bob Sewvello will celebrate the Funeral Liturgy at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Plentywood; interment will be in Plentywood Cemetery. Vigil services will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 7, at St. Joseph Church. Karolyn passed away Sunday evening, Oct. 3, 2004, at Deaconess Billings Clinic; she was 64.



**KAROLYN RICE**

Karolyn was born Feb. 1, 1940, in Plentywood, to Elsie (Michels) and Lyle Medders. She attended Plentywood schools, and married Kurtiss Rice on April 28, 1956. Karolyn and Kurt followed the oilfields of Montana and North Dakota, settling in Plentywood in 1964.

Karolyn was a stay-at-home mom until all the kids were in school, and kept busy with Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. In 1973, she started a western wear shop, The Klothes Horse, and operated it until health problems forced her to retire in 2002. Karolyn loved all her customers, and each one was a dear friend.

Karolyn could never pass a garage sale or a dollar store without stopping ... she considered herself the original bag lady! She was involved with her card club for over 20 years, and thoroughly enjoyed this special group of friends

The highlights of Karolyn's life were her family. She is survived by her husband, Kurt, of Plentywood; two daughters, Lori Lord (Vyrion Larsen) and Cheryl (Joel) Bjorgen, both of Plentywood; one son, Russell (Veronica Haynes) of Raymond; grandchildren Lila Lord (Mike Russell), Jenna and Aric Bjorgen, and Mary and Katherine Rice; great-grandchildren McClane and Madison Lord; sisters Leah Medders, of Scobey, Mary Jean (Jim) Walikonis of Reserve; two brothers, Dale Medders, of Phoenix and Rick (Ramona) Medders of Plentywood; as well as by her mother, Elsie Medders, of Plentywood. She was preceded in death by her father, Lyle Medders, and a granddaughter, Krystle Rice.

Fulkerson Funeral Home of Plentywood has charge of arrangements.

## Russell Eugene Rice

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

APR 22 2004

GILLETTE, Wyo. — Russell Eugene "Gene" Rice, 68, of Gillette, formerly of Roundup, Mont., died Saturday, April 17, 2004, at the Campbell County Memorial Hospital in Gillette, of natural causes.

Upon his request, no services will be held. Cremation has taken place. A memorial for family and close friends is planned on Memorial Day, May 31, in Roundup.

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NOV 20 2004

**ABSAROKEE** — Ruth Rice, 85, of Walsenburg, Colo., formerly of Absarokee, Mont., passed away Wednesday, Nov. 17, 2004, at St. Mary-Corwin Hospital in Pueblo, Colo.

She was born May 5, 1919, in Rawlins, Wyo., a daughter of Fred and Annie (Merwaldt) Bolmes. She was married to Willard G. Rice Sept. 1, 1937. They moved to Wyoming in May of 1942 where they worked on a ranch until moving to Montana in 1948. While her husband worked at Mouat Mine, Ruth took care of the haying, lambing, calving and other ranch duties. They purchased Kratz Real Estate in 1954, and Ruth was a helper in the office. After their retirement, they moved to Colorado to live with their daughter.

Ruth loved fishing, hunting, uranium prospecting and was a rock hound.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Willard in 2001; a brother, Pete Bolmes; two sisters, Beatrice Brooks and Marie Ritzdorf and a nephew, Sonny Ritzdorf.

Survivors include her daughter, Jean A. Schottle of Walsenburg; a granddaughter, Kristy Valdez; two great-grandchildren, Mark and Taylor; numerous nieces, nephews and great nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held 2 p.m. Tuesday at Community Congregational Church in Absarokee with interment in Rosebud Cemetery. Smith Funeral Chapel-Laurel and Columbus is in charge of arrangements. Memorials may be sent c/o Lynda Heimer, 5 Alison, Absarokee, MT 59001.

**Thomas C. Rice****MAY 20 2004**

**SHERIDAN, Wyo.** — Thomas C. Rice, 75, of Sheridan, died Sunday, May 16, 2004, at the VA Medical Center in Sheridan.

Memorial services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, May 20, at Champion Ferries Funeral Home in Sheridan.



## Jack W. Rich

LEWISTOWN — Jack W. Rich, 82, of Lewistown, died Wednesday, March 3, 2004, at his home, of an apparent heart attack.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Monday, March 8, in the Cloyd Funeral Home Chapel. Interment will follow in the Veterans Section of the Lewistown City Cemetery.

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**MAR 5 2004**

## **H. Keith Richardson**

*THE BILLINGS GAZETTE*

DEC 04 2004

H. Keith Richardson, lifelong Billings resident, passed away Dec. 2, 2004, at St. John's Nursing Home.

Keith is survived by his wife of 58 years, Maria; a daughter, Kathleen (Tom) Hansen and grandchildren, Kaitlin and Eric Hansen, all of Snohomish, Wash.; and grandson Andrew Richardson of Dickinson, Texas. He was preceded in death by his son, Kenneth.

Keith spent four years in the Naval Air Corps during WWII and was employed at Conoco Refinery for 28 years. He was a member of the Pryor Mountain Masonic Lodge for over 50 years.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 6, at the First United Methodist Church. Memorials are suggested to the first United Methodist Church Building Fund or a charity of your choice.

Smith West Chapel assisting with arrangements.

**DEC 6 2004**

**PALM SPRINGS, Calif.** — Jeanette Rose (Straw) Richardson, a former Billings, Mont., resident, passed away at age 62 from health complications due to surgery on Monday, Oct. 18, 2004.



**JEANETTE  
RICHARDSON**

Jeanette was born June 24, 1942, youngest of 11 children, to Orrel and Nellie Fay Straw. Jeanette grew up on a small farm in Billings and attended Orchard and Garfield Schools. Jeanette married Harold Richardson on April 18, 1959. To this marriage three sons were born, Joe, Michael, and Troy. The family moved to the Los Angeles area in 1966, where Harold attended a tech school. Upon his completion there, they then moved to Culver City, Mont.

Harold and Jeanette were divorced in 1971, after which, Jeanette moved to Venice Beach. From there she moved to 29 Palms, where she purchased a small home and did extensive work making it an oasis in the desert. It was there she enjoyed feeding the turtles, birds and rabbits.

Jeanette will be deeply missed by her sons, Joe of Los Angeles, Michael of Marina Del Rey and Troy of Yucca Valley. Jeanette will also be missed by her grandchildren Kasey Rose and Jamie Austin of Los Angeles; her former husband and friend Harold of Culver City; her sisters Margaret Priestly, June (David) Wittman, Jean Lackman, and Winifred Lehner; her brothers James (Helen) Straw and Wilbur (Yula) Straw, all of Billings; and all of her numerous nephews, nieces and good friends from around the world.

Jeanette was preceded in death by her parents, one brother Paul Straw and three sisters Sara Jacobs, Dorothy Plath, and Helen Clark.

May God rest her soul.

# **Robert 'Bert' Richardson**

**OCT 18 2004  
BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**PLENTYWOOD — Robert "Bert" Richardson, 53, died Thursday, Oct. 14, 2004, at Sheridan Memorial Hospital.**

**Funeral mass will be 10 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 20, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church. A public vigil will be 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 19, at Fulkerson Memorial Chapel. Burial will be in the Plentywood Memorial Cemetery.**

## ERBIN MILTON RICHERT

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

NOV 30 2004

WIBAUX — Erbin Milton Richert, age 77, of Wibaux, died peacefully in his sleep at the Wibaux County Nursing Home on Saturday, Nov. 27, 2004.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 1, at the Christian Fundamental Church in Wibaux, with Rev. Darrel Nefzger of the Bethlehem Mennonite Church of Bloomfield and Rev. David Zimmerman of the Christian Fundamental Church officiating. Interment will follow at the Dawson County Cemetery in Glendive. Silvernale-Silha

Funeral Home of Wibaux is entrusted with arrangements.

Erbin was born May 31, 1927, near Bloomfield, the son of Benjamin A. and Susie (Baese) Richert.

He was raised and educated in the Bloomfield area. In 1979, Erbin and Laurretta moved to Wibaux, where they owned and operated the Taste Hut for 18 years.

Erbin was a kind, gentle, loving and caring individual to everyone he knew. He will be missed by all who knew him.

Erbin was preceded in death by his parents; four sisters, Elvina Deckert, Blanche Richert,

Josephine Christensen and Lillie Ewert; two brothers, Hubert and Andrew Richert.

Erbin is survived by his wife Laurretta of Wibaux; two sisters, Viola Unruh and her husband Ben of Wolf Point and Violet Buller and her husband Vern of Busby; three sisters-in-law, Ruby Richert of Big Timber, Mary Robinson of Billings and Ruth Schlapia and her husband Dey of Wibaux; and numerous nieces and nephews.

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



**ERBIN  
RICHERT**

# Gertrude A. 'Gertie' Richeson

THE BILLINGS GAZETT

JUL 7 - 2004

HELENA — Gertrude A. "Gertie" Richeson, 90, of Helena, passed away early Wednesday, June 30, 2004, at the Shelby house.

"Gertie" the "hamburger queen" was born June 1, 1914, here in Helena to the late Robert C. and Mabel (Bompart) Dorner. In her 20s, she was the potato picker champion of the Helena Valley. On Sept. 5, 1931, Gertie married Robert E. Richeson. In 1947, she was head waitress and manager of Gamers Drive In. In 1953, she opened and operated Gertie's Drive-In, which was famous for "The Gertie Burger." After she sold the Drive-In, she worked for Corrs Cafe, Jorgenson's Holiday Inn and Duffy's Night Owl.

Gertie lived and loved life to the fullest. She enjoyed music and dancing, especially the Jazz Festivals in the Helena and Great Falls area.

Survivors include her husband Bob of 72 years, who was the Helena Fire Chief for several years; two sons, Robert Eugene Richeson and wife Marlene of White Sulphur Springs and James Richard Richeson and wife Pixie of Camano Island, Wash. Also surviving are seven grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren.

Gertie was preceded in death by her brothers Bob Dorner and Jack Dorner; and one sister, Florence Liedle.

At Gertie's request, there will be no formal funeral service. Private family interment of cremains will take place at a late date in Forestvale Cemetery. Family prefers memorials to the Algeria Shrine Children's Transportation fund, PO Box 1174, Helena, MT 59624. Hagler-Anderson Funeral Home was entrusted with local arrangements.

**James F. Richeson**

**RED LODGE** — A memorial service for James F. Richeson of Red Lodge will be held Saturday, June 19, at 2 p.m. at the Elks Lodge in Red Lodge. Anyone wishing to say a few words about Jim may do so. Cake and coffee will be served following the service. Memorials can be sent to Makoshika State Park, Glendive, MT 59330.

## James F. Richeson

RED LODGE — James "Jim" F. Richeson, 74, of Red Lodge, Mont., and Merritt Island, Fla., passed away at his home Sunday, Jan. 4, 2004. A memorial service

will be held in Red Lodge at a later date.

James was born in Sacramento, Calif., the son of Hilda Richeson Columbus and Sanford Richeson. Jim graduated from Carbon County

High School, belonged to the Red Lodge Elks Club, the Teamsters and Musicians Unions, and was a distinctive contributor to the Red Lodge Festival of Nations. He was married to Marlene Richeson Reed.

Survivors include three children, Steve and Jon Richeson of Orlando, Fla., and Lorrie Richeson Sanderson of Billings; half-sisters, Mrs. Anne Columbus Dobney of Anaconda, Susan Richeson Harmon of New York; aunt, Edna Van Doe Loughney of Glendive.

He will be remembered for his ready smile, his love of life and his unceasing generosity to everyone.

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JAN 21 2004



**JAMES  
RICHESON**

Memorials may be given to the Makoshika State Park in Glendive. A bench in the amphitheater will be dedicated to him.



JAN 08 2004

## Jim Richeson

MERRITT ISLAND, Fla. — Jim Richeson, 74, part-time resident of Red Lodge, Mont., died Sunday, Jan. 4 at his winter home in Merritt Island after a difficult battle with cancer and emphysema.

An obituary and information about a memorial service will be

forthcoming at a later date. Cards and expressions of sympathy may be directed to Anne Dobney, 1819 Hamburg, Anaconda, MT, 59711, phone (406) 563-6667, and will be shared with the rest of the family.

## **HOBERT RICHMOND**

THE CHINOOK GAZETTE

JAN 11 2004

**CHINOOK** — Funeral services for Hobert Richmond will be at 2 p.m., Monday, Jan. 12, 2004, in the Edwards Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow with military honors at the Kuper Memorial Cemetery. Arrangements are by Edwards Funeral Home of Chinook.

## **Carol Severson Richter**

*THE BILLINGS GAZET*

JUL 7 - 2004

CODY, Wyo. — Carol Jean Severson Richter, 40, of Cody, died Tuesday, July 6, 2004, at St. Vincent Healthcare in Billings, of cancer.

Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday, July 8, at Ballard Funeral Home in Cody. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, July 9, at Trinity Lutheran Church. Interment will follow in Riverside Cemetery.

**Funeral services for Carol Severson Richter** THE POWELL  
TRIBUNE  
JUL 08 2004

Funeral services for Carol Severson Richter, 40, Cody, who died Tuesday, July 6 at St. Vincent Hospital in Billings, Mont., from cancer, will be Friday, July 9 at 2 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church in Cody.

She was born Sept. 20, 1963, in Williston, N.D., to Kenny and Janette (Jacobson) Severson. She attended school in Williston before moving to Cody in September, 1971. She graduated from Cody High School in 1981 and attended Northwest College in Powell the following year.

On Dec. 3, 1988, she married Richard Richter, originally from Inverness, Mont. Throughout their marriage, Carol worked at Y-Text Corp. in Cody.

She was dedicated to the activities of her children in bowling, Girl and Boy Scouts, Sunday School and softball. She was an avid Denver Bronco fan and a Dale Jarrett race fan. She also loved George Strait's music.

She was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church of Cody. She enjoyed her Bonko Club with her longtime friends, Cheryl Lawson, Susie Wooten, Carol Sutton, Betsy Payseno, Karen Moore and Donna Sutton. Some of her friends lovingly called her "Martha."

Carol had red curly hair which she lost several times in her five-year fight against cancer. Her hair and cancer always came back despite several operations, chemotherapy and radiation. She always said, "I'm OK."

Survivors include her husband, Rich; children Kayla and Kenny; her mother, Janette (Duane) Ahmann of Minot, N.D.; sister Janelle (Bill) Garaas and niece Kristi (Scott) Vaughn of Cody; great-nephews Alex, Tyler and Matthew Vaughn; great-niece Kendall

Ann Vaughn; great-nephew Christian Garaas; uncles A.J. (Barbara) Guilmain of Cody, Bob Severson of Powell, Lloyd (Charlotte) Severson of Silverton, Ore.; Darrell (Kay) Severson of Glendale, Calif.; cousins, Steve Guilmain of Cody, Sherri (Chris) Kimball of New Hampshire, Rod (Donna) Guilman of Virginia, John Jacobson, Debbie Jacobson, Stanley Jacobson and Becky Campeau of Grand Junction, Colo., Donna Severson and Bruce Severson of Napa, Calif., Marlene Severson of Tucson, Ariz., Stacey (Bill) Ortloff of Berthold, N.D., Troy (Ushi) Severson, Charlene (Tom) Schuh, Diane (Loren) Pease, Tod (Colleen) Severson and Tami Anderson, Alex (Anna) Jacobson, Phillip (Janni) Jacobson, Susan (Peter) Davidson, Brenda (Robin) Larsen and Jill (Reyes) Urrutia; aunts, Margaret Severson of Napa, Calif., Peggy Greenshields of Washington, Naomi Jacobson of Harrison, Utah; step-brother, Robert (Jane) Ahmann and Ashley Ahmann of Rochester, Minn.

She was preceded in death by her father, Ken; brother, Kendall; grandparents, Clarence and Hilda Severson and Holton and Minnie Jacobson; cousin, Danny Severson; uncles, Harold and Richard Jacobson, Doug and Donnie Severson; aunts, Mary Lois Jacobson and Gloria Guilmain.

Burial will follow the Friday services in Riverside Cemetery. Visitations will be from 5 to 8 p.m. tonight (Thursday) at Ballard Funeral Home in Cody.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to Trinity Lutheran Church.

# Ruby Mae Richter

TRUSTEES GAZETTE

AUG 24 2004

MILES CITY — Ruby Mae Richter, 90, of Miles City, died Monday, Aug. 23, 2004, at Parkview Caring.

At her request, cremation has taken place and a memorial service will be held at a later date. Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home of Miles City is in charge.

## Everett E. Ricketts

Everett E. Ricketts, 83, of Billings, died Sunday, March 28, 2004, at Billings Health and Rehabilitation Center.

The son of Everett F. and Lois Ricketts, he was born June 8, 1920, in Elk Basin, Wyo. He married Leona L. Culp in Billings in 1945. Everett had worked for Elliot Furniture in Billings.

He is survived by his wife, Leona.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Thursday, April 1, at Tree Of Life Wesleyan Church, with interment in Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Michelotti-Sawyers has charge of arrangements.

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MAR 30 2004

## Thomas M. Ricketts

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

AUG 11 2004

COLUMBUS — Thomas M. Ricketts, 92, of Columbus, passed away Aug. 8, 2004, at Billings Deaconess.

Tom was born June 27, 1912, in Billings, the son of John R. Ricketts and Mabel Morell Ricketts. He attended Lone Pine School North of Shepherd and graduated from Shepherd.

Tom married Viola George in Billings on March 24, 1934. They lived in the Bull Mountains, Kinsey, Condon, Missoula and Columbus.

He worked numerous jobs and retired from the Forest Service.

He enjoyed gardening, reading and especially working with wood and telling stories of the past.

He loved spending time with his family, especially his grandkids and great-grandkids.

Survivors are his daughter Dorothy "Pete" (Ken) Hegg; grandchildren Dennis (Cass), Kim (Butch) Behrent, Tom (Darlene), Jack, Rob (Cheryl); great-grandchildren, Chris

(Nicki) Hegg, Angie, Colette and Guy Behrent, Hayden, Gunner and Peyton Hegg; sisters-in-law, Virginia Arbogast, Ida Ricketts, Irene George, Joan George, June George; brother-in-law Ken George and brother Bill Ricketts.

He was preceded in death by his wife Viola; parents John and Mabel; brothers Stan, John and Jim.

According to his wishes, there will be no services. Memorials may be made to one's own choice.



# Lewis 'Louie' Riddle

## JUN 16 2004

Due to many health problems, Louie passed away on May 29, 2004, after six days of living with friends Rosemary and Kenny. He had been residing at Aspen Meadows.

He was born the third of four children to Charles and Zella Riddle on May 15, 1928, in Musselshell County. He served in World



**LOUIE  
RIDDLE**

War II. For about 10 years, he drove truck for good friend Raymond Corcoran. He celebrated his 76th birthday with special friend Kelly Williams and her daughter Kiley. His best friend, Lee (Bonnie) Clark was always there to help in any way they could.

