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Lauri M. Saarela

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

BOYD — Lauri M. Saarela passed away Aug. 16, 2004, at St. Vincent's Hospital, Billings. Lauri was born Sept. 28, 1917, in Red Lodge, and graduated from Roberts High School.

He served five years in the Army and Air Corps during World War II (1941-45) and was discharged with military honors. Lauri was a member of the 163rd Infantry, 2nd Battalion Headquarters Co. and served three years in New Guinea and the Asiatic Pacific Theater.

He married Mertis M. Robinson, Nov. 30, 1958, and together, they ranched by Red Lodge Creek near Boyd, until Lauri retired due to health reasons. Lauri had a special love of all animals and got to be known as "Doc Saarela" in the community.

Lauri is survived by his wife Mertis and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents Sanford and Ida Saarela and his three brothers and four sisters.

Mertis offers special thanks to all their good neighbors and friends for their constant help

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and support during Lauri's long years of poor health and thanks also to Carbon County Home Care and the Billings Health and Rehab Center.

Services will be held Aug. 19, at 2 p.m. at Smith West Chapel, 304 34th Street West in Billings, with military honors and interment to follow at Terrace Gardens Cemetery. Visitations will be Wednesday, Aug. 18, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and before the service Thursday. Memorials may be made to Carbon County Home Care, Red Lodge.



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SABO — James, 80, formerly of Sturgis, S.D. Memorial services pending in Rapid City.(12/12)

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Shirley P. Sacchi

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Shirley passed away on Feb. 23, 2004, at Western Manor, after a long and courageous battle with Alzheimer's.



**SHIRLEY
SACCHI**

Shirley was born on Oct. 20, 1928, in Henrietta, Okla., to Sam and Irene Davis. During her youth, her family moved to California. Shirley attended school in Richmond, Calif. After graduating from high school, she attended San Francisco State College for two years. She met and married Peter Sacchi, May 4, 1951. She worked as a bank teller for the next nine years before starting a family. Shirley and Pete moved to Billings in 1959, so Pete could start up his music school.

Shirley was a stay at home mom until 1976, when she went to work for the Billings Police Department as a microfilm technician. She worked for the Police Department for 15 years, until retiring.

Shirley was truly a loving and caring person. God never created a more gentle soul than she.

Shirley enjoyed many activities, but none more than fishing and bowling. She loved her family and her dogs and made sure

that they always knew it.

She is survived by her husband of 52 years, Pete; her three children, Steve (Selena) Sacchi of San Francisco, Stephanie Sacchi Combs (Blaine) of Billings and Sam Sacchi (Debby), also of Billings; and mother-in-law Clara Sacchi of Billings. She had three grandchildren, Siena, Shawn and Warren.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Irene Carrero, and her father, Sam Davis.

Cremation has taken place and a private graveside service will be held in Red Lodge.

The family would like to offer special thanks to the staff of Western Manor for the wonderful care and support they offered Shirley during her final years.

Nina Sachow

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PLENTYWOOD — Nina Sachow, 91, died Wednesday, Nov. 8, 2004, at Sheridan Memorial Nursing Home in Plentywood.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 13, at the Plentywood Community Church. Interment will be in Plentywood Cemetery. Fulkerson Funeral Home of Plentywood is in charge.

Leo A. Saddleback

MAKOTI, N.D. — Leo Aaron Franklin Saddleback, 18, of Makoti, N.D., died Aug. 28, 2004, due to an auto accident.

A memorial service will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Poplar LDS Church. A funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at the Poplar LDS Church. Interment will be in Chicken Hill Cemetery. Clayton Stevenson Memorial Chapel is in charge.

KALISPELL — Ellamae P. Safford, 88, passed away Oct. 3, 2004, at her home in Kalispell.

The several weeks preceding her death were spent with daily visits with her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. All had joyous times.

Ellamae was born in Lindsay, Calif., on Sept. 8, 1916, to Marion Santway and Oscar Elmer Poston. She met her husband, John William Safford, at Washington State University in Pullman and they were married in 1937. After both graduated, they moved to Montana, where they raised three sons and a daughter in Butte, Missoula, Bozeman and Helena.

During that time, Ellamae was a wonderful mom, kept the home fires burning and taught French and Spanish in a Helena junior high school as John pursued his career in veterinary medicine. John had taught his sons the fine art of fly fishing and Ellamae was in charge of the unruly boys as the family spent many fantastic days camping and fishing along the Gallatin River. She dodged, not always successfully, more than one misguided cast.

After retirement in 1973, Ellamae and John moved to their home on Flathead Lake, a place that quickly became a favored gathering spot for children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Their 24 years together

at the lake were filled with family visits, gardening, fishing, swimming (Ellamae and John only — water was far too cold for John!) and boating. One of the most prized gifts her children would receive annually was a case of canned, smoked kokanee salmon caught and prepared by Ellamae and John. Winters were frequently spent touring the United States and Mexico in the Airstream. When not traveling, Ellamae would drive to Kalispell once a week as a volunteer for the Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

Following John's death in 1999, Ellamae moved to Kalispell where she quickly made many new friends. Her time was often spent visiting with family, playing bridge with friends, volunteering at the hospital and quilting. Ellamae took up the latter at the age of 82 and quickly became very accomplished, sharing her quilting passion with her daughter. All of her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren received treasured quilts. During the last several years, Ellamae would escape the Montana winters, traveling to El Paso, Texas, to stay with her daughter. Mother and daughter went on several cruises together including a

quitting cruise early this year.

She is survived by John, Jr. and his wife, Sarah; Bob and his wife, Lori Bell, both in Kalspell; Tom and his wife, MaryAnn, on Whidbey Island, Wash.; and Mary Sue Stevens in El Paso, Texas. In addition to her four children, Ellamae is survived by nine grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Ellamae will be remembered as a wonderful wife, mom, teacher, and friend who has been missed by all who have known her a lifetime of joyous memories. She will be missed.

Her children are establishing a memorial for Ellamae and John, Sr. at the Flathead Valley Community College Arboretum. Her family suggests that donations be made to Home Options Hospice, 175 Commons Loop, Suite 100, Kalspell, MT 59901.

Richard A. Salcido

OCT 25 2004

WILLINGS GAZETTE

WORLAND, Wyo. — Richard A. Salcido, 63, died Wednesday, Oct. 20, 2004, at his home.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 26, at the Church of Christ. Burial will follow at Riverview Memorial Gardens Cemetery. Bryant Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Lynne Yvonne Olson Salisbury

HELENA — Lynne Yvonne Olson Salisbury (age 49) passed away Tuesday, May 18, 2004, at St. Peter's Hospital, after a long and courageous battle with cancer. Lynne was born April 29, 1955, in Harlowton. She graduated from Bozeman High School in 1973 and attended college at Montana State University and Seattle University. At the time of her death, she was employed at the Department of Revenue with the State of Montana.



**LYNNE
SALISBURY**

Lynne is survived by her husband William "Bill" G. Salisbury of Helena; her sister, Diana Hahn (Chris) of Reed Point; and a brother, Charles Olson of Omaha, Neb. She was preceded in death by her parents Francis and Alyce Olson of Helena. Lynne also has several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and brothers and sisters-in-law.

Lynne had a passion for life and grudgingly left this world clinging on to our planet earth like her beloved cats would cling

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to her bedspread. Her love for animals is renowned and her cat Simba and Baby Kitty, will dearly miss her. Lynne loved University of Montana Grizzly football and was an avid North End Zone fan. When Monte, the Grizzly mascot was unveiled March 4 in Missoula, Lynne enjoyed a personal visit from Monte where Monte presented her with an autographed poster. Even though Grizzly football and the North End Zone have lost a true fan Lynne will still be watching the games in spirit. Lynne had a love for golf and she and her husband Bill are members of the Greer Meadow Country Club where Lynne was very proud of scoring a hole in one on the 12th hole.

Lynne has requested that there not be a memorial service at this time. A private gathering of family and friends to celebrate her life will be held at a later date. Cremation has taken place.

Lynne requested that donations in her memory be made to the Mikal Kellner Foundation for Animals, PO Box 389, Helena, MT 59624, or the St. Peter's

Hospital Foundation, Cancer
Treatment Center 2475
Broadway, Helena, MT 59601
Lynne and Bill would like to
give special thanks to Thomas
Weiner, MD, and the nurses and
staff of St. Peter's Hospital who
have given her so much care and
support during her illness.

Dorothy M. Salsbery

MALTA — Dorothy M. Salsbery, 69 years, a homemaker, died Thursday, March 11, 2004, at Benefis East Hospital in Great Falls, from complications after surgery.



**DOROTHY
SALSBERY**

Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Monday, March 15, at the Adams Memorial Chapel in Malta. Interment will be in the Malta Cemetery following the services. Adams

Funeral Home of Malta is in charge of arrangements.

Survivors include her daughter, Beth (Bud) Slade of Malta; sons, Layton (Karla) Salsbery of Forsyth, Kevin (Dianne) Salsbery, Laurin (Cathy) Salsbery, Ross (Nancy) Salsbery, all of Malta; 15 grandchildren, six great-grandchildren; brother, Don (Josy) Slaymaker of Great Falls; sisters, Edith (Phil) Scott of Billings, Frances (Duane) Olsen, Margie (Dennis) Clausen of Malta; sister-in-law Margaret Stiles of Malta.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her husband, James R. Salsbery in December 1991; her parents and sister.

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Edgar Salisbury

ENID — Edgar Salisbury, 86, of Williston, N.D., formerly of Enid, died Thursday, March 18, 2004, at the Bethel Lutheran Home in Williston.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, March 23, at the Pella Lutheran Church in Sidney. Interment will be in the Richland Memorial Park Cemetery. Fulkerson Funeral Home of Sidney is in charge.

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Eugene Edgar Salsbury

THE YELLOWSTONE GAZETTE

ENID — Eugene Edgar Salsbury, 86, of Enid, passed away on March 18, 2004, after suffering from Alzheimer's disease for many years. For many years, he was well cared for at Bethel Home.

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Edgar Salsbury was born to Clyde and Bessie Lou (Sullivan) Salsbury on Jan. 21, 1918, in a log cabin at Nohly. Edgar, as he was known to family and friends, was raised and educated in the Nohly area before moving to Fairview. He survived many hardships in his younger years, including the terrible 1918 flu epidemic, whooping cough, diphtheria and an appendix attack that almost killed him. At a very early age, he was determined that he wanted to farm and never lost sight of that desire.

Edgar married the love of his life, Genett Pearl Howard, in 1938 at Fairview. This union was to last until her death in 1990, for whom he continued to mourn the rest of his life. Edgar worked in the beet fields of the Yellowstone Valley and on various farms and ranches until the beginning of World War II. He then moved the family to Portland, Ore., to work in the shipyards. After the war, he moved back to Montana and purchased his farm and ranch west of Enid, where he raised five children and made his living for over 50 years.

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ing irrigation pipe from his stock pond over a mile for the "good" water. Edgar was a self-educated man, reading as much as possible, with his great interests being U.S. and Montana history. Edgar was a very patriotic man, loving his country and state. Edgar and Genett traveled the U.S. extensively and Montana remained their favorite place. Edgar was always family-oriented and attended sporting or other events in which his children and grandchildren would participate.

He was a kind, gentle and loving man, instilling the importance of honesty, hard work and education. His optimism and humor were appreciated by those who knew him well.

Edgar is survived by five children, Wayne (Yvonne) Saltsbury of Billings, Lynn (Fred) Landess of Elkhart, Kan., Louett (Rodney) Williams of Wolf Point, Marlene Ingoin of Great Falls and Mavis (Charles) Boyer of Sidney, 13 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife Genett and sister Faye Waterson.

Funeral services for Edgar Saltsbury, 86, of Williston, N.D., formerly of Enid, were 11 a.m. Tuesday, March 23, at the Pella Lutheran Church, with Pastor George Kaates and Father Ned Shinnick officiating. Interment was in the Richland Memorial

Margaret Mae Salvevold

SEP 27 2004

CULBERTSON — Funeral services for Margaret Mae Salvevold, 77, of Culbertson, will be Tuesday, Sept. 28 at 10 a.m. MDT, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Culbertson. Pastor Carol Karres and Pastor Al Beyer will officiate and interment will be in the Ebenezer



**MARGARET
SALVEVOLD**

Lutheran Church Cemetery. An informal gathering celebrating Margaret's life will be at 7 p.m., Monday, Sept. 27, at Ebenezer Lutheran Church in Dane Valley. Visitation will precede each service for one hour.

Margaret was born Aug. 13, 1927, to Clifford and Beulah (Hackley) McGinnis in "The Hills" at the family homestead south of Culbertson in Richland County, the second of eight children.

She was educated at the Lee School and graduated from Culbertson High School.

She was married to Arvon Salvevold in 1945 at the Cherry Creek Church. Margaret lived her life as a homemaker and farmer in the Culbertson and Dane Valley communities. Her life was centered around her

children and grandchildren farming, and her church Ebenezer Lutheran. She spent the last 19 winters in Apache Junction, Ariz. with a close community of friends.

She died Saturday, Sept. 26, 2004, in the Roosevelt Memorial Hospital from a massive cerebral hemorrhage, with her family by her side.

Throughout her life, she enjoyed gardening, family time reading, shuffleboard, and socializing. Cooking for her family gave her great pleasure.

She is survived by her children, Jean (Gerald) Park of Anchorage, Alaska, Gail Stover of Anchorage, Alaska, and Jin (Sharon) Salvevold of Culbertson five grandchildren, Krista Park Jodie Stover, Marc Stover, Grand (Lisa) Salvevold and Gy (Shelly) Salvevold; four sisters, Edna (Don) Jensen of Sidney, Betty (LeRoy) Larsen of Culbertson Bessie (Cal) Diede of Missouri and Joan Mester of Washington one brother, Albert (June) McGinnis of California; and many nieces and nephews, and friends.

Preceding her in death were her husband, parents, one brother, Charles McGinnis, and one sister, Ronda McGinnis Smith.

Fulkerson Funeral Home of Williston is in charge of arrangements.

Christine E. Sampsel

Christine E. Sampsel died on March 31, 2004, at DBC Aspen Meadows, under the care of Big Sky Hospice. She fought a courageous battle against the affects of emphysema during the past 15 years.

Christine was born on April 20, 1928, on a farm near Timpson, Texas, the daughter of Ben and Esther (Rhodes) Wallis. The

area is known as the "Piney Woods" country of East Texas. At an early age, during the Great Depression, she helped her father pick tomatoes under the boiling sun. She had a sister, Betty, who was five years younger.



**CHRISTINE
SAMPSEL**

Christine showed that she was a fighter when she battled kids who were tormenting her little sister when they walked to and from school, which was located some distance away from the house.

Following graduation from Timpson High School, she moved to Tyler, the oil center of East Texas. She worked at retail stores, including Sears Roebuck, and also at the nearby U.S. Army Post, Camp Fannin.

In 1951, she met her future

husband, William Sampsel who was a geologist with Amerada Petroleum. William was transferred to Williston N.D., where they married in that city on May 2, 1952.

William was transferred to Regina, Saskatchewan, in 1954 and the family spent five years there. Christine was active in the Geo-Wives bridge club, and became a darn good player. She also took up golf, and eventually played very well — better than her husband.

In particular, we became quite close to a neighboring family, Lillian and Jack McKenzie and their kids. We spent many weekends with them going to parties and watching the Saskatchewan Roughriders play football.

In 1959, another move. This time to Calgary, Alberta. Finally, in February 1961, we moved back to Billings. We came down to look for a house on a day when it was snowing and very cold in Calgary. During the week we were here, the temperature got up into the 70s.

We thought that this was paradise, after seven years of cold Canadian winters.

In 1964, Amerada closed its Billings office. The family had done enough moving, and we decided to stay here. Christine began attending Eastern Montana College, majoring in Art.

She became an accomplished artist, and also did well in sculpturing. She sculptured a bust of a woman, and her instructor thought so highly of it that he insisted on putting it on display at the college. Unfortunately, someone stole it, and it was never found.

She graduated in 1967, and immediately obtained a position at Riverside Junior High School, where she taught art, and also did some counseling work. She resigned in 1976, and became an aide and secretary for her husband, who had a practice as a consulting petroleum geologist.

In her later years, she delighted in taking a number of trips to the East and West Coasts, and to Texas. She also enjoyed the use of a computer, e-mailing her friends and relatives.

Following many visits to the hospital caused by her breathing problems, she resided at DBC Aspen Meadows nursing home for the past 19 months.

She is survived by her hus-

band, William; her daughter, Priscilla (James) Bell of Bloomington, Ill.; her son, Michael (Elizabeth) Sampsel of Tucson, Ariz.; and her sister, Betty (Gus) Brown of Henderson, Texas. Grandchildren and great-grandchildren are: By Priscilla: Jeryl (Wayne) Schneider, their children Garret and Lindey; Amy (Brian) Frykman and Michael (Angela) Inman of Bozeman. By Michael: Miranda Sampsel of Tucson.

To Christine from her family — "God be with thee till we meet again."

Cremation has taken place. A family gathering will be held in remembrance of Christine's life.

We wish to thank the entire staff at DBC Aspen Meadows, and the Big Sky Hospice for their loving care and kindness.

Memorials may be made to the Big Sky Hospice or the charity of ones choice.

Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

Donald E. Sampsel

Donald E. Sampsel, 80, of Billings, died Wednesday, Nov. 10, 2004, at St. Vincent Hospital and Health Center.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial will take place in Grants Pass, Ore., at a later date. Cremation or Funeral Gallery was in charge.

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SAMPSON — Donald W.,
86, of Sheridan, Wyo.
Cremation has taken place.
Memorial service in Iowa at
later date.(12/18)

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Sam Sampson

UPTON, Wyo. — William Donald "Sam" Sampson, 54, of Upton, died Tuesday, Aug. 17, 2004, at the Campbell County Memorial Hospital, of liver failure.

Graveside service will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday, Aug. 23, at the Mount Pisgah Cemetery in Gillette. Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home of Gillette is in charge.

WILLIAM DONALD "SAM" SAMPSON
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Susan Sampson

THE GREAT FALLS GAZETTE
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Susan Sampson, 47, of Billings, passed away Thursday, March 25, 2004, at Deaconess Health Care after a courageous battle with cancer.

She was born January 22, 1957, in Miles City, the daughter of Robert and Ruth Townsend. Susan grew up and was educated locally in Baker schools. She



**SUSAN
SAMPSON**

went on to attend the University of Montana in Missoula and Eastern Montana College where she completed her Bachelor's degree with an extended major in Psychology. Susan began work in Glendive and spent several years as a social worker with the State of Montana, working with abused and neglected children. She married Wayne Sampson on December 30, 1978, in Baker. To this union were two children, Jena and Jarod. After moving to Billings, Susan began work as a counselor at Yellowstone Boys & Girls Ranch. Susan was a devoted wife and mother. She enjoyed following her children in all of their sporting events from grade school all the way through college. She had a deep passion for working with abused and neglected children as well as helping the kids at YBGR.

A Memorial service in remembrance of Susan will be held on at 4 p.m. on Monday, March 29, at the Baker Community Church. Interment of the ashes will follow at Bonaventure Cemetery. A reception will be held at the Fallon County Fairgrounds Hall following the graveside services. Stevenson Funeral Homes, Inc. of Baker and Ekalka is in charge of the arrangements. Remem-

Susan is preceded in death by her father, Robert. She is survived by her loving husband, Wayne; two children, Jena Sampson (fiance, Jason Hagenmeister) and Jared Sampson, all of Billings; mother, Ruth Townsend of Baker; three sisters, Becky (Jerry) Knutson of Billings, Dawn "Skoolde" (Tom) Demos of Bakersfield, Calif. and Shirley (John) Prosch of Coertd'alene, Idaho; four brothers, Jerry (Jan) Townsend of Baker, Herb (Martha) Townsend of Laurel, Steve (Cary) Townsend of Baker, and Scott (Mary) Townsend of Aberdeen, S.D.; a special aunt and uncle, Georgetta and Herb McCannish of Baker; mother-in-law, Mabel Sampson; brother-in-law, Ron (Nilda) Sampson; sisters-in-law, Donna (Jim) Cody, Kris (Bill) Haines, and Tena (John) Wiley; numerous aunts and uncles; and numerous contributions may be made to the Yellowstone Boys & Girls Ranch in honor of Susan.

Theodore John 'Ted' Samuelson

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Theodore John 'Ted' Samuelson, 76, of Billings, died of natural causes on April 21, 2004, at Deaconess Hospital in Billings.

He was born May 1, 1928, at International Falls, Minn., a son of Gudrun (Johannesson) and Samuel Samuelson. In 1946, he graduated from Cavalier High School in Cavalier, N.D., and then served with the U.S. Navy in San Diego for two years. He graduated from Mayville State Teacher's College in Mayville, N.D., in 1951, and taught for a year. He then did graduate work in economics at the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks.

In 1950, he married Mary Ellen Spangelo at Mountain, N.D.

Ted enjoyed a career with the Northern Pacific and Burlington Northern Railroads that spanned 32 years and positions in six states including Minnesota, North Dakota, Washington, Oregon, Nebraska, and Montana. He was trainmaster in Livingston from 1967 to 1969, and returned to the state in 1981 as regional director of safety and rules at the Billings office.

In his retirement, he was an avid collector of glass, enjoyed researching genealogy on his Icelandic heritage. He had a life-long interest in gardening and reading history.

He is survived by his wife Mary Ellen, of Billings; two sons Alan (Theresa) of Ramsey, Minn. and John of Valley City, N.D.; two daughters, Cynthia (Thomas Markle of Glasgow, and Kelly (Scott) Sable of Maple Grove Minn.; four granddaughters Nicole, Katie, and Lauren Sabk and Willa Samuelson; two brothers; three sisters; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Services and burial will be conducted this summer in Cavalier, N.D., where he was raised. Cremation has taken place.

Joseph E. Sanchez

GILLETTE, Wyo. — Joseph E. "Little Joe" Sanchez, 72, passed away on Saturday, Jan. 3, 2004, at Campbell County Memorial Hospital from complications of a stroke.

Visitation is from 11 a.m. Tuesday until the graveside service at 1 p.m. Tuesday at the Mt. Pisgah Cemetery Shelter. Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home is in charge.

GILLETTE GAZETTE

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Mildred Sanchini

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SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Mildred Sanchini, 85, of Sheridan, died Monday, June 28, 2004, at her home.

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At her request, cremation has taken place and private family services will be held in Pennsylvania at a later date. Champion Ferries Funeral Home of Sheridan is in charge.

POWELL, Wyo. — Bill D. Sand, 75, died Oct. 21, 2004, in the Loma Linda Veterans Hospital in California.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 28, at Miratsky-Easton Funeral Home in Powell, with a visitation one hour prior to services. Burial will be in the Crown Hill Cemetery.

Bill D. Sand

THE POWELL
TRIBUNE

OCT 28 2004

Funeral services for long-time Powell resident Bill D. Sand, 75, will be today (Thursday) at 11 a.m. at Saint Barbara's Church, preceded by a visitation at 10 a.m. at Miratsky-Easton Funeral Home.

Father Pete Johnson will officiate at services, with burial following in Crown Hill Cemetery. Family and friends are invited to a luncheon at St. Barbara's after services.

Mr. Sand died Thursday, Oct. 21 in the Loma Linda Veterans Hospital in California after a long illness.

He was born Dec. 29, 1928, in Hollenberg, Kans., to Elma and Ralph Sand. He married Louise Cossette of Fargo, N.D., on Feb. 2, 1952.

He served as a S/Sgt. in the United States Air Force. He was a radar operator for the 785th Aircraft Control and Warning Station at Finley Air Force Station in North Dakota. His



Bill Sand

His military distinctions include the 785th Airman of the Month, the National Defense Service Medal, and Good Conduct Medal. He was later awarded the Certificate of Commendation by the Department of Defense "in recognition of outstanding and dedicated service to the citizens of Powell and the Powell Civil Defense Agency" as a member of the Powell Community Shelter Planning Policy Council.

He was a well-known and skilled outdoorman who loved to hunt and fish across the region. He taught local fly-fishing classes,

coached Little League baseball. Babe Ruth coached Men's Fast Pitch softball for many years. He ran several successful Powell-based businesses during his lifetime, including Valley Carpet and Eikhorn Enterprises. He settled his family just east of the city of Powell with a beautiful view of Heart Mountain, where he raised Arabian horses and developed Sand Subdivision.

Survivors include his wife Louise of Powell; daughter Julie (Joe) Sanders of Albens, Ga.; son Mike (Shannon) Sand of San Diego, Calif.; three sisters, LuAnn Borders of Powell, Peggy Haworth of Cody and Jean (George) Pauner of Basin; two nieces, Mandy Borders and Carol (Ron) Tebbets; five nephews, Jason Borders, John Haworth, Dave Pauner, Rich Pauner, and Steve Pauner; and two grandchildren, Helena Sanders and William Sanders.

His parents, and also his brother, Tom Sand, who died in active duty in Vietnam, preceded him in death.

Edward Sandcrane

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LAME DEER — Edward Sandcrane, age 47, passed away April 6, 2004.

Wake Service is at 8 p.m. on Sunday, April 11, 2004, at the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Lame Deer. Funeral Service is at 11 a.m. on Monday, April 12, 2004, at the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Lame Deer.

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

Shetae Krystale' Sandcrane

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LAME DEER — Shetae Krystale' Sandcrane, age 3.

Wake Service will be held on Monday, Dec. 20, 2004, at 7 p.m., at the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Lame Deer. Funeral service will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 21, at 11 a.m., at the Boys and Girls Club of the Northern Cheyenne in Lame Deer. Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home, in Forsyth is in charge of these arrangements.

Shetae Krystale' **Sandcrane**

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BIRNEY — Shetae Krystale' Sandcrane was born Jan. 21, 2001, to Crystalynn Shoulderblade and Sheldon Sandcrane. Shetae was named after the late Josie Sooktis Magpie Woman.

Everyone knew Shetae as Baby Girl or Minnie Crystal. On Dec. 15, 2004, Maheo called Baby Girl and took her hand near the Birney Divide. There is now another angel in the sky.



**SHETAE
SANDCRANE**

Shetae leaves behind her parents Crystalynn (Isaac Washington Jr.), Sheldon (Michelle Littlewolf); her brother, Keyshawn Trey; grandparents, Ethelyn Spang, Patty Oldman (Eric Killnight Sr.); great-grandparents, Fern Shoulderblade and Gilbert and Nancy Whitedirt. Shetae always had other "dads," including Isaac Washington Jr., Don Henry Limberhand and Joel Means, along with numerous relatives from the families of Spang, Fisher, Harris, Shoulderblade and Blackwolf.

Shetae was a very smart, active, happy and beautiful child. Her recent highlight was being a student in the Can Do Headstart program, patiently waiting with her small backpack for her uncle

Keith, to pick her up in Birney every school morning. Proudly showing everyone the projects she had completed at school. Shetae was always with the girls in Birney, always following them, her brother and other friends, tagging but still happy. She couldn't wait for Christmas and her upcoming birthday within the next month. Shetae always wanted to be in the same activities and programs as her brother. She couldn't wait to turn 5 years old, to join the NC Boys & Girls Club in Lane Deer. Always wanting to be wherever her brother was. Shetae has brought much happiness to all and had good times while she was here. We are truly blessed to have a child/grandchild like this.

The shock, hurt and anger were overwhelming to us all. But we all know Maheo has a plan for all of us. Baby Girl is now in the palm of his hand and in a better place. He has set her free. Maheo will mend our hearts.

Nothing will ever be the same until we meet again. You are truly missed by everyone. Tons of love.

Wake Service will be held on Monday, Dec. 20, at 7 p.m. at the Blessed Sacrament Catholic

Church in Lame Deer. Funeral Service will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 21, at 11 p.m. at the Boys and Girls Club of the Northern Cheyenne in Lame Deer.

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

Condolences can be sent to the Shouldblade and Sandcrane families at www.stevensonand-sons.com.

Lois Ann Sanders

BUFFALO, Wyo. — Lois Ann Sanders, 94, of Buffalo, formerly of Cheyenne, died Friday, Oct. 22, at the Johnson County Health Care Center.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Oct. 29, in the Memorial Gardens Cemetery Chapel in Cheyenne. Visitation will be from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, at the Memorial Gardens Chapel, prior to funeral and burial. Adams Funeral Home of Buffalo is in charge.

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BILLINGS GAZETTE

AUG 29 2004

Edna G. Sanderson, 88, of Billings passed away Aug. 26, 2004, at Parkview Care Center, where she has resided since 1977.

She was born in Billings on Dec. 4, 1915, the daughter of Andrew and Margaret Mock Englin. Edna attended schools in Billings, waited tables at the Turf and various restaurants and later taught dance lessons from ballroom to tap dancing and loving every moment of it. She loved gardening, tending to her flowers and fishing Rock Creek, Cooney Dam and Grayson Creek near Townsend. She really loved all forms of pets, especially dogs, cats and birds.

Survivors include her daughter, Sharon Kannegiesser of Billings; a son, Bob Klein, of Seattle, Wash.; 12 grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren. She has been preceded in death by her parents; one son, Richard Klein; a granddaughter, Leiloni Hart; and numerous brothers and sisters.

Funeral service will be 1 p.m., Tuesday, at Cremation or Funeral Gallery at 8th St. W and St. Johns. Burial will follow at Terrace Gardens Cemetery. Arrangements are by Cremation or Funeral Gallery.



KERMIT SANDLAND

Kermit 'Red' Sandland

MISSOULA — Kermit "Red" Sandland, 90, of Missoula, died Saturday, Nov. 13, 2004, at Community Medical Center.

He was born on July 3, 1914, in Carpio, N.D., and raised as a farm boy along with his seven brothers and sisters. Kermit took a horse-drawn sleigh many, many miles to school in the winter. Upon his high school graduation he won a football scholarship to Minot State College. There he continued his education and lived upstairs in the coach's home, where he worked a couple of hours each night. He only had a hotplate and a bed, but he made it!

Just about then World War II was going on. He joined the Civilian Conservation Corps and built many bridges and dams. Kermit met Marie Stammen in the late '30s at the CCC camp and they were married. Shortly after that, he enlisted in the Army. He was in the Army for a short while when he was promoted to a glider pilot. He traveled afar and

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loved to tell stories of his adventures in England, Germany and Italy.

In October 1946, Kermit and Marie adopted Karen, who became their only child and the love of Kermit's life.

When the war was over, Kermit, Marie and Karen moved to Minot, N.D., where Kermit worked his way up to chief fire inspector in the Minot Fire Department. There were several relatives in Minot who decided to move to Billings, and Kermit, Marie and Karen were among them. Once in Billings, Kermit remembered his love of working with his hands and built the Motel Sandy's from scratch all by himself. Was he ever proud of that accomplishment! As the years passed, Kermit and Marie wanted to build a little further out of town; again Kermit put his carpentry skills to work and built them a new home on St. Johns Avenue, once again all by himself.

Kermit wasn't just building, he worked full time at the Exxon Refinery and retired from there. In 1987, his wife Marie passed on and Kermit packed his bags and moved to Missoula to be close to his daughter Karen.

He first took up golf at age 73 and it became an addiction that he loved. He walked the Missoula courses until he was 89, and then it was time for a cart. Even though Kermit had been a man of tremendous physical strength, he had a soft spot. He told Karen about 10 years ago that she taught him his love of animals. When he was young he was a hunter, but now you would not find him killing any animals. He so loved Karen's dogs to which he was known as grandpa.

Kermit is survived by his daughter, Karen Sandland of Missoula; and his sister, Goldie Folkes of California.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 16, at Missoula Manor, 909 W. Central, in the recreation room.

Burial services will be 1 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 18, at Holy Cross Cemetery in Billings.

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Kermit "Red" Sandland

Burial services for Kermit "Red" Sandland have been postponed until **July 3, 2005**, at Holy Cross Cemetery. They were previously scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 18.

E. Michael Sandridge

Mike Sandridge, 62, died at his home in Billings, from natural causes, on Monday, March 8, 2004.

Mike was born May 14, 1941, in



Pittsburgh, the son of Kenneth Carl and Helen (Harnish) Sandridge. Mike graduated from the Valley Forge Military Academy in 1959 and earned a BS in economics from Franklin

MIKE SANDRIDGE and Marshall University in 1963. On March 23, 1963, Mike was united in marriage to Suzanne Blackburn in Manheim, Pa. They had two children, Jeff and Lisa.

Mike worked for Boeing Aircraft, Coca-Cola and Aid Association for Lutherans. He and Suzanne lived in Lancaster and Pittsburgh, Issaquah, Wash., and Billings.

Hunting, fishing, gardening, horses, golfing, spending time with family and friends were Mike's loves. He also enjoyed tutoring at Rimrock School and morning coffee with his friends at McDonald's. Mike was a member of the NRA, the Sigma Pi Fraternity and the Kiwanis.

WILLING GAZETTE

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Mike is survived by his wife, Suzanne; their children, Jeff Sandridge of Billings and Lisa Sandridge-Moore of Steamboat Springs, Colo.; their grandchildren, Hanna and Carter Moore; and a sister Linda (Richard) Cobb of Pittsburgh. Mike will be dearly missed by all who knew him.

Memorial services for Mike will be at 3 p.m. Saturday, March 13, at First English Lutheran Church, 1243 N. 31st St., in Billings. Cremation has taken place. Memorials may be made to the Angel Horse Fund, the Yellowstone Art Museum or the charity of one's choice. Dahl Funeral Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Janet R. Sanstead

CODY, Wyo. — Janet R. Sanstead, 74, died Wednesday, Feb. 4, 2004, at the West Park Long Term Care Center.

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

THE RULINGS GAZETTE

FEB 06 2004

Ernest U. Sapp

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

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Ernest U. Sapp was born Nov. 14, 1925, in Pike Co., Ill., to William Ernest and Josephine Sapp. He passed away Dec. 14, 2004.

He joined the Navy in 1943 and served aboard the USS Cincinnati and the USS Perkins in World War II. He was discharged in 1946.

He married the love of his life and soul mate, Betty J. Bird, Aug. 9, 1947, in Pickett, Ark. They moved to Billings in 1952. They owned and operated Ernie's Wheel Alignment for 25 years.

His favorite pastime was hunting, fishing and trap shooting, at which he excelled. He was a lifetime member of ATA.

He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Betty; a brother, William H. Sapp of Billings; a sister, Luetta Anderson of Portland, Ore.; a brother-in-law, Joe Bird of Hannibal, Mo.; and several nieces and nephews; and a host of friends.

He will always be remembered as a hunter, fisherman and sailor, but most of all, a loving family member.

At Ernie's request, no funeral or memorial services will be held.

If friends so desire, memorials may be made to the Child and Family Intervention Center, PO Box 31273, Billings MT 59107, or the charity of their choice. ~

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Randall D. 'Randy' Sapp

Randall D. "Randy" Sapp, 44, went to be with the Lord on June 13, 2004. He was surrounded by his family and friends. Randy was born Feb. 23, 1960, in Billings, to Harold and Norma Sapp. Randy grew up in Billings and Laurel. In eighth grade, Randy met Rebekah Barrett, who would become his wife on Aug. 25, 1979. To this union were born three children: Melanie, Nicole and Jon.

Randy loved to fish and hunt and spent lots of time in the Montana outdoors. In his younger years, Randy was an avid arm wrestler and won many trophies at this sport. Randy loved to watch and spend time with his four grandchildren.

He is survived by Becky, his grandmother in England, Grace Ketcher, his parents, Harold and Norma; his children, Melanie (Jason) Roddy, Nicole, Jon; his grandchildren, Jessica, Alexis, Austin and Iris; his brother, David (LeAnne); and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family wishes to thank the

staff at ICU at Deaconess Billing Clinic.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, June 18, at 2 p.m., at the Cremation or Funeral Gallery. Cremation has taken place. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Help for Homeless Pets or to your favorite charity.



**RANDY
SAPP**

Chuck Sarkody

BILLINGS GAZETTE

NOV 06 2004

MILES CITY — Charles "Chuck" Sarkody, 67, of Miles City, died Thursday, Nov. 4, 2004, at the VA Nursing Home in Miles City.

Visitation will be Monday, Nov. 8, at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 9, at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City. Interment will follow in the Eastern Montana State Veterans Cemetery.

Arthur 'Art' Sather

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

JAN 12 2004

BAKER — Arthur "Art" Sather, 88, died Saturday, Jan. 9, 2004, at Holy Rosary Health Care, Miles City.

Visitation will be 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 13, in the Chapel of Stevenson Funeral Home. Funeral Service will be 11 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 14, at the American Lutheran Church. Burial will follow in the Bonnievale Cemetery.

Memford N. Sather

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

APR 18 2004

GLASGOW — Menford N. Sather, 82, died Friday, April 16, 2004, at Frances Mahon Deaconess Hospital in Glasgow.

Services will take place at 11 a.m. on Monday, April 19, 2004, at the First Baptist Church in Glasgow. Interment will follow in Highland Cemetery in Glasgow.

Bell Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

Willard Satterfield

WILLARD SATTERFIELD
JAN 12 2004

BUFFALO, Wyo. — Willard Satterfield, 89, died Sunday, Jan. 11, 2004, at the Johnson County Health Care Center.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 13, at the Grace Fellowship Church. Burial will follow in the Willow Grove Cemetery. Visitation will be from 1 to 10 p.m. Monday at the Adams Funeral Home Chapel.

Edward John Sauer, Sr.

Edward John Sauer, Sr., husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather and friend, passed peacefully from this life on Sunday, May 9, 2004, in Billings.

Ed was born on Sept. 23, 1917. He was the fourth child of Peter and Katherine Sauer's nine children. In the fall of 1941, he, along with two brothers, joined the U.S. military. As part of the Persian Gulf command, Ed traveled to such places as Iran and Iraq and was privileged to attend the Yalta Conference. Ed was honorably discharged as a 2nd Lieutenant in the Army Medical Corps on Nov. 5, 1945.

While home on leave, Ed met the love of his life, Veronica Eickhoff. The couple married on Aug. 28, 1944. After Ed's military release, Ed and Veronica made their home in Minnesota and were blessed with two sons, Ed, Jr. and Dartell.

In 1956, the small family relocated to Poplar, where Ed became manager and part owner of the Poplar Elevator Company. In Poplar, their third son, Michael, was born. Ed continued working with the elevator busi-



**ED
SAUER**

ness until his retirement in 1980. Following retirement, Ed and Veronica moved to Billings. On sunny afternoons, one could find Ed in his yard, the "gem" of the neighborhood or in his toy workshop. There are many happy children in the area playing with wooden toys hand-crafted "with love" by Ed Sauer.

Ed will be remembered as a man with great love and compassion for nature, animals, people and his country. He was active in the VFW, American Legion, and Poplar Honor Guard.

As a young man, Ed was active in hockey and bowling. He coached the Mineral Bench Baseball team in Poplar. Ed served children as a Scout Master in Poplar for many years and was the Montana Scout Leader at the National Scout Jamboree in Colorado Springs. Ed was an avid fisherman and took pride in sharing his knowledge of Minnesota walleye fishing to many Montanans.

Ed's legacy of service will live on in his family. He was a noble patriarch who taught with patience and understanding. He

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will be greatly missed by those who loved him.

Ed is survived by his wife, Veronica of Billings; sons Ed, Jr. (Marlene) of Billings, Darrell (Colleen) of Lewistown and Michael (Debra) of Nampa, Idaho. Grandchildren include Christy (Leslie) Shepard, Michael (Cindy) Sauer, Annie (Russell) Rice, Toby (Stormy) Sauer, Andrew and Melissa Sauer. Great-grandchildren include Christopher Teague, Kailin and Haylee Shepard, and Michael Scott Sauer. He is preceded in death by his parents, three brothers and three sisters.

Vigil service Tuesday, May 11, 7 p.m., Dahl Chapel. A funeral mass will be held at noon on Wednesday, May 12, in St. Patrick's Co-Cathedral in Billings. Cremation and interment will follow at a later date.

Dahl Funeral Chapels of Billings in charge of arrangements.

Jeri B. Saunders

THE SHERIDAN PRESS

AUG 26 2004

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Jeri B. Saunders, 62, of Sheridan, died Monday, Aug. 23, 2004, at Deaconess Billings Clinic.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial services will be at 1 p.m. Friday, Aug. 27, at the First Presbyterian Church. Kane Funeral Home is in charge.

Loretta Sautner

GILLETTE, Wyo. — Loretta Sautner, 80, of Gillette, died Tuesday, June 29, 2004, at her home.

Visitation will be from 1 to 5 p.m. Thursday, July 1, at the Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home in Gillette. A Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. Friday, July 2, at the St. Matthew's Catholic Church in Gillette. Interment will be in the Black Hills National Cemetery in Sturgis, S.D.

Barry A. Savage

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

APR 12 2004

Barry Allen Savage, 49, of Billings, formerly of Hardin and Libby, died March 10, 2004, in the Billings Horizon Hospice Home.

Cremation has taken place in the Bullis-Eastern Montana Crematory. A remembrance gathering will be at 4 p.m. Saturday, March 13, at the Nancy Nedens residence, north of Hardin. Interment of the ashes will be held at a later date in Libby. Bullis Mortuary of Hardin is in charge.

Larry James 'Birdie' Savage

Larry James "Birdie" Savage was born July 8, 1960, in Sheridan, Wyo. and passed away Sept. 16, 2004, in Billings.

Birdie will be truly missed by those he leaves behind. His memory will live on in those who loved and knew him well. Larry's love of life and family is all he ever cared for and needed. He never asked for much in life and was happy with everything he had. We will miss the funny ways he made us laugh and the humor he gave to us all. We will miss hearing his voice and seeing his happy-go-lucky smile. Birdie loved to fish and hunt, especially with his best friend and brother, Jamie, whom he looked up to and always felt his opinion meant everything. He dearly loved going to the stock car races and had hoped someday to own his own that he could race.

Larry is survived by his wife, Kelly; his son Jordan; daughter Tasha; his wonderful mother, Julie Sandidge; step-dads, Richard Sandidge of Billings and James Ketcham of Sheridan, Wyo.; brothers, Jamie (Jackee)



**LARRY
SAVAGE**

SEP 19 2004

BILLINGS GAZETTE

Ketcham (whom he called "Sis" and Kenneth Ketcham of Billings sister, Trina (Chris) Deutsch of Sheridan, Wyo. and a niece, Shianna Ketcham of Billings. Also surviving are aunts, Jeanni Maryann of Billings; Marlene of Utah, and Linda of Illinois; uncle Larry (Julie) Adams of Sheridan cousin, Missy of Sheridan friends, Robert (Shirley) of Cheyenne, Wyo.; and many others too numerous to mention. You have left an empty hole in our hearts, but we will see you again someday. Thank you Birdie for your memories.

A memorial service will be 1 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 22, at Smith's Downtown Chapel. Cremation has taken place.

Earlwin Samuel Savior *THE BILLINGS GAZETTE*
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(Four Eagle) NOV 20 2004

POPLAR — Earlwin "Sam" Savior, 54, died on Tuesday, Nov. 16, 2004, at the Poplar Community Hospital after a long battle with cancer.

A wake and services were held Friday at the Poplar Cultural Center. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday in the Poplar Cultural Center with burial in the Poplar City Cemetery. Clayton Stevenson Memorial Chapel is in charge.

JUN 13 2004**Jack C. Saxton**

CODY, Wyo. — Jack C. Saxton, 79, died Saturday, June 12, 2004, at the West Park Hospital in Cody.

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

Barbara Lataine Sayer

THE POWELL
TRIBUNE
MAY 20 2004

Memorial services were held Tuesday in Lordsburg, N.M., for Powell native Barbara Lataine Sayer, 81, who died Thursday, May 13 at Gila Regional Medical Center.

She was born Jan. 15, 1923, in Powell to William J. and Bessie Belle (Bounds) Hall. She married Leonard Sayer, who preceded her in death.

Survivors include two daughters, Rose Maderos and Ruby Tuesday, both of Billings; one son, Ronald Maderos of Mesquite, Nev.; a sister, Ellen Israel of Kalamazoo, Mich.; a brother, Ral Hall of Powell; one granddaughter and one great-grandson.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; and two sisters, Julia Peterson and Joan Trowbridge.

Stefanie Zankowski Sayler

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

JUL 25 2004

ENNIS — Stefanie Zankowski Sayler, 87, of Ennis passed away Thursday, July 15, 2004.

Stefanie was born to Joseph and Katherine Golinski in Czeronowitz, Poland, the last of eight children on December 26, 1916. She married Joseph Zankowski and to that union, three children were born.

After becoming a widow in 1945, she lived in Linz, Austria until 1956, when she and her two sons immigrated to Billings, Montana. She wed Adam Sayler in 1963; he preceded her in death in 1972. Stefanie lived and worked in Billings, retiring in 1964. Since 1994, Stefanie has resided in nursing homes, since 2001 in Madison Valley Manor. Gardening was her greatest interest and she excelled in growing beautiful flowers.

All her siblings and her parents preceded Stefanie in death. Stefanie is survived by children, Elizabeth Reifnauer, of Linz, Austria; Adolf Zankowski, of Munich Germany; and Wilhelm (Bill), Marcia Zankowski, of



STEFANIE
SAYLER

Ennis; nephew, Frank Golinski, of Westminster, Colo.; two nieces and one nephew, of Wels, Austria; 10 grandchildren, Laurie Holzer of Roseville Calif., Donna Root, of Fargo N.D., Mike Zankowski and Heidi Christensen, of Billings, Anne Scott, of Green Acres, Wash.; Gerhart Reifnauer and Claudia Grebe, of Linz, Austria; Manfred, Sylvia and Harold Zankowski, of Munich, Germany; plus 12 great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.

A Funeral Mass will be at the Little Flower Catholic Church in Billings, 11 a.m., Friday, July 30. Visitation will take place at the church from 10-11 a.m. Interment will follow the mass at the Holy Cross Cemetery in Billings. Memorials may be made to the Madison Valley Presbyterian Church, P.O. Box 125, Ennis, MT 59729.

Eloise Saylor

JORDAN — Eloise Saylor, 85, of Jordan, died Sunday, July 4, 2004, at the Garfield County Health Center in Jordan.

Visitation will be from 1 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 7, in the chapel of Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Jordan. Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, July 8, at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Jordan. Interment will follow in the family lot of the Pioneer Cemetery in Jordan.

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Rev. Donald A. Scanlin

THE BURLINGTON CATHOLIC

JAN 22 2004

RED LODGE — Donald A. Scanlin, of Red Lodge, retired minister, civic leader, teacher and outdoorsman, passed away in Red Lodge on Jan. 20, 2004. He was 89.

Donald Alexander Scanlin was born Aug. 4, 1914, in Bangor, Maine, the oldest of three sons to Ira Waldron Scanlin and Della Fox Scanlin.

He married Millicent Caroline Preissel in New Britain, Conn., on Nov. 24, 1938.

He graduated from the University of Maine and Bangor Theological Seminary, and served as a minister to Congregational and United Church of Christ parishes in Ellsworth and Kennebunk, Maine; New Ulm, Minn.; Goshen, Ind.; and Circle and Red Lodge, Mont.

Upon retirement from the ministry, he obtained a teaching degree from Rocky Mountain College and taught adult education at Garfield School in Billings. His civics students there encouraged him to run for the 1972 Montana

Constitutional Convention, and their campaigning for him resulted in his election to that body. He was particularly proud of his role in seeing that unique constitutional provisions were made for Native Americans, a state Bill of Rights, and the environment. Subsequent to the Convention, he served as Sergeant at Arms for the Montana

House of Representatives, and was a member of the Red Lodge City Council.

He was a lifelong ardent civil libertarian, participated extensively in the Christian Rural Oversees Program (C.R.O.P.), and headed the Red Cross in the Red Lodge area. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge and served as worthy patron of the Order of the Eastern Star in Red Lodge. A 50-year member of Rotary International, he was honored by the Red Lodge chapter as a Paul Harris Fellow.

His contributions to the Boy Scouts of America were recognized with his receipt of the Silver Beaver Award, Scouting's highest honor, from the national organization.

A founder of the Red Lodge Festival of Nations in 1951, he was proud of his Irish and Scottish heritage and acted as master of ceremonies for Festival performances for more than 40 years.

An avid outdoorsman, he was a hunter and golfer and greatly enjoyed assisting parishioners with farming and ranching.



**REV. DONALD
SCANLIN**

During his retirement, he was best known as a firewood producer in the area, providing employment and companionship for many young assistants over the years.

His love of wood is best preserved by the sets of altar pieces, a Christian cross and candle holders made from native juniper from his beloved Beartooth Mountains, which are in use in Congregational and U.C.C. Churches throughout the region.

He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Millicent, of Red Lodge; son, Thomas J. Scanlin of Eartysville, Va.; son, Steven F. Scanlin and children Kathryn and Patrick Andrew, of Boise, Idaho; daughter, Carolyn (Sam) Powell and children Chris (Julie), Jeff and Megan, of Bozeman; and daughter, Elizabeth Scanlin (Jeff Anderson) and children Jessamine and Jasper, of Red Lodge. He also leaves two great-grandchildren, Quinn and Payton Powell of Bozeman, and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by brothers Ira W. Scanlin, Jr., and Meritt Thomas Scanlin. Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Community Church of Red Lodge, 308 S. Broadway, with a

luncheon following at the church. Interment of remains will be held at a later date at the Red Lodge Cemetery. South-Olcott Funeral Chapel is assisting the family with arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorials be made to Alzheimer's Research, N.D.R.I., 1628 JFK Blvd., Philadelphia, PA 19103; ACLU of Montana, P.O. Box 3017, Helena 59624; City of Red Lodge Park Fund, P.O. Box 9, Red Lodge, MT 59068; or Carbon County Historical Society, P.O. Box 881, Red Lodge, MT 59068.

Ethan Glen Schacht

BILLINGS GAZETTE

JUN 21 2004

Ethan Glen Schacht, 2, of Billings, passed away Saturday, June 19, 2004, from injuries resulting from accidentally falling into Rock Creek.

Ethan was born on June 13, 2002, in Billings, a son to Kent and Tia (Thielvoldt) Schacht.



**ETHAN
SCHACHT**

Ethan is survived by his parents; and his brother and best buddy, Zachary; his paternal grandparents, Gary and Sandi Schacht of Larchwood, Iowa; his maternal grandparents, Dennis and Irene Thielvoldt of Alvord, Iowa; his paternal great-grandparents, Vernon and Onnie Lewis of Larchwood, Iowa; his maternal great-grandmother, Elsie Thielvoldt of Alvord, Iowa; his aunt, Carrie Thielvoldt of Alvord, Iowa; and his uncle, Nathan Thielvoldt of Alvord, Iowa.

Funeral services will be 3 p.m., Tuesday, at Atonement Lutheran Church. Additional services and burial will be held Friday in Alvord, Iowa.

Memorials may be made to Atonement Lutheran Church, 407 Wicks Lane, Billings, MT 59105.

Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

Randy Schaefer

GILLETTE, Wyo. — Randy Schaefer, 48, died Saturday, Jan. 10, 2004, at his home of cancer.

Visitation is from 3 to 7 p.m. Wednesday with services at 10 a.m. Thursday, both at the Church of Christ. Interment is in Mount Pisgah Cemetery. Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home is in charge.

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE
JAN 14 2004

Born on a homestead in Belfield, N.D., on Nov. 27, 1912, to George and Audenia (Weisgerber) Obergawitch. Rosemary died of natural causes on Tuesday, Oct. 26, 2004, under the loving care of the staff at St. Johns Lutheran Home and surrounded by her loving family. The indomitable spirit within

Rosemary gave her strength to conquer many hardships and to embrace with love the many joys in her life.

After the death of her father during the flu pandemic of 1918,

Rosemary moved to a farm near Ryegate with her family, where, in 1923, her mother married Michael Schaff — a single father because of the same pandemic.

As the oldest girl in this union of families, she helped with the raising of the 13 children until a young man rode his horse into town, sold that horse, bought an engagement ring and walked over 40 miles back to propose marriage.

On July 8, 1934, Rosemary wed Victor F. Schaff (the eldest son of Michael). For a time, the couple resided in the Ryegate area. They later moved to Billings and raised a family.



**ROSEMARY
SCHAFF**

Rosemary was devoted to her late husband Victor; her children and their spouses, Phillip (Diane), Leo (Sharon), Loretta (Arnold) and Kasper (Bettie) and the three generations of grandchildren who graced her life.

In addition to her family, Rosemary spent her life in service to others as a housekeeper for Peter Yegen, Jr., at St. Patrick's Rectory, at the James Hotel and several apartment units. She enjoyed cooking Sunday dinners for the families that worked with her husband at Ryan Oldsmobile and MacIntyre Motors. Rosemary and her husband Victor were among the founding members of Holy Rosary Parish and she served the Holy Rosary community in many ways throughout her life. She was a member of Catholic Daughters of America and St. Vincent DePaul. She was also active in RSVP for senior citizens.

Rosemary also loved to garden and take care of her parakeets. Later, she was known as "the bird lady" at St. Johns Lutheran Home because of the parakeets she kept in her room and the nurturing that brought love birds from hatchlings to adult for all to enjoy at St. John's.

Rosemary had a special understanding and forgiveness for the hardships of life. When one of the Eden Program cats captured and killed one of her birds, the community of St. Johns felt the cat should leave. Rosemary came to the defense of the animal and insisted the cat to be kept — and so it was. She remained concerned for this cat's welfare even in the last difficult days of her own life.

Rosemary was preceded in death by her parents and stepfather; her husband Victor in 1986; her youngest son Kasper in 2002 and his wife Bettie in 2003; brothers Louie Obie and Bernard Obie; stepbrother Chris Schaff; stepsisters Eva Schaff and Elizabeth Brown; and half-brother Frank Schaff.

Rosemary is survived by children Phil (Diane) Schaff, Leo (Sharon) Schaff and Loretta (Arnold) Glat; sisters Elizabeth Mitzel, Katherine Oswald and Eugenia Lawrence; her brothers Nick (Grace) Schaff and Ned (Gail) Schaff; her sister-in-law, Florence Malsbury; nine grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

A vigil service will be held on Sunday, Oct. 31, at 7 p.m., at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary. The funeral mass will be held on Monday, Nov. 1, at 11 a.m., at Holy Rosary Church. Rite of Committal will follow at Holy

Cross Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to St. Johns Lutheran home or to Holy Rosary Parish.

Wesley D. Schaff

SHEPHERD — Wesley D. Schaff, 54, of Shepherd passed away Oct. 14, 2004, at the St. Vincent Healthcare.

Wes was born Jan. 23, 1950, in Drummond, the son of Vincent and Daisy (Waltz) Schaff.

He worked as a construction worker and enjoyed hunting, fishing, helping others, his lab dogs, buying and restoring cars, and BBQs and holidays with family and friends. He will be missed by all who knew him.

Survivors include his daughter, Candace Schaff of Shepherd; sons, Daniel Schaff of California and Timothy D. Schaff of Billings; step-father and mother, Al and Ruth Bisset of Billings; brothers and sisters, Bobby Calvin of Rosebud, Theresa Cook of Billings, Lorinda Daniels of Washington, Jeff Schaff of Billings and David Bisset of Washington. He was preceded in death by his brother, Daniel Schaff and his parents.

A memorial service will be 2 p.m. Tuesday at Smith Downtown Chapel. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. Monday until 6 p.m. Cremation will follow.

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Barbara Ann Schaffer

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

DEC 18 2004

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Barbara Ann Schaffer, 69, of Sheridan, died Tuesday, Dec. 14, 2004, at her home.

Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Monday, Dec. 20, at Immanuel Lutheran Church. Interment will be in the Sheridan Municipal Cemetery. Champion Ferries Funeral Home of Sheridan is in charge.

James Michael Schantz *THE BILLINGS GAZETT*

JUL 4 - 2004

FORSYTH — James Michael Schantz, age 76, of Forsyth, died Friday, July 2, 2004, in Forsyth.

Visitation Services will be 1 to 7 p.m., Tuesday, July 6, in the Chapel of Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home. Funeral services will be 10 a.m., Wednesday, July 7, at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. Interment will follow in the family plot of the Catholic Section in the Forsyth City Cemetery.

Delcie Schartner

GLASGOW — Delcie Schartner, 86, of Glasgow, died Saturday, March 20, 2004, at Frances Mahon Deaconess Hospital in Glasgow.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, March 24, at Evangelical Church in Glasgow. Interment will be in Lustre Bethel Mennonite Cemetery in Lustre. Bell Mortuary of Glasgow is in charge.

WYOMING GAZETTE

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Leo Scheid

TERRY — Leo Scheid, 72, passed away on Saturday, Jan. 3, 2004, at the Prairie County Nursing Home.

Visitation is from 1 to 6 p.m. Thursday at Stevenson and Sons' Chapel in Terry. Services are at 11 a.m. Friday at the Grace Lutheran Church in Fallon. Interment will follow in the family lot of the Prairie County Cemetery in Terry.

THE FALLON GAZETTE

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Amelia Schelle

MAY 12 2004

Amelia (Youck) Schelle went home on Mother's Day, May 9, 2004, to Paradise, to join her loved ones. She was dearly loved by everyone. She truly knew most family members. She always said if it weren't for her, we wouldn't be here.

Amelia was born June 27, 1917, in Park City, to Alexander and Katharina (Eurich) Youck. She was the youngest of five children: three sisters, Lena, Mollie, Eva, and one brother, Alexander Jr. She was raised on a farm and had a love for gardening, particularly growing veggies and flowers. She taught her family well with the talents and gifts she acquired.

Amelia "Millie" married William "Bill" Andrew Schelle, Nov. 14, 1934, in Columbus. They lived in Yellowstone National Park six months out of each year during the early years of their marriage. They spent the remaining years of their life in Billings raising their family and later enjoyed retirement in Billings as well.

Millie and Bill had two daughters, Louise Emily Carrier of Billings, Nancy Lee Uffelman of Orange County, Calif., and one son, Kenneth Andrew Schelle, who died in a truck accident in 1986.

In her younger years, she loved to play her guitar and sing

to her children. She and Bill enjoyed camping, fishing and taking her grandchildren along with them. They also enjoyed barn dancing with many of their friends on Saturday nights.

She loved her grandchildren very much and would speak to them in German to see if they could understand and repeat what was said. She was the best cook! She specialized in breads and pies and could win a blue ribbon. She also enjoyed quilting and crocheting.

Millie is preceded in death by her husband Bill and son Kenneth. She is survived by two daughters, Louise Carrier of Billings, Nancy Uffelman of Orange County; 19 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; eight great-great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Thanks to all of you who shared in both Millie's and Bill's life throughout their years.

Viewing will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, May 14, at Cremation or Funeral Gallery. Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Saturday, May 15, at Mount Olive Lutheran Church, with interment to follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens. Arrangements are by Cremation or Funeral Gallery.

Deloris E. Scherer

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE
JUL 5 - 2004

Deloris Scherer, 75, of Billings, died, at St. Vincent Hospital, July 2, 2004, due to complications from diabetes and heart disease.

Deloris was born to Obe and Glayds Workman on Nov. 25, 1928, in Hysham. She graduated from Hysham High the youngest of her class at 17.

A devoted mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, she loved her family, always there when she was needed; her door was always open thinking only of others' needs, never of her own. Deloris loved cooking and baking. Her Kitchen was always filled with the wonderful aroma of what ever she was making and her homemade pies were a blue ribbon favorite. Deloris also loved tending to her yard and her beautiful array of flowers. Deloris worked for the U.S. Postal Service as a mail sorter for 28 years, she retired in 1995.

She is survived by her daughters, Susan Holum, Shelia Ward, Sherree Cruse, all from Billings; a son Daniel Kober from Washington; a sister, Helen Kober of Billings; Norma Fries of Mile City, seven grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Words cannot express how much she was loved and will be missed and the world a lesser place without her.

Services will be held at Smith's West Chapel on Tuesday, July 6 at 10 a.m., burial to follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Ruth Scherry

NOV 12 2004

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Ruth Scherry, 87, of Sheridan, died Wednesday, Nov. 10, 2004, at Sheridan Manor.

Cremation has taken place. Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Friday, Nov. 12, with interment of the cremains to follow in the Elk section of the Sheridan Municipal Cemetery. ~~Maude~~ Funeral Home of Sheridan is in charge.

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Eleanore Marie Schiff

BILLINGS GAZETT

NOV 12 2004

MILES CITY — Eleanore M. Schiff, age 83, of Miles City, formerly of Forsyth, passed away on Nov. 10, 2004, at the Friendship Villa Care Center in Miles City.

Eleanore was born on April 20, 1921, in Dickinson, N.D., the daughter of Nick A. and Pauline Lefor. She was raised in Lefor, N.D., that was named for her great-grandfather. She attended schools and graduated from high school in Lefor. After graduation, Eleanore and Richard Schiff were united in marriage in Dickinson. Shortly after, they moved to Glendive, where Richard worked for the railroad. In 1968, he was transferred to Forsyth, where in 1984, Eleanore entered the Rosebud County Nursing Home and then in 2002, she moved to Miles City and entered the Friendship Villa Care Center, where she has resided since.

Eleanore was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church and the Altar Society in Forsyth. She enjoyed quilting and crocheting and was an excellent German baker.

Eleanore is survived by three sons; Greg Schiff and his wife Isabelle of Topeka, Kan., Ron Schiff of San Angelo, Texas, and Gordon Schiff and his wife Lorraine of Glendive; a daughter, Judy Schiff of Glendive; four grandchildren; six great grand-

children; a brother, Herb Lefor and his wife Rose of Dickinson and a sister, Shirley Winchel of Missoula. She was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Fred Lefor; a grandson; and a great-granddaughter.

Private family interment has taken place at the Forsyth City Cemetery in the Catholic Section. Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home of Forsyth is in charge of the arrangements. Should friends wish, condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.stevensonandsons.com.

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

his "big brother take charge attitude" and for being "the best brother to surviving sisters, Anna C. Brewer (Billings), Mary Jo Carr (Hot Springs), Lela M. Jones (Polson), Clara L. Schildt (Genoa, Neb.), Donna J. Lyle (Grayland, Wash.) and Vera J. Sapp (Polson). He is also survived by his daughter Lacey N. Schildt of Victorville and his significant other for 26 years, Bonnie Gray, along with many other friends in California and friends and family in Montana, particularly his cousins Andy, Harry and Bruce and his uncles, Harry and Gary of his birthplace, Browning.

Vicki Schimetz

MILES CITY — Vicki Schimetz, 35, of Miles City, died Monday, Feb. 16, 2004, at her home.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 20, at the Vincent Methodist Church. Interment will follow in the Rosehill Memorial Park. Bullis-Graves Memorial Chapel of Miles City is in charge.

THE BULLHORN GAZETTE

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Marlin Wayne Schipman

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GLENDIVE — Marlin Wayne Schipman, age 78, of Glendive, passed away at his home on Saturday, July 17, 2004.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, July 21, at the Westside Baptist Church in Glendive, with Pastor Dan Pust officiating. Interment with military honors will be in the Dawson County Cemetery in Glendive.

Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Glendive is entrusted with arrangements.

Marlin was born on April 20, 1926, in Boelus, Neb., the son of John and Anna (Johnson) Schipman. He

was raised and educated in Boelus. Marlin entered the U.S. Army in January of 1945 and served during World War II. Following his honorable discharge in November of 1946, he returned to Nebraska until moving to Whitetail. Marlin was united in marriage to Lois Cameron on Feb. 12, 1949, in Scobey. Marlin and his wife lived in the Scobey area until moving to Wolf Point, where Marlin was employed by various ranchers as a ranch hand. They then moved to Circle, where Marlin was employed by



**MARLIN
SCHIPMAN**

the McCone County Road Department. They moved to Dawson County in 1958 and moved into Glendive in 1960, where they have resided since. Marlin was employed by the Dawson County Road Department as a heavy equipment operator until his retirement in 1988.

Marlin enjoyed fishing, gardening and hunting.

Marlin was preceded in death by his parents; his grandson, Gage Schipman; one sister, Verda Haake and three brothers, Lyle, Richard and Darrell.

Survivors include his wife, Lois, of Glendive; 10 children, Daniel Schipman and his wife Barb of Rapid City, S.D., Wayne Schipman and his wife Sue of Ashland, Rick Schipman of Glendive, Eilene Geiger and her husband Phillip Jr. of Glendive, Glen Schipman and his wife Joy of Glendive, Terry Schipman and his wife Linda of Wright, Wyo., Scott Schipman and his wife Mavis of Rapid City, Löwn Schipman and his wife Lisa of Westby, Dave Schipman and his wife JoAnn of Glendive and Carrie Bigelow of Billings; 18 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at: www.silvernale-silha-funeralhome.com.

Ariadne Ann Schlaht

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

AUG 23 2004

Ariadne Ann "Babe" (Fowler) Schlaht left this earth on her 68th wedding anniversary, Aug. 19, 2004, from the Timbers unit at Aspen Meadows in Billings.



**ARIADNE
SCHLAHT**

"Babe" was born Sept. 5, 1912, in Elk Point, S.D., the third of six children born to Bert and Alma Fowler. She had two brothers, Harold and Bobbie, and three sisters, Mildred "Micki," Ione and Ruby, who died shortly after birth. Babe's father Bert died when Babe was in her teens, so Alma ran a restaurant in Elk Point to support the family. Babe graduated from Elk Point High School in 1931 and later attended the University of South Dakota and the University of Washington. She married Rueben J. Schlaht, the band director and teacher of seventh and eighth grade at Elk Point High School, on Aug. 19, 1936. Babe was always proud of the fact that in one year, Rueben had accomplished organizing a 100-piece band for Elk Point and had competed in the state band contest. After their marriage, the couple moved to Clark, S.D., and then on to Gillette, Wyo., where Rueben continued his teaching

career at Campbell County High School. Their only son, John, was born on July 11, 1942, in Gillette. In 1948, the family moved to Billings, where Rueben accepted a position as head of the business department for Eastern Montana College (now MSU) from which he retired in 1977. Babe and Rueben spent the rest of their lives enjoying the people and the beauty of Montana.

Babe always enjoyed entertaining for her friends, PEO, and faculty wives. She and Rueben shared a very special relationship of great love and respect for each other and their son, John. As she would often remark, "Rube and I never had an argument." The couple especially enjoyed their home at 615 Ave. D, cooking breakfast on their outdoor grill which Rube built, planting their garden, fishing (Babe usually caught the biggest fish), and banjo playing, each having their own banjo. They made many annual trips back to South Dakota to visit family.

Mrs. Schlatt was a member of

the First Presbyterian Church, Faculty Wives of MSU and a 55-year charter member of Chapter AN of the PBO Sisterhood, all of Billings, Montana.

Babe was preceded in death by her beloved Reuben on Sept. 9, 1992, and her son John on April 7, 1996.

She is survived by her sister-in-law, Luisa Fowler, Elk Point, S.D.; her daughter-in-law, Sondra Schlatt and her two daughters, of Billings; five nephews, Lewis F. Weinberg, Sioux City, Iowa, Brad Fowler, Elk Point, S.D., Geoff Fowler, Glen Mills, Pa., Terry Fowler, Helena, Stan Donnelly, Elk Point, S.D.; three nieces, Carmen Wilcox, Elk Point, S.D., Emily Rosenberg, St. Paul, Minn., and Gale Schlatt Hubka, Minneapolis; and several great-nieces and great-nephews.

A memorial service will be 2 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 28, at First Presbyterian Church, 2420 13th St. W., Billings, MT, with burial alongside her beloved Rube and John at Mountaineer Cemetery. Memorials may be donated in her memory to the charity of your own choice.

All who knew Babe knew she was a woman of tremendous strength, faith, grace and caring. The family wants to thank her caregivers at the Timbers unit, especially Trish Neilson and Sharon Wooten, where she spent her last two years, with special mention to her nursing pool staff, Andy Bosacker, Melissa Kempe, Gala Hill, and Lera Jimason. We would also like to thank Stan McIntire, Juanita Richards and Jennifer Rhor, who provided tremendous love and support for her life. We will all miss our Babe.

Linda Schlepp, age 49, formerly of American Falls, Idaho, passed away quietly on Oct. 1, 2004, surrounded by her family and friends, from complications due to her 10-year courageous battle with cancer.

Linda was born Oct. 25, 1954, in American Falls, Idaho, to Marie and Ernest Schmett. In 1978, Linda's job moved her and her daughter, Tanya, to Billings. It was here that she met and married Douglas Schlepp ("around Thanksgiving Day") November 1982. Linda and Doug enjoyed traveling and made many trips together over the years. They attended functions such as Vietnam Vet reunions, the Marine Corp Ball or a match in which Doug was shooting. They also enjoyed spending time with their family and friends and their home was always the gathering place.

Linda loved her family, and was especially proud of her grandsons. She seldom missed one of her grandson Mike's games, where she could also spend quality time with her grandson Badger. Recently she became a grandmother to yet another grandson, Michael Chase, who was born in August. When



**LINDA
SCHLEPP**

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Heather and Stacy were in high school, you could always find Linda at one of their basketball games and she was so proud of Heather's basketball coaching.

Linda had a passion for life and enjoyed, snowmobiling (she always managed to make the trip interesting!), traveling, cross stitching and crocheting. Until recently, Linda worked at Valley Federal Credit Union and has been employed there for eight years. Linda was a Sorority "sister" and belonged to Beta Sigma Phi Xinu.

She is survived by her loving husband of 22 years, Douglas Schlepp; her daughter and son-in-law, Tanya and Scott Martin; her grandsons, Michael Cuellar and Badger Martin all of Billings; daughters and son-in-laws, Stacy and Justin Heide of Wyoming, Heather and Michael Bales; and grandson Michael Chase of Lodge Grass, Mont.; Diane, Harry and Jeff Wilson of Marysville, Wash.; her mother-in-law Anna Schlepp and brother-in-law, Monte Schlepp of Brady, Mont.; a niece, nephews, great-niece, great-nephews and her brother and sister-in-law Roy (Diana) Schmett of Laramie, Wyo. Linda is also survived by their devoted Schnauzers, Gus and Gerty.

Linda was preceded in death by her first husband, Michael Vollmer, her parents, Marie and Ernest Schmetz; her brother, Dennis Schmetz; her Aunt Agnes, her niece, Brecklyn Vollmer; and Shirley and Paul Vollmer.

As we come together in sorrow to mourn our loss, let us remember her with love and joy, and to keep her memory alive as life goes on. Linda, you have touched so many lives, many of us have learned and will continue to learn so much from you.

Cremation has already taken place. A brief memorial service to celebrate Linda's life will be held at 2 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 5, at Micheliotti-Sawyers Mortuary, with a gathering at the VFW in the Billings Heights immediately after. Memorial contributions may be made to Breast Cancer Research.

MELVIN H. SWEDE

Schlesinger

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Melvin H. Schlesinger, known by family and friends as Swede, was born in Denver on Nov. 23, 1923, and has lived in Montana for over 50 years. He served in the U.S. Army during WWII and after his honorable discharge, he attended the University of Wyoming, where he graduated in 1948. He ranched for several years with his good friend Frank Bossler before purchasing his beloved ranch, the VX, on Porcupine Creek north of Ingomar.

Swede married Jean Robinson in 1958.

He was proud of the high quality black baldie cattle he raised on the VX. Swede was never without a good dog, which he valued for both their skilled help and loyal companionship.

Swede was active in the Montana Stockgrowers. After retiring from the ranch, he became an avid golfer and traveled the world playing golf. He also loved hunting and fishing with friends. Swede was renowned for his skill at cards and was always ready for a game of cribbage.

He is survived by his sister, Elaine Schlesinger Wolf of Albion, Neb.; nephews Jay Wolf and David Wolf; and nieces Debra W. Parinet and Susan W. Becker. He was preceded in death by his

parents, Melvin H. And Florence (Gulman) Schlesinger; wife Jean; and brother-in-law, Jim Wolf.

Mel was a rugged and intense individualist who lived life on his own terms. He will be missed by his friends and family.

Memorial services will be held at 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 27, at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary. Cremation has taken place.

Dennis Schlinker

MILES CITY — Dennis Schlinker, 51, of Miles City, died Sunday, Dec. 26, 2004, at the Homestead Assisted Living in Miles City.

Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 30, at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City, with family receiving friends from 2 to 3 p.m. A special memorial service will be from 1 to 2 p.m. Thursday, at EMI. Burial will follow at 3:30 p.m. at the Custer County Cemetery. Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home of Miles City is in charge.

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Axel Schmaing

Axel Schmaing, 60, of Abu Dhabi, UAE, and Havre, died Wednesday, Feb. 4, 2004, in the Deaconess Billings Clinic. He was born Dec. 29, 1943, in Augsburg, Germany, to Don E. and Clara (Langl) Schmaing. He graduated from Billings Senior High School in 1962 and from MSU in 1968.

"Axel retired from Havre High School after 35 years. (1968-2003). He has been described as a true gentleman and a scholar who lived by a code of honesty and decency. Axel had old fashioned values, yet was modern in his thinking. Dedication and high standards are his teaching philosophies, but softheartedness, generosity and thoughtfulness are his life's principles. Though he may be gone from HHS, he will not be forgotten." (From the 2003 Blue Pony year-book)

During the last six months, Axel has been teaching English at the American International School of Abu Dhabi. He has already earned the status of favorite teacher with a number of his students despite his own feelings of inadequacy at bringing



**AXEL
SCHMAING**

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second language learners to his standards for them.

He and his wife, Sue, traveled extensively to Yellowstone Park, France, Germany, various Emirates in the UAE and to Sri Lanka. The last six months have been ones of contentment, adventure and health.

Axel was preceded in death by his mother, Clara; and his wife, Linda (Gibson) Schmaing. He is survived by his wife, Sue McCunn of Abu Dhabi and Billings; children, John Schmaing of Berlin, N.H., Kim (Chris) Westenskow of Mesa, Ariz., and Wade Schmaing of Bozeman; grandchildren, Kyle Schmaing, Kathy Schmaing, Shelby Westenskow and Sidney Westenskow; father Don E. Schmaing of Prescott, Ariz.; siblings, Eva (Donald) Pederson of Forsyth, Don (Kathy) Schmaing, Jr. of Post Falls, Idaho, and Dan Schmaing of Palmer, Alaska.

A memorial service for Axel will be 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 7, at the Dahl Funeral Chapel in Billings. There will be a memorial service 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 8, at the High School Theatre in Havre. A reception will follow.

Andrew Schmidt

BELLINGS GAZETTE

MAY 18 2004

GLASGOW — Andrew E. "Andy" Schmidt, 85, of Glasgow, died Monday, May 17, 2004, at the Frances Mahon Deaconess Hospital in Glasgow.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, May 22, at Assembly of God Church in Glasgow. Interment will be in Highland Cemetery in Glasgow. Bell Mortuary of Glasgow is in charge.

David 'Dave' Schmidt Jr.

Dave Schmidt, 90, of Billings, passed away on Thursday morning, Dec. 2, 2004, at the Eagle Cliff Manor.

Dave was born on Sept. 19, 1914, in Laurel, a son to David and Elizabeth (David) Schmidt, Sr. He was raised and educated in Laurel and at a very

young age started working for the Northern Pacific and Burlington Railroads. Dave married Ruth Olson in 1938 in Billings.

DAVE SCHMIDT



In 1951, Dave married Bea-trice N. Rooney in Forsyth. She preceded him in death in 1974. After working for 40 years, Dave retired from Burlington Northern Railroad.

Dave married Lorraine (Sharp) Hoepfner in 1979 in Emmigrant, and they made their home in Billings.

Dave loved the outdoors and especially fishing. He was also an avid joke teller and had a love for music and dancing.

Survivors include his wife Lorraine; two daughters, Pamela (Jale) Smith of Kenmare, N.D., and Davey Lynn Schmidt of Seattle; one stepdaughter, Barbara (Walter) Kelley of Butte; two stepsons, Peter L. Hoepfner

of Deadwood, S.D., and Jerry (Vicki) Hoepfner of Billings; eight grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by one stepson, Louis Hoepfner; his brothers, Jake, Alex, Henry and George; and his sisters, Elizabeth Ryder, Molly Brock, Kathryn King and Frieda Junkert.

A vigil service will be held at 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 6, at St. Patrick's Co-Cathedral. The funeral mass will be held at 12 noon, Tuesday, Dec. 7, at St. Patrick's Co-Cathedral. Rite of Committal will follow at Holy Cross Cemetery. The casket is closed. Memorials may be made to Big Sky Hospice, P.O. Box 35033, Billings, MT 59107 or to the Eagle Cliff Manor, 1415 Yellowstone River Road, Billings, MT 59105.

Michelle-Sawyers Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

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Delores Helen 'Chris'

Delores Helen "Chris" Schmidt, 75, of Susanville, Calif., died Saturday, Oct. 30, 2004, in Reno, Nev. Chris was born Jan. 26, 1929, in International Falls, Minn., to Arthur and Ina Christensen. She lived in several locations in Minnesota and graduated Valedictorian of her high school class in Alexandria. She then moved with her parents to Billings in 1947 and worked for Continental Oil Co.

Chris married Robert B. Schmidt of Helena in Billings on Oct. 15, 1949. They had three daughters: Bonnie, Debbie and Stephanie. She and her husband owned Big Horn Electric in Cody, Wyo., from 1958 to 1967. They moved to Silver City, N.M., and Chris went to work for the U.S. Forest Service. Robert passed away in 1980 and Chris transferred to Susanville to be near her daughter and son-in-law. She retired from the Forest Service in 1994.

Chris was a member of Beta Sigma Phi for over 40 years, serving in all positions, and was active with the Republican Women. She enjoyed gardening,



**CHRIS
SCHMIDT**

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gourmet cooking, crossword puzzles and reading.

Survivors include her daughters, Bonnie (Boyd) Britton of John Day, Ore., Debbie (Ken Claridge of Morenci, Ariz., and Stephanie (Glen) Reed of Broken Arrow, Okla.; mother Ina Christensen of Billings; sister Judy (Bob) Locke of Billings; loving companion of 15 years, Al Martin of Susanville; four grandchildren, Jeff Vaughn, Jeromy (Janet) Vaughn, Brandi Britton, Jennifer (Dustin) Carter and another granddaughter due in February; five great-grandchildren, Connor, Madison and Carson Vaughn, and Blaize and Tremor Carter. She was preceded in death by Robert, her husband of 31 years; and her father.

"You were a loving mother, daughter, sister, grandmother, great-grandmother, mother-in-law and will forever be missed."

Friends may pay their respects to the family at a visitation Friday, Nov. 5 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Dahl Funeral Chapel. Services will be Friday, at 3 p.m., at American Lutheran Church in Billings. Interment will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Chris' name to Beta Sigma Phi Scholarship Fund at PO Box 64, John Day, OR 97845.

Edward 'Eddie' Schmidt

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AUG 5 - 2004

HARDIN — Edward Henry Schmidt, 22, of Hardin, died Tuesday evening, Aug. 3, 2004, of injuries sustained in a one pickup truck rollover accident.

He was born Nov. 7, 1981, in Crow Agency. He grew up in Hardin, attended area schools before he enrolled at Little Big Horn College. He was currently employed at the Hardin McDonalds.

Eddie was a social person who had many friends. He enjoyed writing poetry, hunting and fishing.



**EDDIE
SCHMIDT**

Survivors include his parents, Neil and Sally Schmidt of Hardin; his biological mother, Marcella Hart; his sisters, Roberta, Jamie, Rikki and Nevaeh Hart; his brothers, Frank, David and Martin Hart, Jr.; as well as numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Funeral services will be held 2 p.m. Friday, Aug. 6, in the Hardin Church of the Open Bible. Cremation will follow the services. Private inurnment will be held at a later date. Bullis Mortuary of Hardin has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Emma Schmidt

LAPORTE, Colo. — Emma Schmidt, of LaPorte, Colo., passed away Thursday, Feb. 19, 2004.

She was born June 17, 1916, in Laurel, Mont., to Phillip and Katherine Hart. She attended public schools in Laurel and moved to Fort Collins in 1934. She lived all of her adult life in the Fort Collins and LaPorte area. She was a homemaker, raising five children. She later worked as a food service provider at Cache La Poudre schools, retiring in 1981.

Her children were Lloyd, JoAnn, Robert, John and Sharon. She has 14 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband John, and three children, Robert, JoAnn and John.

A funeral was held Monday, Feb. 23, at Bohlender Funeral Chapel, 121 W. Olive St., Fort Collins. The Rev. Scott Herr officiated. Interment was in Grandview Cemetery.

We will miss you very much.
Aunt Emma!

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John Fred Schmidt

John Fred Schmidt died Monday, Feb. 16, 2004, of natural causes, at his home at Edgewood Vista.

Schmidt was born in Circle on July 12, 1921. After completing school, he worked for the Northern Pacific Railroad and the Public Works Administration until 1942, when he enlisted in the Army. He served in the European African Theater during World War II as a mechanic until he was discharged with a Good Conduct Medal on July 9, 1945.

He married the love of his life, Ruby Ellen Bailey, 13 days later, on July 22, 1945, in Marsh. They moved to Columbus before finally settling in Billings, where they raised their family and spent the rest of their lives.

John continued his career as a mechanic working for Harsh's Garage, the Studebaker dealer, in Glendive.

He then worked for Davey Motors in Columbus. After moving to Billings, he worked for Firestone Tires, Cummins Diesel and finally Yellowstone County.

He stayed busy with his job, kids and working on other people's vehicles in his home shop during the evenings, but he would quickly drop everything to air up a neighbor kid's bike tire or fix a chain. His garage was known as the place to go when

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the neighborhood teenagers couldn't get the engine timing on their cars "just right."

He retired from his position as assistant shop foreman at Yellowstone County in 1986, after 22 years, and then spent his time fishing with friends and grandchildren, camping, wood-working, walking, gardening and maintaining his immaculate



JOHN SCHMIDT

lawn. He would proudly show his family photographs of fish that he caught, carefully taken so that they looked bigger than they actually were. He blessed his grandchildren with his time, watching them play soccer, attending the Polka Fest at the Shrine auditorium and regaling them with stories about his adventures in the Army and the Public Works Administration.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Kathrina Hummel Schmidt, his father, Fred Schmidt; stepmother, Sophie Schmidt; his wife, Ruby Ellen Schmidt; and his daughter, Sheila Marie Schmidt; and siblings, Emile Schmidt and Robert Schmidt. He is survived by siblings Lydia Meyer, Rose Jakobs and Harold Schmidt; children, Sandra (Russ) Tomevi of Winfield, Kan., Diana (Steve) Mysse of Billings and Harvey (Mary) Schmidt of Jackson, Wyo.; seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

The memorial service will be at 10 a.m. Friday, Feb. 20, at the Cremation or Funeral Gallery. Memorials may be made to Gideon's International, c/o William Saur, 2817 Second Ave. N., Billings, MT 59101.

"Surely goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever." Psalms: 23-6.

Marilyn Faye Schmidt

HELENA — Marilyn Faye Schmidt, age 76, was born April 6, 1927, to Wayne and Mildred Hinman of Clancy. She passed away Dec. 28, 2003, in Seattle, following a lengthy illness. She was preceded in death by her son, Timothy.

Marilyn is survived by her beloved husband of 57 years, Edward Schmidt of Helena; daughter, Diana (husband Bob) Olheiser of Lynnwood, Wash.; son, Charles "Charlie" (wife Gayle) Schmidt of Billings and son, William "Bill" Schmidt of Helena; a sister, Gladys (husband Buck) Wilson of Helena; sister Lois (husband Bert) Wilson, of Jamestown, Calif., and a brother, Donald (wife Judy) Hinman of Helena. Six grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews also survive.

A memorial gathering of Marilyn's family and friends will be arranged for April, 2004, in Helena.

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Roger D. Schmidt

OCT 21 2004

FALLON GAZETTE

BAKER — Funeral services for Roger Schmidt, 52, of Baker are 11 a.m. Friday, Oct. 22, at the American Lutheran Church, Baker. Interment will follow in the Bonnievale Cemetery.

Visitation is Thursday, Oct. 21, from 3 to 9 p.m. at Stevenson Funeral Home. Visitation will continue on Friday at the American Lutheran Church from 9 a.m. to service time.

Roger passed away on Sunday, Oct. 17, 2004, due to injuries from an automobile accident near Malta.

Roger was born on Nov. 7, 1951, the son of Robert and Laurine Hintz Schmidt, in Jordan. He grew up and attended the Skull Creek Country School in the Brockway area, graduating from the Circle High School in 1969. Roger attended Northern Montana College in Havre, studying Agricultural Business. He entered the U.S. Navy in November of 1972 and was honorably discharged in August of 1976. Roger was married to Diana Hoffer in Glendive on Aug. 26, 1978, and to this union, twin daughters and a son were born. After returning from the service, Roger enrolled



**ROGER
SCHMIDT**

at MSU in Bozeman, where he completed his education and graduated with an Agricultural Business Bachelor of Science Degree. He began working in Miles City as an Agricultural Loan Officer for the Production Credit Association until 1984, when he moved to Havre, where he worked for the First Bank. In 1987, the family moved to Baker, where Roger began working for the Bank of Baker, and was the CEO for 1-1/2 years. Along with his jobs, Roger earned his Graduate School of Banking Degree from the University of Colorado in 1994. In 1997, Roger became the Fallon County Planner, which took him to many area counties. He developed and set up the 911 system for a four-county area. He also chaired the safety committee, presented safety programs and was the administrator of the Coral Creek Landfill in Fallon County. In December 2003, Roger accepted a position as Branch President of the Independence Bank in Scobey.

Over the years, Roger volunteered as an AAU swim team coach, T-Ball coach, worked with Cub and Boy scouts, was a member of the American Lutheran Church and served on the church council, member and past president of the Chamber of

Commerce of Baker and Scooby, S.M.A.R.T., Planning Board, Great Northern Economic Development, volunteered as secretary of the Eastern Plains R&ED, C.O.R.E. Group, served as Chairman of Fallon County Area Economic Development Group, and director of the Farmers Mutual Insurance of Montana. He was instrumental in the conception, financing, design and construction of the Baker Lake Amphitheater, and the Millennium project. He also helped spur the effort to pave Highway 323 in Carter County, and initiated the GPS addressing program for Fallon, Carter and Wibaux Counties.

Although Roger spent many hours volunteering his time and talents to others, his greatest love was devoted to his wife, children and family who loved him dearly.

Survivors include his wife, Diana, Baker; his twin daughters, Tanya (Brian) Giop, Bozeman and Tiffany Schmidt, Aurora, Colo.; a son, Brandon Schmidt, Bozeman; his mother, Laurie Schmidt, Brockway; two brothers, Larry (Sheri) Schmidt, Circle, Roscoe (Sharon) Schmidt, Brockway; and a sister, Roberta (Ray) Khimes, Kimberly, Idaho.

He was preceded in death by his father, Robert; and his father and mother-in-law, David and Linda Hogg.

Remembrances and condolences can be shared with the family at stevensfuneral-home.com.

Wilbert F. Schmidt

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BUTTE — Friends and relatives of Mr. Wilbert F. Schmidt are asked to join the family on Monday after 5 p.m. in St. Patrick's Catholic Church, located on Mercury Street at Washington, in Butte. Parish Rosary will be recited at 7 p.m. Funeral Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Tuesday, March 9, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church.

Internment will follow at Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery, located on Harrison Avenue in Butte. Memorials are suggested to Easter Seals/Highlands Hospice, 3703 Harrison Ave., Butte, MT 59701, or to the Butte Wrestling Club.

Duggan Dolan Mortuary, of Butte, has been entrusted with arrangements.

Wilbert Schmidt, 68

BUTTE — Wilbert F. Schmidt, beloved father, grandfather and friend, died Thursday, March 4, 2004, at his home, after a lengthy battle with cancer.

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Wilbert, or "Willy" as he was known to his friends, was born in New Hradek, N.D., in 1935, to Carl and Rose Thomas Schmidt. His German parents immigrated from the Beresan region of Ukraine in the early 1900s to the Dickinson, N.D., area. He was a first generation of his family to be born in America. Wilbert was raised on the family farm outside of Killdeer, N.D.



**WILBERT
SCHMIDT**

He joined the Army and served in Alaska in 1953 and 1954. Upon his return to Killdeer in 1957, he married the love of his life Marion "Dolly" Fischer. They moved to Butte in 1960, where Wilbert became employed with the Anaconda Co. as an underground miner.

After 21 years of hard work, Wilbert retired from the Anaconda Co. in 1981 and went on to work for several mining operations. Wilbert, along with his special friends, enjoyed operating a small mine in the Highland Mountains south of Butte. Wilbert was an active member of the Miners Union for many years.

Handwritten signature or note.

Wilbert was an avid outdoorsman who taught his six children to hunt and fish. His favorite fishing spots were along the Big Hole River and Divide Creek.

For the last few years, Wilbert has enjoyed spending time at the Belmont Center and the Plaza Royale Casino, where he enjoyed visiting with his friends. Wilbert will be missed by his very special friends the Stangard family, Pete Goulet and family, Joe Maynard Sr. and family, and Tony Jangula and family.

Wilbert will be joining the love of his life, Dolly, grandson Ricky, parents Carl and Rose, and brothers and sisters at the Gates of Heaven.

Survivors include his sons, Al Berger and wife Paula of Spokane, Wash., Tim Schmidt, Lornie Schmidt, Terry and wife Brenda Schmidt; daughters, Lori and bus-band Marge Schmidt, and Lynette Schmidt and fiancé Mike LaFever; grandchildren, Josh and Jacob Berger, Timmy and Ben Schmidt, Heidi Schmidt, Amanda Schmidt, Josh, Justin and Bailey Schmidt, Kassandra and Kohen Schnell and Michael LaFever. Wilbert is also survived by his brother Duane and his family; and sisters Eugenia and Kenneth Kowls of Wisconsin and Joanne and Jim Strub and family, as well as many nieces and nephews.

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"Dad, you are loved by so many people. You will be sadly missed forever. Rest in peace."

Relatives and friends may call after 5 p.m. Monday, March 8, in St. Patrick's Church for visitations. Parish vigil services will be conducted at 7 p.m. in the church. Funeral Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Tuesday, March 9, in St. Patrick's Church. Interment will follow with full military honors in Holy Cross Cemetery. Donations can be made to Easter Seals/Highlands Hospice or the Butte Wrestling Club.

Brig. Gen. Donald M.

'Buck' Schmuck

HONOLULU — Brig. Gen. Donald M. "Buck" Schmuck passed away on Saturday, Jan. 24, 2004, at Tripler Army Hospital in Honolulu. He was 88.

Gen. Schmuck was born on Aug. 16, 1915, on the family farm in Woodford, Ill. As a young boy, he moved to Denver. He was raised in Denver and on the family ranch near Walden, Colo. He attended college at the University of Colorado and the U.S. Coast Guard Academy.

Enlisting in the Marine Corps in 1935, he was commissioned a second lieutenant in 1938 following graduation from the University of Colorado. After basic school, he served as a platoon leader at Marine Corps Base in San Diego.

With the outbreak of World War II, he shipped to the South Pacific with the 2nd Marine Brigade. He saw action in Guadalcanal, Vella Lavella and Bougainville as a rifle company commander. He was hospitalized briefly from injuries sustained in Bougainville. He then joined the 1st Marine Division in time for landings on Pelelieu, and later, Okinawa, where he was again wounded in action. As World War II ended, he was a lieutenant colonel commanding an infantry battalion train-

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ing for the invasion of Japan. He was 29 years of age at the time.

After the war, he attended the Amphibious Warfare School at Quantico, Va., and the Army Airborne School at Fort Benning, Ga. He did a short tour with the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, N.C., before returning to Quantico as an instructor in the Marine Corps Schools. In 1949, he was ordered to the United Nations Middle Eastern Commission, and was active in Lebanon, Israel, Jordan, Syria, Egypt and Iraq.

With the start of the Korean War in 1950, he joined the 1st Marine Division and was assigned as commander of the 1st Battalion, 1st Marines under the regimental command of Col. Chesty Puller. He led the 1st Battalion in action during 1950 and 1951, including the Chosin Reservoir operation, the Spring Counter Offensive, and then as regimental executive through the Summer Offensive.

Following Korea, he served with the Fleet Marine Force Pacific at Pearl Harbor. During that duty, he was charged with producing a number of contin-

gency war plans covering national objectives in Asia, including several locations in Vietnam. He conducted the in-country reconnaissance required for those plans. In 1959, he attended the Army War College at Carlisle Barracks, Pa.

He retired from the Marine Corps in 1960 with the rank of brigadier general. Despite his retirement, he continued to be active in special missions in Central America, Vietnam, and Laos. He completed a Ph.D. in nuclear physics at the University of Colorado, Boulder in the early 1960s. During that time, he purchased the Triangle-S ranch North of Buffalo, Wyo.

In 1990, he was a guest of the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit aboard the carrier Pelelieu in the South China Sea en route to the Middle East. In February, 1991, he saw action once more as a military observer during Desert Storm in the Gulf War.

Gen. Schmuck's decorations include the Navy Cross, two Silver Stars, the Legion of Merit with combat V, two Bronze Stars with combat V's, three Purple Hearts, the Air Medal, the Navy Commendation with combat V, the Presidential Unit Citation with five battle stars, the Navy Distinguished Unit medal and numerous foreign decorations and campaign medals.

In retirement, the general was active with the Marine Corps League in Wyoming and Hawaii, and was a founding member of the Vietnam Veterans Motorcycle Club. He resided at his ranch located between Sheridan and Buffalo, Wyo., and wintered in Honolulu. He is survived by a brother, Cmdr. Carl Schmuck (ret) of Anacortes, Wash., and numerous nieces and nephews. Services will be held later this spring at Arlington National Cemetery.

Wilma D. Schnad, better known as just "Willie", passed away Sept. 4, 2004, at Specialty Retirement Care Home in Billings, at the age of 92. She was born into a family of eight in Ismay, Mont., on Aug. 15, 1912, to William and Mattie Spear.

She graduated from Custer County High School in Miles City with honors. She later earned a teachers certificate from Eastern Montana College in 1933 and taught school in Forsyth.

Willie later met and married her beloved husband Erwin in 1938 in Miles City and then moved to Garryowen to begin her new life as a wheat farmer's wife. Life in the beginning was not easy building a large wheat farm. There were the cold winter nights and handling the many chores that came with the work. She could always be counted on for the sturdy meals served to the hired men at harvest time. I will always remember her doing the laundry out in the wash shed and preparing the meals for the crew.

As the farm and family grew, the family relocated the home base to the Billings area. She became one of the leaders in Eastern Star and was a member of the DAR, or Daughters of the American Revolution.

She will always be known for her graceful and classy demeanor. Her passions were social contact whether it was : friendly bridge clubs, golf, or dinner parties with her friends. She was passionate about golf and won the championship at the Hardin Country Club, as well as recording a hole in one down at their retreat in LaQuinta, Calif.

Willie was happily married for 55 years to Erwin Schnad, her only love. She had two children, Kenneth Schnad, who resided in Scottsdale, Ariz., and Myrna Schnad who resides in LaQuinta, Calif. Her sole surviving sister, Cecelia McCray resides in Maryland.

This graceful and classy lady never had any enemies and everyone she met came away with social charm and liking this lovely lady. In the end, everyone who had the honor of knowing her will surely miss this graceful lady.

Willie loved to get dressed up and go dancing with her beloved Erwin. Now, upon her passing, she will be walking into a better life with her brothers and sisters, her friends, parents and most of all her beloved husband Erwin waiting with open arms to waltz

her around the dance floor. Her mourning is over and she is now dressed in happiness that she is back in his arms.

Memorial services will be held at 10 a.m., Wednesday, Sept. 15, at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary. Refreshments will be served following the service. Private inurnment will be in Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Memorials may be sent to either Help For Homeless Pets, P.O. Box 1282, Billings, MT 59103, or Boys & Girls Club of Yellowstone County, 505 Orchard Lane, Billings, Montana 59101, or charity of one's choice.

And we — though sad — Rejoice. We Love You Mom. The family of Wilma Dell Spear Schnad.

The Reverend Fred Schneider

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CLAREMONT, Calif. — The Rev. Fred Schneider, age 89, of Claremont, passed away April 1, 2004. He was born Dec. 15, 1914, in McCook, Neb., and was a 1943 graduate of Yankton College School of Theology.

His service to God include 12 years on the mission field in Argentina and Brazil, seven years

as Pastor of Christ Congregational Church in Ft. Morgan, Colo., and 14 years as Pastor of Pilgrim Congregational Church in Billings, where he was named Pastor Emeritus in 1986. For the



FRED SCHNEIDER

past 23 years, he has been in retirement at Pilgrim Place, Claremont. During this time, he filled numerous interim ministerial positions in Montana and California. He was also an active member of the University Club of Claremont.

He is survived by his devoted wife of 61 years, Alma Schneider; son Fred (Dorothea) of Billings; daughter Charlotte (James) Meyer of Helena, Mont.; son David (Natalie) of Billings; son John (Roxanne Batt) of Alta

Loma; six grandchildren; sister Esther of Vulcan, Alberta, Canada; brothers Phillip of Sacramento, Rev. Henry of Billings, Harold of Springfield, Ore., and Dr. Edwin of Portland, Ore.

A private interment has taken place at Oak Park Cemetery in Claremont.

Memorial services will be held 3 p.m. Wednesday, April 21, in Decker Hall at Pilgrim Place, Claremont.

Memorials may be sent to Pilgrim Place Health Services Center, 660 Avery Road, Claremont, CA 91711.

Todd Memorial Chapel is assisting with arrangements.

Robert Schneider

THE RULINGS GAZETTE

FEB 16 2004

GLENDIVE — Robert Schneider, 67, died Friday, Feb. 13, 2004, at the Glendive Medical Center.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 19, in the Glendive Alliance Church. Interment will follow in the Dawson Memorial Cemetery in Glendive. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Glendive is entrusted with arrangements.

DEC 04 2004**Robert S. Schneider**

Robert S. Schneider, 70, of Billings, passed away Thursday, Dec. 2, 2004, of cancer.

Robert was born May 17, 1934, in Nashville, Tenn., and at the age of 10 moved to Louisville, Ky. He attended Eastern Kentucky Teachers College from 1952-1956 on a full music scholarship where he played lead clarinet in band and orchestra. He also lettered in swimming and tennis.

After graduating from college, he accepted a regular army commission. He was an accomplished aviator, finishing first in his class in both military fixed and rotary wing flight schools. He earned his MBA degree from the University of Washington. From his Vietnam service, he was awarded the Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Silver Star, Bronze Star, Purple Heart, and Air Medal with six oak leaf clusters.

In 1966, he accepted a pilot position with TWA, where he flew for 23 years. He resided in New Jersey during this time and became an avid sailboat racer collecting many trophies.

In 1989, he took early retirement at age 55 to become a rancher in Miles City. Ranching was marred by the untimely death of his only child, an Air

**ROBERT SCHNEIDER**

Force Academy graduate who was an F-15 pilot.

He and his wife moved to Billings two years ago to make a hard fight against his cancer. He was tremendously saddened by the loss of his son and is equally saddened to leave his beloved wife, Dory, after 48 years.

Inurnment will be held at a later date at the Montana State Veteran Cemetery in Miles City.

Arrangements are by Cremation or Funeral Gallery

Barbara B. Schnurr

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JAN 04 2004

Barbara Bell Schnurr, 79, of Billings passed away Friday evening, Jan. 2, 2004, at the Billings Health and Rehabilitation Center.

Barbara was born on March 20, 1924, the daughter of W.R. and Frances Saunders. She was educated in Billings and graduated from Senior High in 1943.

In August of 1946, Barbara married Tony Schnurr. She was a housewife all her life and loved to read, work in her flower garden and play with her dog.

Survivors include two sons, Edward Schnurr from north of Laurel, and Steve (Marlene) Schnurr of Missoula; two grandchildren; a sister, Geraldine Speer of Billings; and many nephews and nieces. She was preceded in death by her parents, three brothers and one sister.

Visitations will begin Monday evening at Smith's Downtown Chapel. A graveside service will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 7, at Sunset Memorial Gardens. Memorials are suggested to the American Diabetes Association.

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LAUREL — Tony Edward Schnurr, 80, of Laurel, died July 5, 2004, at the Billings Health and Rehab Community Nursing Home.

Cremation has taken place.

Tony was born April 1, 1924, at St. Vincent Hospital in Billings, to Joseph Paul and Catherine Elizabeth Schnurr.

He attended the Taft and Garfield Grade School and Billings Senior High. He lived all of his life in Billings.

In 1943, he joined the U.S. Coast Guard and served aboard the USS Arthur Middleton during World War II.

On Aug. 31, 1946, he married Barbara Saunders. From this union, Edward and Stephen were born.

He was an avid construction worker and loved to fish.

He is preceded in death by his parents; his wife Barbara; his three brothers, Joe, John and Pete; and sister, Ann Meyer and brother-in-law, Cy Meyer.

Survivors include his sons, Edward and Stephen; two granddaughters, Jennifer and Jordan; a brother, Alex (Margaret) Schnurr; a sister, Betty Barber (Henry) and numerous cousins and nephews.

Graveside committal services will be held 2 p.m. Monday, July 12, at Mountview Cemetery, with the Reverend Tom Harney of St. Anthony Church in Laurel officiating.

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

Michelotti-Sawyers are in charge of funeral arrangements.

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Ewald 'Wally' Schock

Ewald "Wally" Sidney Schock, 83, passed away March 6, 2004, at St. John's Lutheran Home in Billings.

He was born March 14, 1920, at Hazen, N.D. He attended and graduated from the Bucyrus, N.D., school. He joined the Marine Corps and was attached to the 5th Division, 28th Marines 5th Engineer Battalion as a Demolition Specialist. He served in the Pacific Theater, including Iwo Jima, and was awarded the Purple Heart. Wally was discharged in December 1945.

On April 5, 1940, he was united in marriage to Clara Koenig in Billings. Wally worked as a laborer, carpenter and mechanic shop

foreman at Archie Cochran Motors for more than 25 years. He ended his career as a civil service heavy duty mechanic and retired in 1982 from Fort Douglas in Utah. After retirement, he lived and worked at the Laurel Golf Club.

Wally is survived by his wife, Clara; daughters, Sharon (Alan) Pilling of Laurel and Cheryl (Jack) Shannon of Walla Walla, Wash.; sisters Emma Tabert of Mandan, N.D., Martha Gunsch of Beulah,



**WALLY
SCHOCK**

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N.D., Dorothy Buff of Colorado Springs, Colo., Lillie Saller of Beulah; brothers Sigfried Schock of Sacramento, Calif., Darold Miller of Cincinnati; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by four sisters.

Funeral services will be held 1 p.m. Friday, March 12, in the Ocee Johnson Chapel at St. John's Lutheran Home. Interment with military honors will be in Mountview Cemetery. A reception will follow in the Hobby Room at St. John's. Memorials may be made to Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 10th St. West and St. John's Ave., Billings, MT 59102.

Leon Daniel Schoessler died peacefully on Oct. 3, 2004, surrounded by his family.

Leon was born Oct. 30, 1920, in Billings, to Adam and Katherine Schoessler. He was raised and educated in Billings, graduating from Billings Senior High in 1938. Leon married Emma Behm on Oct. 3, 1943. Leon and Emma owned a dairy farm west of Billings and lived there until their retirement in 1983. Prior to retirement, Leon also worked for Tractor and Equipment Company. Leon was school clerk for Elysian School for many years and served as a ditch rider and director for the Canyon Creek Ditch Company. He was a lifelong member of Pilgrim Congregational Church.

Leon is survived by Emma, his wife of 61 years; his daughters, Danene Knudsen (Robert) and Carol Mathew; and his son Larry Schoessler (Paulette). He is also survived by his sister, Elvira Burnham; his sister-in-law, Marie Schoessler; seven grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. Leon was preceded in death by his parents and his brother Alvin.

The family wishes to thank the dedicated staff of Valley Health Care and Rehabilitation Center for their loving care and respect in the last year of his life.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 9, at Pilgrim Congregational Church, 409 S. 36th St. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to the Alzheimer's Association of Montana, 3010 11th Ave. N., Billings, MT 59101, or Pilgrim Congregational Church.

MAR 12 2004

BOZEMAN — Richard E. Schoessler, 72, of Bozeman, passed away March 10, 2004. He was born Feb. 15, 1932, in Billings, to Alexander and Rachel (Walter) Schoessler.

He received his education in Billings, attending the Orchard, Garfield and Jefferson grade schools, and graduated from Billings Senior High School in 1950.

Richard enlisted in the Navy in April, 1951. He took his Basic Training in San Diego. He served on the USS Philippine Sea during the Korean War and the USS Hornet for an around-the-world cruise. He was discharged in March of 1955.

He worked for the S&P Brake Service and for Clark's Grocery Store. He went to work for Mountain States Telephone and Telegraph in 1955 where he was a COE installer, headquartered in Billings. He was promoted to Foreman in 1967. In 1969, he was transferred to Bozeman as Network Switching Foreman. He was in charge of 16 exchanges.

He helped install the first dial office in Bozeman in 1956, and in 1984 gave the orders to cut from dial to electronic switching. He later worked for Mountain Bell and U.S. West. He helped at West Yellowstone and Cooke City during the 1988 fires. He retired in 1990 after 34 years and seven months.



**RICHARD
SCHOESSLER**

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Richard married June McLeod Goodman in Billings on June 23, 1961, and the couple had three children.

Richard enjoyed fishing and camping with his family and with telephonic family campers. He also enjoyed horseshoe pitching, bowling and wood working. He also worked with the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and Little League.

He was preceded in death by his parents and beloved daughter-in-law, Annette Schoessler.

Richard is survived by his wife, June of Bozeman; daughter, Janet Howe of Helena; sons, Robert of Bozeman and David of Belgrade; grandsons, Jeremy Schoessler of Brentwood, Wash, and Kenny Howe of Helena; granddaughter, Codi Schoessler of Bozeman; sister, Marian (Don) Habel of Billings; brothers Ray (Jill Ann) Schoessler of Soldotna, Alaska, and Everett (Shirley) Schoessler of Elyria, Minn.

Memorial services will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday, March 14, at the Belgrade Community Church. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Bozeman Deaconess Hospice, 931 Highland Blvd, Suite 3200, Bozeman, MT 59715.

JAN 25 2004

Harold A. Schoonover, 59 of Billings passed away at Deaconess Billings Clinic due to a brain aneurysm.

Harold was born Oct. 16, 1944, to Joyce and Ashley Schoonover in San Pedro, Calif. He

grew up in Riverside, Calif., and on his grandparents farm in Minnesota, later moving to Washington.

While on a trip in Montana, Harold met Jeanette Warden; they were married the following year on May, 2, 1980, in California, making their home there for a short time; then following his dream on to Texas. They returned to Montana 10 years later to build their lives around their five granddaughters.

Besides his dream boat (that wouldn't run), Harold enjoyed fishing and the big once-a-year family camp trip with his favorite in-laws and their wives, Jerry, Stan, Peanuts, and Carol (Jim). Harold's greatest times were spend with his wife and the "only friend I have," Dog Dog, cruising the back roads in his pick-up, dreaming his dreams.

Until his death, Harold



**HAROLD
SCHOONOVER**

worked for Yellowstone County Junk Vehicle, with his buddy Bob Niles.

He is preceded in death by his father, grandparents, uncles, and step-daughter, Sharon Ostrum.

Harold is survived by his wife, Jeanette, of 23 years; mother, Joyce Swing; son, Scott (Judy); granddaughter, Shelby Schoonover; step-son, Rick (Debbic Robinson) Ostrum of Warden; step-daughter Cheryl (Jeff) Spieler of Colstrip; five step-granddaughters, Jena Laughery of Washington, Jennifer Ostrum of Colstrip, Sara Ostrum of Warden, Kelsey Spieler of Colstrip, and Rachcl (Jay) Rouane, and their son, (Harold's great-grandson) Eli, of Billings.

Per his wishes, cremation has taken place.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday at Cremation or Funeral Gallery, 29 Eighth St. W. Billings.

AMY SCHOW

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

APR 07 2004

CULBERTSON — Amy Schow, 92, of Culbertson, died Monday, April 5, 2004, at the Sidney Health Center in Sidney.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 10, at the Church of Christ, Sidney, with interment at the Mona Cemetery in Sidney. Fulkerson Funeral Home of Sidney is in charge.

Virgle Schow

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

JAN 24 2004

SIDNEY — Virgle Schow, 77, died Thursday, Jan. 22, 2004, at the Sidney Health Center-Extended Care Facility.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Monday at the Church of Christ with interment in the Fairview Cemetery. Fulkerson Funeral Home is in charge.

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BEACH, N.D. — Albert John Schrom, 89, of Beach, formerly of Golva, died Monday, Feb. 9, 2004, at the Fallon Medical Complex in Baker, Mont.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 17, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Golva. A vigil will be at 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 16, at St. Mary's in Golva. Rite of Committal will be in St. Mary's Cemetery in Golva. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Beach is in charge.

MILES CITY — Alvin Schuetzle, 69, of Miles City, died Wednesday, Dec. 1, 2004, in Miles City.

Visitation will be Sunday, Dec. 5, at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home, with a prayer service at 6 p.m. in the chapel of Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, Dec. 6, at the Trinity Lutheran Church. Interment will follow in the Eastern Montana State Veteran's Cemetery.

Glen Schuetzle

DEC 03 2004

MILES CITY — Glen Schuetzle, 70, of Miles City, died Thursday, Dec. 2, 2004, in Miles City.

Visitation will be Sunday, Dec. 5, at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home with a prayer service at 6 p.m. in the chapel of Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, Dec. 6, at the Trinity Lutheran Church. Interment will be held at a later date in the Lane Jones Cemetery in Plevna.

LIVINGSTON — Mary Jean Robinson was born on Aug. 16, 1937, in Livingston, to Lillie May and Cecil Robinson. She died suddenly on Sept. 23, 2004.



**MARY
SCHULER**

Mary grew up in Livingston, where her father worked as a machinist for the Northern Pacific and Burlington Northern Railroads. She graduated from Park High School in 1955. Following high school, she went to Spokane, Wash., where she worked as a switchboard operator. Mary met John "Jack" W. Schuler in 1956 and they began dating on Valentines' Day. They were married on May 17, 1958, in Livingston. They had two daughters, Kathy and Linda.

Mary traveled the world to many interesting places with her husband, a career officer in the U.S. Air Force. In 1974, they moved back to Montana to be closer to her parents and to allow Kathy and Linda to finish growing up in Montana. She worked for the State Of Montana at the Livingston Liquor Store for 20 years until her retirement in 1996. Mary followed in her mother's footsteps by becoming active in the Democratic Party. She served as a

National Officer for the National Federation of Democratic Women. She loved debating and discussing any and all current issues. In recent years, she traveled Montana with Jack, supporting his duties as the State President of the Elks. She enjoyed handicrafts of all types and her artistic creations will remind us of her love for generations to come. Mary spent much of her life interacting and caring for the people around her.

Mary is survived by her husband; her daughters, Kathy (Dennis) Korpela of Longmont, Colo., and Linda (Russ) Bachmeier of Salt Lake City; grandchildren Rory, Krista, Joshua, Mackenzie and Sara; and her sister Patti (John) Orndorf. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, Sept. 29, at 2 p.m. at the Holbrook United Methodist Church on the Corner of Fifth and Lewis in Livingston. Interment will be at Mountain View Cemetery. The funeral will be followed by a celebration of her life at the Livingston Elks Club. The family asks that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the American Cancer Society, the Elks National Foundation or the Shriner's Hospital.

Cremation or Funeral Gallery of Belgrade is in charge of arrangements.

Jean Schultz

SEP 2 2004
BILLINGS GAZETTE

HYSHAM — On Aug. 26, 2004, Jean Gail Schultz lost her battle to cancer. She is the beloved wife of Clarence William Schultz of Hysham. Jean is also survived by her brother, Jerry DeChand of Washington; daughter, Jade and her fiancé, Pryor Jourdan of Billings; son, Clint and his wife Cathy Whitney of Roy; son, Ken Whitney of Dillon; stepchildren and several grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday at the Community Presbyterian Church in Hysham. Memorials may be made to the Horizon Hospice Home, PO Box 35033, Billings, MT 59107. Dahl Funeral & Cremation Service is in charge of arrangements.

Ramona Rose Schultz**JUN 03 2004**

LOVELL, Wyo. — Ramona Rose Schultz, 65, died Monday, May 31, 2004, at her home in Lovell.

Cremation has taken place, at her request. A memorial service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 5, at the Lovell Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Interment of cremated remains will take place at a later date in Montana. Haskell Funeral Home of Lovell is in charge.

William R. Schultz

SEP 1 2004

CODY, Wyo. — William Robert Schultz, 44, passed away Tuesday, Aug. 31, 2004, at West Park Hospital.

Memorial services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at the Cody Bible Church. Ballard Funeral Home is in charge.

Elinor Gertrude Bergh Schulz

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

FEB 07 2004

SHEPHERD — Elinor Gertrude Bergh Schulz, daughter, wife and mother passed away Saturday, Feb. 7, 2004, at her home surrounded by family and friends.



**ELINOR
SCHULZ**

She was the first born to Goodwin and Elizabeth Bergh, March 6, 1926, in Williston, N.D., and was raised in northeastern Montana. She Married Robert Herman Schulz on Sept. 29, 1944. Together they had four daughters, Adaire, Roberta, Laurel and Maggie. They lived in the Froid area until 1965, when they moved to Shepherd where they built and ran Schulz's Meat Service, now known as Project Meats.

Elinor was a woman of considerable talents. She was a farmer, rancher, butcher, gardener, florist, seamstress, artist, cook, friend, therapist and confidant. Her most treasured role was that of Mother, Nana and Great-Nana.

She is survived by daughters, Roberta Bomar (Bill) of Shepherd, Laurel Hastings of Shepherd and Maggie Caffyn (Bill) of Great Falls; sisters,

Esther Bengtson (Larry), Laura Barrett (Jack) and Doris Martinson (Vernon); 11 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her husband, Robert and daughter, Adaire.

A Memorial celebration of her life will take place 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 14, at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Shepherd. Memorials may be made to Big Sky Hospice or Emmanuel Lutheran Church.

Her wish is that we not mourn her passing but celebrate her enthusiastic love of life and compassion for others.

Geneva Lee Schutz

THE BILLINGS GAZE

Geneva Lee Schulz, 71, of Billings, died Tuesday, July 13, 2004, at her residence in Fraser Tower.

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Cremation has taken place. A graveside service will be held in Dawson, N.D., at a later date. Cremation or Funeral Gallery is in charge.

Steven R. Schulz

SALT LAKE CITY — Steven R. Schulz, 51, died Tuesday, Feb. 11, 2004, in Salt Lake City, after a long illness and is now at peace.

Cremation has taken place, and a private family service will be planned for this coming summer.

Steve attended Billings West High School and worked for Southside IGA and Ryan Wholesalers in Billings.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Rodney R. and Labonna Faye Schulz.

Survivors include his brother, Rick Noblitt of Salt Lake City; a sister, Donna Marler of Billings; two children, Stephanie and Jason, both of Spokane, Wash., and a special friend, Patty Vail of Great Falls, Mont.

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Leo Schumacher

THE BILLYE CLARK

DEC 10 2004

WOLF POINT — Leo Schumacher, 81, died Wednesday, Dec. 8, 2004.

Visitation is from 1 to 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12, with prayer service beginning at 6 p.m. at Clayton Stevenson Memorial Chapel in Wolf Point. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Monday, Dec. 13, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Wolf Point. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery.

MARCEL LOU SCHUMAN
Nov. 24, 1921 — Nov. 23, 2004

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE
NOV 28 2004

Marcel Louis "Lou" Schuman went home to God at 12:20 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 23, 2004, surrounded by family in his home of 42 years. He had struggled for many years with cancer, fibromyalgia and congestive heart disease.



**MARCEL
SCHUMAN**

On Nov. 24, 1921, Lou was born to Katherine and Nicholas Schuman on the family homestead and farm near Wheat Basin. He was the second youngest of five children: Francis, Marie, Paul, Marcel and Theodore. He attended seven years of grade school in Rapelje, after which the family moved to Billings, where Lou graduated from Pratt Catholic Elementary School. His family then returned to Wheat Basin, where he, his brothers and sister had wonderful times organizing lively community dances. And, while he attended his first three years of high school in nearby Rapelje, circumstances brought Lou to Billings again, where he worked 35 hours per week while attending, and graduating from, Billings (Senior) High School.

Following high school, Lou worked on the family farm, and later graduated from Billings Business College with an emphasis in Accounting. He was called

up into the United States Army in 1942, where he served in the Army Signal Corps on the Radar Staff and Teaching Faculty at Camp Murphy, Fla., during World War II, later serving as a Staff Sergeant in the Philippines until 1946. Having twice declined admission to officer candidate school, he was honorably discharged in 1946, at the rank of Master Technical Sergeant.

Following his Army career, Lou entered the Billings business community, moving from management positions into sales, having discovered the Specialty Advertising and Promotional Products industry. M. L. Schuman & Associates was born in 1953, and later renamed Schuman Salesbuilders. In 1954, he became a charter member of the Billings Big Sky Barbershop Chorus, with whom he sang and served for the

next 50 years. Lou was also quite active with the Pat Club of St. Patrick's Catholic Church, and Council 1259 of the Knights of Columbus, with whom he served both as Grand Knight from 1957 to 1959, and Faithful Navigator of the Fourth Degree in 1963.

In 1960, through his sister Marie, Lou met Mary Jo Schulte at a fateful spaghetti dinner; a woman so beautiful he couldn't understand why she loved him. Yet, on April 29, 1961, they married in Mary Jo's hometown of Casper, Wyo., and returned to Billings to begin their family as Mr. and Mrs. M. Lou and Mary Jo Schuman. Three children, and the very full life that entails, promptly ensued.

In 1963, Lou became involved with the Billings Tips Club, a local business association. He soon became President, and was re-elected to, and served proudly in that office every year for the rest of his life. In 1971, Schuman Salesbuilders moved from the Selvidge-Babcock Building on Montana Avenue to 715 Grand Ave., and became the M. L. Schuman Co. Lou became active with the Blue Blazers of the Convention and Visitors Bureau of the Billings Chamber of Commerce, and built M. L. Schuman Co. into the largest Promotional Products firm in the Northern Rockies. He served

parish life of Holy Rosary Catholic Church. He also served as a companion judge, and later judge Emeritus, with the Barbershop Harmony Society (SPEBSQSA), and as the editor and publisher of New Harmony Horizons, the Barbershop Rocky Mountain District newsletter. Over the years, while he received many commendations from the Barbershop Harmony Society and the Billings Big Sky Chapter, including the Rocky Mountain District Barbershopper of the Year Award, many of his fondest memories were of the close friendships and good times simply shared with his fellow Barbershoppers. He was proud to have lived as an active participant in the civic life of Billings.

In 1996, looking forward to more time with his wife and children, Lou sold the M. L. Schuman Co. to his good friend Mark Asil, who continues to successfully grow the business to this day. He and Mary Jo proceeded to enjoy wonderful trips together from Alaska to St. Petersburg, stopping frequently in Portland, Ore., and always at Christmas time, to be with their children and grandchildren.

Marcel Lou Schuman is survived by his loving and beloved wife, Mary Jo Schuman; his brother, Theodore "Ted" Schuman and family; his eldest daughter,

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Maureen Schuman-Lanier, her husband Scott, and their two daughters, Elsa and Olivia; his daughter Diane Healey, her husband Hugh, and their two daughters, Katherine and Megan; his son Marcel Schuman, and his partner Michael; his nephew David Schuman; his nephew Gene Schuman and his wife Bobbie; and many more beloved nieces, nephews and their families.

A traditional Rosary will be held at 7 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 28, at Dahl Funeral Chapel. A Funeral Mass will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, Nov. 29, at Holy Rosary Catholic Church. Should any friends and family choose to offer memorials, Lou's family requests they be sent to Big Sky Hospice.

JUL 25 2004

MONROE, Wash. — Gene Schurch went to be with the Lord on July 23, 2004, while surrounded by family. He will be dearly missed. His family and friends find strength and joy knowing that he has been healed in Heaven as he ends a long bout with Progressive Supranuclear Palsy (PSP).



**GENE
SCHURCH**

Gene was 64, born in Whitehall, Mont., on Sept. 22, 1939, to John and Bessie Schurch. He spent most of his life in Montana where he grew to love the mountains and the outdoor life, especially fishing and hunting. He was very active in Boy Scouts and Little League. His favorite indoor activity was watching TV, especially "MASH" and western shows, or playing cards and games.

He is survived by his son, Jonny; daughter, Tammy; stepchildren, Vicki Watts and Mike Turner; and granddaughter, Stephanie Watts. He will be greatly missed by several other family members and friends.

Memorial services will be held Thursday, July 29, by Cascade Community Church. For details, call (360) 794-4600.

Donations may be made, in memory of Gene Schurch, to The Society for Progressive Supranuclear Palsy at www.psp.org or to Society for Progressive Supranuclear Palsy Woodholme Medical Building, Ste 515, 1838 Greene Tree Road, Baltimore, MD 21208.

Michelle Marie Schwab

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

NOV 25 2004

LAS VEGAS — Michelle Marie Schwab, 48, of Las Vegas, died Monday, Nov. 22, 2004, at her home.

Visitation will be from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 26, at Miratsky Funeral Home in Powell, Wyo. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 27, at Hope Lutheran Church in Powell. Burial will be in the Crown Hill Cemetery.

Michelle Marie Schwab

THE POWELL
TRIBUNE
NOV 30 2004

Funeral services for Michelle Marie Schwab, 48, who died peacefully in her Las Vegas, Nev., home on Nov. 22, were conducted Saturday, Nov. 27 at Hope Lutheran Church in Powell.

Burial was in Crown Hill Cemetery.

She was born Sept. 7, 1956, to James and Carlene Murphy in Powell. She graduated from Powell High School in 1974. She then went to Northwest College for two years before transferring to Carroll College in Helena, Mont., where she graduated in 1979 with a bachelor's degree in nursing.

She moved back to Powell where she worked at Powell Hospital for 20 years as a registered nurse in the OB department.

In 1988, she met and fell in love with Mike Schwab. They were married Jan. 27, 1990, and combined two families into one, living south of Powell. While in Powell, she loved to go camping and fishing, Michelle also loved being involved with the USA wrestling program and 4-H.

In 2002, Michelle moved to Las Vegas with Mike in search of better medical treatment for her multiple sclerosis. In Las Vegas, she loved to go shopping and eat out at different dining establishments, as well as making trips to California. A few highlights for her were dropping quarters into video poker machines and playing with her grandson.

Survivors include her husband, Mike Schwab; her sons, Michael and Stephen Schwab; her daughter, Jessica and husband Alberto and grandson Xavier Medina; her mother, Carlene Murphy of

Powell; Jim and Lisa Murphy, Annette and Tay; nephew Matt Dillon, Randy and Kristie Murphy

She was preceded in death by her father, James Murphy, her sister, Debbie, and her brother, William Joseph.

For anyone wishing to make donations, the family is setting up a scholarship in Michelle's name at the Northwest College nursing school.

Leslie Jo Schwabauer

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

FEB 20 2004

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Leslie Jo Schwabauer, 43, of Sheridan, died Tuesday, Feb. 17, 2004, at Memorial Hospital of Sheridan County.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 21, at the Bethesda Worship Center in Sheridan. Burial will be in Grandview Cemetery, Bonner's Ferry, Idaho. Champion-Ferries Funeral Home of Sheridan is in charge.

JAN 04 2004

BALLANTINE — A graveside service will be held in Ballantine for Leo Lawrence Schwalger, who died Dec. 30, 2003, in Golden, Colo., at age 87.

Mr. Schwalger was born Sept. 26, 1916, in Topeka, Kan., and moved to Billings as a child. He assisted his parents and grandparents first in dairy farming on the Billings Bench and later set up his own farm-ranch on Blue Creek. In 1937, he married Elizabeth Nesbauer; she died of cancer in 1995.

Survivors include his daughters, Marilyn and Linda; his son, Tom; 13 grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren. His daughter, Judy, died of cancer in 1998.

Viewing will be at 8 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 4, at Michelotti-Sawyers. Graveside service will be at 1 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 5, at Ballantine Cemetery. Arrangements by Michelotti-Sawyers.

Jean Ann Schwartz

Jean Ann Schwartz, beloved mother, grandmother, daughter, sister and friend went to be with the Lord on Dec. 30, 2003. Her death was due to a tragic car accident.



Jean Schwartz

Jean, age 41, was born Oct. 25, 1962, in Miles City to Bernard and Janice Schwartz. Jean attended school in Billings and recently resided in and worked as a landscaper in Golden, Colo. Jean had returned to Billings to spend the holidays with her family and friends and meet her newborn granddaughter, Alyvia.

She leaves behind her only son, Wesley Schwartz; granddaughter, Alyvia Schwartz-Jardine; her parents, Janice Schwartz of Billings, and Bernard Schwartz and his close friend, Liz Frogge of Billings; three brothers, Dean and Cheryl Schwartz of Gillette, Wyo., Dave and Liz Schwartz of Blaine, Minn., and Bruce and Christy Schwartz of Billings; one sister, Amy and Tom Lechner of Billings; grandmother, Ida Schmidt of Bismarck, N.D.; numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews; and many, many loved friends.

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Jean was preceded in death by her brother, Philip Schwartz.

Cremation has taken place. Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 3, at the Faith Chapel, corner of Broadwater Avenue and Shiloh Road. Memorials may be made to the family for her granddaughter Alyvia's college fund.

Mildred Schwend

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

FEB 10 2004

HARDIN — Mildred Lorraine Schwend, 94, long time area resident, passed away Monday, Feb. 9, 2004, in the Big Horn County Memorial Nursing Home.

She was born Feb. 16, 1909, in Burlington, Wyo., a daughter of James and Flora Clifford Shelmerdine. As a small child, she moved with her family to the Great Falls area, then to Billings via a covered



**MILDRED
SCHWEND**

wagon before settling in the Bridger area in 1915. She received her education in Bridger, graduating from high school in 1927. During the last two years of high school, she worked as a telephone operator for the Bell Telephone Company.

Mildred married Jess C. Schwend on July 16, 1927, in Billings, and the couple made their home in the Bridger area until moving to their ranch near St. Xavier. In 1941, they moved to the Takes the Gun place, where they ranched for 29 years before retiring and moving to Hardin in 1967.

She was the matriarch of the Schwend family. She was always busy with her hands, crocheting, knitting and acting as a true seamstress. She often made her own

clothing. She loved cats and was an avid Atlanta Braves baseball fan. Her husband, Jess; son, Corky, and a sister, Grace Phelps, preceded Mildred in death.

Survivors include her daughter, Dorothy Tally of Billings; a sister, Mabel Delmonica of Washington; and her beloved grandchildren, Scott (Voni) Tally and their children Austin and Ashley, Brett (Jean) Tally and their children, Brooks and Bram, Colleen (Tim) Moullet and their children, Tiffany and Bethany, Tracy (Chip) Siernion and their children, Stormy and Cady and Cody (Kara Lee) Schwend and their children, Steven and Conner, as well as a nieces and several nephews.

We would like to thank the staff of Big Horn County Memorial Nursing Home for all of their love and care of our mother during her stay.

Funeral services will be held 10 a.m. Friday, Feb. 13, in the Bullis Funeral Chapel. Interment will be held 2 p.m. Friday, in the Bridger Cemetery. Bullis Mortuary of Hardin has been entrusted with the arrangements.

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JOLIET — Travis left his family and friends early on the morning of July 3, 2004. He enjoyed life to its fullest, always having a big smile on his face.

Travis touched everyone's heart that he came in contact with, young and old alike. He loved his brother and sister and was very proud of them. He enjoyed teasing his sister constantly. He could hardly wait until he was old enough and big enough to beat his brother.



**TRAVIS
SCHWEND**

When Travis smiled, he brought sunshine to all. We shared him with many people in this life. He will be greatly missed.

Travis recently graduated from Joliet High School and was looking forward to playing football and attending Montana Tech in Butte this fall. He was involved in every extracurricular activity at school that time would allow. He gave 100% all the time, no matter if the score was in his favor or not. Travis put his heart into everything he did and never gave up.

Travis always took time for neighbors, family and friends. He loved to play card games and

table games, especially when he could win against his sister.

He loved his truck and loved to listen to music. We knew he was on his way home because we could hear his music. He really enjoyed working out and lifting weights. Travis was a social butterfly, always talking and ready to visit with anyone.

How much do we love you, Travis? Bunches.

Travis is survived by his mother, Bonnie; his father, Doug; his sister, Kristina; and his brother, Bryan and his wife, Becky; maternal grandparents, Bill and Carol Speigner; paternal grandparents, Chester and Celeste Schwend; numerous aunts and uncles and cousins, and hundreds of friends.

Memorial services for Travis will be held at 10 a.m. on Thursday, July 8, at the football field at Joliet High School. If there is inclement weather, the services will be held in the old gym at Joliet. Following the services, a reception will be held at the Joliet Community Center. If anyone has a memory to share about Travis, please come to the reception ready to share. Smith-Olcott Funeral Chapel in Red Lodge is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials may be sent to the Bank of Joliet for an account set up in Travis Schwend's name.

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'Tony' J. Schwengler

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

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LAUREL — Anton "Tony" Schwengler died Tuesday, March 9, 2004, at Evergreen Health and Rehabilitation Center in Laurel. He was born Dec. 2, 1912, in Napoleon, N.D., the son of Adam and Regina (Heintz) Schwengler. He was



**TONY
SCHWENGLER**

raised on a farm near Solen, N.D. On his 12th birthday, his beloved mother died, leaving his father with six small children. His father married Elizabeth Messer and their union added seven more children to the family.

On June 16, 1932, Tony married Veronica Messer in Center, N.D., and they began their married life together living in a log cabin and farming in the Solen area. They moved to Bismarck, N.D., where Tony began his truck driving career, which continued for 22 years. They moved to Billings in 1953 and to Laurel in 1978.

Tony and Veronica were married for 65 years and worked hard at making a living and raising their five children. Tony's "Little Woman" Veronica died in 1997. Their children blessed them with 20 grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren, five step-great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

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Tony was preceded in death by his daughter, Kathleen Schwengler Blasingame; son-in-law, Lawrence Blasingame; daughter-in-law, Laura Lee Schwengler; three grandsons; one great-grandson; two brothers, Adam and Stanley; two sisters, Rose Glasser and Margaret Sprague.

He is survived by son James and Ethel of Colorado Springs, Colo.; son Ray and daughter-in-law Alice of Saginaw, Texas, Michael and daughter-in-law Theresa of Phoenix, Ariz.; daughter Shirley and son-in-law, Willard Ketterling of Joliet; five brothers, Louis of Bismarck, Jack of Fargo, N.D., Peter of Anoka, Minn., Eugene of Park Rapids, Minn., and Bill of Mandan, N.D.; three sisters, Josephine Himmelspach, Betty Swenson, both of Bismarck, and Alice Erath of Mandan.

Vigil and Rosary service will be held at 7 p.m. on Monday, March 15, at Smith Funeral Chapel in Laurel. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, March 16, at St. Anthony Catholic Church in Laurel, with interment in Holy Cross Cemetery in Billings.

Dad, we love you and will miss you but your time with us is finished and it is time to join your "Little Woman" so you can dance together again, in heaven.

Memorials may be sent to Northern Rockies Radiation Oncology Center, 1041 N. 29th St., Billings, MT 59101, Big Sky Horizon Hospice Home, PO Box 35033, Billings, MT 59107-5033, Camp Heebie Jeebies Youth Scholarship, c/o Helena Jazz Jubilee Headquarters, PO Box 1880, Helena, MT 59635-1880, or the charity of one's choice.

Michelotti-Sawyers is in charge of arrangements.

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Chester C. Schwenke

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CHINOOK — Chester C. Schwenke, 96, died Oct. 1, 2004, at the Sweet Memorial Nursing Home due to natural causes.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 6, 2004, in the American Lutheran Church with burial following in Kuper Memorial Cemetery. Arrangements are by Edwards Funeral Home.

MAR 30 2004**Irene Wolf Schwichtenberg**

Irene Schwichtenberg passed away at home on Monday, March 29, 2004.

She was born the youngest daughter of Gertrude and Walter Wolf in Ismay on April 11, 1919. Her childhood days were filled with fun playing with her sister, cousins and friends. She graduated Valedictorian from Ismay High School and moved to Billings to attend Billings Business College. After graduation, she did bookkeeping for the Ford Garage and Bighorn Bank in Hardin. In 1945, she married Henry Reuben Beck. Later, they divorced. In 1956, Irene married Leo John Schwichtenberg. Together, they owned Crosstown Service Center for 18 years. In Billings, she also kept the books for Westwood Appliances, C & M Construction and the YWCA.

Irene found great pleasure in day-to-day experiences. She loved to garden and play the piano. She was a skilled seamstress and kept an immaculate house. She was proud of the items she found at garage sales, both "collectibles" and items she could "renovate" and make useful.

She focused her love and energy on her family. She is survived by her sister Ethel Johnson Billings; daughter Rita (Mark



**Irene
Schwichtenberg**

Schilling Billings, and grandchildren Charles and Darcy; daughter Kayrene Beck Longview Wash., and grandsons Jeff and Eric Fesenmaier stepson Leo

Arthur Schwichtenberg, Billings, and step-grandchildren, John, Jay David and Barbara; and many great-grandchildren.

Her indomitable fun-loving spirit and talents will always be a part of her surviving friends and family.

Friends may gather at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary at 10 a.m. Wednesday, May 31, for graveside services in Mountview Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Big Sky Hospice.

Rahna Schwindt

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

April ~~28~~ 29 2004

GILLETTE, Wyo. — Rahna Schwindt, 66, of Gillette, died Monday, April 26, 2004, at her home in Gillette, of natural causes.

Visitation will be from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday, April 29, at the Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home in Gillette. Graveside services will be at 12:30 p.m. Friday, April 30, at the Black Hills National Cemetery in Sturgis, S.D.

Antoinette Schuchetti

LEWISTOWN — Antoinette "Neddy" (Wipfli) Sciuchetti, 92, died Sunday, Jan. 4, 2004, at the Central Montana Skilled Nursing Center.

Vigil services will be at 6 p.m. Wednesday at St. Leo's Catholic Church. Funeral liturgy is at 10 a.m. Thursday at St. Leo's. Burial will be in Mount Calvary Cemetery. Creel Funeral Home is in charge.