Survivors include youngest sister, Vivian Meidling; step-daughter Gayle Rmin; son, Randy Brogan and daughter Vianna Newton and grandsons Shane, Dylan and Chad; special nephews, Christopher Denton and Doug Meidling; nieces Jeanette Mulholland, Bev Johnson, Vicki Johnson, Bobbie Jo Hein and Dawn Prinsell. Preceding him in

death are his parents; older sisters, Reine Dziabiak, Fern Gunn; and niece Judy Black.

Graveside services will be at 3 p.m. Friday, June 18, at Sunset Memorial, followed by a reception from 4 to 5:30 p.m. at the Moose Lodge on Calhoun Lane.

You can make donations to your favorite charity.

**JUN 26 2004****Robert James  
Ridenhower**

**BAKERSFIELD, Calif. —** Robert James Ridenhower, 64, of Bakersfield, formerly of Bloomington, Ill. and Beach, N.D., died June 23, 2004, in St. Louis, Mo.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, June 28, at the Beach Evangelical Church in Beach. Interment will follow at the Sentinel Butte Cemetery in Sentinel Butte, N.D. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Beach is in charge.

**Joshua "Shmiedel" Riedel** *THE BILLINGS GAZETTE*

JUL 27 2004

WORLAND, Wyo. — Joshua D. "Shmiedel" Riedel, 23, died Friday, July 23, 2004, from an oil field accident in Pinedale, Wyo.

Visitation is from 7 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the Bryant Funeral Home. Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday in the Grace Lutheran Church in Worland. Services will also be held at 10 a.m. Friday at the Ellsworth Funeral Home in Madison, S.D., with burial in Graceland Cemetery in Madison.

MAY 24 2004

**Betty Ann Riesland**

MILES CITY — Betty Ann Riesland, 40, died Friday, May 21, 2004, at the Holy Rosary Extended Care.

Visitation is Monday, from 4 to 7 p.m. in the chapel of Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home. Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Tuesday, May 25, in the chapel of Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home. A Funeral Services will be 10 a.m. Saturday, May 29, at the Church of God of Holiness in Lowry City, Mo. and visitation is one hour prior to the service and on Friday at the Sheldon Goodrich Funeral Home in Osceola, Mo.

# Patricia Caroline Rimby

**THE BILLINGS GAZETTE**

MAR 24 2004

LEWISTOWN — Patricia Caroline Rimby, 79, of Lewistown, passed away suddenly Sunday, March 21, 2004, at the Central Montana Medical Center, from a stroke.

She was born March 17, 1925, in Lewistown, the daughter of

Martin A. and Caroline M. Johnson. She was educated in Danvers at the Deerfield Elementary School and attended high school at the Fergus County High School of



**PATRICIA  
RIMBY**

Lewistown. She later met and married Willard L. Rimby. They made their life in Lewistown, where they owned and operated Skycraft Inc., where Patricia was a bookkeeper. She also worked for a time at the ASCS office and during the latter part of her life at the Council on Aging. She was a member of the Montana Pilots Association; Queen of the Flying Farmers, as well as a volunteer at the Council on Aging.

Her hobbies included flowers, vegetable gardening, flying, horseback riding. She loved the outdoors and cutting firewood. But her greatest joy in life was spending time with her grandchildren, whom she truly adored.

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She is preceded in death by her husband Willard; her parents; her sisters, Ione Lucas, Myrtle Killham, Lois Johnson; as well as her brothers Loren "Pie" Johnson, Melvin Johnson.

She is survived by her daughters and sons-in-law, Marilyn (Keith) Bersuch of Lewistown, Valerie (Jeff) Kellogg of Conrad; son and daughter-in-law, Rev. Ron (Dawn) Rimby of Harrisburg, S.D.; brothers and sisters-in-law, Jake (Guelda) Johnson and Lloyd (Nelda) Johnson; her seven grandchildren, Clint Bersuch of Ulm, Brian Bersuch of Lewistown, Bret Bersuch of Minneapolis, Weston Kellogg of Daytona Beach, Fla., Dylan Kellogg of Conrad, Shelly Rimby and Wendy Rimby of Pittsburgh; along with two great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be conducted 2 p.m. Thursday, March 25, at the First Christian Church of Lewistown, with Rev. Mike Dean officiating. Private inurnment of ashes will take place at a later date in Denton.

Memorials maybe made in Patricia's name to the Patricia C. Rimby memorial scholarship fund for the Rimby Grandchildren or the River of Life Church, PO Box 156, Canton, SD 57013.

## **Blanche Rindahl**

**SIDNEY —** Blanche Rindahl, 88, died Monday, Jan. 5, 2004, at the Sidney Health Center-Extended Care Facility.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Sidney Lutheran Brethren Church. Cremation will follow the services. Fulkerson Funeral Home is in charge.

*THE BILLINGS GAZETTE.*

JAN 07 2004

# Chapman Johnson Ring

Chap went to sleep Sunday night, Sept. 19, 2004, and woke in heaven, having had a difficult four-year battle with his health. He was born Sept. 26, 1933, in Norfolk, Neb., to William Johnson "Raggy" Ring and Georgian Rosella (Henley) Ring.



**CHAPMAN  
RING**

He grew up in Billings, helping with his family's photo finishing business in their home's basement — then known as Bee Photo. Then later, under the management of his brother Jack, the business became known as Film Service. Chap's #1 love in life was music until he met the Lord Jesus. He was educated at Moody Bible Institute and Wheaton College, where he got his BA in Christian Education. While at Moody, he met and married Barbara Stiff. Another love of his was for the Pakistani people, to whom he and Barb were missionaries from 1962 to 1970. He and Barb had four beautiful daughters. He loved Harleys, had fun trading and selling guns, and collecting watches and puzzle boxes.

His parents and brother, Jack, preceded him in death. He is sur-

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vived by his wife, Barbara, of 41 years; his daughters, Sharon (Ed Thompson), Mary Beth Elledge Betty Jo (Greg) Bochy, and Suzanne (Tim) Jackson; eight grandchildren, Sarah Thompson David Thompson, Bryce Elledge Bethany Elledge, Rachel Bochy Samuel Bochy, Olivia Bochy and Timothy Cole Jackson also survive him.

Funeral services will be 1 p.m. Friday, Sept. 24, at Faith Chapel with interment at Mountview Cemetery. Michelotti-Sawyer Mortuary has charge of arrangements.



FEB 19 2004

**Elsie Rose Pronoveaux Ringhand**

HARLOWTON — Elsie Rose Pronoveaux Ringhand, 91, of Harlowton, passed away Wednesday, Feb. 18, 2004, at her residence.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 21, at Trinity Lutheran Church, Harlowton.

She is survived by three daughters, Daloris Olson, Two Dot, Ethel Berg, Martinsdale and Ida Paulette (Don) Amundson, Judith Gap.

Perkins Funeral Home assisted the family with the arrangements.

# Robert Lee Risdall

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

JAN 16 2004

COSTA MESA, Calif. —

Robert Lee Risdall, 69, of Lucerne Valley, Calif., died Tuesday, Jan. 13, 2004, in Costa Mesa. In recent years, Mr. Risdall had spent summers in the Roberts area in Montana with his family at the Ruter Ranch.



**ROBERT  
RISDALL**

Born on Dec. 18, 1934, in Springfield, Ill., he was a son of Orlando and Beatrice Ruter Risdall. As a young child, his family moved to Rosholt, S.D., where he was raised and educated. After graduating from South Dakota State with a bachelor of science degree in engineering physics, he worked for five years in Germany.

He later started a computer business in California and resided in Fullerton. He sold his business and retired at age 50. Robert was a world traveler and maintained a part-time residence in Brazil. A wonderful father and a good friend, some of his favorite activities were skiing at Big Bear in California, fishing, playing pool and dancing.

Survivors include one son, ET3 Eric Robert Risdall, serving with the U.S. Navy in Florida; one daughter, Nicole Renae (Scott) Wilhelm of Costa Mesa, and many cousins.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday at Smith-Olcott Funeral Chapel in Red Lodge. Interment will be in the family plot in the Red Lodge Cemetery. Memorials may be given to the American Diabetes Association, 3203 Third Ave. N., Billings, MT 59101.

## Betty Ritter

SEP 9 2004  
WYOMING GAZETTE

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Betty E. Ritter, 74, of Sheridan, died Sunday, Sept. 5, 2004, at Westview Health Care Center.

Memorial services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 9, at Kane Funeral Home in Sheridan. Interment will be in Willow Grove Cemetery in Buffalo at a later date.

## Dusty Lee Ritter

WILLIAMS GAZETTE

JUN 11 2004

LIVINGSTON — Dusty Lee Ritter, age 5, of Livingston, died Wednesday afternoon, June 9, 2004, as the result of accidental drowning near his home south of Livingston.

Memorial services will be 10:30 a.m. Saturday, June 12, at Franzen-Davis Funeral Home, 118 North Third St., in Livingston. Cremation has taken place at Franzen-Davis Crematory.

Dusty was born Oct. 24, 1998, in Amarillo, Texas, the son of Tony Ritter and Pamela Anderson. He lived in Texas until 2000, when he came with his mother to Livingston. Dusty had just graduated from Winans Preschool this past Tuesday, June 8.

Dusty enjoyed creating his own artwork, especially by coloring. He also liked to go to the bowling alley with his family.

Survivors include his mother, Pamela K. Anderson, and his stepfather, David Arnett, both of Livingston; his maternal grandparents, Dan and Jene Anderson of Opheim; his paternal grandparents, Anthony and Bea Ritter of Dalhart, Texas; his father, Tony Ritter of Dalhart; three uncles; two aunts and seven cousins.

**JUN 11 2004**

**Joseph Rivers**

Joseph Rivers, 91, died Sunday, June 6, 2004, in Billings.

Cremation has taken place. No services are planned. Dahl Funeral & Cremation Service is in charge.

# Ruby M. Roach

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE  
NOV 19 2004

Ruby M. Roach of Billings passed away quietly and peacefully on Nov. 17, 2004, at the age of 94.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Cliff Roach. Mrs. Roach was born Sept. 10, 1910, in Minneapolis. She graduated from Wayzata High School, Wayzata, Minn., in 1928, and graduated from the University of Minnesota in nursing in June 1932.



**RUBY  
ROACH**

She moved to Billings in 1934 and married Albert Clifton "Cliff" Roach on Aug. 4, 1934. From 1934 until retirement, she pursued a career as a registered nurse. She loved the natural beauty of Montana and her Park Lane home. Reading and gardening were her passions.

Mrs. Roach is survived by her daughter, Carol Farella of Billings; her sons, Donald (Sity) Roach of Rio Rancho, N.M., and Richard (JoAnne) Roach of Ventura, Calif.; her sister, Eileen Crane of Oxford, Conn. She is also survived by six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Family Service Inc., 1824 First Ave. N., Billings MT 59101 or a charity of your choice.

A private graveside inurnment will be held at Sunset Memorial Gardens. Family and friends are invited to an open house Sunday, Nov. 21, from 1 to 5 p.m.

Arrangement are by Cremation or Funeral Gallery.

# Helvi Katherine Salo Roat

MAR 7 2004

RED LODGE  
— Helvi Roat, 88,  
died March 5,  
2004, on what  
would have been  
her husband's  
100th birthday.  
She passed away  
at Beartooth  
Health Care Cen-  
ter where she  
lived and receiv-  
ed excellent and loving care for  
nearly three years.



HELVI ROAT

Helvi was born in Red Lodge,  
on July 30, 1915, to Finnish immi-  
grants, John and Maria Salo.

She was educated in Washoe  
and Red Lodge schools, graduat-  
ing from Carbon County High  
School in 1933.

She married Anton Celeste  
Roat on April 27, 1937, in Red  
Lodge.

Helvi worked as a nurse's aid  
at Carbon County Memorial  
Hospital for many years. She was  
an excellent seamstress, wonder-  
ful cook, and was proud of her  
Finnish heritage. She was a mem-  
ber of Keleva Tupa #1. She baked  
great Finn bread. She has a green  
thumb and enjoyed working in  
her garden and yard. She traveled  
to Finland to visit relatives there.

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Her husband; parents; brothers, Jack and John; sisters, Hilja and Ida, and granddaughter, Darcy Ann Roat preceded her in death.

She is survived by sons, Brian (Sharon), Anthony (Linda), Paul (Irene); and daughter, Katherine Roat (George Braly); grandsons, Daniel Roat, Patrick Roat, Todd Roat, Shane Roat, and granddaughter, Brec Roat. Great-grandchildren are Steven Roat, Justin and Sabra Belcher, and Nathaniel Felix. Also surviving are niece, Irene LaMaine, and many other nieces and nephews.

Cremation has taken place and there will be an interment at a graveside service later in the spring. Smith-Olcott Funeral Chapel of Red Lodge was in charge of arrangements.



## Byron L. Robb

LIVINGSTON — Byron L. Robb, 73, of Livingston, died Friday, March 26, 2004, at his home.

Cremation has taken place at Franzen-Davis Crematory in Livingston. Memorial services will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday, March 31, at Holbrook United Methodist Church in Livingston. Graveside committal and interment of the cremated remains will follow in Mountain View Cemetery.

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# **Barton James Roberts**

**THE BILLINGS GAZETTE**

JAN 31 2004

LENNOX, S.D. — Barton James Roberts, 42, of Lennox, formerly of Columbus and Billings, Mont., died Tuesday, Jan. 27, 2004, at his home.

Memorial services were held 10 a.m. Friday, Jan. 30, at the Chapel of the Lennox Good Samaritan Center. Burial will be at a later date in Absarokee, Mont. Dindot-Klusmann Funeral Home of Lennox is in charge.

## Barton James Roberts

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

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**ABSAROOKE** — Barton James Roberts, 42, of Lennox, S.D., formerly of Absarokee, Columbus and Billings, died in January 2004.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, May 21, at the Rosebud Cemetery in Absarokee. A reception will follow at the home of Fred Gauthier in Absarokee. Dindot-Klusmann Funeral Home of Lennox is in charge.

# Donna Mae Roberts

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

JUL 7 - 2004

"Grandma Donna" (as we liked to call her), 60, passed away in her home, on Monday, July 5, 2004. She was ready to spend missed time with the babies she never had a chance to hold.

The daughter of Manly and Olga Gauger, Donna was born Nov. 27, 1943, in Billings. She was raised and educated in Billings and on Sept. 1, 1962, married Robert J. Roberts.



**DONNA  
ROBERTS**

We will never know how many lives she touched first as a waitress, and then owner of the Greyhound Bus Depot Cafe. She did more than serve her customers. She became a friend to all who crossed her path. For many of the people who entered the doors of her cafe, it was more than a place to eat.

We cannot imagine life without her loving attention to every detail of our lives. Donna was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother. If she only knew just how special and important to us she was.

She is survived by many loving family members, including her husband Robert J. Roberts of Billings; two children, Carrie A. (Jerry) Brockschmidt and Berry (Kelly) Roberts of Billings; 10 grandchildren, Jesse Brockschmidt, Jazmin Brockschmidt, Andy Roberts, Heather Brockschmidt, Josh Roberts, Kirsti Brockschmidt, Kendra Brockschmidt, Taylor Roberts, Desirea Brockschmidt and Casondra Brockschmidt, all of Billings; two brothers, Dwight Gauger of Billings and Dwayne Gauger of Twin Falls, Idaho; and two sisters, Darlene Sparrow of Ketchum, Idaho, and Denyta McFarren of Billings.

Funeral services will be 1 p.m. Friday, Jul 9, at Parkhill Assembly of God Church with interment at Mountview Cemetery.

Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary has charge of arrangements.

## **Doris E. Roberts**

WILMINGTON GAZETTE

APR 25 2004

**LAUREL** — Doris E. Roberts, 81, was born Nov. 17 1922, at her home near the Willow Creek Ranch.

She was the daughter of Arch and Lola Elliot. She moved to Laurel with her mom and met and married Elza (Bud) Roberts on April 20, 1940. From this union Gary, Vicki, Larry, and Stephen were born. She lost two of the boys, Gary and Stephen. Doris is survived by her daughter, Vicki (Bob) Cassidy of Laurel, and son, Larry (Connie) Roberts of Lakeside. Also her brother, Bob Elliot, of Livingston. She has six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren who were the light of her life. She had some very special nieces and nephews that meant a lot to her also.

During her life she was very active in Royal Neighbors, Rotanans and the Laurel Booster Club. She was proud that she was an Avon Lady for 26 years. Doris will be remembered for the love she gave to her many cats and dogs as well as the strays that were lucky and found her home. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to the Animal Welfare League or the Humane Society.

A private gathering for family will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 27, at the Laurel Senior Center in Laurel.

# Dorothy Roberts

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

NOV 28 2004

**GALLATIN GATEWAY —**  
Dorothy Roberts, 83, of Gallatin Gateway, died Monday, Nov. 22, 2004, at her home.

A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 27, at the Gallatin Gateway Community Center. Cremation or Funeral Gallery of Belgrade is in charge.

# Evelyn L. Roberts

THE BURLINGAME GAZETTE

APRIL FEB 28 2004

**THERMOPOLIS, Wyo.** —

Evelyn Laura Roberts, 93, formerly of Greybull, died Monday, April 26, 2004, at Hot Springs County Memorial Hospital in Thermopolis.

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

# FRANK THOMAS ROBERTS

July 16, 1924 — Dec. 24 2004

**DEER LODGE** — Surrounded by family at his home in Deer Lodge, at 80 years of age, Frank's journey here on earth came to a close and his new life in eternity began.

Frank was born to Leon and Ethel Roberts on July 16, 1924, in Carbondale, Colo. He was the fourth child of six children. At the age of 18, he joined the Marines and served overseas during World War II in the Pacific, which earned him a Purple Heart.

Frank worked at many different occupations during his life. His sons remember the best job their Dad had was when he owned Shepherd Machine and Welding shop in Shepherd, from 1961 to 1974. Boy, could their Dad weld. Besides being a machinist, Frank worked on hay chopping crews, helped build the Roberts Tunnel in Colorado, and the Yellowtail Dam in Montana.

He retired from Agri-Empire Corp. in California and returned to Montana. He settled in Deer Lodge, where he could be close to his favorite elk hunting area.

His parents; brothers, Walt, Harold, Bob; and sister Edith; and his first wife, Pat Cowden Roberts, preceded Frank in death.

He is survived by his wife of 25 years, Earlene; and his brother Elmer Roberts of Rifle Colo.

*The Hillcrest Cemetery*

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sons Tom (Kay) Roberts of Helena, Jerry (Angie) Roberts of Hemet, Calif., Bob (Peggy) Roberts of Dillon; and daughters Tammy (John) Russo of Anza, Calif., and Raechelle (Thomas) Meekin of Butte; his grandchildren Chris, Rob, Rick, Lisa, Laurie, Joe, Danny, Derek, Kirsten, Jacob, Jason, Vincent and Shaun and Donny. Frank was also blessed with six great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews. They all loved Grandpa-Uncle Frank.

Funeral services will be at Jewell Funeral Home in Deer Lodge, Wednesday, Dec. 29, at 2 p.m. Interment will follow at Hillcrest Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, family requests memorials are made to Hospice of Deer Lodge.

Frank, Dad, Grandpa, "We love you and you'll be in our hearts until we meet again!"