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Vivian Scoles

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FLORENCE — Vivian Scoles had an unsurpassed love and passion for her family, friends, students, coworkers, education, enjoying life to the fullest. She touched the lives of many and will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Vivian passed away from an unexpected heart attack, Saturday, May 1, 2004. She was enjoyed the weekend at the family's cabin in the Bitterroot Valley, surrounded by close family.

She was born in Torrington, Wyo., on July 26, 1941, the child of Carl and Lena Hansen. On Sept. 3, 1960, she married Gene F. Scoles. They raised their three children, Charlene, Kimberly and James, in Billings. In 1999, Gene and Vivian moved to the Bitterroot Valley.

Vivian retired from the Billings Public Schools after 34 years in education, 17 years as an elementary principal. Her teaching experiences included teaching first, second, third and fifth grades, and as a reading specialist for the Gifted and Talented Program. As principal in Billings, she worked at McKinley, Boulder, Eagle Cliffs and Big Sky Elementary schools. After her retirement from the Billings

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School System, Vivian continued her great passion for children and devotion to education, working for five years as principal at Long Rock Elementary in the Bitterroot Valley until her passing.

Her devotion to education didn't stop when the bell rang. Vivian was involved with many associations and committees including being an MAEMSI member for 21 years. During her membership, she held the offices of V.P. and Pres. In 1992, she was honored with the G.V. Erickson Award for Notable Service & Dedication to Education.

Vivian was noted for the many strengths she brought to her job. She was an exceptional leader and visionary who brought endless energy and enthusiasm to staff, coworkers and children. Her genuine love to education cannot be told.

Vivian's greatest joy in life was her family and friends. To those closest around her, Vivian will be remembered for her passion for life, giving tirelessly to those around her, and the positive energy she exerted to all she endeavored. Her wisdom and

guidance, love and devotion nurtured the love and friendship in the family she cherished so much.

Vivian is survived by her husband Gene and their children and families, Charlene Scoles and children Brittney and Corey Brewington (formerly from Shepherd/Billings); Kim Lund, husband Shawn and sons Brennen, Cody and Tanner of Lolo; Jim Scoles, wife Jennifer and daughter Landry of Helena. Additional surviving family includes parents and siblings: parents, Carl and Evelyn Hansen of Joliet; brothers Tom Cerovski and family of Boise, Idaho, and Sunny Cerovski and son of Tea, S.D.; and sisters Mildred (Mickie) McMillan and , family of Lewistown and Sandee Bellows and family of Steinauer, Neb. Extended family includes Gene's sister and brothers: Bunnle Dick and husband Jack of Oak Harbor, Wash., Dean Klarich and family of Billings and David Klarich and family of Billings.

Vivian was preceded in death by her mother, Lena Cerovski of Billings.

In honor of Viv's life, there will be a memorial service at 11 a.m. on Friday, May 7, at the Florence-Carlton Community Church, 20075 Old U.S. Hwy. 93, with Rev. Jim Deininger officiat-

ing the service. Reception after service will be held at the church, potluck greatly appreciated, and all are welcome.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the first responders, the Sula Quick Response Unit (QRU) in c/o Shirley Ehman, 339 Edwards Road, Sula, MT 59871, in appreciation for their many acts of compassion and assistance, and/or the Darby Ambulance, in c/o Darby Farmers State Bank, 805 N. Main, Darby, MT 59829, for their follow-up assistance and kindness.

Whitesitt Funeral Home and Cremation of Stevensville is in charge of arrangements.

Audrey Clara Scott**MAY 23 200**

GREYBULL — Audrey Clara Scott, 74, died Friday, May 21, 2004, at the Bonnie Bluejacket Memorial Nursing Home.

Memorial Funeral Services will be held at 10 a.m. on Monday, May 24, at the Grace Fellowship Church on Greybull River Road.

Atwood Family Funeral Directors, Inc. are in charge of arrangements.

HELEN FRANCES SCOTT

Helen Frances Scott, age 88, passed away due to a respiratory illness on Saturday, April 3, 2004, at the Horizon Hospice Home in Billings.

Helen was born on Dec. 3, 1915, in Miles City, the daughter of Grant and Robertie (Combs) Brown. She grew up working on

the family dairy farm on the north side of town. After completing her education in the Miles City school system, she attended the Chicago Hairdressing Academy in Fargo, N.D., in

1938. On Sept. 25, 1939, Helen married John Scott in Lewistown. While she was raising her family of four boys, she operated a beauty shop in the family home. In 1961, "Mrs. Helen" started working as an instructor at the Miles City Beauty College and continuing until retiring in 1978. Helen was then able to indulge in her love of traveling, both in a motor home and on trips with the Friendship Force overseas. From 1988 through 1995, she worked as a Senior Companion, assisting elderly clients in being able to continue to live independently. Helen was a member of the First Methodist Church, Eagles, Moose Club. The Degree of



**HELEN
SCOTT**

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Honor, The Pythian Organization and the Lamplighters Home Extension Club. In October 2000, she moved to Billings to be near family.

She is survived by her four sons, Jerry Scott and his wife Sandy of Hannibal, Mo., Patrick Scott and his wife Judy of Billings, John Scott and his wife Verna of Jackson, Tenn., and George Scott and his wife Kathy of Reno, Nev.; 12 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband John; her parents; one sister, Lona; three brothers, Dan, Richard and Joseph.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, April 8, in the chapel of Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City. A prayer service will be held on Thursday, at 6 p.m., in the chapel of Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City. Funeral services will be held on Friday, April 9, at 10 a.m., in the chapel of Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City. Interment will follow in the Custer County Cemetery. Condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.stevensonandsons.com.

Should friends desire, memorials may be made to the Horizon Hospice Home in Billings.

Orvan W. Scott

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FORSYTH — Orvan W. Scott, 76, of Forsyth, died Monday, Oct. 4, 2004, at the St. Vincent Healthcare in Billings.

Visitation will be from 1 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 6, in the Chapel of Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 7, in the Chapel of Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Forsyth. Burial will be in the family lot of the Forsyth Cemetery. A vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 6, in the chapel of Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Forsyth.

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Ricki Dolores Scott

BILLINGS GAZETTE

JUN 22 2004

MILES CITY — Ricki Dolores Scott, 60, of Miles City, died Friday, June 18, 2004, at the Holy Rosary Extended Care in Miles City.

Cremation has taken place. A private disposition will take place at a ~~later~~ date. Bullis-Graves Memorial Chapel and the Eastern Montana Crematory are in charge.

Chester 'Chet' Scribner

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Chester "Chet" Scribner was born on Jan. 3, 1939, in Kansas City, Mo., to William and Mary Scribner. Chet passed away Sept. 17, 2004.

Chet spent most of his life in Laurel. He enjoyed spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren.

Chet was preceded in death by his parents, one brother and one sister. Chet is survived by his sons, Nathan and Aharon Scribner of Laurel, Troy (Nicole) Scribner of Missoula; daughter Lisa Scribner of Laurel; grandchildren, Austin, Makenna, Payten and Wiley, as well as four sisters and two brothers.

Memorials may be given to the Horizon Hospice Home, 1019 Neptune Blvd., Billings, MT 59105.

Cremation has taken place and graveside services will take place at a later date.

Edna Seader

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HARDIN — On a beautiful Autumn day, Sunday, Oct. 10, 2004, Edna Seader, 88, beloved mother, grandmother and friend, went to her heavenly home to be with her Savior and Lord Jesus Christ.

She had been in the Heritage Acres Nursing Home and the Big Horn County Memorial Nursing Home since January of 2003.

Edna was born March 16, 1916, in Carson, N.D., a daughter of Godfred and Lydia Steiny Klein. As a young child, she moved to Billings, where she attended schools and completed her education in Sidney.



**EDNA
SEADER**

She married Dave Seader on Dec. 16, 1933, and the couple farmed in the Fairview area before moving to Forsyth and finally to Hardin in 1935. She worked at the Mountain View Rest Haven for many years before her retirement.

Edna enjoyed her children, grandchildren, flowers and needlework. She was always there when any of her children or grandchildren needed her.

Her husband, Dave, preceded Edna in death.

Survivors include her son, Don and his wife Marge Seader of Custer; her two daughters, Delores and her husband Jim Wagner of Billings, Darlene and her husband John Mehling of Hardin; her sister, Lorentine Schaefer of Billings; 10 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; and her dear neighbors, Audrey and Jack Wiechman, who were always there to help her in times of need.

Funeral services will be held 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 13, in the Christ E and R Church. Interment will follow in the Hardin Fairview Cemetery. Bullis Mortuary of Hardin has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Should friends desire, memorial contribution may be made to the E & R church, Hardin, MT 59034.

Helen K. Sears

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Helen K. Sears, 91, of Sheridan, died Saturday, April 3, 2004, at Westview Health Care Center.

Cremation has taken place. No services are planned. Champion Ferries Funeral Home of Sheridan was in charge.

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**CONNIE
SEEBER**

Constance Elinor LaRock Seeber

Constance "Connie" Elinor Seeber passed peacefully on to the Lord, Sunday morning, April 25, 2004, after a yearlong struggle with pancreatic cancer. Her desire to help others with the disease led her to participate in a pancreatic cancer clinical trial. She remained active in church activities, PEO and her main hobby, bridge.

Born April 2, 1933, in Parish, N.Y., Connie began her education at Parish High School, followed by a bachelor of science from Oswego State University and a master of arts from San Diego State University. She was passionate about teaching and taught elementary school in five different states and retired after 35 years. She was respected and loved by her students and colleagues, earning countless accolades from them.

Connie will be greatly missed by loving family members: her

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husband of nearly 50 years, Charles Seeber, and their four children, Dr. Cheryl (Chris) Cook, Billings, Colonel Craig (Connie) Seeber, Boerne, Texas, Corey (Lisa) Seeber, Mt. Pleasant, S.C., Cerena Elinor (Christian) Thomsen, Aspen, Colo.; six grandchildren, Katie Seeber, Taylor Cook, Scott Seeber, Zachary Seeber, Savannah Seeber and Madison Eleanor Thomsen; two sisters, Linda Baum and family, Pulaski, April Sargent and family, Parish, N.Y.; her step-mother, Ada LaRock, Parish. She was preceded in death by her parents, Myrle and Thelma LaRock.

Connie enjoyed gardening, reading, doing volunteer work and visiting her grandchildren, friends and family around the country. She touched many lives in her 71 years and the world is a better place because of her. "When I was born, I cried and the world rejoiced, I lived my life in a way that when I died, the world cried and I rejoiced."

A special thanks to Dr. Marty Lucas and staff, St. Vincent Healthcare, Internal Medicine Associates, Big Sky Hospice, At Home Solutions, our church families, friends, neighbors and the

Community of Billings for their support and encouragement. She always thanked God for a wonderful life.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, May 1, at 11 a.m., at the Shiloh United Methodist Church in Billings. The family will hold a service in celebration of her life in June at the Park United Methodist Church in Pulaski.

Donations may be made to either church or to the American Cancer Society.

Mark David Seely

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Mark David Seely, 44, of Billings, died July 2, 2004, from injuries received in an auto accident on the Teton Pass near Jackson Hole, Wyo.

Mark was born Oct. 17, 1959, in Havre, the son of Albert and Marian (Ellis) Seely. He was raised in Havre and graduated from high school in 1979. He worked for Bomac Drilling, drove for Consolidated Freightways and JTL Group, and Con-Way Western Express, where he was employed at the time of his death.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing, boating, motorcycles, four wheelers and woodworking. He also enjoyed restoring antique cars.

Mark was married July 5, 1997, to Valory Heggelund at Georgetown Lake.

He was a member of the Teamsters Local.

Survivors include his wife Valory; his parents, Albert and Marian Seely of Havre; his brothers, Larry (Fransetta) Seely of Havre, Byron Seely of Spokane, Wash., and Bert (Leslie) Seely of Havre; father- and mother-in-law Melvin and Elaine Heggelund of Anaconda; and brother-in-law, Tom Heggelund of Wisdom; eight nephews and two nieces.

Memorial services will be Friday, July 9, at 2 p.m., at Smith West Chapel, 304 34th St. West. Cremation has taken place.

A memorial fund for the child of Mark Seely has been established at First Interstate Bank, Attention: Coleen Badgett, PO Box 30918, Billings, MT 59116.

Perry M. Seely, Jr.

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LIVINGSTON — Perry M. Seely, Jr., 81, of Livingston, died Monday, June 28, 2004, at Livingston Memorial Hospital.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 3, at Franzen-Davis Funeral Home in Livingston. Cremation will follow the service.

BOZEMAN — Colleen Secor, 77, passed away Monday, Nov. 29, 2004, after an 11-month battle with cancer. She was born Aug. 1, 1927, in Big Timber, to Peter Earl and Della Lee (Schyphers) Decker. The family moved to Bozeman in 1929.

She graduated from Gallatin County High School in Bozeman and went on to work at the Mountain States Telephone and Telegraph Co., and at the copy center in the MSU library.

Colleen married Thomas W. Secor, Dec. 16, 1947, in Butte. They lived in Bozeman and raised three sons.

Cooking and baking were Colleen's favorite past time, always serving up homemade goodies. She also cooked part-time at the Pi Beta Phi sorority until her health would no longer allow her to do so.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Tom.

Colleen is survived by Thomas E. (Susie) Secor of Billings, James D. (Bonnie) Secor and Robert R. (Vickie) Secor of Bozeman; grandchildren, Brian (Holly) Secor, with three children; Scott Secor; Kelsie (Randy)



**COLLEEN
SECOR**

Deyle, with three children; Jannie Secor; Patrick Secor and Kenny Secor. She is also survived by brothers Robert (Lorraine) Decker and Peter (Mary Kay) Decker.

Cremation has taken place. A celebration of her life will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4, in the Hyalite Room at the Comfort Inn, 1370 N. Seventh Ave., Bozeman. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, 550 N. 31st St., Suite 103, Billings, MT 59101. Arrangements are in the care of Dokken-Nelson Funeral Service.



FRANK SEIBERT

Frank J. Seibert

Husband, Father, Grandfather, Brother, Son. Frank went to be with the Lord on Sept. 28, 2004, after an extended illness.

He was born June 15, 1931, in Crvenka, Yugoslavia, and lived in Europe until the age of 20. Frank learned his survival skills and commitment to family during WWII. He and his family evacuated their home in Yugoslavia ahead of the war front, traveling on foot through Eastern Europe, becoming displaced persons living in camps in Eisenerz and Trofaich, Austria, for six years. His family was sponsored by Church World Service and the First Congregational Church in Billings and came here in 1951. Shortly after arriving in Billings, he met his wife, Blondina, to whom he was married for 52 years. To that union were born four sons.

Frank was a meat cutter by trade and owned two packing plants during his career: Ranchester Packing in

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and Stillwater

Packing Company in Columbus. He was known for his tremendous work ethic, integrity and principles. His motto was "Service not measured by gold but by the Golden Rule." He enjoyed working with his hands until the last days...it's what he knew best.

In 1972, Frank was diagnosed with COPD and later with Parkinson's disease. True to his character, he fought the battle well. He died at his home in Billings, surrounded by family. He knew the Lord and talked to Jesus daily. He is now restored.

Frank is survived by his wife Blondina; sons Frank, of Denver, Lucky (Tammy) and David (Sande), both of Columbus, and Nick (Diane) of Kirkland, Wash.; mother Eva; brother Herb (Carol), both of Billings; sister Friede Arneson (Dave) of Helena; half-brother Werner (Debbie) of Oregon City, Ore.; and half-sister Gisela Maehl (Bill) of Billings. His brother Karl in Crvenka, and father Franz of Billings preceded him in death.

Frank was always good for an entertaining story or joke. He made many friends over the years. He loved the outdoors and never knew a stranger. He loved

to fish and hunt in his younger years. He worked hard, played hard, and always loved his animals, especially his dog, Peaches. The pride of his life was his family, especially his grandchildren: Brian, Lisa, Traci, Danielle, Ben, Olivia, Matthew, Luke, Gabriel and Whitney; and great-grandchildren William and Andrew. We will all miss him greatly.

The peace you now have is the peace you so greatly deserve, like that of trolling across a lake fishing or walking that mountain path hunting with your boys. Go in Peace, Dad.

Sharing time will be 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 1, at Dahl Funeral Chapel, Billings. A memorial service will be held 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 2, at Dahl Funeral Chapel, following private family interment in Mount View Cemetery in Columbus.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests any memorial funds be sent to Big Sky Hospice, which provided comfort and support: PO Box 35033, Billings, MT 59107.

Dolores M. Seifert

The service for Dolores M. Seifert, 74, of Billings, will be 1030 a.m. Monday, Dec. 20, at Spitzer Funeral Home, with Pastor Jerry Stolp officiating. She will be buried at a later date at Riverside Cemetery, Billings. Mrs. Seifert passed away from this earth Wednesday, Dec. 15, 2004, at Avera St. Luke's Hospital, Aberdeen, S.D.

Visitation is 2 to 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 19, at Spitzer Funeral Home in Aberdeen.

Dolores was born May 22, 1930, to Melvin and Isabelle (Herbst) Perkins in Lake City, Minn. She was educated in the Deer Creek area.

Dolores married Letmond Rose on Dec. 12, 1953, in Montana, where she worked as a Nurse's Aide throughout her younger years. There, she raised her family. In July of 1977, she married Erron "Tex" Phillips. They had a wonderful life together, working in Gardiner at the Wilson Motel. They returned to Billings in 1985. Erron died in 1986, the love of her life was gone. Dolores remarried again in 1987 to Fred Seifert, but it was not the same. It was short-lived.



**DOLORES
SEIFERT**

Dolores was a wonderful mother, sister and grandmother. She will leave a space in this world, while at the same time, she will be watching over those left behind.

Grateful for having shared her life are her children, Marv (Char) Rose, Elk Washington, Gene (Patty) Rose, Laurel, Sharon (Dean) Luke, Laurel, Patrick Rose, Gardiner, Isabelle McKittrick, Aberdeen; her siblings, Maryetta Shamp, Parkers Prairie, Minn., Rosie (Warren) Ranz, Gully, Minn., Margaret (Ernest) Banitt, Pine Island, Minn., Lulu Bell Greer, Rochester, Minn., Melvin (Sally) Perkins, Plum City, Wis., and Elmer (Carol) Perkins, Ellsworth, Wis. She is also survived by 16 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Melvin and Isabelle; husbands, Letmond "Lefty" Rose, Erron "Tex" Phillips and Fred Seifert; two sons, David Owens and Paul Rose; daughter, Carol Ann; and one sister, Adeline Shamp.

We love you and will miss you.

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Beulah May Seiffert

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BOZEMAN — Beulah May Seiffert, born Nov. 28, 1912, passed away Monday, July 19, 2004, in Bozeman, at the age of 91.

Beulah attended Billings Senior High and in 1930, married George F. Seiffert. They were married 71 years until George passed away in 2001.

Beulah and George together owned a farm in Lockwood before purchasing and operating the Mile-A-Way on First Avenue. They later purchased and ran the Circle S Motel on Laurel Rd until their retirement.

Beulah was a lifelong member of Holy Rosary Parish, a member of St. Rita's Circle and the Altar Society.

Beulah loved fishing at the Madison, horse races at Metra Park, trips to Las Vegas and California, and time spent with her grandchildren at the cabin and on holidays.

Beulah was an outstanding cook and always had a smile, laugh and funny saying.



**BEULAH
SEIFFERT**

Beulah was preceded in death by her husband George; her daughter Barbara; her sister Helen Bruce; and her brother Don Regnier. She is survived by her sister Francis Vincelette of Billings; son Dale Seiffert and wife Sheryl of Bozeman; grandson Mark Seiffert and wife Margaret of Havre; grandson Scott Seiffert and wife Lisa of Burbank, Calif.; granddaughter Lori Seiffert of Bozeman; and great-granddaughter Madison Kate Seiffert of Burbank; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Vigil services will be 7 p.m. Thursday, July 22, at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary. The Funeral Mass will be 11 a.m. Friday, July 23, at Holy Rosary Church with the Rite of Committal at Mountview Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association, 2812 First Ave. N., Billings, MT 59101.

George W. Sekulich

KAYSVILLE, Utah — George W. Sekulich, 69, died peacefully at home, surrounded by family and friends, on Sunday, Sept. 19, 2004. He died of complications due to a previous stroke.

He was born April 15, 1935, in Red Lodge, Mont., the son of Dan and Mary Sekulich. He married Sandy Hosley, July 23, 1976, in Billings.

They had two beautiful children, Lisa Mary Sekulich, 21, and Linsey Ann Sekulich, 17. George's legacy can be found in the two children that he so beautifully raised and the love and deep respect that he gave his wife each and every day. His kindness, generosity and gentle humor touched the lives of many friends and families throughout his life.

George served in the army, attended Rocky Mountain College and Creighton University, worked for Yellowstone Park Service, the Hotel Industry. He spent his remaining years immersed in raising his daughters and following their soccer careers, sometime to the dismay of the referees.

He is survived by his wife and two daughters; his sister, Ruth



**GEORGE
SEKULICH**

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Gebo, Red Lodge; and many nieces and nephews.

George is preceded in death by his parents, Dan and Mar Sekulich; his brother, Steve Sekulich; his sisters, Lucille Bosone and Helen Gurn; his sister-in-law Connie Cummings; and his nephew Danny Gebo.

An informal gathering will be held at the Red Lodge Cemetery at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 25, followed by a luncheon in the basement of St. Agnes Church in Red Lodge.

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THERMOPOLIS, Wyo. — Stanley McCollum Selby, 87, passed away Saturday, March 6, 2004, at the home of his daughter in Thermopolis. Cremation has taken place. Private inurnment services will be held at a later date in Huron, S.D.

He was born Nov. 2, 1916, in Utica, Mont., to Fred and Miriam (McCollum) Selby. Fred was a wheelwright and blacksmith and Miriam was a teacher. Though he did some ranch work (McCollum Land and Cattle Co.) when he was a kid, anything mechanical was his love.

He was a pioneer in the airline business in Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, Idaho, South Dakota and Washington. Nicknamed "Spot" because of his ability to spot and identify airplanes in the air before anyone else, he generally asked friends and employees to call him Spot instead of Stanley or Mr. Selby.

In 1934, he worked for WY Air Service (eventually Inland Airways) out of Pueblo, Colo., which flew airmail between Cheyenne and Billings. He was later transferred to Casper, then Denver and back to Casper, Boise, Idaho, and Great Falls and Helena, Mont., and Huron, S.D., working as a mechanic, ticket agent and radio operator, but mostly as a licensed mechanic. Airlines for which he worked

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include Empire (Boise), West Coast (Seattle), Bonanza and Air West (Las Vegas) and eventually became Vice President of Maintenance. He also worked for Inland Airways out of Anchorage, Alaska.

He was a staff sergeant grade III in the 190th Fighter Squadron, Idaho Air National Guard, as well as the Civil Aeronautics Administration, where he was

designated an Aviation Safety Representative to act as an Aircraft Maintenance Inspector in 1946. He was an OX5 pioneer and member of the OX5 Club.

In March 1968, while working in Frederick, Okla., for Dallas Airmotive, Inc., he was recognized by the governor for his contributions toward the industrial development activities of the State of Oklahoma and named Oklahoma Industrial Emissary. He helped develop the defrost systems in DC3s and wrote operation manuals for airplanes, as well as going to Rolls Royce Engine School in England to learn about turbo jet engines. He assisted in bringing back the first turbo jet (F27) to the U.S. for West Coast Airlines.

He met and married Irma A. Groves in Huron, June 13, 1942, and they were married nearly 60 years. They moved to Thermopolis in 1992 to be near their daughter.

it was said by a former employer that Mr. Selby was a man of ingenuity, a tireless worker and a man of unimpeachable moral character. He will be missed.

Survivors include his sister, Lila Jo Brooks, Pueblo, Colo.; daughter, Nancy Lynne Ready, Thermopolis; son, Gary McCollum Selby, Arlington, Wash., as well as nephews, Scott Brooks, Pueblo, Bob (Sung Mae) Bleck, Denver, Ted (Nat) Groves, Elverta, Calif., Eugene (Vickie Ann) Groves, Carbondale, Ill., and William (Julie Ann) Groves, Woodland, Calif.; and his niece, Georgia (Rich) Hetland of Watertown, S.D. His wife and parents preceded him in death.

Mortimore Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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JOHN M. SELF, SR.

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John M. Self, Sr. died of cancer Thursday evening, Dec. 2, 2004.

John was born in Aurora, Neb., on Aug. 22, 1920, to James and Florence Self. He lived in Havre, Mont., during his early childhood. Following his service as an officer in the Army during World War II, John received a



JOHN SELF

Bachelor of Journalism degree from the University of Missouri. He worked as editor of the Shelby Promoter during the 1950s, except for two years when he was recalled to the Army for service during the Korean War.

In the 1960s, John undertook a career change. He received a Masters of Education from Montana State University in Bozeman in 1962 and a Doctorate of Education from Colorado State College in Greeley, Colo., in 1967. Dr. Self came to Eastern Montana College in 1967 and started the Vocational Rehabilitation Counseling program. He retired from the college in 1990.

Soon after retiring, Dr. Self commenced a third career when he began working as a psychologist at the Indian Health Board of Billings. He continued working

there through the latter part of this year.

John is survived by a sister, Anne Judah of Lilburn, Ga.; a sister, Mary Brower of Collinsville, Okla.; two brothers, Vic and Don of Springfield, Colo.; and a son, John Jr. of Mesa, Ariz.

A memorial service celebrating John's life will be held at Grace Methodist Church, 1935 Ave. B, Billings, on Saturday, Dec. 11, at 3 p.m. A fellowship time will follow the service.

Doris Mae Sells

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Doris Mae Sells, 90, of Sheridan, died Friday, March 19, 2004, at Memorial Hospital of Sheridan County.

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

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Opal Senff

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SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Opal Senff, 94, of Sheridan, died Sunday, Nov. 14, 2004, at Sheridan County Memorial Hospital.

A viewing will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 18, at Kane Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 19, at Kane Funeral Home. Graveside committal will follow in Willow Grove Cemetery in Buffalo.

Juanita Senger

MILES CITY — Juanita Senger, 78, of Miles City, died Monday, April 5, 2004, at the Holy Rosary Extended Care in Miles City.

Visitation will be Wednesday, April 7, in the chapel of Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday, April 8, at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City. Interment will follow in the Calvary Cemetery in Miles City.

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Faye Bartschi Senn

SANDY, Utah — Faye Bartschi Senn passed away Dec. 27, 2004, following a prolonged illness.

Faye was born Aug. 25, 1931, in Salt Lake City, to Sybil Irene Sorensen and Charles Wyler Bartschi, the last of seven children. She graduated from West High School in Salt Lake City and was employed much of her adult life as a secretary.

She married three times — first to Frank Slater, then to Bert Chambers and lastly to Henry Steven Senn in 1980. Faye and Steve were sealed together for time and all eternity in the Idaho Falls Temple, Aug. 25, 1984. Throughout her life, Faye was devoted to her family and faithfully served in many leadership positions in her church.

She is survived by her brother, Duard Bartschi; her sister, June Bernards; her children, Shellie Wood, Cameron Chambers and Duey Chambers and her stepchildren from her beloved Steve's first marriage, Pam Senn, Mary Krank, Renae Senn, Cindy Senn, Craig Senn and Michael LeSenne. She was preceded in death by her husband, Steve; her son Mathias; and her daughter Marla Egan. At



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her passing, her heritage included 21 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

Services will be held in Billings, Friday, Dec. 31, at the LDS Chapel, 1000 Wicks Lane at 10:30 a.m., with a viewing beginning at 9 a.m. at the chapel. She will be interred in the Terrace Gardens Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to the VistaCare Hospice Foundation, 680 E. Main Street, Suite 202, Lehi, UT 84043.

Leroy Nathan Sequi

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POLACCA, Ariz. — In loving memory of Leroy Nathan Sequi, 33, of Polacca, who has left us to be with our Lord on May 24, 2004.

He will be missed for his humorous personality. Leroy was full of laughter to which he never let you be down for too long. He had a very good memory for all those who have visited with him to where he could always tell you a good story of sometime in his life.

Leroy, son, brother, grandson, nephew and friend, you will be greatly missed by all who love you.

His grandfathers, Eric Lalo and

Gilbert Littlewolf; and Aunt Cynthia Sequi precede him in death. Survived by parents Willi and Doris Sequi Sr.; godmother Edna Kinsley; sisters, Sharon Sequi, Michelle Littlewolf (Sheldon), Gina (Dave) Millegan, Roberta (Melvin) Strange Owens and Brother Willie (Tamara Sequi Jr.; aunts Karen (Emerson) Tootsie, Meltonia Naha, Joyce (Ernal) Harvey; uncles Oscar Lalo, David (Adele) Lalo, William (Nadine) Lalo, Gibson (Emma) Lalo; grandparents Fern Lalo, Marie Littlewolf, along with many relatives, nephews, nieces and friends.

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SERIVA — Pegge, 67,
passed away Thursday.
Visitation will be 9 a.m. to 1:30
p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 9, at Dahl
Funeral Chapel. Funeral ser-
vices will follow at 2 p.m. (11/9)

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Michael Serwonka

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CODY, Wyo. — Michael Albert Serwonka, 86, died Sunday, Nov. 14, 2004, at West Park Hospital.

Private interment services were held in Riverside Cemetery. Ballard Funeral Home of Cody was in charge.

Donald L. Sessions, Sr.

Memorial services will be held Friday, July 30 in Aurora, Colo., for Donald L. Sessions, Sr., 80, who died Thursday, July 22 in Denver.

Services will be at 10 a.m. at Meadowood Ward-Arapahoe Stake of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

He is survived by his children, Donald Lynn (Sandy) Sessions of Salt Lake City, Utah, Robert Sessions of Aurora, Dean F. (Patsy) Sessions of Westminster, Colo., and Dana (Larry) Pante of Maui, Hawaii; nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; a brother, Vernon Sessions of Centennial, Colo.; and sisters Eileen (Jack) Funk and Gwen Miller, both of Powell.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Lois Ruth Sessions, and a brother, Corman Sessions.

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Ethel Sessions

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LOVELL, Wyo. — Ethel Ross Sessions, 94, of Lovell, died Thursday, Jan. 29, 2004, at New Horizons Care Center in Lovell.

Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 2, at Haskell Funeral Home in Lovell. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Lovell. Burial will follow in the Byron Cemetery.

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Donna Settera

DILLON — Donna Settera, 66, died Sunday, Sept. 19, 2004, at Barrett Hospital.

At her request, no services will be held. Brundage Funeral Home of Dillon is in charge.

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Richard "Ritche" Severin

Richard "Ritche" Seth Severin was born Aug. 31, 1985, in Blackfoot, Idaho, and left us on Jan. 17, 2004, in Reed Point, Mont. He was the son of Richard "Dick" and Penny (Goddard) Severin, and he will be truly missed.

Ritche attended elementary school in Blackfoot, but began attending school in Reed Point with the beginning of his seventh grade year. Ritche was a senior at Reed Point High School and had been accepted into the Navy upon his graduation — following the path of his beloved father. Ritche played football for the Reed Point Pirates and finished his career with a fantastic season full of personal bests. Ritche will be remembered for his love of family, food, children and animals. He had a heart that was as large as the great outdoors that he loved so much. He spent hours walking the hills with his dog, Mollie, in search of whatever might be out there. He spent his happiest hours in the company of friends and family hunting, fishing and having fun. One of the greatest thrills was his taking of a trophy whitetail buck and one of his proudest moments was to be accepted into the Navy. His tender heart and his compassionate nature was a blessing to those around him. He truly touched the lives of everybody he met. His puppy-dog eyes and his smile will

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be with us always in our hearts and our minds. We will always love you and will never forget you. God bless you.

He is survived by his parents; brothers, Gary of Reed Point and Rodney Severin of Blackfoot, and sister Kami Severin, (Josh Amrein) of Blackfoot. Other survivors include nephews, Austin, Colton, Bridger, Payton and Timmy; nieces Bobbi and Josie. Extended family includes grandparents, Nina Severin, Gary and Eunice Goddard, as well as numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Memorial services will be held at the Reed Point Gymnasium on Wednesday at 2 p.m. Memorials donations may be made to the Reed Point School stage fund or the Reed Point Evangelical Church building fund.

Russell Sevier

GLENDIVE — Russell Leroy Sevier, 96, died Sunday, Feb. 22, 2004, at Robison Care Center in Glendive.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 28, at the First Baptist Church of Glendive. Interment will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, in the Brockway Cemetery in Brockway. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Glendive is in charge.

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Renfro Charles Shaffer *THE BILLINGS GAZETTE*

LANDER, Wyo. — Renfro Charles Shaffer, 94, died Monday, June 28, 2004, at his home.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, July 6, at the First Baptist Church in Thermopolis with burial in Monument Hill Cemetery. Mortimore Funeral Home is in charge.

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Richard Earl (Dick) Shaffer

Richard Earl (Dick) Shaffer was a dedicated and loving husband, father, grandfather and career man. Richard built his home in 1955 and had always lived and raised his family in this home. His wife Ann, his son and two daughters wanted him to stay in his home, where he peacefully passed away on Oct. 8, 2004.



**RICHARD
SHAFFER**

Dick was born Nov. 24, 1924, in Billings, to Jacob P. and Martha (Bedrang) Shaffer, where he joined his seven siblings: five sisters and two brothers. Dick was raised, attended school and graduated from Senior High in 1943 in Billings. Dick would help his Dad at the Feedlot and Meat Packing Plant at every opportunity.

In 1943, Dick joined the U.S. Navy and left the day after graduation from Farragut, Idaho, where he spent three months at Camp Ward. Dick was then assigned to the USS Caehum. He received the "American Area Campaign Medal," "Asiatic Pacific Area Campaign Medal (one star)," "World War II Victory Medal." Honorable discharge was given on

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March 9, 1946. Dick started working for the Billings Police Dept. in 1949, and enlisted in the Navy Reserves from 1950 through 1954. He retired as captain of detectives in 1970. Richard then opened his own insurance office, selling Farmers Insurance for eight years. Because of his dedication to law and his past 21 years of law enforcement, he was elected Yellowstone County Sheriff for four years.

Dick was an active member of the Knights of Columbus and the American Legion. He was an avid fisherman and enjoyed having a well-trimmed and neat lawn and garden. He especially enjoyed growing various types of hot peppers.

Dick was preceded in death by his first wife Loretta of 39 years; his parents; brothers Albert and Carl; and Sister Florence. Survivors include: his wife Ann; his daughter Kandace (Bob) Rich of Missoula; daughter Kathy (Tom) Dietrich of Eagle, Idaho; son Michael (Kathy) Shaffer of Billings along with four grandsons and one granddaughter. Sisters: Julia Troy of Billings; Dorothea Van Allen of Billings; Freda Crawford of Sheridan, Mont.; and Betty (Charles) Dernback of Billings. He has numerous nieces and nephews.

W. R. 'Bill' Shannon

'The Road We Travel Makes Us Who We Are'

PORT LUDLOW, Wash. — Wilbur Redd Shannon, age 86, of Port Ludlow, passed away quietly on March 30, 2004. A memorial service will be held on April 24, at 11 a.m. at the First Presbyterian Church in Port Townsend. Lunch will follow in the Fellowship Hall.

Bill, as his friends knew him, was born in Marion, Ohio, on April 12, 1917. He was the only child of Frank B. Shannon and Irene Redd Shannon. As a child, he enjoyed his many collections, fishing and Boy Scout activities.



**BILL
SHANNON**

Bill attended Harding High School in Marion and Ohio Northern University at Ada, Ohio. At ONU, he was a member of Delta Sigma Phi Fraternity, served as manager of the University track team, and was editor and photographer of the class yearbook. He graduated in 1939 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering.

After graduation, Bill was hired by the Northern Pacific Railway as a Special Apprentice.

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As an engineering trouble-shooter, he was constantly on the move with assignments across the country from St. Paul, Minn., to Seattle. He also spent considerable time working in the mobile testing lab known as the "Dynamometer" car.

In 1945, he met and married Helen Jean Hager of Kerkhoven, Minn. They were married for 58 years. Their family, raised in White Bear Lake, Minn., consisted of four children: Harold, Patricia, David and Suzanne. Here, the family enjoyed many lake activities, including swimming, water skiing, fishing and ice-skating. Each summer included a family camping trip.

Bill served the Northern Pacific Railway, and later the Burlington Northern, in various management capacities, working his way up to Chief Mechanical Officer of the Northern Pacific, and later with the Burlington Northern as Assistant Vice President of Operations in Billings. His last seven and a half years, prior to retiring from the railroad industry, were with Trailer Train Company in Chicago, where he served as Vice President of Equipment. In total, Bill's railroad career spanned 40

ears. He was a lifetime member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers and the Society of Automotive Engineers. He also served as President of the Western Railway Club and was a member of the Northern Pacific Railway Historical Association.

Upon his retirement, Bill and Jean moved to Port Ludlow to be nearer their children and to enjoy the golf and boating the area provided. Bill took an active part in the community, serving as president of the Highland Greens Owners Association and attending the Port Townsend First Presbyterian Church. Bill and Jean traveled extensively throughout the United States and the world, including Russia, China, Mongolia, the Holy Land, the Caribbean, Central America, the British Isles, Scandinavia, Europe, Egypt and Africa. Bill was planning a trip to South America and Antarctica when he was hospitalized this past year.

Bill is survived by his wife Jean Shannon of Port Ludlow; his son, Harold Shannon and his wife Sandy of Aloha, Ore.; his daughter Pat Holten and her husband Richard of Richland; his son David Shannon and his wife Vicki of Shepherd, Mont.; and his daughter Sue VonEschen and her husband Greg of Rockford, Mich.

Surviving grandchildren are Loree Shannon; Julie Basinger and her husband Dave; Ben, Erica and Annie Holten; Jeff and Kara Shannon; and Jon and David VonEschen.

Remembrances may be made to the Northern Pacific Railway Historical Association, PO Box 2937, Kirkland, WA 98083-2937.

Maxine LaVerne Shanor

Funeral services for former resident Maxine LaVerne Shanor, 82, were conducted Nov. 5 at the LDS Church Four-Mile Building in Cheyenne.

Mrs. Shanor, the wife of former Powell High School principal Donald Shanor, died Nov. 1 at United Medical Center West in Cheyenne. Mr. Shanor died in 1985.

She was born May 1, 1922, in Burlington, daughter of Florence (Della) and Ira McIntosh. She had lived in Cheyenne for 41 years.

She was a music teacher for Laramie County School District No. 1.

A member of Buffalo Ridge Ward of the LDS Church, she loved watching her children and grandchildren participate in sporting and musical events.

Survivors include her three sons, Craig Shanor Casper and Roger and Tom Shanor, both of Thermopolis; two daughters, Suzy Quinn and Sandy Bailey, both of Cheyenne; eight siblings, Trudy Vogelsberg of Orem, Utah, Bus McIntosh of Powell, Gordon McIntosh of Salt Lake City, Duane McIntosh of Ventura, Calif., Ira McIntosh of St. George, Utah, Robert McIntosh of Burlington, Howard McIntosh of Magna, Utah, and Eleanor Bates of Burlington. 19 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to East High School Music Dept.

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Donald Sharbono

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

MAR 3 2004

Don Sharbono, 80, of Billings, formerly of Savage, died Monday, March 1, 2004, at St. Vincent Healthcare.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, March 5, at the Yellowstone Community Church in Savage. Interment will be in Riverview Cemetery in Savage. Fulkerson Funeral Home of Sidney is in charge.

Boyd Shaver

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

MAR 1 2004

FORSYTH
— Boyd Shaver shrugged off his mortal coil in the early morning of Feb. 27, 2004, at the Veterans Nursing Home in Miles City at the age of 88, having lived his



BOYD SHAVER

entire life in Rosebud County with the exception of time spent in the service of his country during World War II and a short time as a child in Boise, Idaho.

Boyd was born on Jan. 17, 1916, on the family homestead at the mouth of Otter Creek, near Ashland, the youngest of eight. He was the son of Samuel and Pearl Mae Shaver. Boyd grew up and attended school in the Ashland area and later worked for the U.S. Forest Service. On Feb. 2, 1941, Boyd enlisted in the Marine Corps. He participated in campaigns on Bougonville, New Hebrides, Guadalcanal and Guam, where he received the Purple Heart. On June 15, 1949, Boyd married Marian Welch at Ashland, where they started their life together on the ranch near the Tongue River. In 1976, they moved to the Forsyth area and ranched for another 20 years. Boyd also worked as the

Transportation Supervisor with the Forsyth Schools. In their retirement years, Boyd and Marian spent several winters in California and Arizona where Boyd attended several Marine Corps reunions. Boyd stayed in contact with several of his Marine comrades. He was very proud of the time he spent in the service and enjoyed telling his children and grandchildren of his adventures. Boyd was a member of the Federated Church in Forsyth, the V.F.W., Lions Club and the Marine Corp League.

Boyd is survived by his wife, Marion; one son, Bruce Shaver and his wife, Jan; his grandchildren, Zade Morgan, Colter Morgan, and Annie Shaver; his niece, Vivian Henderson and her husband, Bob; a nephew, Robert (Bud) Ball and Evagene; as well as several grandnieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; and siblings, Mary, Fred, Sam (Bud), Lucy, Sidney (Tiney), Pearl, and Bill. In 1988, Boyd lost a son, Tim.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 2, in the Chapel of Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Forsyth. Burial will be in the family lot of the Forsyth Cemetery. Visitation will be on Monday, March 1, from 1 until 6 p.m. in the Chapel of Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home. Memorials can be made to the Forsyth Lions Club or to a charity of ones

choice. Condolences can be sent to the Shaver family www.stevensonandsons.com. Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home of Forsyth is in charge of the arrangements.

Freda M. Shaw**JUN 23 2004**

LEWISTOWN — Freda M. Shaw, 95, of Lewistown, died Sunday, June 20, 2004, at Valle Vista Manor.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, June 25, in the Central Montana Memorial Gardens. Cloyd Funeral Home of Lewistown is in charge.

Kevin Patrick Shaw

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Kevin Patrick Shaw died unexpectedly at age 44 on Oct. 19, 2004, in Seattle.

The greatest joy in his life was spending time with his family and friends. We remember Kevin as a loving, generous, witty, smart,

handsome and athletic young man. His nieces and nephews remember him as a devoted, silly and playful uncle. He lives on in our hearts. Now Kevin's

greatest joy is living peacefully in God's presence with his father Bill and sister Christine.

On Dec. 23, 1959, Kevin's birth was a blessing to his parents Patricia E. (Fitzgerald) and William "Bill" T. Shaw, and his sister Colleen, in Milwaukee. In 1962, Kevin's father Bill died. In 1965, his mother Pat married Richard E. "Ed" Shaw and the family moved to Billings. Later, the family celebrated the births of Thomas and Christine.

Kevin grew up and attended schools in Billings and continued his education at Gonzaga University in Spokane, Wash., graduating in 1982 with a BS in Accounting and became a CPA.

He began his career at PricewaterhouseCoopers in



**KEVIN
SHAW**

Seattle. He also worked at Seattle Holdings and later became Chief Financial Officer for Spot Bagel Company. About 10 years ago, Kevin established his own executive recruiting business, Kevin Shaw & Associates, LLC.

Kevin lived in Seattle for 20 years. He was active in supporting causes such as Greenpeace and The Nature Conservancy. He was also generous in supporting the many charitable and philanthropic organizations with which his friends were involved. He loved attending theater and classical music performances. Kevin studied piano and violin as a child and had returned to studying piano as an adult. He enjoyed exploring Seattle's art scene and was enjoying becoming acquainted with some of the Northwest's noted artists.

Kevin is survived by his parents Pat and Ed Shaw; sister Colleen, her husband Gary Brester and their children Erin and Kyle; brother Tom, his wife Colleen Shaw and their children Sarah and Tommy; brother-in-law D.J. Gransbery; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins. He was predeceased in death by his sister

Christine Shaw-Gransbery; grandparents John and Helen Fitzgerald and William T. and Clara Shaw; and numerous aunts and uncles. Kevin is also survived by his many close and dear friends.

Contributions in Kevin's memory may be made to The Nature Conservancy at (206) 343-4345, ext. 366.

A memorial service will be held at Smith's West Chapel, 304 34th Street West, at 10 a.m. Friday, Nov. 5, with Father John Houlihan of St. Patrick's Co-Cathedral officiating. Burial of Cremains will follow in the Terrace Gardens Cemetery. Smith's West Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Clarisse Ollie Shay **'Dickie'**

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LAUREL — Clarisse Ollie Shay "Dickie," 86, of Laurel, died of natural causes at her home, June 23, 2004. She was born July 21, 1917, in Laurel, a daughter of Harvey O. and Christine Gunter. She grew up and attended Laurel schools. Many people enjoyed her piano playing in dance bands when she was young and also at St. John's Lutheran Home in Billings in recent years. She enjoyed bowling and was quite a rock hound. Clarisse is most remembered for her work in the Vaughn Ragsdale store in Laurel, Sears in Reno, Nev., Guys & Dolls in Sparks, Nev., Ammunitions Depot in Hawthorn, Nev., and managing the gym and pool at the base in Hawthorn, Nev.



**CLARISSE
SHAY**

Clarisse was preceded in death by one brother, Nolan Gunter; and her sisters, Sylvia Wood and Doris Rodgers Ward.

Clarisse is survived by her son, C.A. "Buzz" Herbert, Jr.; two brothers, Oscar Gunter and Harvey Gunter, Jr.; two sisters, Elinor Herbert and Bev

McCauley; and a sister-in-law, Gail Gunter; many nieces and nephews; and her good friends, Helen Banks and Irene George.

Clarisse was married and then divorced to Clarence Herbert and in 1960 she married Howard R. Shay and he preceded her in death in 2003.

"Mom was a very caring, giving woman and did her very best with what she had, and was a great mom." Love you, Buzz.

Graveside memorial services will be held 10 a.m. Friday, July 9 at the Laurel Cemetery.

Smith Funeral Chapel-Laurel was in charge of cremation and services.

Robert J. Shea

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Robert J. Shea, 47, of Billings, formerly of Glen Cove, N.Y., died unexpectedly April 24, 2004, at his home.

Bob was born Aug. 15, 1956, in Glen Cove, the son of Raymond and Helen (Foley) Shea. He was the proud and adored father of Erin Marie, Leslie Anne, Taylor Joseph, and the



**BOB
SHEA**

late Ryan Joseph; beloved son of Helen and the late Raymond Shea; loving brother to Michael (Marge), Eileen, Thomas (Carleen), James (Laura), Nancy (Jack), Kevin (Susan); cherished uncle to many nieces and nephews.

Bob was an accomplished master of all trades, who provided quality work in the Billings area through RJS Construction, owner. As a young man, his frontier spirit and love of the outdoors led Bob to his true and forever home, family and friends in Montana. He will live in our hearts forever.

A memorial service for Bob will be 2 p.m. Wednesday, April 28, at the Dahl Funeral Chapel. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Bob Shea Children's Fund at Yellowstone Bank, 1511 Shiloh Road, or mailed to Yellowstone Bank, PO Box 81027, Billings, MT 59106.

Helen "Sam" (Short)

Shearer

Jan. 27, 1926 — Aug. 15, 2004

DONALD, Ore. — Helen "Sam" (Short) Shearer was born at home in Cascadia, to Gordon F. Short and Alice (Carpenter) Short.

After grade school at Cascadia, she graduated from Sweet Home Union High School in Sweet Home, in 1944. She was active in several singing groups and the high school band. In 1941, she was crowned queen of the Sweet Home Fair by then Governor Charles A. Sprague. Helen was a welder at shipyards in Long Beach, Calif., and at the Albina Shipyards in Portland during World War II. She also worked for General Motors in Portland.

In 1947, she married Clifford E. Pratt, Jr. They were divorced in 1966.

On Feb. 27, 1969, she married George W. Shearer, a long haul truck driver for Consolidated Freightways. As he was transferred with CF, they lived in Montana, New Mexico, Texas and Arizona.

Helen brought so much joy to so many with her singing and music. She sang nearly everywhere she lived, and was a 26-year member of the Sweet Adelines. While she lived in Billings (during the 1970s), she also sang in a women's barber-

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shop quartet. She participated in the Billings Playhouse Theater, and played the part of "Vera" in the stage production of "Auntie Mame." Helen played the organ at the Billings Metra for two hockey leagues and for the Northern Arizona University hockey team in Flagstaff, Ariz., in the 1980s.

Her friends and family knew her as "Songbird Sam," and she always made sure she had a piano, an organ or a keyboard wherever she went. Music was in her soul.

After George retired, they spent many summers fishing in Alaska and the winters in the southwest United States. They had homes in Oregon and California.

Helen is survived by her husband, George; children Lynn Pratt Banzhaf, Judy Pratt and Daniel C. Pratt; grandson Shawn W. Twiss; and sister MaryLois Shanks. Also surviving are stepchildren George W. Shearer, Jr. and Nancy Shearer Junge and several step-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by daughter Carol Pratt Twiss in February 2004; brothers, Johnnie Short in 2003 and Joe Short in 1986.

A private family gathering was held Aug. 27 at the Shearer home in Donald. She was laid to rest at

the Lebanon IOOF Cemetery
with her parents and grandpar-
ents on Sept. 17. Memorial contri-
butions to Hopewell House
Hospice Center, Attn: Renae, 6171
S.W. Capitol Hwy., Portland, OR
97239.

MAY 18 2004**Timothy L. Shearer**

GLENDIVE — Timothy L. Shearer, 78, of Glendive, died Sunday, May 16, 2004, at the Glendive Medical Center.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, May 20, at the Zion Lutheran Church in Glendive. Interment will be in the Dawson County Cemetery in Glendive. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Glendive is in charge.

James Sheehan**JUN 08 2004**

SIDNEY — James Sheehan, 65, of Sidney, died Thursday, June 3, 2004, at his home.

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

Conrad David Shelhamer

LIVINGSTON — Conrad David Shelhamer, 84, of Livingston, died Friday, Feb. 20, 2004, at Livingston Memorial Hospital.

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

THE DAILY GAZETTE

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George Clinton 'Clint' Shelhamer

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FEB 25 2004

LIVINGSTON — George Clinton "Clint" Shelhamer, 91, of Livingston, died at Evergreen Livingston Health and Rehabilitation Center, early Tuesday morning, Feb. 24, 2004.

Cremation has taken place at Franzen-Davis Crematory in Livingston. Memorial services will be 10 a.m. Friday, Feb. 27, at Franzen-Davis Funeral Home, 118 North Third Street in Livingston. The Rev. Merv Olson will officiate. Burial of the cremated remains will take place at a later date in Miles City.

Mr. Shelhamer was born Jan. 15, 1913, in Livingston, the son of George and Grace (Young) Shelhamer. He spent his early life and attended schools in Clyde Park, where he graduated from high school. He ranched on the Yellowstone and Shields Rivers and on Brackett Creek before moving to the Ringling/Lennep area where he worked for Volseth Ranch, Higgins Brothers Herefords and Lucas Ranch. He retired in 1980 and moved to Roundup and returned to the Livingston area in the fall of 1991.

He was a member of Unity Lodge #71, AF & A.M. in Roundup.

Survivors include two sons, Van Shelhamer and his wife Connie of Bozeman and Vic

Shelhamer and his wife Margaret of Manderson, Wyo.; a brother, Bob Shelhamer of Billings; six grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wives, five brothers, three sisters and one grandchild.

If desired, memorials may be directed to the Montana Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association, 3010 11th Ave. N.

Katherine Shephard

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DAYTON, Wyo. — Katherine Shephard, 99, of Dayton, died Tuesday, March 16, 2004, at Memorial Hospital of Sheridan County.

Cremation has taken place locally. Memorial services will be held at a later date in Kansas. Kane Funeral Home of Sheridan is in charge.

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Bernard Gerard Shepherd

HELENA — Bernard Gerard Shepherd "Bernie," 84, of Helena, passed away at Deaconess Billings Clinic on Saturday, Oct. 30, 2004, surrounded by family members.

Bernie was born Feb. 21, 1920, in Conrad, the only son of Clifton and Eulalia (Pollock) Shepherd. He graduated from Conrad High School in 1938, where he had been active in speech, drama, band, sports and was elected class president all four years.

In 1942, Bernie graduated from the University of Montana, where he was president of Sigma Chi Fraternity and the cadet colonel of the local ROTC regiment. He was also involved with many on-campus organizations. After graduation, Bernie bravely served his country in the U.S. Army from 1942 to 1946. He served in the Pacific Theater, where he rose to the rank of Army Major. Bernie was heavily decorated for his valor and leadership, including several Bronze Stars. He was honored with an appointment as attaché officer to the General in command of the occupation of



**BERNIE
SHEPHERD**

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Japan, Lt. General Stanley "Swede" Larson.

Soon after his return from the service, Bernie vacationed at Whitefish Lake, where he met the girl of his dreams, Kathryn "Kay" Reiquam. On Sept. 12, 1948, Bernie and Kay were united in marriage at the Reiquam family ranch near Collins. The couple spent a year in California while Bernie pursued graduate studies at UC Berkeley. They returned to Montana, where he worked in the insurance field in Great Falls. They later moved to Helena, where he began his 30-year distinguished career in the pharmaceutical industry as a representative for Wyeth Laboratories.

Bernie and Kay enjoyed 56 years of marriage, raising three children, traveling together during retirement and enjoying the company and support of a large circle of close friends, including their kind neighbors. They were very fortunate to maintain many close and valuable relationships with friends from college days.

Bernie loved to fish. An avid and accomplished fly fisherman, he and Kay often fished and camped together with their young family. He cherished sharing his skill and love of the sport

with his two sons and his grandsons. He also enjoyed golf and tennis.

Bernie was a lifelong supporter of the Boy Scouts, from his enjoyable years as a Scout, as an adult Scout leader, and as a supporter of his sons' and grandsons' scouting activities.

Bernie is survived by Kay, his wife of 56 years; daughter Karen (Bruce) Chessen of Billings; sons Mark and Brent (Julie) of Seattle. Bernie was enormously proud of his grandchildren: Kaia, Chloe, Alex, Ryan, Luke, Mitchell and Grant ("the Judge").

The family appreciates the loving care of the staff at Waterford; Bernie's good friends and next-door neighbors, Jack and Bev Hihnala; and the compassionate care by Deaconess nurses and staff during his last days.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service for Bernie will be held at a later date.

Dahl Funeral Chapel of Billings is in charge of arrangements.

O.M. 'Bud' Shepherd

BILLINGS GAZETTE

JUN 05 2004

Otto M. Shepherd was born in El Dorado, Kan., on May 23, 1927. He passed away in Billings on June 3, 2004.

Otto married Donna June Wiles on July 14, 1950. Together, they had one daughter, Melody. He served two years in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict. They moved to Wyoming and Montana in 1959, where he worked for Frontier Airlines.

Otto was a member of the Moose Lodge #558 and the American Legion. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, music and wood-working.

He is survived by his wife Donna of Billings; one daughter, Melody and her husband Terry Larson; Terry's children, Robin (Earl) and Kevin (Laura); six grandchildren; one sister, Rosie; one brother, Jr., and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters.

Memorial services will be held at 1 p.m. on Monday, June 7, at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary. Cremation had taken place.

Memorials may be made to Big Sky Hospice or Women of the Moose.

Michelotti-Sawyers is in charge of arrangements.

HELENA — Ann Marie Sheppard, age 95, of Helena, formerly of Billings, passed away of natural causes early Saturday morning, Oct. 2, 2004, at care facility in Helena.

Ann was born in Knox, N.D., Nov. 21, 1908, to Reverend Nels J. and Gertrude A. (Hunhammer) Holm. She

attended school and graduated the class of 1926 from high school, in Rapelje. She continued her

education, attending St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minn. In the year of 1929, in Billings, Ann married Cecil C. Sheppard. He preceded her in death in March of 1967. Ann lived in Billings most of her life, working in the office of Hart Albins for 30 years. In her younger years, she recalled seeing a fire truck pulled by horses in Everett, Wash., and spending some of her early years living in Norway. She enjoyed reading, bridge and had many other interests.

Ann was preceded in death by her parents; son-in-law Jackson D. Harris; brothers, Oscar, Norman and Paul Holm; sister, Signe Grosfield.



**ANN
SHEPPARD**

Ann is survived by her daughter, C. Ann Harris of Helena; brothers, Gary Holm of Lincoln and Monte Holm of Moses Lake, Wash.; sisters, Ann Thomas of LaConners, Wash., and Ruth Sawyer of Seattle. Ann is also survived by her five grandchildren: Nanette Harris, David Harris, Kathy Harris and her husband Gregg Ferris all of Helena, Sue Partridge and her husband Mark of Missoula and Sandra Schumm and her husband Edward of Denver; and 12 great-grandchildren.

A memorial service in celebration of her life was Monday, Oct. 4, at the Retz Funeral Home Chapel. Pastor Loren Gustafson of Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church presided. Interment of her cremated remains will be with her husband, mother and aunt in Rapelje, her childhood home. Memorials in Ann's name are suggested to an organization of the donor's choice.

James Sheppard

ABSAROEKEE — James Edward Sheppard, 59, of Absarokee, died on April 8, 2004, at his home, ending a hard-fought battle with cancer.

He was born Nov. 25, 1944, at Wallace, Idaho, to Charles and Catherine Sheppard. Jim was raised in Mullan, Idaho, and attended Mullan schools. After high school, Jim joined the military, serving his country from 1962 to 1965, stationed at Padre Island and Midway Island. Following his tour of duty, Jim returned to North Idaho and married Donna Huffman in January 1966. They lived in the Silver Valley of Idaho for many years, raising their three boys until moving to Absarokee in 1987.

Jim worked many mines in his life, surviving the Sunshine Mine Fire of 1972 and also surviving strikes and layoffs. Jim loved working as a miner and being part of the mine. His many stories and tales of his occupation will always be remembered. Jim enjoyed camping, fishing, hunting and spending time with his family. He was a member of the Absarokee Fire Department and



**JAMES
SHEPPARD**

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Immanuel Lutheran Church. Jim numbered his friends like the stars and will be remembered for his sense of humor, kindness and storytelling.

Survivors include his devoted wife Donna of Absarokee; sister Cathy and her husband Loren Knodel of Green Acres, Wash.; son James and his wife Jule of Billings; son Gary and his wife Michelle of Absarokee; son Danny and his wife Carey of Absarokee. He is also survived by his six dear granddaughters, Jordan, Madisyn, Maisey, Hannah, Catie and Malloreay; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be conducted 2 p.m. Monday, April 12, at Grace Evangelical Church in Osburn, Idaho. A reception will follow at the VFW Hall. Memorial services are also scheduled for 2 p.m. Monday, April 19, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Absarokee. Smith Funeral Chapel-Laurel & Columbus was in charge of arrangements.

**Christopher Gary
Sheridan**

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MAY 6 / 2004

Christopher Sheridan, 32, died April 21, 2004, in Billings.

A Celebration of life will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 1, at 2015 Bench Blvd., Billings. Cremation has taken place. Dahl Funeral Chapel is in charge.

Gloria (Reichert) Sherman

THE BILLINGS GAZETT

AUG 21 2004

HUNTLEY — Gloria Violet (Reichert) Sherman passed away from this life into Glory on Aug. 18, 2004.

She is survived by her brother Eugene (Eleanor) Reichert of Huntley; her sisters, Loretta (Ray) Bosch of Laurel, Eva (Ernie) Eddy of Dillon and Julie Krum of Worden.

Our mother has five sons and three daughters, Frank Sherman of Calgary, Alberta, Canada, Bob (Sandy) Sherman of Huntley, Gloria (Steve) Linville of Rock Springs, Wyo., Ted (Diana) Sherman of Huntley, Agnes (Dennis) Yurian of Huntley, John Sherman of Huntley, George (Cindy) Sherman of Lewisville, Texas, and Joan (Roger) Thompson of Shepherd, who wish to express their love and sorrow to our mother who will be deeply missed.



**GLORIA
SHERMAN**

Gloria Reichert was born on Jan. 15, 1927, in Gladstone, N.D., to Frank J. Reichert and Eva Mary (Roll) Reichert. She moved to the Huntley Project area in 1939, marrying Florian Sherman on Nov. 26, 1946, raising her family there for the remainder of her life.

Gramma Sherman has 20 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren who loved and cherished her as a second mother and best friend, along with her two younger sisters whom she raised after their mother's death. Gramma enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren and will never be replaced.

Viewing is Saturday, Aug. 21, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., with Rosary on Sunday, Aug. 22, at 5 p.m., both at Dahl Funeral Chapel in Billings. Funeral Mass is at 2 p.m. Monday, Aug. 23, at St. Cyril & Methodius Church in Ballantine. Burial will follow in the Huntley Cemetery.

Caroline Sherry

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

JAN 01 2004

Caroline VanDierendonk Sherry, age 85, of Billings, formerly of Huntley, passed away Dec. 27, 2003, at St. John's Lutheran Home.

Caroline was born March 13, 1918, in Aberdeen, S.D., and moved to Billings when she was 21. She worked as a cook and housekeeper on the Dover Ranch.

Caroline married Edmond VanDierendonk on Jan. 3, 1942. That November she moved to Edinburgh, Ind., to be with her husband, who was stationed at Camp Atterbury. When Ed was discharged from the Army in 1945, they moved to Huntley where they farmed.

Caroline lived in Huntley until 1978 when she married Andrew Sherry (after being widowed for 15 years) and moved to East Helena. She lived there until 1993 when she moved back to Billings.

Caroline has six children, seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husbands, Ed VanDierendonk and Andrew Sherry and her daughter Diane.

Rosary will be recited at 12:30 p.m. Friday at the Holy Rosary Church, 521 Custer Ave. Funeral mass will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Holy Rosary Church. Interment will be at Sunset Memorials Gardens.

Clara Sherwood

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE
DEC 29 2004

GREAT FALLS — Clara (Delagrave) Hertoghe Sherwood, 79, of Great Falls, a retired cosmetologist, died on Dec. 26, 2004, at a local nursing home, due to natural causes.

A private family visitation and an intimate, family memorial service were held Sunday evening, Dec. 26, at Schnider Funeral Home. Cremation has taken place.

She is survived by her husband Charles "Pete" Sherwood of Great Falls; daughters and sons-in-law, Charlene (Ron) Myrvik of Miles City, Nora (Allan) Buettner of Seattle, Debbie (Skip) Wahl, Cochrane, Alberta, Canada, and Angela (Brian) Rassmussen, of Savage, Minn.; son, Craig Hertoghe, of Billings; sisters Annette Pittenger, of Scobey, Alyce (George) Erstad, Peerless, Betty Jane (Wendell) Bean, DeFuniak Springs, Fla., Mary Lou (Stu) Baugher, Bakersfield, Calif., Agnes Nelson, Hamilton, Dianne (Lucien) Caulkett, Burlington, Wash., Shirley Bilbo, Longview, Texas; brothers Henry Delagrave, Four Buttes, Louis (Shirley) Delagrave, Scobey, Joe (Betty) Delagrave, Quincy, Wash., as well



**CLARA
SHERWOOD**

as eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Clara was born on April 4, 1925, in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, to Lucien and Florida (Mondor) Delagrave and she was raised in Scobey. During WWII, she serviced military aircraft in Great Falls, and then she worked as a cosmetologist for over 20 years and owned and operated the "Pretty Parlor" in Dutton. In 1968, she married Charles "Pete" Sherwood.

Clara was also a Notary Public and enjoyed gardening, sewing, crocheting and bowling. She also could play several musical instruments, including the accordion. She was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, John; and a sister, Lillian.



COLIE SHIELDS

Colette Ann Shields

Colette Ann Shields, 60, of Billings, our sweet mother, sister, auntie, nanie, friend, went to heaven peacefully on Sept. 21, 2004.

Colie graduated from Billings Central in 1961. She sang her way through her life with her angelic voice, struggling and smiling through the years of sadness and joy that colored her journey. Her life was brightened by the constant, compassionate companionship of her partner Carl; her daughter Renee'; and by the presence of her little buddies Curty Joe, Levi, Katie and Matt Brink.

We will lovingly remember her sense of humor, her willingness to forgive and help out anybody in need. She could bring a person to their knees, rolling in laughter with her ongoing litany of funny stories and jokes. She was filled with gratitude and love for the many skilled caregivers at St. Vincent Hospital who helped her through numerous medical

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struggles. The family would like to thank from the bottom of our hearts her nurses and doctors who cared for her so superbly.

Colie was adept at taking things in stride and we will remember her with great love and respect. She taught us a lot and was an excellent example for her family when it came to figuring out the tough things that life sometimes hands us.

Colie was preceded in death by her precious daughter Stephanie; and her parents Steve and Claire. She is survived by her partner Carl; her loving daughter Renee'; brothers, Court and Chuck; and sister Catherine, and her many nieces, nephews, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

We will miss you, dear Colie. You enriched our lives and we are so grateful. We know you will always be close by.

We will celebrate her life in a memorial services and mass, 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 25, at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary.

Patrick Frank Shimskey

9-18-2004

LAUREL — Patrick Frank Shimskey, 58, of Laurel, died Oct. 13, 2004, as a result of an automobile accident.

He was born Jan. 4, 1946, in Billings, a son of Alex and Betty Shimskey. He grew up in Park City and lived in Billings, and most recently resided in Laurel. He served in the Air Force for four years.



Pat was a sales rep for **PATRICK SHIMSKEY** Briggs Distributing in Billings and had retired from this position.

He loved every sport and especially enjoyed fishing.

The love of his life was his wife Eileen.

Pat was a member of Mount Olive Lutheran Church, American Legion and the Eagles.

Patrick was preceded in death by his parents, Betty and Alex Shimskey; and a brother, John Michael Shimskey.

Survivors include his wife, Eileen of Laurel; one brother, Dan Shimskey of Park City; and two children, son, Rick (Lori) Shimskey of Kennewick, Wash.; daughter Pamela (Jose) Madrigal of Houston, Texas; two grandchildren, Logan and Landon of

Billings, Mont.

Kennewick, Wash. He is also survived by his in-laws, Sam and Mildred Frank; and brother-in-law Stan (Susan) Frank; and five nieces.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to Mount Olive Lutheran Church of Billings.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Oct. 18, at Smith Funeral Chapel-Laurel. Interment will be in Park City Cemetery.

THE SPOKES GAZETTE
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Rebecca Jean Shipley

CHUBBUCK, Idaho —
Rebecca Jean "Becky" Shipley, of
Chubbuck, formerly of Worland
and Greybull, Wyo., died Sunday,
June 13, 2004, at LaMesa, Calif.

A memorial service will be at
11 a.m. Friday, June 18, at the Velle
Mortuary Chapel in Worland. A
reception will follow the service.
The family will scatter the ashes
at a later date.

Lloyd A. Shipp

THE RILLINGS GAZETTE
APR 15 2004

GLASGOW — Lloyd A. Shipp, 72, of Glasgow, died Tuesday, April 14, 2004, at Frances Mahon Deaconess Hospital in Glasgow.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 17, at First Lutheran Church in Glasgow. Interment will be in Highland Cemetery in Glasgow. Bell Mortuary of Glasgow is in charge.

Ottile Kindsfather Shipp

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JUN 26 2004

Ottile "Tillie" Kindsfather Shipp died in Billings on Sunday June 20, 2004, at the age of 82. She was preceded in death by her first husband, Seig Kindsfather, in 1951; and her second husband, Walter Shipp, in 1981. Two of her sons, Kenneth Kindsfather and Douglas Kindsfather, also preceded her. Tillie retired to St. John's Lutheran Home and continued living there for the past nine years.

Tillie was a pillar of strength. Her courage in dealing with some of life's most difficult burdens was an inspiration to all. First, the death of her army husband Seig who left her to raise three little boys in a society that, at that time, was somewhat unaccustomed to single parent families. She did a remarkable job in dual roles of mother and father. She ruled in a stern manner and followed the old-school work ethic, which she passed on to her sons. She was meticulous in everything she did. Gardening, cooking and canning were some of the things she enjoyed most. She had an artistic flair, even with placement of the colorful homegrown canned goods.

Tillie's boys were the light of her life, and she was especially proud of their achievements as

students, artists, citizens and volunteers. Then the loss of two sons, Ken and Doug, in separate tragic accidents, left a huge void in her life on earth. That didn't stop her determination in picking up the pieces and going on with life. She became the church bookkeeper and learned to play the guitar and organ. At the age of 65 years, she was honored in obtaining her GED diploma with straight As. Her hands were always busy crocheting afghans for her family, doing ceramics, crafts, and volunteering at St. John's. Her cheerful attitude was contagious and her wit and occasionally silly sense of humor drew people to her. She viewed the world with an open, broad perspective.

Tillie is survived by a son, Gerald (Connie) Kindsfather of Eureka, Calif.; a stepson, Ed (Tina) Shipp and stepdaughter Barbara (Wes) Nicholas of Laurel. Tillie has a loving extended family of sisters, Lydia Kinsfater of Spearfish, S.D., Emma Bernhardt, Carol Cook, Ann Cook, and brothers Henry Kindsfater and

Richard Kindsfater all of Billings. Her brother, Jake Kindsfater, preceded her in death. Grandchildren Justin, Kory and Cy Kindsfater; three great-granddaughters; and numerous nieces and nephews survive and will greatly miss her.

Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 26, at Ocee Johnson Chapel of St. John's Lutheran Ministries, 3940 Rimrock Road. Memorials may be made to St. John's Lutheran Ministries.

Michelotti-Sawyers is in charge of arrangements.

Janet Shirey

LIVINGSTON — Janet Shirey of Paradise Valley, died Wednesday evening, Sept. 1, 2004, as the result of injuries she sustained in a single vehicle automobile accident south of Livingston.

Cremation has taken place at Franzen-Davis Crematory in Livingston. A memorial mass will be held 10 a.m., Tuesday, Sept. 7, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Livingston.

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Nedra Shope

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On Wednesday, Nov. 24, 2004, Nedra Shope finished her long goodbye, surrounded by family and the loving caregivers of St. John's Lutheran Ministries.

Nedra was born July 23, 1921, to John and Ella (Stoldt) Fritzen. She graduated from Billings High School in 1939. She went on to attend Billings Business College and worked in several offices including the Bureau of Reclamation. In 1953, she married Irvin Shope and settled into a life of homemaking. She was never happier than when her home and backyard were filled with family and friends.

Nedra was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Irvin; son, Bob; brothers Omer, Edward, Cleon, John and Bill; and sisters, Helen Stephens, Ruth O'Donnell, Lois Chatwood, Jean Bibler, Germaine Kober and Kathrine Quarels. She is survived by her daughter, Judy (John) Serfazo; her granddaughters, Rebecca and Anna Shope of Seattle, Wash.; her grandsons, Steven (Laurie) and Scott Serfazo; her great-grandsons, Corey and Jake; her soon-to-be-



**NEDRA
SHOPE**

born great-granddaughter, Cadence; and many treasured nieces and nephews.

Nedra's family wishes to thank all of the employees of St. John's who's kind and compassionate care during her recovery from a stroke and then again in this last year of her life, will never be forgotten. You truly made a difference in the quality of her life.

There will be a private family service. Memorials may be made to St. John's Lutheran Ministries, 3940 Rimrock Road, Billings, MT 59102 or Shriner's Children's Hospital Transportation Fund, PO Box 20673, Billings, MT 59104. Arrangements were by Cremation or Funeral Gallery.

Margaret Alice Short

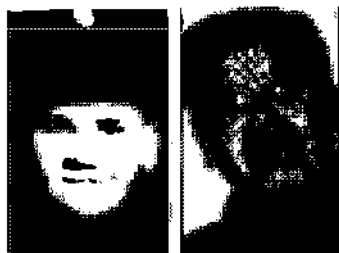
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ENUMCLAW, Wash. — Margaret Alice Short, 93, former long-time Livingston resident, died in Enumclaw on Monday, March 22, 2004.

Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, March 29, and from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Tuesday, March 30, at Franzen-Davis Funeral Home, 118 North Third Street in Livingston. Funeral services will be at 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday March 30, at American Lutheran Church, corner of F and Lewis Streets, in Livingston. Graveside committal and burial will follow in Mountain View Cemetery.

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BILL SHORT

William Short

'Uncle Bill'

1934-2004

After a battle with lung and prostate cancer, William "Bill" Short went to be with his maker on July 1, 2004. Services will be held at the Smith Funeral Home on Tuesday at 11 a.m. Memorials should be sent to Prairie Towers or to Big Sky Hospice.

Bill was born in Sheridan, Wyo., on Dec. 15, 1934. The following excerpt is from Bill himself, and in his own words.

"I was called 'Uncle' six times, the first was when I was 12 years old with the birth of Beverly (Kramer) Hicks in 1947. 1949 brought my first nephew Joe Kramer. Then they came in twos, twins in 1950 with the arrival of Barbara (Kramer) Urlacher and Betty (Kramer) Cass.

"I spent three years in the Army, serving in Italy. While I was there, Larry and Willie Kramer were added to the family, Larry in 1962 and Willie in '64.

"I was discharged Nov. 14, 1954, and returned home where I worked with my step-dad Archie Carna, trimming trees, for about a year before I took a job that lasted 27 years, that job being the South Side (Big Boy) Drive-in. During that time I also took care of my mother until her death in May of 1968.

"After mom passed away, I had quite a few kids that came to live with me at different times. I took care of them the best I could. Some of them turned out pretty good, and some didn't.

"I am survived by my sister Doris Kramer, five of my nieces and nephews, quite a few great uieces and nephews and even some great-great-nieces and nephews."

William Short would never boast or brag, so we have to tell on him. Bill's service record begins by his completion of Quartermaster Training at Camp Chaffee, which is close to Fort Smith, Ark., before he shipped out

to Italy. Bill served at the 28th Station Hospital in Darby, Italy. Bill was awarded two citations for his service to his country. First was the National Defense Service Medal. Second, Bill was awarded his Good Conduct Medal, which was awarded by the Italian Command. We know there had to be others for service abroad, as well as marksmanship during boot camp, but Bill would not reveal them to us, and we are unable to confirm them in this short of time.

Bill Short was the first single male foster parent in the state of Montana. Bill underwent this tedious two-year process just so he could care for his great-nephew, Gary Allen Taylor Jr. We would like to add, that this same great-nephew took two and one half months out of his life, away from his family in Washington state, and at great personal as well as financial expense, to care for Bill until his death. Gary attended Bill 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to ensure that Bill was taken care of and was as comfortable as possible until the end. The family would like to express our gratitude and admiration for his devoted service to his great-uncle.

After Gary grew up and went along his way, Bill continued to help many children the best he could. As Bill puts it, "Some turned out pretty good, and some didn't."

Bill was not blessed with children of his own because God had so many children who were already here that needed Bill's care and love!

Uncle Bill moved into Prairie Towers in 1995, where he has been a great friend and caretaker of many of the other residents there, as well as taking care of the property itself. Bill has always loved and taken care of his fellow man. We believe that God must have a very special need for his service in heaven this day. We are not sure how we will all get along without him. We will miss his special ability to love, share and care. We can best honor Bill by remembering to pass on the things he taught us — taught by his loving example. He made this world a better place, where sharing, laughter and especially patience was taught to us, as we wish to pass on to our children with as much dedication as we are able to.

... and so, carry on, our beloved Uncle! Thank you for the memories! You will be in our hearts and our minds daily. Enjoy your rest, it is our turn to carry on your message here. You are welcomed to check in on us from time to time, because you know how much trouble we can get into!

TANNER EMERSON LEE Shortman

THE RULING'S GAZETTE

NOV 30 2004

LODGE POLE — Tanner Emerson Lee Shortman, 3 months, died Wednesday, Nov. 24, 2004, at the Children's Hospital in Salt Lake City.

Wake services will be Tuesday night, Nov. 30, at his grandparents' (Curtis Snell) residence in Lodge Pole. Funeral mass services will be 10 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 1, at the Medicine Bear Lodge in Lodge Pole, with burial in the Lodge Pole Cemetery. Adams Funeral Home of Malta is in charge of arrangements.

Tanner was born Aug. 2, 2004, at Havre. He had many health problems and was transferred to the Children's Hospital in Salt Lake City. Tanner was a fighter and put up a valiant battle for three months and 22 days. He touched many lives in his short time.

Survivors include his parents, Bruce Shortman and Velvet Weatherwax of Cloquet, Minn.; sisters, Rhyia Skunk Cap of Cloquet, Zoey Hall of Heart Butte; brothers, Raymond Skunk Cap of Cloquet, Canaan Means Shortman of Chinook; maternal grandparents, Patty Comes At Night of Whitefish, Kenny Weatherwax of Browning; paternal grandparent, Curtis Snell of Lodge Pole; numerous great-grandparents, aunts and uncles.

Alice Ruth Shotts

LOVELL, Wyo. — Alice Ruth Shotts, 64, died Thursday, June 24, 2004, at New Horizons Care Center in Lovell.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial services are planned at a later date. Haskell Funeral Home of Lovell is in charge.

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JUN 26 2004

Alice (Ruth) Shotts

Alice (Ruth) Shotts, 64, died Thursday, June 24 at New Horizon Care Center in Lovell.

She was born Aug. 14, 1939, in Pine Bluff, Ark., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Brisby. She married David Shotts at Worland on Oct. 20, 1990.

She will be remembered as a very quiet person, but one who left a lasting effect on anyone she met.

Survivors include her husband, David Shotts of Powell; her mother-in-law, Sarah Shotts of Powell; a sister, Mildred Weeks of Marana, Ariz.; and a son, James G. McCluskey of Tucson, Ariz.

Cremation has taken place, and a memorial service will be held at the Lutheran Church in Emblem at 2 p.m. on July 21.

THE PINE BLUFF
TREASURY
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James Benedict Shoulder Blade II

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LAME DEER — James Benedict Shoulder Blade II, Nahkoho'emoko'eha "Bear Sole," 17, died Thursday, Sept. 9, 2004, from injuries sustained in a automobile accident near Lame Deer.

A wake will be held at 7 p.m., on Tuesday, Sept. 14, in the Pentecostal Church. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m., Wednesday, Sept. 15, at the Boys and Girls Club. Burial will be in the Black Hills National Cemetery. Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home of Forsyth is in charge of the arrangements.

James Benedict Shoulder Blade II

James Benedict Shoulder Blade II, Nahkoheo'emoko'eha "Bear Sole" age 17, of Lame Deer passed away on Thursday, Sept. 9, 2004, from injuries sustained in a automobile accident near Lame Deer.

James was born in Aurora, Colo., at the Fitzsimmons Army Medical Center, on Sept. 8, 1987, the son of Windelyn and Bernadette (Henry) Shoulder Blade. James was raised and began his education in Broken Arrow, Okla. With his family, he moved to Lame Deer at the start of his junior year. James loved the game of baseball. While in Broken Arrow, James began his baseball career at the age of 6, hitting his first homerun when he was 8. James played in the 13-year-old World Series for Broken Arrow, making the all-tournament team and placing third in the Homerun Derby. As a freshman in high school, James played on the varsity high school American Legion baseball team in Broken Arrow. As a young man in Broken Arrow, James was involved in



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BLADE II**

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several different athletics as well as with his church, which included playing football for Oliver Middle School, basketball for the Rhema Bible Church, as well as the church choir that traveled throughout Oklahoma. James was also very musically inclined able to play the drums and the first seat as a trumpet player. Along with his parents, James traveled to different parts of the United States ministering to many people.

James is survived by his parents, Windelyn and Bernadette of Lame Deer; three brothers, J.R. Shoulder Blade, Timothy Shoulder Blade, and Scott Shoulder Blade; three sisters Vanessa Shoulder Blade, Renessa Shoulder Blade, and Contessa Shoulder Blade; his grandparents, Sadie Henry, Fern Shoulder Blade and Christine Lays Bad, Vicki Woonded, and Helen Hiwalker. He is also survived by his numerous aunts and uncles, which include Elmer and Gertie Henry, Magdalene Shoulder Blade, Eddie and Francine Cut Grass, Irene George, Kathryn Shoulder Blade, Titus Shoulder Blade Albert and Clara McManus; as well as his best friend, Montague Big Back; his special girl friend, Donna Lynn Strange Owl; and also his many

cousins friends; and special nephew Jerome Shoulder Blade.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Percy Henry, James Shoulder Blade and Julia Shoulder Blade; his cousin, Kyle Jason Henry; and his best friend, Jesse Riley.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 15, 2004, in the Boys and Girls Club in Lame Deer. Burial will be in the Black Hills National Cemetery. A wake will be 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Pentecostal Church in Lame Deer.

Condolences can be sent to the Shoulder Blade family at www.stevensonandsons.com.

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

James will be missed each day by his friends and family.

Windelyn Shoulderblade

LAME DEER — Windelyn Shoulderblade, 53, died Nov. 4, 2004, at the Deaconess Billings Clinic.

Funeral service will be 2 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 11, in the Lame Deer Boys and Girls Club. A wake will be on Tuesday and Wednesday, Nov. 9 and 10, at 8 p.m. in the Lame Deer. Burial will be in the Black Hills National Cemetery on Friday, Nov. 12, at 3 p.m.

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

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Shoulderblade **Capt. Windelyn Valdo**

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LAME DEER — On Nov. 4, 2004, Homa'chesta (Beaver Heart) Capt. Windelyn Valdo Shoulderblade, 53, of Lame Deer, went to be with Maheo and his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. He overcame through many miracles against medical problems with kidneys, heart and diabetes until he was called Home, where he awaits his family and friends.



**WINDY
SHOULDER-
BLADE**

Windy is survived by his wife, Bernadette Henry Shoulderblade of Lame Deer; his children, Aretha Hoops of Crow Agency, Contessa Lee of Lame Deer, Benedict Daniel of Tulsa, Okla., Vanessa Lee, Windelyn Valdo, Jr., N.M.; and cousin-brother, Timothy James, Renessa Lee, Scott Ryan Shoulderblade of the family home. He leaves his very much loved grandchildren, Portland, Ore., Fern Shoulderblade, Frank Whiteman, Sr., Windelyn (JT), Priscilla Rose Hope Walks, Nichelle Birdie Hope, Ethen Robert, LaRosa Paula Hoops and Jerome Shoulderblade. Windy was an adopted son of Helen Hiwalker. am are his son, James Benedict Mother-in-law, Sadie Henry of Shoulderblade II; his parents, family home and his Sioux relatives, Redding Lays Bad and his grandparents, Benedict and Christine Lays Bad and brother-in-law, Elmer Henry also grieve for Windy. His surviving brothers and sisters are Leonard Wolfblack, Sr. of Crow Agency, Alonzo Walker, John Joseph Woodenlegs, Max Delphino Guavera, Jr., Titus Shoulderblade, Phylliss Lee Long Sioux, all of Lame Deer, and Magoo Shoulderblade of Albuquerque, N.M.; and Norman W. Spang of Idaho Falls, Idaho. His honored uncles and aunts are Samuel Hoffman of Portland, Ore., Fern Shoulderblade, Frank Whiteman, Sr., Hazel Whiteman, Josephine Whiteman, Robert Whiteman, Robert Whiteman, Nancy Yellowrobe and Bertha Harris, all of Lame Deer.

Preceding Windy in memory are his son, James Benedict Mother-in-law, Sadie Henry of Shoulderblade II; his parents, family home and his Sioux relatives, James and Julia Shoulderblade; Redding Lays Bad and his grandparents, Benedict and Christine Lays Bad and brother-in-law, Elmer Henry also grieve for Windy. His surviving brothers

Mary Alfrey Shoulderblade, Milton and Rose Coalbear Whiteman, John Yellowhorse; his father-in-law, Percy Henry; his sisters, Gloria Redneck Big Back, Beatrice Bryant, Gwendolyn Jewel Shoulderblade and Verna Wallace; his brothers, Wallace Bearchum Sr., Richard Cummins, Samuel DeCory, Richard M. Fisher Jr., Timothy James, Sr.; his brother-in-law, Waldo Yellowrobe Sr.; his uncles, Edward Foote, Sr., Anthony, Francis, Isaac, Thomas, Wendell, Shoulderblade, Sr., Grover, Harvey, John, Phillip Whiteman, Sr., and Tony Zamora; his aunts, Fannie Bement, Margaret Brady, Regina Foote, Arlene Hoffman, Eva Rowland, Thelma Two Two, Annie Bixby Shoulderblade, Gladys and Ruth Shoulderblade, Florence Whiteman, Regina Whiteman, Claudia Shoulderblade Zamora; and his Sioux relatives, Kyle Jason Henry, Agnes, Everette, Francis and Ramsey Lays Bad.

Beginning his education at the Lame Deer Public School, Lame Deer, he entered and graduated from high school at King's Garden High School, now known as Crista Schools in Seattle. His college career began

at Haskell Indian Nations University in general studies and a minor in business. At Rhema Bible Training Center in

Broken Arrow, Okla., Windy graduated from the Pastoral Training Program and continued his bachelor of arts in Theology and a minor in Church Administration at Oral Roberts University, Tulsa, where

he was a senior.

Windy exemplified leadership from every job he had to further his ministry. Some of these jobs were child life counselor, police officer, director of Thunderchild Treatment Center, Tribal Employment Rights Office director, dorm supervisor at Busby Schools, moving van driver, prayer partner at the prayer tower at Oral Roberts University, automotive tech, stocker, staff trainer in education. Windy served on many boards and committees, of which he was most proud was his being instrumental in starting Chief Dull Knife College. As a member of the board of directors, he was dedicated to the goals of the Morning Star Foundation which supports CDKC. Most recently, Windy was appointed to the Montana Indian Education Association.

Windy served in the U.S. Army and attained the rank of Captain in 1993. His service as a Green Beret gave him the opportunity to serve in the Vietnam conflict and also in the training

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CAPT. Windy V.

of paratroopers in China. After active duty, he enlisted in the National Guard until his health complications prevented him from continuing. Until he became a retired reservist, Windy remained active by participating at every opportunity such as an honor guard in various chapters of military wherever he lived.

In 1984-'85, Windy was President of the Northern Cheyenne Tribe, where he served his people in a crucial time of history. Tribal sovereignty status gave new meaning and direction for him as he served with many tribal leaders on many committees, symposia and hearings. With much prayer and inspiration, he continued his education after the presidency. He believed that God was allowing him to reach more people with the gospel of Jesus that changes lives and entered into the ministry where he has been invited from throughout the U.S.

As a minister and pastor, Windy responded to countless calls to preach, teach, and counsel whenever he could. Highlights of these assignments were pastoring the Seiling and Canton, Okla., churches. When God sent him out to minister, He also called his family and it was their vision to preach the gospel

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throughout the world and at great sacrifice.

The vision continues, "if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves and pray, seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and forgive their sin and heal their land."

In sports, Windy excelled in football, basketball and baseball. His children's participation in sports became his pride and joy, extending to grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Among his citations, awards, recognition, he was thankful to participate and achieve the Phi Beta Lambda national award for speech. He received his pilot's license to further help in ministry work. At home, Windy's best times were with family and always eating together, great laughs, teasing in-laws, adventures anywhere and anytime. We will miss the tugs to go to school or work and advice on how to do it better and promises to marry us when we find that cool guy or gal, and the list goes on ... Most of all, we'll remember the call to give our

life to God and live according to God's Word. Mark 11:22-24 will come alive in us like it did for you! "If you only have faith in God... all that's required is that you really believe and have no doubt! Listen to Me! You can pray for anything, and if you believe, you have it; it's yours!"

Those who remain to mourn Windy are families of the Shoulderblade, Akins, Baker, Bearchum, Bellymule, Big Hawk, Brady, Bray, Charette, Chavez, Cummins, DeCory, Eagle, Fightingbear, Firecrow, Fisher, Flying, Foote, Galey, Guavera, Harris, Hart, Hiwalker, Hoffman, Horn, Huber, Issues, Killsnight, Knowshisgun, Limberhand, Limpy, Littleoldman, Lonebear, Looksbehind, Marion, McMakin, McManus, Medicine Elk, Messer, Miller, Moore, Onebear, Plentychief, Poitra, Posey, Redhat, Rowland, Russell, Runsaabove, Sandcrane, Seminole, Small, Smart, Spang, Tallbear, Tallbull, Three Fingers, Teeth, Two Moons, Two Two, Walker, Walksalong, Waters, Whistling Elk, Whiteman, Whitewolf, Wilson, Wolfblack, Woodenlegs, Wounded Eye and Yellowrobe. Forgive us if your name is not mentioned, but our family is very large.

Pallbearers are the Morning Star Chapter of the Vietnam Veterans of Lame Deer. His brothers are honorary pallbearers along with his other brothers: James Morris, Robert Bement,

Arnold, Calvin, Elmer, Jr., Raymond Brady, Jr.; Adrian, Clifford, Daniel, Edward, Jr., James Foote; Emil Fraser; Clinton, Matthew, Raymond Harris, Jr.; Alan Hoffman; Eric, Marvin Killsnight; Gary Lightning; Lloyd Littlebird, Raymond and William Rowland; Donald, Francis, Dennis, Shoulderblade; Larry Sioux; Mervin, Moses Tallbear; Vincent Two Two; Edwin Dean, Frank, Jr., Grover Lee, Jason, John C., and Phillip Whiteman, Jr.

We thank the countless health providing staff at the hospitals, including the Dialysis Unit, ICU, and Ambulatory Telementery Unit, Deaconess Billings Clinic. Your kindness will be remembered.

Condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.stevensonandsons.com.

Funeral service will be on Thursday, Nov. 11, at 2 p.m., in the Lame Deer Boys and Girls Club. A wake will be on Wednesday, Nov. 10, at 8 p.m., in the Lame Deer.

Burial will be in the Black Hills National Cemetery on Friday, Nov. 12, at 2:30 p.m.

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

APR 05 2004

Alice Maxine (Miesen) Shue, 71, of Billings, passed away at her home on Saturday afternoon, April 3, 2004, surrounded by her children.

Alice was born on Sept. 8, 1932, to Peter and Matilda (Brueggemann) Miesen in Zell, S.D. Following her graduation

**ALICE SHUE**

from Mount Marty High School in Yankton, S.D., Alice attended Black Hills Teachers College where she studied Business. After college, she was employed at the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology in Rapid City, where she worked in the registrar department. While in Rapid City, Alice met her husband Paul, who was stationed at Ellsworth Air Force Base. They were married on Aug. 6, 1955 in Zell, S.D. Alice and Paul began their family in Rapid City. Throughout Paul's employment as a civil engineer, the family lived in several places including Taos, N.M., Salem, Mo., Marysville, Mich., Decatur, Ala. and Baton Rouge, La. In 1973, Alice and Paul moved to Billings.

Alice was a selfless mother and so it was her lifetime career to raise her children and create a home where there was always

room at the dinner table to bring a friend at the last minute to supper. Although Alice had three children there were many others that called her "Mother Shue." Alice made lifetime friends in each new town that she and Paul moved to. She volunteered her time at schools, cub scouts, little league and church. She loved to read all types of literature and hook someone into a good "discussion." Alice counted herself lucky to have such close friends as those at the St. Elizabeth Circle at St. Thomas the Apostle Church. Everyone remembers the "Pie Lady" during the annual fund-raiser. Alice always brought her sense of humor and work ethic to all she did.

Alice is survived by her son, Daniel (Cindy) Shue and their children, Jared, Audrey and Carly of Los Lunas, N.M.; her daughter, Michelle (Jim) Halberg of Powell, Wyo.; and her son, Patrick Shue of Billings. She is also survived by her two brothers, Albert (Delores) Miesen of Zell, S.D. and Robert (Becky) Miesen of Houston, Texas; and her two sisters, Patricia Jablonski and Judy (Greg) Kadlec of Twin Falls, Idaho.

Alice was preceded in death by her mother and father; her husband, Paul; her sisters, Mildred Lammers, Mary Schiller and Phyllis Huss; and her brother, Peter Miesen.

Alice wished to be cremated and a memorial mass will be offered at 11 a.m. Wednesday, at St. Thomas the Apostle Church. A family inurnment will be at Yellowstone Valley Memorial Park.

The family wishes to thank the Big Sky Hospice Staff for their care and kindness, St. Elizabeth Circle for their prayers and food and for all of the many cards, prayers and kind words during this difficult time.

Memorials may be sent to Big Sky Hospice, P.O. Box 35033, Billings, MT 59107 or the Michelle House, c/o Rimrock Foundation, 1231 N. 29th, Billings, MT 59101.

Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

Mom was fond of saying, "meet good friends along the way, especially ones younger than yourself... so that there will always be people to laugh with and to come to your funeral." As people came to visit our mom this last week, Alice told each of them and us, "no tears...keep it funny." And so it is with a smile that we remember our mom and all of the laughter and joy that she brought to each of our lives. We love you, mom!

JAN 26 2004

Eva Lefler Shull, 72, formerly of Laurel and Wall, S.D., passed away Saturday morning, Jan. 24, 2004, following a short fight with cancer.

**EVA SHULL**

Eva was born on June 19, 1931, in Wall, S.D., a daughter of Claire and Gladys (Kitterman) Lanning. She was raised on a farm north of Wall and attended school there.

In November of 1950, she married Robert Lefler. To this union were born four children, Marilyn Minch of Laurel, Karolyn (Craig) Christner of Cozad, Neb., Bruce (Rhonda) Lefler of Laurel, and Bobbie (Rick) Carmack of Billings.

Eva lived in Laurel for a number of years before returning to Wall. In December of 1973, she married Clyde "Sonny" Shull in South Dakota. He preceded her in death. She enjoyed playing cards, quilting, doing jigsaw puzzles and word books.

Eva was preceded in death by her mother, father, and a sister, Velma Dixon. She is survived by her four children; six grandchildren, Koby (Jason) Minch O'Rear, Mandy Christner, Stacy Lefler, Andrea Lefler, Kelsey Minch and Derrick Lefler; three great-grandchildren; a brother, Kenneth

Lanning of Imperial Beach, Calif.; and numerous friends and relatives in the Laurel and Wall areas.

A memorial service will be 2 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 27, at the Smith Chapel-Laurel. A second memorial service will be held later in the week in Wall with interment at the Wall Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Horizon Hospice Home in Billings.

MAR 20 2004

Tracy Joan Curran Sickler

Tracy Joan Curran Sickler was born Dec. 16, 1963, in Billings. She passed away on March 17, 2004.

Tracy is survived by her mother, Esther Louise Curran. Her father, John Gordon Curran, passed away in February of 1965. She leaves sister, Wendy Miller (David) of Riverton, Wyo.; brothers, Stephen (Linda) of Seattle and John (Suzanne) of Monument, Colo.; seven nieces and nephews, Andrew, Scott, Brett and Amy Miller, and Ben, Emily and Danny Curran. Tracy spent several years with her loving companion Jim Sickler, who preceded her in death.

She graduated from Powell Senior High School and completed a year of college. She had a great empathy for her friends at the Mental Health Center.



**TRACY
SICKLER**

Private family services are planned. Memorials are requested for the Mental Health Center, First United Methodist Church of Billings or the charity of one's choice.

Michelotti-Sawyers is in charge of arrangements.

Cari Lea Siegert

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

GILLETTE, Wyo. — Cari Lea Siegert, 24, died Friday, Aug. 13, 2004, at Campbell County Memorial Hospital in Gillette, of Ewing's Sarcoma.

AUG 17 2004

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 18, at the Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Gillette. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. until time of service on Wednesday at the church. Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home of Gillette is in charge.

ANDREW ROBERT Sievertsen

SAVINGS GAZETTE
NOV 26 2004

GREAT FALLS — Andrew Robert Sievertsen, 18, of 3531 Ninth Ave. S., a construction laborer, died in a construction accident Monday, at the malting plant north of Great Falls.

A memorial service is 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 27, at O'Connor Funeral Home, followed by a reception at the Club Cigar. Chapel of Chimes Funeral Home is handling cremation and arrangements.

He is survived by his partner, Cari Wittmier of Great Falls; his mother, Peggy Sievertsen of Great Falls; his father, Andy Sievertsen of Billings; grandparents Bob and Darlene Brower of Las Vegas; and aunts and uncles Jim and Becky Mitchell of Corvallis, Ore., Susie and Bruce Hescher of Las Vegas, Chris and Allison Sievertsen of Great Falls, and Pam and Bob Kray, Jeff Springer, Susie and Ed Boit, Craig and Julie Sievertsen, John Sievertsen and Cindy Sievertsen, all of Billings.

He was preceded in death by grandparents Richard and Ruthie Sievertsen, Judy Sievertsen; and an aunt, Cheryl Springer.

Andrew Sievertsen died on Nov. 22, 2004, in a tragic work accident in Great Falls. He had lived for a short 18 years.

Andrew was born Feb. 16, 1986, in Great Falls. He attended

Lincoln Elementary, Paris Gibson Junior High and Great Falls High School. He had worked at Pizza Hut and BurgerMaster before going to work for the malting plant.

Andrew is the light of our lives, a flickering candle, a bright full moon. In our hearts, there are no losses, just memories. Music was a passion in Andrew's heart and soul. He played lead guitar in his bands and enjoyed writing music. He played in the Battle of the Bands many times; "Home Town Zeros" and "Kids Without Kars" were bands he played in. He loved camping and playing his guitar around the fire pit while surrounded by his friends. He had lots of friends; friends were very important to him. He loved computers and had a great sense of humor.

Andrew looked at, lived, loved and enjoyed life from outside the box! He will be missed by all who knew him and whose lives he touched.

Rosa Sigman

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

JAN 24 2004

Former Billings resident Rosa Rouso Sigman, 77, died Jan. 17, 2004, in a care home in Springfield, Va., after a long illness.

A memorial service will be held in late March in Billings. Her ashes will be interred in the Congregation Beth Aaron Cemetery.



**ROSA
SIGMAN**

Mrs. Sigman was born July 11, 1926, in Montgomery, Ala. She graduated from Sidney Lanier High School in 1944 and worked during the war years as a secretary at H & R Depot and Maxwell Air Force Base.

In 1948, she traveled to Billings to visit her sister and met and soon married Leo Sigman. They were devoted parents to the three children they raised in Billings and shared a loving marriage of 45 years until Leo's death in 1993. She worked in the family furniture business until her retirement in 1991. In 1998, she moved away from Billings to Atlanta, and spent the last four years of her life in the Washington, D.C. area near her son, Richard.

She was an active and supporting member of Congregation Beth Aaron. She enjoyed her family

reading, gardening, and bridge; and made many long and lasting friendships with her neighbors and fellow members of bridge clubs.

She is survived by her son, Richard Sigman and wife, Andrea Nygren of Arlington, Va.; daughter, Marilyn Sigman, and long-time companion, Don Williamson, of Homer, Alaska; son, Michael Sigman, and wife, Linda of Appleton Wis.; grandchildren, Eric and Sara Sigman of Appleton, Sue Rouso, of Phoenix; brother, Victor Rouso and wife Nelda, of Atlanta; sister-in-law Jeannette Rouso, of Montgomery; sister-in-law Doris Fuerstman of Charlotte, N.C.; numerous nephews and nieces. She was preceded in death by her husband, Leo; brothers, Albert Rouso and Morris Rouso; and sister, Rae Greene.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are requested to Congregation Beth Aaron, Box 187, Billings, MT 59102 or to the Montana Rescue Mission, Box 3232, Billings, MT 59103.

Rosa Sigman

A memorial service for Rosa Sigman will be at 8 p.m. Saturday, March 27, at Congregation Beth Aaron Synagogue. Memorials may be made to Congregation Beth Aaron.

MAR 27 2004

Elden Arlo Sigurdson

SEP 13 2004

POWELL, Wyo. — Elden Arlo Sigurdson, 81, died Sept. 10, 2004, at the Powell Valley Care Center.

Memorial services will be 10:30 a.m. Sept. 16 at the Hope Lutheran Church. Burial will be in the Crown Hill Cemetery. Miratsky-Easton Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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Elden A. Sigurdson

POWELL, Wyo. — A memorial service will be conducted Thursday, Sept. 16, at 10:30 a.m., at Hope Lutheran Church in Powell, for Elden Arlo Sigurdson, 81, who died Friday, Sept. 10, 2004, at the Powell Nursing Home.

He was born March 23, 1923, on a farm near Minneota, Minn. He was the oldest of seven brothers and four sisters born to Otto and Anna Sigurdson. The family moved to Balaton, Minn., during the Great Depression.

He graduated from Balaton High School in June of 1942 and joined the U.S. Army Air Force cadet program. He was commissioned as a 2nd Lt. and assigned as the navigator on a B-17 with the Eighth Air Force, 303 Bomb Group in England. His plane was shot down over Berlin during its 24th mission on June 21, 1944. He was taken prisoner of war and sent to Stalag Luft 3 near Sagen, Germany. He was awarded a Purple Heart.

Upon his discharge from the military, he returned to the U.S. and entered college, using the GI Bill of Rights. He graduated from Wisconsin Institute of Technology and then completed



**ELDEN
SIGURDSON**

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his education by earning a degree in Petroleum Engineering from the Missouri School of Mines and Metallurgy at Rolla, Mo., in January 1951.

He and Margaret McFall of Platteville, Wis., were married June 1, 1947, at the Whig Methodist Church at Platteville. They celebrated 57 years of marriage. Three sons were born to Elden and Margaret: Randolph

Arlo, Kent Otto and Jeffrey Garth

Following his college graduation, he accepted employment with the Sohio (Standard Oil of Ohio) Petroleum Company. He remained an employee of Sohio until his retirement in 1983. Over the years, he and his family followed the oil fields to various communities in four states and two Canadian provinces. The family moved to Powell in 1965. They moved to the West Willwood community in 1974. Elden and Margaret raised Arabian horses and were active in the Northern Division of the Wyoming Arabian Horse Association. The family enjoyed showing the Arabians at the Park County Fair and riding in local parades. Elden was an avid hunter and fisherman and enjoyed camping. He especially enjoyed spending time in the

Sunlight Basin and in family activities.

He was a longtime member of Hope Lutheran Church in Powell.

Survivors include his wife Margaret of Powell; their sons and families, Randy and Dawna of Kearney, Neb., and their children, Audrey Sigurdson, Alicia Epping and her husband Mike, and Asher Sigurdson; Kent and Laurie of Powell and their children, Sara Sigurdson and Mike and his wife Melissa and their children, Simon and Derek; and Jeff and Teri of Burnsville, Minn., and their children, Ryan and Julia. He is also survived by his brother, Leonard and wife Sylvia, Dennis and wife Barbara and Stuart and wife Renja; and sisters Laura Brue and Elaine Zacrepan; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers and two sisters.

Thomas Simanton**MAY 11 2004**

MALTA — Thomas R. Simanton, 73, died Thursday, May 6, 2004, at a local nursing home, from cancer.

Memorial services will be 11 a.m. Friday, May 14, at the Adams Memorial Chapel in Malta. Tom requested his body be donated to science.

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Simon M. Simmons

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JUN 11 2004

We said goodbye to a very special man on June 9, 2004, when Simon M. Simmons, 76, of Billings, passed away from pneumonia, at St. Vincent Healthcare.

He was born to Clarence and Cleva Simmons on May 13, 1928, in Forest Hill, Md. At the young age of 17, he joined the Air Force. He served 23 years. When he retired, he went to work for the U.S. Postal Service and worked for 14 years.



**SIMON
SIMMONS**

On Oct. 7, 1949, he married Lois June Wilson in Bel Air, Md. They would have celebrated 55 years of marriage in October 2004.

To this union, five children were born and survive him: Charlene (Al) of Roundup, Patty (Dean) and Tom (Theresa), both of Billings, David (Phyllis) of Laurel, and Andrew of Billings; six grandchildren, Nikki (Jim), Troy (April), Angela, Cassie, Kendra, Keleigh and two great-grandchildren, Tyler and Rachelle. He is also survived by a brother, Dick of Folsom, Calif.; and two sisters, Marie of York, Pa., and Anita of Dennison, Texas. He was

preceded in death by his parent and two brothers, Sam and Ross.

Si will be greatly missed by his family and friends. A memorial service will be held at Michelotti-Sawyers on Monday, June 14, at 1 p.m. Cremation has taken place. Interment will be at Yellowstone Valley Memorial Park.

Memorials may be made in Simon's name to St. John's Lutheran Ministries or the charity of one's choice.

Roger Dale Simon

MEETEETSE, Wyo. — Roger Dale Simon, 54, died Monday, Nov. 22, 2004, at his home.

Cremation has taken place. Services will follow in a spring celebration of life. Ballard Funeral Home of Cody is in charge.

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NOV 24 2004

Vernon N. 'Vern' Simon

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NOV 26 2004

Vernon N. "Vern" Simon, 72, of Billings, passed away suddenly, on Nov. 23, 2004, in Mesa, Ariz., of an apparent aortic aneurysm.

Vern was born in Glen Ullin, N.D., on Feb. 14, 1932, to John and Sophia Simon.



VERN SIMON

He was active on the family farm at a very young age, helping his grandfather with the crops and cattle. In 1950, Vern left the farm and went to work in the oilfields. This was a start to his many business adventures. He was a man of many talents, leading him to form several businesses in his working career, ranging from owning his own cattle trucking company, distributing electronics, supplying gas with his business partner and best friend, Jack Wayman, and later returning to his true love of farming. After retirement, he continued to help his daughter and son-in-law with spring and fall work on their farm, 5K Ranch, near Fairfield, something he enjoyed greatly.

In 1986, Vern married Sharon Vietz in Sheridan, Wyo. Together, they resided in Billings, and for the last six years they wintered in Mesa. The summer months in

Billings were spent driving cars for Thrifty Car Rentals, which was something he enjoyed very much.

Vern never knew a stranger. He had many great friends from Montana to Arizona, and was always willing to help another in need. He was a member of St. Bernard's Catholic Parish, the American Legion, the Billings Moose Lodge, Elks and Eagles Clubs. He was also an avid bowler in mixed and men's leagues.

Vern is survived by his wife Sharon of Billings; children, Alyceann (Norman) Klinker of Fairfield, Vern Jr. "Butch" (Debby) Simon of Billings, Rick (Donna) Simon of Lake Stevens, Wash., Vicki Lynn (Nick) Scavuzzo of Maricopa, Ariz., Renee (Larry) Rohrbaugh of Billings, Sherry (R.J.) McAnulty of Billings, Colleen (Darrell) Gairrett of Saco, Sandy (Mark) Schafer of Billings and Jodi (Jay) Walter of Billings; sisters, Janet Berns, Jean (Art) Rozell and Wanda (Marvin) Ebel, all of Billings; 26 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; one aunt, Eva Schwartz of Richardton, N.D.; mother-in-law, Phyllis Riediger of Bisbee, N.D.; as well as several

nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; son, Alan James Simon; brother, John P. Simon; and father-in-law, Arnie Riediger.

Cremation has taken place, and vigil services are scheduled for 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 29, at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary. Memorial Mass will be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 30, at St. Bernard's Parish, 226 Wicks Lane.

Memorials may be given in lieu of flowers to the charity of one's choice. Michelotti-Sawyers is in charge of arrangements.

Vern was a loving husband, father, brother, papa and great-grandpa. His family and friends will miss him greatly.

JUL 15 2004

TURNER — Robert M. Simons, 87, passed away Friday, June 25, 2004, at his residence in Chinook, due to natural causes.

Memorial graveside services will be held on Thursday, July 15, at 11 a.m. in the Turner Cemetery. Arrangements are by Edwards Funeral Home of Chinook.

Robert was born in Dodson on March 5, 1917, and grew up on the farm that was homestead by his parents Albert and Julie (Ellefson) Simons. Bob graduated from Turner High School in 1933, then attended Northern Montana College and taught school for a year before returning to farming. In 1941, he went to Glendale, Calif., to take an airplane technician course.

While there, he enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corp and spent four years in the South Pacific during World War II. After returning home, Bob met and married Clara Schleusner on Jan. 5, 1947, in Chinook.

Bob and Clara raised their family of four boys on the family farm/ranch near Turner and remained there for 37 years. During this time, Bob served as a director for the Equity Co-op for many years and on the State Board of Livestock 1970 to 1988. Upon retiring, Bob and Clara

moved to Joliet where Bob served one term as Mayor, was an active member of the Community Center, and for many years served as a Crossing Guard for the school.

Bob was a dedicated husband and father. His understanding of the balance between nature and technology enabled him to expand the family farm and ranch. He was actively involved with the community and was a lifelong member of the Turner American Lutheran Church. In 2002, Bob moved to Chinook to be nearer to his family.

He is survived by his sons and their families, Calvin Simons and Carolyn Anderson of Havre, Les and Janet Simons of Turner, Craig and Betty Simons of Dunloring, Va.; grandchildren Chad Simons, Shannon (Steven) Hetlevedt, Mike Simons, Julia Simons; great-grandchildren Shayla and Christopher Hetlevedt; numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by son Perry Simons in April 1974; daughter-in-law Karen Simons, August 1998; his wife, Clara Simons, on June 9, 2003; brothers Lance, Burton, Edgar, Drengman, Clarence Simons; and a sister, Esther Toepeke.

Ben Simonson

TERRY — Ben Simonson, 58, of Terry, died Saturday, Nov. 20, 2004, at the Prairie County Nursing Home in Terry.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 24, at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Terry. Interment will follow in the Dawson Memorial Park in Glendive.

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

NOV 23 2004

BEN D. SIMONSON

TERRY — Ben D. Simonson, age 58, of Terry, passed away on Saturday, Nov. 20, 2004, at the Prairie County Nursing Home in Terry.

Ben was born in Chicago on Nov. 28, 1945, the son of William S. and Helen (Romero-Blanco)

Simooson. He attended elementary school in Beach, N.D. The family then moved to Glendive, where he attended and graduated from high school. He then moved to Billings, where he attended Eastern Montana College. Ben joined the Army in 1965. Ben then moved to Ft. Sam Houston, Texas, where he attended Pharmaceutical School. After Pharmaceutical School, he moved to Ft. Dix, N.J., and became an Army Ranger, and then Ben became an Airborne Ranger at Ft. Benning, Ga. Ben served out his remaining time in the military as a Pharmacy Specialist.

Ben enjoyed hunting, fishing, and coin collecting and had a love for animals. He worked seismograph, construction and in the healthcare field throughout his life. He had many past and present friends and neighbors who Ben loved dearly.

Ben is survived by his mother.



**BEN
SIMONSON**

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Helen Simonson of Glendive; his significant other, Jeanne Winslow of Terry; two sisters, Laurel Hanson and her husband Marlin of Dickinson, N.D., and Wendy Denby of Alliance, Neb.; two aunts, Carmen and Patricia; three uncles, Chris, Dario and Judge; two nieces, Vondra Iverson and VaNessa Green; seven nephews, CJ Denby, Tyler Denby, Scott Hanson, Brent Hanson, Jeffery Hanson, Richard Simonson and Allen Simonson. He was preceded in death by his father, William S. Simonson; and a brother, Alfred R. Simonson.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 24, at 11 a.m., at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Terry. Interment will follow in the Dawson Memorial Park in Glendive. Condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.stevensonand-sons.com.

Should friends desire, memorials may be made in care of Jeanne Winslow, PO Box 825, Terry, MT 59349.

DEC 10 2004

Reverend Lionel Bruce

PETERSBURG, Alaska — Reverend Lionel Bruce Simonson, "Pastor Si," 76, passed away Dec. 3, 2004, after having been diagnosed with prostate cancer in 2002. He died peacefully in his home in Petersburg, with his sons Bruce and Roald at his side.



**LIONEL
SIMONSON**

Pastor Si was born Oct. 11, 1928, in Sarles, N.D., of Simon Carroll Simonson and Clara Elsie (Kackman) Simonson. The family moved to Morris, Minn., in 1930, where he excelled in academics and athletics. He graduated from St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minn., and Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minn. He was ordained in 1956 at United Lutheran Church in Grand Forks, N.D.

He married JoAnn "Jodi" Mattson on June 25, 1951. They lived for a year in Oslo, Norway, where he studied under a Fulbright Scholarship. He and Jodi and their three sons spent the years 1967-'68 in Germany, where he studied theology under Dr. Hans Kung in Tuebingen, as part of his lifelong interest in Luther studies and German theology.

He married Brigitte Fuchs April 1996.

He interned at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Missoula, Mont. (1953-'55). His pastorships and years served included 1956-'59, Our Savior's, Minneapolis; 1959-'67, Zion Lutheran, Lewistown, Mont., with congregations in Winifred and Grass Range; 1968-'73, Good Shepherd, Billings; 1973-'81, Klamath Lutheran Church, Klamath Falls, Ore.; 1981, Messiah Lutheran, Park Ridge, Ill.; 1982-'83 Malta, Mont.; 1982-1991, in Germany, Cryiakuslirche, Besigheim, Lutheran Chaplin, Marbach Hospital; 1992-1997, Zion Lutheran, Port Orford, Ore.; 1997-'99, part-time assistant pastor, Petersburg Lutheran, Petersburg, Alaska; 2001-2004, Interim pastorships, Lutheran Church, Chokio, Minn., First Lutheran, Wolf Point, Mont., and Island of Faith Lutheran Church, Wrangell, Alaska.

His final sermon was on July 18, 2004.

He enjoyed a lifetime of travel, leading youth and adult groups on many trips throughout Europe and the United States. He was a devoted player

and fan of baseball. He was always eager to enter into conversation, and he had a multitude of friends throughout the world. He loved music and art, and continually studied and grew in his understanding of theology and the Word of God. He excelled at pastoral care, which he delivered with unselfish love and respect for everyone he served. He loved performing baptisms (his first, in 1956, and his last, granddaughter Timna, at Petersburg Lutheran Church, July 25, 2004). His sparkling blue eyes and sense of humor will be remembered by all who knew him. He took his pastoral calling seriously, focusing his heart, mind, words and efforts so as to be remembered as a servant to the Word of God in the lives of people.

He is survived by former spouses, JoAnn Matson Coney and Brigitte Simonson; his son John (Birgit); and grandchildren Alexandra, Stefan and Timna, Graz, Austria; sons Bruce and Roald Simonson, Juneau; brother Wally, Faribault, Minn.; sisters Carol (John) Goven, Marge (Ed) Raasakka and Eileen Nelson, Grand Forks; nephews Neil and Chuck Simonson, Tom Goven, Steve Raasakka; step-nephew John Nelson; nieces Jean Underbakke, Julie Bedell, Gigi Goven and Kathy Best; step-niece Ruth Nelson, and numerous grandnephews and nieces.

He is preceded in death by his parents, and an infant daughter, Anna Lisa Simonson.

Funeral services will be Friday, Dec. 10, at 1:30 p.m. at United Lutheran Church in Grand Forks, with burial in Memorial Park Cemetery. Visitation will be held for the hour before the service in the church.

A memorial service is planned at Petersburg Lutheran Church, Petersburg, Alaska, on Sunday, Dec. 19, at 2 p.m.

Memorials are preferred to: Mountain View Manor, PO Box 1530, Petersburg, AK 99833.

Arrangements are with Amundson Funeral Home of Grand Forks, N.D., www.amundsonfuneralhome.com.

Marjorie Simonton

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

APRIL ~~28~~ 29 2004

CODY, Wyo. — Marjorie Simonton, 82, died Monday, April 26, 2004, at West Park Long Term Care Center in Cody.

Visitations will be from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday, April 30, at Ballard Funeral Home in Cody. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 1, at United Methodist Church of Cody. Interment will follow in Riverside Cemetery.

FEB 10 2004

LIVINGSTON — Marie M. Simpkins, 80, of Livingston, died at her home early Saturday morning, Feb. 7, 2004, with her family at her side.

Vigil services will be 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 10, and Mass of the Christian Burial, 3 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 11, both at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Livingston. The Rev. Dale Yurkovic will officiate. Graveside committal and burial will follow in Calvary Cemetery.

Marie was born Feb. 28, 1923, in Billings, the daughter of Stanley H. and Anna L. (LeBrun) Baker. She attended Billings schools and graduated from Billings Senior High School in 1940. She then attended St. Vincent's School of Nursing in Billings for two years.

On Nov. 21, 1943, she married Francis C. "Frank" Simpkins in Spokane, Wash. For several years, the couple lived in the Portland, Ore., area, where Mr. Simpkins was employed as a baker. They then lived in Billings briefly before coming to Livingston in 1951. For many years, Marie worked at Livingston Memorial Hospital as a licensed practical nurse in the emergency room and operating room. She retired in the late 1970s. Mr. Simpkins died Nov. 1, 1991.

Marie was an active member of St. Mary's Catholic Church. She was a Eucharistic minister and participated in the "Fifty Plus" club. She also enjoyed the family's annual August camping outing on the

Boulder River. She enjoyed the many birds that frequented her bird feeders. Her greatest love was her family.

Survivors include a son, David Simpkins of Helena; five daughters: Judy Chapman of Helena, Mary Ellen O'Dell and her husband Nick of Andover, Minn., Janice Wood of Livingston, Susan Olinger and her husband Don of Galesburg, Ill., and Michele Kruckenberg and her husband Bryant of Great Falls; a sister Ellen Brink of Billings; a sister-in-law, Sister Mary Simpkins of Wheaton, Ill.; 19 grandchildren; 35 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. In addition to her husband, Marie was preceded in death by a son, Walter James Simpkins; a granddaughter, Rebecca Marie Olinger; a sister, Irene Perry; and two sons-in-law, William H. Chapman and Jorge F. Wood.

If so desired, memorials may be directed to Northern Rockies Radiation Oncology Center, 1041 North 29th St., Billings, MT 59101 or Volunteer Neighbors, PO Box 281, Livingston, MT 59047.

David Wayne Simmering

David Wayne Simmering, age 51, died Jan. 10, 2004, of cancer. He was the beloved son of Charlotte and Don (deceased); brother, Danny, (deceased); sister, Sandy Atkinson; brother-in-law, Robert; children, Tena and David, and his two nephews, Rob (Karissa) and Scott (Jen).

David was born Jan. 17, 1952, in Loveland, Colo., and raised in California. He served his country in the Marines for 10 years. He moved to Billings 11 years ago where he loved to fish and hunt and make people laugh. He loved to barbecue summer and winter. David brought much joy to all who knew him. His many friends will also feel the loss of the one



DAVID SIMMERING

who could always make them laugh.

A celebration of Dave's life will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at Bethel Baptist Church. A luncheon will follow the service at the church. Interment will be in Yellowstone Valley Memorial Park.

Keith Bernard Simon

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JAN 09 2004

Keith Simon passed away on Jan. 8, 2004, after a long and healthy life. He was born on May 25, 1912, in Great Falls to John and Agnes Simon and was one of six children.



KEITH SIMON

Keith married his sweetheart, Leona, whom he met at the local roller skating rink on Oct. 15, 1938, in Red Lodge. They lived in Billings most of their married life.

Keith graduated from Billings Senior High School in 1932 and worked for Coca-Cola Bottling Co. for about 10 years before attending Washington State College where he played football for the legendary coach, Babe Hollenberry. He graduated with a bachelor of science degree in 1941.

He taught physical and health education as well as coaching sports at Billings Senior High School from 1942-1944, worked as a salesman for Carpenter Paper from 1944-1948 and worked for Lystads Pest Control in sales and service from 1948 until he retired in 1976. Upon retirement, Keith and Leona became "snowbirds" for 12 years.

Keith loved and was active in all kinds of sports, playing foot-

ball, baseball and softball. He was very proud when his team was inducted into the Montana Softball Hall of Fame. He refereed high school football and basketball for many years and was very active in the Al Bedoo Shrine. Keith was very proud and excited when his son, Keith, Jr. joined the San Francisco Forty Niners football team as an executive in 1979. Keith and Leona had the opportunity to be part of the organization and the team's five Super Bowl victories.

During his retirement, Keith spent many hours volunteering and raising money for local organizations, which he loved doing!

Keith was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Leona; sister, Marian Purcell; brothers, John (Ez), Merle and Gerald, and brother-in-law, Wes Olmstead.

Surviving Keith are his son, Keith A., his wife Debbie and grandson, Grant Christopher, all of Saratoga, Calif. He is also survived by his sister Dorothy Olmstead of Oklahoma; sisters-in-law, Jenny Simon and Betty Simon, both of Billings, plus many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held 10 a.m. Monday at Cremation or Funeral Gallery. Interment will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Memorials in Keith's name may be sent to the Shrine Hospital for Crippled Children, Box 2472, Spokane, WA 99210-2472.

Arrangements are by Cremation or Funeral Gallery.

Bonnie Jean Simpson

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JAN 18 2004

Bonnie Jean Simpson, 56, died Friday, Jan. 16, 2004, at Deaconess Hospital in Billings.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date. Cremation has taken place.

JUL 23 2004

LAUREL — Donna Arden Simpson, 68, of Laurel, passed away Tuesday, July, 20, 2004, of complications with diabetes, at Deaconess Billings Clinic.

Donna was born in Grand Coulee, Wash., to George and Arden Bunce on June 23, 1936. Donna spent her childhood in the Bremerton area watching the naval ships come and go. She graduated from Holy Names Academy in 1954.



**DONNA
SIMPSON**

Donna married Robert E. Simpson Jr. on June 13, 1962. Together, they raised four children.

Donna is survived by her daughter, Carlene Skiles of Kamlah, Idaho; son Tony (Judy) Simpson of Kooskie, Idaho; son Lonnie (Shannon) Simpson of Orofino, Idaho; and daughter Zada (Norm) Stamper of Laurel; four grandsons, Scott Skiles of Moscow, Idaho, William Skiles of Potlatch, Idaho and Robert and Daniel Stamper of Laurel, along with two great-grandchildren.

Donna was very active in the communities in which she lived. Since 2002, Donna's passion for community involvement was spent with the Yellowstone Valley YMCA, where she worked and volunteered with the youth of our area. She loved to assist in many avenues of the YMCA, however she believed strongly that no child should be turned away due to financial difficulties. Because of her strong belief in the YMCA, the family requests that memorials be sent to the Yellowstone Valley YMCA in Laurel.

There will be a vigil on Friday, July 23, at 7:30 p.m. at Smith Funeral Chapel in Laurel. The Funeral Mass will be celebrated 10 a.m. Saturday, July 24, at St. Anthony Catholic Church in Laurel. Cremation will follow services.

'Bud' Bernard Thomas Sinclair, Jr.

MAY 20 2004

Former Lander, Wyo., resident, Bud Sinclair died suddenly of an abdominal aortic aneurysm, May 18, 2004, at Deaconess Billings Clinic.

There will be a celebration of his life on May 20, at 12:30 p.m., at the American Legion Club, located at 1540 Broadwater Ave., in Billings.

Mr. Sinclair was born in Newport, Maine, on July 3, 1943. He attended schools in Arizona and the Wyoming Police Academy in Douglas, Wyo.

Bud married Lyn Ellen Laybourn on Feb. 7, 1969, in Las Vegas. They moved to Lander, where he was employed by the City of Lander police department for 17 years. At the time of his death, he and his wife were residing in Billings and he was employed by Corcoran Trucking.

He was an avid hunter and fisherman, enjoyed collecting arrowheads and antiques, riding four-wheelers, cooking and old west history. Bud had a wonderful gift of relating to others and

enjoyed conversing with all who crossed his path.

Survivors include his parents, Tom and Florence Sinclair of Lander; his wife, Lyn; three daughters, Tracy Price and Lisa Knell of California, and Jody Sinclair and Ryan May of Colorado; one son, Richard and Pennie Sinclair of Colorado; two brothers, Randy and Carmen Sinclair and Scott and Deb Sinclair, all of Gillette, Wyo.; one sister, Sylvia and Steve Fidler of Lander; eight grandchildren, Brianna, Brandon, Tegan, Lane, Brandi, Brody, Kirsten and Sam; three great-grandchildren, Z'Anna, Madori and Josh. Also, numerous nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be donated to the Alzheimer's Research Association in care of Hudson's Funeral Home, 680 Mount Hope Road, Lander, WY 82520.



**BUD
SINCLAIR**

MAY 31 2004**George C. Sindelar**

MILES CITY — George C. Sindelar, 94, of Miles City died Saturday, May 29, 2004, at the Holy Rosary Extended Care.

Visitation will from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday, June 3, Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home. Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Friday, June 4, at the chapel of Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home. Interment will follow in the family lot of the Custer County Cemetery.

Ida Nickels Singer

MISSOULA — Ida Nickels Singer, age 88, died Dec. 19, 2003, at St. Patrick's Hospital. Cremation has taken place.

She was born in Marmarth, N.D., on Sept. 3, 1915, the daughter of Leonard and Anna Malkuch Nickels. When a small child, she moved with her parents to the family homestead northwest of Glendive.

She graduated from Dawson County High School at Glendive and St. Vincent's Hospital School of Nursing in Billings. Shortly after Pearl Harbor she enlisted in the U.S. Army Nurse Corps and volunteered for overseas duty. She served as an officer for three and one-half years in the South Pacific theater attached to the 92nd Evacuation Hospital.

After military service she attended and graduated from The College of St. Theresa in Kansas City, Mo., with degrees in philosophy, English literature and the social sciences. She was then employed by St. Ann's Hospital in Anaconda as supervisor of nurses. She married John R. Singer at Butte in 1949. He died in the year 2000 at Missoula.

She later attended the



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University of Montana in Missoula where she was awarded a master's degree in sociology after which she pursued her studies at Montana State College in Bozeman.

Survivors include one son, Charles Singer, his wife Judy and grandson John M. Singer, all of Des Moines, Iowa. She is also survived by one sister, Mrs. Gerald R. Gibbs (Dolores J.) of Jordan, and one brother, Fred L. Nickels of Glendive.

Helen M. (Orlando) Sisco

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

JAN 14 2001

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Helen M. Sisco, 87, passed away Jan. 9, 2004, in San Jose. She was a native of Billings, Mont.

Beloved wife of Arthur Robert Sisco for 62 years. Loving mother of Susan Angela Bohrer, Frank August Sisco, Alan Arthur Sisco and Marie Elena Wells. Dearest sister of Ernest Orlando, Margaret Pickett, Robert Orlando, Gloria Ratcliff and Clara Brutto, and the late John and Emil Orlando, Emma Parami and Anne Messer. Devoted grandmother of Karla Bohrer, Theodore Bohrer, Nicole Sisco, Justin Sisco, Jessica Sisco, Christina Sisco, Erin Sisco, Amanda Wells and the late Jenna Wells.

Friends are invited to attend a memorial service at 2:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 16, at Lima Family Erickson Memorial Chapel, 710 Willow Street, San Jose, CA. A reception will follow.

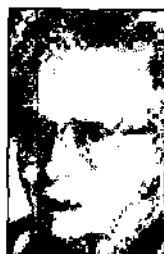
GRACE RICE SKABO

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Grace Rice Skabo, age 104, passed away on Sept. 13, 2004, at the Eunice Ash Personal Care Home. She was born on Aug. 8, 1900, in Boscobel, Wis., to Will and Minnie Rice. The family moved to St. John, N.D., in 1906, to a dryer climate because of her health. She attended school here. She attained a teaching degree at Valley City Teachers College.

In 1924, she married Edwin P. Skabo, and to this union were born two children, Dona Mae Overfelt of Billings and Ronald R. Skabo of Denver.



GRACE
SKABO

Because of her husband's work, they lived in Minnesota, North Dakota, Wyoming and Montana. In 1963, they retired and moved to the Flathead Valley on Finley Point, where they planted an orchard and raised cherries. They moved to Polson in 1983. She came to Billings in 1989, residing at the Westpark Village Senior Residence until late 1999.

She was a member of the Presbyterian Church, Order of Eastern Star since 1925, and Sapphire Temple Daughters of the Nile since 1950.

She enjoyed crafts, sewing, and made hundreds of Joseph Coats, which were sent to the Shrine Hospitals in Spokane and Salt Lake City.

She was preceded in death by her husband, parents, seven siblings and son-in-law, Lee Overfelt. Besides her son and daughter, she is survived by seven grandchildren, Gary (Corinne) Overfelt, Kerin (Mike) Kinzer, Rika (Tim) McBride, Shelly (Mark) Lynch, Brian Overfelt, Randine (Randy) Nelson and Karl Skabo; eight great-granddaughters, Brytt and Kylee Kinzer, Jamie, Lauren and Morgan McBride, Carly and Cassie Lynch, and Reanna Nelson; and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 15, at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary. Interment services will be in Polson on Sept. 17. Memorials may be made to the charity of your choice.

FEB 28 2004

DIVIDE — Virgil L. "Virg" Skaltzky, 91, passed away Feb. 25, 2004, at the home of his daughter in Divide.

He was born Jan. 30, 1913, in Bozeman, to E.B. "Al" and Marietta "Molly" (Mallory) Skaltzky. He married Maurine Warren on March 30, 1937, in Boulder, and they celebrated 66 years of marriage before her death on May 10 of last year. Throughout their married life together, they enjoyed trailer camping, fishing and traveling.

Virgil was an accomplished musician on a wide range of instruments, entertaining in and around the Bozeman area for the past 50 years. He retired from the MSU Bookstore in 1975, was a member of the Bozeman Elks Lodge for over 50 years and was a charter member of the Gallatin Good Sam's and Past State Secretary of the Montana Good Sam's.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Maurine; his sister and brother-in-law, Winifred and Joe Hudak; his brother-in-law, Junior Dent; and all his musician and fishing buddies.

Virgil is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Bobie and Dan Harper of Billings; son, Peter Quinn of Townsend; daughter and son-in-law, Judy and Jack Hendrickson of Divide; and sister Peggy Dent of Great

Falls. Also surviving are nine grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

In keeping with his wishes, cremation has taken place and no services are planned. Memorials in his memory may be made to the Highlands Hospice in Butte or to a charity of the donor's choice.

JAN 24 2004

Pearl M. Skinner

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Pearl M. Skinner, 78, died Thursday, Jan. 22, 2004, in Sheridan Manor.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial services will be at 4:30 p.m. Sunday in the Sheridan Manor Chapel. Champion Ferries Funeral Home is in charge.

Selma L. Skinner

FROID — Selma L. Skinner, 83, longtime Helena resident, recently of Froid, passed away Wednesday evening, Nov. 10, 2004, at the Roosevelt County Medical Center in Culbertson, after suffering a stroke.

Her funeral will be celebrated Monday morning, Nov. 15, at 10:30 a.m. at Froid Lutheran Church. Rev. Carol Karres will officiate and interment will follow at the North Froid Cemetery. Friends may call at the church for the hour preceding the funeral.

Selma was born April 13, 1921, to John and Aslaug (Mirabou) Lee in Froid. She graduated from the Froid Public Schools and Eastern Montana Normal College with a bachelor's degree in education. She later went on to receive her master's degree in music education.

She married Darrel H. Skinner on June 17, 1950, in Memphis, Tenn., where Darrell was stationed with the Navy. They lived in various places until his retirement from the Navy in 1962 when they moved to Helena.

Selma was an exceptionally talented pianist and musician who learned to play by ear as a child. She taught almost every grade, and eventually, music in the Helena Schools. She also

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played organ and piano for church services and any other event that required beautiful music.

Selma retired from teaching in 1979. She moved to Froid in 1995 to be closer to her daughter and family.

She is survived by daughter, Lynda Labatte and her husband Gregg of Froid and daughter, Susan Skinner of Dillon; grandchildren, Grant Labatte and his wife, Laura, and their children, Tanner, Haley and Sydney of Ellendale, N.D., and Sabrina Labatte and her son, Tristan, of Bismarck, N.D. She is also survived by one sister, Nita Fjeseth, of Dillon, as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Selma was preceded in death by her husband Darrell in 1989; three brothers, Selmar, Hjalmer and John; and four sisters, Minnie, Hulda, Solveig and Hjordice.

Thelma May Skinner

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MAR 10 2004

CODY, Wyo. — Thelma May Skinner, 97, died Monday, March 8, 2004, at the West Park Long Term Care Center.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 10, at the Cody United Methodist Church. Interment of cremains will follow in Riverside Cemetery. Ballard Funeral Home of Cody is in charge.

Marion Burris Skoog

Jan. 14, 1908 – Nov. 10, 2004

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Marion passed away after a short battle with cancer. She was born in Buffalo, Wyo., to John H. and Ella N. Burris.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Myron; her parents; her brothers, Roy, James, Jesse, and Zachariah, half brother, Joseph Langley, and stepfather, Charles Langley.

Marion is survived by two daughters, Myrna G. Knox, and Linda J. (Bernard) Rose, both of Billings; four grandchildren, Matt (Trish) Jenness of Worden, Kerry (Ed) Ellertson of Laurel, Dan Hartung of Calif, Steve (Brenda) Talley of Calif; great-grandchildren, Doug (Annika) Puchalski of Jackson Hole, Brianne Puchalski of Billings, Paul Jenness of Worden, Justin (Ashley) Jenness of Colo.; great-great-grandchildren, Kniles and Libby; and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

Marion was a long-time member of First English Lutheran Church, where she served as a Stephen Minister, a member of Topaz Circle, and Young at Heart. She was a member of the Friendship Chapter of Eastern Star and served as a Gray Lady at DBC.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 27, 2004, at First English Lutheran Church. A luncheon will follow

the service.

Memorials can be sent to Big Sky Hospice, St. John's Lutheran Home, or First English Lutheran Church.

Dagny Skov

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DEC 03 2004

FAIRVIEW — Dagny Skov, 90, of Fairview, died Thursday, Dec. 2, 2004, at her home.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 4, at the Zion Lutheran Church of Fairview. Interment will be in the Fairview Cemetery. Fulkerson Funeral Home of Sidney is in charge.

Anna Slater

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

FEB 24 2004

SCOBEY — Anna Dorothea Slater, 87, died Sunday, Feb. 22, 2004, at the Daniels Memorial Home in Scobey.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 26, at the Malta Lutheran Church, with burial in the Malta Cemetery. Adams Funeral Home of Malta is in charge.

Gloria Lavonne Slater

Gloria L. Slater, 74, passed away on Saturday, April 3, 2004, after a valiant and dignified battle with lung cancer.

Gloria was born on Dec. 11, 1929, the youngest daughter of five children born to Joseph and Lottie Dickerson of Custer.



**GLORIA
SLATER**

Gloria attended high school at Billings Senior and received her degree in education from Eastern Montana College in 1950. In addition to playing the trombone in the EMC band, she was also the school's lead majorette.

After completing her college education, Gloria taught school in locals, ranging from Great Falls to a one-room schoolhouse on the Crow Indian Reservation. Years later, she continued to receive correspondence of gratitude from her Native American students.

In 1949, she met Earl J. Slater of Billings and they were married on Dec. 26, 1951. Following the birth of her twin boys, she relinquished her professional career for four years and initiated one of the first in-home schooling programs for pre-schoolers in Billings.