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**MAY 12 2004****Jess Roberts**

**CRANE —** Jesse Booth Roberts, 81, of Crane, died Sunday, May 9, 2004, at the Sidney Health Center Extended Care Facility.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 15, at the Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church. Cremation will follow services. His cremains will be interred in the Niche Wall at the Sidney Cemetery. Fulkerson Funeral Home of Sidney is in charge.

## PAUL ROBERTS

**PRYOR** — Paul Roberts, 88, of Pryor Creek, passed away Sunday, Feb. 22, 2004, at home, of natural causes, during his afternoon nap.

He was born June 29, 1915, in Reed Point, son of Rex and Anna Gilchrist Roberts. He attended elementary school at the Spring Creek rural school near Reed Point. He also attended Broadwater School in Billings and graduated from Roundup High School.

He was a daring and adventurous child. In his early teens, he and a friend rode their bicycles from Roundup to Billings on the gravel road. They spent the night in the cemetery before returning to Roundup. It was a long trip with no water, except for what they could get from roadside puddles.

After working eight years for the Forest Service near Bozeman, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy. While in boot camp in Wahpeton, N.D., he met his future bride, Grace Kapaun, at a dance. After a short courtship, they were engaged before he was deployed to the Pacific Theater for the duration of WWII. He served as a Chief Machinist's Mate on the USS Bradford. After being honorably discharged from the Navy in



**PAUL  
ROBERTS**

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November of 1945, he and Grace were married in Frazee, Minn., on Jan. 8, 1946.

After their marriage, Paul and Grace moved to Pryor Creek, where they farmed, gardened and raised their children in the home that Paul and his brother, Vic, built. Paul was successful and respected by fellow farmers. He was an active member of St. Charles Mission, the Billings Knights of Columbus, the Elks and the Central High School Booster Club. He served on the boards of both the Western Bank and the Morin Elementary rural school. After retirement, he and Grace enjoyed traveling to China and throughout the United States.

He is survived by his wife, Grace; and his three children, Sharon (Steve) Bailey of Powell, Wyo., Vernon (Kay) Roberts of Helena and Venieta (Dave) Cox of Billings. He delighted in his six granddaughters, teaching them all to drive on the farm long before they were 16. They are Sara Bailey of Lyons, Colo., Laura Bailey of Bozeman, Angela Roberts of Ithaca, N.Y., Beth Roberts Nave of Bozeman, and Melanie and Michelle Cox of Billings. Paul's sisters-in-law also survive him. They

are Irene Roberts and Helen Roberts of Helena, Bernadette Roberts of California and Frances Roberts of Billings. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and stepmother, Irma Roberts, and by all his brothers and sisters. They were Byron, Don, Dean, Joe, Vic, Margaret (Mugs) Cormier and Eloise Cormier.

Paul's vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 26, at the Dahl Funeral Chapel. Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Friday, Feb. 27, at St. Charles Mission near Pryor. Interment will follow in the Holy Cross Cemetery, Billings. Memorials in Paul's name may be made to Billings Area Catholic Education Trust (BACET), St. Charles Mission, or charity of choice.

## **William Roberts**

LIVINGSTON — William "Bill" Roberts, 77, of Livingston, died Tuesday, March 30, 2004, at Deaconess Billings Clinic, following a brief illness.

Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. Saturday, April 3, at Franzen-Davis Funeral Home in Livingston. Graveside committal and burial will follow in Mountain View Cemetery.

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**Christopher Allen  
Robertson**

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**JUN 30 2004**

MISSOULA — Christopher Allen Robertson, 28, of Missoula, died at his home in Oak Harbor, Wash., the week of June 27, 2004.

Arrangements will be announced by Garden City Funeral Home of Missoula.

# Ensign Christopher Allen Robertson

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

JUL 4 - 2004

MISSOULA — Missoula resident Chris Robertson passed away of natural causes on June 27, 2004, in Oak Harbor, Wash.

Chris was born March 1, 1976, in Billings. Growing up on a family cattle ranch on the beautiful plains of Eastern Montana was always a proud part of his childhood. The ranch lifestyle seemed to be a good foundation for all the hard work Chris did in his short life. Chris attended grade school and middle school in Billings and Missoula. He attended Loyola Sacred Heart in Missoula where he excelled in speech and debate as well as on the football field, and graduated in 1994. After high school Chris went on to attend Montana State University, where he earned a Business/Marketing degree in 2000. After graduating from college, Chris worked in Bozeman for various companies before joining the Navy in 2002. He had recently graduated from Officer Candidate School and various flight and ground schools from NAS Pensacola's Sherman field. Chris had recently been assigned to the



**CHRIS  
ROBERTSON**

VAQ 129 Squadron at Oak Harbor where he was to be part of the flight team of the Navy's EA-6B Prowler.

Chris was excited about his future in the Navy as a Naval Flight Officer. A kind and gentle-hearted person who loved to spend time with friends and family, Chris lived life to the fullest, and gave 110 percent to everyone and everything he did. Living an active lifestyle, Chris spent his free time scuba diving, hunting and fishing with his brothers in Montana, and engaging in the occasional video game with his friends. A loving son, brother and friend, Chris always put his family and friends first. His passion for life was evident in everything he did.

Chris was preceded in death by his maternal Grandmother, Colleen Carroll Schoenbaum. Chris is survived by his loving mother Cathy, and her partner Tim, both of Missoula; his father, Bert and family of Jordan; brother, Andy and family of Billings; his twin brothers, Kevin and Kurtis, both of Missoula, and his step-grandfather, Jim Schoenbaum and family of Billings.

In lieu of flowers, the family wishes donations be made to Loyola Sacred Heart High School, 300 Edith, Missoula, MT 99801; 549-6101. Services will be held Wednesday, July 7, at 10:30 a.m. at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, 420 W. Pine St. in Missoula. Viewing and visitation will be held prior to the service at church. Arrangements are under the care of Garden City Funeral Home and Crematory.



# Dorothy V. Robertson

**HARDIN** — Dorothy Victoria Robertson, 86, of Hardin, passed away June 4, 2004, in Livingston.

She was born Feb. 7, 1918, in Santa Rosa, Fla., a daughter of Eugene and Justine Stalter Gauer. She grew up and received her education in Missouri.

Dorothy married George G. Robertson, Sr. on Sept. 3, 1938, in Gainesville, Mo. The couple made their home in Oklahoma before moving to Montana and the Hardin area in 1943. Mr. Robertson died in 1993.

She worked as a waitress, bartender and water hauler for many years. She enjoyed sewing; however, the outdoors, especially gardening and fishing, were her passion.

Dorothy was a faithful member of the St. Joseph Catholic Church, Catholic Women's Circle, Catholic Daughters and was a charter member of the Big Horn County Hospital Auxiliary.

Her parents; brother, Ferdinand Gauer; and grandson, Brad Puhl, preceded Dorothy in death.

Survivors include her daughters, Regina (Earl) Wilson of

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**JUN 06 2004**

Texas, Darlene (Victor) McMillen of Hardin, Marilyn (Bob) Puhl of California and Cheryl (Scott) Kautzman of Livingston; her sons, George (Diane) Robertson Jr. of Forsyth and Gary (Janice) Robertson of California; 18 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

Rosary will be recited 7 p.m. Monday, June 7, in the Bullis Funeral Chapel. Funeral Mass will be celebrated 11 a.m. Tuesday, June 8, in the St. Joseph Catholic Church. Interment will follow in the Fairview Cemetery.

Bullis Mortuary of Hardin has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Should friends desire, memorial contributions may be made to the Big Horn Hospital Foundation, 17 N. Miles Ave., Hardin, MT 59034.



**DOROTHY  
ROBERTSON**

# Kenneth Glennon Robertson

Kenneth Glennon Robertson, 80, passed away on Aug. 23, 2004, at the Horizon Hospice Home in Billings. Kenneth was surrounded by family when he quietly slipped into eternity. Funeral services will be held in Big Sandy at the Historical Museum at 11 a.m. on Aug. 28. A reception will immediately follow at the Senior Citizens Center with interment at the Hill County Cemetery at 3 p.m.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Cremation or Funeral Gallery of Billings.



**KENNETH  
ROBERTSON**

Kenneth was born on Nov. 19, 1923, in Big Sandy. He grew up on the family farm west of Big Sandy and graduated from Big Sandy High School in 1940. In the spring of 1942, while working at Carson's Store in Big Sandy, he met Esther Rueb of Laredo. They were married on June 17, 1946. Esther died in December of 1999.

Kenneth enlisted in the Army in April of 1943. He attended Pasadena Junior College and Stanford University before leaving to serve in World War II. Kenneth served in the European Campaign, where he fought for and experienced the liberation of Paris. He was in northern

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Germany at the end of the war. For the next several months he was stationed in Bolbec, France at a former POW camp guarding German soldiers. Kenneth re-enlisted in the Army, and after a short furlough home to marry Esther, he was sent to Naples, Italy for six months. He was stationed in several different states until his discharge in July of 1947.

After his discharge, Kenneth and Esther returned to Big Sandy, where he worked at the Mint Bar, Vet's Club, and Northern Implement. In April of 1952, they began farming the Matthews place west of Big Sandy. After retiring from farming in 1981, they lived in Zurich, Havre and Billings.

Kenneth was active in the VFW for many years following WWII. He was instrumental in starting the Vet's Club in Big Sandy. Kenneth was past post president of the Big Sandy Post as well as an officer in the Department of Montana Veteran's of Foreign Wars.

Kenneth is survived by his daughters, Connie (Stan) Myers of Ryder, N.D., Kate (Roy) Toyama of Liberty Lake, Wash.; his son, Randy of Billings; Clyde Wall of Great Falls; brothers Walter and Allen of Big Sandy; nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, Tony and Blanche; wife, Esther; daughter, Vonnie Spicher, brother, Ralph, and sisters, Fern Schlack and Glenda Simon.

In lieu of flowers the family requests that donations be made to Horizon Hospice Home, PO Box 35033, Billings, MT 59107.

## **Carolyn S. Robinson**

**THE BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**FEB 10 2004**

WORLAND, Wyo. — Former Great Falls, Mont., resident Carolyn S. (Bartlett) Robinson, 73, of Worland, a retired waitress who formerly worked at Tracy's Restaurant, died of pneumonia Sunday, Feb. 8, 2004, at a Billings hospital.

Her funeral is 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 14, at the LDS Church in Worland. Velle Mortuary of Worland is handling arrangements.

Survivors include daughters Glenda Cheppo of Etters, Pa., Carol Lynn Kendrick of Las Vegas and Elaine LaMere of Billings; a sister, Freda Harr of Nebraska; a brother, Raymond Bartlett of Nebraska; and brother-in-law Dwayne Harr of Nebraska; nine grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband Bill Robinson; her mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Witsel; twin daughters who died at birth; and a sister, Shirley. She was born and raised in Arkansas.

She was a member of the LDS Church in Worland and was very active with church activities. She loved crocheting, making dolls and taking care of her dog.

Memorials are suggested to the American Lung Association, 61 Broadway, New York, NY 10006.

# **Ernest M. Robinson**

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**  
**JUN 17 2004**

**SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Ernest M. Robinson, 60, of Sheridan, died Sunday, June 13, 2004, at his home.**

**Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Thursday, June 17, at Champion**

**Ferries Funeral Home in Sheridan. Funeral liturgy will be at 10 a.m. Friday, June 18, at Our Lady of the Pines Catholic Church in Story. Interment will be in Quiet Res Cemetery in Story.**

## Floyd I. Robinson

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

MAY 29 2004

**MALTA —** Floyd I. Robinson, 84, died Tuesday, May 25, 2004.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 29, at Adams Funeral Home Memorial Chapel in Malta. Interment will follow in the Malta Cemetery.

# Wilma 'Willie' Robinson

THE BILLEN'S GAZETTE

AUG 31 2004

**THERMOPOLIS, Wyo. —**  
Wilma "Willie" Heiserman Robinson, 61, died Friday, Aug. 27, 2004, at her home.

A celebration of life will begin at 1 p.m. Wednesday in the Terrace Shelter in Hot Springs State Park in Thermopolis. A service and inurnment is at 1 p.m. Friday at Ft. Logan National Cemetery in Denver, Colo. Mortimore Funeral Home is in charge of local arrangements.

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## **Wilma Robinson**

Wilma Lohrenz Heiserman Robinson, 61, died Friday, Aug. 27 at her home in Thermopolis.

She was born Feb. 24, 1943, in Powell to John and Montana (Asay) Lohrenz. She graduated from Powell High School in 1961 and attended Parks School of Business in Denver in 1962. She majored in English with a 4.0 grade point average at Front Range Community College in Westminster, Colo., from 1983-1985.

Her career included employment at AMF Head Ski, State of Colorado Division of Commerce and Development, Presbyterian/St. Lukes Community Foundation and the Rocky Mountain News. Since 1998, she worked as an independent contractor providing medical transcription services to the VA Hospitals System.

Her grace, sense of humor and concern for others will be missed by those whose lives she touched.

Survivors include her husband, Bruce Robinson; sons Michael and Mitch Heiserman; mother, Shirley Schultz; her sisters, Kay Christofferson, Jean Stevens, Judy Lind and Jana Lohrenz; and five grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and by her husband, Gary G. Heiserman.

Cremation has taken place. A celebration of her life will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 1 at the Terrace Shelter, Hot Springs State Park, Thermopolis. A service and interment will be Friday, Sept. 3 at 1 p.m. at Fort Logan National Cemetery, Denver.

For those who wish, memorial donations to the American Diabetes Association or the Wyoming Division of Parks and Historical Sites would be appreciated by the family.



## **Utane C. Robiscoe**

**THE RILLING GAZETTE**

**FEB 19 2004**

**LIVINGSTON —** Diane C. Robiscoe, 42, of Livingston, died Monday, Feb. 16, 2004, at her home.

Cremation has taken place at Franzen-Davis Crematory. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

## FRANK G. ROBISON

Frank G. Robison, 85, will be remembered as a kind and loving husband, dad and grandpa who enjoyed his family. He loved camping, fishing and hunting. He restored and loved to drive antique cars. He entered his 1930 Model A Ford in many parades and tours, often with his wife and grandchildren at his side.

Frank was an honest, hard-working gentle man.

His grandchildren remember him teaching them to drive, taking them fishing, hunting and ice skating.

He drove truck in the CCC Camp in the late '30s before moving to Montana in 1940. His first job was working as a ranch hand at the Mason Ranch.

Pursuing his dream to drive truck, Frank worked for H.F. Johnson for 30 years as a driver and a dispatcher. He then became an owner/operator of his own trucks.

Frank's love of driving truck was passed down to his sons and grandsons.

At too young of an age, they were seen driving big rigs with Grandpa Frank as a copilot enjoying the ride.

He was born Nov. 5, 1919, in



**FRANK  
ROBISON**

Black Rivers Falls, Wis., to Raleigh and Maggie Robison, with a twin sister, Frances.

Soon after moving to Montana, young Frank met Dorothy Nash at a roller skating rink in Billings. A few months later, he had two days off from his ranch job and convinced her to marry him on Oct. 15, 1940.

He was drafted into the U.S. Army when they were expecting their third son. He saw action in France and was in the Battle of Normandy, where he was injured by shrapnel. He was honorably discharged and awarded a Rifleman's badge, a Good Conduct medal and a Purple Heart.

Frank passed away peacefully on Sunday morning, Dec. 19, 2004, with his family members by his side.

He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Dorothy of Billings; and their six children, Dwayne (friend Brenda), Gimmer (Linnea), Gus (Sue), of Billings; Doug (Linda) of Racine, Wis.; Sandy Muniz of Bowie, Texas; Pete (Becky) of Worden; 16 grandchildren, and 21 great-grandchildren.

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He is also survived by his brother Kenny and his sister Joyce, both of Wisconsin, and his sister Esther of California.

He was preceded in death by his parents; an infant son, Gordon; seven siblings; daughter-in-law Linda Robison; and a grandson, Ty Wade Robison.

A Celebration of Frank's life will be Wednesday, Dec. 22, at 1 p.m., at the Dahl Funeral Chapel, Billings. Cremation has taken place and Frank's ashes will be laid to rest in the Mountview Cemetery Columbarium in the Veterans Section with full military honors.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be made to the Montana Order of the Purple Heart Local Chapter 343, Gerald P. LaFountain, 4615 Simpson St., Billings, MT 59101 or the charity of your choice.

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**Howard  
William Roby**

Memorial services will be conducted Monday, Dec. 20 at 2 p.m. at First Southern Baptist Church in Powell for Howard William (Corky) Roby, 47, who died Nov. 28 in Billings, Mont.

He was born April 29, 1957, to Howard and Nancy Roby.

Survivors include a son, Matthew Roby; daughters Shannon Roby and Amy Roby; his parents, Nancy and Howard Roby; brothers Ed Roby and David Roby; five sisters, Lori Leeper, Dori Hendrickson, Diane Keller, Angie Zent and Julie Matheson; and three grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Bill and Bethel Capron.

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**Marcella D. Roche**

MAR 25 2004

Marcella D. Roche, 78, formerly of Lovell, died March 18 at her home in Puyallup, Wash.

She was born Jan. 17, 1926, in Minneapolis, Minn., the daughter of Mary and James Dwyer. She was the second of seven children — one boy and six girls.

She married Rocky Roche in Minneapolis Sept. 20, 1947. They moved to Lovell in 1950 making their home and raising a family of three girls, Mary, Irene and Betty.

She developed many talents throughout her life including journalist/editor, radio announcer, TV sales, spiritual counselor, artist, lecturer/teacher, and psychotherapist. However, the most powerful drive in her life was her Irish heritage and her faith. She was a practicing Benedictine Oblate for many years.

In 1998, the Roches moved to Puyallup, Wash., to be near their daughter, Mary. She also enjoyed gardening, reading and making friends.

Her family and friends will miss her laughter, kindness, wit, and love, taking comfort in the belief she went right to an Irish celebration in heaven with those who preceded her.

Her devoted husband, Rocky; daughters, Mary, Irene and Betty, 10 grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren survive her.

Funeral services were held Monday March 22, with burial in Tahoma National Cemetery in Kent, Wash.

**Bruce Grainger  
Rockwood**

OCT 15 2004  
BILLINGHAM GAZETTE

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Bruce Grainger Rockwood, 62, of Sheridan, died Monday, Oct. 12, 2004, at the VA Medical Center in Sheridan.

Graveside committal service will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 19, in Yellowstone Valley Memorial Park in Billings. Champlin Ferries Funeral Home of Sheridan is in charge.

# Lyle Edward Rodgers

SEP 30 2004

Lyle Edward Rodgers, 83, of Billings, died early Tuesday, Sept. 28, 2004, at St. Vincent Healthcare in Billings, with his son, Lyle Rodgers of Powell, Wyo., at his side.

He was born June 20, 1921, in the sandhills of southwest Carbon County, between Red Lodge and Joliet, the son of Charles E. and Ethel I. Rodgers. The family moved to Laurel when he was 2 years old.