Gloria then worked for the

Billings Credit Bureau for several years, as well as doing the book-keeping for her husband's trucking company.

She taught Sunday school at the First Congregational Church. She served as treasurer for the VFW Ladies Auxiliary for a time and was a member of the Elks Club and the American Legion.

Gloria was a skilled bowler with the Women's League in Billings and was a competent marksman with a deer rifle. She enjoyed camping and fishing with her family, tending to the family's horses, was an accomplished card player and avidly supported the various sports pursuits of her twin sons.

In 1975, the family business was moved to Alaska during the construction of the Trans-Alaska Pipeline and during that time, she volunteered and assisted with in-patient insurance needs at the Fairbanks Memorial Hospital.

She delighted in the care of her Chinese Pug dogs and had a true gift in nurturing sick, lame or stray animals and birds.

Gloria was preceded in death by her husband, Earl, and four brothers and sisters. She is sur-

vived by her sons, Denver and Desmond, 11 nieces and nephews and many cherished friends within the community.

"Strength and honor are her clothing; and she shall rejoice in the time to come."

Funeral services will be 1 p.m. Wednesday, April 7, at Smith's West Chapel, 304 34th St. West. Interment will follow at Mountview Cemetery.

Visitation will start 10 a.m. Tuesday, April 6, at the West Chapel.

David Manuel Slaughter

NOTICE OF DEATH

JUN 09 2004

David Manuel Slaughter was born April 27, 1930, in Monaca, Pa. The Lord came for David on June 7, 2004, in Columbus.

He grew up in Monaca on his parents' homestead with six brothers and five sisters. David graduated from Monaca High School in 1948 and went to Jenveal College and graduated with a Football and Physical Education degree. He served in the army in Korea and later in life, he moved to Hardin, where he met his life-time partner, Debbie Korber. Two years later, they had a beautiful son, DJ, in 1974, and eight years later in 1982, they had a little girl, Stephanie. David was also blessed with a daughter, Misty.

Survivors include his wife, Debbie Slaughter; children DJ and Stephanie Slaughter of Billings and Misty of Alaska, and daughter-in-law Jessie. Also surviving are his siblings, Julia Barra of Washington, D.C., and brother Warren Johnson of Beaver Falls, Pa.; grandchildren, Isaiah, Elijah, Micah Slaughter and Little Jacob David Richards. He was preceded in death by his parents, Armstead, Sr. and Lela Douglas Slaughter; his brothers, James, Jim, Jerry, Kenneth and Edward; sisters, Elaine, Delores, Lillian and Louise.

Dad, I miss you and I love you. My heart aches to know that I

can't talk to you or see you every day. Until you come and take all of us home with you, you will be in my heart and dad, you will always be with me. Love you, Your daughter and little girl, Steph. Cremation has taken place. Per his wishes, no services are planned.

Perry Kay Slaughterbeck

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TRIBUNE
JUN 10 2004

A celebration of the life of Perry Kay (Perky) Slaughterbeck, 61, of the Woods Landing area west of Laramie, is scheduled Friday, June 11 at 1 p.m. at Montgomery-Stryker Funeral Home in Laramie.

She died in her sleep on Sunday, June 6 in Pinedale.

She was born Aug. 30, 1942, in Lyons, Neb., to Delmar and Evelyn (Tolles) Somer and moved to Wyoming when she was six weeks old. She grew up in Powell where she graduated from high school.

She married her high school sweetheart, Don Slaughterbeck, on June 7, 1963. Perky and Don graduated from the University of Wyoming in 1964— she from the College of Nursing and he from the College of Engineering.

They made their home in Idaho Falls, Idaho, but also lived in Seattle, Maryland and Sweden. Her nursing career focused on public health services where she practiced with professionalism and compassion. She was a tireless and passionate children's advocate. She was a loving spouse, mother, grandmother, sister, daughter and foster parent.

Perky and Don retired to the Jelm/Woods Landing area in 2001 where they became active in community affairs. They went back to school and became EMTs to provide emergency services to that rural area.

She loved Wyoming and was an avid UW football fan. She loved to travel the world, making friends wherever her travels took her. She enjoyed canoeing, fishing and cross-country skiing.

Survivors include her devoted husband, Don Slaughterbeck of Jelm; her son, Cliff Slaughterbeck (Carol) of Seattle; her daughter, Reva

Nickelson (David) of Idaho Falls; her brother, Frank Somer (Chris) of Lovell; six grandchildren; and foster daughter, Chris White, of Salt Lake City.

Those wishing to contribute to a memorial can make a donation to the Red Cross children's advocacy programs at the Albany County Chapter of the American Red Cross, 410 E. Grand Ave. Laramie WY 82001

Opal Slaybaugh

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

MAR 29 2004

BUFFALO, Wyo. — Opal Slaybaugh, 75, died Sunday, March 28, 2004, at the Westview Health Care Center in Sheridan, Wyo.

Graveside Funeral Services will be held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, March 31, in Willow Grove Cemetery. Visitation will be from 1 to 10 p.m. on Monday, March 29, and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Wednesday, March 31, at the Adams Funeral Home Chapel in Buffalo.

Linda E. Slayton

THE BURLINGTON CARRIAGE
DEC 28 2004

MILES CITY — Linda E. Slayton, 48, of Miles City, died Friday, Dec. 24, 2004, at the Friendship Villa in Miles City.

Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to noon, Wednesday, Dec. 29, at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City. Additional visitation will be from 1 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Jordan. A graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 30, at Steve Fork's Cemetery at Sand Springs.

Adrianna Christine Sloan

BILLINGS GAZETTE

JUN 03 2004

PORTLAND, Ore. — Adrianna Christine Sloan, 26, of Portland, formerly of Billings, passed away on Tuesday, June 1, 2004.

She was born on Sept. 27, 1977, in Louisville, Ky., a daughter of Anneke and David Sloan. She joined her big sister, Erin, and her big brother, Garrett. In 1978, the Sloan family moved to Billings, where Adri attended Arrowhead School, Will James Middle School and Billings West High School before attending and graduating from University of Puget Sound. She was currently in Portland attending Portland State University Program to achieve a Masters degree in writing.



**ADRIANNA
SLOAN**

Adrianna was preceded in death by her father, Dr. David Sloan.

She is survived by her mother, Anneke; her grandmother Gysbertha DeVries; her sister Erin; her brother Garrett; her uncle, Dr. M. Mallett; her aunt Leonora Balls; and numerous cousins.

Adri's choice of death stunned her family. She was always a joy and a bright spot in the family, especially with her infectious laughter and her energy that encouraged us all. We will all miss her the rest of our lives. She would want us all to make the most of our abilities and live a meaningful and happy life, each and every day, and not to take things too seriously. We should talk to each other, hug, respect and accept each other. *This is what we'll strive to do our dear, dear Miss Adri.*

A memorial service will be held at 4 p.m. Friday, June 4, at the King Of Glory Lutheran Church, 4125 Grand Ave.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Ronald McDonald House, 1144 N. 30th St., Billings, 59101, Multiple Sclerosis Association of America, 1629 Ave. D, Billings, 59102 or to the American Cancer Society, 550 N. 31st Billings, 59101.

Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

Ann Martin Sloan

Funeral services for Ann Martin Sloan are at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 24, 2004, at the Pella Lutheran Church in Sidney. Interment will be in the Richland Memorial Park Cemetery in Sidney, under the direction of Fulkerson Funeral Home of Sidney. A reception will be held at the church directly following the graveside service.

Ann Martin Sloan has resided at the Parkview Care Center in Billings for the past seven and a half years while suffering from Alzheimer's. Ann died Tuesday, Jan. 20, 2004.

Born in Fairview on Nov. 13, 1919, she was the daughter of Ingeborg (Johnson) and Amund Anvik. Ann grew up in the Fairview area, graduating from Fairview High School in May of 1940. One of her favorite adventures over the years was getting together with fellow classmates at the annual Fairview Old Timers Days.

In 1941, Ann was united in marriage to Wilmer "Bill" Martin and together they had four children. The Martin family moved from Sidney to Glendive in 1956, and there they raised their family. After retirement in 1979, they moved to Laurel where they lived until Bill's death in 1980.

Ann continued living in Laurel where she met Barney Rangitsch. They married in 1981. Following

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the death of her second husband in 1996, Ann met and married Charles Sloan of Big Timber. Ann and Charley made their home in Big Timber until she was sent to reside at Parkview in 1996.

Survivors include her three daughters, Brenda Sattler (Jim) of Fort Collins, Colo., Patricia Mohl (Gerald) of Lakeport, Calif., and Bonnie McCormack (Mick) of Billings; a sister, Margaret Martin of Laurel, two brothers, Art Anvik of Lake Havasu, Ariz., and Robert Anvik of Billings; six granddaughters; four grandsons, and five great-grandsons.

Preceding Ann Sloan in death were her husbands Bill Martin, Barney Rangitsch and Charley Sloan, and her son, Wilmer "Scott" Martin.

Greg Sloan

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NOV 09 2004

HARDIN — Gregory Brian Sloan, 57, of Santa Fe, N.M., formerly of Hardin, died Nov. 3, 2004, in Rochester, N.Y.

He was born Oct. 4, 1947, in Hardin, a son of Eugene and Ann Scally Sloan. He grew up and attended schools in Hardin, before completing his education in New Mexico. Following high school, he attended the New Mexico Military Institute in Roswell on a football scholarship.

Greg entered the U.S. Army and became a Special Forces member of the 101st airborne group. He served gallantly in Vietnam, where he received the Purple Heart and Bronze Star, before being honorably discharged.



**GREG
SLOAN**

He married Sharon Lauderdale on Nov. 4, 1972, in Jacksonville, Fla. The couple made their home in Hardin while he worked at the Sarpy Creek mine for 15 years. They later moved to Santa Fe.

Greg was a dedicated artisan who displayed his talents in sculptures of stone and clay. He was a skillful coach who helped guide youth Little League and wrestling programs. He loved all

sports, but most enjoyed the time he could spend with his wife, children, grandchildren, brother and numerous friends.

He was a member of the Catholic Church and the Disabled American Veterans group.

His parents and brother John preceded Greg in death.

Survivors include his wife, Sharon of New Mexico; daughter, Alysha (Isaac) Chavez of New Mexico; sons, Shawn (Autumn) Sloan of Hardin and Brian Sloan of New Mexico; his brothers, Michael (Clarkiea) Sloan of Billings and Dennis Sloan of Missoula; and his five grandchildren, Amanda, AliceAnn, Gregory, Sharon and Isaac.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to Ryan Johnson for all of his support and kindness.

Funeral Mass will be celebrated 10 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 9, in the Hardin St. Joseph Catholic Church. Interment with military honors will follow in the Hardin Fairview Cemetery. Bullis Mortuary of Hardin has been entrusted with the arrangements.

James Edward Slough

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — "Afoot and lighthearted I take to the open road, healthy, free, the world before me, the long brown path before me leading wherever I choose . . . I am larger, better than I thought, I did not know I held so much goodness."



**JAMES
SLOUGH**

James Edward Slough, born April 20, 1942, to Charlotte and

Charles Slough in Billings, Mont., passed away on Dec. 16, 2004. A man of remarkable brilliance, he ranked first in the nation on military intelligence exams, placing him at the top of his training class and qualifying him for Special Forces. He served two tours of duty in Vietnam as a Green Beret and was awarded a Purple Heart and a Gold Star. He is survived by his brother, David, and his daughters, Cadra, Gabrielle and Jasmine. Services will be held in Billings on Tuesday, Dec. 28. Call Gabrielle Slough at (773) 206-9060 for more information.

Vernon E. Sloulin

MAR 17 2004

HELENA — Vernon E. Sloulin, of Helena, died suddenly from natural causes, Wednesday, March 10, 2004, at the age of 82. He was preceded in death by his loving and devoted wife of 52 years, Louise Sloulin.

Vernon was born April 9, 1921, to Obert and Petra Sloulin, in Wild Rose, N.D.

The youngest of seven children, he grew up during the Depression in Williston, N.D. Vernon graduated from Williston High School. Following



VERNON
SLOULIN

the example of his older brothers, he served as a member of the North Dakota National Guard.

In 1940, he hitchhiked to San Luis Obispo, Calif., to attend junior college.

With the entrance of the United States into World War Two, Vernon enlisted in the Army Air Corps. Four of his brothers also served during World War II. An airport in Williston now bears the name "Sloulin Field" in remembrance of his brothers Kermit and Wesley Sloulin, who did not return from their service.

Vernon served in the Tunisian Campaign, the Rome-Arno Campaign and the Rhineland Campaign. He held the rank of sergeant upon his discharge in late 1945.

While earning a baccalaureate degree at Montana State University, Vernon met Louise Carlson of Bozeman. Louise and Vernon married in 1950.

They moved to North Carolina, where Vernon earned an advanced degree in Public Health Administration from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

In 1952, Vernon and Louise became permanent residents of Helena. The two of them lovingly crafted a home from the foundation up. Vernon literally built the roof under which he and Louise would nurture their three children.

He was the consummate handyman, seemingly able to build or repair anything. Vernon shared his love of the outdoors with his family. He enjoyed camping, hunting and fishing.

Vernon pursued all of these interests while building a long and successful career with the Montana State Board of Health. In 1982, he was awarded the Walter S. Mangold Award by the National Environmental Health Association, in recognition of his outstanding contribution to the professional advancement of the sanitarian.

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In addition, Vernon served as a reservist in the Public Health Service, attaining the rank of Commander.

Vernon and Louise took full advantage of retirement. They traveled frequently. Vernon was always ready to move ahead and try something new. He learned to snorkel in Hawaii at age 66, developed computer skills in his late 70s, and continued to maintain and improve his home until the time of his death.

Vernon is survived by daughters, Karen S. Kendall, of Norman, Okla., and Koreen Sloulin of Phoenix; his son, Kirk Sloulin of Basin; his brother, Al Sloulin of Grandview, Wash.; and four beloved grandchildren, Briana, Michael, Heidi and Hans.

A memorial service is scheduled for 11 a.m. Friday, March 19, at Saint John's Lutheran Church in Helena. Interment will follow at the Montana State Veteran's Cemetery at Fort Harrison later that day. The Reverend D.R. Vold will preside over the services.

Offerings in Vernon's memory may be made to either Intermountain Children's Home, 500 South Lamborn Street, Helena, MT 59601 and/or God's Love, 533 North Main Street, Helena, MT 59601.

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Mandy Russell-Small

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SEATTLE — Mandy Russell-Small, 25, of Seattle, formerly of Busby, Mont., passed away tragically Jan. 26, 2004, in Seattle.



**MANDY
RUSSELL-
SMALL**

"Blue Feather Women" Ota'taveenova'e was born on Sept. 29, 1978, in Billings, a twin daughter of Alfretta Russell and Cordell Small. She grew up in the Busby area and attended schools in Busby and Billings, before completing her education at a Job Corps center in Idaho.

Following her education, she moved with her companion, Michael Everybody Talks About, to Seattle. She resided in Seattle for many years, working for several Quick markets, often serving as a manager.

Mandy was a member of the White River Cheyenne Mennonite Church. She enjoyed walks on the beach and writing poems, but the love of her life was her children. She is also remembered for her generosity to everyone. She was a traditional Northern Cheyenne woman who strived to learn all that she could about Cheyenne history.

She most recently worked as a wildlands fire fighter.

Her grandparents, John and Alice Russell, Sr., Clifford Russell, Sr. and Johnny Russell, Jr.; her brother, Fred Walker IV; and an uncle, Ivan Russell, preceded Mandy in death.

Survivors include her husband, Michael Everybody Talks About of Seattle; a daughter, Reanna Mae; a son, Winden Sky of Seattle; her mother and stepfather, Alfretta (Bernard) Russell-Big Eagle of Busby; her father, Cordell Small of Colorado; her twin sister, Tiffany Russell of Washington; her sister, Tuesday (Lee J.) Big Back of Busby; her grandparents, Horace (Mabel) Small, Sr. of Lane Deer, Mont., Virginia Russell of Miles City and Elva Russell of Busby; her adopted grandmother, Alberta (Burton) Fisher, Sr. of Birney, Mont.; her aunts, Maria Russell Big Fire and Estelle Armentrout, who assisted in raising the twins; her favorite cousins, Michelle Spotted Wolf and Haroldine Fisher, as well as a host of aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Wake services will be held 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 1, in the Busby White River Mennonite Church. Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Monday, Feb. 2, in the Church. Interment will follow in the Russell Family Cemetery. Bullis Mortuary of Hardin is in charge of arrangements.

Max Small**JUN 24 2004**

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Max Small, 89, of Sheridan, died Sunday, June 20, 2004, at the Sheridan VA Medical Center.

A viewing will be from 8 to 9:30 a.m. Monday, June 28, at Kane Funeral Home in Sheridan. Family funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, at Kane Funeral Home. Interment will follow in the Sheridan Municipal Cemetery.

Tim Smells

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

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CROW AGENCY — Timothy Ted Rides Horse-Smells, 42, Crow Tribal Associate Judge, passed to the other camp, Saturday, March 26, 2004, in the Crow Agency IHS Hospital.

He was born Jan. 26, 1962, in Billings, a son of Joseph Smells and Clara Rides Horse. He received his early education in Pryor before graduating from Plenty Coups High School in 1979. He later attended Little Big Horn College in Crow Agency and the United Tribes Technical College in Bismarck, N.D., receiving an Associates of Arts degree in Criminal Justice. Following his education, he enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1979 and received his honorable discharge in 1981.

Tim worked as a Bureau of Indian Affairs police officer in Red Lake, Minn.; Lame Deer, Fort Washakie, Wyo.; and in Crow Agency, retiring for medical reasons in 1995. He currently was serving the Crow Tribe as an Associate Judge in the Crow Tribal Court.

Tim married Julie Wilkinson on April 4, 1983, in Crow Agency and the couple made their home wherever he was stationed and recently in Crow Agency.

He was a member of the Catholic Church and a faithful member of the Native American Church. He enjoyed softball, fishing and hunting. He enjoyed traditional activities, including hand-

games and Sun Dances; he participated in numerous Sun Dances.

His father, Joseph Smells; brother, Nathan Old Dwarf and grandmother, Madeline Comes Up preceded Tim in death.

Survivors include his wife, Julie of Crow Agency; his daughter, Jade Rides Horse of Crow Agency; his sons, Edmund Old Crow of Lodge Grass, Tim Smells, Jr. of Pablo, William, Nathan and Lane Smells of Crow Agency; his sisters, Jolene Smells of Busby, Ronnie (Haywood) Big Day, Jr. of Pryor, Cheryl Bad Bear of Crow Agency, Jennifer, Devona and Nicole Lambert of Billings; his brothers, Artie Smells of Pryor, Curtis Old Bull of Billings and John (Marlene) Rides Horse of New Mexico; his mother, Clara Smells of Pryor; his grandfather, Heywood (Mary Lou) Big Day, Jr. of Pryor; his uncles, Owen (Rita) Snell, Jr. and Joe (Johnann) Reed; and his aunts, Peggy Rides Horse (Jerry Spotted Bear), Bernadine (David) Bad Bear, Sr. and Theresa (Kenny) Hain.

Rosary will be recited 4 p.m. Wednesday, March 31, in the Bullis Funeral Chapel. Funeral Mass will be celebrated 1 p.m. Thursday, April 1, in the Pryor St. Charles Catholic Mission. Interment with Police and Sun Dance honors will follow in the Family Cemetery. Bullis Mortuary of Hardin has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Earl Gene Smidt

BUTTE — After a courageous battle with cancer, father, grandfather, brother and son, Earl Gene Smidt, surrounded by his loving family, went home to be with Heavenly Father, on Saturday, Nov. 13, 2004.

Earl was born on July 4, 1944, in Billings, to Jack and Vivian (Crawford) Smidt, and graduated from high school in Pinedale, Wyo., in 1963. Earl served in the U.S. Army and is a Vietnam Veteran. In 1967, he moved to Butte, where he worked for the Anaconda Co. for several years. He then moved to Nevada, where he worked the Nevada gold mining operations for several more years.

Earl's greatest loves were motorcycles, the outdoors, traveling and photography. He received several acknowledgements for his photos in state exhibits.

Dad, God saw you getting tired when a cure was not to be, so He closed His arms around you and whispered, "Come to Me." You didn't deserve what you went through, and so he gave you a rest. God's garden must be beautiful, He only takes the best. And when we saw you sleeping so



**EARL
SMIDT**

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peaceful and free from pain, we could not wish you back to suffer that again.

Earl will sadly be missed by all those who knew and loved him, and we will always remember the special person he was.

Earl is survived by his children, Tracy Smidt, Lesli (David) Asay and Roger Smidt of Billings, and Kevin Smidt of Salt Lake City; his mother, Vivian Claytor; brothers, Leo (Toni) Smidt and Jerry (Mary) Smidt of Butte; sisters, Vivian (Ronnie) Aamold of Butte, Shirley (Craig) Britton of Rocker, Marilyn (Bob) Olson of Butte; 15 grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father, grandparents and two siblings.

The family will receive visitors from 6 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 16, at Duggan Dolan Chapel, Butte. A celebration of Earl's life will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 17, at Duggan Dolan Mortuary. Cremation has taken place and the inurnment of ashes will be in the spring.

Memorials may be made to the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Hospice or the charity of your choice.

Joan Smisson

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

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MILES CITY — Joan Smisson, 66, of Miles City, died Wednesday, April 14, 2004, at Saint Vincent Healthcare in Billings.

Visitation will be Monday, April 19, in the chapel of Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City.

Family will receive friends from 4 to 7 p.m. Monday. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, April 20, at the Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Miles City.

Interment will follow in the Eastern Montana State Veteran's Cemetery in Miles City.

Ann Katherine Smith

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POWELL, Wyo. — Ann Katherine Smith, 97, died Aug. 28, 2004, at the Powell Valley Care Center.

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Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 31 at the Union Presbyterian Church. Visitation will be one hour prior to services at Miratsky-Easton Funeral Home. Burial will be in the Crown Hill Cemetery.

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Ann Katherine Smith

Funeral services are scheduled today (Tuesday) at 11 a.m. at the Union Presbyterian Church in Powell for Ann Katherine Smith, 97, who died Saturday, Aug. 28 at the Powell Valley Care Center.

Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at Miratsky-Easton Funeral Home. Burial will be in Crown Hill Cemetery.

She was born Oct. 13, 1906, in Burwell, Nebr., daughter of August Henry Gericke and Augusta Henrietta (Meritz) Gericke. She graduated from high school in Burwell, Nebr., in 1925.

She married Loyal S. Smith in Torrington on Feb. 10, 1934, and they came to Powell the same year. He died Feb. 10, 1964. She then married Leo T. Smith in Powell on Nov. 21, 1965. He died Aug. 9, 1976.

She was a housewife and worked at the Powell School Cafeteria for many years. She also was formerly employed at McGlathery Greenhouse & Flowers.

She was a long-time member of Modern Home Club.

For those who wish, memorial donations to the Naomi Rebekah Lodge would be appreciated by the family.

Survivors include numerous nieces and nephews.

Anne Smith

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SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Anne Kukuchka Smith, 81, died Thursday, Aug. 5, 2004.

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A rosary will be at 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 9, at Kane Funeral Home in Sheridan. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 10, at Holy Name Catholic Church. Interment will follow in the Sheridan Municipal Cemetery.

Carl W. Smith

BROADUS — Carl W. Smith, 97, died Saturday, Oct. 9, 2004, at the Powder River Manor.

Visitation will be Tuesday, Oct. 12, in the chapel of Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City from 1 to 8 p.m. Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 13, at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City. Interment will follow in the family lot of the Custer County Cemetery.

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Claire M. Smith

POWELL, Wyo. — Claire M. Smith, 87, of Powell, died Sunday, Nov. 21, 2004, at her home.

Rosary will be at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 25, at Miratsky Funeral Home in Powell.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. Friday, Nov. 26, at St. Barbara's Catholic Church in Powell.

Interment will be in Crown Hill Cemetery in Powell.

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Claire M. Smith

Funeral Mass for Claire M. Smith, 87, who died peacefully at her home in Powell on Sunday, Nov. 21, will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Friday, Nov. 26 at St. Barbara's Catholic Church.

Father Pete Johnson will officiate at services and burial in Crown Hill Cemetery. Visitation and rosary are set Thursday, Nov. 25 at 7 p.m. at Miratsky-Easton Funeral Home.

She was born Claire M. Nielsen on March 16, 1917, in Powell to homesteaders Niels and Emma Nielsen. She graduated from Powell High School and married Gerald L. Smith in Powell in 1935.

She was very talented in porcelain dollmaking, china painting, quilting, rug hooking and many other aspects of handwork. Working in her flower garden was a favorite pastime.

She was an active member of the Council of Catholic Women and the Business and Professional Women's organization and worked at the ASCS office in Powell for 30 years. She served as a Silver Haired Legislator for several years.

Survivors include her brother, Norman Nielsen of Ralston; sisters Elsie Hawley and Edna Caslick, both of Powell, and Emma Morris of Bellevue, Wash.; and nieces and nephews.

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

For those who wish, memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, St. Barbara's Church or a charity of choice.

Curtis W. Smith

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Curtis W. Smith, 69, died Tuesday, Oct. 5, 2004, at Sheridan Manor. Cremation has taken place and a private family service will be held at a later date. Kane Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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Deloris L. Smith

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CODY, Wyo. — Deloris L. Smith, 83, died Thursday, Sept. 9, 2004, at West Park Long Term Care Center.

Cremation has taken place and at her request, no services are planned.

Donna Smith

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MILES CITY — Donna Smith, 41, of Miles City, died Tuesday, Sept. 22, 2004, at the Friendship Villa in Miles City.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 25, at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City.

Frances Edward Smith

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EKALAKA — Frances Edward Smith, 74, died on Friday, July 16, 2004, at the Friendship Villa Care Center in Miles City following a long illness.

Visitation will be 1-8 p.m. Tuesday, in the Stevenson Funeral Home in Ekalaka. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m., Wednesday, July 21. Burial with Military Honors will be by the American Legion Post #60 of Ekalaka in the Beaver Lodge Cemetery.

Hilda J. Smith

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

FEB 10 2004

Hilda J. Smith, 75, of Billings, passed away Sunday evening, Feb. 8, 2004, in Billings.

The daughter of Gus and Ann Paridean, Hilda was born Sept. 22, 1928. She married Donald L. Smith in Billings in September 1947. He preceded her in death in July 1988.

Hilda was active with her ministry in Jehovah's Witnesses throughout her life.

Survivors include two children, Paul Smith of Molt and Connie Baynham of Havre; her sister, Katherine Fought of Miles City; a brother, Adolph Paridean of Billings; and a grandson, Levi C. Smith of Molt.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial services will be held at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses at a later date.

Michelotti-Sawyers has charge of arrangements.

James D. Smith

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

JAN 13 2004

James D. Smith, beloved husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, uncle and friend, died Jan. 9, 2004, at home due to cancer. He was born April 16, 1918, to Paul and Grace Smith in Broadview.



**JAMES
SMITH**

On June 3, 1939, Jim was united in marriage to Vivian Marie Synhorst in Billings.

He graduated from Billings Senior High and started working at Midland Packing as a meat cutter, later becoming a cook at the Northern Hotel. Jim enlisted in the Navy and served in World War II and the Korean War. After serving his active duty, he became a surveyor for Yellowstone County, and built his home on the west-end of Billings. He was instrumental in the creation of the body building program at the YMCA and was very active in that, upon its completion. Physical fitness was a major part of Jim's life.

He loved running, swimming and body building, much of which he continued until shortly preceding his death.

For more than 40 years, Jim was active in traffic control at the Metranark Fairgrounds also

holding the position of superintendent of traffic. At the age of 82, Jim decided it was finally time for him to retire.

His parents, Paul and Grace Smith; brother, Harold Smith, and grandson, Kurtis Clark preceded him in death. Survivors include his loving wife, Vivian Smith of Billings; sons, Donald and wife Lila Smith of Billings and Jack and wife Linda Smith of Peoria, Ariz.; daughter, Susan and husband Rick Shardlow of Post Falls, Idaho; brothers, Dale and wife Embernetta, Herb and wife Audrey, and Mike Smith, all of Billings; sister, Juanita Stricker of Bozeman; sister-in-law, Betty Taggart of Spokane, Wash.; 10 grandchildren, several step-grandchildren, many great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Graveside services with military honors, will be held 11 a.m., Tuesday, Jan. 13, at Mountview Cemetery. Visitation was held Monday at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary.

Memorials may be made to the YMCA Foundation.

Michelotti-Sawyers is in charge of arrangements.

John Henry Smith

John Henry Smith, 61, of Billings, died Sunday, Jan. 25, 2004, at the Parkview Care Center.

As requested, cremation has taken place and no formal services are scheduled. Smith's Downtown Chapel is in charge.

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Kallin Nicole Smith

POWELL, Wyo. — Kallin Nicole Smith, age 12, passed away at her home on Saturday, Jan. 17, 2004.

She was born on Sept. 17, 1991 in Powell to Scott B. and Barbara A. (Cummins) Smith. She was a member of the LDS Church and was a sixth grader at Powell Middle School. She was a member of the Poetry Club, Math Counts and Word Power. She loved reading, swimming, diving and playing the piano. She received the Presidential Academic Award for perfect WYCAS scores in two areas.

She is survived by her parents, Scott and Barbara Smith, brother, Kenny Smith and sisters Natalie Smith and Amy Smith, all of the family home west of Powell; grandparents, B.J. Smith of Dillon, Mont., and Kent and Janet Cummins of Arco, Idaho; great-grandmother, Margaret Waymire of Howe, Idaho; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins. She was preceded in death by her Grandma Kennette K. Smith and an uncle, Doug Cummins.

Funeral services will be held at 4 p.m. Thursday at the Powell Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, with Bishop Gibson Condie presiding.

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Should friends desire, memorials might be made to the Powell Music Boosters. Burial will take place on Saturday in Mountain View Cemetery in Dillon, Mont.

Miratsky-Easton Funeral Home in Powell is in charge.

Kurt Smith

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GILLETTE, Wyo. — Kurt Smith, 48, died Oct. 27, 2004, at the Deaconess Clinic in Billings, of complications of a sudden illness.

Memorial services for Kurt Smith will be 10 a.m., Wednesday, Nov. 3, at the New Life Wesleyan Church in Gillette.

Lillian Smith

JAY, Okla. — Lillian Yarlott Rockman Smith, 88, of Jay, formerly of Crow Agency, Mont., died Tuesday, July 13, 2004, at St. Francis Hospital in Tulsa.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 17, in the Worley-Luginbuel Funeral Home Chapel in Jay. Burial will be at 3 p.m. Saturday, in Memorial Park Cemetery in Heavener.

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Lucy Smith

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MEDICINE LAKE — Funeral services for Lucy Smith will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, July 5. Rev. Tim Hutsler will officiate at the service at the Union

Congregational Church in Medicine Lake. Interment will be in Medicine Lake Cemetery. Casket bearers will be Marvin Ator, Jon Bolstad, Ronnie Booth, Richard Hendrickson, Art Thiel and

Melvin Tronson. Honorary Bearers will be Chris Ator, Jim Bolstad, Don Carpenter, Neal French, Walt Norbo and Wayne Smith. Lucy died Thursday, June 24, 2004, at the Washoe Medical Center in Reno, Nev.; she was 95.

Lucy was born in Medicine Lake, Nov. 22, 1909, the daughter of pioneering parents George and Emily Charlesworth. A graduate of Medicine Lake High School and of the University of Montana with a Master's degree, Lucy taught school for 41 years. Upon retirement, she spent many years volunteering, doing community service and church activities. Three years ago, she moved to Fernley, Nev., to make her home with her nephew and his wife, Moe and Mary Royels. Her hus-



**LUCY
SMITH**

band, William Smith, passed away July 21, 1973. Lucy will be seriously missed for her sense of humor, her talent at the piano, her great interest in people and her love for family and friends.

Lucy is survived by her nephew Moe Royels and his wife Mary; her niece, Beth Mortensen, great-nephews Joe and George Mortensen; and her great-niece, Marge Rhyno.

Friends may call at Fulkerson's in Plentywood beginning Friday, July 2.

Mackenzie Page Smith

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

MAR 9 0 2004

WOLF POINT — MacKenzie Page Smith, age 2, of Wolf Point, died March 17, 2004, at her home, due to multiple health problems.

MacKenzie was born Feb. 13, 2002, in Wolf Point, to Roger and Heather Smith. She really loved her mother and always kept her in her sights and she really loved music. Words cannot explain how much she will be missed.

MacKenzie is survived by her parents, Roger and Heather Smith, brother Brandon Smith all of Wolf Point; and three sisters, Jonisa Charette of Wolf Point, Crystal Smith of Vida and Christina Smith of Helena; grandparents Tony and Clarice Charette of Wolf Point and Bill and Marilyn Smith of Hampton, Iowa; great-grandparents Ben and Ole Unruh of Wolf Point and great-grandmother Afreida McNabb of Billings and numerous aunts and uncles.

Funeral service will be Monday, March 22, at 10 a.m., at Clayton Stevenson Memorial Chapel in Wolf Point. Condolences may be sent to the family at csmc@nemonte.net or www.stevensonsonandsons.com. Clayton Stevenson Memorial Chapel is in charge of arrangements. Interment will be in Greenwood Cemetery.

Marcella 'Sally' Smith

GREYBULL, Wyo. —

Marcella "Sally" Smith, 60, passed away Sunday, Jan. 4, 2004, at the West Park Long Term Care Center.

Memorial services will be 10 a.m. Friday at the Seventh-day Adventist and Grace Fellowship Church in Greybull. Memorials may be made to Big Horn Federal in Greybull of the benefit of the Greybull Senior Citizens and Meals on Wheels in Sally's name.

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Margaret Smith

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PLENTYWOOD — Margaret Smith, 82, passed away Sunday evening, June 20, 2004, at the Sheridan Memorial Hospital, Plentywood, following a lengthy illness. Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, July 10, at Plentywood Lutheran Church. Interment will be at the Oakland Cemetery, St. Paul, Minn., July 23, along with her husband, Pastor Lloyd Smith, who passed away Jan. 20 of this year.



**MARGARET
SMITH**

Margaret Bessie was born Dec. 20, 1921, to her pioneer parents, Oscar and Sadie Bryce Wagnild, at their Outlook homestead. She was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith.

Margaret attended the Nickerson rural school till its closing in 1934 and then attended the Outlook School and later the Plentywood High School, graduating there in 1939. She attended the Normal College in Dillon, receiving her teachers certification, and taught at the Ueland rural school, Westby, and in Reserve, Bainville and Outlook.

In 1946, she went to St. Paul to work at the newly founded Toni Home Permanent Company. It

was in those years that she met Lloyd Smith at a young people's church picnic.

Lloyd and Margaret were married June 12, 1949, in a double wedding with her sister, Helen and Vernon Stoner of Outlook in the "old Plentywood Lutheran Church." Fifty years later, in July 1999, they celebrated their double golden anniversary with a host of family and friends.

Following Lloyd's graduation from the Lutheran seminary, St. Paul, and his ordination into the ministry, they sailed on the Queen Mary for Paris in August 1953, to study the French language before sailing in September 1954 for the mission field in French Equatorial Africa, which is now the Central African Republic.

Margaret served side by side with Lloyd, teaching adults to read a simplified version of the Bible which had been transcribed into the language of the Gbaya Tribe. And though she had no nurses training, she learned to bandage skin ulcers, apply medication to infected eyes, adminis-

ter medicine for tapeworms, malaria and for many infections caused by uncleanness and impure water, just to name a few examples. She taught the women simple sewing skills as hemming their head scarves by hand and simple embroidery stitches.

Through the years on furloughs, she and Lloyd became special friends among the members of the 26 churches and American Lutheran Church Women's groups of the Northeast Montana Conference (now called the "Northeast Cluster"), encompassing hundreds of square miles from Westby to Peerless to Poplar to two rural churches of north of Sidney, to Bainville and back to Westby.

They were met with the greatest enthusiasm and interest flourished in the African missions as the two of them spoke, showed slides and displayed African artifacts at the church services, women's meetings and Sunday School throughout the conference. Sunday School children gave their offering for purchasing canned milk for orphaned babies whose mothers had died in childbirth or from other circumstances. Those Sunday School youths are adults today in our communities but still remember "the missionaries from Africa."

Margaret and Lloyd retired in 1983 to St. Paul, and in 2000 they moved to Two Harbors, Minn., to

be near their daughter, Rachel and her husband Mike and grandchildren, Camden, Grady, and Shane.

In 1984, Margaret was selected to travel with Helena Yatia, a Gbaya woman chosen to represent the Lutheran Church of the Central African Republic in the "Woman to Woman" program. For about three weeks they visited the churches, ALCW's and youth groups as Helena spoke, and Margaret painstakingly interpreted her Gbaya words. They traveled throughout the Rocky Mountain District (now the Rocky Mountain Synod), which consisted at that time of churches throughout Montana, and a few congregations of northern Wyoming and eastern Idaho.

Following Lloyd's death this past winter, Margaret, because of her own failing health, returned to the community of her youth to reside with her widowed sister, Helen, on the farm at Outlook.

She is survived by her daughter, Rachel (Mike) Sweeney and grandsons, Camden, Grady and Shane; sister Helen Stoner, sisters-in-laws Ann Smith, St. Paul, Virginia Smith, Scott's Valley, Calif., and Dorothy Wagnild, Plentywood; and a host of cousins, nephews and nieces. She was preceded in death by her beloved Lloyd; an infant son, Norman Bruce, buried in Africa;

Margaret Smith

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her parents, brothers, George and Clarence Wagnild and a sister, Mabel Foss.

Fulkerson Funeral Home of Plentywood is in charge of arrangements.

Mary M. Smith

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Mary M. Smith passed away Sept. 12, 2004, surrounded by loving family at Aspen Meadows Nursing Home. She was born Aug. 30, 1917, to Francis and Ethel Amans in Chausse, Mont. This was her home until 1919, when her folks moved back to her father's birthplace of Rice Lake, Wis.

In 1929, when Mary was 11, her mother passed away and she came to Billings to live with her mother's sister and husband, Paul and Mary Petter. Mary attended Roosevelt Elementary and Senior High School, where she met Francis Smith in 1933. In June of 1936, she married Francis and from this union came three daughters, Barbara (Pat) Andrews, Darlene (Bill) Keene and Vicki (Roger) Engen; eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Her husband, Francis Smith, and grandson, David Keene, preceded her in death.

Mary was baptized at First Christian Church in April 1930, and was a very active member through her adult life. She taught Sunday school and was a member of the church choir and the church board, along with being a



MARY
SMITH

Deaconess. Mary was the third woman elder elected in the church. Her spiritual life was very important to her and her beliefs and strong work ethic was a model for all of us who knew her to follow in our own lives. She also enjoyed being a member to the Friendship Chapter 124, OES, the Electa Club and Daughters of the Nile, where she sang in the choir.

Mary was employed by Smith Funeral Home as a hairdresser from 1950 to 1985.

Our mother's home was always full of fun and happiness. The old and the young were welcome with open arms and all enjoyed the closeness of family. Many wonderful hours were also spent at the family cabin on the Stillwater River. Mary's motto was always "the more the merrier."

Holidays were eagerly anticipated and brought friends and family together to share and enjoy in festivities and celebrate our Christian faith and close-knit family with Mary, the matriarch and strength of the family. All who knew Mary were touched with her sense of humor and her strong nurturing character that was compacted in a petite frame. We feel blessed to have such a

compassionate, caring woman for a mom, grandma, great-grandma and, above all, a friend. She taught all of us many wonderful things and made us better human beings. We will truly miss her, but she will always be in our hearts.

The following are Mary's last words to us all. *Death is nothing at all; I have only slipped away into the next room. I am I. And you are you; whatever we were to each other, that we still are. Call me by my old familiar name, speak to me in the easy way you always used. Put no difference into your tone, wear no forced air of solemnity or sorrow. Laugh as we always laughed at the little jokes we enjoyed together. Play, smile, think of me, pray for me. Life means all that it ever meant. It is the same as it always was. There is absolutely unbroken continuity — I am but waiting for you, for an interval, somewhere very near, just around the corner. All is well. Smile and God Bless All of You!..Love, Mary.*

Our thanks and appreciation to Aspen Meadows and the employees for the love, care and compassion they have shown. This was Mom's home for three years.

A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 16, at the Smith Downtown Chapel, with interment to follow at Mountview Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the Shrine Transportation Fund, 1125 Broadwater Ave., Billings, MT

59102, or a charity of your choice. Smith Downtown Chapel is assisting with arrangements.

Roxanne Beltz Smith

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

FEB 12 2004

Roxanne B. Smith, 49, of Billings, died Tuesday, Feb. 10, 2004, at Horizon Hospice Home, after a brief illness resulting from a stroke.

Private family services are planned. Cremation has been held at Cremation or Funeral Gallery.

Victoria L. Smith

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

JUL 28 2004

WOLF POINT — Victoria L. Smith, 55, died Tuesday, July 27, 2004, at Northeast Montana Health Services.

A wake will be held on Thursday, beginning at 4 p.m., with a prayer service at 7 p.m. at the Wolf Point Community Hall and ending at 8 a.m. Friday. Funeral services are at 10 a.m. Friday at Clayton Stevenson Memorial Chapel with interment at Greenwood Cemetery.

Vivian M. Smith

MAY 22 2004

SPOKANE, Wash. — Vivian M. Smith, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, aunt and friend, died Tuesday, May 18, 2004, at Valley Hospital, in Spokane, after a brief illness. She was born Jan. 12, 1922, in Miles City, Mont., to Ferdinand and Minnie Rose Synhorst.

On June 3, 1939, Vivian was united in marriage to James D. Smith in



**VIVIAN
SMITH**

Billings. They would have celebrated their 65th anniversary, June 3, 2004. Together, they built their home at 2404 Ave. B in 1953. There, they raised three children and she lived until her death. Vivian worked for Mountain Bell for 34 years. She also assisted her husband with traffic control at the MetraPark Fairgrounds until he retired.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband of 64 years, James D. Smith; father, Ferdinand Synhorst; her mother, Peggy Schuster; and one grandson, Kurtis James Clark. Survivors include sons, Donald and wife

Lila Smith of Billings, Jack and wife Linda Smith of Peoria, Ariz., daughter Susan and husband Rick Shardlow of Post Falls, Idaho; sister Betty Taggart of Spokane; numerous grandchildren; several step-grandchildren; many great-grandchildren, a couple of great-great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Graveside services will be held Monday, May 24, at 3 p.m. at Mountview Cemetery in Billings. Memorials may be made to the YMCA.

BILLINGS GAZETTE



ZACK SMITH

MILES CITY — Staff Sergeant Zack Smith, age 23, of Miles City, died Monday, Sept. 20, 2004, at Saint Vincent's Hospital in Billings.

Mom and Dad Smith received the glorious gift of Zack on March 10, 1981, in Melbourne, Fla. Soon after, the Smith family moved back to Mom's hometown of Miles City. The family lived in Miles City until 1987, when they packed up and moved to the Seattle area of Washington.

During the seven-year stay in Washington, Zack developed many interests; baseball became a family favorite ... even Mom could swing a powerful stick. Zack intensified his love for Miles City through frequent trips to visit his grandparents and Uncle Roy, who would always take him fishing, hunting and shooting, which Zack grew to

love so very much.

To Zack's delight, the Smith family moved back to Miles City in 1993. Ice hockey skated its way into Zack's heart, as he played the sport throughout his high school career. He attended Custer County District High School and somehow found a passion for auto mechanics. Needless to say, his favorite class was auto shop.

In 1999, upon graduation from CCDHS, Zack enlisted in the United States Air Force and excelled as a Aircraft Ground Equipment Mechanic. During the period of his enlistment, he served in many foreign lands, which include Kuwait, Israel, The Netherlands, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, England and various other parts of Europe.

Zack was in the Air Force for over five and a half years and was soon to be discharged to come home to his beautiful fiancée whom he had stumbled upon not even a year ago while on leave in Miles City. They found the ultimate "LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT" for one another. They were to be married this twentieth of November until this tragedy changed all of his plans.

Zack, in his all-too-short journey into and out of this life, was so many things. Zack was outstanding in everything he did, but

where he truly excelled was in the giving of himself. To us who knew him best, he was the truest friend, loyal to the end. Zack was the greatest brother anyone could've been blessed with. He was the son any parent would cry with tears of pride and joy to be able to have the privilege of raising. He truly was a fine young man and would've grown to be an outstanding husband and father. Zack is leaving behind a growing legacy of lasting loved ones who adore him deeply and the fire of our love will never dim!!!

Zack's survivors include his fiancée, Brandi Lowe of Custer; his father, Thomas; his mother, Donna; older brother, Jeremy; younger brother, Jacob; grandparents, Ronnie and Beverly Molstad, all of Miles City, and Betty Smith of Palm Bay, Fla.; aunts, Ronna "Nini" Molstad, who was like his second mom, Becky Sims and husband Bret of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, Teresa Lane and husband Mike of Auburn, Wash., Jerry Molstad of Glasgow, Roy Molstad; aunt, Carol "Peanut" Smith of Palm Bay, Fla.; and uncle Dennis Barnes of Palm Bay. His survivors also include his best friend, Chad Dunwald, who was like a brother; sister-in-law, Michelle Smith; nephews Caleb and Anthony; niece, Abigail; numerous cousins, aunts and uncles; Brandi's incredible family; and countless numbers of friends and place

Zack stepped foot.

Visitation will be held on Friday, Sept. 24, at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City, with family receiving friends from 3 to 7 p.m. During the visitation, friends are asked to sign a message on the casket. Funeral services will be held on Saturday, Sept. 25, at 10 a.m. at the Trinity Lutheran Church Miles City. Interment will follow in the Eastern Montana State Veteran's Cemetery in Miles City, with Full Military Honors provided by the Malstrom Air Force Base. Condolences may be made to the family by visiting www.stevensonandsons.com.

Should friends desire, memorials may be made to Zack's family so a Scholarship Fund can be established.

Hilda M. Snapp**MAY 06 2004**

LEWISTOWN — Hilda M. Snapp, 92, of Lewistown, passed away Tuesday morning, May 4, 2004, at New Horizons Assisted Living, of natural causes.

She was born Nov. 3, 1911, in Meagher County, the daughter of Alexander J. and Hattie (Bleeker) Hill. She received her schooling in Harlowton schools, graduating from Harlowton High School in the Class of 1930. She then attended Normal School in Billings, receiving her teaching certificate in 1935. She then taught at Box Elder, a one-room school north of Lewistown, where she met her future husband. She was united in marriage to William D. Snapp on July 24, 1938, in Great Falls. They returned to the ranch north of Lewistown, where they made their home and lived until his death in 1996.

Hilda is survived by one son, David K. and his wife Val of Lewistown; two daughters, Louise Vogl and husband Glenn of Lewistown and Margaret Johnson and husband Roger of Elko, Nev.; one daughter-in-law, Pat Snapp of Lewistown; 15 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; and three step-great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband William D. in 1996; one son, William J. in 2001; two infant granddaughters; her parents; one brother and two sisters.

Funeral services for Hilda M. Snapp will be Monday, May 10, at 2 p.m., in the Cloyd Chapel, with interment to follow in the Lewistown City Cemetery. The Cloyd Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Friends are asked to make memorials to the Class of 1935, the Central Montana Foundation, Fergus County 4-H or the charity of their choice and they may be left at Cloyd Funeral Home.

Jim Sneath

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

DEC 08 2004

BROADUS — Jim Sneath, 63, of Broadus, died Wednesday, Dec. 1, 2004, at his home.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 10, at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Broadus. Interment will follow in the Valley View Cemetery in Broadus.

Douglas R. Snell, Jr.

FORT BELKNAP — Douglas R. Snell, Jr., 22, died Friday, Dec. 10, 2004, at Fort Belknap Health Center, due to heart-related illness.

Wake and rosary will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 15, at the Red Whip Center at Fort Belknap Agency. Funeral mass will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 16, at the Red Whip Center. Burial will follow in the Hi-way Cemetery. Edwards Funeral Home of Chinook is in charge.

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Faye Allred Snell

BRIDGER — Faye Allred Snell passed away Sept. 23, 2004, in Arlington, Va.

She was born Aug. 19, 1940, in Marysville, Utah, to Heber Allred and Lucy Howes. She married Jay C. Snell on March 11, 1960, in Salt Lake City.

Faye is survived by her beloved family: her husband Jay, Bridger; daughter Jodi (James) Sears, Humble, Texas; sons, Lou (Assie) Snell, Stafford, Va., Jeff (Mary) Snell, Billings, Clete Snell, Bryan, Texas, and Hank (Lisa) Snell, East Helena; and her sisters, Novella (David) Haynes, Riverton, Utah, Veon

Sydell, Monroe, Utah, Mary (Douglas) Christenson, Richfield, Utah, Shirley Torgenson, Fredonia, Ariz. Her precious grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews also survive her.

There will be a viewing Friday, Oct. 1, at Haskell Funeral Home in Lovell, Wyo., from 6 to 8 p.m. Also, a viewing will be held on Saturday, Oct. 2, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Cowley, Wyo., from 10:15 to 11 a.m. The funeral services will directly follow the viewing. Graveside services will follow at the Cowley cemetery.

NOV 11 2004**Ivan Snell**

ROZET, Wyo. — Ivan Lee Snell, 45, of Rozet, died Saturday, Nov. 6, 2004, from injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident.

Visitation will be from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 12, at the Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home Chapel in Gillette. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 13, at the Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home Chapel. A private cremation service will follow.

Joseph Snell

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

AUG 29 2004

FORT BELKNAP — Joseph Snell, 35, died at a friend's home in New Town. His death is under investigation by the Blaine County Coroner and Fort Belknap Police. Joseph had been recovering from injuries he received in an automobile accident a year ago.

Wake services will be 7 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 1, at the Red Whip Community Center. Funeral services will be 2 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 2, at the Red Whip Community Center with burial in the Pony Hill Cemetery. Adams Funeral Home of Malta is in charge of arrangements.

Dolores Jenene Lowry Snyder

CODY, Wyo. — Dolores Jenene Lowry Snyder, 72, of Cody, Wyo., died at West Park Hospital on Saturday, May 22, 2004, after a long hard fought battle with cancer.



**DOLORES
SNYDER**

Dolores was born Oct. 16, 1931, in Powell, Wyo., the daughter of Montana Powell Lowry and Robert W. Lowry. She lived in Lovell, Wyo., for her first seven years

of life and then moved to the Canal Zone where her father was an engineer. She graduated from Balboa High School, Canal Zone in 1949. She then attended two years at the University of Montana in Missoula studying music (Applied Voice). Later, she moved to Ann Arbor, Mich. where she received her bachelor's and master's degree in Voice with Phi Beta Kappa honors from the University of Michigan and was granted a teaching fellowship.

After graduation, she visited her grandmother in Lovell where she renewed her acquaintance with Robert Snyder, whom she had known as a child. In him,

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she had found the love of her life, and they married on Nov. 24, 1955.

Dolores gave up her professional music career in lieu of a family. She remained active with her music by directing the Episcopal Church choir, performing in local music programs and singing at events too numerous to count.

Though music was her passion, Dolores also enjoyed horseback riding, living her faith, a family cabin in the Big Horn Mountains, building her dream home and a legion of friends.

Dolores was a most remarkable person and a gift to all whom had had the privilege to know her. She gave unselfishly to the community and her family. Her zest for living and love of life was enormous. God gave Dolores a tremendous voice which was always shared. Her talent landed her the lead role in all the operas and musicals in which she performed.

Dolores was a true testimony to her faith and is a shining example to all of how one can live and end one's life with

courage, dignity and respect. She was an inspiration to all those she encountered and somehow everyone she met could take away something good from the experience. She always lived life fully and in the present.

Survivors include her mother, Montana Lowry; her husband of 48 years, Robert L. Snyder; her son, Robert Blaine Snyder (Kelli); daughters, Lelani Snyder Maniscalco (Joe) and Angela Lee Coe (Bob), all of Cody, Wyo.; and her sister, Oceana Lowry of Albuquerque, N.M.; seven grandchildren, and loving friends.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be donated to Hematology Oncology Centers, 1025 9th Street, Suite B, Cody, WY 82414.

Funeral Services will be 10 a.m. Thursday, May 27 at Christ Episcopal Church. Interment will follow at Riverside Cemetery. Visitation will be 5 until 7 p.m. Wednesday evening at Ballard Funeral Home.

For all of you who loved Dolores as much as the family, we sincerely thank you. Our magical songbird will surely be missed.

Margarette Snyder

WCS GAZETTE

JAN 04 2004

RAPID CITY, S. D. — Margarette F. Snyder, 69, died Friday, Jan. 2, 2004, at the Campbell County Memorial Hospital.

Private family services will be held at her home in Rapid City.



MYRON SNYDER

Myron Chesley Snyder

Myron Chesley Snyder, 81, passed away on Monday, June 14, 2004, with his family by his side.

Myron was born on Jan. 27, 1923, in Trinidad, Colo., to Roy Clifford Snyder and Helen Zietlow Snyder. He attended Trinidad Junior College and the University of Denver, graduating in 1946 with a degree in accounting. He worked for Carter Oil Co., Bay Petroleum Co., and for Collins, Peabody, and Masters in Denver. On Sept. 28, 1947, he married his best friend and the love of his life, Ethel Kiehna, who he met at the University of Denver. Together, they raised four children. Myron passed the CPA exam in 1948 while in Denver. In 1953, the family moved to Billings, where Myron worked for Colburg, Wallin and Hoorman. In 1959, Myron opened his own accounting practice. He sold his practice to his son Scott in 1986 and worked for him. He did not retire, but continued to work until

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Myron was a happy, good-natured person. He was an avid camper and fisherman. He caught the "big one" in every fishing hole (some of them secret) that he discovered. He also loved hiking, hunting, square dancing and watching sports, especially football. Camping included an annual family gathering near Cooke City. He enjoyed having his six grandchildren close to him and loved to take them camping. He never lost his love for the beautiful mountains of Colorado and Montana. He was a member of First United Methodist Church of Billings.

Money, material possessions and social status held little value for Myron. He taught us that the true meaning of life can only be found in the love of family and friends. This is his legacy. He was a wonderful and dedicated friend, husband, father and grandfather. We are blessed that you were and will always be a major part of our lives. We will deeply miss you.

Myron is survived by Ethel, his wife of 57 years; his daughter Nancy Lehfeltdt (Jeff) of Billings; his son, Stuart Snyder (Connie) of Billings; his son, Scott Snyder

(Judy) of Billings and his son, David Snyder (fiancee Jessica Mikszewski) of Philadelphia; and his six grandchildren, Tanya Lehfeldt (fiancé Nathan Bailey), Lewis Lehfeldt, Shann Snyder, Shea Snyder, Alison Snyder and Sara Snyder, all of Billings. He is also survived by his brothers, Marion Snyder of Trinidad and Harvey Keith Snyder of Hedgesville, W.Va., and many nephews and nieces. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Roy Glenn Snyder of Trinidad.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, June 17, at First United Methodist Church, 2800 Fourth Ave. N., in Billings. Memorial donations can be made to the First United Methodist Church or to the charity of one's choice.

Ola Fay Snyder

BASIN, Wyo. — Ola Fay Snyder, 88, died Saturday, Aug. 28, 2004, at the Bonnie Bluejacket Memorial Nursing Home.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 4, at the First Baptist Church with burial in the Mountain View Cemetery. Atwood Family Funeral Directors is in charge.

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Ruth Snyder

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

FEB 08 2004

PLENTYWOOD — Ruth Snyder, 87, died Thursday Feb. 5, 2004, at Sheridan Memorial Hospital in Plentywood.

A memorial service will be at 10 a.m. on Monday, Feb. 9, at Plentywood Lutheran Church. Cremation has taken place and there will be a private interment of cremated remains prior to the service. Fulkerson Funeral Home of Plentywood is in charge of the arrangements.

Arnold Richard Solberg

SEP 30 2004

MILES CITY — Arnold Richard Solberg, age 86, passed away at Shady Lane Assisted Living in Miles City on Sept. 27, 2004.



Visitation will be held on Friday, Oct. 1, at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City. Funeral services will be held on

**ARNOLD
SOLBERG**

Saturday, Oct. 2, at 3:30 p.m. at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City. Interment will follow in the family lot of the Custer County Cemetery with Military honors. Condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.stevensonandsons.com.

Lisa Bruhaug Sommer *THE BILLINGS GAZETTE*

MAR 28 2004

LAKEVILLE, Minn. —
Graveside memorial services for
Lisa Bruhaug Sommer, 41, for-
merly of Billings, will be at 11 a.m.
on Monday, March 29, 2004, at
Yellowstone Valley Memorial
Park, 3605 Grand Ave.

Michelotti-Sawyers is in
charge of local arrangements.

Evelyn Opland Sorensen

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

AUG 17 2004

Evelyn Opland Sorensen passed away at her home away from home with her family by her side on Tuesday, Aug. 10, 2004, in Billings.

Graveside memorial services will be held on Friday, Aug. 20, at 11:30 a.m. at the Harlowton Cemetery in Harlowton.

Evelyn was born the youngest child of Martin and Sina Opland on Aug. 26, 1926, in Big Timber. She spent her childhood years on the family ranch at Gibson. Evelyn, a little spitfire with an infectious laugh, graduated from Sweet Grass County High School in Big Timber in 1944. Following graduation, she worked at Western Union Telegraph and lived by the ocean in Olympia, Wash., with Aunt Dora and Uncle George Messing. She tired of hearing the lonesome Fog Whistles and missed her family, so she packed up and took the train back to Montana.

Evelyn pursued an alternate path and graduated from Cosmetology School in Billings, beginning her career as a beautician in Big Timber. Shortly after, she purchased a hair salon in Harlowton where she met Martin "Bud" Sorensen Jr. They were married on Nov. 6, 1954. Evelyn and Bud took great joy in raising their children, Kim and Marty, in the Harlowton area. Evelyn built a hair salon next to the family home and

continued as a beautician for many years. Following Bud's death, Evelyn worked for a time in insurance and at Wade's Drive Inn.

Evelyn was preceded in death by her husband Bud in 1967; father and mother Martin and Sina Opland; and all her brothers and sisters, James, Gilbert, Lloyd, Margaret and Bernice; and niece June Opland Kalberg. She is survived by her daughter, Kim Todd and husband John of Willow Creek, and son Martin Sorensen, wife Elizabeth and granddaughter Amanda of Billings.

Memorials in Evelyn's name may be sent to: Big Sky Hospice at PO Box 35033 in Billings, MT 59107 or to the charity of donor's choice.

Michelotti-Sawyers is in charge of arrangements.

Amy Sorenson

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

APR 17 2004

MILES CITY — Amy Eleanor Sorenson, 84, of Miles City, died Thursday, April 15, 2004, at the Holy Rosary Extended Care in Miles City.

Visitation will be Monday, April 19, in the chapel of Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, April 20, in the chapel of Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City. Interment will follow at 4 p.m. in the Highland Cemetery in Glasgow.

Alexander 'Archie' Joseph Sos

Alexander "Archie" Joseph Sos passed away peacefully Sept. 12, 2004.

Archie was born July 25, 1916, in Roundup, to Alex and Minnie Sos. He was schooled in Roundup, later moving to Billings.

He was so skilled with his hands — operating a stitching machine in his father's shoe shop, beginning at a young age.

He loved going to the movies and never missed the Saturday matinees — including the excitement of a fire at the Rio Theater.

He was a silk screen processor for Treasure State Advertising, later working at Robert Sos Signs.

He loved to repair and tinker with all electronics for family and friends, thereby saving many a toaster, heater or iron; absolutely anything and everything were his forte.

Archie loved John Wayne movies, sourdough waffles, and was always there for his family. There was nothing he wouldn't do for them. He was a lifetime bachelor.



**ARCHIE
SOS**

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He was preceded in death by three brothers, Albert, Edward Joseph; and sister, Rose Gountainis.

Archie is survived by his sister, Olga Moyer; and brother Bob Sos.

A graveside service will be held at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 15, at Mountview Cemetery. Smith Downtown Chapel is assisting with arrangements.

Oh, what a gentle man.

Beth Ann Sos

With sorrow, we announce the death of Beth Ann Sos. Her eight-year fight with cancer came to an end on Oct. 25, 2004, in her childhood home in Billings, with her parents, Robert and Karyn Sos, by her side.

Beth was born on Aug. 21, 1969. She was a very adventurous child who made it a point to meet every person and animal in the neighborhood. She took great pleasure in getting people to laugh. Even in adulthood she could not resist making jokes, creating stories or making up silly songs to get the smiles she sought. Beth could never resist the urge to tease her sisters Jennifer and Bobby.

After graduating from Billings Senior High School in 1987, her adventures took her to Connecticut, where she put herself through college at UCONN as a nanny, where she earned her masters in Chemical Engineering with a minor in Environmental Engineering. She graduated in

1996 as an honor scholar and Cum Laude.

From college, she started a new career working for 3M in Petaluma, Calif. Here, she authored three patents and took great pleasures in her hobbies of cooking, sculpting, stamping, fishing, rock collecting and gardening. Playing Spyro on her Play Station 2, snuggling up with a good book and going to the dog park with her dogs Nikkei and Kiara were especially fun for her.

In Tucson, Ariz., Beth continued to pursue her love for fishing and rock collecting by enrolling in classes. She was fond of reliving her childhood with friends and family, never failing to have us rolling on the floor with laughter at her crazy childhood antics.

Surviving Beth are her parents, Robert and Karyn Sos; her sisters, Kathy, Valerie, Jennifer and Bobby; and her brothers Tim, Scott and Chris.

Beth had found her way into each of our hearts. She was one of a kind. We will never forget her silly sense of humor and creative mind.

Farewell, Beth, we love you.



BETH
SOS

Gail R. Southard

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

JUL 29 2004

Gail R. Southard, 82, died Sunday, July 25, 2004, at Highgate Senior Living in Billings. He is survived by his wife, Phyllis of Billings; daughters, Susan Raack (Dan Gross) and Sally Eby (Newt), both of Billings; a son, Andrew Southard (Lynn) of Brighton, Colo.; five grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; two brothers and two sisters.

A memorial service will be held at 9 a.m. on Thursday at Highgate. Smith West Chapel is assisting with arrangements.

Elbert O. 'Bert' Sowerwine, Jr.

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CODY, Wyo. — Elbert O. "Bert" Sowerwine, Jr., 89, chemist, chemical engineer, consultant and entrepreneur, died July 8, 2004, at West Park Long Term Care Center in Cody, where he had lived for nearly four years. Before the move to Cody, he had resided in the Wapiti area since 1950.

He was the second of four sons born to Elbert Orla and Margaret Alice (Evans) Sowerwine, arriving on the Ides of March, March 15, 1915, in Tooele, Utah. The family moved east when his father was transferred to the corporate headquarters of Anaconda Copper Mining Co. in New York City as assistant to the president. They settled in Westfield, N.J., where he attended the local schools and graduated from Westfield High School in 1933. He was very active in the Boy Scouts of America, eventually becoming a commissioner from 1938 to '43.

Bert attended Cornell University in Ithaca, N.Y., and received two degrees, a bachelor of Chemistry in 1937 and Chemical Engineer in 1938. While attending Cornell, he was a letterman on the Varsity Crew, which was known as one of the best eight-oared rowing crews on

eastern waters. They won many races for "Big Red" over crews from Harvard, Yale, Princeton, Navy, MIT and other eastern universities. He was president of his fraternity, Delta Sigma Phi, and was elected to the honorary society, Aleph Samach, which was a high honor at Cornell.

On Feb. 22, 1933, he married Helen Roberta Auch in Stanhope, N.J. Together, they had four children, all born in New Jersey: Sue-Ann, Sandra, Elbert O. III and J. Frederick. After his marriage, Bert was an analytical chemist at Raritan Copper Works in Perth Amboy, N.J., during the summers of 1936 and '37; a research chemical engineer at Socony-Vacuum Oil Co., Paulsboro, N.J., from 1938 to '43; production supervisor at Merck & Co., Elkton, Va., from 1943 to '45; assistant plant manager at U.S. Industrial Chemicals Co., Newark, N.J., from 1945 to '48; and project engineer for Wigton-Abbott Corp. in Newark, 1948 to '50. The family moved to Wapiti in 1950 when Bert's job with Wigton-Abbott Corp. involved a project at Husky Oil Co. in Cody.

While at Husky, he researched the desulphurization of petroleum products and obtained three patents on petroleum processes. That association continued until 1955.

Since 1955, he has been a self-employed consultant and was a Registered Professional Engineer in Wyoming and New Jersey. Other professional memberships included the American Institute of Chemists and the American Institute of Chemical Engineers.

Bert and Helen purchased the Broken H and Trout Creek Ranches in the Wapiti valley in the 1950s and raised registered Black Angus cattle. He was an early advocate of sprinkler irrigation before it was widely accepted in Wyoming and installed the first system in the area. He was a member of Wapiti and Park County (Wyo.) School Boards from 1954 to '58, and a member of the American Farm Bureau.

From 1959 to '61, he was the director of the Montana State Planning Board and was on the Executive Board of the Missouri Basin Research and Development Council from 1959 to '61.

While living in Helena, Mont., Bert met and married Lucille "Hollie" Hardy. They got married in Helena in 1960 and had one child, Avril Ruth.

From 1962 to '76, Bert was involved in setting up several manufacturing and industrial plants in Nicaragua and

Honduras, Central America. He married Norma Isabel Borge Gonzalez on March 5, 1969, in Managua, Nicaragua. Their three children are Albaro E., Octavio E., and Zalda M. After Bert returned to Wapiti, he and Norma ran the Trout Creek Inn for many years.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers; first wife, Helen; second wife, Hollie; granddaughter Teresa Jones; and great-grandson Shayne Jordan.

Bert is survived by his eight children, Sue-Ann (Edwin) Jacobson, Billings; Sandra (Caesar) Aleman, Donna, Texas; Elbert (Pam), Cody; Frederick (Judy), Belgrade, Mont.; Avril (Louis) Taylor, Tijeras, N.M.; Albaro, Grand Junction, Colo.; Octavio (Jenny), Cody; and Zalda (Chris) Roberts, Pueblo, Colo. Also surviving are 24 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, July 16, at Ballard Funeral Home in Cody.

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

James David "Sonny" Sommerville

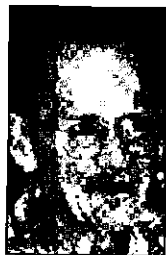
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James David 'Sonny' Sommerville, of Billings, passed away July 6, 2004, after a long, hard-fought battle with cancer.

He was born to William and Euphemia Sommerville, Aug. 1, 1937. He was born and raised in Greybull, Wyo.

On Sept. 17, 1967, he married Goldie Ilene Turpin in Billings. They had one son together, James W. Sommerville. Throughout his life, he worked as a firefighter, in construction, and in 2002, he retired from the School District #2 Lunch Program.



**SONNY
SOMMERVILLE**

He is preceded in death by his parents; his sister, Jeanette Herman; his eldest son, David Sommerville; and his stepson, Miles M. Turpin.