A cowboy at an early age, he raised horses during his growing up years, and with his best friend and schoolmate, Jiggs DeNittis, rode horses all over the rural Laurel countryside. He enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps in 1941, serving in the South Pacific Theater of World War II. While on leave on June 20, 1943, he married Doris Ellen Gunter in Laurel.

After the war, they built a home in Laurel. To this union, a son, Lyle Earl Rodgers, was born. The father and son Lyles were fishing and hunting buddies, and Lyle, Sr. spent many hours and weekends coaching Little League Baseball. Lyle and Doris divorced in 1968.

He worked for the Northern



**LYLE  
RODGERS**

Pacific Railroad for a short time and for International Harvester Co. for 30 years until the business closed shop. He then moved to California in 1979 and was employed by McDonald Douglas Aircraft Co. for 10 years. He found great enjoyment working a Douglas and took pride in building DC-9 aircraft. He married Helen Logan in Billings in September of 1982, and they later made their home in Billings.

Lyle was known to many as "Abe" as a look-alike of President Abe Lincoln, and he enjoyed playing the role. He was fond of making toys and other wood projects and was well known for his "tinman" and buckboard wagons. He cherished time spent hunting and fishing and riding his horse in the mountains west of Powell. He was a member of the Billings Amputee Club and a coffee group that met regularly at Elmer's in Billings.

Survivors include his wife Helen; son Lyle Earl (Cheryl) Rodgers of Powell; a stepson, Stanley Logan of Billings; grandson Mike Rodgers of Yuma, Ariz.; granddaughter Kristi Rodgers (Toby) Bonner of Powell; and grandson Justin Logan, granddaughter Adrienna Hines and great-grandson Cale Hines, all of Helena. He is also survived by



one brother, Charles (Shirley) Rodgers of Laurel; one sister Evelyn (Lloyd) Linger of Molt; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Charles E. and Ethel L. Rodgers.

Cremation has taken place, and memorial services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 2, at Smith West Chapel, 304 34th St. West, Billings. Burial of remains will be in the veterans section of the Laurel Cemetery.

For those who wish, memorial contributions to the Shrine Children's Hospital Transportation Fund, PO Box 20673, Billings, MT 59104 would be appreciated by the family.

# Perry Rodreick

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

AUG 18 2004

**LAUREL** — Perry Rodreick, 78, of Laurel, passed away at his home Aug. 16, 2004.

Perry was born June 8, 1926, in New Castle, Colo., to George and Emma Gant Rodreick. He attended high school and was self taught

in many subjects.

Perry loved working in the forest cutting trees and anything related to the lumber industry. Later with his wife Dorothy, he owned and operated the



**PERRY  
RODREICK**

Rodreick Lumber Yard. He was previously married to Lydia Dwire and had four children. He married Dorothy Gomer in 1968.

Perry's true calling in life was Alcoholics Anonymous, where last year he celebrated 36 years of sobriety. Many people have been touched by Perry's commitment and effort in the AA program. The day before he passed away he attended two meetings of the Laurel branch of AA.

Perry was preceded in death by his parents Emma and George; a daughter, Kathleen Crabtree; and a granddaughter, Alisha.

Survivors include his wife Dorothy; his children, Dan (Barb) Rodreick of Townsend, Judy Rodreick of Rifle, Colo., and Patty (Allen) Smith of Rock Springs, Wyo.; a son-in-law, Ken Crabtree; numerous grandchildren and his many AA friends that he considered family.

Services will be held, 10 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 19, at First Congregational Church in Laurel. Visitation will be Wednesday, Aug. 18, 5 to 8 p.m. at Smith Funeral Chapel-Laurel. Memorials are suggested to the Laurel Ambulance Service or to the charity of your choice.

# ANTONIA "TONI" RODRIGUEZ

BILLINGS GAZETTE

MAY 16 2004

POWELL, Wyo. — Mass of Christian Burial services are scheduled for Wednesday, May 19, 10 a.m., at St. Barbara's Catholic Church, Powell, for Wyoming Pioneer Antonia "Toni" Rodriguez, age 92, who died in Anchorage, Alaska, on May 10, 2004. A visitation will be from 5 until 6:30 p.m. at Miratsky Memorial Chapel on Tuesday, May 18. Friends



**ANTONIA  
RODRIGUEZ**

and family are invited to share memories of Antonia at 7 p.m. at St. Barbara's Parish, with a rosary to follow.

Antonia was born on Nov. 17, 1911, in Rociada, N.M. Her family moved to Powell in 1923. She was orphaned at age 13. She withdrew from school to help her brother raise their younger siblings. She married Paul Rodriguez on Dec. 6, 1929, at St. Patrick's Church in Billings. As a mother of six, Antonia and Paul farmed in Powell until 1963, when they moved to Arcata, Calif., where she worked in a nursing home. They returned to Ralston in 1969, where she has since resided.

Antonia has been an inspiration to her family and friends as she lived independently, garden-

ing and cooking until her stroke in January 2004 in Anchorage. She was recovering extremely well until her sudden illness on May 5.

She is survived by her sons, Paul Rodriguez Jr. and wife Beth, Jim Rodriguez and wife Becky of Powell, Roger Rodriguez and wife Irene of Westminster, Colo.; daughters Virginia Damori and husband Jim of Ralston and Patricia Roorda and husband Reg of Eagle River, Alaska; 13 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her daughter Esther Gonzales and husband Paul Rodriguez Sr.

Her devout faith sustained her through many challenges. She will truly be missed by everyone whose heart she touched.

Evergreen memorial Chapel in Anchorage and Miratsky Memorial Chapel in Powell are in charge of arrangements.

# Antonia (Toni) Rodriguez

THE POWELL  
TRIBUNE

MAY 7 8 2002

Funeral services are scheduled for Wednesday, May 19 at 10 a.m. at St. Barbara's Catholic Church for Wyoming pioneer, Antonia (Toni) Maestas Rodriguez, 92, who died in Anchorage, Alas., on Monday, May 10.

Four priests will preside at the funeral Mass. Father Pete Johnson is celebrant, with co-celebrants to include former St. Barbara's priests, Father Charles Taylor, Father John Wright and Father Tom Ogg.

A visitation will be from 5 to 6:30 p.m. today (Tuesday) at the Mirarsky Memorial Chapel. Friends and family are invited to share memories of Antonia at 7 p.m. at St. Barbara's Parish with a Rosary to follow.



**Antonia  
Rodriguez**

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# Donald R. Rodriguez

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

MAR 11 2004

Donald R. Rodriguez, 51, passed away March 7, 2004, of chronic illnesses. Donald "D. Rod" was born Sept. 17, 1952, to Jose M. and Rosella J. Rodriguez in Billings.

"D. Rod" was proud to earn spending money as a small child selling newspapers, shining shoes and other similar activities. He served as an altar boy for many years at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church.



"D. ROD"

Some of his hobbies included playing pool, spending time with his friends, collecting model cars and railroad cars. He also enjoyed fishing, floating the Yellowstone River, and was known as an active handyman, whether he was busy repairing things, building and remodeling or working on cars.

At the age of 18, he started working at Burlington Northern Railroad, advancing from the "chain gang" to car man — inspector. In his later years, "D. Rod" worked for Montana Rail Link for a total of 27 years in Laurel.

With his family being most important, the birth of his beloved daughters to him and Karen brought him great happiness. Donald was very close to his wife, girls, brothers, sister, mother and

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father. His sense of humor and outgoing personality gave him numerous friends and many wonderful and fun times with his family.

Survivors include his wife Karen; daughters, Raynie Rose (mother of his first unborn grandchild), Brittney Dawn; mother Rosella; brothers, Jesse, Jerry and George (Vicky), all of Billings, David (Sheila) of Columbus, Ohio; sister Yolanda Varela; first wife, Nora Haughian of South Dakota; and nieces and nephews of Billings. He was preceded in death by his father; sister Rosemary Ludwig; and brother Frank.

Vigil service will be 7 p.m. Thursday, March 11, at Our Lady of Guadalupe. Funeral service will be 10 a.m. Friday, March 12, at the church, with Father Paul Reichling presiding. Interment will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

# Virginia Anne Rodriguez

SEP 6 2004

BILLINGS GAZETTE

Virginia Anne Rodriguez went home to be with the Lord after an 11-year battle with diabetes and dialysis on Sept. 3, 2004, at Valley Healthcare Center.

She was born July 26, 1954, in Billings, to Concepcion and Eusebio Romo who precede her in death. She was employed at Valley Healthcare Center from 1990-1993. She also worked at the Northern Hotel for many years. Virginia attended school at Taft Elementary, Little Flower Catholic School and Adult Education.

Our sister has a heart of gold and was an inspiration to everyone. She was courageous, strong willed and always had the ability to see the light side of her illness. She was grateful for life and life had great meaning. She touched the heart of those who knew her. Virginia had a great sense of humor, a contagious laugh and a positive attitude toward life. Virginia was an Outreach Volunteer, helping others to deal with diabetes, dialysis and amputations. She was a strong advocate for the handicap and disabled. She set a wonderful example for all of us. Virginia loved cooking, crafts, card games, playing bingo, and she always looked forward towards the holidays with her nephews.

Survivors include three sisters, Ruth (Chris Mota) Angelo, Orlando and Marcos from Billings, Rose (Donny O'Neil) Emily and Mason from La Porte, Texas., Raquel (Ray Robles) Frank, Ramon Jr., Raymund, Andraya from Moreno Valley, Calif., Richard Romo, Rudy Romo, Adam and Grant, all from Billings.

Virginia, we love you and you will be deeply missed by all of your family and friends.

Visitation is 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. A Vigil will be held 7 p.m. Thursday at Dahl Funeral Chapel with a Funeral Mass at St. Patrick's Co-Cathedral at noon Friday. Interment will be at Holy Cross Cemetery.

# Richard "Dean" Roebling

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

JUL 1 - 2004

Richard "Dean" Roebling, 38, of Billings, died Wednesday, June 30, 2004, in Billings.

The son of Richard and Delores Roebling, he was born March 14, 1966, in Hardin. He grew up on the family ranch near Colstrip and graduated from Colstrip High School.



**DEAN  
ROEBLING**

Dean moved to Billings in 1984 and had worked for Tire Rama for 15 years. He was currently working with Rimrock Engineering.

He married Kim Pett in Billings in 1988.

Dean was one of the most fun-loving people you could ever meet. He enjoyed, hunting, fishing, camping and four wheeling. His family was very important to Dean and he especially enjoyed being involved with his wife and sons at Venture Theatre, where he was assistant technical director. He was also a NASCAR fan and had recently made a trip with his family to their first NASCAR Race.

Survivors include his wife Kim and two sons, Alex and Adam of the family home; his parents, Richard and Delores Roebling of

Colstrip; three brothers, Andrew Kukes (Gayla) of Colstrip, Leeroy Kukes of Kirby and Tracy (Chris) Roebling of Reno, Nev.; four sisters, Carrie Mullin of Billings, Diana (Phil) Perkins of Billings, Marilyn Watson of Colstrip and Corrine (Rich) Duncan of Hardin; and his in-laws, Charlie and Dina Pett of Billings. He is also survived by numerous aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews, his best friend Sam Bofsto of Billings and his Labradors, Archie and Meg.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial services will be 4 p.m. Saturday, July 3, at Harvest Church, 1235 West Wicks Lane.

Memorials may be sent to a trust fund established for Alex and Adam, c/o Amy Carter, First Interstate Bank, 401 N. 31st, Billings, MT 59101.

Michelotti-Sawyers has charge of arrangements.



## **Sadie Roediger**

SEDONA, Ariz. — Sadie Roediger, 98, formerly of Buffalo, Wyo., died Tuesday, Dec. 23, 2003, in Sedona.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 10, 2004, at Adams Funeral Home in Buffalo with burial in Willow Grove Cemetery.

**THE BILLINGS GAZETTE**  
JAN 08 2004

JUL 26 2004

**CROW AGENCY** — Kathleen Roberta Roehl, 67, of Crow Agency passed away Sunday, July 25, 2004, in the Big Horn County Memorial Hospital, following a lengthy illness.

She was born Dec. 7, 1936, in Edgar, a daughter of Martin and Magdalena Hutzenbiler Peters Sr.



**KATHLEEN  
ROEHL**

Kathleen married Rueben Roehl on June 5, 1957, in Red Lodge and the couple made their home in Crow Agency. She was a devoted wife and mother. Her smile and good sense of humor will always be remembered, as well as her cooking, painting, fishing, gardening and collecting of various items. She loved delivering *The Billings Gazette* with her husband, Rueben, for the past 29 years. She enjoyed life and lived it fully, helping anyone who needed assistance. Over the past several years, she developed a special relationship with Dr. Carol Greinmann and the Hardin Clinic staff.

Her father, Martin and brother, Fred preceded Kathleen in death.

Survivors include her husband, Rueben of Crow Agency three daughters, Ramona Zink of Hardin, Robin (Mike) Hawley of Wyoming and Rebecca (Wayne Weisser) Roehl of Washington; a son, Roger (Sharon) Roehl of Hardin; her mother, Magdalena Peters of Fromberg; her loving grandchildren, Joshua, Christopher, Tamara, Brandon, Tiffany, Reuben and Jeffrey; her sisters, Darlene (Leroy) Metzker, Rosealie Peters, Helen Haynie and Pat (Leonard) Kroll; her brothers, Martin (Sharon) Peters, Jr. and Daniel (Sheri) Peters.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Wednesday, July 28, in the Bullis Funeral Chapel. Interment will follow in the Fairview Cemetery. Bullis Mortuary of Hardin has been entrusted with the arrangements.

# Hertha Roemmich

SEP 5 2004

BILLINGS GAZETTE

Hertha Roemmich, age 92, of Billings, passed away on Friday, Sept. 3, 2004, at the St. John's Nursing Home.

Hertha was born April 3, 1912, in Tappen, N.D., the daughter of Volga German immigrants, Henry and Katherina Barnsberger, Hertha and her husband Bill lived in North



**HERTHA  
ROEMMICH**

Dakota, Wyoming, and several Montana cities before moving to Billings in 1959.

Hertha was a long-time member of the First Methodist Church in Billings.

Hertha drove school bus for Billings' students for 13 years, retiring at age 67. She was proud of an award given to her by School District #2 for 10 years of driving without ever missing a single day of work.

She is preceded in death by her parents; husbands Emanuel Roemmich, in 1933 and William (BHI) Roemmich, in 1989; and sisters Cecelia and Ida.

She is survived by her children, Vi Krueger, Billings; Vern Roemmich, (Lygia), Billings; Harvey Roemmich, (Eileen), Red Lodge; Carol Bell, (Steve),

Payson, Ariz.; grandchildren great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

Memorials may be made to the charity of one's choice or the Humane Society of the United States, 490 N. 31st, Billings, MT 59101.

Funeral services will be 1 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 8, at Smith's West Chapel, 304 34th St. West. Interment will be in Terrace Gardens Cemetery. Visitation will start 1 p.m., Tuesday.

## Jacob Roemmich

BILLINGS GAZETTE

JUN 17 2004

HAMILTON — Jake Roemmich, 79, passed away June 14, 2004, in his sleep in his home. Jake was born March 11, 1925, in Acton, a son of Wilhelm and Elizabeth (Litz) Roemmich.

Jake spent his school years in Shepherd. He moved to Billings in 1950. He served in the Army during the Korean Conflict. Jake worked 28 years for the Billings Public Utilities Department, retiring in 1981. He moved to Darby and then to Hamilton.

He loved working on the Foley Ranch in Corvallis with his friends, John and Vivian Foley. John has passed away.

Jake was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Edward, Henry, Carl; sisters, Amelia, Julie, Minnie, Elsie.

Jake is survived by his brother George (LaVerne) of Vancouver, Wash.; sisters, Katherine Clendening and Elisabeth Raff, both of Billings, Marie Strausburg (Curt) of Lewistown; and numerous nieces and nephews.

In accordance with Jake's wishes, he was cremated and no services are planned.

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## Mabel Rogeness

Mabel Rogeness, 90, resident of Autumn Care II, 2322 Myrtle Drive, passed away peacefully Wednesday, Dec. 22, 2004.

Mabel was born March 9, 1914, in Westby, the daughter of Edwin and Minnie (Helling) Diseth. She graduated from Westby High in 1932 and moved to Billings where she met, and on Aug. 25, 1940, married, Carl Arthur Rogeness.

Mabel worked part-time at the Grand Econo-Mart and the Olive Hotel in Billings. She devoted most of her time to her home and family, enjoying her time especially with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Mabel and Carl devoted many years to their hobbies of agate jewelry-making and square dancing. They loved the time spent with their many



**MABEL  
ROGENESS**

friends.

Mabel was preceded in death by Carl, her husband of 55 years; her brother, Elmer; and her parents, Edwin and Minnie Diseth. She is survived by her son, Darrell and his wife Patty; three grandchildren, Stuart and his wife Aaron, Deborah and Kris Rogeness; four great-grandchildren, Apollo, Darren, Ben and Dylan; her sister, Gladys Cahill; nieces, Karen and Audrey, Joanne and husband Bill Mundy, Sharon Matheson, and Donna Ravendal; nephew, Al Ravendal; cousins, Charles and Eva Diseth; numerous well-loved grandnieces and grandnephews; and a special granddaughter, Gail Rogeness.

A graveside service will be held at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 28, at Sunset Memorial Gardens, followed by a memorial service at 10 a.m. at the Smith West Chapel, 304 34th Street West. No public visitations are scheduled. Smith West Chapel is assisting with arrangements.

**APR 13 2004**

## **Beverly 'Joyce' Rogers**

Joyce went on to bigger and better things April 2, 2004. Born Dec. 8, 1929, to Winnie and Charlie Denison, Joyce attended Billings grade schools and Billings Senior High. She married Darrel D. Smith in 1946, and to them was born Delores Lucile. In 1955, Joyce married Milton B. Rogers and to them was born Markette Lee and Anthony Denison. In 1967, she received her GED and attended Eastern Montana College.

She worked for the U.S. Government as an Architectural Engineering Drafter at Indian Health Services until her retirement in 1976. She also worked as a waitress, bartender, Sunday school teacher and had a speaking role as the Proprietress in the movie "Bright Angel" and an extra in "Far and Away."

Joyce was a past member of VFW and OES and a lifetime member of the Handyman Club.

Joyce was preceded in death by her mother, Winnie L. Roslien; her brother, Chuck

Denison; and her father, Charles E. Denison. She is survived by her sister, Barbara Keller of Billings; a brother, Richard Roslien and wife Gail of Littleton, Colo.; two daughters, Delores Sangrey and husband Dean of Boise, Idaho, Markette Lilley and husband Bill of Billings; a son Anthony and wife Joan of Bolingbrook, Ill.; seven grandchildren, Jed, Wade, Majka, Charlie, Penny, Beverly and Joseph; one great-grandchild and numerous nieces and nephews.

She knew one could have a love for people although one didn't like them sometimes and tried to live by one rule: "A friend is one who is not taken in by sham. He knows you with all your faults and doesn't give a damn."

Check in at Charlie Brown's for date and time of memorial services to be held in June. Cremation has taken place.