Sonny is survived by his wife Goldie; son Jim (Brenda) of Billings; stepdaughter, Diane "Sis" Christenson of Lewiston, Idaho; daughter-in-law, Lynn Turpin of Decatur, Ala.; sisters, Sue Sommerville of Billings, Cindy (Ron) Voss of Worland, Wyo.; brother Butch (Jolynn)

Sommerville of Powell, Wyo. brothers- and sisters-in-law Frank (Irene) Snyder of Billings Mark Snyder of Mesa, Ariz., and Vina Sinclair (Rod); grandchildren, Miranda and Elijah Sommerville, Katyna and Jerry Thiel, and Shylo and Sabrina Turpin; cousins Patsy Shepard of Powell, Wyo., Bob and Sue Cogull of Greybull, Wyo., and Gil (Linda) Sommerville of Red Lodge; and niece Lori Snyder of Mesa, Ariz.; as well as other aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

The family would like to thank Deaconess Billings Clinic Oncology Center, with a very special thank you to Big Sky Hospice for their continued support through this difficult time. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Big Sky Hospice, American Cancer Society or the charity of your choice.

Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. on Thursday, July 8, at Smith Downtown Chapel. Cremation has taken place at Smith Crematory.

Sam Spaulding

BELFRY — Samuel Dean "Sam" Spaulding, lifelong Belfry area rancher, left his loving family on Sunday, April 18, 2004, after a brief and courageous battle with cancer. Sam died in the same house where he was born 73 years ago.

Sam was born on Sept. 21, 1930, a son of Slim and Rusty Spaulding. He graduated from Belfry High School in 1948. On Jan. 9, 1951, he married Dorothy Sticka at Fromberg. They raised their family and ranched at Belfry.



**SAM
SPAULDING**

Sam loved to hunt, fish and picnic with his family in the Beartooth Mountains. He also enjoyed riding horses and working cattle.

Sam was honored to serve as Grand Marshall of the 2000 Home of Champions Parade and Rodeo in Red Lodge. He was a 4-H leader for 25 years, served on the Belfry Cemetery Board since 1960, and was active in the Weed Control Board at both the county and state levels for 30 years.

Survivors include his wife of 53 years, Dorothy Spaulding; his mother-in-law, Minnie Sticka of Billings; four children, Dean (Dena) Spaulding of Belfry and

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grandchildren Denise (Doug) Aisenbrey, and Doug and Dustin Spaulding; Jim Spaulding (Debbie Effertz) of Lakeside and grandchildren Jennifer and Jamie Spaulding, Andrea, Bria and Colter Effertz; Shona (Rob) Wieting of Thompson Falls and grandchildren Matt Herden and Samantha Wieting; and Jonni (Chris) Sommerhoff of Kalispell and grandchildren Hans and Maggi Sommerhoff; four great-grandchildren, Katie, Gracie, Taylor and Margo; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; seven brothers, John, Lup, Bud, Bill and Doug Linderman, and Loren and Jerry Spaulding; and two sisters, Margaret Ishmal and Kathryn Lindquist.

Vigil services will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 21, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Bridger. Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Thursday, April 22, in the church. Interment will be in the Belfry Cemetery, with Smith-Olcott Funeral Chapel of Red Lodge in charge of arrangements.

Memorials may be given to Beartooth Hospice, PO Box 590, Red Lodge, MT 59068.

Donald Spear

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

SCOBEY — Donald Spear, 88, died Monday, April 5, 2004, at the Daniels Memorial Nursing Home in Scobey.

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Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 10, at the United Methodist Church in Scobey. Waller Funeral Home of Scobey is in charge.

Shari Lynn Carpenter Speer

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

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SHAWNEE, Kan. — Shari Lynn Carpenter Speer died the morning of March 17, 2004, due to heart failure, at the age of 54. She was the first of four daughters born to Harlan and Maxine Carpenter and was remembered for her great smile. At the age of 3, Shari contracted polio and endured at least one surgery a year for the first 30 years of her life to correct physical disabilities of her legs.



SHARI
SPEER

Despite the challenges from polio, she led a full and active life.

After graduating from Billings West High in 1967, she married Dave Bennetts on Aug. 3, 1968, and they had one child, Brigitte. She later divorced and married Don Speer on July 10, 1980, in Las Vegas. They moved to Shawnee in 1996. Shari enjoyed scrapbooking, traveling and spending time with her family and grandchildren.

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Survivors include her husband, Don Speer and his son Josh Speer; daughter, Brigitte Shelley (Jeffrey); and grandchildren, Laura, David and Jeffrey Shelley, all of Shawnee; sisters, Gloria Loveridge of Grand Junction, Colo., Leanne Carpenter-Mills and Robble Carpenter of Billings.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial services are planned for Memorial Day weekend in Billings, when her remains will be buried with her parents. Donations can be made to Shrine Children's Hospital, 2025 E. River Parkway, Minneapolis, MN 55414, (612) 596-6100, or to a charity of one's choice.

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**SHARI SPEER**

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Survivors include her husband, Don Speer; daughter, Brigitte Shelley (Jeffery); and grandchildren, Laura, David and Jeffrey Shelley, all of Shawnee, Kan.; sisters, Gloria Loveridge of Grand Junction, Colo., Leanne Carpenter-Mills and Robbie Carpenter of Billings.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial services will be on Friday, June 4, at 1 p.m., at the First Congregational Church, 310 N. 27th, in Billings. Gathering in Parlor to follow.

FROMBERG — Ethel Spencer, a loving, kind, caring, generous friend and protective mother with a tremendous sense of humor passed away on Oct. 9, 2004, in her home.



**ETHEL
SPENCER**

Ethel was born, Feb. 21, 1929, to Eva and John Holwegner in Fromberg, Mont. She lived in Fromberg all of her life, except for a short time after graduation from high school when she worked in Bremerton, Wash. Upon her return, she married the love of her life, Earl Spencer, on Feb. 19, 1949. They worked together to create a successful farm in the Clark's Fork Valley where friends and family were always welcomed.

The joy in Ethel's life came from giving to her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She always offered the contents of the candy drawer with a wink and a smile. She enjoyed planning and preparing meals for Earl and many farm workers, as well as those friends who would stop by.

She is survived by her loving family; sons, Eugene and wife Sandy, and Dennis and wife Sandi of the family farm, and daughter

Susan Colley and husband Gary of Laurel; sisters Dorothy and Cliff Beam of Billings, and Shirley Peterson of Sedona, Ariz., and brother Arthur "Bud" and Shirley Holwegner of Rockvale, Mont.; six grandchildren, Chad and Josie Spencer of Laurel, Clint and Leslie Spencer of the family farm, Chawna Spencer of Augusta, Christal and Chris Hickson of Acton, Heather and Justin Foos of Edgar, and Kellie and Jeff Krenning of Fromberg; great-grandchildren, Cherish Spencer, Colt Spencer, Houston Hickson, Cameron Hickson, Katie Hickson, Alex Smith, Boone Foos, Shale Krenning and Beau Krenning; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Ethel was preceded in death by her husband Earl; her parents, Eva and John Holwegner; brothers Donald Holwegner and John Holwegner; and sisters Viola Dodge and Gladys Holwegner.

Mom, we will miss your kindness, caring, generosity and honesty; thanks for letting us all know how much you loved us. The family would like to thank special care takers, daughter-in-law Sandi Spencer and friend Evelyn Bauwens and Donna Bratsky of Beartooth Hospital and Health Center Hospice.

Visitation at Smith Funeral Chapel-Laurel, 5-8 p.m. Monday only, casket closed at the church.

Services will be held at 2 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 12, at the United Methodist Church in Fromberg. Interment will be in the Rockvale Cemetery followed by a celebration of Ethel's life in the shop at the family farm. Memorials may be made to the Fromberg United Methodist Church or Beartooth Hospital and Health Center Hospice, PO Box 590; Red Lodge, MT 59068.

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Barry G. Spicer

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Barry G. Spicer, 48, died Saturday, March 13, 2004, at Memorial Hospital of Sheridan County.

Graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Monday, March 22, in Sheridan Municipal Cemetery. Champion Ferries Funeral Home of Sheridan is in charge.

MAR 20 2004

Robert J. Spicer

RANCHESTER, Wyo. —
Robert J. Spicer, 71, of Ranchester,
died Saturday, Oct. 30, 2004, at the
Sheridan VA Medical Center.

At his request, cremation has
taken place, and a private family
graveside service will be held in
Sheridan Municipal Cemetery.
Champion Ferries Funeral Home
of Sheridan is in charge.

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John Spithoven

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

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SAVAGE — John "Jack" Spithoven, 83, of Savage, died Tuesday, April 13, 2004, at the Glendive Medical Center.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, April 15, at the Yellowstone Community Church in Savage. Interment will be in the Riverview Cemetery in Savage. Fulkerson Funeral Home of Sidney is in charge.

Shirley Mae (Nelson) Spoklie

THE ANTELOPE GAZETTE

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Funeral services for Shirley Mae (Nelson) Spoklie will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, Feb. 13. Pastor David C. Curtright will officiate at the service at Plentywood Lutheran Church. Interment will be in



**SHIRLEY
SPOKLIE**

Antelope Creek Cemetery. Bearers will be her grandchildren, Devin and Janel Nordhagen, Dena, Zane and Mandi Spoklie; Caitlin and Rob Nyby; and Jordan, Joshua and Joelle Luoma; and Josie and Nate Spoklie; and her sons-in-law, Jeff Nordhagen, Bill Nyby and Dennis Luoma. Honorary Bearers will be Dale and Dorothy Fossen, Florence Arneklev, Grethe Yeager, Lillian Tischmak, Linda Torgerson, David and Judy Morken, and the staff and residents of Montana Pioneer Manor and the people she worked with at Glenwood. Don and Ardythe Hedges and Lyle McCauley will serve as ushers, and are also recognized as Honorary Bearers.

Shirley, 67, died Monday, Feb. 9, 2004, at her home at Montana Pioneer Manor in Plentywood.

Shirley was born May 15, 1936, at Glasgow, to Tom and Annie

(Arneklev) Nelson, where Tom worked in construction at Fort Peck Dam. The family moved to their farm at Antelope in 1941, when Shirley was 5 years old. She attended grade school and high school at Antelope, and graduated in 1954 as Salutatorian of her class. As a young girl, she was involved in 4-H, Rainbow for Girls and playing piano, and was active in all high school activities, including being a cheerleader. Following high school, she attended the University of Montana in Missoula for a time before returning to Antelope. She was the founding leader of the first 4-H Club at Coalridge. Shirley married Robert Spoklie at Antelope Creek Lutheran Church, Aug. 8, 1954. They moved to a farm at Coalridge, and later to Antelope, where she spent most of her time caring for her five children and supporting their many school and sport activities.

Along with these activities, she was also involved with the Antelope Homemakers, Sweet Adelines, Sons of Norway, Bowling, Ladies Aid and playing cards. She was especially fond of small children, and in the past few years she spent much of her time

following her grandchildren's activities. Small animals were also very special to her as she always had a cat and a small dog.

Shirley moved into the Montana Pioneer Manor April 1, 1990, and considered the people at the Manor her second family. She also enjoyed working with the ladies at Glenwood, and took several bus trips throughout the United States.

She is survived by all five children, Darcy Nordhagen and her husband Jeff and their children Devin and Janel, of Westby; Guy Spoklie and his wife Diane, and their children Dena, Zane, and Mandi, of Antelope; Diane Nyby and her husband Bill and their children Caitlin and Rob, of Plentywood; Hallie Luoma and her husband Dennis, and their children Jordan, Joshua and Joelle, of Joliet; and Grant Spoklie and his wife Shari, and their children Josie and Nate, of Kalispell. She is also survived by Bob Spoklie, of Kalispell; her brother Gerald Nelson and his wife Vivian, of Antelope and their daughter Carolyn Anderson, of Plentywood. She was preceded in death by her parents, Tom and Annie Nelson; her stepmother, Marge Nelson; aunt Ruth Stangeland; uncles Ole Arnekleiv and Bill Nelson; and a nephew, Scott Nelson.

Some memorials will be given to the Plentywood Lutheran Church, the Montana Pioneer Manor and to the Sheridan County

Chapter of the Mental Health Association, as well as to other local charities.

Fulkerson Funeral Home of Plentywood has charge of arrangements.

Cora Spotted Elk

BILLINGS GAZETTE

LAME DEER — Cora Spotted Elk, 72, died Tuesday, June 15, 2004.

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Services will be at 7 p.m. Friday, with funeral services at 1 p.m. Saturday, both at Inez Wilson's residence. Burial will be at the Spotted Elk Family Cemetery. Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home is in charge.

Edwin Jack Sprague

THE DILLON GAZETTE

NOV 22 2004

SCOBAY — Edwin Jack Sprague died Friday, Nov. 19, 2004 at the Daniels Memorial Nursing Home.

Memorial services will be 2 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 23 at the Scobey United Methodist Church. Interment of ashes will be at a later date. Waller Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Thelma Sprandel

MILES CITY — Thelma Sprandel, 84, of Miles City, died Tuesday, Feb. 17, 2004, at the Cottonwood Care Home in Miles City.

Visitation will be Thursday, Feb. 19, in the chapel of Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City. Family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, at Stevenson and Sons Funeral Home in Miles City. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 20, at the First Baptist Church in Miles City. Interment will follow in the family lot in the Custer County Cemetery.

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

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Sally Talcott Springer

BIG HORN, Wyo. — Sally Talcott Springer, 68, of Big Horn, died Saturday, April 3, 2004, at Sheridan Manor, after a lengthy illness.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, April 7, at Mount Hope Cemetery in Big Horn. Kane Funeral Home of Sheridan is in charge.

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Gary G. Squires

MAY 22 2004

SACO/GLASGOW — Gary G. Squires, 60, died Thursday, May 20, 2004, at his home in Glasgow, of heart failure. He was pronounced dead at a Glasgow Hospital.

Memorial services are pending and will be announced at a later date. Cremation is planned at the Hi-Line Crematory in Malta. Adams Funeral Home & Crematory is in charge.

Gary G. Squires

JUN 06 2004

GLASGOW — Gary G. Squires, 60, died May 20, 2004, in Glasgow, of an apparent heart attack.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, June 9, at the Nelson Reservoir State Park, with a potluck gathering to follow. Cremation has taken place. Adams Funeral Home and Crematory of Malta is in charge.

Dolores E. Sramek

E BILLINGS GAZETTE

MAR 29 2004

REDLANDS, Calif. — Dolores E. Sramek, 89, formerly of Lewistown, died Wednesday, March 24, 2004.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, March 31, at the First Presbyterian Church of Lewistown. Interment will be in Lewistown City Cemetery. Creel Funeral Home of Lewistown is in charge of arrangements.

Raymond 'Rusty' Staebler

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

MAR 10 2004

Rusty passed away March 7, 2004, in Butte. He was born Sept. 3, 1952, to Ray and Edna Staebler in Billings. He graduated from Billings West High in 1971 and attended college in Yuma, Ariz., on a baseball scholarship.



**RUSTY
STAEBLER**

Rusty married Glenna Sibbit in 1973 and had three children: Jaime, Kelly and his daughter Kyla, and Jerod (Sara).

Rusty was a police officer for many years, managed MP&E and was a rig manager for Global Santa Fe Oil. He was an avid drag racer, where he enjoyed his time with his boys, which is best known as "Staebler Racing".

Rusty had a great love for the outdoors and enjoyed his time with family and friends.

Rusty is survived by his children, granddaughter, father, mother, brothers Leslie and Mike, sisters Kathleen and Julie, and nieces and nephews Missy, Dayna, Stacy, Neal and Christopher. He will be missed by all.

Freda Standing Elk

BIRNEY — Freda Standing Elk, 64, of Birney, departed this earth on April 11, 2004, to go home to God and Jesus Christ in eternal life. She was born Aug. 29, 1939, in Birney, a daughter of Alec and Nora Redneck Standing Elk. She grew up and spent the majority of her life in Birney Village.

She attended Birney Day School Busby high school and Haskell Indian Junior College in Lawrence, Kan., where she received a degree in Early Childhood Education. Upon returning home, she worked at the Guild Arts and Crafts at the St. Labre Mission and for Busby High School. She was also a temporary director and secretary of the CHR program, juvenile judge for the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Court, consultant for the NC Land Owners Association, grant writer for President Allen Rowland and served as a board member for 10 years from the Birney District for the NC Board of Health.

Most recently, she was employed under the NC Tribal Education Department for 25 years, retiring on June 28, 2001. She enjoyed working with the students where she was more than happy to contribute her support every student. She took great pleasure in working with all Northern Cheyenne tribal employees.

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"I wish the best to all the employees. Work together, love and respect each other, remember our traditional values."

"I thank all the people for their encouragement and choosing me to be their friend. I hold all my friends in the highest regard in this life. I wish them good health. I hope nothing will happen to them like is happening to me. I have fought a food fight, it's not my will, but it's just that time I have to go. It is God's choosing to go home to him; I have no regrets living here on earth. I love to grow spiritually and have grow into great maturity. I have endured the life of difficulty, but Maheo gave me the tools to use. I was raised in a good Cheyenne tradition and the Cheyenne way of life. That is what helped me to be the person I am today. I was never afraid to take on any hard tasks that were assigned to me. I have finished what I have started. I have lived a good life. I have never abused myself mentally and physically."

Survivors include a son, Yuberton Alec (Cassandra) Sandcrane of Lawrence; a sister, Nancy White Dirt of Lame Deer;

her grandchildren, Angie Sandcrane, Charles Old Man, Eldon, Lalo, Sarah and LeAnnndra Miller. She considered Patty Old Man and Dollie Sandcrane and their families as her own. She is also survived by her extended family including the Red Neck, Strange Owl, Elk Shoulder, Standing Elk, Fighting Bear, Harris, Big Back and Night Walker families.

Wake services will be held 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 14, in the Lane Deer Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church Social Room. Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Thursday, April 15, in the church.

Interment will follow in the Birney Village Cemetery. Bullis Mortuary of Hardin has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Viola Elizabeth Stanisha

LAVINA — Viola Elizabeth Stanisha, the only daughter of Carl and Augusta Krause, was born on Nov. 13, 1913, at home, and raised along with her four brothers south of Lavina. Viola graduated from Belmont High School in 1932 and attended the Normal School in Billings for a short time.

Viola met and married Charles Stanish in 1937. They raised their two daughters, Faye and Fern, on the family farm on the bench south of Lavina. After the death of her husband in 1962, she continued to live on the farm and began working as a cook at the Lavina School. She took great pride in providing home-cooked meals for the schoolchildren and staff. She retired in 1987. Viola was a member of the Apostle's Lutheran Church, always sharing her strong faith with her family.

The joy of Viola's life was her family. She was always interested in and supported the changes in their lives. She was always ready to go on a picnic, make home-made ice cream and lefse. Viola also enjoyed sewing and crocheting afghans and doilies, giving as gifts to friends and family. Above

all else, she was always ready for a card game, sharing her skill and love for pinochle and rummy. The highlight of her life was the weekly senior dinner and the pinochle club.

Viola passed away on April 27, 2004.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband Charles; brothers Hank, Emil, Walter and Robert Krause; and great-granddaughter, Michelle Murphy. She is survived by her daughters, Faye (Fred) Horpestad of Lavina and Fern (Don) Kosbab of Ryegate. Other survivors include grandchildren, Sandy (Larry) Johnson, Tom (Kathi) Horpestad, Patti (Kim) Murphy, Bob (Andrea) Kosbab, Randy (Tina Warren) Kosbab and Amy (Roger) Herman; 13 great-grandchildren and two great-great-granddaughters.

Services will be held at the Lavina Methodist Church on Saturday, May 1, at 2 p.m. Interment will follow at the Lavina Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Lavina Senior Center and Horizon Hospice House in Billings.

FEB 07 2004

LEWISTOWN — Erma L. Stanley, 74, lifelong Fergus County resident, died Thursday evening, Feb. 5, 2004, at the Central Montana Skilled Nursing Center, of heart failure.

Erma was born on the family ranch at Heath on April 15, 1929, the daughter of Lloyd and Helen (Bacon) Dalton. She attended schools in Lewistown and graduated from Fergus High School in 1946.

On June 25, 1946, in Lewistown, she was united in marriage to Edward L. Stanley. Erma was an excellent cook and seamstress, designing a denim quilt of Christian signs and symbols representing the love, labor and toil of being a Christian. A most precious gift to her daughter was to design and make her wedding dress. Erma had a strong artistic talent and she shared and delighted in her son's accomplishments in wood carving. Erma will be remembered for her countless hours she gave to her yard, her home and the cabin. She loved the Christmas season, delighting in all the displays and decorating her Christmas tree and making her wonderful Christmas cookies and candies.

Erma was a member of St. James Episcopal Church and spent many years doing volunteer work and helping with the youth. She also served on the Altar Guild. She

was a devoted member of the Daughters of the King, attending the National Conference in Minneapolis representing the state of Montana. In addition, she served on the National Council of Churches.

Erma read widely, loving words, and had strong opinions. She was proud of her children and their accomplishments in their education, work and their families. Erma loved to travel and shared her many travel adventures to Connecticut, New York, Seattle, Chicago, where she introduced her children to their love of museums and history, and Arizona, where she was thrilled to cross the Hoover Dam and experience the delights the desert had to offer. She loved the Big Sky Country and most especially Lewistown.

Erma is survived by her loving husband, Edward L. Stanley of Lewistown; and two children, Michael Stanley and wife Patricia of Lewistown and Michelle Stanley McGarry and husband Frank of Phoenix. She is also survived by three grandchildren, Jason Stanley and wife Carrie of Bismarck, N.D., Bree Stanley Ziolkowski and husband Joseph of

Lewistown and Meghan McGarry of Phoenix; four great-grandchildren, Hayden Danyel of Lewistown and Bryson, Levi and Taylor Marie of Bismarck; and a brother, Glenn (Ruth) Dalton of Lewistown. Erma was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Robert Dalton.

Erma's lifetime friend and husband, Ed, was ever constant at her side, enjoying 57 years of marriage. She will be lovingly missed by her family and friends. Peace be with you, "Babe," Mom, Nana and friend.

Memorial services for Erma L. Stanley will be held at the Creel Funeral Chapel on Tuesday, Feb. 10, at 2 p.m. Inurnment will be at a later date at the Lewistown City Cemetery. Cremation has taken place.

Memorials are suggested to St. James Episcopal Church or to the charity of the donor's choice.

Creel Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Betty J. Stansill

THE OKLAHOMA GAZETTE

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THERMOPOLIS, Wyo. — Betty J. Stansill, 74, died Thursday, Jan. 1, 2004, at Hot Springs County Memorial Hospital after a long illness.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Jan. 9, at Mortimore Funeral Home. Cremation has taken place. Burial of the cremains will take place at a later date in the family plot in Wagoner, Okla.

Dale Montgomery Stanton

June 28, 1933 — March 18, 2004

JORDAN — Dale M. Stanton, age 70, passed away at his home in Jordan on Thursday, March 18, 2004.

Dad was born on June 28, 1933, the youngest of four children born to Ray O. and Erma E. (McKinney) Stanton at the family ranch at Brussett. He was educated and worked in the Brussett area.

In 1953, Dad met Gladys Houge at a dance where he was playing music.

She asked Dad's cousin who the



DALE
STANTON

good-looking guy was and said that she was going to marry him. On Sept. 19, 1953, Dad and Mom started a 50 $\frac{1}{2}$ -year marriage. In 1955, they were blessed with the birth of their son, Johnnie Ray and in 1964, adopted their daughter, Cindy Ann. Dad held several jobs over the years; he ranched, trucked, owned a bar, worked construction, and operated heavy equipment. He retired from the Garfield County Road department in 1995. For a short time dad and mom lived in Troy, returning to the Jordan area because Dad said that the best people he ever met were in Garfield County.

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Dad was very proud of his long marriage, kids, grandkids and great grandkids. He was especially proud that Johnnie was the only safely loss control instructor in the state of Montana, that his oldest granddaughter was born on his birthday, his youngest granddaughter was grandpa's girl, that he got to see his oldest grandson born and his youngest grandson turned out to be a wrangler man. Dad was always a cowboy at heart and we joked that he was born 100 years too late. He liked nothing more than visiting with friends and family, rodeos, camping, fishing and hunting and a game of cards and good country music. Dad loved being a friend and Grampa to many.

Dad was preceded in death by his parents, two sisters, and two nieces. He is survived by his wife, two children, Johnnie and his wife, Laura Stanton, of Jordan, his daughter, Cindy and her husband, Tennyson Williams, of Ashland; two granddaughters, Kim Stanton, and Kristi and her husband, Saurel Favard, of Washington; two grandsons, Brian and Brady Mothershead, three step-granddaughters, Melanie Mattox, Melissa Stilson, Rolanda Stilson; one great-granddaughter, one great-grandson and two step-great-grandchildren.

Whenever you see a big buck or catch the big fish, think of Dad. Dad, I know you found a level spot.

visitation will be held on Sunday, from 1 to 6 p.m. in the chapel of Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Jordan. Funeral services will be held on at 10 a.m. on Monday, March 22, at the VFW Hall in Jordan. Interment will follow in the Steve's Fork Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Dale Stanton Memorial Hospice Equipment Fund, c/o Garfield County Bank, P.O. Box 6, Jordan, MT 59337.

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Lillian W. Stapleton

Lillian W. Stapleton, 91, of Billings, passed away at the home of her grandson in Laurel, Sunday, April 11, 2004.

She was a daughter of Alice and Ruben Carl Warner, born at Wahoo, Neb., April 23, 1912. She came to Montana as baby when

her grandparents and family moved to the Bull Mountains from Nebraska. She was educated in Shepherd and Billings Schools, including high school and business college, beauty college and nurses training. Lillian worked for two years in Spokane, Wash., and then married Lloyd S. Biddle in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, in 1932. The couple lived in Broadview on the family farm for a time then ran the gas station at Broadview until a fire destroyed the business. Lillian and Lloyd were divorced in 1942.

Lillian worked for Dr. John A. Petrusch and they were married Dec. 16, 1944. The couple owned and operated the McGannon Inn in the State Park at Thermopolis,



**LILLIAN
STAPLETON**

Wyo. They sold the Inn and moved back to Billings to N. 27th where Dr. Petrusch was a chiropractor until his death in 1976. Lillian sold this home and moved to Casa Village where she met and married her third husband, Cecil C. "Jiggs" Stapleton, March 9, 1981. Jiggs preceded her in death Dec. 6, 1987.

Lillian enjoyed fishing, dancing, playing cards and gardening. She was a member of the College of Regents of Women of the Moose, and a member of the Evangelical United Methodist Church. Lillian had one daughter, Patricia McCollough, and she preceded Lillian in death.

Survivors include a stepdaughter, Gay Hardy; three grandsons, G.R. McCollough III, M. Tim McCollough and Rodney Hardy; two granddaughters, Debbie Slack and Monica Jack; and nine great-grandchildren.

Services will be 2 p.m. Thursday, April 15, at Evangelical United Methodist Church, Billings. Interment will be in Sunset Memorial Gardens. Memorials are suggested to: Big Sky Hospice. Smith Funeral Chapel-Laurel was in charge of arrangements.

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BAKER — Bernice N. Stark, 82, of Baker, passed away Sunday, Feb. 15, 2004, at the Fallon Medical Complex.

She was born March 21, 1922, at home, the daughter of Earl and Florence (Abrams) Stark of the Carlyle area. She attended the rural Slater School and lived most of her active life at the family ranch



**BERNICE
STARK**

home. Bernice moved to Baker after the death of her parents and resided there until she entered the nursing home in Wibaux in 1998.

She dearly loved all of her nieces and nephews and enjoyed baby-sitting for anyone who needed her. Bernice was a 4-H member and worked on several different projects. She enjoyed playing cards, embroidery work, baking, going fishing at Beaver creek and playing checkers. She enjoyed the Senior Citizens activities and assisted by providing transportation for several of the seniors and inviting them to her home for coffee or meals. Bernice especially liked to ride her three-wheeler.

While at the Wibaux nursing home, she assisted some of her fellow residents if she could and enjoyed all of the activities. Life gave her a heavy cross to bear but

she did the very best she could and always had a friendly hand shake, a cheerful smile and chuckle.

Preceding her in death are her parents; a sister, Dorothy Myers Bonness; a brother, Earl Jr.; and a nephew, Wayne Myers. Survivors include a sister, Laura (Ted) Bruha; a brother, Wayne (Mary) Stark, all of Baker; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation hours will begin Wednesday, Feb. 18, from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m., at Stevenson Funeral Home. A funeral service will be held on Thursday, Feb. 19, at 11 a.m., at the Baker Community Church, with Bernice's nephew, Rev. Paul Myers officiating. Committal services will take place at Bonnievale cemetery. A luncheon will be served following the graveside service in the church fellowship hall. Stevenson Funeral Homes, Inc. of Baker and Ekalaka is in charge of the arrangements.

Remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at www.stevensonfuneral-home.com.

Henry James Starrs

BILLINGS GAZETTE

JUN 22 2004

THERMOPOLIS, Wyo. — Henry James Starrs, 89, died Saturday, June 19, 2004, at Canyon Hills Manor in Thermopolis.

Memorial services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday, June 24, at the St. Paul Lutheran Church in Thermopolis. Mortimore Funeral Home of Thermopolis is in charge.

Oriel States

BILLINGS GAZETTE

MAY 28 2004

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Oriel States, 88, of Sheridan, died Thursday, May 27, 2004, at Sheridan Manor.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, June 2, at First United Methodist Church. Kane Funeral Home of Sheridan is in charge.

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Visitation for Oriel States will be from 2 to 6 p.m. Tuesday, June 1, at Kane Funeral Home in Sheridan. Memorial services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, June 2, at Kane Funeral Home.

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Veteran newsman and historian Hal Stearns traveled over the Montana Divide for the last time in the company of family on April 22, 2004, at the age of 91 — his life's script a rich reflection of the State he loved and understood.

Harold G. Stearns was born Sept. 16, 1912, in Anaconda, the son of Swedish immigrants Gustave and Augusta Stearns. After mining, his father took up farming on Race Track Creek in the Deer Lodge Valley. Hal knew the sights, sounds and smells of Anaconda at the height of its ethnic mining era, where he found work while attending Anaconda High School. Excelling in sports and academics, he received a track scholarship to attend the University of Montana, where he was a distance runner. Other successful pursuits at the University included degrees in English and Journalism, a fraternity bond with Sigma Alpha Epsilon, and meeting the love of his life, Jean Kountz of Whitehall, an English and Home Economics major, whom he married in 1938.

They moved to Havre, where Hal began his journalism career as city editor of the Havre Daily News from 1936-1940; then moved to Harlowton, where they published the Harlowton

Times and Eastern Montana Clarion weekly newspapers from 1940 to 1973; and finally moved to Helena. World War II called Hal away where he served as a naval officer, while Jean stepped to the plate and ran both newspapers and raised their family during his tour of duty. Jean predeceased Hal in 1990, shortly after her return from New York City as Montana's representative as Mother of the Year. They were a team at the newspaper and in life.

As a journalist and a publisher, Stearns exercised his First Amendment rights with uncensored precision at a time in Montana history when most daily newspapers were owned by "The Company" and talk of mining accidents, political bribery, and politics were censored. Stearns called a spade a spade. With a passion and intellect for history, Hal's writings helped unearth much of Montana's uncovered political past. While in Havre, Stearns' beat included the construction

of the Fort Peck Dam and other dams along the Hi-line, in addition to local news and sports. There, he gained an appreciation and understanding of Montana's Indian Reservations and their communities (a lifelong interest) and accurately reported on them. Stearns supplemented his \$25 a week newspaper income by taking up refereeing where, for \$5 a game, he sometimes narrowly escaped physical abuse by partisans. A voracious reader, he acquired a comprehensive library of Montana history. His Harlowton newspaper column, "The Uneasy Editor's Chair," was renowned.

Hal would leave listeners spellbound by his extemporaneous wit and depth of knowledge, especially on anything having to do with Montana history or the Lewis and Clark Expedition. He directed the Montana Bicentennial from 1973-1976, served as a trustee of the Montana Historical Society for 25 years, and authored many articles on Montana history.

A public servant and champion for higher education, he was Chairman of the Friends of the Montana University System Committee; President of the University of Montana Alumni Association; President of the Montana State University Advisory Council; served on the

Montana Higher Education Commission; and directed the successful campaigns for the 6 Mill Levy for Higher Education in 1978 and 1988. Hal received honorary degrees from both the University of Montana and Montana State University, and both Hal and Jean were recipients of the University of Montana Distinguished Alumni Award. In his senior years, Hal taught Montana History at Carroll College. He was the recipient of numerous awards, including the Carroll College Community Service Award and Kiwanis

Distinguished Community Service Award (a lifelong member), and served on numerous boards including: the Helena Library Board, Lewis and Clark Preservation Board, Montana Committee for the Humanities, Helena Civic Center and Grand Street Theatre. He served as President of the Montana Press Association and received its Master Editorial Publisher Award.

Hal and Jean parented eight children: HalJo and wife Sheila of Helena, Jim of Helena, Nancy and husband Jim O'Kief of Eugene, Michelle and husband Pat Smith of Arlee, Tom and wife Noriko of Butte, Jeanie and husband Dave Schmidt of

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Helena and Tim and wife Linda of Seattle; along with 11 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. A son, Billy Desmet, predeceased his parents in 1954. Other survivors include sister-in-law Bernadette Connor of Whitehall; brother-in-law John Morris of Butte; sister-in-law Marilyn Koontz of California; special foster daughter Marcia Zankowski of Erinis; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Hal's remarkable life was chock full of family, kids, sports, dogs, newspapers, books, the arts, movies, plays, church, the Griz, and driving around the State he cherished (Jean behind the wheel). People and his surroundings fascinated him. Thanks to the heroic efforts of daughter Jeanie and son Jim, he was able to live in the family home with his books, art and beloved spaniels until he was reunited with Jean and Billy at 4:20 a.m. on April 22.

A celebration of his life will be held Monday, April 26, at 10 a.m. at St. Mary Catholic Community Church in Helena, with a rosary and wake Sunday evening at 7 p.m. at the church. Viewing will be on Friday and Saturday at Hagler-Anderson Mortuary. Memorials can be made to St. Mary Catholic Community.

Paulette Steber

THE BUTTE GAZETTE

JAN 25 2004

BUTTE — Paulette Steber died Thursday, Jan. 22, 2004, at her home. Her remains are in Wayrynen-Richards Funeral Home where friends may call beginning 3 p.m. Sunday afternoon.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday, Jan. 26, in Gloria Dei Lutheran Church. Interment will be in Sunset Memorial Park. Memorials may be made to the Butte Coalition of Organized Labor Children's Christmas Pary, c/o Kim Greco, P.O. Box 3242 Butte, MT 59701.

Laura Lamach Steele

WINGS GAZETTE

JUN 27 2004

HAMILTON — Laura Lamach Steele of Hamilton, died June 24, 2004, at the University of Washington Medical Center in Seattle.

Born March 29, 1912, in Ogema, Minn., to John and Mary Lamach, she was a middle child in a family of 15. She was preceded in death by all of her brothers and sisters.

The family moved to Montana in 1913, and lived in several locations in central Montana. She graduated from Sweet Grass High School and attended the two year normal school in Billings. In later years, she completed post-graduate work at the University of Montana in Missoula. She taught elementary school for 35 years and served as State President of the Montana Classroom Teachers Association. After retirement, she volunteered in various crisis centers, served on a local board of education and wrote a book on the Lamach family history. She was an avid fisherman and enjoyed camping trips with her husband. She was a lifelong learner, continuing to read and do research on the Internet. She especially loved visits with all of her extended family members.

Laura is survived by her husband of 43 years, Bob Steele of Hamilton; a daughter and son; four stepchildren; 10 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, June 29, at the Lowry Funeral Chapel in Big Timber. Interment will follow in Mountain View Cemetery. Memorials may be made to any crisis center or women's shelter of your choice. Lowry Funeral Home assisted the family with the services.

Margaret Steele

BILLINGS GAZETTE

MAR 26 2004

Margaret Steele, age 87, of Billings, passed away March 16, 2004, at her home.

She was born Aug. 6, 1916, in Frazee, Minn.

Margaret was preceded in death by her daughter, Helen Marie Flannigan, June 3, 1988, at the age of 51. She is survived by her husband, Tom Steele; her son, Raing Syyan; and daughter, Pam Brown Weckler (Jeff); eight grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and seven great-great-grandchildren.

Cremation will take place at Smith's Crematory. A memorial service will be held 2 p.m. Saturday, March 27, at Smith's Downtown Chapel.

Richard Lee Steele**JUN 16 2004**

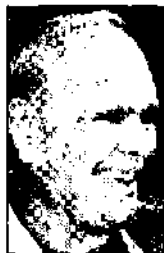
BROCKWAY — Richard Lee Steele, 54, died Friday, June 11, 2004, in Brockway, doing a job of tearing down old buildings.

Visitation will be from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, June 16, at Clayton Stevenson Memorial Chapel in Circle. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, June 17, at the Circle Clayton Stevenson Memorial Chapel. Interment will be at the Brockway Cemetery.

Wallace L. Steffan

In the early hours of Nov. 3, 2004, our cherished husband, father and grandfather, Wally Steffan, slipped peacefully from our lives, surrounded by his loving family. Wally battled cancer for the last three years with the same courage and dignity that he lived his life for 78 years.

Wallace L. "Wally" Steffan was born in Edgar on April 28, 1926, the eldest son of Michael and Rose Steffan.



**WALLY
STEFFAN**

Following his graduation from Edgar High School, he entered the Marine Corps and proudly served his country during World War II. Wally returned to Montana, where he met and married the love of his life, Jane Otis, on Nov. 5, 1949. Wally enjoyed working in the lumber business for over 50 years at Aldrich Lumber Company. He was president of the Montana Lumber Dealers Association, Past Exalted Ruler of the Elks Club, and an active member of the Billings Jaycees, Laurel Golf Club and the Exchange Club of Billings. Wally's proudest accomplishment was his instrumental role in building the Exchange City Par 3 Golf Course. Wally was presented

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numerous awards for his constant dedication to serving the Billings community. He enjoyed the many friendships he made while volunteering at the Deaconess Billings Clinic Hospital. The family would like to thank the doctors, staff and volunteers for all of their help and care during Wally's illness.

Wally is survived by his wife Jane; their children, Shelley (Clark) Brown, Pam (Allen) Trafford, Craig (Bernie) Steffan; and his 10 loving grandchildren. He is also survived by his brothers and sisters, Jim (Minnie), Leona (George) Jovanovich, Monte (Judy), Gloria (Bob) Theil, Alice (Bill) Richey, Bruce (Pat), Carol (Ken) Jenkins, Mike (Audrey), Penny (Jim) Breen; and numerous nieces and nephews. Wally was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Donny Steffan.

A memorial service will be held at the Dahl Funeral Chapel on Saturday, Nov. 6, at 11 a.m. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society or the charity of one's choice.

Dec 27 2004

He was one person to the world — he was the world to us. Roger Warren Steffanich left this life on Christmas Eve, 2004, at the age of 60 years. Born to Mae and Stanley Steffanich on Feb. 17, 1944, Roger lived to the fullest and loved the most and touched the life of everyone he ever met.



ROGER STEFFANICH

He resided with his family in the "Billings Heights" and his legacy will abound for years with the antics of this adventurous and daring soul during his youth.

After attending Billings Senior High School, Roger was one of the youngest bartenders in town. He was well known at the old "Pub" for his outgoing personality behind the bar while most of his buddies were of age and he was only 18. He then worked with his Uncle Walt across the western states as a fireman with Belgrade Enterprises. In later years, he would drive across the countryside and tell us, "I hung that pole."

We will always remember his beautiful hands, those big brown eyes and that expressive laugh as he entertained us all with his tales — never forgetting his friends and their outrageous ventures.

Roger spent his entire adult life in the hospitality industry as owner/operator of several local establishments. He worked with his family at the Circle Inn, which was established in 1950 by his Mom & Dad. In 1986, Roger's Showboat at 231 Main Street became his new endeavor. Wanting to retire, he sold the "Boar" in 1990 but happily delayed his retirement plans when he learned that he was soon to be a grandfather. On August 1, 1990, he forever became just "Pa" when his beloved Tiffany was born.

Not wanting to leave his new grandbaby, he became manager of Nickels Casino at 825 Grand Ave. Old women and young babies were his favorites — always one or the other tugging at his knee. Finally, on Oct. 15, 2002, he was scheduled and ready to move into his motor home to travel the whole United States.

Sadly, on Oct. 2, 2002, Pa was diagnosed with terminal cancer and told that he only had six months left in this world. With his intense courage and strength, he managed to battle this physical monster for the next 26 months. He never gave up his hope and the prayer that he would overcome his illness and could continue on his journeys.

He was loved and revered by everyone he encountered. He leaves behind a hole in our hearts and a void in our lives that no one will ever replace. Remaining to honor his memory are his devoted wife, Suzi; his daughter, Ronda Smith; and his three sons, Stuart and Mary Steffanich of Las Vegas, Nev., Kevin and Heidi Beeler of Denton, Texas, and Scott Steffanich of Dublin, Ohio. His seven cherished grandchildren, Tiffany Smith, Jake, Shay and Cole Steffanich and Kasey, CJ and Clay Beeler also survive their "Pa." His mother, Mae Steffanich, survives as well as his extended Venable family. He was loved as a brother by Betty Lou and Johnny Ley of Worden, Tom Venable of Miles City, Kay and Bob McDermott of Federal Way, Wash., Rita Venable of Kalispell and Terri and Al French of Billings. Nephews Greg and Mike Steffanich, Ryan, Warren, and Hayes Venable, Toby and Anthony McDermott, Tim Ley and niece Jona Millard and their families remain, as do uncles Walt and Jack VanDaveer and aunt Mary West. Preceding him in death were his father, Stan; mother and father-in-law, Don and Bonnie Venable; niece, Laura Steffanich and uncle Ralph VanDaveer as well as his four grandparents and three aunts.

The family has established the Roger Steffanich Memorial Fund to assist families with the astronomical medical costs that are so

emotionally and physically debilitating when a loved one is suffering a terminal illness. Donations, in lieu of flowers, would please Pa and can be sent to First Interstate Bank, c/o Lore Perez, PO Box 30798, Billings, Montana 59102.

A celebration of Pa's life will be held at the First Presbyterian Church, 2420 13th St. W. Services will begin at 3 p.m. on Wednesday. Reception to follow.

Michelotti-Sawyers is in charge of arrangements.

Bertha Steinbach

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

JAN 24 2004

Bertha Steinbach, age 96, of Billings, formerly of Glendive, passed away on Thursday, Jan. 22, 2004, at the Billings Health and Rehabilitation Center in Billings.



**BERTHA
STEINBACH**

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday at the Zion Lutheran Church in Glendive and interment will be in the Dawson Memorial Cemetery. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Glendive is entrusted with arrangements.

Bertha was born on Sept. 20, 1907, in the Soviet Union, the daughter of Andreas and Friederika (Stickel) Kalmbach. In 1910, she came to the United States with her parents and settled in the Marsh, Mont., area. She received her education at the rural Marsh school. Bertha married Jacob Steinbach, and they made their home in Marsh until 1953 when they moved into Glendive. Her husband preceded her in death in November of 1969. Bertha moved to Billings in June of 2002 where she resided until the time of her death.

Bertha enjoyed sewing, quilting and gardening. She especially loved her grandchildren.

Bertha was preceded in death by her parents; five sisters, and one brother.

Survivors include her daughter, Elizabeth Erhart of Glendive; two sons, Jacob Steinbach of Puyallup, Wash., and Elmer Steinbach and his wife Patricia of Tacoma, Wash.; 16 grandchildren, and 18 great-grandchildren.

Remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at www.silvernale-silhafuneralhome.com.

Viki Steinberg

BELLINGS GAZETTE
NOV 16 2004

PLENTYWOOD — Viki Steinberg, 73, of Plentywood, died Thursday, Nov. 11, 2004, at her home, of an apparent sudden cardiac event.

Memorial services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 18, at St. John's Lutheran Church. Interment of cremated remains will follow in St. John's Cemetery. Fulkerson Funeral Home of Plentywood is in charge.

Richard H. Steiner

WYOMING GAZETTE

DEC 15 2004

WORLAND, Wyo. — Richard H. Steiner, 82, of Worland, died Saturday, Dec. 11, 2004, at Washakie Medical Center in Worland.

His funeral will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 15, at Veile Mortuary Chapel in Worland. Military burial rites will follow in Riverview Memorial Gardens in Worland.



ART STEINMETZ

Art Steinmetz

LAUREL — Art Steinmetz, 79, of Laurel, died peacefully at his home on Tuesday, Nov. 23, 2004, of natural causes.

Art was born Sept. 2, 1925, in Tacoma, Wash., the son of Christ and Elizabeth (Knaub) Steinmetz. He spent his youth in Carbon County, where he liked to hunt and fish and graduated from Joliet High School. Art served in the Navy as an aerial gunner on a seaplane in the South Pacific during WWII. On March 14, 1953, he married Betty Michael. Together they farmed for 25 years in the Silesia area, where they raised their four children who were very close and dear to Art.

After farming, Art worked for the Carbon County Road Department for 15 years, retiring in 1988. During his retirement, he enjoyed leisurely drives through the farming country, eating out, riding his bicycle and Honda scooter, Western and Polka music, surfing the TV and his favorite movies, Centennial and

Roots. Art also liked sports: NBA, Monday Night Football, the World Series and Bull Riding.

Survivors include his wife, Betty of Laurel; and children, Steve (Brenda) Steinmetz of Byron, Wyo., Vicki (Rocky) Bangart of Joliet, Trish (Doug) Hedges of Park City and Paul (Gail) Steinmetz of Joliet; eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He is also survived by a brother, Ruben (Betty) Steinmetz of Joliet.

Art was preceded in death by his parents and two infant siblings.

Funeral services will be held 10 a.m. Monday, Nov. 29, at Smith Funeral Chapels in Laurel. Interment with military honors will follow at the Laurel Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Laurel Community Hope.

Pall Bearers: Justin Steinmetz, Rocky Bangart, Doug Hedges, Robert Whited, Kraig Krook and Todd Herman.

Honorary Pall Bearers: grandchildren Stacey Whited, Dana Bangart, Christle Krook, Catherine Herman, Jessica Bangart, Shannon Hedges, Cody Hedges; great-grandchildren, Lane Herman and Danielle Steinmetz.

Reception at the Union Hall

DEC 07 2004

COLUMBUS — Judith Holten Stene, a pioneer of Stillwater County, died of natural causes Saturday, Dec. 4, 2004, at Beartooth Manor in Columbus.

Judy was born Jan. 9, 1912, to Peter and Olava Sorenson Holten

at the family ranch on Joe Hill in Stillwater County. She was the third oldest in a family of six surviving children. Judy and her brothers and sisters attended grade school at the Shane Creek



**JUDY
STENE**

School. Later, she and her brothers and sister attended Columbus High School, with Judy graduating in 1933.

On Dec. 6, 1933, she married Almer Stene at the Holten family home. They moved to the original Stene homestead on Cow Creek, on the Yellowstone River between Columbus and Joliet, and began their life together running sheep and a few cattle. They eventually moved to their ranch on Flaherty Flat, where they raised sheep and eventually registered Angus cattle.

Judy and Almer adopted their daughter, Janis, in the spring of 1945. They also had one son, Alan.

Judy loved her garden and spent many hours harvesting and

preparing foods for winter. She also enjoyed sewing and knitting and taught several generations of 4-H children these skills. She was well-known in her neighborhood for fabulous farm-style meals and baked treats. At this time of year her kitchen would always be filled with the smells of her favorite Scandinavian Christmas delicacies like Yulekake, lefse, Berlinerkranser and her light-as-a-feather dinner rolls.

In later years, Judy enjoyed traveling about Montana and rock hounding. She also spent time visiting her family and friends. She loved her pets and had the most spoiled dogs and cats in the world. Another of her favorite hobbies was ceramics.

Judy was preceded in death by Almer, her beloved husband of 69 years; her son Alan; and her sisters Helen (Harold) Ferster, Ruth (Cecil) Thompson; brothers William and Peter Holten.

Judy is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Janis and Steve Barrett of Boreman; her grandson Josh Barrett, his wife Kristy, their children Jack and Ainsley; and her grand-daughter Megan, all of Portland, Ore. Her

youngest brother Phillip Holten lives in Columbus. Judy is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews and their children.

A memorial service followed by a graveside ceremony will be held at St. James Lutheran Church in Columbus on Saturday, Dec. 11, at 10 a.m., followed by refreshments at the church. Memorials may be made to the charity of one's choice or to Special K Ranch, PO Box 479, Columbus, MT 59019.

Lillian O. Stenseng

THE RULINGS GAZETTE

DEC 29 2004

BUFFALO, Wyo. — Lillian O. Stenseng, 99, of Buffalo, died Sunday, Dec. 26, 2004, at the Amie Holt Care Center.

Visitation will be from noon to 9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 30, and from 8 to 9:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 31, at the Adams Funeral Home in Buffalo. Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Friday, Dec. 31, at the Adams Funeral Home Chapel. Interment will be in the Willow Grove Cemetery.

Donald M. Stephens

BRIDGER — Donald M. Stephens, 70, of Bridger, formerly of Billings, died peacefully at home Saturday, Oct. 30, 2004, surrounded by his family, after a long illness.

Don was born May 25, 1934, to Morton and Rita Mesara Stephens. He was educated in Billings.

He married Barbara Awbery on Sept. 4, 1954. They had four children and provided them with a happy, loving home. She preceded him in death in 1977.

Don was a longtime employee of Hines Motor Supply, starting as a stock boy in high school and retiring as manager in 1991. He came to love and respect the Hines family and considered them all as his own family as well.

Upon his retirement, he moved to Bridger and lived along the Clarks Fork River. Dad loved living there and enjoyed watching the wildlife and working around the property. He was an avid hunter and fisherman and spent many hours along the river with his fishing pole.

Dad was a devoted husband and loving father and friend. He will be missed for his humor, wit and amazing intelligence and strength. We will miss his irreverent sense of humor, his two inches of water in the kitchen sink and his clothes hanging out on the line.

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He is preceded in death by his wife, Barbara; an infant son, James; his parents; and his brother, Jerry; and friend, Ann Hartung.

He is survived by his daughter, Jan Stephens and her husband Glen Hallow of Lakeville, Minn.; sons Jeff and wife, Jeanne, Jay and wife Teri, and Jim, all of Billings; grandchildren Nathan Mills and wife Heather, Brooke Mills and husband Rodney Wolford, Veronica Mills, Jordan Mills, Skyler Stephens, Marissa Stephens, Taylor Stephens; and one great-grandson, Dominic Wolford; brothers, Harold and wife Joyce of Bozeman and twin brother Dave and wife Gert of Billings; and many nieces, nephews and friends and faithful dog, Lucky.

We would like to give special thanks to Dr. Paul Holland of the Mayo Clinic and Donna Braske and the nurses at Beartooth Hospice for their respectful care of Dad during his illness. A very special thanks to son Jim Stephens for staying with Dad during his final days, allowing him to remain at home and to fulfill his wish to die there.

Cremation has taken place and a memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 3, at the Cremation or Funeral Gallery, Eighth Street West and St. Johns in Billings. Inurnment will follow the service at Sunset Memorial Gardens, with an open house to follow.

The family requests no flowers. Memorials may be sent to Beartooth Hospice and Home Care, PO Box 590, Red Lodge, MT 59068.

George Stephens Jr.
Beloved Husband, Father,
Grandfather, Son,
Brother...Friend

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

NOV 19 2004

ROUNDUP — After a courageous battle against cancer, George L. Stephens Jr., 46, passed away Nov. 18, 2004, at Deaconess Hospital in Billings, surrounded by his loving family. They are comforted by the support of his many friends.

George was born June 25, 1958, in Chico, Calif., to Barbara (Harned) and George Stephens. He was raised with his three sisters. His family moved to Washington State in 1967. He lived in the Tacoma/Puyallup area until 1996, when he moved to Roundup, where he has since resided.

George married Denise E. Eastlick (Moon) on April 20, 1980. He worked for Manke Lumber Co. after high school graduation until January of 1990. He then pursued a career in Retail Management until he was diagnosed with cancer. The last six years, he was the store manager of King's Ace hardware on State Ave. in Billings.

George was active in his community, serving as an EMT with Musselshell County. He attended the Community Bible Church of Musselshell. He was an avid bowler and participated in the

National Bowling Tournament in Reno in 2004. He had lots of good friends, including employees, customers, his church family and coworkers. He missed them so much once he became too ill to work.

He is survived by his wife, Denise; daughters Trista Eastlick, Leah Whitaker (Billy) of Roundup; and son Ben Eastlick (Aundrea) of Steilacoom, Wash.; grandchildren Jasmine and John of Roundup, Shelby of Clay Center, Kan., and Benjamin of Steilacoom; and his parents and three sisters.

Until we see him again, we celebrate his life, his love of family, his dedicated work ethic and his enjoyment of the great outdoors, sports and country music.

A memorial service will be held Sunday, Nov. 21, 3 p.m. at the Emmanuel Baptist Church at 602 Main St. in Roundup. Memorial donations can be made in George's name to: PEAKS, c/o Northern Rockies Radiation Oncology Center, PO Box 369, Billings, MT 59103.

Marvin R. Stephens

THE RULING GAZETTE
DEC 31 2004

LEWISTOWN — Marvin R. Stephens, 73, of Lewistown, died Wednesday, Dec. 29, 2004, surrounded by his loving family, in the Central Montana Skilled Nursing Center, of natural causes.

He was born June 7, 1931, in Lignite, N.D., the son of George and Eleanor (Alden) Stephens. They moved to Montana and lived in Helena, Garneill, Lewistown and White Sulphur Springs, attending school in all these cities, graduating from high school in White Sulphur Springs in 1949. He then attended the University of Montana at Missoula.

On Dec. 22, 1952, he was united in marriage to Frances Watson in Helena. He worked for Western Energy, living in Wyoming, Utah, Nevada, California, Arizona, Louisiana, Alaska and Canada. He received his CPA and moved to Lewistown in 1960, where he was a partner in Schell, Stephens, Riley, Huffine and McMillan until his retirement. He continued working part-time until the time of his death.

Marvin was a member of the First Presbyterian Church and the Elks Lodge of Lewistown and a past member of the Eagles Lodge, Kiwanis and Jaycees, all of Lewistown. He served on the Montana Board of Accountancy and was an honorary member of

the State Board of Accountancy from July 1987 to July 1993 and was an Honorary Lifetime Member of the Society of Accountancy.

He is survived by his wife, Frances of Lewistown; sons Randy of Loveland, Colo., and Robin of Forsyth; daughter Rebecca Jones and husband Chuck of Missoula; and nine grandchildren, Jeremy, Kari Jo, Jennifer, Christopher, Joshua and Heather Stephens, Lauren, Kevin and Jared Jones; several nieces and nephews.

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

Memorial services for Marvin R. Stephens will be Monday, Jan. 3, at 11 a.m., in the First Presbyterian Church. The Cloyd Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Cremation has taken place.

Friends are asked to make memorials to the First Presbyterian Church, Central Montana Foundation or the charity of their choice and they may be left at the Cloyd Funeral Home.

Wanda Jean Stephens

CODY, Wyo. — Wanda Jean Matson Stephens, 75, died Wednesday, Dec. 31, 2003, at West Park Long Term Care Center.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 6, at Riverside Cemetery. Ballard Funeral Home is in charge.

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THE POWELL TRIBUNE

Tammy Renee' Stevens

Tammy Renee' Stevens died Thursday, March 25 at the age of 44 at Penrose Memorial Hospital in Colorado Springs, Colo., of cervical cancer.

She was born to James and Joyce Stevens in Redding, Calif., in 1959. Her childhood was spent in Vallejo in the San Francisco Bay area. She graduated from high school in Lovell and attended Northwest College.



**Tammy Renee'
Stevens**

She worked as an office manager for various companies, most recently Koontz Chiropractic in Colorado Springs. She will be remembered as a roller coaster enthusiast, with her fondest memory of riding the Millennium Force Roller Coaster in Cedar Point, Ohio.

She loved to travel, with her favorite destination being Hawaii. She was a member of the Putnam Chapel, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

A memorial service was held March 27 at Putnam Chapel. Burial was at Crawford Cemetery in Crawford, Colo., on March 29. She will be deeply missed by

her family and friends.

Survivors include her mother, Joyce, and her son, Dennis James Stevens, both of Colorado Springs; her siblings, William Koontz of Colorado Springs, Linda Cropanese of Powell, Michael Koontz of Redding, Calif., and Robert Koontz of Fountain, Colo. She was preceded in death by her father; a brother, Dennis Lee Stevens; and her grandparents.

Bruce G. Stevenson

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

MAR 8 2004

BRIDGER — Bruce Gary Stevenson, 71, died March 5, 2004, at his home in Bridger. He was born March 6, 1932, in Reeder, N.D., the son of Fred and Hazel Stevenson. He was raised in South Dakota.



**BRUCE
STEVENSON**

He proudly served his country in the Army in Korea, earning a Combat Infantry Metal and two Bronze Stars. He then returned to Montana and married his sweetheart and wife of 50 years, Claudia Cady.

Bruce was an avid horseman, learning the cowboy way from real cowboys before it became a nostalgic recreation. He owned and operated an auto body shop for many years in Bridger. He raised a one acre garden for many years after he retired.

He was an accomplished musician and entertainer who loved to play western music for his many friends. His talents included playing the guitar, fiddle, mandolin and banjo; playing at bars, weddings and funerals, usually for free because he enjoyed it. He had a striking resemblance to Hank Williams.

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Bruce is survived by his wife, Claudia; daughter, JoAnn Bradley; sons, Jordan and Spud (Debbie) Stevenson; granddaughters, Jennifer (Kevin) Nickisch and Miranda Bradley; and grandsons, Clinton and Travis Stevenson.

He is preceded in death by his parents and brothers, Wynn, Jack, and Spud.

We will all miss him and his music will remain in our hearts for the rest of our lives.

Funeral Services will be conducted at 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 10, at Smith's Funeral Home in Laurel.

Doris Zella (Lease) Stevenson

BILLINGS GAZETTE

GLENDIVE — Doris Zella (Lease) Stevenson, age 89, of Glendive, passed away on Sunday, June 13, 2004, at the Glendive Medical Center Extended Care Facility.

Memorial services will be held at a later date in the summer of 2004 and will be announced at that time. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Glendive is entrusted with arrangements.

Doris was born on the family homestead 5-1/2 miles northwest of Intake, Mont., on Aug. 10, 1914. Her parents were Charles Wesley Lease and Viola A. (Miller) Lease. She attended and graduated from Dawson County High School in the class of 1932. She then attended Eastern Montana Normal School in Billings, now MSU-Billings, and the University of Montana in Missoula. Doris taught in the Glendive School System at the Washington School for six years. Doris married Archie D. "Bud" Stevenson on Oct. 23, 1943, in Billings, and fin-

ished teaching that year and then joined her husband farming with her parents on their farm that they had been buying. Doris was actively involved in all aspects of the ranching and farming operation.

Doris is survived by her husband Bud of Glendive; daughter, Marilee (Ron) Markuson and son, Lowell (Lynn) Stevenson, all of Glendive; her five beloved grandchildren, Amber Markuson, Scott, Daniel, Laura and Janna Stevenson; a sister, Ada (Bob) Harpster of Billings; and numerous nieces and nephews.



**DORIS
STEVENSON**

James P. Stevenson

SPARKS, Nev. — James P. Stevenson, 21, passed away on Monday, Jan. 12, 2004, at his home in Sparks.

He is survived by his mother and father, Thomas and Debra Hartman; brothers, Thomas Pope and Travis Andree; sisters, Carolynn Pope and Mandee Andree; grandparents, Bud and Jean Taylor, Ed and Debbie Stevenson, and Dorothy and Tom Glick; aunt and uncle, Bill and Kelly Stevenson, Ben and Lisa Stevenson, and Jeannine Taylor Erwin; cousins, Brandy Stevenson and Sean Bowers; nieces, Amber and Misty; nephew, Josh; and special friends, Tim, Brandon, Tayna and Jenny.

He was born April 9, 1982, in Billings, Mont., and lived in Alaska before moving to the Reno/Sparks area a year ago. James enjoyed snowboarding, dirt bikes, skateboarding, snow machines and hockey. He was a goalie for his hockey team at Glacierview School.

He also enjoyed flying. His ambition was to become a pilot like his two uncles. James enjoyed being with his family and spending time with them during the activities they took part in.

A private service will be held. Arrangements are under the direction of John Sparks Memorial of Sparks.

Ann Stewart

THE DULUTH GAZETTE

NOV 28 2004

MILES CITY — Ann Stewart, 79, died Saturday, Nov. 20, 2004, at her home, after a long illness.

Visitation will be held on Friday, Dec. 3, at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City with a Vigil service at 6 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Saturday, Dec. 4, at 10 a.m., at the Sacred Heart Church in Miles City. Rite of Committal will follow in the Calvary Cemetery.

DONALD ALVIN STEWART, Sr.

CROW AGENCY — Donald Alvin Stewart, Sr., 71, Crow Tribal elder passed away Monday Jan. 19, 2004, in Billings' St. Vincent Healthcare.

Big Boy, as he was affectionately known, was born March 5, 1932, in Crow Agency, a son of Frank and Margaret Spotted Horse Stewart. He was a great-grandson of the Crow Chief Pretty Eagle. He grew up on a ranch in the Black Lodge district and attended schools in Crow Agency, Busby and Hardin. Following his education, he worked for the Holly Sugar Corporation and during the construction of the Yellowtail Dam.

Donald married Olive Bear Ground on Oct. 15, 1951, in Billings, and the couple made their home in Crow Agency. Mrs. Stewart died in 1993.

He served as a Crow Tribal policeman and later as a Community Health representative. His activity in Tribal politics, eventually lead to his serving as vice chairman and Tribal chairman from 1980 through 1986. During his tenure as chairman, he was instrumental in the conception and building phases of the Crow-Northern Cheyenne Indian Health Service Hospital, as well as serving on the board of the Little Big Horn College. He often represented his people in Washington D.C. and had been invited to the Pentagon. His representation of

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the Crow people allowed him the opportunity to develop a close relationship with the Montana representative, senatorial delegations and members of the Bush administrations. Donald later served his people as the Crow Tribal associate judge, later becoming chief judge for nearly 20 years.

Donald was a member of the Full Gospel Four Square Church of Crow Agency, Greasy Mouth Clan and a child of the Ties the Bundle Clan. He was the grandson of Nellie Stewart, founder of the Pentecostal Church on the Crow Reservation.

In his spare time, he enjoyed carpentry, reading the Bible, ranch work, socializing at family gatherings and serving as an advisor in Crow politics. However, the most important of his life were his children and grandchildren.

A son, Brent Dale Shane; an adopted son, Larry Gilbert; a sister, Dorothy Shane, and three brothers, Francis Stewart, Issac and Phillip Shane preceded Donald in death.

Survivors include his daughters, Donna (Harold) Hill, Barbara (Kenneth) Spotted, Janet (Darin) Little Light and Almeda (Dean)



DONALD STEWART, SR.

Good Luck Sr.; his sons, Greeley (Stella) Not Afraid, Barton (Randean) Pretty on Top, Robert (Tina), Wesley (Pollie) and Donald (Joaney) Stewart, Jr.; his sisters, Priscilla Gardner, Wilma (Lawrence) Stands, Beverly (Thomas) Pretty on Top, Dorecella (Ronald) Little Light and Winona Plenty Hoops; his brothers, David Stewart, Sr., Reuben (Elizabeth) Stewart, Vernon and Harold White Clay; his adopted brothers, Sen. Ron Marlene, Jim Gilley and Tom Fredricks; his adopted children, Christine (Dale) Good Luck, Twila Speelman, Charlotte Bad Bear, Sheila Wilkinson, Jarvis Yellowrobe, James Cochran, Dean Good Luck, Jr. Dea Good Luck and Sam Bull Shows; his aunt, Alice Mae LaForge; grandsons whom he raised as sons,

Donald Stewart, III, Leon J. Stewart, Wesley Stewart, Jr., Jorell Stewart and Marlin Stewart; 43 grandchildren; 53 great-grandchildren; 22 great-great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Wake services will be held 7 p.m. Thursday in the Crow Tribal Multipurpose Building. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Friday in the Crow Tribal Multipurpose building. Interment will follow in the Crow Agency Cemetery. Bullis Mortuary of Hardin has been entrusted with the arrangements.

**Jo Anne Robinson
Stewart
1933 — 2004**

Jo Anne, 71, beloved wife of Ralph E. Stewart Jr., passed away peacefully at her home on Nov. 8, 2004.

Jo Anne was born on Feb. 2, 1933, to her devoted parents, Fred and Ruth Robinson. Jo married Ralph, her husband of 52 years, in 1951. Jo and her husband lived in Laramie and Lovell, Wyo., in the early years of their marriage. They returned to Billings, where their children were born. The family moved to Denver in the 1960s and eagerly returned to Billings in 1968. Ralph and Jo moved to Southern California in 1987, but their hearts were in the Big Sky Country, where they returned to in 1993.

Jo was talented at cross-stitch and needlepoint and designed beautiful pillows and wall hangings that are displayed proudly in the homes of her family. She was an excellent gourmet cook and a wonderful confidant to family and friends. Jo remained close to her lifelong friends and will be greatly missed by Joanie, Farrell and Margot.



**JO ANNE
STEWART**

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Jo is preceded in death by her parents, Fred and Ruth Robinson. She will be greatly missed by her husband Ralph; daughter Debbie and husband Galen Hronek; daughter Linda and husband Ron and son Richard and wife Cindy. Jo Anne enjoyed years of joy and laughter with her grandchildren Heather, Ron Jr., Melissa, Jody, Natalie, Ashley and Stephanie. She also took great pride in her great-grandson Tanner and was overjoyed that her granddaughter, Natalie, was expecting her first child in February 2005.

A "Family Memorial" for all of those close to Jo's heart, will be held on Friday, Nov. 12, at 11 a.m., at the Shrine Auditorium in Billings. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to the American Heart Association or the charity of your choice.

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Mass of Christian Burial for Paula Stewart, 51 of Billings, formerly of Sidney, is at 10 a.m. Friday, Dec. 10, at St. Matthew's Catholic Church in Sidney. Wake services are at 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 9, at the Fulkerson Memorial Chapel in Sidney. Interment will be in the Sidney Cemetery in Sidney, under the direction of the Fulkerson Funeral Home of Sidney.



**PAULA
STEWART**

Paula passed away Saturday morning, Dec. 4, 2004, at St. Vincent's Hospital in Billings.

Paula Yvonne Prevost was born to Paul and Lucy (Cole) Prevost on May 28, 1953, in Sidney. Paula attended schools in Sidney and graduated from Sidney High School in 1971. After high school, she attended Eastern Montana College in Billings, where she earned an Associate of Arts degree in business in 1974.

On Oct. 23, 1976, Paula married Patrick Sheridan of Glasgow. They were blessed with three sons: Shane Patrick, Joel Paul and Luke Cole. Paula and Pat lived in Billings for a year before making their home in Sidney. Paula worked various jobs, but the job she loved the most was being a

mother, taking care of her family and following her sons many school and sports activities.

Paula lost her husband Pat and her father Paul in 1987. Her mother Lucy passed away in 1989. Paula and her boys continued living in Sidney, where she worked in the Sidney Public School system, was involved in Women of Today and raised her boys with the help of her family and friends.

In 1992, Paula and the boys moved to Billings. She attended MSU-Billings and in 1995, earned her Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with a double degree in Accounting and Information Systems. Paula passed her CPA boards in 1998.

Paula met John Stewart in 1992 and they married in July of 1995. John brought out her sense of adventure. Paula tried skiing, parasailing, sky diving and supported John's motorcycle drag racing.

Paula was instrumental in establishing Montana Linx, their family owned chain link manufacturing business. She was involved in all aspects of the business from physical labor, filling orders, helping customers, inventory control and all the accounting and managerial duties as

president of the company. She also managed her own accounting firm and John's construction business. Paula was the driving force behind all three companies.

As hard as Paula worked managing all three businesses, the job she was best at was being a loving mother, wife, grandmother, sister and aunt. She had the tiniest feet, but her shoes will be very hard to fill.

The door to Paula and John's house was always open. Her sons, their cousins and their many friends spent countless happy hours growing up together there. The cookie jar was always full and many extra plates were set for dinner. Paula always made time for late night talks or lectures and "it was never late till 12 and then it was early." That was her special time with "all her kids."

The true apples of Paula's eyes were her grandchildren; Kristofer, Olivya and Isabella Sheridan. She loved them so dearly and the time she spent with them was priceless.

She is survived by her husband, John Stewart; Shane and Jennifer and their children Kristofer, Olivya and Isabella, Joel and Luke Sheridan, all of Billings; brothers and sisters, Jeannette and Nick Phillips of Spokane, Wash., Greg Prevost of Erid, Deb Prevost, Mary and Jerry Buske and their children Scott, Matt and

Greg, Tom Prevost and his special friend Jeanne, all of Sidney, and Diane and Bart Beck of Billings.

Paula was preceded in death by her parents, Paul and Mary Lucile (Lucy); her first husband, Pat; a sister, Paulette Lucile; a brother, Lawrence Paul, grandparents; and several uncles, aunts and cousins.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made for Luke's college expenses.

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CROW AGENCY — Sonja Lois Stewart, 56, of Crow Agency, passed away early Thursday morning, March 4, 2004, in the Deaconess Billings Clinic.

She was born Sept. 15, 1947, in Crow Agency, a daughter of Arthur and Christine Stops Stewart, Sr. She

grew up and attended schools in Crow Agency and completed her education in Pierre, S.D. She later received nurses training in Missoula and completed her nurses' aide certificate at the St. Vincent Hospital in Billings.



**SONJA
STEWART**

Sonja was a happy person who enjoyed beading, singing and dancing both modern and traditional dances. She took part in traditional hand games, watching arrow throwing events and actively participated in over 30 Sun Dance Ceremonies. She liked watching all her nieces and nephews dance at powwows.

She was a member of the Crow Agency Southern Baptist Church, Sore Lip Clan, Tobacco Society and was a child of the Whistling Water Clan.

Her father, Arthur, Tobacco Society; adopted parents,

Ellsworth and Martha Little Light; and brothers, Norman Stewart, Art Fitzpatrick, Gilbert Left Hand and Tony Bear Don't Walk, preceded Sonja in death.

Survivors include her daughters, Kathy (Robert) Brien of Lodge Grass and Fontana Stewart of Crow Agency; her son, Addikin Stewart of Hardin; her mother, Christine Stewart of Crow Agency; her adopted sons, Dr. Jim (Cindy) Upchurch and Gerard Stewart; her sisters, Patti (Al) Caplett and Janet (Andrew) Old Elk; her adopted sisters, Brenda

He Does It, Ella Beth (Truman) Jefferson, Lena Little Light, Janice (Leo) Hudetz, Harriett (Percy) Bear Crane, Jean St. Germaine, Eileen Stops, Julia Wolfe, Agnes Falls Down, Violet Enick, Pam Little Light, Kathryn Old Crow Janelle and Rhonda Jefferson; her brothers, Robert (Rozalia), Michael, Grant (Doreen) and Arthur (LaLan) Stewart, Jr.; her adopted brothers, Henry (Alma) Real Bird, Larkin (April) Chandler, Mike (Minnie) Fitzpatrick, Eymard (Sarah) Left Hand, Robert (Mary Lucy) and Cornelius (Janice) Little Light; 22 grandchildren; her aunts, Catherine Little Light, Rosaline Yellowmule, Regina Goes Ahead, Delma Yarlott, Mary Black Eagle, Theresa Gun Shows, Stella Not Afraid, Verlie Walks Over Ice, Rita, Mercy and Penny Shane; her uncles, Bill Stewart, Cedric Walks

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Over Ice, Oliver Hill, Frances Bear Claw, Isaac Shane, Jr., Grant Bulltail, Joseph and Percy Bear Crane; her extended family, including the Stops, Stewart, Pretty on Top of Montana and the Iron Cloud and Locke families of south Dakota; and her nieces and nephews, Royce, Lamar and Savanna Old Elk, Chrystal, Arthetta, Katarina, Holly, Morgan, Jeremy, Vanessa, Christina, Mandy, Kiana, Garrett, Jr. and Norman Stewart, Jr., Deybna Leider, Jolene Bird in Groind, Sheldon Nomee, Roberta Old Bull, Clemenica Stops, Vaneta Bear Quiver, Edwina Crooked Arm, Terri Red Wolf, Alonzo and Veronica Ten Bear. Our family is large; if we have forgotten you, please excuse us during our grief.

Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Tuesday, March 9, in the Crow Agency Full Gospel Four Square Church. Interment will follow in the Crow Agency Cemetery. Bullis Mortuary of Hardin has been entrusted with the arrangements.

JUN 11 2004**Andrew D. St. Germaine**

WOLF POINT — Andrew D. "Dings" St. Germaine, 66, of Wolf Point, died Wednesday, June 9, 2004, at Falth Lutheran Home, of natural causes.

Visitation will be from 2 to 7 p.m. Monday, June 14, with a vigil service at 7 p.m., at Clayton Stevenson Memorial Chapel in Wolf Point. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, June 15, at the Immaculate Conception Church in Wolf Point. Interment will be in Greenwood Cemetery.

Catherine St. Germain

OPHEIM — Catherine St. Germain, 98, died Sunday, Dec. 26, at Daniels Memorial Nursing Home in Scohey.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 30, at Holy Family Catholic Church in Glentana. Interment will be Lawndale Cemetery in Opheim. Bell Mortuary of Glasgow is in charge.

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Craig Allen Stagner

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

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Craig Allen Stagner passed away in his home on July 29, 2004. He was born in Billings on May 26, 1959, to Jerry and Delores (Lionberger) Stagner. He attended Billings schools throughout his youth, graduating from Billings West High in 1977. His education was completed at MSU in Bozeman, where he graduated with a BS degree in geology. Upon graduation, he worked for Lynx Petroleum in Sidney. For the last 13 years, he had worked for the Dept. of Environmental Quality in Helena and then Billings.



**CRAIG
STAGNER**

The greatest love of Craig's life was music. He was an extremely gifted banjo, guitar and Dobro player and was well known among the local bluegrass circle. In college, he played with the "Part-Time Band" in Bozeman and looked forward to their occasional weekend "Reunion Tours." Craig also loved hunting and fly fishing. He cherished taking his nephews to the Billings Fair, the air show and to movies.

Survivors include his mother, Delores Stagner of Billings; his brother, Clint (Atha) Stagner of Harlowton; a sister, Peggy (Gaylen) Black of Bozeman; nephews, John, Will Stagner and Derek Black; and a niece, Haylie Black. He was preceded in death by his father, Jerry Stagner.

He will be sorely missed by all those who got to know him and appreciated his special talents. We hope that he has found peace.

A memorial service will be held 1 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 5, at Smith's West Chapel, 304 34th St. West. Interment of his cremains will follow at Terrace Gardens Cemetery.

Memorials may be sent to Help for Homeless Pets, PO Box 1282, Billings, MT 59103.

JUN 11 2004**Sherman Staker**

POWELL, Wyo. — Sherman "Gib" Staker, 75, of Powell, died Thursday, June 10, 2004, at the Powell Valley Healthcare Center, after a long illness.

At his request, cremation has taken place. Memorial services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 12, at Miratsky-Easton Funeral Home in Powell. Burial will follow in Crown Hill Cemetery.

Florence Marie Stands

LIVINGSTON — Florence Marie Stands, 97, of Livingston, died Thursday, July 15, 2004, at Diamond K Lodge.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, July 20, at Franzen-Davis Funeral Home in Livingston. Graveside committal and burial will follow in Park View Gardens Cemetery.

Fred Howard Stansbury

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

JUL. 27 2004

His task on this earth complete, Fred Howard Stansbury continued on to his next journey July 22, 2004, in Billings, Mont., at the age of 62.

Fred was born June 10, 1942, in Red Lodge, to Fred Stansbury and Freda Kraft. He graduated from Basin (Wyo.) High School in 1960 and joined the Army. After his time in the Army, he went to work for Karl's shoe store. This kept him moving from place to place.



**FRED
STANSBURY**

He spent time in Montana, Utah, Idaho, Washington and Colorado. He eventually moved back to Montana and worked for Montgomery Wards, Scheels Hardware and as a bartender at the Moose Lodge. After tiring of sales, he went to college to obtain a bachelor of science degree in sociology from Eastern Montana College.

While in school, he managed the B & B Apartments in Billings and did volunteer work for St. Vincent de Paul. He enjoyed helping people so much, he continued to do volunteer work up until earlier this year and managed the B & B Apartments until his death.

Fred enjoyed camping, fishing, bowling, softball (as a player coach and umpire) and was an avid fan of all sports.

All who knew him liked Fred. He had a friendly personality who drew people. He was as eager to accept friendship, as he was to give it. He would do anything he could to help another out in a time of need. He will be missed by all who knew him.

Through this toilsome world,
alas

Once and only once I pass;
If a kindness I may show
If a good deed I may do
To a suffering fellow man,
Let me do it while I can.
No delay, for it is plain
I shall not pass this way again.

Author Unknown

Fred was preceded in death by his father, his mother and his brother, Frank Anderson.

He is survived by his sister Mildred Haworth of Billings, his brother Bill McKeown of Red Bluff, Calif., and his son and daughter-in-law Daniel and Jean Stansbury of Aurora, Colo.

Cremation has taken place and no services are to be held. Dahl Funeral Chapel is making the arrangements.

Maxine McCarroll Steele was born Dec. 29, 1922, to Boyd D. McCarroll and Elsie Miller McCarroll in Logan, Utah. She passed from this life on Aug. 2, 2004, in Billings, at her home.

The family moved to Greybull, Wyo., where she attended grade school. They moved to Custer, where she attended her first three years of high school, moving to Billings, where she graduated from Billings Senior High.



**MAXINE
STEELE**

On Dec. 28, 1940, she and William Steele were united in marriage. To this union, their daughter Jolene was born. They ranched north of Custer on the Billy Randall Place. In 1942, Bill went to work for Peter Kiewit Construction, building airports in Casper, Wyo., and on the coast in Oregon. They returned to Custer in 1943, joining Bill Sr. on the family ranch. Bill and Maxine made their home in Custer until 1962. Maxine was an involved community member and member of the Congregational Church. She helped start the Pilgrim Fellowship Youth group, was a charter member of the HyC's Sweet Adeline group and sang in

the church choir. After moving to Billings, they became members of the Billings Bible Church in Billings, where Maxine sang in the choir and assisted in Bible School and the Awana Youth program. After living in Billings for several years, she joined the Grey Ladies Volunteers at Billings Deaconess, becoming the President for several years. Due to Bill's health needs, she resigned to be home with him. Bill passed away June 1998, after 57-1/2 years of marriage. Maxine has lived with her daughter the last six years.

Maxine has joined her husband Bill, her father, mother, two sisters and one brother in their heavenly home. She is survived by her daughter Jolene; granddaughter Billa (Stan) Smith, two great-grandsons, Cody and Darrell; granddaughter Elizabeth (Jeff) Sundheim, great-granddaughters Ashley and Rachel and great-grandson Zachary; niece Doreen Phillips, nephew Dave Abel and several grandnephews and nieces.

Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Monday, Aug. 9, at the Billings Bible Church, 802 N. 27th. Interment will follow at the Custer City Cemetery. Viewing will start Friday, 5 p.m., at Smith's Downtown Chapel.

Memorials to Clydehurst Christian Ranch c/o Billings Bible Church, Custer Congregational Church or charity of your choice.

JUL 5 - 2004

Thomas D. "Tom" Steele, 84, of Billings, died Tuesday, June 29, 2004, at The Billings Health & Rehabilitation Community.

He was born Nov. 24, 1919, in Hebron, N.D., to Christian and Katherine (Imhoff) Iszler. As a small child, he was adopted by Robert L. and Gertrude M. Steele in Billings. Tom was raised and graduated from Billings High School. He served Army from 1941 until 1945 and was with the 12th Bombardment Group 82nd Squadron.

Tom married Margaret B. Johnson on March 1, 1947, in Red Lodge. They lived at 816 Miles Ave. He worked for Evans Office Machine and later for Western Paper Co. until he retired. His wife, Margaret, died March 16, 2004.

Survivors include his daughter, Pam Brown Weckler (Jeff) of Tucson, Ariz.; his stepson, Bob Johnson (Raing Syyan) of Tucson; a step-brother, Robert Steele of Bozeman; a brother-in-law, Pete Messer of Billings; eight grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren and seven great-great-grandchildren. One brother and five sisters preceded Tom in death.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday, July 7, at Smith's Downtown chapel. Interment with military honors will be at Mountview Cemetery. Visitation will start at 5 p.m. Monday.

Ethel Stender

THE BELLINGS GAZETTE

AUG 10 2004

HINSDALE — Ethel M. Drabbs Stender, 84, died Thursday, Aug. 5, 2004, at Frances Mahon Deaconess Hospital in Glasgow. Memorial services will be held later in Hinsdale. Interment will be in Seattle. Bell Mortuary of Glasgow is in charge.

Doloris Maxine Stensland

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JUL 11 2004

WOLF POINT — Doloris Maxine Stensland, 74, died July 7, 2004.

Memorial service will be held Sunday, July 11, 2004, at 2 p.m., at the First Lutheran Church. Clayton Stevenson Memorial Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Geneva E. Stephens

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CODY, Wyo. — Geneva E. Stephens, 92, formerly of Cody, died Wednesday, Oct. 13, 2004, in Romeo, Mich.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Oct. 15, at Cody Bible Church in Cody. Interment will follow in Riverside Cemetery. Ballard Funeral Home of Cody is in charge.

Gerald Lee 'Jerry' Stephens

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

AUG 16 2004

MISSOULA — Gerald Lee "Jerry" Stephens, 72, of Missoula died on Friday, Aug. 13, 2004, at his home. Jerry was born in Billings on April 24, 1932 to Morton and Peg Stephens.

Jerry attended Billings Senior High School and excelled in athletics, participating in football and track. In 1951, he enlisted in the Army and served in the 76th Airborne



**GERALD
STEPHENS**

Tank Battalion where he achieved the rank of sergeant; he was Honorably Discharged in 1954.

Jerry married his wife of 48 years, Eva Lou Fields, on Jan. 28, 1956. They lived in Billings until 1974 and have resided in Missoula since.

Jerry worked at CTA and Husky Oil before starting his own petroleum equipment business in Missoula.

He was an avid hunter and fisherman. Jerry spent many years at his family cabin at Flathead Lake where he actively managed the squirrel, goose, and dog population of Indian Bay.

In his retirement, he became a voracious reader and a gourmet jam and jelly maker.

Survivors include his wife, Eve; children, LeAnne (and husband Will) Wickun of Billings, Douglas of Missoula, Lynette of Gig Harbor, Wash., Lori (and husband Dick) Dolan of Bozeman; grandchildren, Haley "Miss Mess" and Kirby "Suitcase" West of Billings, Tyler "Rooster" and JenniLynn "JenniPenny" Schmidt of Gig Harbor, and Kate "KK" and Alex "Toots" Dolan of Bozeman; brothers, Harold of Bozeman, Don of Bridger, and Dave of Billings.

A celebration of Jerry's life will begin at 3 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 19, at Garden City Funeral Home in Missoula followed by a reception.

Memorials may be made to Opportunity Resources, 2821 S. Russell, Missoula, MT 59801.

Louis Stephenson

GILLETTE, Wyo. — Louis A. Stephenson, 86, of Gillette, died Saturday, Sept. 11, 2004, at the Campbell County Memorial Hospital in Gillette.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 14, at the Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home in Gillette. Funeral services will be at 4 p.m. Tuesday, at the Vineyard Christian Fellowship Church in Gillette. Inurnment will be at a later date.

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Sandy Stevens

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JUN 09 2004

FORSYTH — Sandy Stevens, 59, of Forsyth, died Friday, June 4, 2004, due to injuries that occurred from an automobile accident near Minot, N.D.

Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 12, in the Chapel of Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Forsyth. Visitation will be from 1 to 7 p.m. Friday, June 11, at the Chapel of Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Forsyth. Burial will be in the Forsyth Cemetery.

Geraldine Stevenson

SEP 1 2004
BILLINGS GAZETTE

ASHLAND — Geraldine Stevenson, 72, passed away Monday, Aug. 30.

Services will be at 7 p.m. Friday at the St. Labre Catholic Church in Ashland. Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home of Forsyth is in charge.

Geraldine "Geri" Stevenson

ASHLAND — Geraldine "Geri" L. Stevenson, age 72, passed away after a courageous battle with cancer on Aug. 30, 2004, to be with God in His everlasting Kingdom.

Geri was born on April 17, 1932, in Willow Lake, S.D., to Carl and Dora Kretzschmar. She was the ninth of 10 children — five brothers and five sisters. Geri grew up on the family farm near Clark, S.D. From there she lived in Rapid City, S.D., before moving to Colstrip. After living in Colstrip for a few years, Geri and family moved to the Ashland area where she remained until her death.

Geri worked and retired from the U.S. Postal Service, where she held the position of Postmaster for both the Busby and Lame Deer Post Offices. She was also actively involved in her family businesses: the Justus Inn, Valley Apartments, Western 8 Motel and Western Pump, all in Ashland.

She loved life and lived it to the fullest. Geri was a good-hearted and caring lady. She was renown for her quick wit, sense



**GERI
STEVENSON**

of humor, work ethic and family values. She was always willing to help someone in need.

Geri is survived by her loving husband of 42 years, Cleat; their daughter, Vicky Hofmann and family of Billings; their four sons, Tyrone Stevenson, wife, Kelly, and family of Ashland, James Stevenson, wife, Donna "DJ" and family of Ashland, Dana Dockendorf, wife, Roberta "Bobbi" and family of Thornton, Colo.; Randy Dockendorf and family of Pittsburgh, Pa.; their 14 grandchildren, Tammy with husband, Terry, Kimberly, Joshua, Brenden, Britni, Wesley, Shelby, Lorin, Levi with wife, Jennifer "JJ", Mindi with husband, Jason, Daniel, Jeremiah, Jessica, and Jarrod; their six great grandchildren, Nicholas, Cassandra, Samantha, Meagan, Wyatt and Thaddaeus; three sisters, Dorothy, Margaret, and Marjorie "Marge"; and two brothers, Donald and Leroy.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Carl and Dora; sisters, Helen and Carol; and brothers, Carl and Clark.

Geri will be missed by those who loved her and whose lives she has touched and influenced. May she rest in peace.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be held on Friday at 7 p.m. at the St. Labre Catholic Church in Ashland.

Geraldine Stevick

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LAUREL — Geraldine Clara Stevick passed away Sept. 28, 2004, at Eunice's Personal Care Home in Billings. She was born Oct. 23, 1919, in Meagher County, a daughter of Charles and Ruby Straugh. She and Dale N. Stevick married in 1951 and moved to Laurel in 1956, where they have resided since.

She is survived by her husband, Dale; her sons, Larry Ward (Patricia) of New Hampshire, Doug Stevick (Merle) of Berthold, N.D., Jerry Stevick (Betty) of Glendale, Ariz., Jim Stevick (Cindy) of Montana City; a sister, Velma Ducharme of Oregon; 18 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. Geraldine was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Bill, Henry, Scott and Manley; and her son, Steve Ward.

Funeral services will be held 2 p.m. Friday, Oct. 1, at Smith Funeral Chapel-Laurel.

Please make memorials to your charity of choice.

Marilyn U. Stewart

Marilyn Denise Stewart, 50, of Billings, formerly of Lodge Grass, lost her fight with cancer, July 4, 2004, at Billings St. Vincent Healthcare.

"Leads the Parade," a Crow name given to her by her great-grandmother, Gladys Jack Rabbit, was born Aug. 10, 1953, in Crow Agency, a daughter of Marvin and Regina Spotted Horse-Stewart. She was a direct



**MARILYN
STEWART**

descendent of the Crow Chief Pretty Eagle. She was a member of the Big Lodge Clan and a child of the Sore Lip Clan. She grew up in the Wyola area and received her early education before graduating from Lodge Grass High School in 1971. Her strong belief in education led to the completion of a Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Education from Eastern Montana College in 1977. After several years as a teacher, she was selected as a recipient of the Native American Graduate Fellowship Program at MSU-Bozeman to pursue a Master Degree in Guidance & Counseling. Elementary Curriculum & Instruction and Elementary Administration in 1982. She taught and worked as a

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guidance counselor at the various schools on the reservation in Wyola, Pretty Eagle, Lodge Grass and Crow Agency. She later moved to Fort Myers, Fla., and taught for three years. After returning, she worked at the Yellowstone Boys & Girls Ranch. While working at the Ranch, she pursued her Master's in Rehabilitative Counseling from MSU-Billings in 1998. Most recently, she was employed as a guidance counselor for the Billings School Dist #2, Orchard, Rose Park, Burlington and Highland Elementary Schools.

During her younger years, she loved to ride horses and barrel race. She also participated in various sports in high school, basketball, track and cheerleading. While in high school, she was selected along with other students from the various schools on the reservation to represent the Crow Tribe to travel to Washington, D.C. as student ambassadors. She served as the 1969 Rodeo Queen for the Annual Crow Fair & Rodeo. She was

raised by her grandparents, who instilled in her the traditional values and cultural ways. She was a traditional dancer and often tutored her family in the proper traditional techniques.

Her strong faith in God brought her through the many challenges in life. Her knowledge of God's word allowed her to share and minister to the needs of others even up to the last days in the hospital.

Marilyn married Raymond Barry Howe in 1972 and later divorced.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Martin and Phyllis Spotted Horse, Sr., Francis and Cerise Stewart; as well as her uncles, Walter "Mickey" Stewart, Sr., David "Pistol" Plenty Hoops, Willard, Stanley, and Martin Spotted Horse, Jr.

Survivors include her daughter, Shannon Howe of Lodge Grass, her adopted son, Nehemiah He Does It; her parents, Regina Spotted Horse-Stewart and Marvin (Luanna) Stewart of Lodge Grass; her sister, Natalie (Max) of Kirby; her brothers, Leroy (Kari) of Carnegie, Okla., and Kerry (Janice) of Fort Smith, and Robin M. Stewart of Billings; adopted brothers, Johnny (Drew Ann) Stewart of Wyola, Paul (Roberta) Spotted Horse, Jr. of Hardin and Oliver (Patricia) Spotted Horse of Reno Creek; her beloved granddaughters, Chezrae, Hope,

Keaunna, Shi and Jolynn Pretty Man; her aunt, Adelia Spotted Horse; her uncles, Tommy Stewart and Paul (Charlotte) Spotted Horse; her great-aunts, Edith Red Wolf, Doris Red Wolf, Alice Mae Tobacco, Carol Ann (Vernon) White Clay; and her special friends, Nora A. Bird, Andrea Good Luck, Jim (Theo) Ward, Corki (Mamie) Yellowtail, Lynn Ottie, Sherri Edgar, Alice Iron, Mary A. Blaine, Linda Pattyn Small and Sara Young; and her very special friend, J.D. Williams of Faith, S.D. She is also survived by her extended family, including the Stewart, Hogan, Plenty Hoops, Spotted Horse, Little Nest, White Clay and descendents of Chief Pretty Eagle.

Funeral services will be held 1 p.m. Thursday, July 8, in Wyola Community Baptist Church. Interment will follow in the Lodge Grass Cemetery. Bullis Mortuary of Hardin has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Marvin Wayne Stewart, Jr.

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Marvin Wayne Stewart, Jr., "blisheeshbaasash" (Runs Towards the Buffalo), known by all as "Cotton," passed away Tuesday, June 8, 2004, at St. Vincent Healthcare in Billings. He was born in Crow Agency on April 5, 1953, to Sylvia Turnsplenty Gone and Marvin Stewart Sr. He was raised by his grandfather, Ralph Turnsplenty, Sr. He was a member of the Big Lodge Clan and child of the Ties the Bundle. He was a member of the Catholic Church and participated in the Sundance. He attended St. Charles Mission in Pryor and graduated from Edgar High School in 1972.

**MARVIN
STEWART**

Marvin enlisted in the USMC in August 1974 and received an honorable discharge in November 1974. He was employed by the Crow Tribe as a substance abuse counselor and 31A roads. In 1982, his career started with the USPS, where he

worked until the present time. Marvin married Rosella Little Light on Feb. 18, 1992, in Sheridan, Wyo., and they made their home in Pryor.

Marvin "Cottontail" was a very caring and loving husband, son, father, brother, uncle, grandfather and friend. He always had a kind word and a friendly smile for everyone he met. He enjoyed hunting, camping and fishing. He loved to be outdoors. He was an avid Plenty Coups Warriors fan.

Marvin was preceded in death by his father, Marvin Stewart Sr.; his maternal grandparents, Ralph and Rose Turnsplenty Sr.; siblings, Timothy, Grant, GERALYN and Rosemary Stewart and Arnie Stewart; nephew Sampson Leo Stewart.

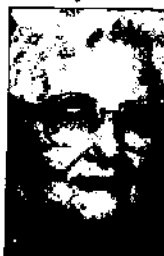
Survivors include his mother, Sylvia Gone; his wife, Rosella Little Light Stewart; his children, Sylvia Jayna Stewart, Shelly (Darren) McDonald, Loretta, Chris (Rose), Greg, Richie Shane, Marvin "Woody" Stewart, Taleshia Smart Enemy and Patricia Smart Enemy; his sisters,

Faith (Davis) Wounded Face,
 Marvella (Claude) Dawes, Lucy
 Gone, Bertha Gone, Nina Renee
 Stewart, Janet Sees the Ground
 and Julie Hugs; his brothers, Paul
 (Lydia) Stewart, Steve Yapunich,
 Leo Stewart, Doug (Tina) South,
 Mike Stewart, Ozzie Williamson,
 Don Levi Little Light, Jr. and
 Channis Whiteman; nieces and
 nephews, Geraldyn (Billy Joe)
 Gutierrez, D. Levi Little Light Jr.,
 Devona (Paul) Lopez, Marvin
 "Woody" Stewart, Courtney
 Dawes, Timothy Medicine Horse,
 Frederick Gone, Mariah
 Maldonado, Jesse Gone, Tasha
 Smart Enemy, Patricia Smart
 Enemy, Alton Smart Enemy,
 Shawn Renee Smart Enemy; god-
 children, Gary Good Luck,
 Andre Gutierrez, Lando
 Stewart, Patricia Smart Enemy,
 Baby Sam, Camron Little Light
 and Kirstin DeCraane.
 Visitation will be Thursday,
 June 10, from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.,
 Friday, June 11, beginning at 9 a.m.
 Vigil and wake services will be at
 7 p.m. Friday, at the St. Charles
 Mission in Pryor. Funeral services
 will be 11 a.m. Saturday, June 12, at
 St. Charles Mission in Pryor.
 Interment will be in the
 Turnersburg Family Cemetery.

Minnie Sticka, 100, of Billings, Fromberg and Belfry, died Monday, Oct. 4, 2004, at Billings Health & Rehab, after living there six years.

She was born in Odessa, Russia, the daughter of Anton and Elizabeth Gotsdale Ehrmantraut. She came to American with her parents when she was 3 years old and became a

U.S. Citizen in 1911 and the family settled in Glen Ullin, N.D. She married Leonard Sticka on June 14, 1923, in Scheffield, N.D. They



**MINNIE
STICKA**

farmed in that area until 1937, when they moved to Fromberg, where they farmed and later moving to Belfry, where they bought a farm in 1949 to farm until their retirement in 1954 and moved to Billings.

She has been preceded in death by her husband; two sons, Adam and John; daughter-in-law Violet Sticka; son-in-law Sam Spaulding; and one granddaughter, Carol Peterson; her parents; six brothers and four sisters.

Survivors include one son, Arnie of Bridger; three daughters, Dorothy Spaulding of Belfry, Leona (Eriven) Roll of Billings and Kathy (Elven) Kaufman of

Lefor, N.D.; and daughter-in-law Irene Sticka of Columbus; 23 grandchildren; 47 great-grandchildren and 16 great-great-grandchildren.

Mom, we know your eternal life will be much easier now that you are in the Lord's hands. We will miss and love you always.

Vigil/Rosary Service will be 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 7, and Funeral Mass 10 a.m. Friday, Oct. 8, both will be at the Holy Rosary Church, located at Fifth and Custer Avenue, Billings. Burial will be approximately 1:30 p.m. Friday, at the Rockvale Cemetery.

Arrangements are by Cremation or Funeral Gallery.

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COLUMBUS — Tony Sticka, 94, of Columbus, died on Nov. 28, 2004, at Stillwater Extended Care Facility in Columbus.

He was born on March 11, 1910, in Scheffield, N.D., to Ambrose and Matilda (Judt) Sticka. He attended school in Scheffield and moved with his family to Bridger in 1927.

Tony married Rose Klein on Jan. 10, 1933. They resided in the Bridger and Fromberg area, where Tony farmed until 1951, then he went to work for the Northern Pacific Railroad in the Car Shops in Laurel until 1976.

He is preceded in death by his wife Rose; daughter, Cecelia; parents; brothers, Matt, Louie, Alex and John; and sisters, Katherine and Monica.

Survives include his son, Anthony Sticka; daughter, Lorraine Van Uden; grandsons, Kevin and Mark Van Uden, Kris and Jeremy Kallevig, and Nathan Sticka; granddaughter, Genelle Hocevar; great-grandsons, Kristian and Colton; and great-granddaughter, Brecklynn.

At Tony's request, there will be no services and private family burial will take place in Rockvale Cemetery at a later date.

Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

Leonard A. Stidham

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WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS

— Leonard A. Stidham, 59, of White Sulphur Springs, died Wednesday, Aug. 11, 2004, at his home.

Funeral services will be at 1:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 16, at Twichel Funeral Home. Interment will follow in Mayn Cemetery.

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Wilfred Stieg

BAKER — Wilfred Stieg, 68, of Baker, formerly of Ekalaka, died Tuesday, Oct. 12, 2004, at Fallon Medical Complex in Baker.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 16, at St. Joan of Arc Parish Hall in Ekalaka. Stevenson Funeral Home in Baker & Ekalaka is in charge.

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Jeb James Stiffarm Sr. *THE BILLINGS GAZETTE*

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LODGEPOLE — Jeb James Stiffarm Sr., 60, an Army veteran and retired heavy equipment operator and truck driver, died Thursday, Aug. 26, in a vehicle accident near Lodgepole.

Wake/Rosary will be 7 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 29, at the St. Paul's Mission Rec. Center at Hays. Funeral mass will be 11 a.m., Monday, Aug. 30, at St. Paul's Mission Rec. center with burial in the Hawley Family Cemetery at Three Buttes. Military Honors will be given at the cemetery. Adams Funeral Home of Malta is in charge of arrangements.

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Carson Wayne Stirm

Carson Wayne Stirm was born and passed away on Feb. 3, 2004, at St. Vincent Healthcare. Carson was born to Crystal and Jerry Stirm of Laurel.

Along with his parents, Carson is survived by his big brother, Chase of the family home; grandparents, Gary and Nancy Price of Billings and Dave and Elaine Stirm of Laurel; two aunts, Patricia (Gene) Carlson and Cindy Stirm, both of Billings; uncles, Justin (Sheridan) Price of Bozeman and Dave (Charlie) Nygard; and four cousins.

Private family services are planned for Thursday, Feb. 5, with burial at Mountview Cemetery.

"A Prayer For Baby"

Never to have known you, but
to have loved you.

Never to have held you, the
way parents do.

With you I bury the love and
dreams

For an unknown child I've
never seen.

But I also bury the love in my
heart

And the sadness of knowing
that we must part.

And I pray to God to do for
you

All the things I would like to
do.

And to keep my baby safe
from harm

To laugh and frolic in spring-
time's arms.

— Anonymous

Jacki Stockman

Services are pending for Jacki Stockman, 61, of Lovell, who died Wednesday, June 23 in Billings.

She was born May 8, 1943, in Duluth, Minn., a beloved wife and mother whose steadfast love and kindness spread to all who knew her.

She will be sadly missed.

Survivors include her husband, Allen Stockman of Lovell; two sons, Roger Stockman of Minneapolis and Robb Stockman of Lovell; one daughter, Rae (Rick) Beaver of Elk River, Minn.; and two grandchildren, Bradley and Belinda Beaver of Elk River, Minn.

Cremation has taken place and memorial services are pending.

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Phyllis Elaine Stockwell

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GREYBULL, Wyo. — A funeral mass for longtime Greybull resident Phyllis Elaine Stockwell, age 81, will be held on Friday, Oct. 29, 11 a.m., at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Greybull, with Reverend Peter Johnson as the celebrant. Burial will follow at the Hillside Cemetery in Greybull.

A rosary will be held on Thursday, Oct. 28, 7 p.m., at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church, in Greybull.

A viewing will be held on Thursday, from 1 to 6 p.m. at the Atwood Family Chapel in Greybull and on Friday, Oct. 29, one-half hour prior to the Funeral Mass at the church.

Phyllis passed away at her daughter's home in Powell, surrounded by her loving family, Sunday evening, Oct. 24, 2004.

She was born on Oct. 17, 1923, in Mulliken, Mich., the daughter of Clyde L. and Louisa Jane (Crane) Millross. She received her schooling in Dearborn, Mich.

She moved to Wyoming in 1945 and married Jack James Stockwell on Feb. 20, 1945, at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Greybull.

Phyllis loved to quilt and enjoyed gardening. Her pride and joy were her children and grandchildren. There was nothing like a new baby to brighten up her day! She also enjoyed spending time with her family and many friends.

She was a member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Greybull and was a member of the VFW Auxiliary.

She is preceded in death by her parents; one daughter, Carol; three sons, Jim, Greg and Joe; her husband, Jack Stockwell, on April 24, 2003; and one granddaughter, Dana Jean Prevedel.

Phyllis is survived by her 10 children, Ken (Lesa) Stockwell of Cody, Jerry (Denise) Stockwell of Greybull, Ben Stockwell and Steve Baugh of Wilsall, Mont., Carmen (Bill) Capron of Powell, Fred (Barbara) Stockwell of Bozeman, Mont., Lori (Mick) Davis of Gallatin Gateway, Mont., Suzanne (Brett) Prevedel of Roosevelt, Utah, Jacqueline Conti of Big Timber, Melody (Mark) Brown of Greybull and Bill (Carmen) Stockwell of Wheatland; 27 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and five step-grandchildren.

Memorials can be made to the Right to Life or a charity of your choice in memory of Phyllis.

Atwood Family Funeral Directors, Inc. are in charge of arrangements.

Cleo Stoddard

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BROADUS — Cleo Stoddard, 82, of Broadus, died Tuesday, Oct. 19, 2004, at the Powder River Manor in Broadus.

Visitation will be from 1 to 6 p.m. Monday, Oct. 25, at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Broadus. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 26, at Moore Hill Cemetery, north of Hulett, Wyo.

Pauline Irene Stoesz 195 POWELL

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Pauline Irene Stoesz died Friday, July 23 at Powell Valley Hospice Nursing Home after a long battle with cancer. She was 72. **AUG 03 2004**

She was born July 16, 1932, in Spangler, Penn., and lived in California until May of 1996, when she moved to Powell to live near her daughter, Debbie Cook, son-in-law Ed Cook and grandson, Robbie Cook.

She was a member and officer of the Powell Eagles Auxiliary and volunteered much of her time helping to prepare dinner events and bingo games. She was a part of the family of workers at Cassie's Supper Club in Cody and used to check I.D. cards at the door. She was known for keeping the antique pianos and woodwork

around her work station clean and polished. Many at Cassie's knew her simply as "Mom."

She is survived by two brothers, Paul (Nancy) Koval and Mickey Koval; two sons, Gary Pulis and Wayne Pulis; one daughter, Debbie Cook; four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.



Pauline Stoesz

Cremation has taken place and a potluck wake in celebration of her life is scheduled for Sunday, Aug. 22, from 2 to 4 p.m. at Cassie's. The potluck celebration is open to the public.

Leslie Phillip Stoltz

Leslie Phillip Stoltz, 29, passed away in his home on Sunday, Oct. 31, 2004.

He was born in Billings on April 11, 1975, the son of Robert L. and Margaret (Bradley) Stoltz.

Leslie grew up in Laurel and then moved to Billings, where he worked at several different jobs before his present job as a welder at Mark Rite Lines. He married Shona Arthur on July 3, 1999. They had one son, Chase Jacobe.

Besides his immediate family, he is survived by his parents; his sister, Bobbi (Aaron) Poser; nephew, Alexander Poser; his in-laws, Steve and Lori Arthur; brother-in-law Jeramie (JoAnn) and Brandon Arthur, sister-in-law Gina Arthur, his niece and several nephews. Leslie is also survived by aunts, uncles, cousins and many, many friends.

Les always liked to be the life of a party and lived life to the fullest. He loved to go hunting, fishing and playing softball with his special friends, as well as spending time with his son Chase.

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Memorials may be sent to Chase Stoltz Education Fund, c/o First Interstate Bank 2501 Central Ave. Billings, MT 59102 or to Alex Poser Leukemia Fund, c/o Yellowstone Teachers' Credit Union, 1111 24th St. W., Billings, MT 59102.

Cremation has taken place and memorial services will be held 2 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 3, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Laurel. Inurnment will follow at the Park City Cemetery. Arrangements are by Cremation or Funeral Gallery.

Andrew Miller 'Andy' Stolzenburg

PARADISE VALLEY —
Andrew Miller "Andy" Stolzenburg, 90, of Paradise Valley, south of Livingston, died at his home, Wednesday morning, Feb. 18, 2004.

Cremation has taken place at Franzen-Davis Crematory in Livingston. Memorial services will be 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 21, at Pine Creek United Methodist Church, with the Rev. David Greep officiating. Graveside committal and burial of the cremated remains will be 1:30 p.m. in Mountain View Cemetery in Livingston. Arrangements are under the direction of Franzen-Davis Funeral Home.

Andy was born April 17, 1913, in Grand River, S.D., the son of Grover C. and Bertha (Miller) Stolzenburg. He attended country school in North and South Dakota, graduating from high school in Hettinger, N.D. Andy began work in South Dakota with the Civilian Conservation Corps. In 1937, Andy married Marien Sanderson in Mobridge, S.D. They just celebrated their 66th anniversary on Dec. 21. They moved to Montana in 1941, where he continued to work construction. He worked for Inland Construction, Albert Lalonde Construction and Schultz & Lindsey Construction. In 1964, while in Billings, he began his

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own business — A.M. Stolzenburg Contractor. He did heavy and highway contracting. Upon his retirement in 1978, he moved with his wife to Livingston and continued his contracting work even after retirement.

Andy was an active member of Pine Creek United Methodist Church, a life member of the Elks Lodge BPOE #394 in Billings and a member of the Operating Engineers Association, was Past President and member of the Bozeman Chapter of the Audubon Society, and a member of the Native Plant Society. He enjoyed wildlife, bird and wildflower photography. Andy's favorite place to spend time was in the Northern Rockies, but more especially, in Yellowstone National Park. He was an avid fisherman.

Survivors include his wife, Marien Stolzenburg, south of



**ANDY
STOLZEN-
BURG**

Livingston; a son, Kurt Stolzenburg and his wife Nancy of Billings; a daughter, Sandra Champlin and her husband Alan of Laurel; two sisters-in-law, Sophie Stolzenburg of Portland, Ore., and Doris Winslow of Miles City; six grandchildren, Karen Schmitz, Bob Schmitz, Kelly Kosine, Kerry Stolzenburg, Kristin Schumacher and Bryan Stolzenburg; five great-grandchildren; three nieces and six nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, William and Robert Stolzenburg.

If so desired, memorials may be directed to Livingston Hospice Care, 504 S. 13th St., Livingston, MT 59047 or Pine Creek United Methodist Church, PO Box 442, Livingston, MT 59047.

Elizabeth J. Stone

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JAN 17 2004

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Elizabeth J. Stone, 62, died Wednesday, Jan. 14, 2004, at her home.

At her request, cremation has taken place, and no services are planned. Champion Ferries Funeral Home was in charge.

Nadyne D. Stone

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GLENDIVE — Nadyne D. Stone, 83, of Glendive, died Saturday, July 17, 2004, at her home.

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A vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 21, at the Chapel of the Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home in Glendive. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, July 22, at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Glendive.

Robert William Storlie

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GLENDIVE — Robert William "Bob" Storlie, 66, of Glendive, died Tuesday, Oct. 26, 2004, at his home.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 28, at the chapel of the Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home in Glendive. Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 30, at the Evangelical Church of North America. Interment will be in the Dawson County Cemetery in Glendive.

George Stortz

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

APR 16 2004

LINDSAY — George Stortz, age 83, of Lindsay, passed away on Wednesday, April 14, 2004, at the Horizon Hospice Home in Billings.

A vigil service will be held at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, April 18, at the Chapel of the Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home in Glendive. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, April 19, at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Glendive, with Father Joseph Ponessa officiating. Rite of Committal will be in the Dawson County Cemetery in Glendive. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Glendive is entrusted with arrangements.

George was born on Jan. 1, 1921, in Glendive, the son of Theodore and Lena (Dalsasso) Stortz. He attended Bickness Grade School and graduated from Dawson County High School in Glendive with the class of 1938. George worked for the Agriculture Adjustment Act through the ASC Office from the fall of 1939 until the spring of 1940. George was united in marriage to Lulu May Davidson on June 19, 1947. They farmed and ranched together north of



**GEORGE
STORTZ**

Lindsay until May's death in September of 1982. George continued farming and ranching until he became ill in March of 2003.

He was selected in 1975 as the Outstanding Conservation Farmer of the Year. George was a member of the Glendive Moose Lodge #949, Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus, Montana Sheriff's and Peace Officers Association and was a school board member for District 91 (Bickness and Highpoint).

George enjoyed breaking horses, playing the accordion at country dances, doing farm chores and attending rodeos.

George was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, May; his sister, Ethel Wolff; and an infant son, George Charles.

Survivors include his children, Mary Ekberg of Lindsay, Sue Burgan and her husband Bill of Billings, Fred Stortz and his wife Desseree and Tom Stortz and his wife Rita, all of Glendive, Jeri Rubin and her husband Randy of Roseburg, Ore.; his uncle, Fred Dalsasso and his wife Sis of Glendive; brother, Robert

Stortz and his wife Bev of Glendive; his grandchildren, Michelle Wieland and her husband Mike, Travis Stortz and his wife Nikole and Jillian Burgan, all of Billings, Ryan Berry of Lewistown, Chase Dolan of Casper, Wyo., Nathan Stortz of Dickinson, N.D., and Kyle Stortz of Glendive; one great-grandson, Ethan Wieland of Billings; numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorials are suggested to the Lindsay Hall Association, Lindsay, MT 59339.

Remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at: www.silverdale-all-ha-funeralhome.com.

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PARK CITY — Mary Ann Story passed away April 20, 2004, at Valley Nursing Home. She was an inspiration to all as she dealt with her extended illness with grace and dignity. In spite of her physical difficulties, she attended as many family functions as possible. Her mind and wit were sharp until the end. She enjoyed visiting with family and friends and keeping up with current events.

Mary Ann Frances Simard Story was born in St. Paul, Minn., Jan. 6, 1927. She graduated with a degree in music from McPhail School of Music in St. Paul. While playing the piano at Glacier Lodge in the summer of 1949, she met Robert Story of Park City. They were married in St. Paul the next year and returned to Glacier Park, where they lived until 1951. They returned to the Story ranch near Park City and raised their family of 10 children.

Mary Ann was a dedicated piano teacher who had many interests and talents. She was an energetic woman who raised a large garden, made her children's clothes, and enjoyed knitting, crocheting and quilting. She was a devout member of St. Bernadette's Council at St. Anthony's Church in Laurel, MT for 50+ years. She served many years as organist and accompanist at St. Anthony's.

Mary Ann courageously maintained her good cheer and interest in family life throughout the last 20 years as she gradually lost many of her physical abilities. She had been living at Valley Health Care for the past six years and was grateful for the gentle kindness of the staff there.

She was preceded in death by her husband Robert R. Story Sr. in December of 1994 and expressed her eagerness to "go home" and join him and her sister Delores, who died in December 2003.

She is survived by her children, Helen Story (Rik Santaguida), Robert (Jyl) Story Jr., Vincent (Dianne) Story, Steven (Lee Ann) Story, Rita (Duran) Stepper, Theresa (Doug) Kirby, Frances (Dave) Rieman, Jim (Julie) Story, Matt (Elizabeth) Story, Nancy Harris; 25 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren. Mary Ann is remembered with love by her many friends and students.

Vigil services will be held at St. Anthony's Parish in Laurel on Friday, April 23, at 7 p.m. Memorial services will be held at the same location on Saturday, April 24, at 10 a.m. A reception

will be held at St. Anthony's parish hall following the memorial service. Interment at Park City Cemetery will follow.

In lieu of flowers, memorials made be made to the following: St. Anthony's Parish, Laurel, MT, Museum of Beartooths, Columbus, MT, American Cancer Society or the charity of your choice.

Smith Funeral Chapel-Laurel was in charge of cremation.

Jesse 'Jess' Stovall

WEST YELLOWSTONE — Jesse Morgan "Jess" Stovall, 94, of West Yellowstone, passed away Sunday, Dec. 19, 2004, at Madison Valley Manor. Jess was born Dec. 4, 1910, in Musselshell to Lycurgus M. and Mary E. Stovall.

Jess attended school through the eighth grade in Musselshell. After school, he taught himself to break horses. During this time



**JESS
STOVALL**

he joined the Civilian Conservation Corp (CCC) and worked at the Squaw Creek Camp as the lead fall worker on the road around the west shore of Hebgen Lake. He also worked on roads to Wade and Cliff Lakes.

When his work in the CCC was done, Jess stayed in the Gallatin and Madison Valleys, broke horses and did general ranch work. He was a working cowboy and was the foreman at the B Bar K Ranch (now Lone Mountain Ranch) when he was drafted into the Army at the onset of World War II. During the war, he served in the field artillery and saw combat in Okinawa and the Philippine Islands. After the war, Jess was a guide for the Nine Quarter Circle Ranch. In 1947, Jess met Joan at a dance at the

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Corral Bar, and they were married in 1949.

After his marriage to Joan, Jess worked for the railroad until an accident left him partially disabled. During this time, Jess helped to develop a machine to shoe horses; he did a lot of horse-shoeing and cattle trimming. Jess was a hard-working man who always had a project going.

He built a cabin in West Yellowstone in 1963. This was to be the family get-away on Hebgen Lake. Later it became the family home.

Jess was preceded in death by his parents, three sisters and two brothers.

He is survived by his wife, Joan of West Yellowstone; sons, Jess "Morgan" (Cathy) Stovall of Park County and Kirk (Diane) Stovall of Bozeman; daughter, Ann Stovall of West Yellowstone; sister, Alberta Dowdy of Barstow, Calif.; and grandchildren, Preston Stovall of Bozeman, David Stovall of Carson, Calif., Paige (James) Cahoon of Seattle, Wash., Karmen (Shawn) O'Leary of Phoenix, Ariz., Reid (Mishel) Stovall of Havre, Jesse Stovall of Bozeman and Caroline Stoyall, of Bozeman.

Cremation has taken place at Dahl Crematory. No services are planned at this time.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial contributions be made in Jess' name to the American Cancer Society, 17 N. 26th, Billings, MT 59101; or the American Diabetes Association, Inc., Montana Affiliate, Inc., P.O. Box 2411, Great Falls, MT 59401.

"If you can't be good, be careful."

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ROCKY BOY — Mary Margaret "Cheyenne" St. Pierre, 46, died Monday, July 19, 2004, at her mother's home in Rocky Boy, of complications from diabetes.

Wake services will begin 11 a.m. Tuesday, July 20, at the Rocky Boy Lutheran Church. The funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, July 21, also at the Rocky Boy Lutheran Church. Burial will follow at the Rocky Boy Cemetery. Holland & Bonine Funeral Home is in charge.

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BUFFALO, Wyo. — Ronald Straight, 67, of Buffalo, died Monday, Nov. 15, 2004, at the Johnson County Health Care Center.

Visitation will be from 1 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 18, and from 9 to 9:30 a.m. Friday, Nov. 19, at the Adams Funeral Home Chapel in Buffalo. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, at the Adams Funeral Home Chapel. Private family interment will be in Willow Grove Cemetery.

Patricia Straight

LAUREL — Patricia Straight, 84, of Laurel, died Friday, April 2, 2004, at St. Vincent Healthcare.

Cremation has taken place and a family graveside memorial will be held in Hyattville, Wyo., at a later date. Cremation or Funeral Gallery is in charge.

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Patricia Straight

LAUREL — Patricia Straight, 84, passed away suddenly on April 2, 2004.

She was born in Meeteetse, Wyo. on June 1, 1919. After graduating from high school, she attended business school in Grand Island, Neb., for two years. On Oct. 2, 1939, she married Boyd Straight.

Patricia was preceded in death by her parents; sister; and sons, Charles and James. Survivors include husband, Boyd; daughters, Mary (James) and Martha (Dennis); grandchildren, Patrick (Kathy), Barry (fiance, Megan), Denny, Asa and Abby (Bart); and great-grandchildren, Megan, Brendan, Connor, and Elias.

Cremation has taken place. At her request a private family memorial will be held in Wyoming at a later date. Memorials may be made to the city of Laurel Ambulance, P.O. Box 10, Laurel, MT 59044.

The memory of Patty's loving ways and strong commitment to family will always be with us.

Jan. 31, 1925 - Dec. 11, 2004
'Mother Grace'

LAUREL — Ma Grace Olson Strand passed away peacefully early Saturday morning after a brief battle with cancer. She decided right after the diagnosis that she would play the hand that was dealt to her and that is exactly what she did.


ILA STRAND

Ila was born Jan. 31, 1925, in Rapelje to Raleigh and Edith Smith Easton. Her family moved to Laurel in 1937 and she graduated from Laurel High School in 1942. After school, she moved to Coeur d'Alene to be a nanny and then worked at the aluminum plant in Kellogg during the war, as an original Rosie the Riveter! It was in Kellogg that she met Kenneth E. Olson, and they were married on Jan. 6, 1944. Two children were born of this union, RosaLee and Ken Jr. They lived a full and happy life until his death in April of 1983. Ila then married George Strand, a lifelong friend, in November of 1988. George passed away in August 2003.

Ila had a wide variety of jobs in her lifetime. Besides nanny, factory worker and a brief stint as a waitress, she worked at LeDuc's

Jewelry Store, and Dr. Nottingham's office. She and Ken owned Park Food and then the Coast to Coast Store until their retirement in 1979. She loved to travel and would pack her suitcase in a heartbeat to go somewhere. She loved her bridge and pinochle clubs and playing the machines with her brother on Saturday mornings was a highlight of her week. Her collections were very important to her — clowns, bells and spoons. She also loved fishing and camping at Hyalite Lake, trips to Las Vegas with her girls group and traveling anywhere. But most important of all was her family. She was a loving and kind woman and generous to a fault and would give you the shirt off her back — literally!

Ila was active in many organizations and was a great volunteer, meaning she couldn't say no. She was a Past Matron of Zidonian Chapter #50 OES, Past President of Laurel Rotana, Past President of the National Rotana organization, 50-plus-year member of the Laurel United Methodist Church, United Methodist Women past treasurer, Hannah Circle, Royal Neighbors, Rebekah Lodge, Laurel Republican Club, Laurel

Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary, American Legion Auxiliary, Snappy Sewing Sisters since 1944, and contributing editor to the Book of Hoyle.

Ila is survived by her daughter RosaLee (Johnny) Goodman; her son Ken (Peg) Olson Jr.; her brother Gay Easton, all of Laurel; her grandchildren Jody (Kathy) Goodman of Great Falls, Stephanie Goodman of Laurel, Michelle (Todd) Linder of Laurel, Erik Olson of Centralia, Wash., and Annie Olson of Billings; her great-granddaughters Brandy and Brooke Goodman of Great Falls; brother-in-law Louie (Clara) Strand of Big Timber; June Gunderson of Florida; Evelyn Casterline of Culbertson; and Doris McDonald of Wash.; many nieces and nephews and many, many friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband Ken; her husband George; sisters Millie Easton, Leora Keener, Wilma Herman and Ethel Heiser; and brother Raleigh Easton Jr.

Memorials may be made to Laurel Rotana Christmas Food Baskets, c/o Sharon Herman, 416 Mountain View Lane, Laurel, Laurel Volunteer Fire Department, Laurel United Methodist Church, Big Sky Hospice, or the charity of your choice.

Funeral services will be held at the Laurel United Methodist Church on Wednesday, Dec. 15, at 10 a.m.

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BIG TIMBER — Ommund B. Strand passed away peacefully on Aug. 3, 2004, surrounded by his family.

Ommund was born Jan. 26, 1922, in Big Timber, to Albert O. and Elsie (Berg) Strand. He completed his first eight years of school at Cherry Creek School and graduated from Shawmut High School in 1941. Duty called him to serve in the U.S. Air Force in the European theater from 1943 to 1946. Ommund graduated from the University of Montana in Missoula in 1949.

Ommund married Lutie Weedman Murray in 1951. The love and devotion expressed in their marriage of over 50 years was an inspiration to their children and all who knew them. Lutie passed away in 2002.

Ommund spent most of his career with AT&T, first with Mountain Bell in Helena and then with Bell Telephone Laboratories in New Jersey and Illinois. When he and Lutie retired in 1987, they returned to their roots in Montana, settling in Big Timber.

Ommund was preceded in death by his wife, Lutie; and his brother, George. Survivors include his brother, Louie (Clara) Strand of Big Timber; sisters, Evelyn (Bill) Casterline of Culbertson, Doris (Dick) McDonald of Washington and

June (Stan) Gunnerson of Florida; sons Chuck Murray of California, Bill (Mary) Murray of Ontario and Jim (Betsy) Strand of California; daughter Helen Landau of Kansas; grandchildren Tammy and Gabby Murray of California, John Murray of Ontario, Christopher Strand of California and Dana Landau of Kansas; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Ommund loved spending time with his family, playing a good game of cards (especially bridge and pinochle), caring for his garden and yard, fishing, watching sports of any kind and worshipping in his church. He was a kind and gentle man with a ready smile. Ommund will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

Memorial service will be held 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 7, at the Big Timber Lutheran Church. Lowry Funeral Home is in charge of cremation and memorial services.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Senior Citizens Center, PO Box 298, Big Timber, MT 59011 or to the charity of your choice.

Mary Maxon Stratford

THE BILLINGS TRIBUNE

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Mary Maxon Stratford, of 742 Parkhill Drive in Billings, died at Valley Health Care and Rehabilitation Center on Wednesday, June 30, 2004, of complications from cardiopulmonary disease.

A resident of Billings for 75 years, Mary was equally comfortable at a bridge table, driving a farm truck or conducting an installation ceremony for the Eastern Star.



**MARY
STRATFORD**

Whatever her role — as a teacher, wife and mother, farm helper, telemarketer, or single senior citizen and grandmother — she always accepted its responsibilities gracefully, and fulfilled them to the best of her considerable ability.

Mary Katherine Maxon was born in Sheridan, Wyo., on Jan. 9, 1919. She was the younger daughter of Harry and Elsie Maxon. The family lived in Casper and Cody, Wyo., until their move to Billings in 1929. Her father Harry was a conductor on the Casper-to-Cody rail line, until a heart attack caused him to take a leave of absence before being transferred to the train station in Billings.

Mary and her older sister, Jane Ridley Maxon, attended

Billings schools, and Mary graduated from Senior High School in 1937. She and Jane were very active in the school orchestra, and could both play several instruments. Throughout their lives, they both enjoyed a deep love of music, and would often harmonize together on their favorite songs.

Mary attended Eastern Normal School (now MSU-Billings) and earned a teaching certificate there. After short but very memorable teaching assignments in Pony (where for months she taught around a side of beef hanging in the classroom) and Lennep (where she became the tutor for a snowbound ranch family, whose hired hand became "sweet on" her), Mary taught in Bridger before returning to Billings, where she taught at the Garfield Elementary School.

When her father Harry died of heart disease, her mother Elsie became a salesperson at the Vaughn-Ragsdale department

ore. Elsie, Mary and sister Jane were deeply involved in each other's lives until Elsie's death of heart disease in 1971 and Jane's death of cancer in 1990.

During World War II, Mary was married to Tom Hughes, whom she accompanied to postings in Albany, Ga.; Stuttgart, Ark.; and Spokane, Wash. They were divorced in 1946, and had no children together.

The day that Mary left the Yellowstone County Courthouse with her finalized divorce papers in her hand, a high school acquaintance, John Stratford, was entering the courthouse on business for his farm. John offered to buy Mary a drink to celebrate her freedom, which began a courtship that resulted in their marriage on Aug. 24, 1947.

Mary and John remained married for over 30 years, and raised three sons together. She became the de facto business manager and bookkeeper for John's farm, which was located on Blue Creek south of Billings. Her role was formalized when the farm incorporated in 1975 as Stratford Farms. She was always available to help move trucks and equipment during harvest season, and worked with John to establish and operate a modernized farm residence and headquarters for the farm and ranch operation.

During their marriage, Mary's recreational pursuits included the R.L. Stratford & Co. bowling

team, where her 100-pin average and reliability in the clutch helped propel the team in state tournaments and, on one terrifyingly snowy excursion, a national tournament in Denver. She and John also attended, and hosted, many couples parties together.

Mary was very active in social organizations, and worked through the ranks of various offices to serve terms as both Worthy High Priestess of the Mizpah chapter of the White Shrine and Worthy Matron of the Edna Hedges chapter of the Eastern Star.

At the time, her mother Elsie and she were the only mother and daughter to have both served as Worthy Matrons in Billings. Mary was frequently asked to preside at the installations of subsequent Worthy Matrons because of her skill at memorizing the complexities of installation ceremonies.

Following her divorce from John in 1978, Mary became a highly successful telemarketer of appliance maintenance agreements for Sears, until she was hired away in the same capacity at Montgomery Ward. After her retirement from these positions, she and her two cats, Mitzi and Gaylord, devoted themselves to their leisure time.

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Mary was an avid reader, and enjoyed solving challenging acrostic word puzzles. She also enjoyed making useful craft items for her family and friends. When asked, she would gladly sit down at the family piano, and she could accurately sight-read two-handed piano scores or accompany other musicians at public performances.

One of Mary's greatest loves and talents was playing contract bridge. She and seven friends established a two-table bridge club that met faithfully on Monday nights for over 50 years. The bridge club's 50th anniversary, in October 1999, was noted in a feature editorial and group photograph in the Billings Gazette. Mary had another bridge foursome that met on Friday afternoons for many years. This Friday group included her best friend, the late Margaret Ward of Billings, with whom she also competed successfully in many yearlong bridge marathons.

Mary enjoyed travel, whether on jaunts with sister Jane to Florida or Mexico, visits to one of her sons in Boston or Elko, Nev., or summer trips via the breathtaking Beartooth Scenic Highway to the cabin that Jane co-owned (with Carole Toyer of Northville, Mich.) in Cooke City.

She was preceded in death by her parents and sister. She is survived by her three sons, Michael Stratford of Stockton, Calif., Scott Stratford (Holly; children Laura and Todd) of Belmont, Mass., and Steven Stratford (Marji; daughter Jennifer) of Mattoon, Ill.

A memorial service for Mary will be held on Saturday, July 3, at 1 p.m. at the Smith West Chapel, 304 34th Street West. Memorial donations may be sent to the Mary Maxon Stratford Education Scholarship Fund, in care of the MSU-Billings Foundation, 1500 University Drive, Billings, MT 59101-0298.

Arthur Straub

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PLEVNA — Arthur Straub, 81, of Plevna, died Monday, Aug. 16, 2004, at Fallon Medical Complex in Baker.

Visitation will be 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 18, in the chapel of Stevenson Funeral Home in Baker, with a prayer service at 7 p.m. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 19, at the Emmanuel Evangelical Free Church.

Edward K. Strecker

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BIG HORN — Edward K. Strecker, 86, of Big Horn, formerly of Hardin, died March 9, 2004, at Eagle Cliff Manor in Billings.

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He was born at home Nov. 15, 1917, in Mitchell, Neb., and attended school there. It was in this area that he met the love of his life, Irene Relka. He moved with his family to the Hardin area when the Holly Sugar Corp. opened the area to sugar beet farming and on Dec. 2, 1940, married his beloved Irene. Mrs. Strecker died in 1993.

They made their home north of Hardin and it was there that they raised their family, which included Edward G. (Alyce), Jake, John (Cindy) Strecker, all of Big Horn, Judy (Duane) Schaak of Hysham, and David (Kathy) Strecker of Billings. They moved to Big Horn in 1977, where he achieved his lifelong dream of farming with his entire family. He made sure the kitchen table was always big enough and the coffee pot was always on. Gramps was a unique man, from the way he waved as he drove by in his pickup to his philosophies on life and way with words. He was fortunate enough to spend his life surrounded every day by the things he loved the most — his family and his farm. It comforts us to know that Gramps and Gramma are together again.

Edward was a former member of Hardin Kiwanis, Odd Fellows

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and Elks Club. He had been a member of the Christ E&R Church of Hardin, but more recently attended the Custer Congregational Church.

In addition to his children, he is survived by two sisters, Frieda Keller of Worland, Wyo., and Marie Clause of Worden; 15 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren.

We wish to extend our sincere thanks to the staff of Eagle Cliff Manor for their care and compassion during his stay.

Funeral services will be held 1:30 p.m. Friday, March 12, at the Custer Congregational Church. Interment will follow in the Custer Cemetery. Bullis Mortuary of Hardin has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Should friends desire, memorial contributions may be made to the Custer Congregational Church memorial fund.

Esther Karst Strecker

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On April 11, 1930, the heavens opened up and allowed a special person to be delivered here on earth. She had to wait until Ray, Lilly, Izzy, Hannah, Melvin, Harry and Alec were here before her star could shine.

Esther Karst Strecker entered into heaven on July 14, 2004.

As of now, only two stars are left to shine: sisters Hannah Schurring and Lillian Karst.

Survivors are nieces and nephews, Allen, Kenny, Nancy, Joyce, Rhonda, Ron, Theresa, Shelly, Vonnie; and stepdaughter Shirley.

She married Sollie, Dec. 29, 1952. He preceded her in death in 1993.

God will bless those who loved her.

Graveside service will be held Saturday, July 17, 10 a.m., at Sunset Memorial Gardens. Reception will follow at Pilgrim Congregational Church, 409 S. 36th St. Smith Funeral Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

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Harriette Marie Strecker

Harriette Marie Strecker went to be with the Lord on May 27, 2004. She was born on Sept. 23, 1915, in Billings. Her family moved to Ft. Collins, Colo., in 1918. She completed an eighth grade education before moving back to Billings in 1933. Harriette married Alexander



**HARRIETTE
STRECKER**

"Bud" Strecker Nov. 17, 1935. They moved to California for a short time before moving back to Billings. They farmed west of town from 1955 to 1969. After retiring from the farm, she worked for the Billings Public School System, as a cook, for 12 years.

Harriette loved music. Many times in the evening after the work was done, she played piano with her husband as he played the violin. One of their favorite songs was "Redwing." Later she began playing the electric organ and religious hymns. She enjoyed dancing, especially polkas and square dancing. For a number of years she and Bud belonged to a square dance club. Harriette

loved photography and took many photos of her family and friends and the many scenes of beauty in nature that she saw. These photos are a treasure to her family today. She enjoyed sharing her photos with all visitors. She was active in church activities at St. Paul's Evangelical Church until it was disbanded.

She is survived by three sons, Richard (wife Eleanor), James (wife Amy) and Thomas (wife Gail); four grandchildren, Brandy Jordan of West Virginia, Melissa Rae Strecker of Missoula, Ryan James Strecker and Jeromey Thomas Strecker of Billings. In addition, there are three great-grandchildren, Keely Patton, Ryan Strecker, Jr. and Kristofer Strecker. She is also survived by two brothers, Don Blehm of Billings and Jim Blehm of Huntley; and two sisters, Margaret Reinbeck of Big Timber and Edna Canaan of Blackwell, Okla.

Harriette is preceded in death by her husband Alexander "Bud," her sisters, Julia Long and Amelia

Bryant; and three brothers, Ray, Irvin and Jack Blehm.

She will be missed by her family and the many friends that she made over the years. Funeral services will be 1 p.m. Tuesday, June 1, at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary.

Interment will be at Sunset Memorial Gardens. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Michelotti-Sawyers is in charge of arrangements.

Herman Strecker

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Herman Strecker went to be with the Lord on June 25, 2004. He was born March 18, 1914, in Billings, where he and his family of five sisters and 10 brothers lived and worked on a farm west of Billings. When he was young, he loved to hunt pheasant, duck and geese. He also loved music and played saxophone. He and his brothers were active in church and played instruments and sang in the church choir.



**HERMAN
STRECKER**

After completing the eighth grade, he worked for Pierce Packing Company for a few years, then started his own butcher shop in Bozeman, where he employed a sister and brother to help him. His enterprise was interrupted by WWII. After serving with the Army, he moved to Kansas City, Mo., where he was self-employed. He married Elizabeth Ann Joyce in March of 1959.

He invested in rental units, boarding houses and other real estate. He also raised and marketed Simmental cattle. He was active in politics and served as Deputy

Constable of Jackson County, Mo. When he retired in 1983, he and his wife Elizabeth moved back to Billings to be closer to his family. He will be missed by his family and many friends.

He is survived by his wife Elizabeth; two daughters, Heather Joyce Charles and Catherine Schaeffer, all of Billings; two brothers, Robert Strecker of Long Island, N.Y., and Henry Strecker of Livingston; and by two sisters, Mollie Agnew of Lutz, Fla., and Linda Skeryanc of Milbrae, Calif.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, June 30, at Our Savior Lutheran Church. Interment will be at Sunset Memorial Gardens. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Last Chance Cat Sanctuary, Inc., 2113 Walter Road, Billings, MT 59105, or Our Savior Lutheran Church, 1603 Saint Andrews Drive, Billings, MT, 59105.

Michelotti-Sawyers is in charge of arrangements.

BUFFALO, Wyo. — Mamie Streeter, 101, of Buffalo, died Friday, Aug. 20, 2004, at the Arnie Holt Care Center.

Graveside funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 24, at Willow Grove Cemetery. Visitation will be from 1 to 9 p.m. Monday, Aug. 23, and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, at the Adams Funeral Home in Buffalo.