## Floyd Rogers

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

JAN 02 2004

Floyd Rogers passed away on Dec. 31, 2003, after a brief illness. He was born Feb. 15, 1924, to Jesse Rogers and Susie Hatfield West in Lebanon, Tenn. Floyd was a lifetime member of the Carpenters and Joiners Union of America, having been a member for over 50 years, and was a member of Carpenters Union Local 1172 in Billings. He built homes and commercial buildings throughout Montana and Wyoming.

Floyd served in the U.S. Navy during World War II on the destroyer USS Gillespie and again as a Seabee during the Korean War. He enjoyed gardening, fishing and spending time with his many friends at the Tap Inn.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Helen; his daughter, Mary Rhodes; and step-daughter, Pat Buck. He is survived by three daughters, Jo Singer (Paul) of Billings, Cathy Majusiak (Bernie) of Cody Wyo., and Cindy Sawyer (Jeff) of Billings; 13 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Funeral Services will be 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 3, at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary, with Military Honors to follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens. Memorials should be sent to the charity of one's choice.

## Glenn A. Rogers

OCT 20 2004  
BILLINGS GAZETTE

GILLETTE, Wyo. — Glenn A. Rogers, 98, formerly of Gillette, died in Temecula, Calif.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, Oct. 22, in the Mt. Pisgah Cemetery in Gillette. Adams Funeral Home of Buffalo is in charge.



MAR 18 2004

**ROBERT ROGERS**

Robert T. Rogers, 83, of Billings, fought his last brave battle with cancer on Wednesday, March 10, 2004. Robert was born Jan. 24, 1921, the only child of Truman and Elsie Rogers, in Pendleton, Ore.

He attended school in Pendleton, and upon graduation he moved to Billings.

He attended Billings Business College and graduated from Rocky Mountain College.

On June 16, 1942, Robert enlisted in the U.S. Army. He enjoyed a long and distinguished career as a Court Reporter, beginning with the Judge Advocate General's Office in

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England and was later stationed in Marseille, France.

Upon his Honorable Discharge from the U.S. Army, Robert returned to Montana, where he married Margaret Louise Haley in Billings on June 16, 1951.

Robert served as a court reporter in District Court for the Thirteenth Judicial District of Montana. Robert was known nationally for his excellent court reporting skills and held the National Court Reporters Association Certificate of Proficiency, Certificate of Merit and the State of Washington Certificate of Excellence, as well as being a certified shorthand reporter in the state of Colorado.

Robert's hobbies include his love of music, particularly Dixieland Jazz.

He played trumpet in numerous bands, including the Mabel Straight Band, The Bob Rogers Dance Band, The Al Bedoo Shrine Band and The Fallout Five Dixieland Jazz Band.

Robert is survived by his wife, Margaret; son, John; daughter, Linda; three granddaughters and one great-granddaughter.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Monday, March 15, at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary. Interment with full military honors will follow at Mountview Cemetery Veterans Section

**HELENA** — Arlie G. Rognstad, 79, of Helena, passed away at Fort Henry William Harrison Veterans Hospital on Sept. 7, 2004, following a short illness. He was surrounded by family and friends.

Arlie was born in Henrietta Township East of Park Rapids, Minn., on May 23, 1925, to Andrew and Minnie Rognstad. He attended school at

Hubbard and Park Rapids. He entered the military service in early 1943, trained at Camp Roberts, Calif., Camp Shanks, N.Y., and later in Glasgow, Scotland. On

June 6, 1944, he landed on Omaha Beach during the invasion of Normandy and saw action in four different combat sectors. He served as squad leader and regimental scout. Wounded in France on Aug. 25, 1944, he was hospitalized in England for a short time, later shipped back to the United States and hospitalized in Manhattan, N.Y. From there he was transferred to Baxter General in Spokane, Wash. He was awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received in action, Silver Star medal and other medals, which included the Invasion and



**ARLIE  
ROGNSTAD**

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Meritorious Service medals. He was discharged from the Army in January 1946 and returned to his home in Park Rapids, where he attended Agriculture School for several years. Later, he moved to Fargo, N.D., where he worked at a meat packing plant.

On Sept. 10, 1948, he married Helen Vivian Marjamma of Osage, Minn. Three children were born to Arlie and Helen: James D. Rognstad, Rodney A. Rognstad and Jude C. Billington. In 1956, the family moved to Butte, where Arlie worked as a miner in the Butte Copper Mines. He worked for Stouffer Chemical Plant in Silver Bow for 26 years, retiring in 1985, and also owning and operating a ranch in Browns Gulch at the same time. In 1991, he and Helen sold the ranch and moved to Helena, buying a home in the West Valley area.

Arlie was Commander of Chapter 300 of the Military Order of the Purple Heart Association in Helena, lifetime member of the National Purple Heart Association and Disabled American Veterans.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing and all outdoor sports with his family. Other activities he enjoyed were listening to polka music, watching the history channel, enjoying the wildlife in his back-

yard and most of all, getting together and being surrounded with family and friends.

Arlie was a very hardworking man with a terrific sense of humor, using anecdotes and stories that kept family and friends laughing. He was a loving disciplinarian to his children and grandchildren. Those who knew him were impressed by his open-heartedness, generosity and good nature. He is described by friends as their "favorite Montana cowboy" and a "real man's man."

Arlie is survived by his two sons, James of Roberts, Rodney of Ramsey; and daughter, Jude C. Billington of Helena; five grandchildren, Kris Billington of Helena, Ryan Rognstad, stationed at Oak Harbor, Wash., Naval Station, Brent Rognstad of Roberts, Mark Rognstad of Ramsey and Ashley Rognstad of Butte; two great-grandchildren, Kay Rognstad and Robert Cameron Rognstad; three brothers, Ozzie and George Rognstad of Park Rapids, Arnold Rognstad of Las Vegas; a sister, Goldie of St. Paul, Minn.; and partner and significant other, Mary Wolfe of Helena.

Arlie will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

Chapel services will be held Monday, Sept. 13, 11 a.m., from Hagler-Anderson Chapel. Military graveside services will be at Montana State Veteran's Cemetery, Fort Harrison, with Lewis and Clark Veterans Council

Conducting. Family prefers memorials to the Montana State Veterans Cemetery, PO Box 5715, Helena, MT 59604. Hagler-Anderson Funeral Home was entrusted with local arrangements.

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## **Marion Rogstad**

**MILES CITY —** Marion Winifred "Wini" Rogstad, 82, of Miles City, died Sunday, July 4, 2004, at the Holy Rosary Health Care in Miles City.

Family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, July 7, at the chapel of Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, July 8, at the First Lutheran Church in Miles City. Interment will be in the Custer County Cemetery.

## Denver Alan Rohner

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

DEC 03 2004

BUFFALO, Wyo. — Denver Alan Rohner, 43, of Buffalo, died Tuesday, Nov. 30, 2004, at the Wyoming Medical Center in Casper.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 7, at the Adams Funeral Home in Buffalo. A private family interment will follow.

# Hazel O. Rolandson

Hazel O. Rolandson died peacefully on Sunday, Dec. 26, 2004, at Valley Health Care Center in Billings, at the age of 98.

Hazel was born July 9, 1906, in Sisseton, S.D. She was the daughter of Anna Dalin and Swan Olson.

Hazel lived much of her early life in South Dakota, until the age of 11, when her mother died. She moved to Divide County, N.D., to homestead with her father, and attended school in Hamlet, N.D. At age 16, she went to Wilmont, S.D., where she worked as a waitress, earning \$5 a week, plus room and board.

She met and married her first husband, Paul G. Paulson, in New Effington, S.D. Hazel had three sons with Paul: Gordon, Richard and Roger. Hazel and her family moved to Park Grove (Fort Peck) in the 1930s. Life was hard in Park Grove, where Hazel raised three sons on her own until she met the love of her life, Melvin C. Rolandson. Hazel and Melvin were married in Wolf Point in 1939. They moved to Circle, where they were a very entrepreneurial couple. During their 20 years in Circle, they started a



**HAZEL  
ROLANDSON**

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Gamble store, a John Deere Dealership, and owned and operated two small farms. Even after they sold the Gamble store to the Olson family, Hazel continued to work in the store, enjoying the many people she met there.

In 1941, Hazel and Melvin had a son, Layne Rolandson. Hazel lived in Circle until 1959, when they moved to Columbus, where she owned "Hazel's Dress Shop." In 1962, they relocated to Billings. She was widowed in 1963 and continued to reside in Billings until her death. She was fortunate to be able to live in her own home until the age of 95. She spent the last three years at Valley Health Care Center, where she touched many lives.

Hazel was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She had an independent spirit and was steadfast in the face of challenges. You could always count on Hazel to tell it like it was. She was most loved for her quick wit, humor and her loving, generous spirit. She was sure to make friends wherever she went.

She was preceded in death by her husband Melvin; two sons, Richard Rolandson of Circle, Roger Paulson of Ogden, Utah;

and a granddaughter, Carol Rae Paulson of Fallon, Nev.

Survivors include her sons, Gordon (Iola) Paulson of Fallon, Nev., and Layne (Myrtle) Rolandson of Billings; daughter-in-law Patricia Marrs of Billings; 12 grandchildren, Sharon (Tony) Finneman, Cheryl Paulson Smiley, Angela Harding, Kitty (Jim) Fraser, Kenneth (Naomi) Rolandson, Luanne (Pat) Garrity, Timothy (Lynette) Paulson, Vicki Hulse, Robin (Robert) Johnson, MarCee (Rick) Neary, Marc Rolandson; 21 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

A celebration of her life will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 29, 11 a.m., at Messiah Lutheran Church, 2939 Colton Blvd., Billings. Viewing will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 28, from noon to 9 p.m., at Smith West Chapel, 304 34th St. West, in Billings. Graveside services will be held in Glendive, on Thursday, Dec. 30, at 1 p.m., at the Dawson County Cemetery. The family suggests that memorials in Hazel's name be made to Messiah Lutheran Church of Billings, MT 59102, and First Lutheran Church of Circle, MT 59215, or charity of your choice.



## Francis Roll

MINNESOTA GAZETTE

APR 26 2004

GLENDIVE — Francis Roll, 59, died Friday, April 23, 2004, at Med Center One Medical Center in Bismarck, N.D.

Vigil service will be 7 p.m. Monday, April 26, at the Chapel of the Silverdale-Silha Funeral Home in Glendive. Mass of Christian Burial will be 10 a.m. Tuesday, April 27, at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Rite of Committal with Military Honor will follow in the Dawson County Cemetery.

**Beverley Ruth Shields Rollins****MAY 20 2004**

Beverley Ruth Shields Rollins, 87, of Billings died at Highgate Senior Living on Wednesday, May 19, 2004, after an extended illness.

Beverley was born on March 14, 1917, in Ogden, Utah, the only child of Beatrice Hunt and James Percy Shields. Beverley attended school in Evanston, Wyo., and graduated from Central High School in Omaha, Neb., in 1934.

She graduated from the University of Wyoming in 1938 with a bachelor of science in English and was a member of the Pi Beta Phi sorority. Her post-graduate studies included



**BEVERLEY  
ROLLINS**

Eastern Montana College and Brigham Young University. Beverley taught business in Evanston, Wyo., and English at Billings West High School for 20 years.

Beverley married George W. Rollins on Aug. 26, 1938, in the Salt Lake LDS Temple. In 1938, Beverley and George moved to Kaycee, Wyo., where he taught school. In 1941, they moved to Logan, Iowa, where George

taught for one year. The couple moved to Omaha, Neb., in 1941 where they lived until 1948. In 1948, while they were visiting relatives in Evanston, Wyo. Beverley surprised George by signing a contract to teach school so George could complete his doctorate at the University of Utah. It was not a subject for debate, she said. George completed his doctorate and accepted a position at the University of Utah. In 1953, George took a job at Eastern Montana College. Until recently, they lived on Bed Drive.

Beverley was a loving wife, mother of nine children and a pioneering educator with a wonderful sense of humor. She made friends easily, loved to socialize and entertain, was a wonderful cook and hostess. Beverley loved literature and enjoyed fostering the appreciation of fine writing in her students. She was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and especially enjoyed visiting teaching.

Survivors include her husband of 65 years, George W. Rollins; her daughters, Judith Beatrice Rollins of Salt Lake City, Kara Levine (Jay) of Alameda,

Calif., Ruth Brocklebank (Kent) of Spokane, Wash., Meredith Rollins (Jerry Meyer) of Helena, Andrea Rollins of Spokane, Laurie Walsh (Tim) of Spokane and Mary Grant (Lynn), of Billings. Beverley loved her 14 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Beverley was preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Barbara Rollins Hubber; and an infant son, James Andrew Shields Rollins.

A memorial service will be held at the LDS Stake Center, 2929 Belvedere, on Friday, May 21, at 3 p.m. Visitation for friends and family will be held at Michelotti-Sawyers, 1001 Alderson Ave., on Thursday, May 20, from 4 to 6 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, make a donation in Beverley's name to the charity of your choice. The family wishes to express their gratitude to family friends, Sky Hospice, Aspen View and Highgate Senior Living for all of their compassionate assistance.

## William "Bill" Rolston

FORSYTH — William "Bill" Rolston, 86, died Saturday, Sept. 11, 2004, at the Rosebud Health Care Center.

Funeral mass will be 11 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 14, in the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. Burial will be in the family lot of the Forsyth Cemetery. A Vigil service will be on Monday starting at 7 p.m. in the Chapel of Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home. Visitation will be on Monday, from 1 to 7 p.m. in the chapel of Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home.

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MILLERS FALLS

# Jesse Benjamin Romain

**FORT BENTON** — Jesse Benjamin Romain, 24, a farmer who lived north of Fort Benton, died from injuries he received Saturday, Sept. 11, 2004, in an automobile accident near Fort Benton.

His funeral was held 4 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 16, at Fort Benton Elementary School auditorium, with burial in Riverview Cemetery.

Survivors include a daughter,

Haley Jane Willson Romain and her mommy, Kelly Marie Willson of Great Falls; parents, Kenneth and Greta Jo Romain of north of Fort Benton; sisters Deanna Lynn Romain (David)



**JESSE  
ROMAIN**

Temple of Roy, Wash., and Wesli Wynn Romain (Jerry) Davis of Great Falls; grandparents Gene and Jayne Griffith of Loganville, Ga.; aunts and uncles Miles and Jo Griffith of Oxford, Ga., Marlo and Jeri Gackle of Loganville, Ga., Dennis Romain, Brian and Heidi Romain, Dallas Romain and Steven and Lela Romain, all of north of Fort Benton, and Connie Romain of Great Falls; nieces and nephews, Ashley Lynn and Bridger David Temple of Roy and Kannon Benjamin and Baylor

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Kenneth Davis of Great Falls; first cousins Somer, Shaun and Kady Griffith, Delaire Gackle, Jarrid Jenaya and Jaelyn Rockman and Bradley and Dustin Romain; "lifelong brother," Shilo Cook of Fort Benton; and "special friend," Heidi Ann Stevenson of Missoula.

He was preceded in death by sister, Kendra Jayne Romain in 1992; and grandparents Clarence and Marion Romain.

Jesse was born April 2, 1980, in Great Falls, and raised north of Fort Benton on the family farm. He attended school in Fort Benton and graduated from Fort Benton High School in 1998. Jesse was the 1998 homecoming king and Fort Benton's first male cheerleader. He also attended the University of Georgia in Athens, Ga., for two years.

Jesse was currently working on the family farm north of Fort Benton and as a waiter at the Grand Union Hotel in Fort Benton.

Jesse was involved with 4-H for over 11 years. He was past president of the Fort Benton Key Club. Jesse liked basketball and was also an avid Miami Dolphins and Atlanta Braves fan. He enjoyed hunting, rafting, fishing and playing pool and Texas Holdem poker.

He will be remembered for his big generous smile and charming ways. He always had a handshake, hug or pat on the back for everyone he met. Jesse had as many friends as there are fish in the mountain streams, too many to count.

Memorials are suggested to Kendra Jayne and Jesse Benjamin Memorial Scholarship Fund, c/o O'Connor Funeral Home or Greta Jo Romain.

# Paul Romango

CODY, Wyo. — Paul Romango, 89, died Friday, March 5, 2004, at West Park Hospital.

Visitation will be 5 to 7 p.m., Tuesday, March 9, at Ballard Funeral Home. Memorial services will be 10 a.m. on Wednesday, March 10, at Mountain View Community Church in Cody. Graveside services will follow at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, at Monument Hill Cemetery in Thermopolis, Wyo.

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# Terry Lynn New-Romero

Terry L. Romero, 40, of Billings, died tragically, July 27, 2004, from causes still undetermined.

She was born on Dec. 21, 1963, in Billings.

Terry is survived by both parents, Gilbert and Dianna Romero; her two children, Tiara and Dustin; two granddaughters, Taylor Marie and Madison Page. Terry also had four younger sisters and many nieces and nephews who she loved very much.

Terry, we love you and we'll never stop missing your bright eyes and beautiful smile. You truly were one of a kind! Terry was well known and had many, many friends.

Memorial services have already been held in honor of her family. Terry, we all love and miss you dearly. Happy birthday, babydoll!

"The beauty in our hearts transforms the world around us!"

Life

Maybe God wants us to meet a few wrong people before meet-



**TERRY  
NEW-ROMERO**

DEC 21 2004

ing the right one so that when we finally meet the right person, we will know how to be grateful for that gift. When the door of happiness closes, another opens, but oftentimes, we look so long at the closed door that we don't see the one that has opened for us. The best kind of friend is the kind that you can sit on a porch and swing with, never say a word, and then walk away feeling like it was the best conversation you've ever had. It's true that we don't know what we've got until we lose it, but it's also true that we don't know what we've been missing until it arrives. Giving someone all your love is never an assurance that they'll love you back. Don't expect love in return, just wait for it to grow in their heart, but if it doesn't, be content it grew in yours. It takes only a minute to get a crush on someone, a day to love someone, but it takes a lifetime to forget someone. Don't go for looks, they can deceive. Don't go for wealth, even that fades away. Go for someone who makes you smile, because it takes only a smile to make a dark day seem bright. Find the one that makes your heart smile. There are moments in life when you miss someone

o much that you just want to  
kick them from your dreams and  
rug them for real. Dream what  
/ou want to dream, go where you  
want to go, be what you want to  
be, because you only have one  
life and one chance to do all the  
things you want to do. May you  
have enough happiness to make  
you sweat, enough sorrow to  
keep you human, enough hope to  
keep you happy. Always put  
yourself in others' shoes. If you  
feel that it hurts you, it probably  
hurts the other person too. The  
happiest of people don't neces-  
sarily make the most of every-  
thing that comes along their way.  
Happiness lies for those who cry,  
those who hurt, those who have  
searched, those who have tried,  
for only they can appreciate the  
importance of people who have  
touched their lives. Love begins  
with a smile, grows with a kiss,  
and ends with a tear. The bright-  
est future will always be based  
on a forgotten past. You can't go  
on well in life until you let go of  
your past failures and  
heartaches. When you were  
born, you were crying and  
everyone around you was smil-  
ing. Live your life so that when  
you die, you're the one who is  
smiling and everyone around  
you is crying. Please send this  
message to those people who  
mean something to you, to those  
who have touched your life in  
one way or another, to those that

Amen.

make you see the brighter side of  
things when you are really down,  
to those whom you want to let  
them know that you appreciate  
their friendship. Peace and  
prayers, blessings in Jesus name,

## Marian Rompf

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Marian Rompf, 66, died Friday, Nov. 12, 2004, at her residence east of Sheridan, after a long battle with cancer.

There will be a memorial service at 10 a.m., Tuesday, Nov. 16, at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, with the Rev. Canon Ray Clark and the Rev. Dave Duprey. Kane Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

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# Henry Rondeau Jr.

OCT 20 2004

## BILLINGS GAZETTE

**CROW AGENCY** — Henry L. Rondeau, Jr., 57, of Crow Agency, unexpectedly passed to the other camp, Sunday, Oct. 17, 2004.

Abbarxa Halane "Fearless in the Clouds" was born May 27, 1947, in Crow Agency, a son of Henry and Julia Schaffer

Rondeau, Sr. He grew up and attended schools in Crow Agency and Hardin, graduating from Hardin High School in 1965. He later attended the Haskell Institute in Lawrence, Kan.,

where he excelled in basketball. He still holds a 32 point average per game record at the school. Following his education, he entered the U.S. Army, served during the Vietnam Conflict and received his Honorable Discharge.

Henry was an outgoing friendly person whose sense of humor was infamous.

He was renowned for his annual Christmas decorations, winning the Crow Agency title for the past several years.

He and his wife, LaBerta Stewart, enjoyed a life together for over 22 years.

He was a member of the Baptist Church, Whistling Water



**HENRY  
RONDEAU**

Clan and was child of the Whistling Water Clan.

His parents; brothers, Orville Larson, Daryl, Jacob, James and Bozo; and sisters, Lydina and Joanie, preceded Henry in death.

Survivors include his wife LaBerta; his children, Orville and Henry Rondeau, III of Oregon; Natasha and Brittany Rondeau of Crow Agency; Rowland LaForge of Billings and Lonnie and Jessica Stewart of Wyoming; his brother, Tim (Tela) Rondeau, Sr.; sisters, Margaret Shoulderblade, Velma Fitzpatrick, Doris Hill, Sherry (John) Smells, Sr., Lou Old Coyote, Annie and Catherine Stops, Collena Caplett, Gary (Lavenia) Rides the Horse, Janine and Linda Pease; adopted mother, Marge Pease; adopted brothers, Rodney (Rachel) Rondeau, Tronson (Lavern), Aloysius (Ruby), Dennis (Nora) Big Hair, John (Lorena) Holds II, Ivan Morning, Frank, Albert (Marilyn) and Renard (Patty) Caplett, Alonzo (Veronica) Ten Bear, Clinton Wheeler, Clifton, Clayton and Carlton Big Man, Bruce and Robin White Bear, Carl Leider, Howard (Vivian) Shane, Ivan Wilson, Denny Reed, Pat (Carol) Alden and Dale (Merna) Old Horn, Dexter (Marceleen), Frank (Agnes), William (Donna) and

Adalie (Norma) Falls Down, Robert (Clarice), Larry and Dale Kindness; adopted sister, Leda Falls Down; 10 grandchildren; aunts, Sylvia (Hartford) Stops, Irene House, Inez Birdinground, Myrtle Howe, Annette (Richard) Couture, Ruby, and Roseann Reed, Juanita Stands, Ramona (Sam) and Jeanne (Ralph) Turns Plenty, Loretta Big Lake, Clarice (Spencer) Denny, Gwen (Larry) Plain Bull, Margo Real Bird and Dora Rides the Horse; uncles, Harland (Victoria), George (Edith) and Anthony Reed, Archie (Davene) Big Lake, Arlan Stewart, Dan (Carlene), Eugene (Colleen), Johnny (Karen), Clayton (Georgeanne), Larry (Carol) and Andrew (Janet) Old Elk, Pius and Chuck (Ramona) Real Bird. He is also survived by his extended family including the Schaffer, Small, Wesley, Big Lake, Old Elk, White Bear, Chief Child, Bixby, Shoulderblade, Stewart, Real Bird, Knows His Gun, Eastman, Rowland, Harris and Not Afraid families.

Funeral services will be held 2 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 21, in the Bullis Funeral Chapel. Interment with military honors will follow in the Hardin Fairview Cemetery. Bullis Mortuary of Hardin has been entrusted with the arrangements.

## Lewis A. Roney

Former Powell and University of Wyoming athletic star, Lewis A. Roney, died at Lifecare Center of Cheyenne on Tuesday, Sept. 28. He was 82.

He was born on a farm July 7, 1922 at Powell, the son of Paul and Mae Roney. He graduated from Powell High School in 1940 and enrolled at UW the same year. He played on the 1943 national championship basketball team for the Cowboys.

In July of 1943, he entered the U.S. Navy and served in the Pacific until September, 1946.

He married Billie Marie Molander in Rawlins on July 3, 1944. After the war, he returned to UW and finished his degree. He began his teaching career in Laramie in 1947, teaching math, and industrial arts and coaching football, basketball and track until his retirement in 1984.

He was preceded in death by his wife Billie.

Survivors include two sons and their families, Lew of Cheyenne, and Ted of Newport Beach, Calif.; a brother, Bill and family in Billings, Mont.; and a brother-in-law, Frank Molander and family of Fremont, Calif.

Private family services were held, and cremation has taken place.

THE POWELL  
TRIBUNE

SEP 30 2004

## Hettie M. Rood

OCT 25 2004  
BILLINGS GAZETTE

POWELL, Wyo. — Hettie M. Rood, 96, died Oct. 22, 2004 at the Powell Valley Care Center.

Graveside Service will be 3 p.m. Tuesday Oct. 26, at Crown Hill Cemetery, Powell. Viewing will be from 2 to 2:45 p.m. at Miratsky-Easton Funeral Home.

## HETTIE M. ROOD

THE POWELL

TRIBUNE

OCT 26 2004

Graveside funeral services will be conducted today (Tuesday) at 3 p.m. at Crown Hill Cemetery for Hettie M. Rood, 96, who died Friday, Oct. 22 at the Powell Valley Care Center.

She married Clyde Rood on Sept. 17, 1930. They had one daughter, Elvira.

She enjoyed her nieces and nephews and played a big part in their lives.

Survivors include her sister, Geneva Kendall of Powell; and nieces and nephews, Eva and Jim Havens of Joliet, Mont., Don and Sue Hammontree of Powell, Gail Kendall of Reed Spring, Mo., Jewell and Jack Crowley of Oklahoma, Eva Sue Escemillo and Marge and Jim Yates of California, plus great-nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband and daughter.

Viewing will be from 2 to 2:45 p.m. at Miratsky-Easton Funeral Home ahead of graveside services.



# Leona Beryl Rood

SEP 8 2004  
BILLINGS GAZETTE

Leona Beryl Rood, nee Kamp, of Billings, died at the Valley Health Care and Rehabilitation Center on Tuesday, Sept. 7, 2004. Leona had fought ovarian cancer for five years.

Visitors may call at the Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary on Thursday, Sept. 9, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Services are being held Friday, Sept. 10, at 1 p.m., at the First Church of the Nazarene, 805 Alderson, Billings. Internment will be at the Laurel Cemetery.

Leona was born June 19, 1930, in Laurel. She was the oldest surviving child of Leo and Vernie Kamp at the time of her death. She was raised on their farm and the disciplined hard work of farming shaped many of her lifelong values. She attended country school as a child and took business courses in high school. After graduation from Laurel High School in 1947 at the age of 16, Leona began a career with Montana Electric Supply, which ended with her retirement in February of 1993.



**LEONA  
ROOD**

Leona married Phil Rood on Oct. 1, 1949. Together, they had two children, Trudy Lynn and Vernon Leo.

As a young woman, Leona joined the Nazarene Church. She began a journey of faith that nourished and sustained her throughout her life. As a member of Billings and Laurel Nazarene churches, she served in many capacities on boards and committees. Her primary contributions were her years as Sunday school teacher and using her financial knowledge to serve as church treasurer and district treasurer.

Other community involvement included membership in Christian Women's, The American Society of Women Accountants and volunteer work for Habitat for Humanity.

Leona loved to travel and seek out new experiences. While her children were young, they spent many weekends camping in the beautiful mountains of Montana. In later years, Leona's travels took her overseas to Israel, Europe, South American and Panama. She also traveled extensively within the United States and Canada.

Leona was renowned for her cooking ability and her love of entertaining. Bringing people together to share a meal was one of her greatest joys. She often gave gifts of homemade breads, baked goods and jellies and jams to family, friends, neighbors and church members. She took great

pride in her home and garden.

Leona is predeceased by her parents and one brother, Harvey Lee. She is survived by her children, Trudy (David) Scharff of Sierra Vista, Ariz., and Vernon Rood of Boise, Idaho. She has five grandchildren, Christopher and Nichole Scharff, Audrey (Brian) Degele, Amy (Buck) Pearce, and Candace Rood; and two great-grandchildren, Cadence Pearce and Shantel Degele. Surviving siblings are Jane (Clarence) Minch of Laurel, Wilma (V.H.) Tipton of Auburn, Wash., Sharon (Merlin) Brockway of Waldwick, N.J., and Leo (Corinne) Kamp of Billings. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Leona earned the admiration and respect of family, friends and the medical community during her valiant fight against cancer. Donations in her name can be given to Hospice, American Cancer Society or the Habitat for Humanity.

## ROBERT G. ROPER

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. — Bob Roper, of Flagstaff, passed away peacefully Saturday, Nov. 20, 2004. He was 80. His friendly smile, outgoing personality and great sense of humor will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

He was born July 9, 1924, in Duluth, Minn., to James and Sarah (Enion) Roper. He graduated from Duluth Central High School in 1942 and

attended Hamline University in St. Paul. He completed training as a Naval Aviator at Pensacola, Fla., in 1945, flying the Vought F4U Corsair airplane, "the greatest fighter plane ever built," and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant. He was honorably discharged in 1946. Bob received his bachelor of science degree in Music Education from the University of Minnesota, Duluth, in 1951. He served as Unit Commander for the Minnesota National Guard as First Lieutenant from 1955 to '59. He received his master of arts degree in Education from the University of Minnesota, Duluth, in 1961. He attended Northwestern



**BOB  
ROPER**

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University, Oberlin College and Eastman School of Music. Mr. Roper conducted and led award-winning marching bands at Morgan Park and Cathedral High Schools in Duluth. He played viola and trombone professionally, and was a member of the Duluth Symphony Orchestra, the Jimmy Branca Quintet and various other jazz ensembles.

In 1965, Bob moved to Billings, where he continued his career as a music teacher in the public schools there. He developed and conducted outstanding orchestras at Billings Senior High and Lincoln Junior High schools, again winning many awards. He also taught band and, briefly, chorus at various other junior high and elementary schools in Billings. Bob organized the Billings Community Band and was the conductor for several years. He was active in Messiah Lutheran Church, Billings Studio Theater and the Billings Symphony. He retired in 1983 after 31 years of teaching music and moved to Flagstaff in 1998.

He is survived by Lois (Lee), his loving wife of 51

years; and their three sons, David (Yvonne Jardine) of Holyoke, Minn., Michael (Barbara) of Reno, Nev., and James (Kaye) of Flagstaff. His brother John of Holyoke; two nephews, a niece, five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren also survive him. His parents preceded him in death.

Cremation has taken place. Services will be Tuesday, Nov. 30, at 2 p.m., at Living Christ Community Church, 6401 N. Highway 89 in Flagstaff. Interment will follow at the Flagstaff Citizens Cemetery, 1300 S. San Francisco St.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be sent to Northland Hospice, 452 N. Switzer Canyon Drive, Flagstaff, AZ 86004.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Norvel Owens Mortuary.

## **Will Rorvig**

LITTLETON, Colo. — Will Rorvig, 59, of Littleton, formerly of Montana, died Dec. 30, 2003.

Services were held Friday at Columbine United Church. DeWitt and Tabler Funeral Directors in Denver were in charge.

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# Margaret Hilma Rorvik THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

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NASHUA — Margaret Hilma "Peggy" Rorvik, 83, died Saturday, Feb. 28, 2004, at her home.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Thursday, March 4, at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church. Interment will be in the VFW Cemetery in Circle. Bell Mortuary of Glasgow is in charge of arrangements.

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**Oct. 22, 1935 — Dec. 18, 2004**

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Donna Mae Rose passed away on Saturday, Dec. 18, after a two-year battle with cancer. She fought a gallant fight, never complaining even during treatment and the almost daily trips to the infusion center.

Donna was born on Oct. 22, 1935, in a railroad section house in the small town of Edgemont, S.D., to her loving parents, Lon and Clara

**DONNA  
ROSE**

Jackman. In 1942, her family moved to Igloo, S.D., on the Black Hills Ordinance Depot. Donna graduated from Provo High School in 1953, having served all four years as a high school cheerleader. After graduation, she attended secretarial school in Spokane, Wash., and returned to the Depot as a Civil Service employee. Donna married her high school sweetheart, Francis Rose, on June 30, 1956, and continued to work for the Civil Service until he graduated from college in 1958. Soon after, Donna courageously took on the role of a full time homemaker and mother, raising four sons, and supporting her husband as he advanced in his teaching and coaching profession. In 1969, Francis and Donna

accepted the monumental responsibility of raising a family, while Francis pursued his dream of coaching college football, wrestling and track at Rocky Mountain College. Every time Francis led his teams into competition, sitting faithfully in stands was his staunchest supporter, Donna.

When her youngest son entered junior high school, she went to work as a Special Education Aide at Rose Park Elementary. She loved working with children and was known as the "First Aide" at Rose Park by her students. After retiring, she volunteered as a Library Aide at McKinley, Orchard and Miles Avenue Elementary. Because of health concerns, she became an avid walker and swimmer, making scores of friends along the way. With her friend Betty Becker, she explored every corner of Billings, and her swimming group became known as the "mermaids," as they became both an exercise group and social group.

Throughout her life, what was most important to her was always her family and, of course, her dogs. They were always retreated like "human" members of the family. Having raised four boys,

Donna became a wonderful cook who loved to try out new recipes on her more than willing family and friends. Donna was a member of the Order of Eastern Star and a very active member of PEO. Through PEO, Donna devoted herself to the support of education and PEO's continuing commitment to Cottie College.

Donna is survived by Francis, her devoted husband of 48 years, and sons, Douglas and his wife Mary of Gillette, Wyo., Craig and his wife Jackie, Todd and his wife Brenda, and their youngest son, Kevin Rose of Billings; four grandchildren, Aimee and Andrew of Gillette and Taylor and Tad of Billings; and two brothers, twin brother Doug and his wife Connie Jackman of Fort Collins, Colo., and brother Bruce and his wife Mary Jackman of Clarkston, Wash. She was preceded in death by her parents and brothers, Lon Jackman Jr. and Gordon Jackman.

In lieu of flowers, she requested memorials be sent to Big Sky Hospice, Box 35033, Billings or the Scottish Rite Language Clinic, 514 14th St. W. in Billings.

A memorial service will be 10 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 22, at Smith's West Chapel, 304 34th St. West. A reception will follow at the chapel.



## **Gladys Rose**

**MILES CITY — Gladys Rose, 93, of Miles City, died Tuesday, Sept. 21, 2004, at the Friendship Villa in Miles City.**

**Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Friday, Sept. 29, at the Custer County Cemetery in Miles City. Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home of Miles City is in charge.**

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## James Rosenlund

**THE BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**FEB 24 2004**

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — James Robert Rosenlund, 78, of Sheridan, died Monday, Feb. 23, 2004, at Westview Health Care Center in Billings.

Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 26, at the Old Apostolic Lutheran Church. Interment will be in Sheridan Municipal Cemetery. Champion Ferries Funeral Home of Sheridan is in charge.

## **Keith Wade Ross**

**THE BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**APR 08 2004**

**GREAT FALLS — Keith Wade Ross, 55, of 1320 Great Falls, died Sunday, April 4, 2004, at his home, of cancer.**

**A memorial service was 3 p.m. Wednesday, April 7, at the Hillcrest Chapel. Schneider Funeral Home of Great Falls was in charge.**

**Mattie Ross**

CLEARMONT, Wyo. —  
Mattie L. Ross, 80, of Clearmont,  
died Wednesday, June 23, 2004, at  
her home.

A gathering of family and  
friends will be held in July.  
Champion Ferries Funeral Home  
of Sheridan is in charge.

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# Robert P. Rosselot

**LAUREL** — On Sept. 23, 2004, Robert Paul Rosselot, 76, surrounded by his family, died peacefully at his home in Laurel, after a long and courageous battle with cancer.

He was born Jan. 13, 1928, in Elyria, Ohio, the son of Roy and Dorothy (Broering) Rosselot.

Bob joined the U.S. Navy and served aboard the AGC Blueridge and then for two strikes on the USS Union at Bikini Atoll.

In 1942, Bob moved to Montana. He worked for the Northern Pacific/Burlington Northern Railroad as a Switchman, Brakeman and Yardmaster from 1947 to 1989. In 1948, he was united in marriage to Patricia Carrington and together raised five children: George, Lyndia, Sharon, Rob and Bill. Pat died in 1972.

On Aug. 7, 1976, Bob married Ethel Hudson in St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Laurel.

Bob was a charter member of the UTU Switchman's Union, Good Sam's, Elks Club and the Toastmasters Club. He was instrumental in getting SEG into its current home, was President



**BOB  
ROSSELOT**

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and served on the board for 25 years.

Bob was a great dad and grandpa. He was a loving and caring man, a great teacher. He was a jack-of-all trades and loved to show his children and grandchildren how to build, wire and plumb any project that they had. Together, they built barns, decks, his own home and additions to their homes. He was a great spectator at his children's and grandchildren's concerts, dance reviews and sporting events, although he was nervous watching them wrestle.

Bob is survived by his wife, Ethel; daughter, Lyndia (Dennis) Greenwalt, their children, Dave (Jeri), Denise (Josh), Zach Smith, all of Laurel; daughter, Sharon (Burt) Mitchell of Park City, their children, Breck (Denise) Mitchell and Keaton of Billings, Briane (Chad) Kruckenberg of Spearfish, S.D.; son, Robert E. (Lori) Rosselot and children Callen and Mick of Laurel; son, William J. (Tina) Rosselot and children Chris and Kiera of Columbus, Ohio; stepchildren, Merle (Pat) Hudson of Laurel and their children, Toni, Merle, David, Bobby, Lenora and Charlie; Duane (Mary) Hudson and children Cheryl and Michael

of Absarokee; Rick (Vicky) Hudson, their children, Chris, Angie and Kyle of Kellogg, Idaho; brothers Bill Rosselot of Fairfield and Charlie (Doris) Rosselot of Wilton, Ariz.; 12 step great-grandchildren.

Bob is preceded in death by his parents; his wife Patricia; son George in 1950; and brother Jim Rosselot in 1980.

A vigil service will be 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 1, and a memorial service 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 2, both at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Laurel. Inurnment will be in Laurel Cemetery with military honors. A luncheon will be held at Our Savior's Lutheran Church following the inurnment.