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Elmer Leroy Streitmatter

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CHEYENNE, Wyo. — Elmer Leroy "Street" Streitmatter, 50, of Cheyenne, died Friday, Oct. 8, 2004, at the Sheridan VA Medical Center.

Cremation has taken place at Kane Funeral Home in Sheridan. A memorial service was held Monday, Oct. 11, at Cheyenne Christian Center. His cremains will be buried at the Streitmatter Cemetery in Princeville, Ill., at a later date.

Homer Adelbert Strever

Feb. 25, 1923 — April 18, 2004

Homer A. Strever was born on Feb. 25, 1923, in Billings, the fourth son of Elmer L. and Lillian F. (Wakely) Strever. He grew up in and around Billings, attending various Billings area public schools. Upon completion of the eighth grade, he worked at a variety of vocations, eventually settling on a career in roofing.

He married the love of his life, Clara Mae Plaster, in Harlowton, on May 9, 1943. The couple settled in Billings, where they made their home for 57 years, until Clara was taken by cancer in 2001. Homer was a devoted husband and father. Together, he and Clara raised two children, Donna (Dale) Marsh of Roundup and Jay (Debra) Strever of Billings.

Homer owned and operated H.A. Strever Roofing Co. from 1943 though 1996, performing commercial and residential roofing and general construction in Billings and virtually every small town within a 100-mile radius. It was difficult, if not impossible, to go anywhere with Homer without meeting an acquaintance. He



**HOMER
STREVER**

enjoyed meeting and talking with people and sharing stories. His favorite stories often involved hunting, people he knew and, of course, jobs he had worked on. He was instantly liked by everyone who came in contact with him and he maintained many friendships that spanned thousands of miles and decades of time.

Homer was a master of improvisation. He seldom had the best of anything but he was always able to make the very best of whatever he had. That is probably why he insisted on hanging on to things that most people would have tossed out. It was not uncommon for him to have at least three of everything because, "You can never tell when you might need it."

Homer never really retired. He quit roofing at the age of 73, but he continued to enjoy building, fixing and finding better ways to do things until he was physically incapable of doing those things any longer. Even then, he always had good ideas about ways to make things easier to do or to make things work better.

Homer was preceded in death by his father, mother and older

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brothers, Glen, Bill and Vernon; and by his beloved wife, Clara. He is survived by children, Donna (Dale) Marsh of Roundup and Jay (Debra) Strever of Billings. Other survivors include five grandchildren: Diane (Terri) Marsh of Kent, Wash., Pam (Terry) Humphrey of Manhattan, D.J. (Yvonne Rank) Marsh of Shepherd, Cindi (Jon) Goffena of Roundup, Jaymie Strever of Billings and five great-grandchildren.

Dad, though you may be gone, your fun-loving nature and inventive imagination live on in all of us. We love you and miss you and look forward to the day we'll be together again.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, April 22, at 2 p.m., at the East Gate Wesleyan Church, 625 Mattson Lane, with interment following the ceremony at Mountview Cemetery. A reception for friends and family will be held at the church following the graveside service. Memorials may be made to the Eagle Mount or Special "K" Ranch.

Jacqueline J. 'Jackie' Stricker

**SEP 19 2004
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Jacqueline J. "Jackie" Stricker, a lifelong resident of Billings, died Sept. 2, 2004.

She was a loving wife and mother.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John, and her parents, Jack and Rachel Schrader, who were descendants of German-Russian immigrants. She is survived by her sons, Dennis (Greeley, Colo.), David (Kalispell) and Donald (Billings), their spouses and seven grandchildren; also brother, Richard (Great Falls) and his family.

Services and interment will be held Sept. 20, at Holy Cross Cemetery, at 3 p.m. Jackie requested cremation.

William K. Strickfaden

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

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FORT COLLINS, Colo. — William K. Strickfaden, 77, of Fort Collins, formerly of Billings, died Monday, July 19, 2004, at his home.

A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, July 31, at Allmatt Funeral Service in Fort Collins.

Jerome L. Strickland

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LEWISTOWN — Jerome L. "Jerry" Strickland, 84, of Lewistown, died Thursday, Dec. 9, 2004, at his home.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 14, in the Cloyd Funeral Home Chapel in Lewistown. Interment will follow in Central Montana Memorial Gardens.

Dale Lawrence Strobel

MAR 4 2004

YUMA, Ariz. — Dale Lawrence Strobel, 65, of Yuma, formerly of Montana, died Feb. 27, 2004, at his home.

Memorial services were held Monday, March 1, at the Gloria De Christo Lutheran Church in Yuma. Private cremation. Kamann Mortuary was in charge.

Sylvester Eugene Strom

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MILES CITY — Sylvester Eugene Strom, 80, of Miles City, died Monday, June 7, 2004, at the Holy Rosary Health Center in Miles City.

Family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, June 9, in the chapel of Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City. Private family interment will be held at a later date.

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Ernie Stromm

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

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MILES CITY — Ernest "Ernie" Stromm, 74 of Miles City, died Friday, Dec. 3, 2004.

Graveside services will be at 3 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 9, at the Custer County Cemetery. Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home of Miles City is in charge.

Grace Catherine Humphreys Strong

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

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POWAY, Calif. — Grace Catherine Humphreys Strong, born June 27, 1911, died March 26, 2004. Born in Devils Lake, N.D., she was the oldest of three children born to Guy Fenton and Margaret Catherine McKone Humphreys. She was educated in Minot, N.D., and Minneapolis, and worked as a registered nurse at St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester and later at both St. Vincent's and Deaconess Hospitals in Billings. She helped bring thousands of babies into the world. She loved music and played the piano throughout high school and both the piano and organ throughout her entire life.

She married Alvin Gail Strong on April 8, 1939. Together, Grace and Alvin owned and operated Burton's Candy Store in Billings for many years.

They moved to Lewistown, Mont., where Grace was active in St. Leo's Parish, played the piano at the Nursing Home and assisted with a support group for Breast Cancer Survivors. Alvin was known by many as "The Bee Man."

In 1995, she moved to California to be near her daughter and family.

She is survived by her sister who lives in Spokane, Wash.; her daughter and son-in-law, three

grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

In lieu of cards or flowers, Grace and her family request that you smell a Peace Rose, her favorite flower, have a T-bone steak for breakfast, listen to your favorite music, support the American Cancer Society and hug someone today, tomorrow and always.

Altha B. Strother

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NOV 17 2004

CHEYENNE, Wyo. — Altha B. Strother, 99, of Cheyenne, formerly Buffalo, died Oct. 30, 2004, in Cheyenne.

Visitation will be from 1 to 9 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 21, and from 8 to 9:30 a.m. Monday, Nov. 22, at Adams Funeral Chapel in Buffalo. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, at Adams Funeral Chapel. Interment will be in Willow Grove Cemetery, with graveside services to follow the funeral.

Peggy Stroud

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

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FORSYTH — Peggy Stroud, 52, of Forsyth, died Nov. 26, 2004, at the Friendship Villa in Miles City.

Vigil Service will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 1, in the Chapel of Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Forsyth. Funeral Service will be at 1 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 2, at the Immaculate Conception Church in Forsyth. A private burial will be held at a later date in Arizona.

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EKALAKA — Funeral services for Taren Strub of Ekalaka will be Wednesday, Dec. 1, at 2 p.m., in the Carter County High School Gymnasium in Ekalaka. Burial will be in the Beaver Lodge Cemetery in Ekalaka.

Visitation will be Tuesday, Nov. 30, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., in the Stevenson Funeral Home in Baker, with a prayer service being held at 7 p.m. Visitation will continue on Wednesday, Dec. 1, one hour prior to service at the Carter County High School Gymnasium.



**TAREN
STRUB**

Taren LaRee Strub, 16, passed away on Saturday, Nov. 27, 2004, at the Dahl Memorial Hospital, after a courageous four-year battle with cancer. She rode through that course like she did everything, with determination, dignity and tons of courage.

Taren was born to Bob and Cheryl (Till) Strub on July 24, 1988, in Baker. She was the seventh child born to the Strub family. Taren was a sophomore at Carter County High School and will be missed by her many friends as well as the staff. She was involved in rodeo, basketball and was a huge Vikings fan. Taren

loved to spend time with all of her friends. She also loved her cat, Rastus, her dog, Lady, and her old black mare, Chick.

Survivors include her parents, Robert and Cheryl, Ekalaka; a sister and her family, Desarae "Desi" (Bill) Rost, Baker and their children, Ashley and Daniel; five brothers and their families, TJ, Ekalaka, Tom (Kathy) Strub, Miles City, their children, Justin (Kim) and their child, Molly, Gillette, Wyo., Tate (Cass) Strub and their children, Kyleigh and Trace, Miles City and Casey (Kelly) Strub, Miles City, John (Jodi) Strub and their child, Lacy, Billings, Gary (Karen) Strub, Winnebago, Minn., and Gary's children, Brook (Brock) Collins and their children, Trenton and Camryn, Baker, Jeffrey and Krystal Strub, Oklahoma City, and Rob (Cindy) Strub and their son, Daniel, Billings. Also surviving are her paternal grandfather, Robert Shelhammer, Billings; maternal grandparents, Joe and Alva Till, Ekalaka; and several aunts, uncles and cousins; Taren's very special friend Logan Wolff

Taren was preceded in death by an infant sister and a paternal grandmother.

Remembrances and condolences can be shared with the family at www.stevensonfuneralhome.com.

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Taren LaRae Strub

EKALAKA — Funeral Services for Taren LaRae Strub, 16, will be 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 1, in the Carter County High School. Burial will be in the Beaver Lodge Cemetery. Visitation will be Tuesday, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. in the Stevenson Funeral Home in Baker with a Prayer Service at 7 p.m. Visitation will be one hour prior to service at the Carter County High School Gymnasium.

Arlene M. Struble

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ENID, Okla. — Funeral services for Arlene M. Struble, 65, of Enid, formerly of Sheridan, Wyo., were held Friday, Sept. 3, in the First Baptist Church of Drummond. Burial has taken place in the Sheridan Municipal Cemetery. Kane Funeral Home of Sheridan was in charge.

Leon Wayne Stump Sr.

SALT LAKE CITY — Leon Wayne Stump Sr., 52, died Sept. 28, 2004, from a train accident in Salt Lake City.

Wake services will begin Saturday, Oct. 2, at Our Savior Lutheran Church at Rocky Boy. Mont. Funeral services will begin at 10 a.m. Monday, Oct. 4, at Our Saviors Lutheran Church in Rocky Boy. Burial will follow at Rocky Boy cemetery. Holland & Bonine Funeral Home of Havre is in charge.

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Olivia Flying Stump

ROCKY BOY — Olivia Flying Stump, 68, died Thursday, Sept. 2, 2004, at the Northern Montana Care Unit of natural causes.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Redeemer Lutheran Church in Rocky Boy with burial in the Rocky Boy Cemetery. Adams Funeral Home of Malta is in charge.

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LEWISTOWN — Ester M. Strunk passed away March 15, 2004, at the Central Montana Medical Center, after a short battle with cancer.

She and her twin sister, Ethel, were born April 7, 1914, in Sandpoint, Idaho, to Silas Eugene Stephens and Josephine Harriet (Peck) Stephens.

When the twins were 22 months old, the family moved to the Havre area. In 1922, their father died, and in 1925, her mother married John H. Mathwich, who was a very kind, loving stepfather. She was raised on his ranch in the Bear Paw Mountains and had a very happy family life in spite of the Great Depression.

Ester attended a one-room country school through the sixth grade. After that, she moved into Havre and worked to pay for her board and room to finish her schooling. After graduating high school, she went to Northwestern Bible College in Minneapolis. She then returned to Havre, where she was employed by the Holland & Bonine Funeral Home for 10 years.

She married Raymond E. Kingery in 1945, who was pastoring the First Christian Church in Havre. In 1950, they came to the First Christian Church in

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Lewistown. Raymond passed away in 1957. She then worked in public accounting until 1963, when she married Elton M. Strunk on Nov. 27.

Elton was an engineer for the Montana State Highway Department and they were soon transferred to Harlowton and shortly to Wolf Point. They returned to Harlowton after retirement and enjoyed hunting,

fishing, gardening and traveling to Yuma, Ariz., in the winters. They moved back to Lewistown to be closer to family. Elton passed away Nov. 7, 2002.

All of her adult life, Ester was very active in her church and taught Sunday school well over 50 years. She loved to have fun and thoroughly enjoyed playing in three of the local senior citizen's bands.

Ester has been preceded in death by her parents, her two husbands, her twin sister, stepson Richard and a great-grandson, Kelly Vander-Ven.

She is survived by her brother, Merle Mathwich and his wife Beverly of Athena, Ore.; stepdaughter Cathie Hartford and her husband Tom of Lewistown; and stepdaughter-in-law, Ginny Strunk of Oregon. Also surviving are five grandchildren, Tim Hartford of Lewistown, Carla VanderVen of Washington, Barbara Arey, Elton Strunk and

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Ramona Strunk, all of Oregon. She is also survived by eight great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. Also surviving Ester are a multitude of exceptional friends in Lewistown and Harlowton.

Funeral services for Ester Strunk will be held at the First Christian Church in Lewistown on Friday, March 19, at 11 a.m. Cremation will follow service and inurnment will be at a later date at Central Montana Memorial Gardens.

Friends may make memorials to the building fund of the First Christian Church, Hospice of Central Montana or to the charity of the donor's choice.

Creel Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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William 'Bill' Stuart

CHINOOKS GAZETTE

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HARLEM — Funeral services for William "Bill" Stuart will be at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 13, 2004, in the Harlem High School Little Gymnasium with burial following with military honors at the Harlem Cemetery. Arrangements are by Edwards Funeral Home of Chinook.

Viola A. Stuckert

BUFFALO, Wyo. — Viola A. Stuckert, 69, of Buffalo, died Monday, Feb. 23, 2004, at St. Vincent Healthcare in Billings.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, Feb. 27, at Adams Funeral Home Chapel in Buffalo. There will be a viewing preceding the service. Burial will be in the Willow Grove Cemetery.

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Alta P. Sturgeon

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SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Alta P. Sturgeon, 92, of Sheridan, died Sunday, June 6, 2004, at Sheridan Manor.

Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Friday, June 11, at Champion Ferries Funeral Home in Sheridan. Interment will be in Sheridan Elks Cemetery.

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Donald Berkeley Sturtevant

Donald B. Sturtevant, 84, of Billings, passed away on March 12, 2004, at Billings Health and Rehab.

He was born the fourth of nine children to Halsey and Lulu (Dorsey) Sturtevant on July 28, 1919, in Medicine Hat, Alberta, Canada. The family moved to California in 1922. He graduated from Redlands High School, Redlands, Calif., in 1937, with high honors. He pursued his education until drafted into the army for infantry training in 1941.

He was assigned to the Army Air Force in 1942, sent to officer's training and then to radar school on the system designed for use in the B-29 aircraft. On completion of his training, he was assigned to the 444th Bomb Group, 677th Bomb Squadron, 58th Bomb Wing as a radar officer with the rank of Captain. He served in India, China and Tinian in the Marianas. He returned to the United States in October 1945 and resumed his education after discharge at the University of California at Berkeley. Earning a degree in Electrical Engineering, he qualified for employment with the Bureau of Reclamation at Shasta and Folsom dams in California. He moved to Billings in 1960 to serve in the Great Plains region, maintaining facilities in the power system until retirement in 1976.

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Don was an avid "ham" radio operator since early youth and a member of Yellowstone Radio Club for over 45 years. He was well known as "Uncle Don," K7PO.

Quiet, good humored, well respected, Don was a man of great integrity, intelligence and great generosity toward others, although his own wants and needs were simple. He was much loved and will be greatly missed.

He is survived by sisters, Hazel Peotter of Shell Beach, Calif., Louise Reaghard of Austin, Texas, and Doris Stockton (Richard) of Folsom, Calif.; and brothers David Sturtevant (Marge) of Pasco, Wash., and Floyd Sturtevant (Marcie) of Whitehall; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary, 1001 Alderson Ave., Billings, MT 59102, Tuesday, March 23, at 10 a.m.

Charles J. Stutts

ROUNDUP — Charles J. Stutts, 78, formerly of Du Quoin, Ill., went home to be with the Lord on Tuesday, Feb. 17, 2004, at the Roundup Memorial Nursing Home.

He was born in Belleville, Ill., on Oct. 29, 1925, to James and LuLu Matthews Stutts. He had six brothers and two sisters who preceded him in death.



He married Lucille P. Bonn on Sept. 8, 1950, in Waterloo, Ill. They were married 42 years and had 10 children together: Sandra Jones of Roundup, Jacqueline Filer of Du Quoin, Vernon Stutts of Smyrna, Tenn., Timmothy Stutts of Walnut Ridge, Ark., Penny Chamness of Billings, Faron Stutts of Roundup, Terri Hakes of Roundup, Melody Lopez of Anniston, Ala., Kelly Stutts of Roundup and Dawn Davidson of Billings; 20 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and one special friend/brother, Leroy Lynch of Belleville.

On March 6, 1994, he married Ruth E. Hider (Stutts), and she resides in Hugo, Okla. He loved music and played guitar and sang in his own country band in the 1950s, called Charlie's Band. He

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was offered an opportunity to play on the Grand Ole Opry. He was a Christian and shared his faith in song. He was a hard worker, loved his family and loved to make people laugh. He will be missed by his family and friends.

HAPPY TRAILS, DAD!

Visitation will be 9 a.m. till service time on Wednesday, Feb. 18, at the Wier Funeral Chapel. Funeral service will be 1 p.m. at the Chapel, with son-in-law Rev. Keith Filer officiating. Interment with military honors will follow at the Roundup City Cemetery. Wier Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Wayne Carl Suhr

Wayne Carl Suhr, 59, passed over to the Lord in his home at 5 Lariat Circle, Billings, early Friday morning, Nov. 26, 2004.

Mr. Suhr was born in Rochester, N.Y., Aug. 24, 1945. His childhood years were spent in New York and Maine.

He enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in March 1964 and served five years in Vietnam. He was honorably discharged in March 1968, with a Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with three stars, Republic of Vietnam Medal with Devise, a letter of Appreciation, and several letters of recognition of single-handed Heroic Acts performed by Wayne Suhr, U.S.M.C. Following his stint in Vietnam, he remained active in the reserves for many years.

Wayne graduated from Eastern Montana College, Billings, with two Bachelor of Science Degrees in Psychology and Vocational Rehabilitation. He served as Sheriffs Deputy and Airport Security Police in Billings for several years following graduation.



WAYNE SUHR

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He met Kaye Colleen Martin in 1978 and they were married in Billings August 1979. They were not separated for a day for twenty-six years. They owned and managed a number of local businesses together.

He is survived by his wife, Kaye Colleen Suhr; his father and step-mother, Carl F. and Barbara Suhr of Great Falls, Mont.; three daughters Shannon, Jennifer and Kim Vassuer of Billings; and five step-children Wesley Martin, Bradley Martin, Kelly Martin and their families of Billings and Jeffrey Martin and Natalie Hall and families of Denver, Colo. He was a favorite "papa" to nineteen grandchildren.

Wayne Suhr had a love of life and a beautiful positive attitude. He never ran out of greetings, smiles and a sparkle in his eye. He never ran out of kindnesses and generosity. He was a gentle man and a gentleman. We are comforted to know that some day he'll "beam us up." You are loved and missed.

Your family,

Kaye Suhr, Wesley, Jeffrey, Bradley, Kelly Martin and Natalie Hall

Memorial service at Smith Funeral Chapel West, 304 34th Street West, on Monday, Nov. 29, at 11 a.m.

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Betty Sullivan, 88, of Billings, passed away Tuesday, Aug. 10, 2004, at Valley Health Care Center.

The daughter of John and Magdalena Moos, Betty was born Jan. 30, 1916, in Gackle, N.D.

Betty owned and operated the Lobby Cafe in Hardin for over 40 years and had purchased her first restaurant in Miles City when she was only 16 years old.

Betty married Clyde Sullivan in May 1976. He preceded her in death in 2002.

Survivors include her daughter Carol Sterling of El Cajon, Calif.; and her son Jim Sterling of Richmond, Wash.; six grandchildren, Pamela Daly, Joel Ankerich, Cary Ankerich, Melissa Langham, Sabre Sterling and Sage Sterling; five great-grandchildren; and three sisters, Luella Grant, Emily Hout and Marilyn Giese.

Funeral services will be 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 14, at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary, with interment in Yellowstone Valley Memorial Park.

Karen Lynn Sullivan

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Karen Lynn Sullivan, the beloved daughter of Claire (Pete) and Helen Ann Peterson, died peacefully in her home on November 28, 2004. Karen was born in Havre on Dec. 11, 1954.

Karen attended school in Hardin and later received her GED from

Upward Bound in Missouri. She worked as a clerk at the IGA in Hardin for many years. When she first moved to Billings, she worked at the County Market located in the Heights, and then moved to the job she loved at Evergreen IGA.

Karen's love and passion in life included: a love for animals, especially her dog "Bucky." Karen's nieces, nephews and grandchildren meant so much to her; especially being proud of her granddaughter, Takia. She loved to dance with best friend Pat in her house to their favorite Motown music. Karen enjoyed helping the elderly and often found herself taking care of many of them, and for those less fortunate than her. Her extensive collection of elves had a special place in her heart.

Karen met and fell in love with her husband Tom, and they were



**KAREN
SULLIVAN**

married eight years ago in Thermopolis, Wyo. Tom will always remember the love of his life and carry her memory in his heart forever.

Other members of Karen's family who will carry on her loving memory include: Benjamin May (son), and his daughter Takia; her "Dad" Allen Nielsen and his wife Faye and daughter Janie; Mark Peterson (brother) and his sons Kyle and Asa; Linda Bailey (sister) and her husband John and son Christopher; Scott Peterson (brother) and his sons Preston and Noah; Jean Walter (sister) and her husband Gene and their children Mathew and Heather; Tracy Staats (sister) and her husband Roger and their children Shane Johnson, Jesse Johnson and Ben Staats; David Peterson (brother) and wife Ruby and their children Heather, Sunny and Keen; Matthew Campbell (brother) and his wife Jacquelyn and their children Matthew and Brenda, and Matthew's special friend Sandra; Kathleen Beeman (sister) and her husband Mark and their children Stephanie, Robert and Tara; stepbrothers Harvey and Mike Campbell and their families. Karen is also sur-

vived by Tom's children, Mark Sullivan and wife Lisa and their children, Chandler and Sterling; daughter Tara and her husband Casey; and mother-in-law Bessie Sullivan.

Karen was preceded in death by her parents, Helen Nielsen and Clair Peterson; Sully Sullivan (father-in-law); Buck Walters (nephew); Mary Campbell (step-sister); Clarence Campbell (step-brother); Brenda Campbell (step-sister); Junior Campbell (step-brother); Nancy Nielsen (stepsister) and her beloved grandparents.

A celebration of Karen's life will be held at the Casa Village (ph# (406) 656-3910) on 14 Goldust Drive Billings, MT 59102. The celebration begins at 1 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 3. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Big Sky Hospice in Karen's honor or plant a tree in your favorite place to remember her always.

Natt 'Sully' Sullivan

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Natt "Sully" Sullivan, 84, in the presence of family, passed away peacefully at his home on April 24, 2004.

Natt was born in his family home on South 31st Street Aug. 24, 1919, to Laura and Bertram Sullivan.

He attended Garfield School for eight years and graduated from Billings High School in 1937. After graduation, he joined the IBEW Local 532 as an apprentice to begin his long career in the electrical industry. He married the love of his life, Bessie Houser, in 1941, and they raised three children in the home they built on Clark Avenue. Following his retirement in 1978, Natt and Bessie enjoyed their time together traveling through all 50 states as well as parts of Canada and Mexico. Winter months were spent in the San Diego area, and summer months were graciously shared with family and friends at their mountain home of 39 years, south of Red Lodge.

Throughout his life, Natt enjoyed fishing, hunting, boating, bowling, softball, traveling and gardening. He was a collector, but enjoyed it most when he could share it with others. He and his brother collected wooden cigar boxes in the 1930s; with his young children, he had electric trains on display for entertainment; he and Bessie picked up thimbles throughout their travels, and we

all possess antiques, coins and beanie baby bears that were at one time a part of the collection process.

Natt was proud to reflect on being one of three electricians assigned to the rebuilding of the Northern Hotel in 1941; the celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary in 2001; and his volunteer work at the Billings Chamber of Commerce Visitor Center, where he could share his knowledge and heritage with curious visitors.

Heritage was very important to Natt, and he was proud of the fact that his new great-grandson, Sterling Sullivan, is the sixth generation of Sullivans in Billings. Daniel F. Sullivan settled in this area in 1878, and the subsequent five generations were all born in Billings.

He thanks the Good Lord, his beloved wife and family, the many devoted friends, and the local medical community for his long, happy and healthy life. Survivors include his wife, Bessie; two sons, Thomas (Karen) of Billings, and Randy (Sally) of Bozeman; one daughter, Sally Mueller of Portland, Ore.; six grandchildren;

and seven great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; infant son, Robert Daniel; and one brother, Carl.

Family and friends will celebrate Sully's life with an informal reception 11 a.m. Thursday, April 29, at the Mayflower Congregational Church.

Cremation has taken place. Memorials may be made to the Billings Rescue Mission, Hospice, or charity of choice.

Walter W. Sullivan

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Walter W. Sullivan, 77, of Sheridan, died Monday, Jan. 26, 2004, at the Sheridan VA Medical Center.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 31, at Kane Funeral Home in Sheridan. Inurnment of cremains will be at a later date.

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Amelia Marie Eder *THE BILLINGS GAZETTE*
Summers JUL 15 2004

Amelia Marie Eder Summers, 76, formerly of Poplar, died July 12, 2004, in Billings.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, July 15, at the First Presbyterian Church in Poplar. Interment will be in the Poplar City Cemetery. Clayton Stevenson Memorial Chapel is in charge.

Ada Sundahl

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Ada Sundahl, 87, died at St. John's Lutheran Nursing Home on Jan. 10, 2004.

Ada was born on March 23, 1916, in Redstone, Mont., and she

spent her young life in Plentywood. She later moved with her family to Billings where she finished high school. After high school, she attended Miss Wood's College (now a part of Macalaster College) in St. Paul, Minn., where she received her degree in education. After graduation, Ada taught in Circle.

Young children were always an important part of Ada's life, whether it was entertaining her young cousins or serving as a volunteer teacher at Friendship House in Billings for more than 15 years.

Ada was a professional woman for most of her life. She managed the office of her father's furniture factory in Billings. She also worked for many years in the accounting department of Northern Pacific Railroad and then Burlington Northern.

In 1973, she married Clarence Sundahl. They shared a life together until Clarence's death in



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SUNDAHL**

1997.

Ada was proud of her Scandinavian heritage and had traveled to Norway and Denmark several times.

Ada also had a great interest in music, especially the piano, and one of her many volunteer projects at St. John's was playing for "sing-alongs."

If Ada could be described in two words, they would be efficient and caring. Ada's efficient managerial skills and her compassion for others led her to devote much care to the young and elderly in her community and church.

Ada was preceded in death by her husband, Clarence; her parents, KO and Bertha Carlson; her sister, Beryl; her brother, Kermit; and her aunt, Della Stark.

She is survived by her stepson, John Sundahl (Harriet Hageman) of Cheyenne; her stepdaughter, Carol Sundahl; her nephew, Paul Carlson and John's sons, Charlie and James Sundahl. She will also be especially missed by her cousin, Margit Thorndal and her husband, Bill; and numerous other cousins and friends.

Tributes in her honor may be made to Global Health Ministries or the Friendship House.

Visitation will be from 2 until 8 p.m. on Tuesday at the downtown Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 14, at American Lutheran Church in Billings. Interment will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

Kylie Paige Sunday

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Our little angel, Kylie Paige Sunday, age 7, was born on May 28, 1996, in Billings, to her parents

Derek and Camilla Sunday.

Kylie passed away on Feb. 12, 2004, after having seizure activity, which was one of the many medical problems that she had. She had a rare genetic disease called

metachromatic leukodystrophy. (MLD). This disease was degenerative and was slowly deteriorating her body. After five short years of fighting and holding on, Kylie finally went to spend time with Jesus.

In Kylie's short little life, she touched the heart of so many people. She had this magical, angelic spark to her that everyone loved. Thank you to everyone who cared for her and loved her to make her life so special. We love and miss her very much.

Kylie is survived by her dad, Derek A. Sunday; her mom, Camilla C. Sunday; her sisters, Patricia and Shailee Sunday; grandparents, Norman and Patricia Sunday of Johnstown, Pa., Peni Calvin of Dallas, Ore., and Rocky Peterson of Billings.



**KYLIE
SUNDAY**

Memorial services will be held at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 17, at the Faith Chapel. A reception will follow. Special Donations will be made to the MLD Foundation in honor of Kylie. Smith Downtown Chapel is assisting with arrangements.

Phyllis Darlene Todd Sundberg

BRIDGER — Our beloved wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend joined company with the Lord and many of her loved ones on the morning of March 26, 2004, leaving us, but not our hearts.

Phyllis Darlene Todd Sundberg went home to be with God after a courageous fight of complications in her lungs involved with Rheumatoid Arthritis. She lived a fulfilling life of 76 years.



**PHYLLIS
SUNDBERG**

Phyllis was born on June 24, 1927, in Bozeman, the daughter of Thomas Bayard and Erma Louisa King Todd. She was raised and attended schools at the Gallatin Gateway Elementary School, Gallatin County High, Montana State College/University and the University of Washington. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Home Economics.

On December 22, 1950, Phyllis married Vernon Percy Sundberg in Bozeman. They made their home in Hamilton, Montana, where Vernon worked for the United States Soil Conservation Service and were blessed with their first two daughters, Vona and Debra. They moved to Columbus, Montana in 1955, and

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Phyllis Sundberg

three more children, Dorcas, Lance, and Randy, were brought into this world. In 1967, the family moved to Bridger, Montana, where they made their home for 37 years.

Possessing a ceaseless work ethic and boundless creativity, her entire family and friends are proud of the contributions she made to the lives of everyone around her. From 1950 until 1977, she worked as a registered dietitian at the University of Washington in Seattle and at the University of Montana in Missoula, then later at the Stillwater Hospital and Nursing Homes in Columbus and Red Lodge. She then worked as the librarian at the Bridger Public Library from 1973 to 1992. She served a four-year term on the Montana State Library Advisory Council.

Phyllis loved to learn, especially history and genealogy. She served as a volunteer generously offering countless hours for many groups and projects, helping others and preserving history. She was a member of Billings Association of the Family and Consumer Sciences for over 50 years; Gallatin County, Carbon County, Big Horn County and Stillwater County Historical Societies; Yellowstone Audubon; Yellowstone Corral of Westerners; Yellowstone Genealogy Forum; Sons & Daughters of Pioneers of Gallatin County; Mount Hylite Chapter of the

Daughters of the American Revolution; Rimrock Harness Club; Bridger Golden Age Society and St. James Lutheran Church. She loved to read, study history, tole paint and design quilts, leaving behind many cherished pieces. She enjoyed nurturing a beautiful large garden of flowers and vegetables for canning, preserving and sharing with others. We give thanks for the love and knowledge she shared with us that formed our lives in so many wonderful ways.

Like A Patchwork Quilt

Life isn't given to us all in one piece. It's more like a patchwork quilt.

Each hour and minute a patch to fit in to the pattern that's being built.

With some patches gay and some patches dark. And some that seem ever so dull.

But, if we were given to set some apart we'd hardly know which to cull.

For it takes the dark patches to set off the light and the dull to show up the gay-

And somehow the pattern just wouldn't be right, if we took any part away.

No, life isn't given to us all in one piece, but in patches of hours to use,

That each can work out her pattern of life, to whatever design she might choose.

Phyllis is survived by her husband, Vernon; daughters, Verna

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PHYLLIS DARLENE
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Phyllis Sundberg of Kalispell, Debra (Debbie) Lynn Sundberg of Billings, and Dorcas (Cassie) Darlene Sundberg Murphy, and Blaine of Sheridan, Wyo.; and sons, Lance Vernon Sundberg, and Patty of Columbus, and Randy Dean Sundberg and Cindy of Baltic, Conn; seven grandchildren; Andrea Sundberg-Stam; Riley Emter, Nathaniel, Christopher and Steven Sundberg; Brittany and Brady Sundberg; brother, Kenneth Todd, and Carol of Boise, Idaho; and many cousins, nieces, nephews and friends too numerous to mention, yet very dear to her. Her parents Bayard and Erma Todd preceded her in death in 1990.

A gathering of friends and family for will be held from 5 to 6:30 p.m. on Monday, March 29, at Dahl Funeral Home in Billings. Funeral service visitation and celebration of Phyllis' life will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, March 30, at St. James Lutheran Church in Columbus, with Pastor Michael O'Hearn officiating. Internment will follow at Sunset Hills Cemetery in Bozeman.

Memorials may be made to St. James Lutheran Church in Columbus, Montana, the Gallatin County Historical Society in Bozeman, the Carbon County Historical Society of Red Lodge or the Museum of the Beartooths in Columbus.

Stewart D. Sundheim

FAIRVIEW — Funeral services for Stewart D. Sundheim, of Fairview, are 10 a.m. Friday, Sept. 24, at the Zion Lutheran Church in Fairview. Interment will be in the Fairview Cemetery in Fairview, N.D., under the direction of the Fulkerson Funeral Home of Sidney.

Contributions may be made to the Sundheim Memorial Scholarship in care of First Security Bank-West, PO Box 465, Fairview, MT 59221.

Stewart Sundheim, 75, of Fairview, passed away peacefully at his home the morning of Sept. 18, 2004, following a brief battle with lung cancer.

Stewart was born on Jan. 13, 1929, at the family farm near Peever, S.D., to Edwin and Inga (Grinde) Sundheim. He attended grade school at One Road Township, Roberts County, S.D. (near Sisseton) and started high school in Sisseton. He then moved with his family to Fairview, graduating from Fairview High School in 1947.

While in grade school, he obtained his first job away from home as a janitor at Bethel Lutheran Church in Sisseton, S.D. After moving to Fairview, he



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worked various jobs as he began to put together a farm at the age of 16. He worked as a janitor at Fairview schools, as a bookkeeper at both Farmers Union Co-op and the Fairview Bank. He also worked as a carpenter remodeling and building homes with his dad in the Fairview-Sidney area. Stewart joined the National Guard in 1949, eventually attaining the rank of Captain.

In the spring of 1953, he started dating Lois Eileen Hurley. After six weeks, they eloped and were married April 18, 1953, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Miles City. They began their life together in Sioux Pass, where they ran Inga's Grocery Store and Post Office and had their first two children, Joel and Sterling.

In 1956, they moved into Fairview for two years. While there, their first daughter, Laura, was born. In 1958, they moved to the Hopperstead farm north of Fairview and were blessed with four more children, their second daughter Tamra and sons Steven, Kendall and Kirby. They resided there until Lois' death in 1996. Stewart's children then moved him into the first home he owned on the Stordahl place north of Fairview which he purchased in 1977.

Stewart was active in several

community organizations. He was a member and eventual President of the Jaycees; one of their biggest contributions to the town of Fairview was building the swimming pool. He was also a member of the Moose, Elks Lodge #1782, Sons of Norway, Montana Grain Growers Association and Zion Lutheran Church.

After their children left home, Stewart and Lois enjoyed square dancing, visiting family and collecting family treasures. Stewart had retired from farming in 1992. By then he had picked up the "antique" bug. He began traveling eastern Montana, North and South Dakota and Minnesota attending many auctions, making a new friend at each one. His hobby soon turned into his next business, Four Mile Antiques. After he filled seven buildings with antiques, he had his first antique sale in 1991. The buildings were soon full again.

Stewart loved to socialize, play cards and Chinese checkers. His children learned to play pinochle, whist and chess by the time they were in grade school. He loved to watch his children compete in sports. He bought a stop watch so he could "check" to see if the timers were doing their job in all the races. Because of his participation and support of the local FFA organization, he received the distinction of "Honorary Chapter Farmer."

Education was important. All

seven children attended college or trade school. He sponsored scholarships in memory of both his mother, Inga, and his wife Lois. He also quietly gave the valedictorian of Fairview High School a savings bond each year for the past dozen years.

Stewart was loved by family and friends and will be missed. He is survived by sons, Joel (Debbie) of Snohomish, Wash., Sterling of Lewistown, Steven (Cindy) of Billings, Kendall (Lana) of Bozeman and Kirby of Billings; daughters Laura of Hardin and Tamra (Gary) Sessions of Flora Vista, N.M.; grandchildren Melissa Derezes, Keith, Luke and Otis Sundheim, Alana Ceroll, Malorie and Elijah Sundheim, Shelby, Dillon and Conner Sundheim, Stephanie and Kelsey Sessions; great-grandchildren Shelby and Taya Sundheim, who was born Sept. 19, 2004, Chloe and Sophia Derezes; sister Helen (Ed) Martin of Miles City; and brother Luvern (Irene) of Marysville, Wash.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Stewart was preceded in death by his parents; wife Lois; brothers Orville and Enid; and sister Florence Arvik.

Tom Sutliff

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

DEC 14 2004

Tom Sutliff, 67, formerly of Helena, went to meet the Lord Sunday, Dec. 12, 2004, in Billings at his home.

The son of Walter and Ethel Sutliff, he was born in Scarsdale, N.Y., on July 10, 1937. He graduated from Eastchester High School. At the age of 19, he joined the Air Force.

Tom was stationed at Malmstrom Air Force Base in Great Falls, where he met the love of his life, Barbara

Byrd. He later married Barbara, and together they had four children. Tom had a variety of jobs throughout his lifetime. Tom found his calling working for Job Services of Montana in Great Falls and Helena. He retired after 27 years with the State of Montana.

Tom was a devoted husband and father. He was an avid sports fan and dearly loved watching his childhood team, the New York Yankees. Everyone got a taste of Tom's wonderful sense of humor, and it will be greatly missed by all. Tom was an outstanding husband, father and grandfather.



**TOM
SUTLIFF**

Tom is survived by his wife, Barbara; his children, John Sutliff of Arizona, Jim (Debi) Sutliff of Billings, Debbie (Clint) Willoughby of Helena and Tammy (Dusty) Frimodig of Billings; a brother, Walter Sutliff of New York; and his nine grandchildren, James, Jennifer, Thomas, Sarah, Amanda, Riley, Bon, Zac and April; and a great-grandchild, Julianna.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a number of brothers and sisters.

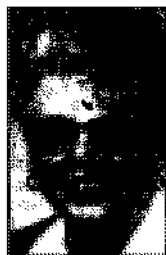
A memorial service will be at 1 p.m. Friday, Dec. 17, at the Retz Funeral Home in Helena.

Inez E. Svingen

F BELLINGHAM GAZETTE

GLENDIVE — Inez E. Svingen, age 85, of Glendive, died Monday, March 1, 2004, in Glendive.

A memorial service will be conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 6, at the Zion Lutheran Church in Glendive, with Pastors Paul Everett and Avis Anderson officiating. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Glendive is entrusted with arrangements.



INEZ SVINGEN

Inez was born on July 3, 1918, to Jonah J. and Hilda M. Johnson in the Bloomfield area. She attended country school briefly before her family moved to Glendive, and she graduated from Dawson County High School in Glendive in 1935. After graduating from high school, she worked as secretary/receptionist for Dr. George M. Danskin. Inez married Orville P. Svingen in 1941, and she and Orville, her husband of 62 years, made Glendive their home ever since.

Mrs. Svingen was a homemaker who was active in the Glendive community throughout her life. Between 1946 and 1953, she assisted her husband who owned the Glendive Taxi Service by "driving cab" on occasion. She was a long-

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time volunteer at Glendive Community Hospital, and she worked at Baker Oil Tool in the early 1960s. Between 1975 and 1983, she was elected to the Glendive City Council, serving two four-year terms. Inez was an accomplished vocalist, and for years she sang at weddings and funerals, as well as singing in the church and community choirs.

Inez was active in all aspects of the life of Zion Lutheran Church. She was a member of the senior choir, she taught Sunday School and she was a member of the Hannah Circle of the Ladies Aid, now the Zion Lutheran Church Women. She served as a member of the church council, she was the church secretary in the 1970s, and she helped to coordinate the 75th Anniversary of Zion Lutheran Church.

The warmth, love and caring nature of Inez touched everyone who knew her. She was the heart of her family, and the way she conducted her life is an inspiration to her family, her friends and her community.

Inez was preceded in death by her husband, Orville, who died on Feb. 6, 2004.

Survivors include her three children, a daughter, Sonja Johnson and her husband Skip of Billings; a son, Orlan J. Svingen of Pullman, Wash.; and a daughter, Kirsten Weinberger and friend

Allan Goll of Glendive; four siblings: a brother, William A. (Bud) Johnson of Mt. Vernon, Wash.; a sister, Hazel J. Shively of Puyallup, Wash.; a brother, Robert W. Johnson of Great Falls; and a sister, Deanna M. Lagerstrom of Spokane, Wash.; six grandchildren, Danelle Rodefer of Miles City, Gregg Svingen of Brussels, Belgium, Kristoffer Svingen of Chisinau, Moldova, Molly Ayre-Svingen of Bellingham, Wash., Amy Weinberger of Billings and Cole Weinberger of Phoenix; and three great-grandsons: Joshua and Logan Rodefer, and Connor Gaughan.

Memorial contributions may be made to Zion Lutheran Church, 401 Riverview, Glendive, MT 59330 or to any charitable organization of your choice.

Remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at: www.silvernale-silba-funeralhome.com.

Orville P. Svingen

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

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- A memorial service for Orville P. Svingen, 84, will be conducted at 1 a.m. Friday, Feb. 13, at the Zion Lutheran Church in Glendive, with Pastors Paul Overett and



**ORVILLE
SVINGEN**

Avis Anderson officiating. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home is entrusted with arrangements.

Mr. Svingen, who died Friday, Feb. 6, 2004, was born on June 3, 1919, to P.O. "Pete" Svingen and Lauretta Norstad Svingen on his family's homestead 12 miles northwest of Savage.

He attended rural elementary school, and he graduated from Savage High School in 1937. He attended Bottineau (N.D.) School of Forestry. Orville married Inez Johnson in 1941, and he and Inez, his wife of 62 years, made Glendive their home ever since. From 1939 to 1946, he farmed part-time northwest of Savage, and from 1941 to 1946, he was a machinist's helper on the Northern Pacific Railroad. Between 1946 and 1953, he owned and operated the Glendive Taxi Service, and from 1950 to 1996, he worked for Pioneer Mutual Life Insurance Company as a general

agent.

Orville was a longtime member of Zion Lutheran Church, where he served as a deacon and a trustee. He was also the church stewardship chairman for many years. Many Lutherans and non-Lutherans alike will remember him as one of the most active ticket salesman for the annual Lutefisk Dinner sponsored by Zion Lutheran.

Mr. Svingen was a devoted family man, committed to caring for his wife and his family. A man about town who combined a business suit with cowboy boots, he will be missed by his Jordan Hotel and Friday night coffee pals and by his many friends and business associates who enjoyed his warm smile, his sense of humor and his entertaining storytelling.

Survivors include his wife, Inez; and three children, a daughter, Sonja Johnson of Billings and her husband Skip, a son, Orlan J. Svingen of Pullman, Wash., and a daughter, Kirsten Weinberger of Glendive, and friend Allan Goll; a brother, Russell Svingen of Eugene, Ore.; and two sisters, Manda Murray of Springfield, Ore., and Virginia Dean of

Livermore, Calif.; six grandchildren, Danelle Rodefer of Miles City, Gregg Svingen of Brussels, Belgium, Kristoffer Svingen of Chisinau, Moldova, Molly Ayre-Svingen of Bellingham, Wash., Amy Weinberger of Billings and Cole Weinberger of Phoenix; and three great grandsons, Joshua and Logan Rodefer, and Connor Gaughan.

Orville was preceded in death by his parents, Peder O. Svingen and Lauretta Norstad Svingen; and by his brother, Robert Svingen; and two sisters, Pauline Bawden and Marie Hicks.

Memorial contributions may be made to Zion Lutheran Church, 401 Riverview, Glendive, MT 59330 or to the Glendive Medical Center-Hospice at 202 Prospect Drive, Glendive, MT 59330.

Remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at: www.silverdale-silha-funeralhome.com.

Edward Swalley

Edward Swalley, 79, died Thursday, Jan. 15, 2004, at Valley Nursing Home.

Cremation has taken place, and a funeral service is at 1 p.m. Wednesday at City Church, followed by a gathering at 921 Caroline St.

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Mary Agnes Mackey Swan

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE
DEC 23 2004

Mary Agnes Mackey Swan passed away peacefully in the loving arms of her daughter, Jacquelyn, on Tuesday, Dec. 14, 2004, at her home in Billings.

She was born Nov. 11, 1915, in Fonda, Iowa, the daughter of John W. and Agnes Veronica (Fitzgerald) Mackey. She graduated from business college in Iowa.

On Oct. 21, 1935, she was united in marriage to Howard H. Swan in Papillion, Neb. They later divorced. Mary moved to Billings and worked for and retired from the Burlington Northern Railroad in Billings.

Mary loved her home and loved traveling with her daughter. They made many trips together throughout the United States and foreign countries, her daughter always at her side.

Mary is survived by her only child, Jacquelyn Jean Swan of Billings; her son-in-law Don Bosco Louis of Billings; her sister, Margaret Reilly; her niece Jeanne (Ed) McDonald, all of Fonda, Iowa, and Litchfield



**MARY
SWAN**

Park, Ariz.; and numerous great nieces and nephews. Mary was preceded in death by her parents.

Funeral services were Monday, Dec. 20, at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Fonda. Burial was in Mount Zion Cemetery.

Funeral Mass will be 12:10 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 29, at St. Patrick's Co-Cathedral in Billings.

Memorials may be made to St. Patrick's Co-Cathedral. Dahl Funeral Chapel of Billings and Mahaney Funeral Home in Fonda are in charge of arrangements.

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Phyllis Ann Swan

RED LODGE — Phyllis Ann Swan, 93, of Red Lodge, formerly of Fromberg, died Sunday, Feb. 1, 2004, at Cedar Wood Villa.

Memorial services will be at 2

p.m. Monday, Feb. 9, at Cedar Wood Villa. Cremation has taken place, with Smith-Olcott Funeral Chapel in charge of arrangements.

Arthur 'Floyd' Swank

Floyd Swank, 70, of Billings, passed away Thursday, July 29, 2004, at St. Vincent Healthcare.

Floyd was born Sept. 14, 1933, to Walter and Elizabeth Swank in Hardin, Mont. He was raised and received his schooling in the Hardin/Crow and Billings/Pryor areas.

In 1952, Floyd married Irene "Betty" Popp in Billings, where they continued to make their home until present time. To this union two children were born, Bobby and Kim. He cowboied for various ranchers, including Benny Benion, Harvey Wilcutt and Jay Stovall. For the past seven years, Dad has worked for Jerry Brown at Ingamar, where he thoroughly enjoyed working with Albert Newman and talking with guests and visitors at Ingamar, also delighting in driving the stagecoach. Dad considered Jerry Brown a true friend. Other highlights in his life were visiting with family and friends about old times, listening to old country and country gospel music and, most importantly, spending time with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Floyd was preceded in death by his mother and father; two brothers, Bobby and Glen; and three sisters, Margaret, Annie and Connie.

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Survivors are wife, Betty; son, Bobby (Linda); daughter, Kim LaFranboise (Rich); grandchildren and families, Colby and Stacy Swank (Brendon, Caleb, Evan); Shandye Swank (Blake, Jacob); Rudie Swank; Jennica Swank, Tanna and Mike Hudson (Colton and a new great-grandchild due in Feb.); Amber LaFranboise and fiancé, Justin Caster (Metayah); step-granddaughters, Kurstin Dowell (McKenna); Heather Dowell (Jeadon); one brother, Donnie Swank; six sisters, Norma King, Tyke McGarry, Donnabell Gilreath, Ruthie Beckman, Betty Mason, Shirley Musch and their families; and the Popp family.

A special thanks to Jerry Brown, Albert Newman, Charlie Mayo, of the Mayo Clinic, Dr. Marchello and nurses of St. Vincents 3 Fortin.

Funeral services will be 1 p.m., Monday, Aug. 2, at Cremation or Funeral Gallery, 29 Eighth St. West, Billings, Mont. A potluck gathering will be held following the service.

Carolyn E. Swank

GREAT FALLS — Carolyn Ester Swank, 64, died of natural causes Wednesday, March 31, 2004, at the Peace Hospice in Great Falls.

Born the older of two children to Jack and Dorothy Dempsey of Billings, March 31, 1940, she attended school in Billings, graduating with her bachelors in Education from Eastern Montana College. She married Dewey Swank of Valier on Dec. 30, 1962. She was an educator primarily in first grade, teaching in the Great Falls Public Schools for over 20 years. Prior to teaching in Great Falls, she taught in Billings. She had an infectious love of reading and passed that on to her children, grandchildren and students.

She was the mother to two boys, Dieter of Oceanside, Calif., and Dustin of Billings. She had five grandchildren, KayDee, Emily, Riley, Nathan and Natalie.

She is survived by her husband, Dewey; her mother, Dorothy Dempsey; her children, Dieter and daughter-in-law Lola Swank, and Dustin and daughter-in-law Alesia Swank; her five grandchildren; and her brother, John Dempsey of Huntington Beach, Calif.; and two nephews, Jonathon and Andrew Dempsey. Her father, Jack Dempsey, preceded her in death.

She was loved by all of them and will be greatly missed.

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

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A celebration of life will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 10, at Croxford Funeral Home's Rose Room, Great Falls.

In lieu of flowers, please send contributions to Great Falls Public Library.

IRENE SWANSON

Born in Minneapolis, Minnesota in 1909, Irene moved with her parents, Julia and William T. Stevenson, to Fargo, North Dakota in 1911 for her school years. In the 1930's she relocated to Washington, D.C. to join the federal government, where she first worked for Congressman Usher L. Burdick (ND) and, later, while working at the White House's Office of Information, was involved in helping to edit Franklin D. Roosevelt's "Fireside Chats."

In the 1940's she settled in Dallas, Texas, working in advertising, subsequently moving to Minneapolis to become involved in editorial work. She spent a short while in Fargo and finally moved to Billings, Montana in about 1953. She married Gus Swanson in 1955 and was employed by the Bureau of Indian Affairs until her retirement.

Irene was a member of the Order of Eastern Star for more than sixty years and was a member of Moss Agate in Billings. She was a long-time member of the Unity Church and her sorority



**IRENE
SWANSON**

Beta Sigma Phi (Beta Master) was an important part of her life for almost 65 years.

Irene passed away peacefully on Feb. 14, 2004, at Aspen Meadows Nursing Home in Billings. Her husband, Gus Swanson; sister, Gladys Munson Elder; and brother, Russell B. Stevenson predeceased her.

She is survived by her nieces, Kyla S. Wahlstrom and Marcy S. Swenson of Minneapolis, Patricia M. Gravett of Craryville, N.Y.; and by her nephews, Gerald L. Munson of Madison, Conn., Kent D. Stevenson of Dallas, and Jeffrey B. Stevenson of La Cross, Wis. Stepchildren Rosemary, Charles, George and Ronald Swanson also survive her.

In Irene's own words, "This life was a wonderful journey!"

A Memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, March 10, at the Smith Funeral Chapel, 2nd and 26th Streets, Billings, MT. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Billings Public Library, 510 N. Broadway, Billings, MT 59101, or the "Nurses Fund" of the Deaconess Billings Clinic Foundation, P.O. Box 3566, 2917 10th Avenue North, Billings, Montana 59103, or to The Nature Conservancy (www.nature.org).

Waldemar Ferdinand Henry Swantz

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old waltzes and polkas.

KALISPELL — Wally Swantz passed on to heaven Wednesday, Sept. 29, 2004, at Brendan House in Kalispell, of natural causes. He was born in Parkers Prairie, Minn., on July 6, 1921, to Edward and Ida Swantz.

Wally started his career as a produce, candy and cattle truck driver, later going on into construction in North Dakota. His milk delivery career started in Cody, Wyo., then moved to Billings in 1953, where he worked for Hanson's Dairy. He then began his own business, Wally's Dairy Dez (Dessert). He joined the school district to work as a custodial engineer at Lincoln Junior High School and retired from Senior High School. Wally then moved to Worden to farm 20 acres.

Mr. Swantz was a member of the American Legion for many years. He loved playing accordion and the drums in various bands throughout the area. He was a Mason and a member of the Scottish Rite. Wally was actively involved in helping the Shriner's children and drove the cancer van up until his stroke in April 2004. He was always there to give a donation and lend a helping hand, gaining the respected name of Jolly Wally, as was the name of his Umma Band. He loved to play the

Survivors include three daughters, Sharon (Thomas) Christensen of Kalispell, Patricia (Clarence) Perkins of Billings and Tammy (John) McVean of Forest Grove, Ore.; seven grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and a sister, Lila Gehrke of Alexander, Minn. He was preceded in death by his parents and his wife, Adeline.

A funeral service will be held at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 2, at the American Lutheran Church, 5 Lewis Ave. Interment will follow at the Pleasantview Cemetery in Ballantine. Smith Downtown Chapel is assisting with arrangements.

Mary Cato Swayne

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

MILES CITY — Mary Cato Swayne, of Miles City, died Wednesday, Aug. 18, 2004, at Friendship Villa in Miles City.

Visitation will be Friday, Aug. 20, in the chapel of Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 21, in the family lot of the Custer County Cemetery.

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Clinton 'Pops' Sweet

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

JUL 12 2004

Clinton D. Sweet, our beloved father, grandpa, great-grandpa and "Pops" to many, passed away peacefully in his sleep of lung cancer on Friday, July 9, 2004. He is loved and will be remembered by many.

Visitations will begin Monday evening at Smith Downtown Chapel. A graveside service will be at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, July 14 at Terrace Gardens Cemetery. Smith Downtown Chapel is assisting with arrangements.

Marjorie J. Sweigert

THE SHERIDAN PRESS

AUG 24 2004

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Marjorie J. Sweigert, 93, of Sheridan, died Sunday, Aug. 22, 2004, at Sheridan Manor.

Cremation has taken place. Private family memorial service will be at a later date. Champion Ferries Funeral Home of Sheridan is in charge.

Janet DeLores Swenson

THE RULINGS GAZETTE

JUL 29 2004

TERRY — Janet DeLores Swenson, age 61, passed away on Monday, July 26, 2004, at the Prairie County Nursing Home in Terry.

Janet was born in Lake Mills, Iowa, on Nov. 21, 1942, the daughter of Ellsworth and DeLores (Geving) Nelson. She attended schools in Estherville, Iowa, where she graduated from high school in 1961. Following graduation, she attended college at Augustana College in Sioux Falls, S.D., graduating in 1966. Janet married Lyle Swenson on Aug. 14, 1966. They lived in Roberts for four years and in 1969, they moved to Terry. Janet taught 5th grade and Special Education at the Terry School for 26 years. Janet was a dedicated teacher and volunteered much of her time assisting students with special needs and also helped enhance cultural activities in the Terry community by doing plays and theater productions.

Janet was a member of the Terry Teachers Association, the Prairie County Library Board and was very involved in many other local community events. Janet was named 1993 First Lady of Prairie County. During the summer months, she helped at the Terry swimming pool by managing and teaching swimming lessons. Janet was a patient, tenderhearted, supportive person

with a high standard of morals and strong family values. Her phenomenal sense of humor and her ability to make people laugh were her special talents.

Janet is survived by her husband, Lyle Swenson of Terry; a son, Bill Swenson of Carson City, Nev.; two daughters: Melaney Swenson of Boise, Idaho, and Lisa Swenson of Las Vegas, Nev.; a brother, Daryl Nelson of Adel, Iowa; and a sister, Lezlie Nelson of Livingston. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Funeral services will be held on Friday at 11 a.m. at the Community Presbyterian Church in Terry. Condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.stevensonandsons.com.

Should friends desire, memorials may be made to the Terry High School for a Scholarship to be started in Janet's name, or to the Prairie County Library.

THE RILLINGS GAZETTE

APR 15 2004

Nellie Swenson

SCOBEEY — Nellie Edna Swenson, 83, died Monday, April 12, 2004, at the Daniels Memorial Hospital in Scobey.

Funeral service will be at 1

p.m. Friday, April 16, at the Scobey Lutheran Church. Burial will be in the Scobey Cemetery. Waller Funeral Home of Scobey is in charge.

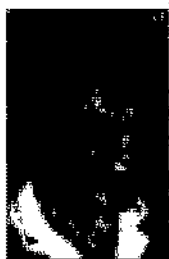
OLIVE MAE SWENSON

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

AUG 22 2004

Olive Mae Swenson, age 84, passed peacefully from this life on Aug. 19, 2004, at Aspen Meadows.

Olive was born April 6, 1920, in Plentywood, the youngest of seven children born to William and Marie Hanisch. She graduated from high school in Plentywood and went on to graduate from Normal School in Dillon, earning her teaching certificate. She



**OLIVE
SWENSON**

taught school in Shelby until her marriage to Stanley Swenson on June 14, 1941, in Fort Benton. He preceded her in death on Jan. 3, 1997.

Olive is survived by her children, Craig (Karen) Swenson of Billings and Sue (Gary) French of San Diego; grandchildren, Heather (Mark) Keyser, Megan (Troy) Stowe and Todd (Heidi) Swenson, and Nicole French; great-grandchildren, Tyson and Lauren Keyser, Brayden and Mikayla Stowe, Nolan and Kyra Swenson.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by one son, Stephen, and by six brothers and sisters.

Olive had a passion for bridge and enjoyed many happy times with her different bridge groups throughout her lifetime.

Funeral services are pending.

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

A special thanks to the staff at Aspen Meadows for their wonderful care of Olive.

C.J. Swenumson

SEP 10 2004

BILLINGS GAZETTE

MOORCROFT, Wyo. —
Carrol John "C.J." Swenumson, 86,
of Moorcroft, died Tuesday, Sept.
7, 2004, at the Rapid City Regional
Hospital in Rapid City, S.D.

Funeral services will be at 7
p.m. Friday, Sept. 10, at the
Moorcroft Presbyterian Church.
Visitation will be from 5 p.m. till
time of service on Friday at the
church. Inurnment will be in the
Pine Haven Cemetery in Pine
Haven at a later date. Stevenson-
Wilson Funeral Home of Gillette
is in charge.

Josephine Swindlehurst

LIVINGSTON — Josephine "Jo" M. (Phelps) Swindlehurst, 92, of Livingston, died Monday, Sept. 6, 2004, at Diamond K Lodge in Livingston.

Cremation has taken place at Franzen-Davis Crematory. Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 9, at Franzen-Davis Funeral Home in Livingston.

SEP 8 2004
BILLINGS GAZETTE

Monica Swiontek

MILES CITY — Monica Swiontek, 49, passed away on Monday, Jan. 19, 2004, at the Holy Rosary Hospital after a courageous battle with cancer.

Visitation is from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Grace Bible Church with interment in the Eastern Montana State Veteran Cemetery.

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE
JAN 21 2004

Robert Swisse

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

FEB 18 2004

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Robert Swisse, 79, of Sheridan, died Sunday, Feb. 15, 2004, at his home.

Viewing will be from 3 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 18, at Champion Ferries Funeral Home in Sheridan. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 19, at Trinity Lutheran Church. Cremation will follow the service. Interment will be in Savage, Mont.

Marjorie L. Swoboda

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE
JUL 16 2004

On March 22, 1922, Marjorie L. Swoboda was born to William and Hazel Leak. Upon her arrival in this world, she was declared a "perfect baby" and awarded a gold medal in a baby contest at the Billings fair that year. She grew up on the family homestead in the hills south of Billings with her brothers Willard, Gilbert and Vernon, now all deceased. She rode to school in a horse-drawn buggy until the family moved into Billings from the country. Then she and her friends walked everywhere: school, the Rimrocks and around town. That is, until she met her only boyfriend and future husband, who squired her around on the handlebars of his bicycle.

On Aug. 19, 1944, she married Jerry Swoboda after he returned from World War II. After he completed his plumbing apprenticeship, they used to joke about how he was the only plumber to marry a Leak. From this lifelong marriage came five children who all survive her: David, wife Judy and son Ben; Steven, wife Carol and daughters Renée and Randi-Leigh; Rosalie and longtime companion Greg Hoerich; Marcus, wife Janine and children Bernadete, Adam and Chad; and James, wife Dee and son Evan.

Both inventive and capable of "stretching" leftovers when she needed to. Mom was a great cook.

She loved to garden, talk politics and enjoyed both the news and the nature programs she found on television. She was a homemaker most of her life, but when others were retiring, she began working for Hennessy's department store for nearly a decade. She liked to travel, visiting Rose in Atlanta, Steve in Portland, Ore., and Jim in Panama City, Fla. Her best "road trip" was to Europe with Rose, where they met Jim who was in the service and stationed in Germany. Although there was no place she didn't like, her favorite place was Trieste.

She lived a full but simple life, dealing with adversity head on. In her later years, as emphysema curtailed her activities, she developed other interests, such as painting and volunteer work.

She is preceded in death by her husband Jerry, her parents and her brothers.

Cremation has taken place and a memorial service will be held at Cremation or Funeral Gallery Monday, July 19, at 10 a.m. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the charity of one's choice.

Georgia E. Sykes

Funeral services for Georgia¹⁰³¹ E. (Hogan) Sykes, 92, who died at her **Bowell** home on Monday, Aug. 9, will be conducted Friday, Aug. 13 at 2 p.m. at Union Presbyterian Church.

The Rev. David Hunter will officiate at services and burial in Crown Hill Cemetery.

She was born July 8, 1912, in Bozeman, Mont., daughter of George Riley Hogan and Ruby Ellen (King) Hogan. She attended schools in Montana and married Victor Sykes Aug. 11, 1934, in Lavina, Mont. They lived in Montana and Lovell before settling in Powell.

She was a caregiver and a homemaker and a member of the Southern Baptist Church. She was a 50-year member of Rebekah Lodge No. 36 and was also affiliated with Ladies Encampment, Ladies Auxiliary Patriarch Militant. She was a Past Grand Matriarch and Past Grand Secretary-Emeritus of LEA and held many more offices in the local lodge.

She enjoyed crafts, crocheting and sewing.

Survivors include two daughters, Agnes Thelander (Gordon) of Yreka, Calif., and Ruby Cozzens (Rex) of Cowley; a son, Kenneth Sykes (Janie) of Powell; a brother, Ernest (Velda) Hogan of Idaho Falls, Idaho; two sisters, Hazel Moore (Charlie) of Roundup, Mont., and Madge Dismore of Bozeman, Mont.; nine grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren and six great-great grandchildren.



Georgia Sykes

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband and two sisters.

Visitation at the Miratsky-Easton Funeral Home will be from 7 to 8:30 p.m. tonight (Thursday).

For those who wish, memorials to the American Cancer Society would be appreciated by the family.

PLENTYWOOD — Funeral services for Greg Syme will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Oct. 15. Pastor David C. Curtright will officiate at the service at Plentywood Lutheran Church; interment will be in Plentywood Memorial Cemetery.

Greg was born at Plentywood, Jan. 13, 1949, the son of Jim and Gunnie (Nelson) Syme. For 18 years, the family

went to Kent, Wash., during the winter months, where they were involved in the South King County Activity Center while Greg attended the Grandview



**GREG
SYME**

School in Kent, returning to home in Plentywood and their farm near Dooley during the summers. Since Greg's graduation there in 1967, he has made his permanent home in Plentywood, living with his parents as long as they were able; then at "Our House" with Glenwood, Inc.

Greg was an "enabled" person, who was a pioneer in his own right. In spite of day-to-day adversities, he put himself into the community, living his life as a gift of love to everyone around him. He always said nice things to everyone he met, and reflected

the simplest, most important things in life. Outgoing and "Greg"arious, he refused to let himself be dismissed or ignored ... always completely open and honest himself, he didn't understand any other kind of behavior from others. He loved music of all kinds, with his emotions openly following the flow of whatever he was listening to at the moment. He loved dogs, riding in the horse-drawn wagon with his dad, visits with his sister, and going to the farm to visit "his" car — a 1949 Plymouth ... now rusted out and overgrown with weeds, he often said "it needs a new battery ...!" He loved to celebrate his birthday; and was never happier than when he could treat his family and circle of friends to dinner on his day! A member of Plentywood Lutheran Church, Greg loved to laugh, joke and tease with his extended family at Glenwood, and after three weeks in and out of ICU in Billings, he was looking forward to going home to Plentywood on Monday. On Monday, Oct. 11, 2004, Greg died at St. Vincent's Hospital in Billings; he was 55 when he went Home.

Greg is survived by a sister, Adrienne Gibson, of Billings; and a brother, Daryle Syme, of

Raymond; by nephews and nieces, Jeff J. Olson, Wendy Sue Fellers, Jason Gibson, Scott Syme, Tracy Christensen, Rocky Syme and Jackie Brown, and their families. Survivors also include his uncles and aunts, especially Alice LaGrange and Gladys Thomsen, who became "mom" after Gunnie's death. He is also survived by his extended family at Glenwood, and by Tom Darland, a close family friend and special advocate. Even the doctors, nurses and aides who cared for him at St. Vincent's hospitals became as close as family during the three weeks he was there. He was preceded in death by his parents and by a nephew, Nicholas Olson.

Fulkerson Funeral Home of Plentywood has charge of arrangements.

THE POWELL TRIBUNE
THURS., AUG. 19, 2004

Mary Evelyn Syverson

Mary Syverson lost her eight-month battle with cancer Monday, Aug. 16 at the age of 58. She died at the Lewiston Care Center in Lewiston, Idaho.

She was born May 25, 1946, in Lovell to Ruth Anne and Lyman Paddock. She spent nearly her entire school career in the Powell school system. However, she graduated from Thermopolis with the Class of 1964, having moved to Thermopolis from the family ranch at Heart Mountain in April 1964.

She married Larry Weilbrenner in May of 1964. From that marriage a daughter, Scarlet was born. They later divorced. Several years later, she married Joe Syverson from Thermopolis. From that marriage a daughter, Jodi Lee was born. That marriage also ended in divorce.

Mary was employed by Mac's Cycle and Marine in Clarkston, Wash., at the time of her death. She was a lifelong lover of art, horses, and writing being a gifted artist herself.

She is survived by her two daughters, Scarlet and Jodi; three grandchildren, Derek Squires, Jennifer Squires and Michael Thompson; four sisters, Cajean Drake of Arvada; Bonnie Hinkle of Riverton; Helen Snyder of Cody; and Anne Norskog of Lacey, Wash.; and her brother, Danny Voyles of Gillette. She is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews and cousins, including Gene Cliame of Worland, Charles Cliame of Riverton and Betty Stagner of Riverton.

She was preceded in death by her parents as well as an older brother. At her request, there will be no services. She donated her remains to science.

Chester Szafranski

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

JAN 18 2004

LIVINGSTON — Chester B. Szafranski, 81, died Thursday afternoon, Jan. 15, 2004, at Livingston Memorial Hospital. Cremation has taken place at Franzen-Davis Crematory in Livingston. A memorial service will be held Jan. 31, 2004, at Livingston Health and Rehabilitation Center. The cremated remains will be taken by the family to Wisconsin to be scattered near those of his wife and son.