Memorials may be made to the Ronald McDonald House, 1144 N. 30th, Billings, MT 59101 or to Big Sky Hospice, PO Box 35033, Billings, MT 59107.

Dahl Funeral & Cremation Service of Billings is handling the arrangements.

## Mary Jo Rossi

THE POWELL  
TRIBUNE  
NOV 16 2004

Mass of Christian Burial for Mary Jo Rossi, 68, of Hudson, was celebrated Monday, Nov. 15 at the Church of the Ascension in Hudson, followed by burial in the Hudson Cemetery.

She died Wednesday, Nov. 10 at Riverton Memorial Hospital.

She was born Mary Jo Brady on Nov. 13, 1935, in Oklahoma City, Okla., to Leo L. and Martha O. (Leeds) Brady.

She married Mario F. Rossi March 29, 1954, in Billings, Mont. They made their home in Hudson where they raised their seven daughters.

She was active in the Church of the Ascension Catholic Church in Hudson. She sang in the church choir and belonged to St. Theresa's Altar and Rosary Society. She and her husband donated many hours to painting the outside of the church, and they were also instrumental in the addition of Newman Hall.

She worked for Svilar's and for Jack and Charlotte Majdic at the cartwheel factory in Hudson. Following her husband's death, she operated Big Red's Cafe in Hudson for a couple of years.

The family described her as a humble person who guided her daughters toward adulthood in a strict, but loving way.

Survivors include her daughters, Rose Stanbury and husband Joe of Riverton, Laura Richardson of Powell, Dianna Cliame of Riverton, Carla Rossi of Denver, Colo., Ann M. Rossi-Woolworth and husband Tom of Roswell, N.M., and Celestina Rossi of Houston, Texas; 15 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren; a sister, Rowena Harlander and husband Les of Nevada; brothers, Charles Brady and wife Lorriane of Los Angeles, Calif., and Terrance Brady of Cheyenne; numerous nieces and neph-

ews, and her companion, Bill Romine.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Leo Brady; a sister, Virginia Pursel; husband Mario in 1981; and eldest daughter, Margo Kunze in November of 1994.

Memorials may be made to the Church of the Ascension building siding fund in care of the Davis Funeral Home, 2203 West Main, Riverton, WY 82501.

## **Emma Rossol**

**SIDNEY** — Emma Rossol, 75, of Sidney, died Wednesday, Sept. 15, 2004, at her home.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, Sept. 20, at the Fulkerson Funeral Home Memorial Chapel in Sidney. Interment will be in the Sidney Cemetery.

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**BELLINGHAM GAZETTE**



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**RED LODGE** - Claudia Susan Roth was born in Allentown, Pa., to Woodrow (Woodie) and Mary Heimbach Roth on Feb. 2, 1952.

Her early, idyllic life in the beautiful countryside of small towns and farms of eastern Pennsylvania was nurtured by close family and community ties in the Mennonite faith, interrupted in her teens by the trauma of losing her father in an automobile accident.

Surrounded by loving family and friends, she graduated from Charles Ellis School for Girls in Newtown, Pa., then moved west to attend the University of Arizona, majoring in art history. She was later employed in Tucson by Berta Wright, a well-known fabric designer, and then by Helen Weber, another noted fabric designer, in San Francisco.

Claudia moved to Missoula in 1986, to be employed as office manager for artists Monte Dolack and Maribeth Percival, a job she truly enjoyed. Yielding to wanderlust, she then moved to the wild, beautiful Swan Valley where she became an avid horsewoman and nature lover. Second only to



**CLAUDIA  
ROTH**

her horses and human friends, she prized her bright yellow Saab sedan.

Claudia's good life took a sharp turn in February 2000, when brain cancer was diagnosed. Having moved to Red Lodge to be near her parents, she made many new and cherished friends during her prolonged struggle for life. Her strong Mennonite faith was reinforced by the comfort and support she found in the Calvary Episcopal Church.

Claudia enjoyed playing the piano and was a dedicated reader, and an inventive cook. Her delightful personality could light up a room, and her positive attitude and steadfast courage were inspirational to all who knew her. She faced her destiny with poise and faith in the hereafter, passing away peacefully in the home of her parents.

Surviving are her parents, Vince and Mary Ames; sister, Cynthia (Mark) Schiller; brother, Wylie Roth; nieces and nephew Marje, Lori and Robert Schiller; uncles Ralph, Raymond and Paul Heimbach; aunt, Gladys Hamilton; many loving cousins, and her special friend, Bob Ford.

Memorial services are to be conducted at 11 a.m. Wednesday, July 28, at the Calvary Episcopal Church in Red Lodge. Another memorial service will be held in Pennsylvania at a later date. Smith-Olcott Funeral Chapel in Red Lodge was in charge of local arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, it was Claudia's wish that memorials be made to Beartooth Hospital and Health Care Hospice, Box 590, Red Lodge, MT, 59068, and to the American Brain Tumor Association, 2720 River Road, Suite 146, Des Plaines, IL, 60018-4110.

## **Cora Lee Roth**

**THE BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**APR 13 2004**

**LOVELL, Wyo.** — Cora Lee Roth, 74, died Saturday, April 10, 2004, at New Horizons Care Center in Lovell.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, April 14, at the Assembly of God Church in Lovell. Interment will be in Dawson, N.D. Haskell Funeral Home of Lovell is in charge.

## James Roth

ST. MARIE — James Gardner Roth, 75, died Wednesday, March 31, 2004, at Frances Mahon Deaconess Hospital in Glasgow, of congestive heart failure.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, April 5, at Livingston Masonic Temple in Livingston. Interment will be in Highland Cemetery in Glasgow. Bell Mortuary of Glasgow is in charge.

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# Marjorie P. Roth

THE SHERIDAN GAZETTE

FEB 16 2004

STORY, Wyo. — Marjorie P. Roth, 85, died Saturday, Feb. 14, 2004, in Sheridan Manor.

Visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday at Champion Ferries Funeral Home. Funeral services will be 1 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 18, at Champion Ferries Funeral Home. Burial will be in the Elk's Section of Sheridan Municipal Cemetery.

## **Nathan R. Roth**

**ROUNDUP** — Nathan R. Roth, 30, died Friday, Aug. 27, 2004, at the Roundup Memorial Extended Care Unit of natural causes.

No services are planned at this time. Wier Funeral Chapel was in charge.

# Ruth Freeberg Moran Rowe

Ruth Freeberg Moran Rowe, age 101, of Billings, died on Tuesday, Oct. 5, 2004, at Aspen Meadows in Billings.

Ruth was born to Charles and Caroline Freeberg on June 21, 1903, in St. Cloud, Minn. After graduating from St. Cloud Teachers' College, she taught in Madison, Edina and St. Cloud, Minn.; Watertown, S.D.; and Great Falls.

Ruth married Ed Moran. They resided in Great Falls; Salt Lake City; Laguna Beach, Calif.; and St. Cloud. After Ed's death in 1946, Ruth resumed teaching special education in St. Cloud until her retirement. In 1972, Ruth married Vic Rowe and moved to his home in Mill Valley, Calif. Mr. Rowe died in 1982 and Ruth moved to Billings in 1988.

Throughout her long years, Ruth maintained an enthusiastic, curious and positive attitude toward her life. Her vast, lifelong interests, which continued into her 90s, included church, education, art, music, conservation and travel. Ruth traveled to Central and South America, Russia, China, the Middle East, and extensively in Europe. She took art classes and painted oils and watercolors. She enjoyed many styles of music, from classical to

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contemporary, attended concerts and entertained many with her piano playing. Ruth was active in the churches she attended. She taught Sunday School, had leadership roles, and worked on numerous and various projects. She attended retired teachers' groups, took many types of higher education classes and participated in many Elderhostels. Ruth was a volunteer at Global Village into her 90s. In Billings, she attended Evangelical United Methodist Church.

Ruth was preceded in death by her sister, Esther Elvira; her brothers, Paul, Fred, Herbert and George; a niece, Jean Freeberg; and a nephew, James Freeberg. She is survived by special nephew, Richard Freeberg (her caregiver for 10 years), Roger (Judy) Freeberg, Minneapolis; and her nieces, Mrs. George (Patricia) Anderson of Billings, Mrs. Robert (Sandra) Western of Laurel, Mrs. Robert (Catherine) Seibert of Crosslake, Minn., Mrs. Jack (Elizabeth) McLachlan of Victoria, B.C., and Ruth Douglas, Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Visitation will be at Smith's Downtown Chapel Friday, Oct. 8, and Saturday, Oct. 9.

A memorial service will be held at the Evangelical United Methodist Church, 345

Broadwater Ave., in Billings, at a time to be announced. Private interment will be at the Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Great Falls, next to her first husband, Ed Moran.

Memorials may be made to the Evangelical United Methodist Church in Billings or the charity of choice.



# Betty Rowland

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JAN 23 2004

BRIDGER — Betty Leslie Rowland, 72, of Bridger, died Tuesday evening, Jan. 20, 2004, following a lengthy illness.

Betty was born on June 30, 1931, in Cody, Wyo. She was the daughter of William and Dorothy Ryan. Betty graduated from Bridger High School in 1949. She was married to George Leslie who passed away several years later. She then married Robert Rowland; they later divorced.

Betty owned two cafes and a bowling alley. She also worked at several establishments in Bridger. Gardening was her greatest passion and she was so proud of the beautiful irises that she grew. She also loved to paint.

Survivors include one son, Bruce Leslie of Bridger; a brother, William E. Ryan (Helen) of Billings; a sister, Madelon Wetherbee (Neil) of Worland, Wyo.; several nephews, and one niece.

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday at the Bridger United Methodist Church. Interment of cremains will follow in the Bridger Cemetery. Smith-Olcott

Funeral Chapel of Red Lodge is in charge of arrangements. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to the Bridger Ambulance Service.

# Edith P. McMillen Busch Rowland

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE  
AUG 5 - 2004

**WORDEN** — Edith P. McMillen Busch Rowland was born March 7, 1913, in Silesia, to William and Mary (Nelson) McMillen, and passed away Aug. 3, 2004, in Worden, in her home.

She spent most of her life in the Billings area. In 1931, she married Albert Busch. Albert and Edith raised seven children. She was a homemaker and housewife. Albert passed away on April 17, 1979. She later married Earl Rowland. She was a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Survivors include six children, Herman Busch, Kinsey, Mae Nale, Bessie Hurtado, both of Denver, Arlene (Bill) Hein, Worden, Janet (Tony) Rauch, Roundup, Judy (Vince) Orcutt, Hood River, Ore.; 16 grandchildren, one step-granddaughter and 34 great-grandchildren, and numerous great-great-grandchildren.

Also surviving are her sister Mary Hibscher and brother Vik McMillen.

Edith is preceded in death by her husband Albert; daughters Susie Reighard, Ella Joyce Busch; grandson Gary Bolton; daughter-in-law Jean Busch.

Funeral services will be 1 p.m. Friday, Aug. 6, at Smith's West Chapel, 304 34th St. West. Interment will follow at Terrace Gardens Cemetery.

The family request in lieu of flowers, memorials be made to Big Sky Hospice.

# Alvina Rudolph

NEWS GAZETTE

APR 04 2004

Alvina Rudolph, 90, passed away Friday, April 2, 2004, at St. John's Nursing Home.

She was born in Medina, N.D., the daughter of Jacob and Katherine (Beir) Martin. She moved with her family to a homestead in the Vananda area. She was married to Jacob



**ALVINA  
RUDOLPH**

Rudolph on July 12, 1930, at Vananda, and after marriage they lived in Vananda and Florence. They moved to Billings in 1948. Alvina worked as a cook in various restaurants in Billings and worked for Pierce Motor Homes prior to her retirement.

Her husband, Jacob, preceded her in death, Dec. 1, 1981, and she was also preceded in death by her daughter, Wilma.

Survivors include one daughter, Judy (Ralph) Skaggs of Arizona; and four sons, Arnold (Darlene) Rudolph, Elmer (La Vonne) Rudolph and Omer Rudolph, all of Billings and James (Toni) Rudolph of Oregon; one sister, Pauline Schlecht of Billings; 12 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Thursday, April 8, at Mount Olive Lutheran Church with interment at Sunset Memorial Gardens Cemetery. Smith West Chapel is in charge of arrangements. Memorials may be made to Mount Olive Lutheran Church or the charity of one's choice.

## **Delora Rudolph**

CODY, Wyo. — Delora Burnham Rudolph, 83, died Monday, March 29, 2004, in Cody.

Visitation will be 7 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 1, at Ballard Funeral Home in Cody. Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Friday, April 2, at the Cody Stake Center, with casket open one hour prior to services. Interment will follow in Riverside Cemetery.

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## George W. Rudolph

DELIENS GAZETTE

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — George W. Rudolph, 91, of Sheridan, died Saturday, May 8, 2004, at Sheridan Manor.

Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to noon Thursday, May 13, at Champion Ferries Funeral Home in Sheridan. Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, at the First United Methodist Church. Burial will be in the Sheridan Municipal Cemetery.

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## Zita Rudolph

BAINVILLE — Zita Rudolph, 88, of Bainville, died Tuesday, June 15, 2004, at the Roosevelt Memorial Medical Center.

Rosary will be at 7 p.m. Friday, June 18, at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Culbertson. Funeral mass will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 19, at St. Anthony's Catholic Church. Burial will be in the Froid South Cemetery. Friends may call at the church for one hour before the rosary and for one hour before the Mass. Fulkerson Funeral Home of Williston, N.D., is in charge.

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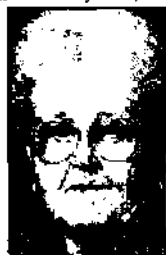
# Zita Rudolph

BILLINGS MONTANA

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**FROID** — Funeral Mass for Zita Rudolph, 88, of Froid, will be Saturday, June 19, 2004, at 10 a.m. MDT at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Culbertson. Father Francis Schreiber will officiate and burial will be in Froid South Cemetery. A Rosary service will be held Friday at 7 p.m. MDT, at St. Anthony's Catholic Church.

Zita Elizabeth Tubman Rudolph was born Oct. 12, 1915, to William and Anna (Shields) Tubman in Bainville. She enjoyed snow sledding and ice skating with her three sisters. After graduation from Bainville High School, she obtained a teaching credential from Montana Normal College at Dillon. Zita then taught school in rural teacherages in eastern Montana, often shoveling snow and coal.



**ZITA  
RUDOLPH**

She said, "Those Rudolph boys were always around, you couldn't help but get to know them." On June 25, 1940, Zita married Steve Rudolph. They made their home in Froid. Zita and Steve raised five children. Together they owned and operated Steve's Chevrolet.

Zita died Tuesday, June 15,

2004, at Roosevelt Memorial Medical Center in Culbertson.

Zita was very active in Women's Club and worked for many years as an election judge. She enjoyed her work in the Catholic Church and being able to serve as a lay minister.

Traveling and spending time with her children and grandchildren were highlights in her life.

She is survived by her children, Patricia Rudolph Hargrove of Grosbeck, Texas, William (Marilyn) Rudolph of Williston, N.D., Lynn Rudolph Nyquist of Glasgow and Beth Rudolph (Dave) Davis of Olympia, Wash.; a daughter-in-law, Doris Rudolph of Marble Falls, Texas; 15 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death were her parents; her sisters; her husband, Steve; and one son, Patrick.

Friends may call at St. Anthony's Church in Culbertson for one hour before the Rosary on Friday evening and for one hour before service time at the church on Saturday.

Fulkerson Funeral Home of Williston is in charge of arrangements.

## **John P. Ruffatto**

*THE BILLINGS GAZETTE*

SIDNEY — John P. "Johnny" Ruffatto, 78, of Sidney, died Tuesday, Dec. 7, 2004, at his home.

Wake service will be at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10, at the Fulkerson Memorial Chapel. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, at the St. Matthew's Catholic Church. Interment will be in the St. Bernard's Cemetery, Charley Creek Community.

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# Rebecca Ruiz

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MILES CITY — Rebecca "Becky" Diane (Rentschler) Pyle Ruiz, 45.

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Visitation will be Tuesday, July 6, 2004, at the chapel of Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City. Funeral Services will be 2 p.m., Wednesday, July 7. Interment will follow in the Custer County Cemetery in Miles City.

**JUN 06 2004**

CULBERTSON — Warren "Smokey" Rumsey, 83, of Culbertson, died Wednesday, June 2, 2004, at the Roosevelt Memorial Nursing Home in Culbertson.

His funeral will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, June 8, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Culbertson. Interment will follow in Hillside Cemetery. Friends may call from 2 until 7 p.m. Monday, June 7, at the Everson-Clayton Stevenson Chapel of Culbertson, and Tuesday at the church for the hour preceding the funeral.

## Murphy Runnells

Margy Runnells, 75, is at peace, free of pain. She left us on Feb. 4, 2004. A resident of Billings from 1970 until 1984, and then recently

returned on December 2001 until her death. She was born in Atlanta on Aug. 25, 1928, and had traveled to Birmingham, Ala., from 1930 to 1953, where she met and married Eugene



**MARJORIE  
RUNNELLS**

William Murphy Sr. She then moved to New Iberia, La., then to El Centro, Calif., finally settling in San Diego, for many years. Later she moved to Richmond, Va., back to Southern California and arrived in Billings in 1970.

Her motto was "Live, love and laugh," and she leaves behind a legacy of love and many friendships — she never met a stranger. She made her mark in business in Billings as vice president of Lomas & Nettleton Mortgage & Loan from 1973 to 1983, and became one of the five top women in the state in business and served on many boards of directors. Her voice was always stressing "Service to People" rather than profit.

Retiring in 1983, she moved to

the beautiful Flathead Lake area and entertained many lifelong friends and relatives until relocating back to Southern California then back to Billings.

She is survived by her three children, Teri Shirinian of Corona, Calif., Bill and Patty Murphy of Billings, and Marci Murphy of Ojai, Calif.; her sister, Jeanette Laney; her brother-in-law, Ray Laney, of Vista, California; her Montana "sister" Flo Clark; and her beloved grandchildren, Jacque Hansen, Corey Henderson, Steven Shirinian, Katy Komaiko, Kiya Komaiko, Michael and Jason Heinzman; and great-grandchildren Kyleigh and Karissa Hansen, Melody, Trenton, and Sierra and Gabrielle Henderson. Preceding her in death was her father, Guy Trammell; mother "Honey" Askew; brother, Clark; and sister, Bobbie June Hyatt.

Her bright light and incomparable sense of humor will be sorely missed by all of us, but we will continue with her life long saying "Live, Love and Laugh." May you enjoy your barbecue ribs in Heaven rejoined by those who have gone before you!

Her final resting place will be in Southern California, but for her wish to say goodbye to all her dear friends in Billings, there will be a memorial service at 4 p.m. Monday, Feb. 9, at Smiths Downtown Chapel.

**Aileen S. Risher**

GLASGOW — Aileen S. Risher, 93, died Monday, June 28, 2004, at Valley View Nursing Home in Glasgow.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, July 2, at First United Methodist Church in Glasgow. Bell Mortuary is in charge.

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# Doris J. Russell

JOLIET — Doris J. Russell, age 72, of Rockvale, Mont., formerly of Belle Fourche, S.D., peacefully went home to be with her Lord on Wednesday, Aug. 25, 2004, surrounded by her family and wonderful caregiver, after a long, hard fought battle with COPD.

She was preceded in death by her older brother Kenneth, father Frank Kapsa, and her grandparents.

Doris was born June 8, 1932, in Buffalo, S.D., the daughter of Frank and Lutile (Snoozy) Kapsa. She graduated from Belle Fourche High School in 1950 as a member of the "THUNDERING HERD" (her lifetime friends - Phyllis, Mary, and Norma.) She loved you all very much!

On Aug. 8, 1953, Wilbur and Doris were joined in marriage at the Congregational Church in Belle Fourche. They then moved to Casper, Wyo. in 1954 and on to Billings in 1959. The family moved to their current home in 1965, when they purchased the "Lazy J Ranch." She put in many long hard days there, helping to keep the place going raising, not only the kids, but calves, sheep, chickens, turkeys, guinea pigs and even baby raccoons while Dad was on the road. It was the best place to grow up and be able to call home. Doris was also busy outside the home as she served on the Joliet School Board for a period of time.

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She also had a successful career as a realtor in Billings and Laurel for several years,

Doris is survived by her loving husband of 51 years, Wilbur; sons Ron and Tammi Russell, Billings; Stewart and Traca Russell, Laurel; daughter Cherie (Bruce) Hintz, Lead, S.D.; grandsons Brandon, Lead, S.D., Jesse and Shey, Laurel; mother Lucille Kapsa, Belle Fourche, S.D.; brother Dale Kapsa, Belle Fourche, S.D.; and nephews David and Mark, and niece Kara.

Should friends desire, memorials can be made in Doris' memory to the Horizon Hospice Home, 1019 Neptune Blvd or the Rescue Mission in Billings.

Doris was an extraordinary woman who touched our lives — without a doubt the most astonishingly strong, caring, unselfish woman we have ever known.

Cremation has taken place at Cremation or Funeral Gallery and, as per her request, no services are planned. Interment will be in the Black Hills National Cemetery in Sturgis, S.D.

Gone from our sight and touch, but never from our hearts.

We LOVE you ALWAYS -  
Mom...

We remember Mom as the kindest, most thoughtful, individual we know. Always putting the needs of those around her ahead of her own!

Some people come into our lives and quickly go...

Some stay for awhile — leaving footprints on our hearts forever...

And we are forever changed.  
Till we meet again...

## **Gloria Russell**

**THERMOPOLIS, Wyo. —**  
Gloria Mae Shipley Russell, 73,  
died Tuesday at Hot Springs  
County Memorial Hospital after a  
brief illness.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday  
at Mortimore Funeral Home with  
burial in Riverside Cemetery.

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## GEORGE P. RUSSIFF

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George P. Russiff, 77, of Billings, died Tuesday, March 30, 2004, at the Deaconess Billings Clinic.

One of five sons born to Pete and Donna Minow Russiff, George was born Oct. 13, 1926, in a sod house in Coalwood, the Mizpah area south of Miles City. His parents homesteaded in the area after immigrating from Savorov, Russia, in 1913.

George moved to Billings and worked as a mechanic for MacIntyre Motors in the late 1940s and started Russiff Auto Repair in the early '50s, retiring in 1991 with a reputation for honesty and exceptional work.

On Oct. 15, 1950, he married Delores Johnson Lynn and adopted her children, Kathy and Pete. Together, they had Bob and Rick.

George and Dee were married almost 36 years when she passed away, and he spent the last 17 years with his loving partner, Laurel Reinholz.

In retirement, they spent winters in Quartzsite, Ariz., and kept busy with their rental property.

George enjoyed his grandchildren and great-

grandchildren and his weekly breakfast meetings with his longtime friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife Dee, son Pete and brothers Nick and John.

He is survived by Laurel Reinholz; his children, Kathy (Jim) Miller and their children Kelly (Brian) Plum, and Jodee and Mike Miller; Bob (Diana) Russiff and their children Andria and Taylor; and Rick (Josie) Russiff and their children Christy and Ricky. Also surviving are Laurel's children: Joel (Robbie) Reinholz and their children Paula (Lance) Goodman and Jody (Nate) Lucas; Mark Reinholz; and Susan (Ed) Styles and their children Jannine and Jim, and six great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be 1 p.m. Saturday, April 3, at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary, with interment in Sunset Memorial Gardens.

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



**GEORGE  
RUSSIFF**

## HAZEL A. RUSSELL

**ROUNDUP** — Hazel Arline Russell, age 91, passed away Dec. 20, 2004, at Valley Health Care.

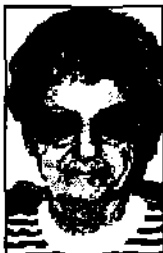
She was born July 16, 1913, in Upper Lehigh, Pa. She is the daughter of Wm. Clarence and Mary Drasher Herring. On Feb. 17, 1934, Hazel married Glenwood F. Russell

in Freeland, Pa. Hazel retired from the Collegeville Flag Factory and was a lifetime member of the Ponoco Beagle Club. She was also a member of Zion

Lutheran Church in Roundup. Hazel loved fishing and camping with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, raising beagles and taking the dogs to field trials.

She is preceded in death by her husband Glenwood; parents Wm. Clarence and Mary; brothers, William and Calvin Herring; sisters, Alma Herring, Dorothy Krouse, Ruth Klinger, and son Jackie.

She is survived by sons Glenwood J. and wife Mary of Roundup, William and wife Betty of Whitehall, Pa., Alvin Herring and wife Alice of Collegeville, Pa.; sisters Adeline Cichon of Schwenksville, Pa., Edith Cunifer of Drums, Pa.; grandsons Todd D.



**HAZEL  
RUSSELL**

and wife Juanita, Glenwood F. Travis and wife Roxy of Roundup, Scott J. and wife Tami of Dallas, Ore.; Vincent Jeffery and William, both of Pennsylvania; granddaughters Arleen Greenman and husband Art of Pottstown, Pa., Tracey VanDeKop and husband Roger of Evergreen, Tammie, Kimberly and Beth Ann of Pennsylvania; numerous great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

She will be greatly missed by all family and friends.

Visitation will be from 5 to 9 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 26, at the Wier Funeral Chapel. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday, Dec. 27, at the Chapel. Interment to follow at the Roundup City Cemetery. Wier Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

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## Helen Russell

BASIN, Wyo. — Helen Lucille McKay Russell, 90, of Basin, died Monday, Sept. 20, 2004, at the Bonnie Bluejacket Memorial Nursing Home between Basin and Greybull.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 23, at the Atwood Family Funeral Chapel in Basin. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, Sept. 24, at the United Methodist Church in Basin. Burial will follow in the Mount View Cemetery in Basin.

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# Marion Margaret Ruth

Marion Margarette Cline Ruth, 95, of Billings, passed away Wednesday morning, March 3, 2004, at Magnolia Place.

Marion came into this world during a very bad electric storm. The fourth child and only daughter of Joseph H. Cline and Etha Mae (Bartholow) Cline was born on July 22, 1908, in Concordia, Kan. In 1912, at the age of 4, she moved to Polson with her family, where her father built a five-story brick flour mill and an electric power plant. She graduated from Polson High School in 1927. Marion graduated from the University of Montana in Missoula in 1931 with a degree in music. She belonged to the Alpha Phi Sorority and was a member of Sigma Alpha Iota, a music sorority. She was also a member of Mortar Board, a senior scholastic honorary. She taught music for one year in Belgrade, following her graduation.

On July 26, 1932, in her parents home in Polson, she married Harold McBurney Ruth of Halstead, Kan. They had been married for 59 years at Harold's death on Sept. 13, 1991. In August 1932, they moved to Billings where Harold operated a Fire and Casualty Insurance Company. Their three children were born and raised in Billings.

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In 1968, they opened Gallery 85, the first western art gallery in Billings. They devoted many years to the gallery and to their love of art.

Marion was an active member of PEO, Chapter S, for 68 years. She was a member of The First United Methodist Church, the Corral of the Westerners, the Billings Symphony Women's Society and the Hilands Golf Club.

Many hours were spent on her favorite pastimes: playing the piano and if there is a bridge foursome playing in heaven, she will be there.

She was preceded in death by her husband, parents and her three brothers, Owen, Norman and John.

She is survived by her three children, Sara (Harry) Axline of Billings, Carolyn (Sid) Shrauger of Venice, Fla., and Mark (Martha) Ruth of Agana, Guam; five grandchildren, Jon (Lisa) Axline, Lindy Axline, Jeanne (Mike) Clausen, Erika Shrauger and Sam (Jeni) Shrauger; five great-grandchildren, Nick, Kelly, Jake, Kate and Kira. She is also survived by her niece, Joann Reksten of Polson and her sister-in-law, Ada (Bill) Unruh of Overland Park, Kan. Numerous other nieces and nephews survive, including Wally (Lucille) Olds of Red Lodge.

The family would like to thank the staff at Magnolia Place for the wonderful loving care Marion received during her time there.

Memorial services will be 1:30 p.m. Saturday, March 13, at First United Methodist Church.

Memorials may be made to The Billings Symphony, The Yellowstone Art Center or a charity of your choice.

# Carson Wayne "Sam" Rutledge

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**BAKER** — Funeral Services for Carson W. "Sam" Rutledge, 90, of Baker, are 3 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 13, at St. Joan of Arc Parish Hall, Ekalaka. Interment will follow in Beaverlodge Cemetery, Ekalaka.

Visitation is Friday, from 12 noon to 2:30 p.m. at St. Joan of Arc Parish Hall.

Carson "Sam" passed away Aug. 8, 2004, at Dahl Memorial Nursing Home.

Carson "Sam" was born May 9, 1914 in Clayton, N.M., to Carson A. and Mary Evangeline Strickland Rutledge. He grew up and attended rural school in the Clayton area. He began ranching with his father during the Great Depression and then suffered through the Dust Bowl. Sam married Neva Simpson and to this union three sons were born, Edward M., Ivan Wayne and Carl Dean. Sam married Joyce Jones on July 3, 1940, and to this union David joined the family. In 1949, he fulfilled a dream when the family moved to Montana and purchased a ranch south of Ekalaka. Sam and Joyce moved



**SAM  
RUTLEDGE**

into town in 1956, where Sam began managing the bulk propane business. In 1973, they built and operated the Guest House Motel. Sam retired in 1985; he and Joyce continued to make Ekalaka their home. Due to poor health, Sam has resided at the Dahl Memorial Nursing Home in Ekalaka for the past 12 years.

Sam enjoyed cattle ranching, hunting, fishing and gardening. He had a great way of telling stories about his younger years. Sam especially loved and enjoyed his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Survivors include three sons, Edward M. Rutledge, Houston, Ivan Wayne (Jan) Rutledge, Dublin, Texas, and David (Jan) Rutledge, Billings; nine grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Joyce; a son, Carl Dean; and a brother, Jack.

Sam's family is thankful that he has been released from his debilitating disease of Alzheimer's. We are grateful to the staff of Dahl Memorial Nursing Home for their gentle, caring service to Sam for the many years he has resided there. This facility and its special caregivers are a blessing to the community.

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

A memorial has been established for the Dahl Memorial Healthcare in Ekalaka.

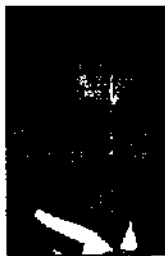
# Raymond Rutschke

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Raymond Rutschke, 76, of Billings, passed away Monday, March 1, 2004, at St. Vincent Healthcare.

The son of Henry and Rose Rutschke, Ray was born Nov. 12, 1927, in Baker, where he was raised and educated. During the Korean Conflict, Ray served in the Army.



RAY  
RUTSCHKE

Following his discharge, he returned to Montana and has made his home in Billings since the early 1950s.

On Nov. 12, 1960, Ray married JoAnne Houghton in Billings.

A heavy equipment operator, Ray worked for the City of Billings for 26½ years, retiring in September of 1988.

Ray was fond of socializing and spending time with his dogs. He enjoyed music and played the guitar and piano. He also liked gardening and camping. Ray spent many hours tinkering in his garage and had restored a 1931 Model A.

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Survivors include his wife JoAnne; and five children, his daughter, Sharleen Bickford (Don); four sons, Warren (Jill) and their children, Riley and Ramsey; Curtis, Cliff (Cammie) and Greg (Tammy), all of Billings. Also surviving are his brother, Ron of Boyd; and three sisters, Charlotte Amann and Mary Ann Rutschke of Billings, and Judy Picktop of Phoenix.

Ray was preceded in death by his brother Melvin.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Thursday, March 4, at the Church of Christ. Interment with military honors will be at Yellowstone Valley Memorial Park. Memorials may be made to the Church of Christ or the American Lung Association.



**DOROTHY RYAN**

## **Dorothy Marie Ryan**

**ANACONDA** — Dorothy Marie Ryan, 85, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend, died peacefully Thursday, Nov. 4, 2004, at her home, with her family by her side.

Dorothy, a lifelong Anaconda resident, was born Nov. 16, 1918, to Clarence and Elizabeth (Corcoran) Clark. She attended Anaconda Catholic Schools and graduated from St. Peter's High School in 1937. Following graduation, she attended Columbus School of Nursing in Great Falls.

In 1941, Dorothy married her high school sweetheart, Charles "Ocko" Ryan. With love and guidance, she and Charles raised eight children and a granddaughter. Dorothy was a kind and gentle woman who was guided by her faith. She was the inspiration that held the family together.

Except for seven years when she stayed home to raise her children, Dorothy was employed as a nurse. She worked at both St.

Ann's and Anaconda Community Hospital, where she served as the Director of Nursing. She truly loved nursing and retired in 1987.

Dorothy is survived by her husband of 63 years, Charles; their eight children, Jack of Bozeman, Bob, Jim (Donna), and Steve (Dorrie), of Anaconda, Ed (Lori), and Charlene (Sandy) Macdonald, of Billings, Mike of Eugene, Ore., Dorothy (Gary) Norberg of Killdeer, N.D., and their special granddaughter, Stephanie Ryan of Anaconda. She had 26 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren who always had a special place in her heart.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brother Clarence "Buddy" Clark; infant son David; and grandson Shawn Ryan.

Vigil Services will be held at Longfellow-Finnegan Funeral Home in Anaconda, Sunday, Nov. 7, at 7 p.m., with visitation starting at 4 p.m. Liturgy of the Resurrection will be celebrated Monday, Nov. 8, 10:30 a.m., at St. Peter's Catholic Church. Graveside services will follow at Mount Olivet.

## TO MY GRANDMA

"Soft words and stories make memories for years. Warm hugs and kisses, hot quick-fix for tears. Laughter and sweet love abundant and true. Grandma helped God let Heaven shine through."

Memorials are suggested to the Alzheimer's Association or Anacosta Catholic Community.

**Ethel A. Ryan****THE BILLINGS GAZETTE**

JUL 13 2004

TEN SLEEP, Wyo. — Ethel A. Ryan, 96, of Ten Sleep, died Saturday, July 10, 2004, at Worland Healthcare in Worland.

Private services and burial will be held in Ten Sleep. Arrangements will be announced at a later date. Veile Mortuary of Worland is in charge.

Donald Eugene Rylander died Friday afternoon, Sept. 17, 2004, at Horizon Hospice House, surrounded by his loving family.

Don was born May 8, 1927, in Minneapolis, the third son of Ernest and Esther (Anderson) Rylander. Don served his country

as a navy pharmacist's mate 3rd class. After discharge, Don married Beulah D. Pearson in 1950; they remained adoring companions until his death.

Don's career as a Boy Scout professional of 34 years was one of his most heartfelt passions, serving in Virginia, Minn.; Grand Island, Neb.; and Cedar Falls/Waterloo, Iowa.

Don always stated, "If I help one boy to become a better man in his life, then my life has been worthwhile." For all of Don's gifts and skills, his greatest talent was that of being a wonderful father and grandfather. His most enjoyable hours were those spent with family or spoiling his two grandchildren. He will be greatly missed.

Don is preceded in death by his parents, Ernest and Esther

(Anderson) Rylander and his sister Lois.

Don is survived by his wife Beulah; daughter Sandra Kae; son Gary (Patti), granddaughters Shamai and Ashley; and his best four-legged buddy, Josie; brothers Richard (Marilynn) Rylander, Ernie (Fran) Rylander; special cousins Elinor Bingham, Bill (Dorothy) Rylander; nieces, Susan and Karin; nephews, Jim, John and Joel; great-nieces and nephews, cousins and many friends.

Cremation has taken place with dispersal of the ashes at a later date by the family. Services will be held at the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, Wednesday, Sept. 22, at 11 a.m.

Suggested memorials to: Boy Scouts of America, Alzheimer's Association, Hospice or charity of choice.



**DON  
RYLANDER**

# Joyce Ryles

Joyce Ryles passed away at home on Jan. 26, 2004.

Joyce was born Aug. 4, 1926, in Powell, Wyo., to Thomas and Nancy Beulah Ryles.

Joyce married Betty Jean Henneberg, Oct. 30, 1947, in Billings.

Joyce and Betty farmed on the East Willwood, later moving to Powell, where Joyce worked at Powell Action Barn and where he became active in the cattle buying business. They moved to Laurel in 1966. Joyce managed the farm and ranch there for Big Timber Livestock.

In 1975, he started working for the National Farmers Organization as their Montana feeder cattle representative. Joyce traveled Montana extensively and made numerous friends in the NFO.

Joyce retired from the NFO in 2000 after 25 years of diligent service.

Joyce is survived by his wife Betty of Billings; son Jim Ryles (Laurel) of Greybull, Wyo.; and daughters Nicki Hageman (Bill) of Colstrip and Kim (Curt) Boehm of Billings. He is also survived by grandsons, Jason, Gena, Mike and K.C. Hageman, Dylan and Connor Boehm, all of Billings; granddaughters, Amy Craft (Bob), Kelly Ryles (James) of Greybull, Wyo.; and five great-grandchildren and numerous

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nieces and nephews; brother-in-law Norman Meidinger of Powell; brother and sister-in-law Marvin and Hazel LaForge of Billings; and sisters-in-law Evelyn DeVera and Jeanette Ryles of Billings.

Joyce was preceded in death by his parents; brother Tom Ryles, Billings; and sister Wanda Meidinger of Powell.

Dad's favorite times were taking his boat and camper (Mom's) to Cooney Reservoir or The Big Horns, where he could water-ski the little kids and fish the big kids.

Joyce will be sorely missed by his family and his many friends from his dedicated years of taking care of family and his business acquaintances.

God speed, Dad, we will miss you but will see you again.

Memorial service will be 1 p.m. Friday, Jan. 30, at the Apostles Evangelical Lutheran Church, 3140 Broadwater Ave. in Billings. Interment of urn at Terrace Gardens Cemetery, 304 W. 34th St. Smith Funeral Chapel in charge of arrangements.

Cremation has taken place, and, in lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Apostles Evangelical Lutheran Church in Billings or to Big Sky Hospice of Billings.